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Fire along Highway 3 near Holbein gives crews trouble

Scorched, blackened earth now dots some sections of Highway 3 east of Holbein, after a wildfire broke out in a ditch alongside the southern edge of the road on Monday afternoon.

Buoyed by high winds in the area, the fire reportedly grew to about eight hectares in size, and, at one point, jumped to the north side of Highway 3, before eventually being contained by fire crews from Shellbrook and Buckland later in the evening.

According to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment, the wildfire was first reported around 4:30 p.m. on Monday.

Fire crews from both the town and the R.M. of Shellbrook responded to battle the blaze, while the Buckland Fire Department was initially on standby, until the fire spread across the highway.

With reduced visibility and thick smoke in the area, drivers were urged to exercise caution, and were, for a time, rerouted around the area of the fire.

But as of 8 p.m. on Monday, crews appeared to be wrapping up their suppression efforts, and traffic was flowing on Highway 3 once again.

However, with another day of persistent winds, fire crews were back out to the scene on Tuesday afternoon to battle hotspots and flare ups on the north side of the highway.

The Ministry of Environment says that the blaze doesn't pose any risk to any structures or homes in the area. And as of Tuesday morning, the cause of the fire had yet to officially be determined (though, sources were



A wildfire flared up on Highway 3 east of Holbein Monday afternoon, but appeared to be contained as of Monday evening. With strong winds on Tuesday, however, crews were called back to deal with flare ups.

saying that it was caused by someone burning brush).

This marks the second consecutive year that the Holbein area has been hit by wildfires.

Last May, the Rally fire burned for several weeks in the Holbein and Crutwell area, reaching about 2,400 hectares before it was contained, and forcing a couple of temporary evacuation orders.

With tinder dry conditions throughout much of the area, both the Town and R.M. of Shellbrook have enacted fire bans, and people are urged to exercise caution when working, or playing, outdoors.

No movement on proposed Co-op fertilizer plant

Nearly three months after a town hall meeting at which town of Shellbrook Mayor George Tomporowski and his fellow councillors faced ratepayers' questions and concerns about Lake Country Co-op's plans to build a fertilizer plant on the east side of town, there's been no further developments on the proposal.

According to town of Shellbrook administrator Kelly Hoare, the latest is that the proposal is still with Community Planning. Additionally, Hoare says that

Lake Country Co-op still hasn't submitted plans for the proposed plant, which would be located to the south of Adam Brad Welding Ltd.'s shop and be accessed from Highway 3 via 7th Street East.

Currently, the only steps that have been taken towards the construction of the fertilizer plant have been taken by the town of Shellbrook, which had to rezone the area to industrial from highway commercial before the facility could get the green light.

Other than that, though, nothing

concrete is known, leaving ratepayers with little to do but speculate and worry about how the plant will impact the community.

If January's town hall meeting was any indication, there's plenty that ratepayers are concerned about, starting with the facility's proximity to residential areas and Happy Hearts Childcare Centre.

"I'm all for having new businesses in Shellbrook, or expanding their current ones. I think it's great to see it growing. However,

we moved by the daycare, and when we moved, it was not mentioned at all that this plant was coming in. It was supposed to be all residential," said one ratepayer who attended the meeting.

Throughout the meeting, these sentiments were frequently repeated by ratepayers, along with concerns that the plant will drive down property values and make people sick.

But Mayor Tomporowski countered that the town's research suggests that the proposed plant

won't pose any health risks, because it will be at least 300 feet away from any residential areas, and 500 feet from the daycare.

Moreover, he said that dumping would be done inside the facility, with fans to reduce the spread of dust, and that a tree barrier would be planted to make the plant less of a nuisance to nearby residents. Tomporowski also pointed to the Co-op's existing fertilizer plant on Railway Avenue as an example.

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Shellbrook students continue stand against bullying



Students were highly enthusiastic about the pillow sack races, which were just one of many activities on offer during W.P. Sandin High School and Shellbrook Elementary School's Easter-themed Pink Shirt Day.

Students from Shellbrook Elementary School and W.P. Sandin Public High School hopped into the Easter break last Thursday, with a morning filled with a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast and a whole array of holiday-themed activities.

The day was the schools' way of celebrating Pink Shirt Day, an annual Canada-wide initiative aimed at creating a world without bullying. It featured an obstacle course, face painting, a unique spin on musical chairs, an Easter egg hunt, and so much more.

While the activities the schools have put offered have occasionally varied, the students have been coming together to celebrate Pink Shirt Day, and to focus on building positive relationships between the two schools, for the past ten years.

And, even after ten years, the day is still something that the students look forward to, and it is an important part of both schools' efforts to eliminate bullying altogether.

"The awareness regarding bullying is always good, and it's a

yearly event we host to bring that awareness," said W.P. Sandin teacher Nicole Philp, after 2018's Pink Shirt Day.

"More important than

that, it's a day for kids to celebrate positive relationships, and to focus on building those relationships. It's such a good thing any time our two schools work together to host an event."

While bullying statistics are hard to come by, Philp says Pink Shirt Day has had an undeniably positive effect on the communities at both W.P. Sandin and Shellbrook Elementary School, and that both schools take bullying seriously.

But, of course, she concedes that there will always be room for improvement, no matter how many, or how few, students experience bullying incidents.

"We need to continue to work with kids, and teach kids about respect, and that has

to happen outside the walls of our building as well.

"The kids need to be expected to demonstrate respectful behaviour everywhere they go, and they need to be held accountable for their behaviour everywhere."

As with many other school events, Pink Shirt Day is made possible through the support of staff, students, and the broader community. Philp says the school appreciates the community's strong support.

Though combating bullying has been on the agenda of all governments and school boards across the country for a number of years, Canadian Institutes of Health Research statistics suggest that the problem is still widespread, and not just confined to youth.

According to the statistics, about one-third of students (38 per cent of males and 30 per cent

of females) experience occasional or frequent bullying during their school years. Additionally, 40 per cent of Canadian workers are reported to have experienced bullying in the workplace on a weekly basis.

Pink Shirt Day began in Nova Scotia in 2007, after two students bought 50 pink t-shirts for their classmates, and urged them to stand up for a fellow student who was bullied for wearing a pink shirt on the first day of school. W.P. Sandin and Shellbrook Elementary School began holding their own Pink Shirt Days in 2009.

Since then, provincial governments across Canada have stepped up to the plate by declaring anti-bullying days and weeks. In Saskatchewan, Bullying Awareness Week is held in November every year, and the province also observes the Red Cross' Day of Pink.



With face painting available, there were plenty of colourful characters roaming the halls. But some artists took a more abstract approach.



If it looks like absolute chaos, that's because it was. Still, this interesting take on musical chairs had students eager to participate.

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Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll of the Village of Debden for the Year 2019 has been prepared and is now open for inspection in the office of the Assessor from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, April 22, 2019 to May 23, 2019 the following days: Tuesday to Thursday inclusive.

A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to appeal his/her assessment is required to file his/her notice of appeal with: The Assessor, Village of Debden, P.O. Box 400, Debden, Saskatchewan S0J 0S0, by May 23, 2019.

Dated at Debden, Saskatchewan this 22nd Day of April, 2019.
Tamara Couture
Assessor

R. M. of Leask No. 464 NOTICE ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 for the year 2019 has been prepared and is open to inspection at the office of the Assessor from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday from April 22, 2019 to May 23, 2019.

A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal, accompanied by \$50.00 appeal fee per roll number with The Assessor, R.M. of Leask, Box 190, Leask, SK, S0J 1M0, by the 23rd day of May, 2019.

Dated at Leask, Saskatchewan, this 22nd day of April 2019.

Judy Douglas
Assessor

Report from the Legislature

Saskatchewan is pleased to have another ally at the table fighting for pipelines and standing against the Trudeau carbon tax. Less than a year ago, our province was the only one in Canada standing up against the carbon tax. Today, with the election of a new government in Alberta, five provinces representing 60 per cent of Canada's population are fighting the federal government's carbon tax grab.

When Ontario announced it would challenge the Trudeau carbon tax, they stood with Saskatchewan in our court challenge. This week Saskatchewan stood with Ontario in their fight at the Ontario Court of Appeal. Saskatchewan made it clear that the imposition of the carbon tax is unconstitutional and should be scrapped.

The Trudeau carbon tax is a poor environmental policy that doesn't reduce emissions. It will hurt Saskatchewan families that need to drive their kids to hockey practice, heat their homes in the winter, and feed and



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clothe their families. It will reduce jobs and move those jobs to other areas of the world that aren't charging a carbon tax, and that, in many cases, are emitting more than we are here in this province in those industries.

On the issue of a carbon tax, Ryan Meili and the NDP are out of touch with Saskatchewan. While nearly 90 per cent of Saskatchewan people have expressed that they do not support a carbon tax, the NDP Leader has said he applauds the policy.

Meili recently confirmed he's out of touch on taxation in general

when he shared an article entitled "Low Taxes are Nothing to Brag About". The article actually condemns Saskatchewan for not raising taxes. It said we shouldn't be proud of having such low tax rates and should look to Quebec and their much higher tax rate as the way to go.

Upon sharing the article, Meili could have said we should be proud of our low tax regime because lower taxes attract investment, which leads to more jobs, which leads to a better quality of life for everyone. He even could have said we want hard-working people to keep more of their money. Instead, he offered that this was an important reflection on how taxes play a role in sustaining a healthy society.

On Budget Day, the NDP leader said that it was too early to discuss their plan for increased spending, lower debt, and how they would actually pay for things. However, thanks to Twitter, we're starting to see the NDP's true colours. They would raise your taxes, just like they did



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21 times while serving in government.

In contrast, our government has always worked hard to keep taxes low and affordable. This spring, our government presented a balanced budget with record spending on education and health with no new taxes and no tax increases.

Your Saskatchewan Party government remains focused on important policy issues. Unfortunately, we are forced to contend with federal proposals that would damage the strong economy that allows us to provide services to the people of our province.

Federal policies such as Bill C-48, Bill C-69, and the carbon tax will weaken our economic strengths which is why we will continue to stand against them.

Bill C-48 is a good example of bad policy. The Oil Tanker Ban selectively targets oil coming into the west coast, making it harder to get pipelines built and disproportionately hurting provinces that need to get oil to international markets. Yet, importing large tankers of foreign oil off the St. Lawrence in Quebec is OK.

Bill C-69 will not accomplish its stated goals of streamlining or efficiency in getting resource projects built. The current project approval system isn't broken. The only thing that is broken is the political will to see our energy sector flourish and move forward. We cannot afford to submit these sectors to further uncertainty and delay.

Good news for our economy came this week when it was announced that the Port Raymond Border Crossing will be restoring its 24-hour schedule as of April 23.

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection previously made the decision to cut the hours of operation to four border crossings at Port Raymond,

Morgan, Scobey and Opheim.

The Port Raymond Border Crossing is utilized, not only by Montana residents, but Saskatchewan residents on a daily basis.

The Government of Saskatchewan sent strong representation to four town hall meetings in Plentywood, Scobey, Glasgow, and Malta in support for both Saskatchewan and Montana residents who rely on Port Raymond, for commerce and trade.

The province of Saskatchewan exports more goods and services to the U.S. than to any other country. In 2018 alone, Saskatchewan exported \$1.3 billion dollars of product to Montana out of the \$17.3 billion Saskatchewan exported to the United States.

Cutting access to the international border, by any amount, would have had substantial impact on our trade activity, which is why we are pleased with this announcement.

Our government will continue to stand up for Saskatchewan to grow our economy, sustain needed supports for individuals and families, and to provide opportunity so that Saskatchewan people can stay in our province, start their careers, and build a life.

No movement on proposed fertilizer plant

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"We have an existing plant that was built in the late 1990s that's been operating since then, within probably a couple hundred feet of existing residential. We've never had any feedback," he said.

While councillor David Knight tried to follow up with the argument that business investment is required to keep the town growing, concerned ratepayers countered that putting an industrial facility so close to residential areas would hamper that growth, and questioned why it couldn't be located in the R.M. of Shellbrook, or on the west side of town along Highway 3.

To that, Tomporowski answered that businesses aren't interested in other areas, because they see less highway traffic, and

that building the plant in the R.M. of Shellbrook would be of no benefit to the town.

"The R.M. does not contribute one penny to any of the services that you're provided within the urban municipality," he said.

Turning back to the theme of property values, Tomporowski said that values are determined by the market, and that the town was only selling a handful of lots each year, even when the market was at its strongest (which, he added, it currently is not).

Ratepayers, meanwhile, countered that the town would be selling even fewer lots in that area if Co-op builds its fertilizer plant, and that any planned residential development, such as a proposed cul de sac at the

east end of 5th Avenue East, will grind to a halt.

"You'll never put that cul de sac in, because no one would ever build there," said one ratepayer.

"We're one of the few communities that's going to put an industrial park right on the edge of

our community, right up against residential places, and right up against the daycare. I don't see how you could even accept that or even consider it," said another.

The *Chronicle* will continue to follow this story, as more developments occur.

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 for the year 2019 has been prepared and is open to inspection at the Office of the Assessor from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the following days: Monday to Friday, April 26, 2019, to Monday, May 27, 2019.

A bylaw pursuant to Section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$300.00 appeal fee per roll number which will be returned if the appeal is successful, with the Assessor at R.M. of Canwood No. 494, Box 10, Canwood, Saskatchewan, S0J 0K0, by the 27th day of May, 2019.

Dated at Canwood, Saskatchewan, this 25th day of April, 2019.
Lorna Benson, Assessor

Sale by Tender

The Village of Parkside offers for sale a Ford LS45 Hydrostatic New Holland Riding Mower.

Contact David Moe at 306-747-2275 or Perry Lecomte at 306-747-7611.

Tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Tractor" addressed to the Village of Parkside, Box 48, Parkside, SK S0J 2A0. Tenders must be received by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, May 10, 2019.

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Dated the 25th day of April, 2019

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The Village of Parkside offers for sale a 1964, 2010 John Deere gas tractor with an Ezee-on loader, 3 point hitch, good rubber, good running condition, comes with attachments - 8' Farm King 3 point hitch blade and 5' Roughcut mower.

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Dated the 25th day of April, 2019

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“It’s Just a Game”

Dee doo, duh-da-da dee doo DUH-da-da DEE DOO...

If the above didn't immediately have you humming this highly recognizable tune, then it's safe to say that you are no fan of the most anxiously awaited television show of the times.

It's the opening theme music to Game of Thrones, of course. Fans and aficionados have been waiting since the final episode of Season 7 – which aired Aug. 27, 2017 – for the premiere of the 8th and final season. Some 17 million viewers are estimated to have watched the first episode of the new season on Sunday, April 14.

By the time this issue hits the streets, the second episode will have aired, with a good news-bad news feel to it all. The good news is that most of the storylines are playing themselves out and working toward some kind of resolution. The bad news is that there are only four episodes left.

Most GoT fans cringe at the thought of no longer having a new episode of the show to feast on, yet they want resolution to a number of outstanding issues, not the least of which is just who is going to win the Game and sit on the Iron Throne, unchallenged.

There was a post on Facebook not long ago that really annoyed me. Somebody said that they had never seen a single episode of Game of Thrones, and there were others in the comments who had said the same thing. I can see people not watching it, as it is the kind of show that won't appeal to everyone, but the post and comments had the feel that these people were proud of the fact they hadn't seen the show, and by implication, anyone who had was a dummy.

Maybe I just overreacted to it because I am a big fan of the show.

To be honest, one of the things I'm reacting to now is the dumb online comments from people who are supposedly fans of the show.

Maybe I just need to take a step back and not get so caught up in it. It's just a show, after all.

It's not unusual for people to get engrossed in their favorite TV shows. I put out a call on Facebook for an answer to a question: Who shot J.R.? Within five minutes I had three answers, including one from a person who told me exactly where she was when she watched the episode where the killer was revealed. Only a fan would know that.

There are many loose ends to wrap up in Game of Thrones within the final five episodes. Now that Jon Snow knows that the love of his life is actually his aunt, will that knowledge affect their relationship? Will the armies assembled by Snow defeat the Night King and his army of the dead? Will they get enough dragonglass made into weapons to use against the Night King? Will Dany's dragons overwhelm the Night King's army? Will Arya be able to kill all the people on her list?

Ah, these and so many more.

There's a "Walking Dead" feel to the show, too, given that the Night King's entire army is made up of dead people, who awaken after every time they are supposedly killed. We're all hoping the author has a happier ending to his story, but given the number of beloved characters who have been killed off in the previous seven seasons, no one is confident that we'll be given a satisfactory wrap-up to the story.

I suppose we could read the books to see how he ended it. However, the show's producers have deviated from the author's story before, and there's no guarantee that they won't this time, either.

Ah, four more weeks. And then what?

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Local matters, now more than ever



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Columnist

Recently, you may have seen an ad in the *Shellbrook Chronicle* and *Spiritwood Herald* posing the question "What happens when you don't advertise in your local newspaper?"

The answer, "Very little", is truer than some might initially believe, and it's true in a number of ways (though, as hyperbolic as this may seem, the answer could just as easily be "Nothing at all").

First and foremost, when local businesses and organizations don't advertise in their local newspapers, a large cross-section of their community doesn't learn about their products, services and events, and is unable to show their support for them.

And, when local businesses aren't supported by their community, they shut their doors or perhaps even move elsewhere, taking with them a vital piece of the small-town economy, and the community's overall sense of well-being.

Similarly, when local organizations don't receive support from the broader community, they can no longer host events that help build up community spirit and fund important local initiatives – or, worse, they fold altogether, and, once again, an important piece of the community is lost forever.

Now, it's true that, in the age of 140-characters-or-less, social media is emerging as a convenient advertising vehicle for a lot of folks. It's also true that the fact that it's free to advertise on these platforms makes them incredibly attractive (especially to small-town organizations and non-profits with even smaller budgets).

But, as the old saying goes, you get what you pay for. And, in this case, Totum research from March 2018 shows that advertising through social media in small-town Saskatchewan means you're missing at least 22.7 per cent of your potential support or customer base (the percentage of rural folks in the province who don't have any internet service).

Aside from not getting eyeballs on your advertisements, and the resulting business and community support that comes from advertising locally, not advertising in your community newspaper means that "very little" happens because, to be quite blunt, community newspapers can't exist without support from their communities.

No community newspaper means no news for the community – aside from the latest gossip down on coffee row, that is. And no news for the community means that folks don't know when their town or R.M. councils, or provincial and federal governments, make important decisions that could impact their daily lives.



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News Editor

In the face of declining advertising revenues, some community newspapers have opted to go the route of charging their readers for access to these stories. But here at the *Shellbrook Chronicle* and the *Spiritwood Herald*, we don't believe that these stories, and other important local news items, should come with a fee for entry.

That said, award-winning journalism and commentary isn't free. And it's the advertising revenues from local businesses that pay salaries and allow us to provide it to you, free of charge.

It all goes back to something that we all know in our hearts, but that we sometimes struggle to put into practice: buying and supporting local matters. And, in an age when small towns are getting smaller and big cities are getting bigger, it matters more than it ever has, if we want to maintain our small-town way of life.

Buying at a local business, or asking the shop to order in a product rather than going to the city to buy a product, allows that business to pay its employees and keep its doors open, and it also brings money to the local economy.

When businesses are able to keep their doors open, they can sponsor local events, donate to charitable causes in the community, and advertise in their community newspapers. And, when local organizations have businesses to support them, they're able to keep doing what they do for the community (and the newspaper is able to cover them), and the community as a whole thrives.

It's like a chain, or a web. Each link or strand reinforces every other link or strand, creating a strong, vibrant community. But, in a small town like Shellbrook or Spiritwood, we mustn't forget that the weakening or breaking of even a single chain or strand reverberates through the entire community.

Fortunately, we here at the *Shellbrook Chronicle* and the *Spiritwood Herald* are beneficiaries of a whole group of very strong communities.

In recognition of that, and in hopes that you will continue to support the businesses and organizations that support us, we're taking part in a "Proud Advertiser" campaign through News Media Canada. It's our way of honouring those local businesses and organizations that not only allow us to deliver the news to you, but also contribute so much more to their communities.

On pages 10 through 13 of this week's paper, you'll see just how numerous those businesses and organizations are. And we hope that this will inspire you to support them in the same way that they support us.

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Rural and urban schools need new funding approach

It can be argued the Saskatchewan Party government hasn't yet got school funding right, but it can also be argued no previous government has, either.

Sask. Party supporters likely have a point when they suggest it's galling for today's New Democrats to complain about school overcrowding when it was their predecessor's government that closed 176 schools between 1992 and August 2007.

Moreover, the Sask. Party further argues that with population stagnation during most of the NDP government years, the NDP should be blamed for creating a situation where new schools in Saskatchewan were not needed.

It's good political rhetoric, but, as is often the case with political rhetoric, it doesn't perfectly

reflect all of the reality.

More importantly, none of this political back and forth is doing much to address the new and old problems in both rural and urban Saskatchewan when it comes to addressing our schools' needs.

Since the days the one-room rural schoolhouses ended more than 50 years ago (yes, I am old enough to have attended one), it's been a slow march towards closing schools in small towns.

That's simply all part of the reality of larger, mechanized farms affecting not only farm populations but also small rural town and even small city populations.

So while it's true that 176 Saskatchewan schools were closed during the NDP government's 16-year tenure,

it's also true that schools have been closing during the past 80 years under the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation/NDP, Liberal, Progressive Conservative and, yes, even during the Sask. Party government years.

It should be noted that in the 11-year tenure of this Sask. Party government, there are 31 schools that have been closed.

However, even that number badly needs to

be put in some context.

First, let us acknowledge that under the Sask. Party government, we saw the opening 46 new schools (a few of them replacements for the schools that have closed).

This government has also renovated or expanded 23 schools, and has provided 172 portable classrooms since 2013 alone.

But it's highly significant that most of those schools are in the cities that have enjoyed the lion's share of Saskatchewan's 160,000-person increase since the Sask. Party government came to power in 2007.

The problem, however, is we now have 70 Saskatchewan schools that exceed 100 per cent capacity – 20 are at more than 120 per cent overcapacity.

Again, this is mostly

a city problem, but that doesn't mean that we don't have big school problems in rural Saskatchewan, as well.

It was revealed by the *Regina Leader-Post*'s Arthur White-Crummey that rural school divisions are being underfunded.

The Chinook School Division in the southwest is running a \$4.8-million deficit this year – its fifth consecutive year of deficit budgeting. Meanwhile, the Prairie Valley School Division is expecting a \$1.1-million deficit, and the North East School says it will have to dip into its reserves to make up for a \$2.5-million shortfall.

Part of this can surely be attributed to not collecting as much in education property tax on farmland since the Sask. Party came to power.

And while rural school enrolment may be declining, there are added expenses for rural divisions like bussing costs (which may get even more costly because of the carbon tax).

Moreover, because education funding is doled out on a per-student basis, 60 per cent of the \$26-million education funding increase in 2019-20 provincial budget is being swallowed up by Regina and Saskatoon.

This now has some rural divisions pushing back, asking the government to change to the funding formula.

But to do so would worsen the situation for city schools that are struggling with growth problems.

The Sask. Party government needs to find a way to get education funding right.



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Big River area sees two major accidents in the span of a week

On April 20, 2019, at approximately 12:50 a.m., Big River RCMP received a report of a single vehicle rollover on a grid road about 30 kilometres west of Big River.

When members arrived at the scene, they located a 47 year-old female in the front passenger seat of the vehicle, unable to get out. The Jaws of Life were used to remove her. STARS Air Ambulance airlifted her to hospital in Saskatoon with undetermined injuries.

Big River Fire Department were also present; they located an adult male who had been fatally injured during the collision. The 24 year-old was declared deceased at the scene.

An RCMP Traffic Analyst was brought in to assist. Through investigation, it was determined that there was a third occupant in the vehicle at the time

of the collision who was not immediately located at the scene.

North Battleford Police Dog Services attended to assist with the search for the third occupant. The search was negative.

In the early afternoon on April 20, RCMP were notified that the third occupant of the vehicle, a 17 year-old male, had been picked up along a gravel road by a passerby somewhere between where the collision occurred and a nearby community. He suffered what were described as minor injuries as a result of the collision.

The investigation is ongoing.

On April 16, at approximately 5:30 p.m., Big River RCMP, with the assistance from Ahtahkakoop RCMP, responded to a motor vehicle collision involving two vehicles on the 793 highway east of Vic-

toire, Sask.

Police arrived on scene and determined there were three occupants in one vehicle and four occupants in the second vehicle. All occupants sustained non-life threatening injuries and were transported to hospital by ambulance for treatment.

One passenger sustained more serious, believed to be non-life threatening, injuries and was flown to a Saskatoon hospital by STARS Air Ambulance.

EMS from Big River and Spiritwood attended the scene to assist with medical treatment of the occupants.

An RCMP Forensic Collision Analyst attended the scene to investigate.

Alcohol is believed to be a factor in this collision. No charges have been laid and the investigation is ongoing.

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Highlights of a Shellbrook town council meeting

Shellbrook's town council met on April 22 at the council chambers of the municipal office in Shellbrook.

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

Mayor Tomporowski called the meeting to order shortly after 6 p.m., and council began by approving the meeting's agenda, as well as the minutes of its March 18 regular meeting.

With no urgent business arising from those minutes, council approved payment of its regular accounts and payroll, and moved onto the reports portion of the evening.

Though there was nothing to formally report in public works, councillors did have a few suggestions about possible public works plans.

With the old Parkland Terrace building being demolished to make room for an expansion of Kinsmen Park and solar panels for the Shellbrook Recreation Complex, councillor Knight advised that the trees around the building ought to be shipped off to Big River, where they can be sold for a sizeable chunk of change.

Meanwhile, councillor Freeman asked if something could be done with the area south and east of the Senior Citizen's Centre to make it nicer, and less of a place for young people to congregate, party, and make a

mess.

Council agreed that both of these were good ideas.

In the hospitals and clinics report, councillor Otterson reported that the two SIPPAs physicians promised to Shellbrook will soon be finishing the program.

What's more, he added that two more doctors, who are based in Prince Albert but don't have licenses to practice, have been nominated to enter the SIPPAs program and are also being promised to Shellbrook.

Otterson said that these two physicians could be here sometime in September, assuming that they do well in the program, and that they could potentially go to the fee-for-service side, or join Dr. Kosarnia's practice.

In other reports, councillor Clements said that there have been no further applicants for the recreation director role. He added that efforts will be made to fulfill the duties of the role, and that the town's newly appointed facilities manager could take on some of those duties.

Having nothing further to report, council moved on to welcome Ralph Harris, who was there to talk with council about falling in a hole by King's Buffet back in March. According to Harris, town crews failed to put barricades back in place around the work area of a water line break on the north side of the restaurant (on the south side of 1st Avenue East), and instead left them out on the street.

As a result, he says he walked through the area on March 21, and ended up falling into a hole that had been filled in. This experience, he added, should serve as a reminder to the town that the public works crew needs to put up safety signs or pylons to keep the public out of work areas, and also hold regular safety meetings to remind employees of safety protocols.

Council promised that these concerns would be raised at the next public

works meeting, and Harris left for the evening.

Moving onto new business, council began by approving a motion to install a cement pad around the columbarium at the Shellbrook Cemetery and build a lean-to on the shed so that a sign can be put up, as well as a joint motion that \$11,000 be transferred from the cemetery reserve to pay for the work.

In a pair of rink-related motions, council carried a motion to transfer \$20,000 from the skating rink reserve to assist with the ongoing renovations, as well as a motion to approve the Shellbrook Recreation Project Steering Committee to pay an invoice, in the amount of \$34,749.75 to contractor Ainsworth.

Up next, council discussed a series of complaints it's received about a ratepayer's dogs barking day and night. Council agreed that, since the

ratepayer has been the subject of numerous prior complaints, the next step could be to approve the removal of the dogs from the home, if the situation isn't remedied.

Moving on, council discussed a request from Studio 747 to close off the street in front of the studio and the Shellbrook Theatre for its upcoming recitals on Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4.

Council agreed that closing the street from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on the Friday would work fine, but thought that doing so from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the Saturday would adversely affect Shellbrook Home Hardware.

In other new business, council approved a revision to its tax free for three policy which will bring condominiums into the fold. Then, with no further business to discuss, council set Tuesday, May 21 as its next meeting date and adjourned for the evening.

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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

Application Requirements

The proposed zoning bylaw amendments will remove a reference to Public Health and replace it with the Regional Health Authority and add a provision which will allow the Development Officer to also accept confirmation from the Regional Health Authority when a Rural Plumbing/Sewage Permit Application has been submitted to the said Authority to be satisfactory for a Development Permit to be issued by the Development Officer.

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REASON

The reason for the amendments is to expedite the Development Permit process and allow The Regional Health Authority to process Rural Plumbing/Sewage Permit Applications and issue permits at their own speed.

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 May 9th, 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 18th day of April, 2019.

Donna Tymak
Rural Municipal Administrator

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Swine issues show importance of biosecurity

It was in February that I wrote about the swine sector appearing to be under the threat of what would be its version of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), at least in terms of it having the same effect on markets.

African swine fever is a disease in hogs which currently has the world market for pigs and pork on edge. It spreads through close contact with infected animals or their excretions, or through feeding uncooked contaminated meat to susceptible pigs. African swine fever affects only pigs and presents no human health or food safety risks.

The disease is definitely sending a shudder through the swine sector of a worldwide basis.

According to a January

story from Reuters, "China has culled 916,000 pigs after around 100 outbreaks of African swine fever in the country", and "the disease continues to spread to new regions and larger farms."

Not surprisingly efforts are under way to strengthen biosecurity to prevent the disease getting a foothold on this continent.

Protection from ASF received some additional support from Canada's Federal government when Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, announced new funding of up to \$31 million to increase the number of detector dogs

at Canadian airports to help prevent illegally imported meat products from entering into Canada. This funding



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will allow for the addition of 24 detector dog teams over five years, bringing the total number to 39 Food, Plant, and Animal Detector Dog Service (DDS) teams," wrote Harry Siemens in Prairie Hog Country magazine.

"Importing illegal meat and meat products from countries affected by ASF present one of the most significant risks for

introducing this animal disease to Canada. Detector dogs are the best available method to intercept meat products, making them the most effective tool in protecting Canada's swine population from ASF as well as other animal diseases."

Stateside, The National Pork Producers Council's board of directors have announced its decision to cancel World Pork Expo 2019 "out of an abundance of caution as African swine fever (ASF) continues to spread in China and other parts of Asia," detailed a recent release. "World Pork Expo, held each June at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines, hosts approximately 20,000 visitors over three days, including individuals and exhibitors from ASF-positive regions.

"While an evaluation by veterinarians and other third-party experts concluded negligible risk associated with holding the event, we have decided to exercise extreme caution," said David Herring, NPPC president and a producer from Lillington, North Carolina in the release. "The health of the U.S. swine herd is paramount; the livelihoods of our producers depend on it. Prevention is our only defense against ASF and NPPC will continue to do all it can to prevent its spread to the United States."

Here in Canada plans are in place to host the first international ASF forum in Ot-

tawa from April 30 to May 1. "This forum will provide an opportunity to strengthen international cooperation further to stop the spread of ASF. Although Canada has never had a case of ASF, the disease continues to spread in parts of Asia and Europe. ASF poses no risk to human health, but it could disrupt Canada's pork industry, which includes over 100,000 direct and indirect Canadian jobs," wrote Siemans.

Certainly protecting the export oriented sector in Canada is paramount and it is to be hoped the caution being exhibited bares out for the future on the swine business.

Affordable housing receives \$450 million boost

The governments of Saskatchewan and Canada have announced a new 10-year, \$450 million partnership that will invest in affordable housing in the province and ensure that housing remains available to those who need it.

Part of the federal government's National Housing Strategy (NHS), the deal will protect, renew and expand social and community housing across the province.

"This agreement is an outstanding example of how governments have more impact when they co-operate and work together," said Paul Merriman, social services minister and minister responsible for the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation, in a release.

"Together, we can help to open doors to many more opportunities and, most importantly, support those in greatest housing need. Our government remains committed to representing the housing needs of Saskatchewan people as we work collaboratively with the federal government to deliver the initiatives under the National Housing Strategy," he added.

Additionally, officials say that the new agreement, which will see the province and the federal government share equal portions of the

costs, will support the province's priorities related to housing repair, construction and affordability.

And the governments of Canada and Saskatchewan will also work together on the design and implementation of a new Canada Housing Benefit for the province, to provide affordability support directly to families and individuals in housing need.

"The Government of Canada is committed to ensuring that every Canadian has a safe and affordable place to call home," said Ralph Goodale, minister of public safety and emergency preparedness in a statement.

"Long-term, predictable funding for housing has been needed for more than a decade. Today, with the Saskatchewan government, we have taken a significant step toward our goal of building strong communities where Canadian families can prosper and thrive, now and for the future."

Calling the partnership a "progressive housing agreement", both governments say that the agreement commits them to "new and higher standards of transparency, public engagement, and housing quality, including improved energy efficiency and

accessibility."

The agreement will also prioritize those most in need, "incorporating a human rights-based approach to housing, and applying a gender lens to all investments." The provincial government, meanwhile, says it will publish three-year action plans, beginning this fiscal year, setting targets and outlining how the agreement dollars are being spent to achieve them.

These investments are in addition to more than \$593.6 million previously planned federal housing investments in Saskatchewan through the Social Housing Agreement (SHA) over the next 10 years, as well as nearly \$2.5 million in targeted spending on five affordable housing projects in Saskatchewan communities that was announced in October 2018.

In addition to new construction, combined investments under the NHS bilateral agreement and the SHA will target the preservation of at least 16,448 existing community housing units in Saskatchewan.

The NHS, meanwhile, is a 10-year \$55 billion plan that the federal government says will help 530,000 families escape from housing

need across Canada, create 125,000 new housing units, as well as repair and renew more than 300,000 housing units and reduce chronic homelessness by 50 per cent.

To learn more about Canada's National Housing Strategy, visit www.placetocall-home.ca.

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Students cash in with Remembrance Day entries

Remembrance Day 2018 may have been nearly six months ago, but a handful of students from Shellbrook Elementary School and W.P. Sandin High School were recently given more reasons to remember the sacrifices made by Canada's veterans.

On Thursday afternoon, representatives from Shellbrook's Royal Canadian Legion branch stopped in at both schools to present these students with even more prizes for their Remembrance Day-themed poems, posters, and essays.

Awards for the students' Remembrance Day submissions are handed out each year by

legion branches across Canada, and are part of a broader national competition.

The competition is split into four age groups: primary for students from Kindergarten to Grade 3, junior for students from Grade 4 to Grade 6, intermediate for students from Grade 7 to Grade 9, and senior for students from Grade 10 to Grade 12.

Winners at the branch level move on to a larger zone contest, followed by the district and the provincial competitions. And, if successful at these levels, they have the opportunity to go all the way to the national level.

No local students made it past districts this year, but members of the Shellbrook Legion were still very pleased, overall, with how the local contingent fared.

Beginning with the primary winners, Shellbrook Elementary School student Danaid Ashgedom earned a first place finish at the zone competition for her colour poster, while Jaylynn Helm claimed second place in the zone black and white poster competition.

Among junior entrants, Shellbrook Elementary School student Reese Galloway had yet another lucrative year, winning a first at the zone competition for her essay, and earning a second place finish for her colour poster. Her essay would go on to place second at the district competition.

Elsewhere, Emersyn Nahorniak was just behind Galloway in the zone junior essay competition, earning a second place finish, W.P. Sandin High School student Braydon Payette claimed



Back row: Legion representatives Pastor David Bodvarson, Dennis Rudolph (the legion's newest member), Henri Dagenais, Helen Dagenais, and Fred Tatler. **Front row:** Corbin Long, Liam Garneau, Savannah Naber, Jessica Sharron, and Braydon Payette.

second place in the zone competition for his Remembrance Day poem, and Wild Rose School's Morgan Wood finished third for her poem.

At the intermediate level, Jessica Sharron was the only entrant to receive a prize, after she finished in first place in the zone competition for her colour poster.

In the senior group, which has historically

been lacking in entries, W.P. Sandin High School students fared well, with two students advancing past the zone competition and placing at districts.

Corbin Long claimed a first place in the senior zone competition for his poem, while Liam Garneau finished in first

with his essay. Long would go on to earn a second place finish at the district competition, while Garneau scored a third place finish.

Rounding out the award recipients, Savannah Naber earned a third place finish at the zone level for her senior black and white poster.



Shellbrook Elementary School student Reese Galloway accepts an award from the Shellbrook Legion's Helen Dagenais. Galloway has been a big winner over the past five years.

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Craft & Trade show goes over well at PIHC



Elder Mae Atkinson enjoys a conversation and a laugh with one of the show's vendors.

From delicious homemade goodies to hand-crafted woodwork to fine jewellery, just about everything was on display and up for grabs when the elders of Parkland Integrated Health Centre's long-term care facility, and the facility's Family Council, invited the community in for a spring craft and trade show.

With no fee for entry, visitors were welcome to stop in and peruse the offerings at the 20 vendors booths, enjoy a warm drink and a fresh cin-

namon bun, and, most importantly, visit with friends and the residents.

Pleased with the early turnout for the craft and trade show, PIHC recreation coordinator Trina Chamberlain says members of the community certainly did all three of those things in great numbers, helping the day turn into not just a success, but also a whole lot of fun.

Indeed, when the *Chronicle* stopped in, the traffic was steady, with residents and visitors at nearly every vendor's booth either shopping or just chatting.

Elder Mae Atkinson, for instance, was being regaled with a vendor's story about jewellery,

while Chamberlain and elder Hans Ottmeier were trying on the jewelry (Chamberlain with a little more enthusiasm).

Similar to the vendor's stalls, the tables in PIHC's Great Hall were

filled with people enjoying the aforementioned cinnamon buns, and taking time to visit.



Recreation co-ordinator Trina Chamberlain tests out an earring on resident Hans Ottmeier, who doesn't quite seem convinced that they're the right fit for him.

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How parents can discuss social media with children

Parents of young children tend to have a lot on their minds. While social media may not be moms' and dads' foremost concern, it's a topic that today's parents must discuss with their children eventually.

Social media is largely uncharted territory for parents. Many parents of young children did not grow up with social media. As a result, they might not know what constitutes appropriate usage, and how to convey that to kids growing up in a world where social media is so prevalent. Parents tasked with discussing social media with kids can consider the following tips.

- Recognize today's kids are the most connected people in the world. UNICEF notes that young people between the ages of 15 and 24 are the most connected people in the world. Seventy-one percent of people in that age group are online, while just 48 percent of the total population across the globe is online. Parents won't be able to eliminate the internet or social media from their kids' lives. So discussions about social media usage should be about responsible usage, which should include limits
- Don't view social media as a villain. While social media gets its share of deserved and undeserved criticism, UNICEF, in its "The State of the World's Children 2017" report, noted that digital technologies can serve as positive forces in the lives of young people. For example, digital technologies allow children to access information on issues affecting their communities. Some youngsters may use that access as inspiration to change their communities for the better. In addition, social media allows young people with conditions such as cerebral palsy to interact with their peers in ways they might not have been able to interact in decades past. When discussing social media with their children, parents can emphasize these positive aspects while also noting the negatives associated with social media, using the combination of both as an example of why social media must be used in moderation.
- Address the elephant in the room. Everyone on the internet is not who they say they are, and parents must address this with their kids before

on how much time kids spend online each day.

youngsters open social media accounts. Point out to children that they should never "friend" anyone who they do not know. A 2015 report from Pew Research found that 41 percent of Facebook users are connected with people they have never met in person. While adults who connect with strangers may not be in danger, kids may not be mature or savvy enough to recognize cyber criminals or others looking to prey on their inexperience and trustfulness. Explain this to children and use it to illustrate why mom and dad want to know who they're speaking to online. Emphasize that your goal is to protect

them, not invade their privacy.

Social media can be a difficult topic for par-



ents to discuss with their children. Maintaining an open and honest dialogue that recognizes the pros and cons of social media can make such discussions more fruitful.

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Wild Rose student receives award from Legion

Four members of the Shellbrook Legion Branch 111 were out to visit the students at Wild Rose Public School to present an award to one of its students.

Helen and Henri Da-

genais, Allan Carswell, and Fred Tatler joined the students and staff to congratulate Morgan Wood on her achievement.

Morgan, a grade 6 student, penned a poem,

for the annual Remembrance Day Poster/Essay & Poem Contest that the Royal Canadian Legion hosts every year.

Morgan's entry, in the Junior division, won 2nd place in the Branch con-

test, which then moved her onto the Zone competition. Morgan's poem competed against other

communities which include Big River, Canwood, Spears, Duck Lake, Battleford and

North Battleford.

From here, Morgan's poem won 3rd place overall.



Shellbrook Legion representatives Allan Carswell, Fred Tatler, Helen Dagenais, and Henri Dagenais present a prize to Grade 6 student Morgan Wood.

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OBITUARY

Judith "Judi" Bold



BOLD, Judith "Judi"

(nee: Farthing)

June 21, 1949 – April 11, 2019

The family of Judi is sad to announce her passing on April 11, 2019. She will be dearly missed by her two children, Jackie Denis (Wayne Ford) and Michael (Stacey)

Bold; four grandchildren, Stephanie Bold, Shae Bold (Tyrell Nordick), Cody Denis and Miranda Denis; great-granddaughter, Aryz Robertson; sisters, Debbie, Barb and Lisa (Lyndon Sawatsky); brothers, Gerald (Michelle) and Douglas (Heather); numerous nieces and nephews. Judi was predeceased by her parents, Matilda (Tilly) McGraw, Art McGraw, stepdad James "George" Patterson as well as brothers, Raymond McGraw and Dennis Caron.

Judi was born on June 21, 1949 in Saskatoon, SK. She was raised and went to school in Leask, SK. She married John Bold in 1967 and they lived on a farm near Kilwinning, SK. for many years. Judi worked for H&R Block and later moved to Winnipeg

to do book keeping. After a few years, she moved back to Saskatoon to be closer to her family due to heart issues.

Judi will be remembered for her love of the theater, reading books and great organizational skills. Her passion for card games and cooking has been passed along through the generations.

There will be a Celebration of Life held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at Saskatoon Funeral Home (338 4th Ave. N.) with Sue Panattoni as celebrant. A graveside service will be held at a later date. Condolences may be left at www.saskatoonfuneralhome.com. Arrangements entrusted to SASKATOON FUNERAL HOME (306-244-5577).

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Playoff hockey offers no guarantees

Last week you may have read in this space a whimsical suggestion that Tampa Bay Lightning couldn't possibly be beaten in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

There are no such guarantees, of course, no matter how many regular-season records a team might set or tie (most wins in an NHL season, for one).

The reality is that games are won on the ice, not in newspaper columns, and this season's two-month run to the June conclusion has a number of interesting sidebars.

Like, who doesn't like the St. Louis Blues to win the West? The hottest team in the league during the second half of the season, the Blues were dead last in the league when they replaced coach Mike Yeo with Craig Berube and suddenly turned things around. How can the Calgary Flames not be favoured to win the

West? They racked up more points than anyone in the conference (107) and got there by a solidly balanced offensive attack — five players each with more than 20 goals and 60 points. Mark Giordano is expected to win the Norris trophy as the league's best defenceman and if the Flames had a reliable goalie like St. Louis does in Jordan Binnington, they might coast to the West title. But neither Mike Smith nor David Rittich inspires a great deal of confidence, and goaltending could be their Achilles heel.

Who isn't secretly rooting for Canada's team, the Toronto Maple Leafs, to win their first Stanley Cup since 1967? With the addition of free-agent John Tavares, who lived up to the hype with a 47-goal season, the Leafs are at least a contender, but they're sloppy defensively and defence wins in the post-season.



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Speaking of Canadian teams, who doesn't feel a bit sorry for Montreal Canadiens, the only non-playoff team to have a positive goal differential this year? The Habs and their 94 points would have easily qualified for the playoffs in the West, but there is more power in the East and 94 points just didn't cut it.

So who other than Tampa, St. Louis or Calgary could possibly win the Cup? Never count out the defending champs, so there's a vote for Washington. Sidney

Crosby and the Penguins had a so-so year but playoffs are a different deal. Boston is healthy and the Bruins had as many points as Calgary, so why not? Nashville and Winnipeg have playoff experience and could pull off an upset. Vegas got a taste of late-season play last year, and they're flying under the radar this year. The veteran-laden San Jose Sharks have loads of playoff experience.

The rest? It would be a real shock if Dallas, Colorado, Islanders, Carolina, Columbus or Toronto stood tallest in mid-June. They're probably all in next-year country.

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "The New York Jets unveiled their new uniforms and they are not getting good reviews. The worst part? They still say New York Jets on them."

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "The NY

Times reports scientists want more study into a rare genetic mutation that keeps Jo Cameron, 71, from feeling any pain or anxiety. Her next big test — Knicks season tickets."

• Comedy writer Brad Dickson: "A sign you're too into football: you've been in a downward emotional spiral ever since the AAF folded."

• Another one from RJ Currie: "How about the Alliance of American Football folding just eight weeks into its inaugural season? Just like that, they went from an alternative to an AAFterthought."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Ryan Fitzpatrick has now been employed by 25 per cent of the NFL's 32 franchises after signing with his eighth team, the Dolphins, last week. Which certainly makes him a quarterback in more ways than one."

• RJ Currie again: "Ca-

nadian tennis star Briana Andreescu threw the opening pitch at a Toronto-Baltimore game — a perfect strike. The Jays gave her the ball, a commemorative photo and a contract offer."

• Headline at Fark.com: "Hapless Mariners can't even get a rebuilding year right."

• Headline at theion.com: "Bryce Harper informs Phillies GM of 2-week vacation In August he'd planned before getting job."

• Comedy writer Tim Hunter, after a rhino poacher was trampled to death by elephants and eaten by lions in South Africa: "Just outside the village of Karma."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com, on the soap-opera Lakers: "I'm so old I remember when the Clippers were Los Angeles's dysfunctional NBA franchise."

Care to comment?
Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Another season begins for Shellbrook U19 Rangers

By Tyrone MacPherson

On Wednesday, March 13, the Shellbrook Rangers Midget U19 Fastball Club began preparations for the 2019 season.

Camp opened at the Alfred Jenkins Center in Prince Albert and ran through April 18, which included both the U19 and U16 Rangers clubs.

This year's edition of the red, white and blue recently announced its staff for the upcoming season. Tyrone MacPherson returns as head coach and is joined by associate coaches Trevor Miller and Josh Elliot.

Miller is a veteran coach who returns to the club following a successful 2018 campaign.

Noah MacPherson steps down from his position to take on the head coaching role with the U16 Rangers.

MacPherson has added former Ranger players Jared Wason and Dylan Kvinalug to the U16 staff.

Duane Storey also leaves the U19 staff to take over the head coach position with the U14 Rangers.

With the departures, the Rangers have been fortunate to add local athlete Josh Elliot to the U19 coaching staff for 2019.

Elliot has extensive experience at highly competitive levels, including his selection to The Team Canada U19 National team in his final year of eligibility.

Elliot also is a top performer with the Shellbrook Silvertips senior hockey club, and is well known to players and in the community.

Highlights for the 2019 season will include competing at the provincial championships in Delisle on July 5 through 7, the national U19 championships in Owen Sound, Ontario during Aug. 6 to 11, and competing in the Men's Sportsmen's League in Prince Albert.

The Rangers also plan to compete in various mens tournaments around the province and will host the New Zealand U19 National team in Shellbrook in an exhibition doubleheader.

Tentative plans will see a 60 game schedule. The heavy schedule plans to

include an increased presence in Shellbrook and area, hosting several games from May to August.

MacPherson thinks that there are high expectations attached to this club, partly due to last season's excitement.

"Last year was in many ways the perfect storm. We came together as a club, as people, as families and as a community," he said. "It will be tough to re-create that experience, but we have enough returning players as well as some veteran additions that will make us very competitive. We should be fun to watch."

If 2018 provided any indication of what the 2019 edition should look like, it promises to be an exciting summer in Shellbrook.

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Five ways to prevent your pet from getting lost

Loving pets want to be right by their owners' sides as much as possible. As a result, a boisterous puppy may follow underfoot while a cute kitty will snuggle on the sofa with its owner.

Even though pets prefer to stick close by, there are times when distractions, events or noises can cause a pet to roam. Animals that do not know how to find their way back home can quickly become disoriented and lost.

The number of pets that go missing can be staggering. One in three pets will become lost at some point during their lives. The following are five steps pet owners can take to prevent them from getting lost.

1. Get a collar and identification tag. Collars may seem "old school" in a digital world, but a dog tag is an ideal way to identify a pet and provide contact information should he or she get lost.

2. Invest in microchipping. Microchipping is an effective way to ensure current contact information always accompanies the animal, whether he or she is wearing a collar or not. Microchips are small identification devices about the size of a grain of rice that are painlessly inserted just under the skin of a pet. The microchip gives off a signal that can be read with a handheld scanner used by animal shelters and most vets.

3. Ensure your pet is spayed or neutered. Animals that have not been spayed or neutered have a tendency to roam because they are looking to fulfill the instinct to mate. Neutering removes this desire, and the pets may be more content to remain at home.

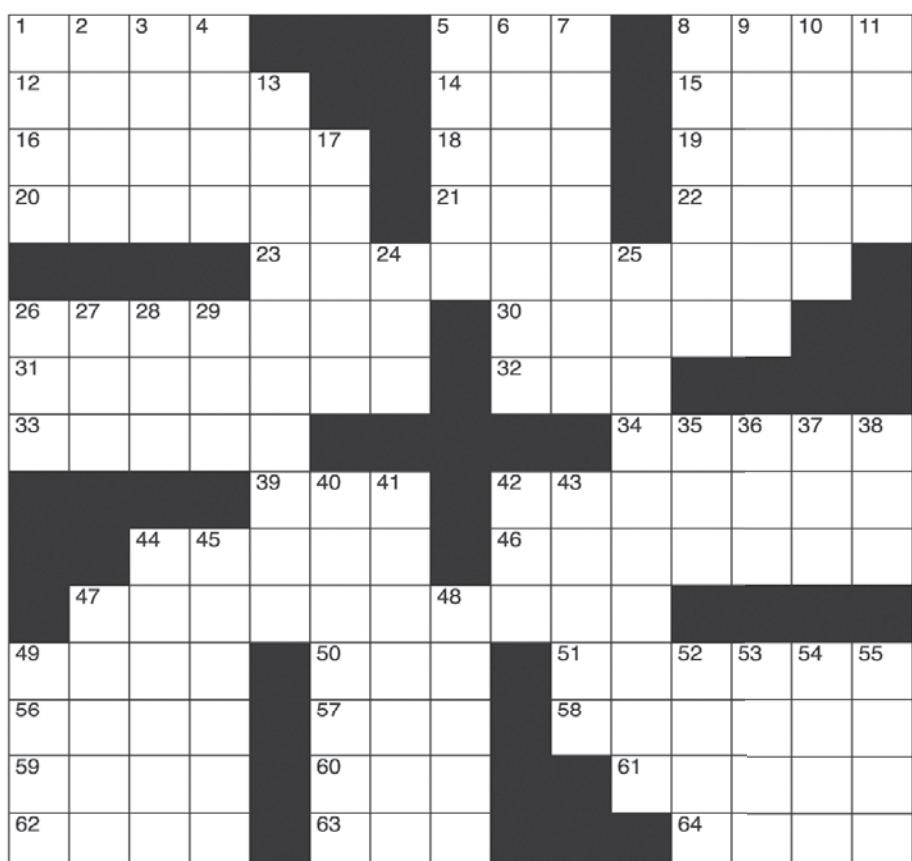


4. Leash pets outdoors. Even the most well-behaved and trained animals may dash off after a squirrel or other distractions from time to time, especially if the animal is scared. These issues can be prevented by using a leash outside at all times.

5. Escape-proof homes and yards. Check to see if any potential escape routes are around the house and outside in the yard. Dogs that dig can be derailed by burying chicken wire around the edges of the fence. Make sure gates are self-latching as well. Indoors, check that windows are secure. Exercise caution when opening doors and check that pets have not squeezed through, advising visitors to do the same. If you have a Houdini on your hands, supervise outdoor play.

Attention to detail can help prevent lost pets.

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- 5. Panthers' signal caller
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- 16. Kids
- 18. Single Lens Reflex
- 19. Extra seed-covering
- 20. Force out
- 21. Feline
- 22. ___ & Stitch
- 23. Semantic relations
- 26. A larval frog or toad
- 30. Sport for speedsters
- 31. One who is learning
- 32. Request
- 33. Famed WWII conference
- 34. Relieved
- 39. English broadcaster
- 42. Car signal
- 44. Grass part
- 46. Trivially
- 47. Serve as a warning
- 49. Centers of activity
- 50. An electrically charged atom
- 51. Small swelling of cells
- 56. Irritates
- 57. "___ your i's, cross your t's"
- 58. Removed
- 59. "Death in the Family" author
- 60. When you hope to arrive
- 61. German district
- 62. Turner and Kennedy
- 63. Midway between south and southeast
- 64. Emerald Isle

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mathematical optimization search method
- 2. Country along the Arabian peninsula
- 3. Pointed parts of pens
- 4. Lake ___, one of the Great
- 5. Peruvian region
- 6. State capital of Georgia
- 7. Those killed for their beliefs
- 8. Typeface
- 9. Shrill cry
- 10. Sends via the Postal Service
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- 17. Vogue
- 24. Born of
- 25. Get the job done
- 26. Teletype (Computers)
- 27. Small southern constellation
- 28. Decaliters
- 29. Area near the concert stage
- 35. Social insect living in organized colonies
- 36. Winter activity
- 37. Snakelike fish
- 38. Not wet
- 40. In addition to
- 41. In league
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- 44. Marked
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A gardener's guide to saving seeds

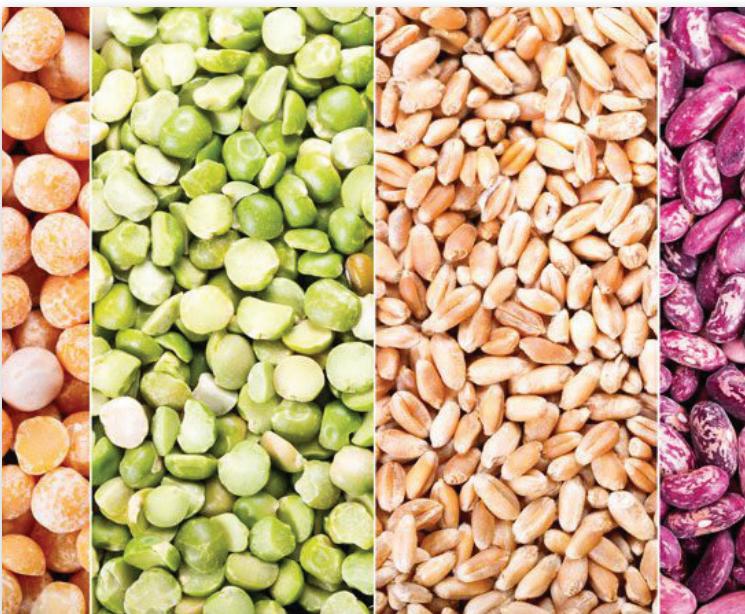
By Patricia Hanbidge

The ancient practice of saving seeds has in recent years become a feasible and in some cases encouraged practice. There is a science to saving seeds; one that requires patience, vigilance and dedication but the rewards and satisfaction outweigh the labour costs.

There is far more to saving seed than going out into the garden and selecting one or two plants from each vegetable variety you grow to serve as seed producers. The ancient people, who began to save seed, observed the plants and paid special attention to how the plants grew, when they flowered and the quality and quantity of fruit produced. Seed was selected from plants that showed natural disease resistance, high yields, good to excellent quality and growth that suited the growing environment. The home gardener can take a similar approach. Plants that show these qualities have the potential to be excellent seed sources.

Although the ancient seed savers had no knowledge of plant biology, the home gar-

dener will benefit from a little of this knowledge. The concept that is most important to know is pollination. Pollination differs with each plant family. Some require wind while others are mainly pollinated by insects and still others utilize a combination of the two. Pollination occurs when the pollen from either male flowers or male flower parts (called stamens) is transferred to female flowers or female flower parts (called pistils). The pollen may be from the flower of related plant or it may be from a flower of a plant in the same family. For example cucumbers and zucchini are part of the squash family. They have monoecious flowers which means they have both male and female flowers on the same plant. Some plants are dioecious which have male and female flowers on different plants. Some of the most common plants that come to mind are poplar and ash trees. Dioecious plants are extremely important as there might be strong preferences to one sex or another due to allergies or other landscape con-



cerns like poplar fuzz! Still other plants contain perfect flowers which contain both the male and female parts in each flower itself. For example our dwarf sour cherries have perfect flowers so there is no cross-pollination with another cherry to produce fruit which means that gardeners will only require one plant for fruit production.

There is one thing that the ancient seed gatherers did not have to contend with and that modern seed gatherers do: hybridization. Many plants that we grow are hybrids meaning the flowers of two related species have been cross-pollinated to produce a new flower or

vegetable selection. The seed from hybrid varieties will likely be sterile, however, if it does germinate, it is unlikely that the flowers or vegetables will be like the parent plant. In fact, the plants may be sterile and not produce flowers at all.

We have covered the basics of pollination but there is still more to know about seed saving. Pollination is the key to either having fruit or not but it is also the key to whether or not the fruit will be like the fruit of the parents. When a seed is described as "coming true", it will grow, flower, and produce fruit that looks exactly like the parent plants. Seed that does not 'come true' will often be seed that has two different parents from the same plant family. For example, green beans will cross-pollinate with yellow

beans resulting in beans that can be either green or yellow. When planting a garden to use for seed production, remember that it is important to plant single varieties of those plants you plan to save seed from. Planting only heritage or heirloom (non-hybrid) green beans will mean that you will have green bean seeds that will produce true green beans the following year. Keep in mind that if your neighbour is growing vegetables, there can also be cross-pollination between their varieties of vegetables and yours. Maybe you can go together and each grow different types of vegetables but then share the produce. You'll have double the garden space, more vegetables and new friends for life.

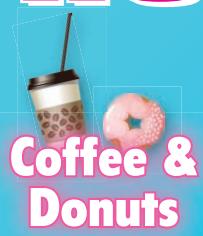
The theme for the next few articles revolves all about growing heirloom or heritage plants. We, at the School of Horticulture have grown a plethora of heritage tomatoes and peppers that will be ready for sale in May. Watch our facebook page @schoolofhort for more information!

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