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Stars on Ice Road Show comes to Shellbrook



Team Saskatchewan duo Caidence Derenisky and Raine Eberl execute an impressive lift.



Shellbrook's Ashlyn Schmitz and pairs partner Tristan Taylor perform during the 2019 Saskatchewan Stars on Ice Road Show.



Rayne Cyr and Jessica Sharron lift Allison LaMotte during a group number.

It was a star-studded Sunday evening at the Shellbrook Recreation Complex, when the 2019 Saskatchewan Stars on Ice Road Show rolled into town, bringing with it some of the province's brightest young figure skaters.

Displaying stratospheric jumps, dizzying spins, and every trick and skill in between, the mixture of Team Saskatchewan, regional, and local skaters delighted the crowd, earning well-deserved waves of raucous applause and cheers.

And it wasn't just the crowd that liked what they saw. Calling the show a huge success, Shellbrook Skating Club coach Tasje Sharron says the high performance skaters brought in for the one-night only show were a pleasure to watch – this is especially true of Shellbrook's own Ashlyn Schmitz, who, along with her pairs partner Tristan Taylor, recently won a bronze medal at the Canada Winter Games.

For this she credit's Skate Canada - Saskatchewan's Carla Laevens, who travels with the Road Show every year

and ensures that the skaters are well rehearsed ahead of their performances – indeed, four of the evening's group numbers were put together over the course of four hours, the night before Sunday's show.

Beyond this, though, Sharron says she was also very proud of her own skaters, who were featured throughout the evening, and got the opportunity to showcase their own unique skills in front of a large audience.

For her skaters' successes, Sharron says much of the credit goes to Michelle Fortin, who has come on as a choreographer for the club, as well as skating club mainstay Ev Hollowell.

"The show wouldn't be what it is without her vision," Sharron said of Fortin, adding that Hollowell's commitment and time spent with the skaters helps keep the club moving.

An annual event, the Saskatchewan Stars on Ice Road Show, sponsored by Municipal Hail Insurance, kicked off in Shellbrook this year, and will travel to

three more communities in the province.

Given the show's sheer scale, it takes a lot of work to host it, and that's where Sharron says she benefits from having a fantastic executive behind her.

"The Shellbrook Skating Club executive deserves a huge thank you. They knew what to do to get it organized from day one, from rental of ice and curling club lounge, getting donations, organizing food, making signs... you name it," Sharron said.

"They are an amazing team."

Though not necessarily members of the Skating Club's executive, Sharron adds that there were also many volunteers who generously gave of their time during the setup for the event, during the event itself, or after the event.

And, on the topic of giving, Sharron says local and area businesses really stepped up as well, providing financial and in-kind donations, sponsoring elements of the evening, or providing raffle prizes.

"As a club we appreciate all the dona-

tions we received, whether financial or in kind, [from local businesses]. Without their support there's no way we would have seen the success we did.

"It still amazes me how supportive and generous the businesses in our town are."

Of course, one can't put on a show without an appreciative audience in the stands, and Sharron says she's grateful to everyone who came out to watch.

Beyond this, she also promises that the club will put on a good show at its upcoming year-end showcase.

"Your support means so much to us as a club, and we will continue to strive for excellence in our upcoming performances for you."

The club's ice show, which this year has the theme "Night and Day", will showcase all of the club's skaters, and also feature a few new numbers.

The show is set for Sunday, March 1 at 1 p.m., and will include raffle prizes, a 50/50 draw, and a silver collection.

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Shellbrook town council passes 2019 budget

Shellbrook's town council held a special meeting on Monday, March 11, at which it passed the municipal budget for 2019 and also gave approval to the Shellbrook Recreation Steering Committee to reward the contract for upcoming work to replace the boards at the Shellbrook Recreation Complex.

Present at the meeting were Mayor George Tomporowski, councillors Lyle Banda Lois Freeman, David Knight, Kathleen Nording, and Amund Otterson, as well as the town's administrator Kelly Hoare.

Councillor Bruce Clements was absent.

Mayor Tomporowski called the special meeting to order at 5 p.m..

Council began by discussing the tenders for the planned work to replace the boards at the Shellbrook Recreation Complex. The work, which is a key part of phase two of the Steering Committee's rink revitalization project, will begin after the hockey season, and also see the rink's ice surface replaced.

The tender for the ice surface replacement was awarded to Alberta-based firm Reward Construction Ltd. (RCL), which gave a price tag of \$450,166 for the job (about \$25,000 over the

committee's original budget).

Explaining that the committee received four bids for the work on the boards, councillor Otterson, who is also the Steering Committee's project manager, said that two bids were considerably cheaper than the others.

He added, however, that the bid from Alberta-based Global Sport Resources came in considerably under the Steering Committee's budget, and also included greater compensation for the use of local labour – the Steering Committee's plan was to have a volunteer crew from Parkside take out the boards, and

use them for Parkside's outdoor rink.

Additionally Global Sport is an affiliate of RCL, which Otterson said could open the door to getting all the work under one simple contract.

The work on the boards includes the replacement of the boards, the player's boxes, the gates, the glass, and more.

The boards will be replaced with an all-metal puck board system, which will prevent issues with rotting wood. Meanwhile, the glass will be eight-foot panes, eliminating the need for safety netting.

On top of that work, Global Sports is also of-

fering the Steering Committee a good deal on some extras, including puck board backing, and a low-emissivity ceiling, which will offer energy savings and better lighting in the arena.

Satisfied with the details provided by Otterson, council carried a motion to allow the Steering Committee to award the contract to Global Sports.

That done, council had a brief discussion regarding the 2019 municipal budget, before passing the document.

In keeping with provincial regulations, the budget is perfectly balanced with revenues and expenses at \$3,810,010

– a marked increase over last year's budgeted revenues and expenses of \$3,332,840.

While passing the budget, council also enacted a new Mill Rate Bylaw for 2019.

This year will see the municipal mill rate increase to 3.98 from 3.95 (an increase of 3 per cent). As of Tuesday morning, Shellbrook's administrator, Kelly Hoare, hadn't heard whether the school mill rate will change.

Having dealt with all of its business, council adjourned for the evening.

A more detailed breakdown of the 2019 budget will appear in next week's *Chronicle*.

Stars on Ice Road Show comes to Shellbrook



Sarah Grieve had fun with Tristan Taylor during her upbeat solo skate.



Ryann Handley strikes a dramatic pose during her solo routine.



CanSkaters, led by Jessica Sharron and Erika Stene, show off what they've learned this year.



Rhea Renwick executes a dizzying spin during her solo routine.

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 Please come out and show your support for your community clinic.
 If you have any questions please call Donna at 1-306-468-7040

Notice of Public Meeting
Rural Crime Watch
 Time: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 @ 7 p.m.
 Place: Canwood Elks Community Hall

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Election of Executive
- Determination of area representatives to sit as Board Members
- Optional Membership with Fees
- Local RCMP on-site with Criminal Record Check Applications

To complete an application at the public meeting attendees will require:

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Report from the Legislature

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We are on track to deliver a balanced budget and committed to keep standing up for Saskatchewan, defending jobs and families across our great province.

The economic outlook for Saskatchewan is strong. Jobs are up, unemployment is down and exports are expected to increase. Saskatchewan's GDP growth is expected to be higher than the national average, and the highest in the prairies. The Conference Board of Canada believes our agriculture, oil, and potash sectors will drive this growth.

Saskatchewan is also the most attractive place in Canada for mining investment according to the Fraser Institute's Annual Survey of Min-



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ing Companies. The survey found that Saskatchewan is the world's 3rd most attractive jurisdiction for mining investment and has moved into the top spot in terms of government policy.

We're going to keep working to ensure our world class mining sector creates even more opportunity for generations to come.

Right now, much of Saskatchewan's growth and opportunity is at risk with a forced federal carbon tax, Bill C-69, and a lack of market access for our export products. Bill C-69, for example, will not accomplish its stated goals of streamlining or efficiency in getting resource projects built. It will only add uncertainty and further delays.

The current system is not broken – what seems to be broken is political will and pride in the resource sector that Canada is known for.

While we await a decision on our government's court challenge of the federal carbon tax, the Trudeau government will be forcing the tax on Saskatchewan.

The federal government should stop its forced carbon tax un-



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til the courts have had their say but they won't. Starting April 1, the cost of the federal carbon tax is going to make it more expensive to gas up our vehicles, heat our homes and keep the lights on.

This is unfortunate for families and businesses across our province. SaskPower worked hard to ensure there would be no rate increase this

year, and our government is currently reviewing a request by SaskEnergy to reduce natural gas commodity rates to their lowest level in 20 years, effective April 1. These savings would be wiped out by the Trudeau carbon tax.

Our government has been clear from the start: our made-in-Saskatchewan plan will achieve real emissions reductions, while the Trudeau carbon tax, with its multi-year increases, will only impose costs on families with virtually no impact on emissions.

Meanwhile, the NDP continues to demonstrate how truly out of touch they are with the people of our province. On February 12, the Leader of the Opposition said "our position is very clear...we think that

a price on pollution is a reasonable thing."

This is a change in terminology for the NDP who are now shifting their language on a carbon tax to "a price on pollution", just like Prime Minister Trudeau has.

The NDP is standing with Prime Minister Trudeau in support of a carbon tax that would be a hit to Saskatchewan jobs and a \$16 billion hit to our GDP. This is clearly out of touch with Saskatchewan and its residents.

Our government will continue to stand up for Saskatchewan and stand up against the Trudeau carbon tax. We will continue voicing Saskatchewan's concerns with this and other federal headwinds that would cause harm to our economic interests.

Witchekan Lake FN man facing slew of charges

On March 6, 2019 at 6:11 p.m., Spiritwood RCMP along with RCMP members from Blaine Lake, Shellbrook, Big River, and Battleford PDS attended to a complaint of a disturbance outside a residence on Witchekan Lake First Nation.

A male suspect was reported to be intoxicated and walking past a residence, yelling at the occupants of the house. The suspect fled as police arrived and entered a house a short distance away.

It is alleged the suspect then walked in and out of the residence, obtained firearms from within the residence, yelled threats, was pointing the firearms at police and threatening to shoot other people.

The suspect was barricaded within the house, but would occasionally exit and then return within the residence when approached by police. The suspect refused to comply with police commands and the Emergency Response Team was activated while the scene was contained.

At one point the male had exited without the firearms and members were able to rapidly approach and arrest the suspect. The Emergency Response Team was still on route at the time of the arrest.

The following individuals have been charged in

relation to this incident.

Dwayne Witchekan (1978-03-27) from Witchekan Lake First Nation is charged with the following offences:

- Arson Section 434 of the Criminal Code;
- Point Firearm Section 87 of the Criminal Code;
- Careless use of a firearm Section 86(1) of the Criminal Code;
- Carry a weapon dangerous to public X 3 Section 88 of the Criminal Code;
- Uttering threats Section 264.4 of the Criminal Code;
- Obstruction Section 129(a) of the Criminal Code;
- Break and Enter Section 349(1) of the Criminal Code; and
- Unauthorized possession of firearm X 2 Section 92(1) of the Criminal Code.

Witchekan was scheduled to make a court appearance on March 12 in North Battleford Provincial Court.

cial Court.

In relation to the incident, Freddie Witchekan from Witchekan Lake First Nation was charged with Obstruction, Section 129(a) of the Criminal Code.

Jashlin Lewis of Witchekan Lake First Nation was also charged with Obstruction Section 129(a) of the Criminal Code.

Freddie Witchekan and Jashlin Lewis will be appearing in Spiritwood Provincial Court Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

Clerical Office Staff R.M. of Leask No. 464

The R.M. of Leask No. 464 is taking applications for a part time clerical position in the municipal office. The position is for 1 to 3 days per week but may occasionally be a full week. The office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Duties will include reception, receipting, deposits and includes other duties as assigned. The ability to work well with the public and other staff is important. Experience is not necessary but an aptitude for accounting is also an asset. The successful applicant will be provided with a fair hourly wage based on experience, as well as benefits.

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“Wasted Weekend?”

If a tree falls in the forest and there's no one to hear, does it make a sound? If a person spent an entire weekend watching Brier curling, was it a wasted weekend?

My money is on “no”, even if my reason for saying so is that I spent most of my weekend doing just that. And I don't think I was the only one glued to the television set from Friday until Sunday night, and pretty much a couple of hours each day in the week leading up to the Championship round and the playoffs.

Even though the game can be fairly slow, with guys standing around discussing what shot they'd like to play if this happens and if that happens, when it comes right down to it, there's a tension and an excitement that keeps everyone on the edge of their seat.

Add to that the tension and excitement of knowing we had two teams of young high school curlers at the Provincial championships on Friday and Saturday, and trying to follow their progress. We had the SHSAA website, which was posting the scores as the games were completed, and we also had live broadcasts over Facebook from parents, which, until their phones went dead, kept us in the know.



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Columnist

One of the teams, the Mixed, came home with a gold medal, improving on the bronze they came home with last year. Along the way, they defeated the team that dropped them into the bronze game last year.

So, we give our thanks to the parents who accompany the curlers, and especially those who are willing to sacrifice their phone batteries to keep us in the know.

It's interesting that the gold medal win for Dalton Wasden and his team came exactly forty years after the SHS team featuring his aunt and uncle, Denise and Claude Wasden, won the bronze medal in the Mixed championships.

The Provincials were held in Allan that year, and back then, 1979, the trail began in Unity with Districts, and then Loreburn, and then finally in Allan. The two Wasdens and their teammates, Glen and Patty Caffet, slogged through each of the spiels and came up with the medal at the end.

We had a lot of fun on that trail. Roberta Wasden and Joan Caffet were the two parents who never missed a trip, never missed a game, never missed a rock. They sometimes got after me for doing crossword puzzles while the games were on, but that's a whole other story.

It was the first curling medal for Spiritwood High since the late 40's, when the late-Gordon Thompson and company medalled for the school.

This year's medal marks the fourth year in a row that SHS teams have come home with at least one, and sometimes two, medals. The credit goes to the High School's coaching, for sure, but a great deal of credit also has to go to the Spiritwood Curling Club, which has opened the club up to actively recruit and develop young curlers, and provide them with opportunities and coaching.

As a result, there are more young people curling now, and they are getting to be very good. Need proof? The new club champions are four high school students, and of the four, two of them are kids from Shellbrook who have been coming to Spiritwood weekly to curl.

There's still a lot of curling on the local calendar between now and the end of March. There's the Open, the Ladies and the Seniors, and then the Cordwood, where the Lions hope that a few more youngsters begin to get the curling bug.

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Talk of Sask. secession harmful, not helpful

It's a simple enough question, on the surface, at least: “Should Saskatchewan leave Canada?”

The query, being posed by an organization called Prairie Freedom, has started to appear on billboards in urban centres across the province, stirring up the anti-federal government sentiment that has had our neighbours in Alberta asking the very same thing in recent months.

Indeed, from Manitoba to Alberta, secession from Canada seems to be top of mind for those who are fed-up with a Liberal federal government (helmed Prime Minister Justin Trudeau) that seems to have no appreciation for the west.

The prairies' list of justified grievances with Ottawa, according to Prairie Freedom, is lengthy, but begins, first and foremost, with the lack of equal democratic representation given to provinces that aren't named Ontario or Québec.

The crux of the argument, however, hinges on the Liberal federal government's environmental policy, which, of course, includes the federal carbon tax, and a seeming disdain for the industries that drive the economies of the prairie provinces.

To be certain, the environmental strategy of Mr. Trudeau's Liberal government has been woefully inconsistent.

First, it doomed the proposed Energy East pipeline to regulatory oblivion when Québec put up even the slightest resistance to having pipelines run through the province.

Then, of course, came the Liberal government's campaign of bullying the provinces into accepting the aforementioned carbon tax, followed by Ottawa's perplexing decision to purchase Kinder Morgan's embattled Trans Mountain pipeline for \$4.5 billion.

Adding further muck to the mire, Mr. Trudeau's government attempted to introduce Bill C-69, a piece of legislation that we were told would clarify the process for future pipeline approvals. As of December 2018, however, the legislation was undergoing senate review, after it was almost universally panned as a confused mess, and a death knell for Canada's oil industry.

Though separate from Ottawa's environmental confusion, the ongoing SNC-Lavalin affair has poured fresh salt in the prairie provinces' wounds by revealing Mr. Trudeau's willingness to skirt propriety to save 9,000 jobs (3,400 of which are conveniently in Quebec) – this, when he didn't lift a finger to assist the more than 100,000 western oil sector workers who lost their jobs during the market downturn.

With a government in Ottawa that seems content to punish the prairies for producing oil, while in the same breath importing dirty oil from the beacon of environmental accountability that is



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News Editor

Saudi Arabia, it's no wonder that some in the prairies are so adamant about secession.

In Prairie Freedom's own words: “This is a legitimate option if the federal government continues to destroy our economy and way of life. The potential tax savings for the Prairies, and revenue losses for Canada are both immense.”

Is it truly a legitimate option though?

Looking at the taxation argument, secession from Canada would spare the prairie provinces from the glorified shell game that is the Liberal government's federal carbon tax and rebate program.

Additionally, Saskatchewan would save \$500 million annually in federal equalization program payments, and Alberta would get to keep \$2 billion in its coffers (Manitoba, however, would lose out on \$2.2 billion in equalization dollars).

But even with all these savings, where would the money come from to fund healthcare? What about infrastructure and all of the provincial and municipal projects and initiatives that require federal dollars?

Moreover, what chance would a small, almost entirely landlocked, prairie coalition with a population of less than 7 million stand of attracting business, investment and skilled labour? These are things that the prairie provinces already struggle with, especially with regards to healthcare professionals, and scorning the rest of Canada wouldn't make things any easier.

Then there's the question of trade. Sure, the prairies aren't lacking in valuable commodities, but how do we get those to market when we're surrounded on three sides by a Canada that would have every reason to bear us ill will?

The idea of separation isn't new to Canada. The question has shot down many times in Quebec, because its people understand that Canada is stronger as a whole – though, of course, Quebec also has 13 billion other reasons to remain part of the country.

Organizations like Prairie Freedom are hardly original, and, quite frankly, their efforts deepen the divisions between us, and do more harm than good.

Granted, the prairie provinces are giving up a lot to be part of a country that doesn't always appreciate them. But that comes with being a part of something bigger than oneself, and if one truly looks at the scales, one will see that they're more balanced than they'd expect.

For those who remain unconvinced, though, there's always the hope that Mr. Trudeau's government will be evicted from Ottawa this fall.

Wilson-Raybould demands new accountability standard

There are times in this business when it's simply great to be wrong.

And being wrong about the low expectations of Jody Wilson-Raybould's testimony before the House of Commons justice committee was one of those times.

The past couple weeks hasn't just been about setting Canadian politics on its head and perhaps toppling Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government.

While that might very well be result and might very well be what a lot of Western Canadians – especially, rural Canadians – want to see, what Wilson-Raybould has done may be more important than even that.

It could be that Wilson-Raybould has injected a new standard of public ministerial accountability for all governments.

Her forthright testimony reeked of credibility in its detailed and note-backed assertions of multiple examples of Trudeau, his former principle secretary Gerald Butts, and even the privy council applying undue pressure on the former attorney-general to give SNC-Lavalin an out-of-court prosecution deal.

Wilson-Raybould's testimony was unprecedented and it has forced others in the Liberal government to consider that there needs to be another way to do politics. This is demonstrated by Jane Philpott's decision to follow suit and also resign from cabinet.

Of course, the federal Conservatives and several of their close allies, including those in the Saskatchewan Party, are giddy at the Liberal misfortunate... but maybe



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others in politics need to be careful here.

As unlikely as it may seem, there's always the chance the federal Liberals will get their act together.

After all, what happens if Trudeau is forced out and replaced by someone like Wilson-Raybould as leader? What then happens to the Sask. Party's entire political narrative that's been all about opposing the Trudeau brand?

But here is perhaps

the most intriguing question: What happens when other existing governments are held to the same standard of credibility and accountability as the federal Liberals now are?

That thought is worth pondering if you compare what's gone on with the SNC-Lavalin file in Ottawa to the Global Transportation Hub file here in this province.

For three years now, the Sask. Party government has been haunted by the Global Transportation Hub scandal in which former minister and Kindersley MLA Bill Boyd rented farmland from a businessman who made \$6 million by buying 204 acres of land under government expropriation. That land was then sold to a Regina businessman who made \$5 million when he sold it to the GTH for

\$103,000 an acre.

Notwithstanding an RCMP investigation that found no grounds for criminal charge, and notwithstanding early attempts by the then Brad Wall-led Sask. Party to claim there was no wrong-doing here, the matter has been nothing short of a political scandal.

While running for the Sask. Party leadership last year, most of the six candidates raised this as a concern – the most critical being, former Saskatchewan attorney general Gord Wyant.

"We need to shine a very, very bright light on this," Wyant told the CBC at the time. "And the only way to do that is to give the commissioner the power that he needs not only to compel witnesses and compel documents and testimony but to make some

findings and so that we can put this whole thing behind us as a party."

Well, fast forward to today when Wyant is deputy premier and education minister... and suddenly sees no need for the examination into the matter.

On at least 30 occasions, Sask. Party government backbenchers blocked GTH or government employees from having to testify before legislative committees examining the GTH.

Suffice to say, Saskatchewan taxpayers need more disclosure. This is also what Wyant once believed.

Right now, the contrast with Wilson-Raybould could not be more stark.

If Wilson-Raybould is the new standard, governments everywhere will struggle to step up to meet it.

YOUR TWO CENTS

Conservatives introduce tax-free home heating plan

Dear Editor,

With the soaring cost of Canadian energy, it has been difficult to watch as the Liberal government does nothing to help Canadian families who are struggling to heat and light their homes. Seniors and those living on a fixed income are suffering the most.

In Canada, heating your home is a necessity – not a luxury. In contrast, the federal government doesn't tax other necessities like most groceries or medical supplies. So why tax home heating?

That's why I'm proud that Conservative leader Andrew Scheer announced that as Canada's next Prime Minister, he will be removing the GST from

home heating and energy bills. Putting more money back into the pockets of Canadians. When you combine that with scrapping the Liberal Carbon Tax, this will save Canadians hundreds of dollars a year.

I am running as a Conservative in the upcoming election because only the Conservative Party has a plan to help Canadians get ahead. Andrew Scheer's latest announcement is just one of the ways that we will be helping make energy costs more affordable.

Sincerely,
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Local curlers win big in Spiritwood

By Dave Hyndman

The Spiritwood Curling Club has a new club champion following the playdowns held Mon-Wed last week. Dalton Wasden and his team of Emma Beaulac at third, Spencer Fox second and Alexis Stochmanski lead scored a last rock victory over Brad Nemish in one of the most tense and exciting matches in recent memory.

Nemish, with Landon Swityk curling third, Jordan Tuttroen second and Lane Buswell lead, had scored a three-ender in the 7th end to tie the match at five apiece and lead to the dramatics coming home.

"We were lucky to be there," Nemish said later. "They out-curling us position for position." He noted that the two chip shots by lead Stochmanski were the best he's ever seen, "even on tv."

In the past, the Monday night teams were seeded on one side of the draw, and the Wednesday teams were on the other. This year, care was taken to make sure teams involved in both nights were on opposite sides of the

draw, and the rest were drawn to fill the spots.

Nemish and Wasden went undefeated through their respective sides of the draw before meeting in the final.

Wasden scored a deuce with his last rock against Kyle Brewer's team – the Spiritwood Senior Boys – to eke out a narrow 3-2 win in one semi-final. Brewer scored one in the first end, and Wasden tied it in the 6th with a single. Ends 2-5 were blanked. Brewer, facing three opposition stones with his final rock in end seven played a raise takeout with his final shot to score a single that gave him a 2-1 lead coming home.

But Wasden had the hammer, and he made it count.

In the other semi-final, Nemish kept the pressure on Laurie Mayo all night. A steal of three in the fifth end put him way up, and the teams called it quits after six.

There were 17 teams competing, with games played Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.



Spiritwood Curling Club Champions 2019, Left to right: Alexis Stochmanski (lead), Spencer Fox (second), Emma Beaulac (third), Dalton Wasden (skip) . Both Stochmanski and Fox are from Shellbrook, but they have curled all winter in Spiritwood on the Wednesday night draw. They also curl with Beaulac and Wasden on their respective U-18 teams.

Shellbrook Skating Club shines at Winter Classic

While Sunday evening saw many of the Shellbrook Skating Club's young skaters take the ice as part of the 2019 Saskatchewan Stars on Ice Road Show, a handful of skaters were fresh off equally impressive performances in competition.

From March 1 to 3, six of the club's members took part in the 2019 Winter Classic (formerly known as the Jean Norman/STARSkate Competition) in Saskatoon. And though she was busy serving as an

apprentice coach for Team Saskatchewan at the Canada Winter Games in Red Deer, Alta., Shellbrook Skating Club, coach Tasje Sharron reports that most of her skaters were able to bring home some hard-earned hardware.

Erika Stene was solid throughout the competition, earning a gold medal in her STAR 8/9 solo dance, a silver in the STAR 6 element event, and a fourth place finish for her freeskate program.

No less impressive, Alison LaMotte earned a gold medal for her STAR 4 Element event, and a bronze for her STAR 5 freeskate, and Jessica Sharron brought home a silver in her STAR 4 freeskate program, and finished fifth in her element event.

Rounding out the medallists, Emmalynn LaMotte earned bronze medals in both her STAR 6 freeskate and element events, and Marcaill Philp brought home a silver medal in her STAR 4 element event, and finished in fourth in her freeskate program.

Last, but most certainly not least, Tegan

Naumann took a big step by going competitive in the pre-novice ladies short program. Though she didn't medal in her outing, Sharron says the performance will serve both as a valuable lesson, and a character building moment for Naumann going forward.

"Those performances sometimes just happen and we have to learn how to park it and move forward," she explained, adding that Naumann certainly did that during her group and duo performances at the Stars on Ice Road Show.

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Tissue report raises questions about ag's future

The future of farming may well rely on its ability to backfill raw products as society becomes more aware of just what its decisions as consumers mean to the natural world.

Without a doubt there is increased awareness regarding what the impact of what we do has on the environment. Society is increasingly concerned when we hear about elephants being killed for their tusks, or what destruction of grasslands might mean to burrowing owls or black-footed ferrets, and that is generally a positive thing.

Moving forward con-

sumers are also going to send messages with what they decide to purchase.

For example, a recent online Leader-Post article detailed "a report on tissue paper use gave failing grades to the leading toilet paper, tissue and paper towel brands for using only virgin fibre pulp, mostly from Canada's old boreal forests."

The report, called The Issue With Tissue, noted that the United States in particular drive the demand for the softest tissue "with the average American using almost three rolls each week and major manufacturers



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spurning alternative fibres ...

"The U.S. is followed by Germany and Britain in annual toilet paper consumption. They far out-pace the other nations. Canada isn't in the top 10."

Instead of looking at alternative fibres, manufacturers turn to

soft woods, predominantly from Canada's forests.

The report is quoted as noting, "When the boreal and other forests are degraded, their capacity to absorb man-made greenhouse gas emissions declines. In addition, the carbon that had been safely stored in the forests' soil and vegetation is released into the atmosphere, dramatically undermining international efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

The solution would be to have tissue paper made from alternative materials and that is where farmers could

play a significant role.

The story even suggests a couple of alternatives, bamboo, and of more interest to farmers here is wheat straw.

Another obvious answer would be hemp, a fibre source that has long been overlooked because of concerns with its relation to marijuana. The potential for hemp fibre in a wide range of products, and when you consider the tissue industry is valued at \$31 billion in revenue every year in the U.S., it would be a massive market for farmers.

But the industry is unlikely to rock a \$31

billion boat without a push from somewhere.

There are two possible ways to push an industry, one being government legislation, created to protect the soft-wood forests.

The second, and certainly the preferred method, would be for consumers to seek out tissues with alternative source materials, pushing manufacturers to make changes to hold market share.

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Pee wee Elks stumble in game one of northern final



Shellbrook's Tayt Beaven and Ryan Amundson descend on the Kindersley goal, but fail to come up with the loose puck.

With a shot at the provincial finals on the line, the Shellbrook Pee wee Elks welcomed the Kindersley Klippers into the Shellbrook Recreation Complex on Saturday afternoon for game one of the northern final series.

For the Elks, getting to the northern finals was relatively easy. Over the course of four games, the team racked up an impressive 36 goals, while surrendering only four goals to their opponents.

Despite a valiant effort in game one of their series with Kindersley, the Elks came up short for the first time, ill-timed major penalties stalled

their momentum, and a lack of offensive output allowed Kindersley to steal a 3-1 victory.

The beginning of the match had all the makings of an entertaining back-and-forth hockey game as both teams felt each other out, but ultimately failed to generate much in the way of scoring chances.

However, the Elks would get into penalty trouble early, and in spite of putting in a strong penalty kill, Kindersley would use the momentum they gained from the power play to score on a three-on-one rush and a cannon blast to the top shelf. Jacob Wagner net-

ted the marker for the Klippers, and was unassisted on the play.

Down by one, the Elks kicked things up a notch and gradually began to exert solid offensive zone pressure on the Klippers, but failed to capitalize on any of their scoring opportunities. Then, as they would do often through the game, they would sabotage themselves with a penalty.

Having prevented Kindersley from building on its lead, the Elks came out for the second period and were gifted with an early power play. But instead of scoring, the Elks looked jittery in the early going, and would need to settle in before they'd start generating more of-

fensive chances.

Just as they seemed to be swinging the momentum of the game in their favour, the Elks would take another penalty and undo all their hard work. Despite not surrendering a goal on the penalty kill, the Elks would take a late string of penalties, allowing Kindersley to apply pressure, and take control of the match.

With the game stuck at 1-0, the Elks came out strong in the third period, but an early major penalty for boarding would leave them down a man for five minutes (and also for the rest of the game). The decision left many in the crowd puzzled, as the referees hadn't initially called a penalty on the

play, until the Kindersley player appeared to be injured.

With five minutes of power play time, Kindersley would strike, scoring on a seemingly harmless sharp-angled shot. Josh Yaremovich scored the goal, with an assist from Chase Douglas.

After killing off the remainder of the major, The Elks would do themselves no favours by taking another major, this time for a hit to the head. And, again, Kindersley would capitalize, scoring on a floater through a screen in front of Elks netminder Casen Keyowski.

Wagner scored the goal, his second of the evening, and Aiden Chachula earned an assist on the

penalty.

Still down a man, the Elks would take another minor penalty, giving the Klippers two full minutes of 5-on-3 time. Oddly enough, this would result in the Elks' only goal, after Cohen Tait stole the puck, executed a beautiful deke, and slipped a tidy backhand past Klippers goalie Mason Kucher.

Back in the thick of things, the Elks would continue to push hard to close the gap, but would fail to do so, and drop the 3-1 decision in game one.

Now, the team will have work to do when it heads to Kindersley for game two on Sunday, March 17. Puck drop for the game is 3 p.m.

Sask. Health Authority volunteer opportunities

The Volunteer Service Department is in need of caring, compassionate and committed volunteers to fill the following service positions:

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Bantam Elks face hard battle in northern finals

After the Pee wee Elks fell 3-1 in their first northern final matchup, it was time for the Bantam Elks to take the ice to see if they could fare better against their northern final opponents, the Meadow Lake Stampede.

Unlike the Pee wees, the Bantams were fresh off a provincials series against the La Ronge Ice Wolves that was filled with struggles, and even a loss in game two of the two-game total point series (a 3-2 defeat, after they won game one by a score of 5-1).

On Saturday evening, however, all signs of those prior series stumbles were nowhere to be seen, and the Elks started out playing solid hockey.

Despite this, it was Meadow Lake that jumped out to an early lead, with Damon Pockrant blasting a shot that managed to squeak

through netminder Carson Ledding. Pockrant was unassisted on the play.

Soon thereafter, Meadow Lake would go up by two, as Blake Twidale stole the puck then buried a sniper shot top shelf. That goal was also unassisted.

Down by two in the early going, the Elks continued to play much better hockey than they had at any point in their previous series against La Ronge. But the team also failed to translate this into meaningful scoring opportunities, leaving them facing that two-goal deficit going into the second period.

Something seemed to click for the Elks in the second frame, as they fought back and managed to tie the match at two.

The first goal for the Elks came from Lynden Kerber, who took a feed from Torr Gosselin off of

a defensive zone faceoff, and made the most of it.

Later on, Chase Hansen knotted the game back up, after taking the puck from end to end and blasting a beautiful shot past the Meadow Lake goalie.

With the scoreboard effectively reset to zero, the Elks suffered from a defensive lapse, opening the door for Meadow Lake to reclaim the lead. Carsen Favel scored for the Stampede, and was unassisted on the play.

Despite continued solid play from the Elks, they failed to generate goals. And in the third frame, some more soft defence would prove costly, allowing Meadow Lake's Tylee Sylvestre to put his team back up by two on another unassisted goal.

With time winding down, the Elks would continue to fight, but ultimately come up short, dropping game one of the series by a score of 4-2.



Elks defender Jase Martin leans into his opponent while netminder Carson Ledding tries to pounce on a loose puck to prevent a Meadow Lake scoring opportunity.

With a two-goal deficit to overcome, the Elks are now headed to Meadow Lake for game two of the series. That game is scheduled for Friday, March 15 at 7 p.m.

In other Bantam news, things are going much better for the Elks in the Saskatchewan Valley Minor Hockey League Playoffs, where they have advanced to round two to

take off the Prince Albert Cyclones.

The Elks were able to advance after sweeping the Highway 41 Defenders by scores of 6-1 and 9-3 in their best-of-three series.

Game one of the round two series was scheduled to be played in Shellbrook Monday evening. The *Chronicle* was unable to obtain the game sheet prior to publication.

Shell Lake 50-plus Club hosts successful bonspiel

Submitted by David Jensen

Once again The Shell Lake Fifty Plus Club hosted a very successful Bonspiel on March 5, 6, and 7.

Ten teams competed for the coveted prize money and the opportunity of being called champions.

As in the Tournament of Hearts and Brier there were three draws each day, however they were completed by 5 p.m. each. On Monday participants were treated to a delicious meal of baked ham, scalloped potatoes, three salads, plus the choice of three delectable trifle deserts.

In the A Event, the Jim Koetse rink made up of players from Spiritwood and Shell Lake went through the competition defeating all of their competition. In the final they defeated Rene Beaulieu and his rink from Debden.

In the B Event, John Howard team from Shell Lake and Spiritwood survived a very close final game against the Lloyd Fisher team with players from Spiritwood and Shell Lake.

Finally, in the C Event, the Gilles Francoeur team from Debden survived a back to back to back game day on

Wednesday to defeat the Ken Grandberg team from Shell Lake.

The Shell Lake Fifty-plus Club appreciates all the teams who played, and all people who work tirelessly to make this bonspiel a success each year.



A Winners: Skip Jim Koetse, third Ken Hogg, second Sandra Howard, and lead Helen Conacher.

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APAS calls for changes to how farm fuel is taxed

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan is calling on the federal Ministers of Finance and Environment to make immediate changes to how farm fuels are treated under the Greenhouse Gas Pricing Act that comes into effect for Saskatchewan on April

1, 2019.

The intent of the legislation is to exempt farmers from paying carbon taxes on certain fuels used on-farm. In order to receive this exemption, producers will be required to complete and submit this form to their bulk fuel provider prior to delivery.

"It is our understanding that farm fuel not delivered to the farm, but picked up at Cardlocks across Saskatchewan, is not included in this exemption," said APAS President Todd Lewis.

Lewis learned of this loophole while attending the Canadian Fed-

eration of Agriculture's AGM last week in Ottawa. Delegates at the meeting heard that the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is aware of the issue and are looking at what needs to be done to address it. However, the carbon tax will be applied to Cardlock fuel until a solution is

found.

APAS is writing the Ministers responsible and asking for immediate changes before the carbon tax is imposed on April 1.

"With only a few weeks before spring seeding, we have producers phoning our office and asking if they

need to be buying additional tanks to store their fuel on farm," Lewis continued. "It makes absolutely no sense for an exemption to cost producers more money or for legislation designed to reduce carbon to be forcing delivery trucks up and down Saskatchewan roads."

OBITUARY

Isabelle Katherine "Kathy" Gaudry



GAUDRY - Isabelle Kathrine "Kathy" Gaudry

July 2, 1946 – March 8, 2019

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our dear wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother

Kathy Gaudry. She passed away at the age of 72 with her husband of 57 years at her side and surrounded by her loving family.

Kathy was born in North Battleford and later moved to the Lake Four area where she attended school. She met her husband at a box social and they were married in 1961. They initially lived on the Gaudry homestead and in 1973 moved to their farm. Due to her declining health, Kathy had a room at Lakewood Lodge in Big River. She enjoyed her time there, but the farm was always home.

Kathy worked tirelessly alongside Rob-

ert gardening, farming grain, and raising cattle. She also had many other jobs over the years. She drove a school bus. She was a cook at Hwy 55 Service and Bells Beach. She worked at Belair's Lucky Dollar, and she worked at the post office in Debden. Kathy was very busy during this time in her life, because she also continued to do what she loved the most. She was the best, and most loving mother that anyone would ever need. Soon after her children were gone from home, she was offered the Post Master position in Big River. She happily remained there until she

retired in 2015.

Kathy was a very active, kind and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She completely, and unconditionally, loved her family. In laws were made to feel like family long before they officially became family. Every grandchild and great grandchild knew Grandma G as a fun loving, welcoming, and important person in their life. She was always there for everyone and everything. There was rarely a time at the farm where some, or all, of her family were not out for a visit, a work bee, a meal, an Easter egg hunt, cutting wood,

a birthday celebration, picking potatoes, bible camp, ball, kick ball, building a shed, cutting meat, or her favorite, a serious game of tuck. She always welcomed everyone at the Farm. We didn't need a reason we just went.

Kathy loved, she laughed, and she cried. We all have an endless supply of cherished, beautiful, and personal memories of Kathy. She holds a special place in the heart of every person who knew her and will always be remembered.

She was predeceased by her infant daughter, Alvena, her parents, Isabelle and Peter Martel, her sisters, June Martel and Yvonne Lindsey.

Kathy leaves to mourn her husband, Robert, her children Roberta (Richard) Hinson, Opal (Andy) Johnson, Paula (Claude) Belair, Alanna (Charlie) Beau-

lac, Rocky (Jennifer) Gaudry, Margo (Roger) Bonneau, 21 Grandchildren, 21 Great Grandchildren, Her Sister Sandra (Robert) Fontiane, her Brother Rod (Ellen) Martel, numerous nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

There was a Funeral Mass held for Kathy on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. from St. Jean Baptiste RC Church in Debden with Father Michael Fahlman as Celebrant. Those wishing to send a donation in memory of Kathy may consider the Children's Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Tammy Smart – Director (Debden 306-724-4474).

PUBLIC NOTICE

Rural Municipality of Big River, No. 555

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the RM of Big River, No. 555 intends to adopt a bylaw pursuant to Section 207 of the *Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 1/19 known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT

To amend zoning district map to rezone a portion of the N½-03-55-12-W3, lying east of Highway 24 from F - Forest District to A - Agriculture District, to accommodate a lagoon and an access to the said lagoon.

AFFECTED LANDS

An area on the east side of Highway 24, south the Resort Village of Chitek Lake and the intersection of Highway 945 and Highway 24, predominately located within the NE-03-55-12-W3 and a small area located within the NW-03-55-12-W3, in the Rural Municipality of Big River, No. 555, shown in the sketch below within the bold dashed line.

REASON

The reason for the amendment is to accommodate the Resort Village of Chitek Lake Proposed Lagoon Site and future expansion thereof.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the RM Office on any judicial day between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Copies are available at a cost of \$1.00.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on April 8th, 2019, in the Board Room at the Big River Community Centre at 606 First Street North, Big River, SK at 3:00 pm. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office before the hearing.

Issued at Big River this 14th day of March, 2019.

Donna Tymiak
RMA



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Jays say Guerrero Jr. not quite ready (wink!)

At the age of 19, Vladimir Guerrero Jr. — a Canadian citizen because he was born in Montreal when his dad, Vlad Sr., played with the Expos from 1996-2003 — is, and has been for more than a year, the Toronto Blue Jays No. 1 prospect.

But the prodigious hitter with vast potential will start the season with the AAA Buffalo Bisons until, oh, about the third or fourth week of April.

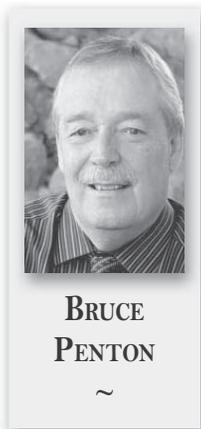
Seasoning, the Jays will say. Nudge, nudge, wink, wink. Further development needed, they'll add. Another couple of winks. Not quite ready yet, the Jays general manager Ross Atkins will repeat.

While Atkins might wink while uttering those words, Jays' fans eyes will be rolling. There hasn't been a 19-year-old player more ready than Guerrero to step into a major league team's lineup. He slammed 20 homers and batted .381 in AA and AAA last year. But, just as Atlanta kept Ronald Acuna, Jr., down on the farm until late April before calling him up and

watching him romp to the National League's rookie-of-the-year title, Guerrero will bide his time in the minors and the Jays' brass will continue to fudge the truth about the reason why.

It's simple, really. If a player is on a major-league roster for at least 172 days, it counts as a full season of service. After six years of service time, the player is eligible for free agency. By not adding Guerrero to the major-league roster until around the third week of April, his 2019 service time is — wow, wouldn't you know it! — just fewer than 172 days.

The MLB Players' Association doesn't approve of such roster manipulation. It tries to provide as many jobs and financial opportunities as possible for its players. But you can't blame Jays' management for trying to maximize the availability of a star player such as Guerrero. Jays' fans may lament the youngster's AAA stint for three weeks or so, but those same fans will be happy in 2025 when Guerrero is in the



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final year of his contract — barring the signing of an extension before becoming eligible for free agency.

But if Guerrero is as good as touted, he'll almost certainly let his contract expire and explore his value on the free market. He'll look at what Bryce Harper signed for earlier this month — \$330 million from the Phillies for 13 years — and harbour similar, or greater, dreams in 2026.

So no, Guerrero is not going to start the season with the Blue Jays. He could hit 20 spring training home runs, drive in 50 runs and bat .625, but Atkins will say that Guerrero needs a

little more minor league seasoning.

He'll wink. And the baseball world will understand.

• Headline at TheOnion.com: "Climatologists Find Pitchers And Catchers Reporting Further South Every Spring"

• Another onion.com offering: "Bryce Harper Asks If Phillies Willing To Move To Another City"

• Patti Dawn Swansson in the River City Renegade: "The Ottawa Senators' Mark Stone, Matt Duchene, Ryan Dzingel — all shipped out the same week. Eugene Melnyk — still there. That's an L of an outfit."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg, on Bryce Harper's record 13-year, \$330 million contract with the Phillies: "The deal includes a lucrative \$5,000 bonus for each booted-at-bat."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "At 13 years for Bryce Harper contract, there are kids not even born in Philly who will be booing him someday."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times, on the

Department of Homeland Security establishing a fake university in Michigan to snare undocumented immigrant students: "And the ruse looked so authentic, insiders say, that the school now appears on four SEC non-conference football schedules next fall."

• Brad Rock of the Deseret (Utah) News: "The NBA is considering lowering the draft-eligible age from 19 to 18. Wouldn't it be easier to just move Kentucky, Duke and North Carolina to the NBA?"

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "The New York Mets GM said Tim Lincecum is just one step away from playing Major League Baseball. Failing that, he might end up playing for the Mets."

• Another one from Kaseberg: "Broncos Adam 'Pacman' Jones was arrested for cheating at an Indiana casino. This will add to Pacman's 30 strikes-and-you're-out deal

with the NFL."

• Dwight Perry again: "Porn star Mia Khalifa underwent corrective surgery that she said resulted from an errant puck rupturing one of her breast implants at an undisclosed Stanley Cup playoff game last year. Junior-high puckheads immediately declared it the No. 1 upper-body injury ever."

• Stat of the week, from Perry: "The website UPSupply.co crunched the numbers and determined it would take a single Zamboni 693 years to resurface all of Lake Superior."

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Stephanie Rose headlines Canwood Legion concert



Stephanie Rose entertains at Canwood Legion Hall for a fundraiser held Feb 10. Again, appreciation goes to everyone who came out to support the Canwood Legion and to all our entertainment.

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Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before the 15th day of May, 2019, the treasurer will proceed to register an interest based on a tax lien in the Land Titles Registry in accordance with Section 10 of the *Tax Enforcement Act*.

Note: A sum for costs in an amount of \$10.00 is included in the amount shown against each parcel (Section 4(3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act*).

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| 3 | 6 | AA4863 | 151144242 | \$447.04 |
| 24 | 9 | BS4857 | 150074186 | \$1,593.15 |
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| | F | 69B01871 | 135816026 | \$443.35 |
| 5 | 1 | 83B08394 | 143077204 | \$920.88 |
| 7 | 1 | 83B08394 | 145158543 | \$906.53 |
| A | 17 | CA5201 | 119289651 | \$1,126.93 |
| 14 | 22 | BL3374 | 148131514 | \$1,229.50 |
| C | 27 | CA3363 | 134348979 | \$450.73 |
| 4 | 33 | BR1935 | 137778238 | \$447.04 |
| 14 | 40 | 82B12418 | 142964523 | \$3,091.32 |
| 10 | 1 | 78B14651 | 129225214 | \$1,533.77 |
| 10 | 2 | 102168952 | 146938494 | \$17,339.28 |

Dated this 14th day of March, 2019
Noreen Olsen - Administrator

OBITUARIES

~
Lucille Carter

CARTER - Lucille Ida Carter was born April 18, 1920 at Saskatoon, SK and passed away on February 19, 2019 in Big River, SK at the age of 98 years. Funeral Services were held on Friday February 22, 2019 at 2:00 pm. at the Big River Community Hall, Big River, SK with Pastor Landon Schubert and Jason Boucher officiating. Music Ministry was provided by Geraldine and Archie Kittler, Johann Giesbrecht and Dwayne Koop. Les Carter and Lorraine Fehr delivered

the eulogy for their mom, Brenda Thiessen did a power point tribute for her grandma, Roxie Block, Curtis Peterson, Nola Kruk, Stanley Koop, Gary Carter, Jonathan Carter, Gerald Miller and Jeff Miller served as pallbearers. Interment took place at the Big River Cemetery. A time of luncheon and sharing of memories followed the services at the Big River Community Hall. Lucille is lovingly remembered by: her children: Dorlene (Dave) Petkau of Big River, SK and family: Ron (Susanne) Miller, Brenda (Don) Thiessen, Gerald (Maria) Miller, Jeff Miller, Step-children: Pat (Karen) Petkau, Jackie (John) Gordon, Steve (Lavonne) Petkau, Carrie (Daune) Foreman, Lorraine (Jake) Fehr of Canwood, SK and family: Roxie (Eloyd) Block, Myrna Miller, Jennifer Miller, Step-children: Brenda (Terry) Breker, Laurel (Colon) Lloyd, Germaine (Johann) Giesbrecht of Lac La Biche,

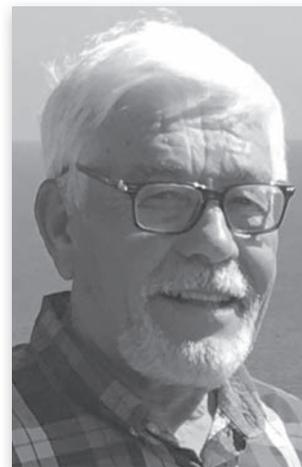
AB and family: Nathaniel (Sheryl) Giesbrecht, Nadine (Gerry) Terpstra, Nola (Derrick) Kruk, Noreen (Darren) Ward, Delphine Bergen of Rosthern, SK and family: Curtis (Wilma) Peterson, Colin (Debbie) Peterson, Orlin Peterson, Diane Peterson, Step-children: Brian (Nancy) Bergen, Annette Bergen, Norma (Todd) Meier, Gloria (Ed) Neufeld, Thelma (Art) Koop of Anola, MB and family: Stanley (Rhonda) Koop, Valery (Trevor) Barkman, Dwayne (Pamela) Koop, Eileen (Jonathan) Bouw, Lloyd (Pearl) Carter of Big River, SK and family: Denise (Joe) Aarrestad, Janet (Lawrence) Reimer, Carla (Clint) Curtis, Gary Carter, Les (Betty) Carter of Canwood, SK and family: Jonathan (Karl) Carter, Carolyn (Alex) Smith, Timothy (Chrissy) Carter, Geraldine (Archie) Kittler of Hanna, AB and family: Step-children: Shauna Kittler, Krista (Duke) Avery, Angela Kit-

ler, 90 Great Grandchildren and 61 Great Great Grandchildren, her brother, Stuart (Martha) Breker of Big River, SK, her sister, Edna Watson of Duchess, AB, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She was predeceased by: her husband, Albert Carter, parents, John and Catherine Breker, brother, Lewis Breker, sister,

Ella Caron, sons-in-law, Bill Miller, Tom Miller, Benny Peterson, and Jake Bergen, sister-in-law, Dorothy Breker, brothers-in-law, Fred Caron, and Dick Watson, great granddaughter, Chantal Reimer, granddaughter-in-law, Cindy Peterson. Friends so wishing may make memorial contributions to the Big River Bible Camp in memory

of Lucille Carter as tokens of remembrance. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Mark Muir & Edward Beaulac, Funeral Directors, Big River, SK (306-469-2277).

Allan Weiss



WEISS - Allan Herman Weiss

March 25, 1946 – March 4, 2019

Allan was the fourth child born to Selma and Robert Weiss on March 25, 1946. He grew up with his 3 siblings in a small 2 room house with no running water or electricity, in the Brightholme district south of Shellbrook. In 1948, his family packed up and moved to Ontario, but came back to the farm one year later. In 1957, the family moved into Shellbrook and shortly after, he had his first introduction to hockey – a sport he adored his whole life. His youngest sister joined the family in 1958.

After Allan graduated from high school in 1963, he worked for a year in Shellbrook at Topping's grocery store before leaving for Edmonton to live with his brother Don, and begin his post-secondary education. In 1964 he began school at NAIT, taking Civil Engineering Technology, from which he graduated in 1966. During this time, he played on NAIT Oopkiks inaugural hockey team.

Allan met his future wife of 50 years, Noreen, in 1966 and they were married in 1969.

Throughout the late 60's, Allan travelled from south-

ern Saskatchewan to Rocky Mountain House, Zama Lake, and up to Fort Simpson, NWT, while working for Water Resources and on seismic crews. In 1969, Allan and Noreen moved to Calgary where Allan worked at J.R. Paine and Associates for 2 years. They moved back to Shellbrook so Allan could work alongside his father-in-law, building roads, for Potts Construction, a company of which he later became partner. For the next seven years, Potts Construction were awarded around 80% of the SK highways budget, and Allan was an integral part of all the construction.

Allan's first son, Jeff, was born in 1974, and 2 years later, he welcomed his second son, Todd. Allan and Noreen moved the family out to the farm in 1978, so Allan could pursue his dream of farming. Under the guidance and instruction of his Uncle Harvey, he began his farming adventure that lasted into the early 2000's. Shortly after moving to the farm, Allan single-handedly built a shop and an extension onto the house, by logging and sawing his own lumber from which it was built. In 1982, Allan welcomed his 3rd child, his daughter, Kristyn.

In 1983, Allan faced the hardship of having all his crops wiped out by hail. Without hail insurance to help recover the loss, Allan supported his family by both working construction and returning to Water Resources, all the while still pursuing his passion for farming. The next 20 years saw Allan working away in Yellowknife, Meadow Lake, La Ronge, La Loche, McLean Lake, Uranium City, Saskatoon and Prince Albert. Allan got out of farming in 2001 but re-

mained on the farm until 2014.

Allan never really retired. Until present day, he continued to help with farming, working in construction, and creating his own renovation projects, all the while spending as much time with his grandkids as he could, travelling, and spending time at the lake with his boat.

Allan is survived by his loving wife of almost 50 years, Noreen Weiss (Potts); his 3 children: Jeff (Donna), Todd (Andrea) and Kristyn (Tyson); his 7 grandchildren: Kaiden, Maddyx, Keiryn, Keehlin, Crue, Preston & Everleigh; his 4 siblings: Clarence (Marilynn), Lorraine (Glen), Don (Hilda), and Elaine (Marvin); his 4 in-laws: Joanne (Verne), Rick (Nora), Kevin (Angela) & Kari; 2 aunts: Esther (Harvey) and Amey; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents: Robert & Selma Weiss; his grand-daughter, Cassidy Schmidt; and his parents-in-law, Winona Potts and Robert Potts.

A Celebration of Allan's Life was held on Monday, March 11, 2019 @ 2:00pm from the Shellbrook Community Hall with Pastor Dave Bodvarson officiating. In lieu tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Allan to either the Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly or to the Shellbrook Recreation Project Steering Committee (Box 402 Shellbrook, SK S0J 2E0). Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Tammy Smart – Director (Shellbrook 306-747-2828).

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Celebrating the green with shamrocks - St. Patrick's Day

By Patricia Hanbidge

Another year, and yes another St. Paddy's and all that goes along with that! March 17th marks a special day for those of us who are Irish...and those that would like to be! All joking aside, this day is celebrated by people from all backgrounds in many parts of the world. St. Patrick's Day is a celebration of all that is green and people help to make the day special by wearing something green.

This day simply bursts with folklore surrounding leprechauns, good luck and of course the shamrock. The Celts called the shamrock "seamrog" or "little clover" and considered it a sacred plant symboliz-

ing the rebirth of spring. Now I think that for any of us who garden on the prairie, the shamrock is very special to us as it does signal the ebbing winter and the quickly approaching spring.

Identifying what plant is the original Irish shamrock has always been a bit of a puzzle. Many of the Irish still living in Ireland would say it is a four-leaved clover while others consider that it must be a three-leaved clover. No one can agree which plant was picked by St. Patrick; however there are a number of possibilities of plants that are native to Europe and are now naturalized to North America. It could be the European wood sorrel

(*Oxalis acetosella*) which is often considered the true shamrock or perhaps a type of white clover (*Trifolium repens*), the hop clover (*Trifolium procumbens*) or even the familiar black medic (*Medicago lupulina*).

During the month of March we see a number of shamrock looking plants gracing the shelves in our favourite garden centres and tempting us to purchase them for good luck. They are usually oxalis which is native to Mexico in the higher elevation areas and southern Africa and South America. They grow from tiny bulbs and generally have three or four-lobed leaves. In the landscape, some of the oxalis can become a



problem ground cover.

Oxalis prefers to be in high light areas. The leaves will close at night and open in good light or sunshine. There are oxalis that will have leaves of red, green or purple with blooms of white, yellow, pink or red. Many of the oxalis we grow would go dormant in the summer if they were growing in their place of origin. If your oxalis is placed in an area that gets too hot it will also go dormant until the temperature drops to an acceptable level. If you forget to water them they might also go dormant but if you again begin to water, new sprouts will appear. If

you find that your plant is not blooming it may need a rest, so just cut back on the watering and fertilization and let it rest for a couple of months. They are almost impossible to kill but they are susceptible to root rot so be careful not to over water them.

This time of year look for the following oxalis:

O. regnelli (Lucky Plant) has three or four lobed, triangular shaped leaves. Irish mist is the variegated version

O. triangularis or purple shamrock is a beautiful plant with deep purple leaves and light purple flowers.

O. deppei (Iron Cross)

also has the three lobed leaves but the center of the green leaf is a deep purple. It has white flowers.

Watch next week for more on St. Patrick's Day. Happy Luck of the Irish to you! May your shamrocks grow and may you find a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow!

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CANWOOD: Canwood & District Health Services Co-operative Annual Meeting, Wednesday, April 10, 2019, Canwood Legion Hall. Supper 6:30 pm ~ Meeting to follow. \$10/person ~ Everyone Welcome! ***A resolution to have a review of the financial books instead of an audit will be voted on by the members present at this meeting! Please come out and show your support for your community clinic. If you have any question please call Donna at 1-306-468-7040.

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