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## Shellbrook student heading to national science fair



Shellbrook Grade 7 student Ashton Tanchuk (left) will soon be heading off to Fredericton, N.B. to compete in the Canada-Wide Science Fair, after his project was one of just two selected to advance from the regional science fair in Prince Albert on Tuesday, April 9. *Photo by Peter Lozinski, Prince Albert Daily Herald*

A Grade 7 student from Shellbrook's W.P. Sandin High School has proven that he has the science smarts to compete with the best young experimenters and researchers in Canada.

Facing off against 22 entrants from various Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division schools at last week's Regional Science Fair in Prince Albert, Ashton Tanchuk was selected by the panel of 20 judges to be one of just two competitors to move onto the Canada-Wide Science Fair in Fredericton, N.B. from May 11 to 17.

Tanchuk's science fair entry – as well as the project of fellow winner, Nathan

Nesbitt of Christopher Lake – focused on improving water around the world. More specifically, it looked at the mineral olivine, and its capacity to remove carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from water.

Speaking with the *Prince Albert Daily Herald*, Tanchuk said that his experiment demonstrated that olivine can, in fact, clean up CO<sub>2</sub> in water.

But while he noted that this was his original hypothesis, he added that even he was surprised by how effective it turned out to be.

After entering last year's science fair with a similarly water themed project that looked at the impact of oil spills

on water and water-based ecosystems, and not advancing past the regional level, Tanchuk said he was shocked, but happy, to be selected as one of this year's national finalists.

According to Neru Franc, a key organizer of the regional science fair for the past seven years, science fair entries are judged based on the manner in which they tackle current global issues.

Equally important, is how much room for further development and improvement they have.

"We narrowed it down to the two we knew could expand their project and

answer the one question – how will this project help improve the world in the future," she told the *Daily Herald*.

"The students blow me away every year. They are our future. That's the whole reason we keep this science fair going, so these kids that are our future can answer these questions for us. We need these kids to have those critical thinking skills and that innovation, fire and passion to do the things that matter."

With the Canada-Wide Science Fair just under a month away, Tanchuk says he will continue to build upon his experiment.

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# Summer Fair Committee looks to renew event

Remember when...

Two simple words, and yet they have the power to conjure up feelings of nostalgia, as well as powerful emotions that accompany cherished childhood memories.

For Shellbrook Summer Fair (née Shellbrook Street Fair) organizer Yvonne Groenen, the big "remember when" from her childhood is Shellbrook's July 1 Canada Day celebrations.

And for her children, she says, the "remember when" moments are the rink sale, and midnight madness.

For her grandchildren, though, she says there was no "remember when" event until the Street Fair/Summer Fair came along nine years ago.

And she adds that the Street Fair/Summer Fair was born out of this fact, and out of a desire to strengthen the community by giving the next generation something to bond over and connect through.

"We need to have a community event, so that your children, or my grandchildren, have something that makes them go, 'Remember when?' I remember when I went to July 1, and so do probably half the people who are lifers here. That was THE event," she said.

"We want to take the feel [of the Summer Fair] back

to that. We're putting on something that will make memories forever. It's about community; it's about Shellbrook being better," she adds.

This appeal to the community's collective memories comes after what was one of the tougher years for the Summer Fair.

Last year's Summer Fair was the biggest yet, boasting a price tag of \$40,000 (\$12,000

of which was just for attractions for kids).

However, the day turned out to be one of the coldest in the Summer Fair's history.

And, hampered as it was by these blustery conditions and the threat of rain, Groenen says the event actually lost money.

"We normally don't lose money, but we don't make a lot of money either. If we make money, that money goes into next year's budget to bring in bigger, better, faster, stronger," she explains.

"In the past, we've always had a nest egg of money that we carried forward. This year, we've got a little bit of a nest egg," she adds, noting that another year



Bumper boats made a big splash in their first year at the Summer Fair, but they weren't enough to save the event from less-than-ideal weather conditions.

of financial losses could mean the end of the Summer Fair.

While last year's less than optimal turnout has the Summer Fair's organizing committee feeling a little cautious heading into the ninth year of the event, Groenen says the committee agrees that it doesn't want to see the Summer Fair shrink in scale.

For this reason, she says organizers will be embarking on a longer, bigger sponsorship drive to drum up support for the Summer Fair, and also to remind the community that the Sum-

mer Fair is about making memories for a whole generation in the community.

In another move to refocus the Summer Fair as a community event, Groenen, and fellow organizer Tasha Cyr, say that this year's dance will be open to families, meaning that kids will be able to stick around from opening to close.

"The Summer Fair day usually started to end at 5 p.m., because the trade shows go down at 5," Groenen said, noting that the current plans are to have all sorts of activities,

including football underneath the lights, for kids to partake in through the evening.

"It will flow better," Cyr added.

With last year's poor - than-expected performance, Groenen and Cyr also add that the organizing committee is strongly leaning towards ending the Summer Fair after its 10th year in 2020, to ensure that the event goes out on a winning

note, and doesn't overstay its welcome.

That is, unless, it sees a major resurgence in volunteers and interest, in the same way that other major community events, such as the Parkside Demolition Derby, have seen sustained volunteerism that have kept them going for nearly 40 years.

"Now it's all second generational. All the kids who grew up, running around the derby, are now running the derby," Groenen said.

"In our town, where there's lots of things, lots of people, and lots of vol-

unteers, there's also this function and that function. We don't have a second generation to takeover. So we end at 10 years, unless people come to us next year and say they'll take it over."

Noting that the Summer Fair Committee is beyond grateful for all the volunteer, community, and sponsorship support the event has received over the years, Groenen says the committee will be flexible about its planned end date for the Summer Fair, if the demand is there.

However, she also cautions that a lack of support could mean that this year's event could get smaller, and that the Summer Fair could just as easily end after nine years.

"If the sponsorships come in, then the impact will be that we're not going to change anything. If the sponsorship drive provides less money, then something will be pulled back," she said.

This year's Summer Fair is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 24. Anyone interested in volunteering, or in offering suggestions, can contact shellbrookstreetfair@yahoo.ca.

## Big River RCMP hosts town hall

On April 11, 2019, Big River RCMP hosted a town hall meeting in Big River.

A modest group of citizens attended the meeting and productive discussions were held between the citizens and members of Big River detachment.

Detachment crime stats were reported and a significant decrease in property crime is noted, especially in the areas of reported cabin and residential break and enters.

Cpl. Ryan Rempel of Big River RCMP credits this decrease in property crime to the detachment Offender Management

Program, where offenders living in the community on court ordered conditions are closely monitored by police.

Big River detachment initiated the program in November, 2018 and has committed significant resources to this program. To date, Big River members have made over 300 checks on prolific offenders living in the community on court ordered conditions.

The RCMP works together with Probation Services in identifying the highest risk offenders living in the community.

Cpl. Rempel says, "This means our members are out knocking on the doors of offenders all hours of the night, ensuring these people are abiding by their conditions. It's working, it's reducing crime and it's holding these people accountable to their conditions."

Cpl. Rempel adds, "Big River detachment will continue to work with our community partners and citizens of our communities to provide an effective, quality policing service."

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# Report from the Legislature

Saskatchewan workers and businesses continue to drive job growth across the province. Nearly 10,000 new jobs in the past year means Saskatchewan people can look forward to more opportunities for their families and communities.

In March— before the Trudeau carbon tax came into effect —Saskatchewan posted the second-lowest unemployment rate in the nation, its lowest since August 2015. While this is good news, the federal government's carbon tax, along with Bills C-69 and C-48, threaten jobs and the momentum our economy continues to show.

The recent Regina Rally Against the Carbon Tax was an opportunity to stand up for the industries that drive growth, to say no to the Trudeau carbon tax, no to federal government's harmful



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anti-pipeline and anti-tanker bills, and to stand up for Saskatchewan. That's what the rally was about, despite what the NDP is suggesting.

Even now that the rally is over, the NDP Leader continues to repeat bizarre allegations that the rally was about spreading hatred against minorities.

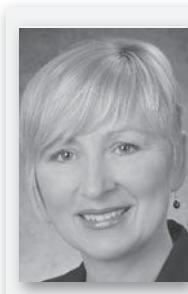
It is unbelievable how far the Leader of the Opposition is willing to go

to discredit and smear the hard-working women and men standing up for jobs and opportunity for our families.

If the NDP were to form government, our progress would be hindered. Not only does the NDP support the job-killing Trudeau carbon tax, their Leader would also send our province into crippling debt with an additional \$2.5 billion in new spending every year.

While the Saskatchewan NDP stands with Justin Trudeau, you can count on your Saskatchewan Party MLAs to keep standing up for our province's economy, our jobs and the industries that provide them, and for a brighter future for our families.

The future of education in Saskatchewan is the focus of a new online survey. Students, parents, educators and school staff are being en-



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couraged to participate at saskatchewan.ca/government/public-consultations/provincial-education-plan.

As engagement sessions with education partners occur, school divisions are also creating opportunities for parents and students to participate in person. The feedback provided will be used to help develop a provincial education plan that ensures

schools are on the right path to meet the needs of students as we look toward the next decade.

As part of National Volunteer Week, 15 worthy individuals from across the province were recently presented with Saskatchewan Volunteer Medals — an award given to extraordinary citizens for their outstanding contributions to the province.

Individuals who perform at least 200 hours of eligible volunteer services in a year, as certified by the organization managing the volunteer services, will be able to claim a \$3,000 tax credit amount.

Volunteers make a difference by giving back to their communities in a variety of ways. Saskatchewan communities, particularly in rural areas, rely heavily on volunteers to respond to emergency situations. These volunteers put themselves at risk to protect the safety and well-being of others, and to respond to mass tragedies.

The words thank you seem inadequate in expressing our gratitude

for the service and peace of mind provided by volunteer firefighters, first responders and search and rescue members.

In recognition of their contributions, the Government of Saskatchewan is introducing new tax credits beginning in the 2020 taxation year.

Individuals who perform at least 200 hours of eligible volunteer services in a year, as certified by the organization managing the volunteer services, will be able to claim a \$3,000 tax credit amount.

These tax credits will acknowledge the difficult and demanding work of these individuals, recognize their ongoing training to be prepared for the call of duty, and hopefully encourage others to step into these volunteer roles to serve alongside their neighbours, which will enhance public safety in our communities.

## Saskatchewan Health Authority volunteer opportunities

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

Activity Programs – Big River Health Centre (306) 469-2220

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

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

Entertainment – Parkland Integrated Health Centre (306) 747-6841

Volunteer performers (Musicians, magicians, actors, etc.) share their talents with residents in long-term care. Other volunteers assist by inviting residents to a specific area for entertainment, parties, sing-a-longs, etc. Assist with snacks, lunches, etc.

"On Call" Volunteers – Whispering Pine Place (Can-

wood) (306) 468-2900

Extra volunteers are often needed for the long term care residents on an "on-call" basis, to assist with outings, parties, social gatherings, shopping trips, taking residents to appointments, etc.

Shifts: As needed

Friendly Visiting – Big River Health Centre (306) 469-2220

Duties include visiting from room to room on a one-to-one basis, chatting, listening, playing cards, board games, reading, writing letters, taking patients to hospital functions, making tea/coffee for individual patients, and feeding patients (when needed).

Shifts: Flexible: Once per week, Monday – Sunday

*If you are interested in this or any other Volunteer service position, or if you have a particular skill or talent you would like to share with the patients, residents or clients, please call your local health care*

facility to apply. You can also reach the Volunteer Services Department at (306) 765-6010, by email at [volunteers@paphr.sk.ca](mailto:volunteers@paphr.sk.ca) or find us on the web at [www.paphr.ca](http://www.paphr.ca). We look forward to matching your talents and interests with the right position for you.



April 27<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Coin & Currency Sale, 356 lots up for auction – Pioneer Centre, 410 Main Street, Spiritwood

May 4<sup>th</sup> – Shop, Yard, JD Riding Mower 48" cut, 16 ft Lund Boat/Motor/Trailer, 24 ft Camper, 2007 GMC Truck, Vintage Tractor & Household, Antiques & Collectables Sale for Marlene Boehler – Mildred

May 11<sup>th</sup> – Collectable Toy, Antiques/Collectable Auction Sale for Ron Holmes – Main Street, Blaine Lake

May 25<sup>th</sup> – Estate of Lloyd Pirot – Shop, Yard, Kubota Tractor FEL/tiller, Honda Cruiser Motorbike, 350 Yamaha Quad, Store Inventory & Household – Cochin

June 2019 – date to be announced shortly, Household, Shop, Yard, Recreational – Moving Sale for Donna Lovberg – Canwood

June 22<sup>nd</sup> – Shop, Yard, Antique/Collectable Sale for Warren & Elaine Iverson – Glaslyn

July 6<sup>th</sup> – Farm, Tractors, Shop, Yard, Household, Mako Camper for Walter & Wilma Isaak – Medstead

July 13<sup>th</sup> – Antiques & Collectable Sale for Connie Leask-Grant – Battleford

July 20<sup>th</sup> – Estate Sale of John & Diane MacDonald Household, Shop & Antiques – Battleford

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Meetings are held once a month year round except July & August are twice a month.

Deadline for applications is May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Please submit your resume to Martins Lake Regional Park at [martinslake@sasktel.net](mailto:martinslake@sasktel.net)

# OPINION

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## “The Work We Do”

Last week, as “research” for an article which appears in the Agriculture Week Supplement in both the *Herald* and the *Chronicle*, I took a ride with Bryan Wingerter, who was delivering pigs from Fast Genetics to a hauler who would take them to Neepawa, Man.

Living in an agricultural community such as Spiritwood, where there is an auction market with weekly sales, it’s quite common to see livestock haulers coming in on Tuesdays and heading out on Thursdays. I wondered what a day in the life of one of these guys would be like.

Bryan’s day involved picking up a bunch of pigs from the Tri-Star barn, and another bunch from the Cater barn, and delivering them to a place where they would be transferred into the trailer that would be taking them to Neepawa.

His day was going to end at about 2 p.m. I thought that wasn’t too bad, and the life of a trucker isn’t all the hardship it’s cracked up to be. However, he filled in the rest of the information for me. His day started at 4 a.m. Do the math. That’s ten hours, three of which are put in before the rest of the world is rolling out of bed.

I also learned that the driving is the easy part. Getting ready to load, loading, unloading and cleaning are all significant parts of the job. And they all require a great deal of physical effort. And,

since truckers are working with animals, it also requires patience and an understanding of animal behaviour.

Trucking animals is a huge part of any mixed-farm operation, whether it be a couple of head in a stock trailer or half ton off to the Auction Mart or a trailer-load headed for a feed lot or a packing plant.

I was given a small taste of it. It’s always good for this city-boy from the rocks of Northern Manitoba to find out more about how the business of agriculture works.

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As February rolls into March, virtually all ranchers spend many sleepless hours, constantly checking their cattle and trying to figure out how much longer they have to wait for this one or that one to “drop her calf”. Since live calves are their bread and butter, sleep is less important than vigilance.

It seems more and more cattlemen are installing cameras in order to expand the reach of their vigilance. Viewing several monitors from the warmth of a house or other indoor location certainly beats walking outside in the cold and dark, although, even with technology, some of the cold and dark is going to be inevitable.

Technology is impacting the agriculture game in many other ways, as well. It is now possible to send up a drone to map a field, check crops, investigate moisture levels and chemical requirements.

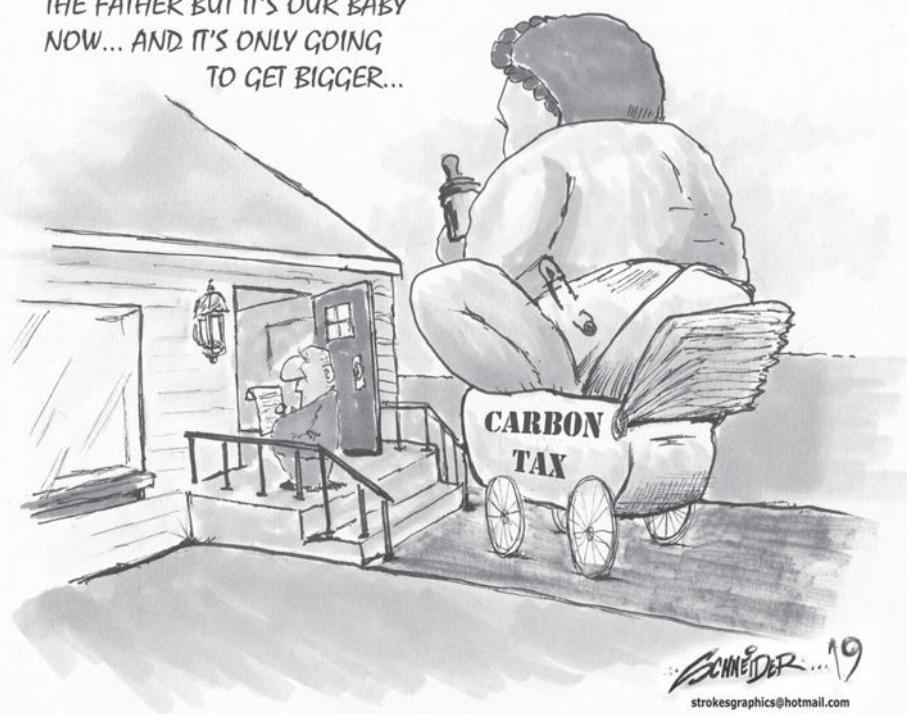
Although the technology is an added cost to the farmer using it, the result should be higher yields and therefore more income.

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Now that the calves are here, the focus will shift to spring seeding. As one fellow put it many years ago: It’s the biggest megaproject we do every year in this country.

Let’s just hope that the Chinese change their minds about the canola they import and start accepting it again.

... THIS SAYS... THE LIBERALS ARE  
THE FATHER BUT IT'S OUR BABY  
NOW... AND IT'S ONLY GOING  
TO GET BIGGER...



## Rural politics in urgent need of reform

DAVE HYNDMAN

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Columnist

It says a great deal about the state of modern Canadian politics that the majority of us are unfazed by the petty and juvenile behaviour exhibited by our elected representatives in the legislature in Regina, and by their federal counterparts in Ottawa.

Indeed, it seems that political scandals (like the still-roiling SNC-Lavalin affair) no longer inspire our collective outrage, but instead evoke a casual shrug of the shoulders, and groans of “Can we just move on now?” or “There’s nothing new to see here”, before we move onto the next one.

Such things are all just expected at this point. Essentially prerequisites to being a politician, even – so much so, in fact, that the majority of Canadians likely wouldn’t recognize a good leader if he or she ever managed to get elected, much less dare to trust said politician.

We’ve arrived at this point because we live in an era in which politicians have nowhere to hide their dirty laundry. Between social media and the 24-hour news cycle, schoolyard taunts and inappropriate behaviour by the people who are managing our tax dollars have become so commonplace that it seems like something new and objectionable occurs on a daily basis.

Little wonder, then, that so many Canadians can’t muster the energy to care about politics. After all, who in his or her right mind wants to be offended and angry 24/7?

The trouble with this conditioned indifference, though, is that it has allowed the sickness and rot that taints provincial and federal politics to spread to the municipal level, where the decisions of our elected leaders have the most direct impact on our lives, and where our voices should, theoretically, be most powerful.

In recent years, ratepayers in the R.M. of Shellbrook have borne witness to intense political infighting around the council table, and even lawsuits – most brought on by a councillor who no longer sits at the table. In that same time, they’ve also watched the rural municipality burn through a handful of administrators.

In the R.M. of Blaine Lake, meanwhile, Reeve William Chalmers reportedly waged a campaign of sustained bullying and harassment that caused at least one administrator to resign, leaving council no recourse but to take what little punitive action it could against him – and, what’s more, Chalmers attempted to spin the issue, and point the finger at other councillors.

Elsewhere in the province, we’ve seen the Northern Village of Pinehouse subjected to a provincial inquiry and financial audit, stemming from charges of obstruction and the village’s failure



JORDAN TWISS

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News Editor

to comply with the Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (LAFOIP).

Then, of course, there was the Wascana Village development boondoggle in the R.M. of Sherwood, which ended with the ouster of the rural municipality’s reeve. (And, since then, even more scandals have followed, resulting in the removal of a councilor on charges of breach of trust and corruption.)

And now, there’s the Town of Outlook, whose council apparently believes itself to be above answering the questions of the reporters for the community newspaper, aptly called *The Outlook*.

According to the publication, its reporters sent a series of questions in an email to the town’s mayor, Ross Derdall, after the mayor supplied them with his email.

The original email, published online by the newspaper, was by all accounts professional and polite. It contained simple, straightforward questions about why council was so late to table its budget, what plans it had to increase activity at town-owned facilities, and why council seemed to be spending so much time at its meetings in-camera (in-camera proceedings are closed to the public, and not part of a council’s published meeting minutes).

In reply to these seemingly innocuous queries, *The Outlook* received a formal letter from the town, stating that all such questions directed to the newspaper by ratepayers should be referred to the town, because the newspaper is “not in the position to answer inquiries such as these.”

To make the response even more questionable, the town also forwarded the letter to *The Outlook*’s parent company, PNG Prairie Newspaper, to “advise them of the malicious tactics used by their local newspaper staff.”

Now, it goes without saying that the mayors, reeves, and councillors of towns, villages and rural municipalities have among the most thankless jobs in the country.

Most of them, in truth, are little more than glorified volunteers, who run for their council positions out of a desire to improve their communities.

For this, they all deserve our appreciation.

However, this doesn’t free them from having to act professionally, ethically, and within the bounds of the law.

Fatigued as we may be by the constant scandals in politics, we should never allow bullying and corruption to go unpunished.

Whether it’s the prime minister, the premier, or the mayor, who also happens to be a close neighbour and friend, we must hold our elected leaders to account.

# VIEWPOINT

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## Moe must offer better alternative

New Democrat Opposition leader Ryan Meili should have attended the Rally Against the Carbon Tax protest.

If for no other reason, he should have been there for the politically strategic reason of demonstrating that he is willing to listen to the concerns of those who he purports to want to lead.

Maybe there weren't many votes to be gained by the NDP leader at that event, but he surely has lost even more votes in rural Saskatchewan by not going.

It is now hugely problematic for Meili to have defined the event as a "yellow vest" rally before it even happened, and then to have to admit later that organizer Jason LeBlanc and others did a pretty good job of keeping out the un-

wanted yellow vest elements.

Moreover, Meili apologists who insist their NDP leader shouldn't have gone to the rally because it was a thinly veiled political event seem to be missing a couple important points.

While the crowd were solidly Sask. Party/Conservative supporters, it would have been helpful for Meili to be there to say he doesn't support this particular federal carbon tax, either.

That Meili chose not to go after suggesting this was a yellow vest event and that yellow vests are racist and anti-immigrant was problematic enough. To not go and to then allow Premier Scott Moe the political opportunity to tell the crowd why you're not there is dumb



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politics.

But there is another very different reason why Meili should have been there.

Meili – or someone else – needs to challenge Moe on what the Sask. Party government intends to do about reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

This is something that many people in this province also would prefer the premier ignore.

There are those who range from downright deniers that the climate is changing, to those who suggest that it is change is totally a natural occurrence, to those who suggest that whatever change is happening has little to do with human activity and that more carbon dioxide is actually good thing.

Those who suggest any of the above are ignoring the best science available – science supported by agencies like NASA, which tells us there is a global warming threat and that the threatening aspect is a result of human activity.

Interestingly, this is also the position of Prairie Resilience, the provincial government's "made-in-Saskatchewan response" to the carbon tax. It commits to "output-based per-

formance standards", which are also a carbon price model to be applied to Saskatchewan's heaviest emitters.

Yet the most Moe would say about the GHG/global warming is the following:

"In Saskatchewan, we accept that climate change is happening and we even accept that humans are contributing to that," Moe told the 1,000 protestors that were part of 700-truck convoy.

"What we don't accept is that a carbon tax is in any way an effective way to actually deal with that."

As has been stated in this space before, there is every reason to suspect that this federal carbon tax will not work.

But what then, is the alternative that the province is offering?

It's all well and good for Moe to suggest that "farmers are some of the strongest environmentalists in the world" or that we aren't getting enough credit for carbon sinks and zero tillage, or for the \$1.6 billion invested in SaskPower's carbon capture and storage.

But the facts remain that GHGs are still increasing in Saskatchewan, and GHGs are a worldwide problem.

We can all say this doesn't matter because Saskatchewan – and even Canada – represents a small fraction of the world problem when it comes to GHG emissions.

But what this province can't say is that it's doing its part.

And as a leader, Moe has committed to doing our part.

## YOUR TWO CENTS

### Facts Canadians need to know about Canada's energy crisis

Dear editor

Over 100,000 jobs, and \$100 billion, has been lost in Canada's energy sector since 2015!

Could the following explain why?

The Quebec Pension Fund owns the majority of the SNC Lavalin shares, and one of the biggest clients of SNC Lavalin is Saudi Arabia.

Could this be the reason why Quebec is against Energy East Pipeline, and why Saudi Arabia oil is

entering Canada exempt from Carbon Tax?

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Thankfully, the world has a powerful tool – the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria. Because of the Fund, malaria death rates are a fraction of what they were even a decade ago, and these new strains can be stopped in their tracks.

But it takes resources. This year the Global Fund is due for replenishment. Canada is among the least generous of aid donors among industrialized nations, yet with the world at a crossroads with malaria, it's critical that we at last step up and contribute our fair share of funding.

Nathaniel Poole  
Victoria, B.C.

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# Long-term care staff, family reflect on volunteerism

**By Jordan Twiss**

Despite having worked as a nurse in long-term care on and off for most of her life, including 13 years in the Prince Albert Parkland Health Region, Parkland Integrated Health Centre long-term care nurse Mary Anne Kennedy still can't quite pinpoint what drew her to the field.

All she knows is that when she first began her career as a nurse in 1976, her mother told her that she'd found her ideal job.

And 43 years later, it seems like mother knew best.

"I've always been drawn to elder care somehow, somehow," she said.

"They're a valuable friendship base to me. They're a wealth of knowledge, and a wealth of fun. Anything I've experienced, they've done before me," she added, noting that the hugs and smiles she receives from the elders are

among the most rewarding parts of her job.

For as rewarding as she finds her job, and for as hard as she and her fellow employees work, Kennedy says that the long-term care team at Parkland Integrated Health Centre wouldn't be complete without the innumerable contributions of volunteers.

Indeed, without the magic these volunteers bring, she's quite certain that life would be pretty boring for her charges.

"We can provide some, but not all of the things that make somebody's life great in a day," she said, noting that staff frequently get called away to attend to other duties.

"People cross our paths and provide us with joy, and they don't get paid for that. And the people who live here deserve to have that volunteer, that friendship, pass through their lives."

What's more, Kennedy says that volunteers don't need to do much to make a huge difference in an elder's life.

Their contributions can be as small as moving a resident to one part of the facility from another so that they can participate in one of the myriad recreation therapy activities or events offered throughout the week.

But they can also be something bigger like one-on-one time with an elder, ready-

ing a book, playing music, or hosting art lessons.

Recalling one recent instance of a volunteer making a difference in an elder's life, Kennedy says a young girl who regularly volunteers stopped by the facility to visit a family member who works there. Despite the fact that she wasn't there to volunteer, the girl spent a long time sitting and talking with a resident.

"When I helped this resident get ready for bed, she said, 'That young girl visited me for so long, and she was interested in the things I was talking about. She really cared,'" she said. "The resident in my care was so appreciative and joyous about the time she had spent with this young lady. That's just amazing."

"Sometimes volunteers are innocent in their way of being here. They just happen to be here, and they volunteer of themselves at any given moment," she adds.

As a family member of a resident, and also a volunteer, Annette Kinnaird has seen some of the worst of what long-term care can offer.

When her own mother had to move into a nursing home, there wasn't much on offer to improve her quality of life, and Annette says the same would be true for her husband Mike (Robert) without volunteers to provide everyday enrichment.

"Without volunteers, he'd sit in the room and do nothing," she says.

"[Volunteers] give the people here a reason to live, and



**Students from Shellbrook Elementary School are frequent visitors and volunteers at Parkland Integrated Health Centre's nursing home, bring with them youthful spirit, energy, and lots of fun activities to take part in.**

to enjoy life. Without the volunteers, it would be pretty dead around here."

Prior to Mike entering long-term care, he and Annette had relocated to Lloydminster, so that their daughter could help Annette provide in-home care for him. A month later, Mike was hospitalized when his legs collapsed on him, and, after a couple of months in the hospital, he was admitted to long-term care.

While Annette says that this first home was "okay", she explains that she and Mike had a condo in Shellbrook that wasn't selling. And so, about two years ago, the couple moved home, and Mike went to live in Parkland Integrated Health Centre's nursing home.

This, she says, has proven to be a good move for Mike, who was a lifelong teacher

and former principal in Shellbrook – even if he does still miss home.

"There is so much going on here all the time for the people," she said.

"He doesn't volunteer to take part in everything, but what he does participate in, he enjoys. He loves the music, and the activities and games," she adds, noting that Mike is especially fond of trivia.

While Annette can't say enough about volunteers, Kennedy, who is also grateful for their contributions, urges them to continue coming back to the facility.

"Everybody benefits when we have volunteers in our facility," she said.

Kennedy also urges anyone who may be on the fence about volunteering to talk to another volunteer about their experiences.

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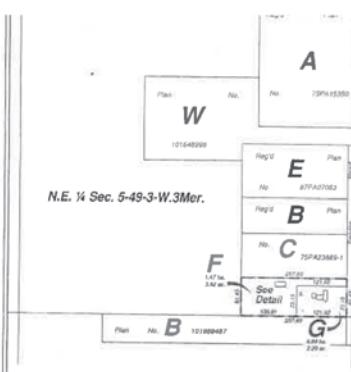
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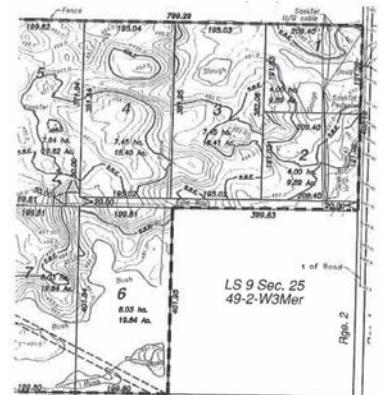
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## Canola ban a reminder of the need to diversify

It wasn't all that many years ago the focus for agriculture in Saskatchewan, at least from a provincial government perspective, was diversification.

There was a realization within the last 25 years, that the tried and true focus on growing high quality wheat for export, while at times profitable, was also volatile in the sense of being tied to a single commodity where the ups and downs of supply and demand economics were further muddied by government policies around the world.

The suggested answer to such variable markets was to promote farms that grew a more varied crop mix or added livestock to the mix.

Producers took the idea of diversification to heart, and all manner of crop and critter began to spring up on Prairie farms.

There were fallow deer and meat goats, ostrich, emu, pheasants, wild boar, elk and a few others in terms of livestock.

In the field producers were growing caraway, coriander, lupins, seabuckthorn, pinto beans, haskap berries and spelt.

In general terms the issue with each was that while farmers could produce them well-enough, which is their forte producing farm products, markets were at best 'iffy'. There



CALVIN  
DANIELS

was the hope that if production was there a market would develop, but in most cases that egg broke long before the chicken grew up.

There were a few diversification efforts that managed to grow markets and hold some relevancy in regards to still being part of farming today; bison, and pulse crops perhaps the most notable.

Other efforts, such as fallow deer and ostrich, are all but extinct of farms here today.

We have of course seen the reliance on wheat decline, but that is largely

because canola has become the primary crop in its place. We have in essence replaced a reliance on one crop with a reliance on another, albeit a new one with a higher cost-of-production.

And here we are headed to planting season 2019 with huge question marks surrounding the market for canola which are not related to supply and demand, but are instead related to the posturing of government, in this case from China.

The reasons are different, the players different,

but the result is the same. A farm sector largely reliant on a single crop are certainly at risk when the market for the crop is put under pressure, and that holds today for canola just as it did for wheat when trade subsidies were buffering Canadian sales.

It is unlikely farmers will push to diversify as they did in the past, but one does wonder if more effort had been made in terms of market creation if we might be less threatened by the Chinese posturing if farming was just a bit more diversified today?

## MJW continues support for WP Sandin's STARS fundraiser



SLC representatives Nicole Philp, Makenna Bloom, Sarra Hazelwood, and Leah Mennie accept a \$500 Strength Through Numbers program cheque from MJW's Tasha Cyr (second from left), Brenda Jebson (second from right), and Mason Wallin.

For the second consecutive year, local business owner Mason Wallin and the Student Leadership Council (SLC) of W.P. Sandin High School are serving as a reminder of the strength that comes from working together for a good cause.

Together, through Wallin's Strength Through Numbers program (offered through his business, MJW Chartered Professional Accountant) and the SLC's second-ever Humboldt Broncos Memorial Street Hockey Tournament, the two raised more than \$4,000 for STARS Air Ambulance.

Of that total, Wallin donated \$500 to the cause through Strength Through Numbers to recognize the SLC's efforts in putting on the event. MJW also served as a sponsor of the tournament, which was held Sunday, April 7 and saw 15 teams sign up to compete.

"It's great to see the youth in our community take the initiative in giving back to

something that is important. This demonstrates exactly what the 'Strength Through Numbers' program is all about," Wallin said.

For those who are unfamiliar with the Strength Through Numbers program, which Wallin announced in February of 2018, it connects community groups or teams in need of extra volunteers for events or initiatives, and groups or teams looking to raise some extra funds based on their mutual needs. Groups are put together after filing applications for either the June 30 or Dec. 31 deadlines.

Wallin will provide anywhere from 1 to 10 cheques for each deadline, based on his budget for the program, and on the number of applications received.

Then, once their applications are accepted, and the groups are paired, the club or team in need of the funds will volunteer its services to the group in need of extra volunteers, and Wallin will offer up to

\$500 to the organization for its volunteer efforts.

Wallin says the program benefits both groups by fulfilling their needs, but also that it strengthens the broader community by bringing people together to work towards common goals.

Wallin presented the program's first cheque for 2017-2018's Dec. 31 deadline to the Youth Mission to Peru group in February 2018, after the group volunteered its services at the 2018 Hockey Day in Shellbrook Sports Awards banquet.

He's also thrown the program's support behind the Shellbrook Silverfins,

the Prince Albert Aces U14 girls baseball team, and a number of other community groups and teams.

All told, after a little more than a year, Wallin's Strength Through Numbers Program has donated \$3,075 to local or area teams and organizations. In return, those teams and groups have provided roughly 400 hours of volunteer service to the community.

For more information on Strength Through Numbers, or for an application form, contact Mason, Brenda, or Tasha at 306 747 3209, or by email: office@mjwaccounting.com.

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# Sask. government seeking public input on education

The provincial government says it's looking to reshape the future of education in Saskatchewan, and it's asking students, parents, teachers, and members of the general public to help it in doing so through an in-person and online survey.

In a government press release, issued last week, Education Minister Gordon Wyant said the feedback the ministry gathers from the survey will be used to help it develop the province's education plan beyond 2020.

"We want to hear from students, parents, educators, and school staff to better understand what they want for the future of education," Wyant said in a statement.

"The new provincial education plan will ensure that our schools are on the right path to meet the needs of students as we look toward the next decade."

The public engagement process, which is being led by the Ministry of Education, kicked off in October of 2018. It includes in-person participation, as well as the aforementioned online survey, which will be available to the public until May 10.

The survey asks respondents to share basic demographic details, relate their personal experiences in Saskatchewan's school system, and rank eight education-related topics based on their perceived importance.

These topics include social and cultural items, such as how to ensure schools are inclusive and have Indigenous content in the core curriculum, as well as more general items, like ways to update the curriculum for the modern era, and the idea of offering alternative paths in high school, with an emphasis on ensuring that students find jobs after graduation.



Each of the questions has an open-ended response space following their importance ranking, to allow respondents to provide more detailed answers.

"Once we have the results of the surveys and we compile them and the work that's being done by other sector partners, we'll bring all this together to decide on what the best future is – what the plan is going forward for the next five-to-10 years," Wyant said.

The importance ranking survey questions come from the main ideas discussed in an

education summit" that took place in October 2018.

NDP education critic Carla Beck said she will

be watching to see how the survey is weighted against consultation with those in the education sector.

She said it is good to see this kind of consultation, but wonders why Indigenous elements of the curriculum are included in the survey.

"It stands out as something that's curious to put to a survey. I would think that we have some consensus in this province about the importance of reconciliation, the importance of treaty

education in schools, the importance of Indigenous content in schools," she said.

"To put that in a survey, it seems to me it should be a given; not something that's up for debate."

Those interested in contributing their insights to the process, can find the online survey at: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/public-consultations/provincial-education-plan/provide-your-feedback>.

## Big River volunteer firefighter receives exemplary service medal



**The RM and Town of Big River wish to congratulate Clint Panter, who was presented with his 20 Year Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal on April 2, 2019, by Reeve John Teer. Your dedicated service to the Big River and District Fire Department and Community is greatly appreciated!**

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# Minutes of an R.M. of Shellbrook council meeting

Minutes of a regular meeting of council of the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook no. 493 Held on Wednesday, March 6, 2019 in the municipal office council chambers at Shellbrook, Sask.

Present: Reeve – Doug Oleksyn, Division 1 – Cliff Skauge, Division 2 – Phil Hamel, Division 3 – Sean Helm, Division 4 – Jay Ferster, Division 5 – Derwin Joelson, Division 6 – Ron Herzog, administrator Donna Goertzen, and foreman Bill Aug.

Reeve Doug Oleksyn called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Hamel: agenda be accepted as amended. Carried

Joelson: That the R.M. of Shellbrook No. 493 accepts the regular meeting minutes of Feb. 6, 2019 as amended.

Ferster: That the R.M. of Shellbrook Council accept the Statement of Financial Activities as presented. Carried

Skauge: That the R.M. of Shellbrook No. 493 Council approve accounts payable, as attached hereto these minutes, being regular A/P cheques #10552 to #10597 in the amount of \$649,896.81, cheque# 10606 in the amount of \$431,568 and payroll cheques #13327 to #1339 in the amount of \$27,082.93. Carried

Ferster: That R.M. of Shellbrook Council instruct Administrator to contact TAXservice - Property Tax Arrears Recovery Management advising them that commencing forthwith (2018 tax year) the R.M. Administrator shall be directed to provided Tax Enforcement for the municipality; and that Council remain committed to TAXservice to complete Tax Enforcement in-process for 2016 & 2017 tax enforcement files; and further that Council requests Tax Enforcement files for Sturgeon Lake Regional Park be returned to the municipality allowing the Park Authority; lease holders and Municipality to come to a mutual payment plan of assessed arrears. Carried

Skauge: That Council approves the funding for the Administrator to enroll in NAMS Professional Certificate in Asset Management Planning commencing April 30, 2019 to July 9, 2019; and that the cost of \$747.60 for the AM certificate be paid by the municipality. Carried

Hamel: That resolution

368.18 be rescinded - Council compensation; and that it be replaced with the following resolution:

That upon introduction of Bill C-44 in 2017 effective January 1, 2019 that the "one-third tax exemption" would be eliminated for elected municipal officials, be it further resolved the R.M. Council on the advice of their auditor Bakertilly SK LLP revise their indemnity to reflect current legislation by increasing indemnity payable by one-third to \$225 a meeting and \$28.60 an hour to offset the CRA deductions; and further that in accordance with Bylaw No. 07- 2005 Public Notice Bylaw 2.1 (j) that Council indemnity increases be posted in the lobby of the Municipal Office. Carried

Skauge: That Council enter into a Payment plan with Sturgeon Lake Regional Park Lessee, Lot 26 Blk 4 Plan 493SL and that an affidavit be signed as a binding commitment of payment by lease holder. Carried

Skauge: That Assistant Administrator be instructed to move maturing GIC at Affinity Credit Union (Term Deposit) into Municipal General Account to cover Sturgeon Lake Culvert Project until such time as funds from SARM MREP program are received. Carried

Joelson: That invoice #5084 from Mocon in the amount of \$431,568 (Sturgeon Lake Culvert Project) be approved for payment. Carried

Verbal Reports by Administrator and Council.

Delegate: Wendy Hall attended at 1:10 p.m. representing her father Ernie Magiera; he is seeking proposed subdivision approval SE-08-49-03-W3, development permit approval and building permit approval.

Skauge: That application to develop and build on SE-08-49-03-W3 will be considered upon the landowner's successful application to Community Planning for subdivision; and further, the applicant must be in conformance with the RM of Shellbrook's Zoning Bylaw 08-198 prior to receiving approval for Municipal Development Permit and Building Inspector's approval for Building Permit. Carried

Wendy Hall departed at 1:45 p.m.

Joelson: That RM of Shell-

brook Council forthwith commit to providing maintenance as deemed necessary to the East access trail into the Hamlet of Holbein. Carried

Joelson: That Tangible Capital Asset Policy #2018 - 003 be amended by adding the following statement as per Auditor request: That under "Amortization" heading the following statement be added "Council is responsible to set a year to commence depreciation of an asset; which is deemed to be the year after acquisition. Carried

Hamel: That RM of Shellbrook No. 493 upon recommendation from Water Security Agency (WSA) (Plan # E5/Leask - 1) enter into a Management Agreement with the RM of Leask No. 464 for the "Black Diamond Drainage" project NE-34-47-04-W3 through SW-19-48-03-W3 (gated culvert - water release) and upon the mutual signing of the Agreement; the RM of Shellbrook will provide approval of the proposed project to Water Security Agency. Carried

Joelson: That Bylaw 03/2019, A Bylaw to License the Extraction of Gravel from Gravel Pits in the Municipality be introduced and read a first time. Carried

Herzog: That Bylaw 03/2019, A Bylaw to License the Extraction of Gravel from Gravel Pits in the Municipality be read a second time. Carried

Ferster: That Bylaw 03/2019, A Bylaw to License the Extraction of Gravel from Gravel Pits in the Municipality be given three readings at this meeting. Carried unanimously

Skauge: That Bylaw 03/2019 as annexed hereto

and forming a part of these minutes be now read a third time; and further, that the Bylaw 30/2019, being a Bylaw to License the Extraction of Gravel from Gravel Pits in the Municipality be now adopted, sealed and signed by the Reeve and Administrator. Carried

Joelson: That we participate in SaskTenders Procurement Portal, to assist municipality in the public tendering process of goods, service and construction as provided under the North West Partnership Trade Agreement (WNPTA) and the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA); and furthermore, that we follow the anticipated cost thresholds as follows: \$75,000.00 or greater for goods, \$75,000.00 or greater for services, \$200,000.00 or greater for construction. Carried

Ferster: That we adopt 'Sick Leave Policy' as presented. Carried

Hamel: That the following Staff and Council to attend the 2019 Annual SARM Convention; Donna Goertzen, Bill Aug, Phil Hamel, Derwin Joelson, Jay Ferster and Cliff Skauge on behalf of the RM of Shellbrook. Carried

Skauge: That Derwin Joelson and Phil Hamel be appointed as SMH voting delegates at the 2019 Annual SARM convention. Carried

Hamel: That we send Administrator Donna Goertzen to attend SAMA's Administrators Training Session (April 9/2019 in Regina); for training on MySAMA one-line training portal for maintenance tracking. Carried

Ferster: That Application to Purchase Crown Lands NW-35-50-03-W3 and SE-02-51-03-W3 be approved; Council having no objection

to this purchase requested by Lessee therefore, instruct Administrator to complete the necessary documents to facilitate the application at Lands Branch. Carried

Joelson: That RM of Shellbrook No. 493 having received request for signage to identify Nelson Crossing RV Park agree to procure the signs on Tim's behalf; and further to the municipality will install signage at designated locations and invoice Tim Scharkowski for associated costs. Carried

Skauge: That Council having received application for Parcel Tie removal SE-25-50-01-W3; LSD 02-25-50-01-W3 Ext 85 Title #116859358, from LSD 07-25-50-01-W3 Ext 82 Title #116859314 (north) and LSD 01-25-50-01-W3 Ext 81 Title #116859291 (east) Gouldhawk; Administrator will prepare a letter of approval allowing applicant to proceed with application to Community Planning Branch, Government Relations Saskatoon. Carried

Hamel: That resolution 302.18 be amended: STEWART: That the RM of Shellbrook No. 493 approves the Development Permit (striking & inserting) Subdivision Application for NE-05-49-03-W3 (Jeff & Terry-Lynn Rask) as per Community Planning's approval. Carried

Hamel: That RM of Shellbrook No. 493 approves application to subdivide NE-05-49-03-W3, Community Planning file #R1041-18s into proposed parcels F & G and AG residual on the following criteria recommended by Community Planning:

- Rezone parcel from AG-CR
- Approval Sask Health Authority effluent require-

Ferster: That Council approval Webinar "Assessment Processing" attendance by Administrator and Asst. Administrator, hosted by Munisoft March 21, 2019 at a cost of \$109. Carried

Ferster: That meeting be adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

ment (Pel. G)

- Approval of Water Securities (Parcel F)
- Preference Cash-in-lieu for 0.236 ha; Dedicated Lands

And that Municipal Dedicated Lands requirement set at .236 hectares, the municipality would prefer a monetary settlement in the sum of \$874.50 based on land value of \$1500.00/acre.

Furthermore NE-05-49-03-W3 will be rezoned from AR - Agricultural to CR - Country Residential with an amendment to Bylaw 08/1981; The Planning and Development, 2007 Section 76 (I )(b), (2) (a) & (b) and Section 207(1)(c), Section 207 Subsection (2) to (6). Carried

Hamel: That RM of Shellbrook No. 493 approves application for parcel-tie of the most northerly part of parcel NE-05-49-03-W3 (parcel 152893255) and southerly parcel on SE-08-49-03-W3 (parcel 149748744) to allow access to NE parcel; upon meeting Resolution 90.03.19 criteria. Carried

Skauge: That Council acknowledges Sask Power Notification #11489448, SE-17-52-01-W3; salvage and change poles. Carried

Councillor Herzog left the meeting a 4:35 p.m.

Hamel: That the RM of Shellbrook No. 493 receive and file the following correspondence (list omitted due to space restrictions). Carried

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# Lupus Spiel, founded by former Shellbrook resident, sees continued growth in sixth year

From curling in her hometown of Shellbrook, to founding the Lupus Research Foundation and the Lupus Spiel, Regan Birr (daughter of Jamie and Janet Scholz) sure has come a long way.

Over five years, the Lupus Spiel has raised \$355,000 for lupus research, with the aim of finding a cure for the disease (which Birr herself lives with).

And now, ahead of its sixth year, the Lupus Spiel is building steadily on its momentum.

Running May 3 to 5, thespiel will take place at the Four Seasons Curling Club at Fogerty Arena in Blaine, Minn. But with 56 teams registered to compete and help raise funds for lupus research, the action is being expanded to fill the Anoka Area Ice Arena.

What's more, with ce-

lebrity and professional skips like Kevin Martin, Glenn Howard, and Eve Muirhead getting behind the cause, the Lupus Spiel is now the largest pro-am curling event in the world.

"We're small, but mighty," Birr says.

"We're working with the leading scientists in this area. A cure is doable in seven years, if we can provide the financial support," she adds.

Lupus is a chronic, autoimmune disease that can damage any part of the body, including the skin, joints and organs. It is estimated that 5 million people have it worldwide. The Lupus Research Foundation provides support to lupus patients and their loved ones, while increasing public awareness of the disease.

"The Lupus Spiel has always been near and dear to my heart," said Mike



**Lupus Spiel founder Regan Birr.**

Dietz, lupus patient, six-year Lupus Spieler, and supporter of the foundation. "This year, with Kev-

in Martin, Glenn Howard and Eve Muirhead, all these world champions and Olympic curlers in

one place at one time, it's just such a pleasure to come support lupus research and the cause."

With all of the curling slots full, what remains is the fundraising push. This will be helped, in no small part, by sponsorships, and also by Martin, who will be hosting an academy, with three different sessions, that is open to all ages.

But, with more than 50 celebrities and athletes on the guest list, the real draw will be the teams bidding to get one of them on their team.

Bids start at \$1,000 for TSN sportscaster Bryan Mudryk, founder of CurlingZone Gerry Geurts, and world level coach and manager of Kelowna Curling Club — the largest in the world — Jock Tyre.

Featured as well is Deb McCormick, four-time

Olympian, World gold medalist, nine-time U.S. gold medalist and four-time U.S. Junior gold medalist. McCormick also will be hosting a Pop Up Shop for Goldline Curling Supplies, a sponsor of the event.

The who's who of curling in Canada includes Glenn Howard, Pat Ryan, Kevin Martin, Chelsea Carey, Cathy Overton Clapham, Eugene Hritzuk, Penny (Ryan) Shantz, Trevor Bonot, Raunora Westcott and Don Bartlett. Early bidding has Eve Muirhead, bronze Olympic medalist (Great Britain) and World gold medalist (Scotland), leading the pack at almost \$9,000.

For more information on events and opportunities surrounding the Lupus Spiel, go to [www.LetsCureLupus.org](http://www.LetsCureLupus.org) or call Regan Birr at 720-470-8049.

## Ash tree problems cropping up in prairie towns

**By Jill Thomson**

When many trees of the same species are grown in an urban landscape they are frequently attacked by a variety of pests and diseases.

These problems are often exacerbated because of the high density and proximity of susceptible trees. Until recently, the ash was a stalwart urban tree, tall enough to shade our streets and homes. Several different species of ash have been planted in the city of Saskatoon as well as other prairie towns.

The green ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*) is found in many older neighbourhoods. Saskatoon has offered Manzano ash (*F.mandshurica*) and black ash (*F.nigra*) as suitable trees for homeowners to plant along their property boundaries. The city has also planted many of these trees along our streets, the downtown and in well-frequent areas.

Alas, the ash is no longer impervious to attack by pests. In the past few years it would be hard not to notice the dead and dying trees that have had to be removed.

The pest responsible for this destruction is the cottony ash psyllid (*Psyllopsis discrepans*),

a tiny insect that is native to southern Europe, but has now spread to Canada and the USA. It first appeared in Saskatoon in 2006, but its impact was not noticed until 2017. By 2018, a thousand infected ash trees had to be removed.

In the next 2-3 years, it is estimated that the city will need to remove another two to three thousand trees, approximately half of the black ash trees in Saskatoon.

The psyllid causing this huge problem is only 2-3 mm long and light green to yellow in colour.

The eggs hatch in spring before the trees leaf out, and the tiny early stages (the nymphs) pierce the tissue around leaf buds and suck on plant juices.

Nymphs then enter the leaves, causing the leaf tissue to curl and become deformed. A second generation of eggs is laid in June, and the nymphs that emerge from these eggs feed on the curled leaves, often secreting a cottony substance (from which the common name is derived) in the fold of the leaves. This is the most obvious stage of the cycle.

The deformed leaves are not able to support tree growth, and when infestations are severe,

trees dies in one to two years.

There is no easy fix for this problem; control agents such dormant oil do not appear to be effective and pesticide sprays do not penetrate the curled leaves and cottony material that protect the nymphs.

There are natural predators but they are not protecting our trees adequately. At present, the most effective deterrent seems to be keeping the trees well-watered and stress free.

Dr. Sean Prager (University of Saskatchewan) has found there is a bacterial infection associated with the psyllid, and this may further complicate control of the problem.

He will be monitoring psyllid populations associated with ash tree infection from Alberta to the Maritimes, to find out more about the insects and bacteria present.

Meanwhile, a second very destructive insect capable of destroying all types of ash, may be heading our way. The emerald ash borer (*Agrilus planipennis*) was accidentally introduced to Michigan in the early 1990s and was reported in Windsor, Ont. in the early 2000s.

It has since invaded Quebec and was found in Winnipeg in

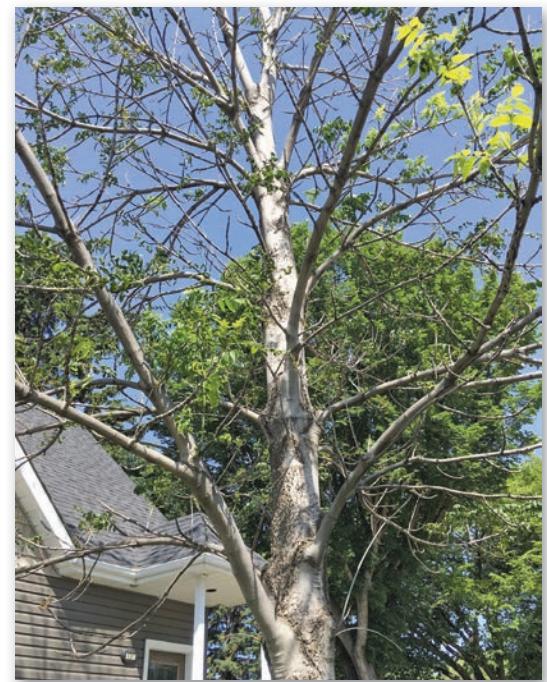
December 2017. The small, brightly coloured, red and green adults lay eggs from spring through July.

The eggs hatch into white larvae that burrow beneath the ash tree bark and feed in tunnels under the bark.

This interrupts the flow of nutrients and water in the tree, causing death within two to five years.

The Saskatchewan Government has designated the emerald ash borer an insect pest, which allows the Environment Ministry to ban the importation of firewood and wood products into the province from infested areas. We should all be on the alert to protect our ash trees. In particular, do not transport firewood into Saskatchewan.

Jill Thomson is a plant disease specialist (retired) who enjoys gardening in Saskatoon



**Ash tree infected with cottony ash psyllid, on Saskatoon street. Image credit: Jill Thomson**

with her family, including the dogs.

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

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## Skip the playoffs; just give the cup to Tampa

There are TV obligations, and arenas are rented, and charter flights have been booked, but other than those incidentals, is there really any reason to play hockey for two months before handing the Stanley Cup in June to the Tampa Bay Lightning?

This one is the most obvious in years. This is Ali vs. Chuck Wepner; Jordan playing one-on-one against a high schooler; Tiger in the year 2000; a fly swatter vs. a drowsy fly. If this year's Stanley Cup playoffs were an animal, the Humane Society would step in.

Tampa Bay won 62 of 82 games this year, losing only 16 in regulation time. Sixty-two wins ties the all-time one-season record, set in 1995-96 by the Detroit Red Wings, who — drum roll, please, did not go on to win the Stanley Cup, getting upset in the Western final by Colorado Avalanche. But that was more than 20 years ago. Can't happen again, can it?

Coach Jon Cooper is

getting huge chops for coach of the year, but Billy the Boozer down at the local bar would look good behind the bench if he could throw out forwards the likes of scoring champ Nikita Kucherov (128 points), Steven Stamkos, Brayden Point and Tyler Johnson, a crew of defenders whose top four (or five) — Victor Hedman, Ryan McDonough, Mikhail Sergachev, Braydon Coburn and Anton Stralman — is undoubtedly the best set of blueliners in the league. And if somehow the other team breaks through, 39-game winner Andrei Vasilevskiy is there to protect the net. The Lightning's goal differential was plus-103, 41 better than runner-up Calgary. Tampa Bay's plus-60 was tops last year and Washington's plus 81 was best in 2016-17. Their 128 points were a whopping 21 points ahead of the runner-up Flames and Bruins.

Of course, in an era where the Cubs have won a World Series and LeB-



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ron has missed the playoffs, there are no guarantees in sport. Strange things happens. Pucks takes funny bounces. A flu bug goes around a locker room. Somebody breaks an arm or pulls a groin.

But c'mon, this one's a slam dunk. When lightning strikes in nature, it can lay waste to the countryside. When the Lightning strike in this year's playoffs, they'll be laying waste to at least four opponents along the way.

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg, on actor Jussie Smollett's big week: "He had his 16 charges of staging a hate crime

dropped. And today he was accepted to UCLA on a women's soccer scholarship."

• Norman Chad of the Washington Post, on increasingly unruly fans at sporting events: "If Vatican City were in New Jersey, the Pope likely would get heckled during Easter Mass."

• Washington Post reader Rich Tucker: "If a Duke player falls in the forest, is there a referee there to call a foul on the trees?"

• Comedy writer Brad Dickson: "After watching the NCAA Tournament games last night I Googled 'Iowa high school girls basketball' just to see some people who are proficient at making free throws when the pressure's on."

• Brad Rock of the Deseret News: "A study in the U.K. says people are the happiest at ages 16 and 70. That pretty much covers both ends of Vince Carter's career."

• Kaseberg again: "In its first season, the Alliance of American Football has

shut down. They're not allowed to tackle, throw or catch. It's like being a member of the Oakland Raiders."

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "How about Johnny Manziel: washed out in the NFL, banned by the CFL, and now his new AAF league has folded. What's next, Johnny Nerfball?"

• Currie again: Sports Illustrated posted five swimsuits GIFs titled 'Why We Love Genie Bouchard.' Revealing? Let's just say she shows a lot more there than she does on a tennis court."

• Headline at Fark.com: "Richie Incognito pleads guilty to disorderly conduct at funeral home, says it was because he was not a mourning person."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Bengals RB Mark Walton has been arrested three times in three months — the latest on weapons, marijuana and reckless-driving charges — but is somehow still with the team. Haven't these guys

ever heard of three-and-out?"

• Fans of the NHL's lowly Devils and Rangers, chanting in unison at New Jersey's home finale: "We both suck!"

• Another one from Perry: "Toyota tinkerers have created a robot that rarely misses free throws or three-point shots. Steph Curry immediately filed suit for copyright infringement."

• Veteran Utah Jazz PA announcer Dan Roberts, to the Deseret News, on why working an NCAA regional didn't make him nervous: "If I can say Antetokounmpo 15 times in a game, I can say your guys' names."

• Comedian Argus Hamilton, after Tennessee CB Kenneth George Jr. was arrested for punching a Miami Beach police officer during spring break: "He faces suspension from school, jail time and being the first draft choice of the Cincinnati Bengals."

Care to comment?  
Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

## Sask. government introducing new opportunities for high school students to learn Indigenous languages

New Indigenous language courses will expand learning opportunities for high school students in Saskatchewan. Courses in Dene, Nakawē and Michif at the 10, 20 and 30 level will be available for the 2019-20 school year.

"Our government is proud to support the preservation and growth of First Nations and Métis languages in Saskatchewan," Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant said. "We recognize that incorporating Indigenous language, culture and perspectives are foundational to the engagement and success of First Nations and Métis students."

This initiative aligns with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission calls to action and supports the Joint Task Force recommendations, which identify the importance of Indigenous languages and the significant role they play in preserving cultural traditions, knowledge and history.

"Reconciliation is about recognizing past wrongs, making sure those wrongs are not repeated and choosing to move forward

together to build a better future," Treaty Commissioner Mary Culbertson said. "This renewed effort to acknowledge the significance of Indigenous languages and expand learning opportunities is an important step in creating inclusive learning environments for students and a meaningful step toward reconciliation in Saskatchewan. One day we hope to see all the linguistic groups throughout these territories represented and accessible in our schools so all our grandchildren will see themselves in their classrooms."

"The retention and preservation of our Indigenous languages has been an important focus of mine and it is encouraging to see a Métis language included in these efforts being made within our provincial education system," Métis Nation Saskatchewan Education Minister Earl Cook said. "This will assist in the retention of Michif, our official language. Providing Indigenous students with meaningful opportunities to learn about and connect with their cultural heritage is key to their success."



Photo courtesy the Ministry of Education.

These new language courses are in addition to the already available provincial Cree (nēhiyawēwin) course. Dene, Nakawē and Michif were previously available through locally developed courses to meet the needs

of local students.

School divisions across Saskatchewan will have the opportunity to offer these provincial Indigenous language courses beginning in the fall of 2019.

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# Debden elder celebrates 101st birthday



**Henriette Bilodeau, who was born on March 29th, is a resident at the Debden Heritage Manor. She recently celebrated her 101st birthday with The Friends of the Manor and some of her family.**

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Advertising  
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**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](http://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. 2 pm - 6 pm; Thur. 2 pm - 8 pm; Sat. 10 am - 2 pm. For information on all your library needs, please contact 306-226-2110.

**SHELLBROOK:** Shellbrook Branch of the Wapiti Library located at 105 Railway Ave., West (Provincial building). Library Hours: Mon. 2 - 6:30 pm; Tues. 2 - 8 pm; Wed. 2 - 8 pm; Thur. 2 - 6:30 pm; Fri. 9 - 4 pm. Children's Story Time: Fri. 10:30 am (Sept - June).

**SHELL LAKE:** Shell Lake & District Lions Club proudly presents 16th Spring Fling Supper & Silent Auction. Saturday, April 27, 2019. Doors open 5 pm – Supper 6:30 pm. Featuring Musician Rod Gjerde A tribute to Merle Haggard. Tickets \$30. Proceeds in support of local & provincial programs. Call General Store @ 306-427-2044; Shell Lake Pine Resorts @ 306-427-5668; Corrie @ 306-497-4922

**SHELLBROOK:** Parkland Integrated Health Centre Resident & Family Council Spring Craft & Trade Show & Sale. Thursday, April 18, 10:30 - 2:00. Free Admission/20 vendors. Cinnamon bun & coffee available for \$3.00

**SHELLBROOK:** Shellbrook Theatre Movie Night, Fri., Apr. 26, The Little Mermaid; Fri., May 10, A Dog's Way Home; Fri., May 24, Welcome to Marwen. Doors Open 7 p.m. Showtime 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$5

**SHELLBROOK:** Shellbrook Legion Annual Garage Sale & BBQ! Sunday, April 28 ~ Legion Hall, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. To book a table call Helen Dagenais 306-980-7028. Rental of table \$10 (set up at 8:15 am) BBQ 11:30 am til 1:30 pm - \$10. Includes hamburger, salad, drink & dessert.

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Many fond memories and traditions are tied to Easter egg coloring, and some people may have their preferential kits or practices to achieve

beautiful eggs. But embracing some new tips and tricks can produce beautiful eggs and make this beloved tradition even more fun.

- Begin with firm, hard-boiled eggs. Bring a pot of water to a rolling boil. Then use a large spoon to gently lower the eggs into the water. Lower the heat to maintain a simmer and boil for just about 12 minutes. Transfer the eggs to a bowl with ice cold water and let them cool. Allow the eggs to cool completely before coloring.

- Lay out newspaper or an old tablecloth to soak

up any spills. Spills are inevitable, so don't let them spoil the fun. In addition, empty egg cartons make ideal drying racks, so do not discard them.

- Make patterns or other designs on the eggs. Use a white crayon to draw on the egg directly. The dye will not stick to the wax. Or use string, rubber bands, tape, stickers, or other items to create your pattern. Dip the egg and then remove the materials afterward to reveal the design.

- Swirl a few drops of food coloring into shav-

ing cream on a flat surface. Roll the eggs into the mixture, let dry, and then gently clean to remove the excess shaving cream. The result is a marbled effect.

- Recognize that you don't have to "dye" eggs at all. Use a sponge to dab on a design. Strips of tissue paper can be adhered to the egg with glue or shellac. Children may enjoy submerging the egg in glue and then coating it in glitter.

The potential to create creative Easter eggs is limitless. Embracing new strategies can set this year's eggs apart.



## Sask. government, Natural Resources Canada partner to help producers manage impact of climate change

On Tuesday, the government of Saskatchewan, in partnership with Natural Resources Canada and the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency (WSA), announced \$1.3 million in funding and in-kind support to help Saskatchewan producers and communities successfully manage the impacts of climate change.

Natural Resources Canada pledged more than \$587,000 through the Building Regional Adaptation Capacity and Expertise (BRACE) Program. The government of Saskatchewan is providing \$320,000, while the WSA along with partner organizations will

contribute an additional \$326,000 of in-kind support.

"The impacts of climate change are being felt across Canada, posing real risks to our communities, economy and environment," said Federal Minister of Natural Resources Amarjeet Sohi. "This is why we support projects such as these, which will help producers and communities increase their resilience to a changing climate."

"Our government is pleased to support this important initiative that will help rural Saskatchewan

better respond and adapt to the impacts of climate change," Minister Responsible for the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency Dustin Duncan said. "Saskatchewan producers will be able to adopt best practices for agricultural water management as work continues on a made-in-Saskatchewan Climate Resiliency Plan."

The funding will be used to deliver three projects. The first project will be for WSA and partner organizations to offer workshops for up to 2,500 agricultural producers over the next two years. These workshops will introduce producers to the Saskatchewan Agricultural Water Management Strategy and help them incorporate climate change considerations into the design of their agricultural drainage projects, making them more resilient to a changing climate.

As part of the Agricultural Water Management Strategy, the province implemented new drainage regulations in 2015 that requires all agricultural landowners have a drainage approval for their drainage projects. This ensures that landowners can legally manage water on their land while addressing the impacts related to flooding, water quality and the environment.

The funding will also be used to allow WSA to increase its Qualified Persons (QPs) training program to build additional capacity in each region of the province. QPs work with landowners to help them effectively advance their drainage projects and assist with the approval process.

The third component of the funding will be used to work with communities, at high risk to hydrological drought, to develop drought response plans. The intent of these plans is to help communities become resilient to drought conditions by enabling them to consider existing hazards and vulnerabilities, and future climate change projections at a community level.

Natural Resources Canada's BRACE program works with provinces to support training activities that increase the ability of organizations, professionals, businesses and communities to adapt and accelerate their climate resilience.

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