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W.P. Sandin's third Relay for Life raises \$7,000

Some walked around W.P. Sandin High School's track, some ran, and some did cart-wheels. Others, still, simply enjoyed some good old-fashioned barbecue.

But no matter how they did it, everyone who supported or participated in the high school's third annual Relay for Life event did their part to raise an impressive \$7,000 for cancer research.

"I am always so proud of our SLC students when they decide to host an event and then work hard to see it through," said teacher and SLC advisor Nicole Philp.

"They see [Relay for Life] as a worthwhile fundraiser because there are not many who have not been affected by cancer at some point in their lives. Not only is it a worthwhile cause, but the students love planning events that connect their school with the community."

Philp adds that it's always great to see the community respond so well to these events, and that both she and the SLC are grateful for the continued support.

"It is rewarding for them to have their efforts recognized by the many community members who support and appreciate their leadership and volunteerism," she said.

For Grade 12 student and SLC member Sam Miller, who has helped spearhead the Relay for Life in years two and three, the cause is a deeply personal one, due to a close friend's battle with cancer.

That's why he feels it's so important for the school, and the community, to join the fight against cancer by raising funds for cancer research.

"Relay for life is a great event that brings people together for a great cause. It's



Leading the procession for the lap in honour of cancer survivors, W.P. Sandin High School students Makenna Bloom, Sam Miller, and Leah Mennie share conversation at the school's third Relay for Life.

also a wake-up call hearing stories from survivors, families who have had a loved one taken by cancer, or their life changed due to cancer," he said. "It's unbelievable."

The SLC held its first Relay for Life event in May of 2017, with W.P. Sandin graduate Jenna Beaulieu spearheading the herculean effort to pull everything together.

That inaugural Relay for Life brought in a whopping \$15,840 for cancer research, and inspired Miller and the SLC to carry on the work that she had started.

Despite some bad weather the morning of the 2018 Relay for Life, that event still managed to drum up \$7,500 for the cause, bringing the two-year total to just over \$23,000.

With the \$7,000 raised this year, the total raised by the community has now eclipsed \$30,000, and Miller says he hopes the school will continue raising more money in the years to come.

"I am graduating this year and just really hope the school continues to do it because it is such a great fundraiser," he

said, acknowledging all the people, including his fellow students, teachers, and other volunteers, who help pull it together.

Saturday evening's Relay for Life kicked off at 5 p.m. with a community barbecue, where burgers and hot dogs were on the menu.

Shortly after 6 p.m., the teams that had signed up and taken pledges for the Relay all gathered on the field, and the Relay began, in earnest, with a lap to honour of cancer survivors.

Throughout the evening,

there was also plenty of entertainment on offer to motivate the Relay participants.

And, in keeping with tradition, there was a touching special message from W.P. Sandin alumni Crystal Fitch and Bobby Young, who have had three of four members of their family battle cancer, and who lost their mother, Marilyn Young, to cancer just a few short years ago. (Due to a last-minute illness, neither Fitch nor Young were able to attend, but their message was read by Grade 12 student and SLC member Sarra Hazelwood.)



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Shellbrook Pentecostal hosts puzzling escape room

About 15 kids and teens were locked in a room in the basement of the Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly on Friday evening, and tasked with using nothing but their wits and puzzle solving capabilities to break free within an hour.

If that sounds like the plot of a horror movie, well it actually is (see the 2018 film *Escape Room*).

However, in this escape room, the participants, who were all part of the church's youth group, were willing and even eager to test their brains

and solve the clues laid out for them.

And, most important of all, they seemed to enjoy themselves while doing it.

Marlene Bodvarson, who oversaw and helped organize the escape room evening alongside its true masterminds, Keith and Dianne Ethier, says the church's escape room experiment was an overwhelming success.

What's more, she says she was glad to see that the effort was so well received by the kids.

"They all had fun, and they were all really good

about it. I was quite impressed," she said.

"We had a couple of adults go through before, and some of the young people were actually getting just as quick, if not faster than some of the adults. It was a good challenge for them, and they were up for the challenge."

While similar style puzzles have been around for a long time, actual escape rooms (as in businesses that charge folks money to lock them in room) didn't begin to take off until the mid-2000s.

Since they emerged, they have become an alternative recreation phenomenon, even spawning four escape room businesses in Prince Albert.

Naturally, in a small town like Shellbrook, something as complicated as an escape room doesn't just pop up overnight.

Indeed, the idea for the church to build and design the escape room initially came up in late 2018.

After this, Bodvarson says it was a matter of going to other escape rooms to learn how to put one together, then actually doing the design and construction.

"Diane and Keith were the big push on this. They did a lot of the work. Between the two of them, there's quite a lot of imagination, and a lot of drive," she said.

Bodvarson adds that Keith and Dianne's imagination was key to the success of the Pentecostal Assembly's first foray into escape rooms, as it helped them puzzle out the biggest challenge: setting up unique locks, and clues that were challenging, but not impossible.

"The hardest part was making it all flow into each other. Each clue had to go to the next one, then to the next one, then to next one. It was just making it all connect."

Explaining that the escape room was just thought of as something



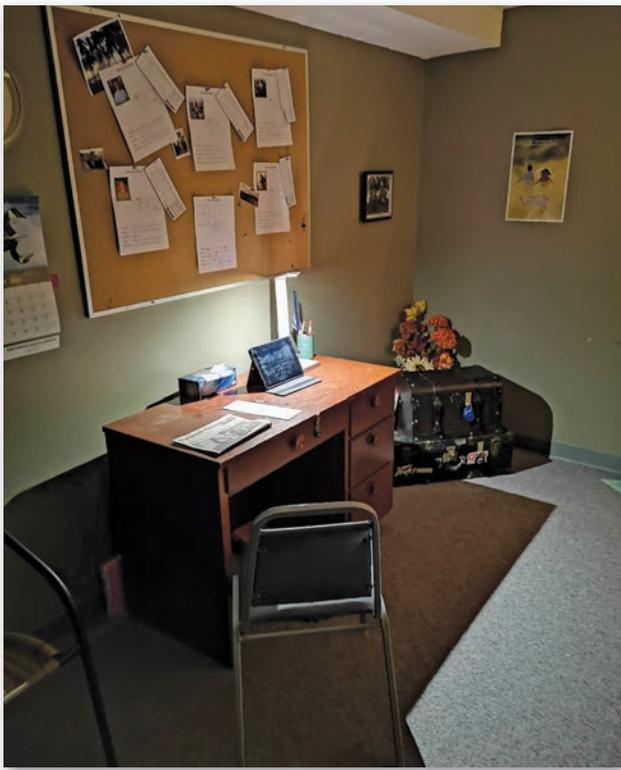
The first team to enter the escape room in the basement of the Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly on Friday evening emerged triumphant from the ordeal after 43 minutes.

for the kids to try out, Bodvarson says there aren't yet any concrete plans for the future.

That said, she certainly sees opportunities to try escape rooms with different themes, as well as possibilities for the escape room to be leveraged as a future fundraiser.

Keith, meanwhile, has said a dream of his would be to turn more of the rooms in the basement of the Pentecostal Assembly into escape rooms to build on the experience.

"We haven't really thought that far ahead. But possibilities, you know?" Bodvarson said.



The moody lighting made the escape room a place where no one would like to be trapped.

Town of Blaine Lake seeks Facilities Coordinator/Office Assistant

The Town of Blaine Lake is accepting applications for a full time, permanent position of Recreation Director/Office Assistant.

Qualifications for this position are:

- Education and/or experience in recreation planning and development; and office administration.
- Excellent communication, written and facilitation skills
- Leadership skills that motivate others
- Ability to maintain effective working relationships with staff, volunteers, board members and the general public.
- Ability to work independently.
- Must have good computer skills.
- Accounting experience
- Must be bondable.

Duties include but are not limited to:

- Facilitate the operation of all recreation facilities and properties owned by the Town of Blaine Lake
- Establish and maintain a working relationship with local volunteer organizations and committees
- Assist with the organization and delivery of recreation, sport and culture programs and activities.
- Source, apply and follow-up on recreation and culture grants.
- Attend and serve on Special Events Committees that assist in forming positive public relations with the community's citizens and organizations.
- Assist with general municipal office duties.

Salary will be based on qualifications and experience. Position offers the opportunity for advancement. Applicants should submit a resume to:

Town of Blaine Lake
Box 10
Blaine Lake, SK S0J 0J0
blainelake@sasktel.net
Fax: (306) 497-2511

Resume, including references, must be received no later than Friday June 22nd, 2019.

The Town of Blaine Lake wishes to thank all applicants for their interest and advises that only those to be interviewed will be contacted.

Suspects sought Pelican Lake FN incidents

Two separate incidents on the Pelican Lake First Nation kept the Spiritwood RCMP detachment busy last week, according to bulletins sent out through the Saskatchewan Crime Watch Advisory Network.

On Thursday, May 23, officers from the detachment were dispatched following complaints about an impaired driver on the First Nation.

Upon attending the scene, officers located the suspect and suspect vehicle. While trying to perform an arrest, a second suspect assaulted one of them, and

was subsequently arrested and placed in a police vehicle.

Officers were then involved in a foot pursuit with the initial subject of the complaint, and successfully located and arrested him. However, upon returning to their vehicle, they discovered that the first arrested suspect had been let out.

Spiritwood RCMP has currently issued a warrant for arrest on 35-year-old Brent Sakebow.

The following day, Friday March 24, the Spiritwood RCMP detachment received a call at around 1:40 a.m. regarding the theft of a vehicle by three unknown suspects.

The suspects reportedly had a firearm, and left in an unknown direction with the car, which is described as a grey, four-door 2000 Pontiac Bonneville, with Saskatchewan license plate O66 LHU.

Anyone who locates the vehicle is urged not to approach it.

Anyone with information regarding these two incidents is advised to contact the call 911, or contact the RCMP at 306-310-RCMP (7267). Tips can also be sent anonymously at saskcrimestoppers.com, or by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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Thursday, June 6, 7:30 p.m.

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For more information on the AGM: breanna.happyhearts@hotmail.com

Highlights of a Shellbrook town council meeting

Shellbrook's town council met on May 21 at the council chambers of the municipal office in Shellbrook. Present at the meeting were Mayor George Tomporowski, councillors Lyle Banda, Bruce Clements, Lois Freeman, David Knight, 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 April 22 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.

In public works news, Mayor Tomporowski reported that the town is inching closer to a deal

with the Ministry of Highways to purchase a parcel of old railway land. The town currently owns the parcel, which crosses Highway 3, and the ministry has been looking to get it back. However, the ministry's unwillingness to offer the town what it originally paid for the property has been a point of contention between the two parties.

Elsewhere, councillor Banda reported that the town would be paying the insurance deductible of a homeowner who suffered a sewer back-up due to a failure in a town line, and it was also reported that at least some of the work to clean up the area behind and to the east of the Shellbrook Senior Citizen's Centre had been completed.

In hospitals and clinics updates, councillor

Otterson had a healthy dose of good news to offer.

With the arrival of two new physicians, Dr. Seyed Hossein Vahidvari and Dr. Bakak Parsi, and the return of Dr. Christine Ryan from maternity leave, the community is now at five doctors in the Primary Care Clinic.

Meanwhile, two other doctors, who are expected to serve in Shellbrook on the fee-for-service side, could arrive in August or September.

Other assorted reports highlights included news that asbestos removal from the lobby of the Shellbrook Recreation Complex is underway, and, at the time of the meeting, was expected to be completed in another week.

In her administrator's report, Hoare informed council that there's been an issue with the water

supply line at the Shellbrook Sports Grounds still being frozen due to the late arrival of spring.

Council agreed that the town would rent a portapotty for the grounds until the problem is remedied, to allow visitors to use the bathroom.

Wrapping up her report, Hoare also told council that the Official Community Plan amendments for Co-op's proposed fertilizer plant on the east side of town had been approved.

She noted, however, that Co-op still hasn't submitted plans, and that it has said that it will allow one more Field of Dreams crop to go on.

Moving to new business, council was unanimous in its desire to encourage residents to join the Parkland Rural Crime Watch Association.

It followed this up with a motion to approve the reversal of an account, in the amount of \$23,600, after someone backed out of purchasing a lot.

This prompted questions from councillor Knight, who asked if the town's sluggish lot sales were a product of the lots being priced too high.

While some argued that the lots are priced comparatively to similar communities, and that the market is stagnant, councillor Knight countered that selling a few lots at a lower price would benefit the town more than selling none at the current price.

Up next, council addressed correspondence from the owners of the Mesa Way development. The owners requested that the town pave the street as part of a Local Improvement project, but council agreed that it currently doesn't have the funds for the work, even if it wanted to do it.

Mayor Tomporowski advised that the town should be saving money to do the work eventually, and council agreed that it needed to create a plan or priority list for future paving projects as

part of its asset management planning.

In other new business, council approved lease rates for the hangars at the airport. As per their own proposal, The owners of the five small hangars will pay \$375 per year, while the owners of the two large hangars will pay \$1,000 per year.

Moving on, council approved a request from the curling rink to award the tender for some roof work, in the amount of \$35,969.46, to Robert Rodgers, pending Worker's Compensation Board clearance.

Lastly, council carried a motion for the curling rink to have a liquor license for the entire Shellbrook Recreation Complex. Council agreed that this made more sense than a license that only covered the curling rink lounge.

With no further business on its plate, council set Monday, June 17 as the date for its next meeting, and adjourned for the evening.

Sask. Health Authority volunteer opportunities

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

Parent-Tot Program – Parkland Integrated Health Centre (306) 747-6841
Mothers and/or fathers along with their young children may visit residents on a one-to-one basis or in small groups. Parents are responsible for their children at all times.

Shifts: Flexible, once or twice per week.

Entertainment – Wheatland Lodge – Leask (306) 466-4949

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.

Activity Programs – Big River Health (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

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 or find us on the web at www.paphr.ca.

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Friday, May 31st

11am - 1:30pm U16 Rangers Burger Sale
(in front of Bigway Foods)

6:30pm Shellbrook Rangers Fastball Club
Featuring U19 VS Dry Creek Penguins

5:30pm - 9:30pm Food Booth & Beer Gardens

Parkland Minor Ball Games start @ 5:15pm

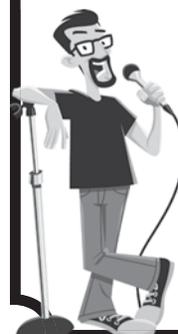
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Saturday, June 1st

Shellbrook Rangers Fastball Club starts @ 9am
Featuring U16, U14 & U12 Boys

Food Booth & Beer Gardens

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“Class of 2019”

We have just returned from a weekend in Grande Prairie, AB, attending the graduation of our eldest granddaughter, a young lady you’ve met in this space before as “Bounce”.

We chronicled our experiences at this time last year following the graduation of our grandson, Bump, and we have just undergone a similar experience. However, for as similar as Grande Prairie graduations are, there are a number of differences. Let’s just say that the traditions carry on despite attempts to put a singular stamp on the event.

Graduations from Charles Spencer High School are typically held at Revolution Place, home to the Grande Prairie Storm when they have ice; however, hockey doesn’t pull in as many people as a Charles Spencer grad.

Bump’s class was huge, 211. Bounce’s group eclipsed that by a long shot. Some 279 young men and women filed into the arena

to the strains of “Pomp and Circumstance” and were directed to their seats by a pair of teachers. We discovered that “Pomp and Circumstance” is actually quite short, but it can be looped seamlessly to run forever, or at least for as long as you want it to. For 279 people filing in, it needed to be long.

One by one they filled the nine rows of chairs in front of the stage, and facing the stage, fifteen to a side, with the Y’s and Z’s in Row 10.

At precisely 10:00 am, the Principal welcomed everyone, laid out a few rules – no air horns, turn off cell phones, the usual stuff – and turned the microphone over to two young ladies who had

co-chaired the Graduation Committee. Following their short speech, they called on two teachers who spoke for a few minutes. Then there was a video of school shots.

And then the diplomas were presented. The first diploma was presented at 10:42. Bounce received hers at 11:43 and the last one, to Kyle Zwerzinski, at 12:17. Ninety-five minutes, almost three grads a minute. Just enough time for each to be introduced, have a small blurb read about them, receive the diploma, and have a photo taken.

The Grand March was held at the same place later that same day, with the grads coming out from behind the curtain on stage, with their escorts, introduced and sent down the ramp. And Kyle Zwerzinski, last to get a diploma, was the first to be introduced with his escort (also a grad, whose name started with “A”).

It’s at this point that we see all these young men and women in their finery, with the women in dresses and gowns of every style and colour. Ball gowns, mermaid dresses, mini dresses, strapless evening gowns, gownless evening straps.

And the young men all in suits. There’s nothing much to say about suits. They don’t change much from year to year.

All that was Friday, and it was over for us by 7:00 or so. The grads and their escorts all went to the other room at Revolution Place for their private prom.

Saturday was the fun part, with family and friends and food and drink in the garage and driveway of Speed and Nascar. That’s two down and one to go, three more if we count the Fernie family.



Proud grandparents with granddaughter Delany Norrish, aka “Bounce”



GoT anger highlights dangers of fame

After nine years, eight seasons, and 73 episodes, our watch has finally ended.

HBO’s medieval melodrama, *Game of Thrones*, has reached its highly controversial blood, fire, and sex-fuelled conclusion, and, though we arguably live in a golden age of television, it’s doubtful that we will ever see its like again (even if, in this era of beating every possible dead dragon, there are currently no fewer than five spinoff series in the works).

Among the most interesting things about *Game of Thrones*, or rather the George R. R. Martin book series it’s premised upon, is the fact that it came from so far out of left field.

The first book in Martin’s *A Song of Ice and Fire* series, aptly titled *A Game of Thrones*, was first published in 1996, and received little fanfare outside of the realm of avid fantasy readers – indeed, even this frequent consumer of science fiction and fantasy hadn’t heard of the books until the show was announced.

And yet, when it debuted on TV screens in 2011, it captivated millions of people worldwide with its Machiavellian intrigue, shocking twists, and unparalleled spectacle. More surprisingly, it propelled epic fantasy into the adult mainstream in a way that eclipsed even Peter Jackson’s ambitious film adaptations of J. R. R. Tolkien’s *Lord of the Rings* books, making it “cool” to talk about dragons and knights, and kings and queens, around the water cooler every Monday morning.

One would expect that achieving such a level of fame and success with a television series would unquestionably be a good thing. It is, after all, a dream that many envision for themselves, but that few actually make into reality.

But now that we’re nearly two weeks removed from the end of the show, and all that anyone can talk about is what a letdown the final six-episode season was (and it was, in so many ways, a remarkable disappointment), *Game of Thrones* feels more like the cautionary tale of Icarus, the boy who flew too close to the sun.

The furious fan response to the show’s eighth season is a demonstration of what can happen when something grows beyond its creators’ wildest imaginings to capture the zeitgeist of an era, an example of just how quickly one can go from being revered as a creative luminary to being reviled as a talentless hack.



JORDAN TWISS

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News Editor

Above all else, though, the fan outrage that has continued to boil over since the credits rolled on the series finale shows just how toxic and entitled fans of pop culture behemoths like *Game of Thrones* have become. (Really, isn’t it more than a little absurd that a petition to have season eight of the show remade has reached more than 1.5 million signatures? Don’t we have more important things to worry about, like poverty in our own communities, or anything else really?)

Granted, anyone who shelled out the cash, or who spent the time watching the show over the past nine years, has a right to be disappointed with its conclusion for whatever reason they choose to be disappointed.

Art, in all its forms, will always be subject to critiques, and season eight of *Game of Thrones* is no different – and, from a storytelling and character development standpoint, there is much about it that can be fairly critiqued.

As true as that is, the over-the-top – if not partially justified – reaction to *Game of Thrones*, is enough to make one wonder why any creative person would ever want to share his or her creations with such a massive audience, when it comes with the risk of being subjected to the same treatment.

With some rare exceptions, every painting ever painted, every song ever sung, and every story ever told is a manifestation of its creator’s heart and soul. Seeing what’s being said about *Game of Thrones* show runners David Benioff and D.B. Weiss, who in his or her right mind would want to expose such a precious and vulnerable piece of him or herself to such vitriol?

Then again, perhaps it’s true that being an artist, in the truest sense of the word, is to not be of entirely sound mind. More than a little madness, though, being a true artist requires one to possess a special kind of courage, not altogether unlike the bravery possessed by the fictional knights who valiantly face down fictional dragons.

If anything can be taken away from the aftermath of the outrage over *Game of Thrones’* ending, it’s that we could all stand to be a little kinder, lest we shatter the courage of the artists around us.

For what would our world be without those who delight, move, and, yes, even enrage us with stories and songs and paintings?

Lack of pipelines costing taxpayers billions, CTF says

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation is launching a cross-country tour to show how much money taxpayers are losing because Canadian oil is sold for less than its full value due to a lack of pipeline capacity. The tour includes a large digital clock displaying losses increasing in real time. The CTF's analysis shows the federal government lost \$6.2 billion between 2013 and 2018 and that number is rising by \$3.6 million per day.

"Canadian taxpayers are losing out on billions of dollars because we can't get pipelines built and we aren't receiving full value for our oil," said Franco Terrazzano, Alberta Director for the CTF.

"That means Canadians have less money for everything from hospitals to teachers and taxpayers are stuck with a higher tax bill."

Canada isn't getting full value for oil due to a lack of pipeline capacity to reach foreign cus-

tomers. Based on data released by the Parliamentary Budget Officer, the CTF calculated how much additional revenue the federal government would receive if Canadian oil sales received full value compared to the American price.

The lack of pipelines cost the federal govern-

ment:

\$6.2 billion between 2013 and 2018; and, Another \$3.6 million per day (based on projected losses of \$6.6 billion between 2019 and

2023).

These figures only account for direct losses to the federal government and don't include the cost of lost job opportunities, reduced household incomes, foregone revenue to energy companies and other costs to the Canadian economy.

Here are a few examples of the potential benefits for taxpayers if increased pipeline capacity captured full value for Canadian oil from 2013 to 2023:

A new hospital could

be built in every province and territory (based on the cost of the new hospital in Yellowknife and another in Grand Prairie);

Nearly 25,000 new teaching positions could be fully funded for ten years;

All three Maritime provinces could be exempted from all federal taxes for a year.

"The Trudeau government is running up big deficits because it simply can't pay for all its promises," said Aaron

Wudrick, CTF's Federal Director. "You would think they would be aggressively supporting these projects, rather than drafting legislation that actually makes it harder for pipelines to get built."

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation's tour will visit every province to show how much money taxpayers are losing because governments haven't encouraged pipeline construction. You can find the analysis here.

YOUR TWO CENTS

Alcoholism a serious problem in Sask.

Dear editor,

I found the front page of the May 9 issue [of the Spiritwood Herald] with the pictures of six nurses displaying bottles of liquor rather disturbing, and quite inappropriate.

Surely we all know that alcoholism is a big problem in our province. We look up to nurses as health care providers to promote wellness and healing. Alcohol consumption quite often does exactly the opposite.

To be totally safe, as an Alcoholics Anonymous member will tell you, is not to consume alcohol at all.

Connie Martens,
Rabbit Lake, Sask.

Finally! Ottawa may now be listening?

Dear Editor,

Our ongoing reports on the issues surrounding the new Regina Bypass have now made it to the

agenda in Parliament.

Enough legitimate questions have been raised regarding the unusual processes and transactions which took place prior to and during construction of this yet to be completed project, that it would appear to have gotten the attention of our Federal legislators. The House of Commons now is on record as agreeing to look into this matter further.

We can only hope that this is not merely lip service but can be taken at face value and the federal minister responsible will undertake a thorough investigation into the details surrounding this project from concept to implementation.

The following is a copy of the minutes of routine proceedings in the House of Commons from May 3, 2019. A significant part of those funds came from Ottawa and should be subject to the same standards of scrutiny expected whenever public funding for major projects is being considered.

When it comes to the use of taxpayers' money, the interests of the entire country are at stake.

The present provincial political administration has shown no appetite for transparency and appears to have been dodging our questions from the beginning.

That being said, we're less concerned with the political agenda being served than we are with the exposure of the facts in this case. We can only hope that the involvement of our Federal counterparts will be the necessary missing ingredient to

fulfill our quest for the truth.

The timing of this conversation is also interesting coming in the midst of similar questions being asked about relationships between the Federal Government and other private sector interests. The SNC-Lavalin issue continues to haunt the federal Liberals as many lingering questions remain unanswered on that subject as well. It would appear to us that a strong wind of change needs to blow through the halls of government on all levels when it comes to accountability.

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North West College Visual Arts students display artistic talents at a Debden Art Show



North West College is proud to offer adult-centered programming in over 20 rural sites each year. One such program this year (2018-19) was the Adult 10 and Adult 12 program in Debden which had a talented group of students enrolled in several courses, including Visual Arts 30.

Six North West College students held an art exhibit on May 14, at the Debden Centennial Hall, where they displayed the culmination of all their

Visual Arts 30, coursework.

The pieces ranged from acrylic paint pours on canvas, to resin embedded trays, to vision boards, to glass etchings, and hand-crafted lamps.

The most heart-felt exhibit was the tribute to the murdered and missing, which was created on canvas and reverse canvas and was composed of a series of individual pieces which were then joined together to become one piece of art.

It was an invitation only event that included students and staff from the Debden Public school and some of the family members of each art student.

The visual presentation was accompanied by local drummer and singer Lionel Joseph, from Big River First Nation, who opened the ceremony with a prayer and a celebration song.

"We are very proud of our students and the tremendous pieces they're put together. This region has a rich history of fine arts and these students are evidence of this continuing tradition," stated NWC instructor Tom Claxton, "It has been a pleasure to learn with them, and to work in

the welcoming community of Debden this past year."

While the show was not open to the public, a tribute to Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls will be donated to the Cree Nations Treatment Haven at Ahtakakoop Cree Nation so others can reflect on this piece for years to come.

North West College serves over 2,600 students each year in northwestern Saskatchewan with campuses in Meadow Lake and the Battlefords. Committed to rural and Indigenous education, North West offers programs at over 20 rural sites each year including several in First Nation communi-

ties. North West acts as a brokering agent for Saskatchewan Polytechnic (formerly SIAST), the University of Regina, and the University of Saskatchewan.

The College also offers a variety of hands-on

learning opportunities in programs including trades, community services, health and business as well as a variety of learning opportunities that prepare students for any career path.

NORTHERN HAMLET OF DORE LAKE SALE BY TENDER

- Northern Hamlet of Dore Lake offers for sale the following property within the Hamlet.
- Property Lots 13 & 14 (each lot measure 75x150), Block 3, Plan #64B01530 building included 32 w x 50 L. (Old Hamlet Shop)
- The Hamlet has set a reserve bid in the amount of \$100,000 for the building and property.
- A certified cheque made payable to the Northern Hamlet of Dore Lake for 10% of the amount of the bid must accompany the tender.
- All tenders must be submitted by May 31, 2019 by 4:00 p.m. in a sealed envelope marked "Property Tender Dore Lake 2019 and addressed to Northern Hamlet of Dore Lake Box 608, Big River, SK SOJ OEO
- Tendere will be opened on June 4, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Hamlet Office on Dore Road.
- Northern Hamlet of Dore Lake reserves the right to reject any or all tenders. Highest tenders are not necessarily accepted.
- Successful bidder will be required to provide the balance of cash within 30 days of the tender being awarded.
- Property is sold as is, where is.
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- For further information regarding the property offered for sale, please contact the following:
- Hilda McKay (306)832-4528 or Jon Fonos (306)832-4450.

NORTHERN HAMLET OF DORE LAKE TENDER

The Northern Hamlet of Dore Lake is inviting tenders for the work:

Renovations – Exterior Community Hall located on Parcel H, Plan No. 79B10340

The building is 60' X 32'.

Start time would be as soon as possible.

Tenders will be accepted by fax at (306) 832-4525 or please mail tenders to:

Northern Hamlet of Dore Lake
Box 608
Big River, Sask. SOJ OEO

Tenders will close at 4:00 p.m. on June 14, 2019 in the Hamlet Office of the Northern Hamlet of Dore Lake.

For further information regarding this tender, please contact the following:

Hilda McKay (306) 832-4528 or Jon Fonos (306) 832-4450.

Late tenders will not be accepted and the council of the Northern Hamlet of Dore Lake reserves the right to reject any or all tenders received.

An agreement will have to be signed before work is to commence.

NORTHERN HAMLET OF DORE LAKE TENDER

The Northern Hamlet of Dore Lake is inviting tenders for the work:

Renovations – Interior Community Hall located on Parcel H, Plan No. 79B10340

The building is 60' X 32'.

Start time would be as soon as possible.

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B.C. protests highlight importance of farm security

A recent incident in British Columbia has to have farmers more concerned about both the security of their farms and just how quickly things can get out of hand when it comes to the perception of the public.

It was in April when a busload of animal activists invaded a hog operation in B.C., in response to video footage claiming to show questionable conditions for the pigs within.

B.C. media reports indicate about 50 protestors from a group

called Meat the Victims entered the barn at Excelsior Hog Farms and occupied it for a short period before being removed by police. More than 100 others protested on a nearby road.

One person was subsequently charged with breaking and entering and mischief.

Stepping back from the incident itself, what it does show is the power of social media to illicit certain responses to perceived situation.

Typically, if one were to have questions about the health and security of



CALVIN DANIELS

livestock you might expect calls to the Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, or the local police, not piling onto a bus to undertake a level

of civil disobedience.

That should be concerning to producers, because it could be something they face when they go to brand calves, apply herbicides, burn stubble or even plant GMO crops. A busload of people in the way could disrupt operations and lead to confrontation all too easily.

Such situations of course also get the press involved, leaving a perception that there is a significant backlash against whatever operation is being protested. But a busload of 50 peo-

ple in a region of tens-of-thousands may be little more than a vocal few getting some facetime in the media for what is a small group opposed to something.

At present we have a society that is perhaps too quickly ready to jump to appease the vocal few regardless of the thing they are asking for.

There are times when the minority needs to have their voices listened too, in situations where they are seeking fairness and equality.

But that is not always the case, as we have wit-

nessed by the removal of certain historic statues, that are there not because the person captured in bronze was perfect, but because they still had some significant role in our history.

Finding the balance of protests with merit and those that are simply noise, is an issue society must work to achieve.

In the meantime farmers need to be aware they may face a new challenge, dealing with protestors whose agenda is not going to be friendly to the industry of agriculture.

Wild Rose 4-H Beef Club's Sweetheart Supper a real treat

By Jolynn Amyotte & Allison Oleksyn

The Wild Rose 4-H Beef Club held their annual sweet heart supper on Sunday, Feb. 3 at the Wild Rose School. A great crowd of people showed up to support the club and their community, despite the nasty February weather.

Guests were received warmly by the members and treated with a delicious roast beef supper and lots of desserts. Afterwards crafts and projects made by the project members were auctioned off.

Everyone had a great time gathered together and the members loved hosting the community event, as always. Another special round of appreciation goes out to the Wild Rose Elementary School for allowing the club to use its facilities.

The club can't wait to see its regular guests again next year, as well as welcoming many other new faces.

We appreciate you supporting the younger generation in their 4-H education and experience!

In late April, the Wild Rose 4-H Beef Club travelled all the way to Clavet to the forage center of excellence for a day of touring and learning.

We explored all the pens and where they keep all the cattle for their research. We also went into the labs where they keep all of the feed samples, where they mix silage, and all meeting rooms.

We would like to share our gratitude with all of the leaders who set up this field day, and everyone at the centre for letting us tour this amazing couple of buildings.

We also picked garbage in and around Shellbrook on May 24.

We are having our annual achievement day on

June 8 and the regional show and sale on June 9 and 10 at the Prince Albert Ex Centre. We hope to see you there!



Shellbrook nurses receive bursaries



Shellbrook Mayor George Tomporowski presents bursary cheques to nurses Brooklyn Pellerin, Jade Fetter, and Philippa Croydon. The bursaries, which are given to nurses who complete their preceptorships in the community, were introduced by the Parkland Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee to attract nurses to Shellbrook, after Parkland Integrated Health Centre had a prolonged struggle filling nursing vacancies in 2016 and 2017.

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Moments matter: Rec therapy makes a difference



Ruth Bold and Dorothy Naber select bedding plants at the Walter Willoughby plant sale in Leask.

Submitted By Trina Chamberlain

Hip, hip, hooray, it's finally May!

Is it just me or did April seem like the longest month of the year? We can't wait to take our fun and playful recreation and leisure pursuits outdoors when the weather permits.

The calendar highlights many planned events (which on most occasions) family and community are welcome to attend, with their loved one or acquaintance.

If you are available to join your "person" on an adventure via Woodland

bus please let us know. The recreation calendar is subject to change so calling to confirm before joining in is a good idea.

Amongst the planned opportunities are many spontaneous moments that make a difference in the lives of the people who live in a care setting.

Some examples exhibited by fellow residents, family members, volunteers or staff include: a kind gesture; a fresh air stroll; the offer of popcorn and a soda pop while watching a ball game; playing a game of crib or honeymoon whist; looking at photos; reading

the paper, helping with a puzzle or word search, and, really, whatever the moment may be - it matters!

As a matter of fact many things matter such as reminiscing props or items that would complement the following themes:

Mexican - video, or live dancers with colorful attire

Victorian Tea - men's clip on bow ties, ladies lace shawls/bonnets/dress up gloves/etc.,

Please let us know if you can complement the themes by loaning any items.

Did you know? Family Meetings are scheduled on a move in and annual basis for one resident and their family at a time. Sharla will coordinate the date with the resident family contact person in advance.

For those of you wondering about the Mystery Tours, it is all about having some fun and excitement. On the specified date, folks will have the opportunity to take in a country drive and stop for a meal along the route. Riders will determine the destination.

Green thumb - Residents, Family, Volunteers and Staff are invited to adopt green space in the courtyard and patio areas. With residents' input and help those people interested would select, purchase, prepare, plant and nurture throughout the grow season. Flowers and/or garden vegetables are best when they can be viewed by others.

What is simple pleasures? - Simply put is time spent with residents engaging whatever the moment calls for. This could be enjoying a cup of tea in a china cup, reading, reminiscing, tasting homemade bread or a hand rub. What matters is that it is time spent engaging in a simple pleasure or something that brings joy to another person.

Meal time assistance training will be offered to family members, volunteers and staff on Tuesday, June 18 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. This hands on interactive training will enable you to learn specific skills in making resident mealtime more meaningful. If you currently assist residents at meal time or plan on doing so in the future, this session is for you. RVSP by June 13, 2019.

Volunteers are appreciated - for the magical work they do! Whether it is friendly visiting, spiritual, musical, social, cultural, or physical - you make a huge impact on the lives of others. We know who you are grateful for the difference you make.

If you are a family member of a resident or pa-

tient in the Health Centre we need your help! Consider joining the Health Care Auxiliary Team! The group meets every other month and members volunteer (individually or as a group) when they are able. Some service areas include assisting with special events, outings, and various on call opportunities. Each member contributes time as they can.

The Health Care Auxiliary allocates Memorial donations and donations in kind to purchase items and supplies which enhance the quality of life of the people who live here.

For example a recent donation in memory of Norma Gampe was used to purchase a park bench for the courtyard. Other donation purchases include individual resident or group Christmas gifts (Great Room Christmas Tree, bedroom clocks) and sponsoring special events.

For more information or to join the Auxiliary contact Norma Dahl, Health Care Auxiliary President at 306-747-3073.

Appreciation goes to Saskatchewan Lotteries for the Community Grant funding of \$900 which will assist in purchasing a three wheeled, two speed adult bicycle. Another fun, playful spontaneous opportunity for our elders to enjoy!

Please wave if you see us strolling along on a bicycle built for two!

Community intergenerational opportunity - Children under the age

of 5 and a parent/care person are encouraged to participate in the Book Explosion Tour (from 10:30-12:30 and 1:00-2:00) sponsored by the Literacy Days in the PA Regional KidsFirst area.

The day starts at 10:30 with a read, Move, Share session. The morning includes a book reading for children and their parent/care person, and then the parents will take a short coaching session on reading books to children of different ages. During that time children will participate in some movement activities.

The adults practice their new skills with their children. Families receive books to take home. Children receive a copy of their own "Build a Book" which they start and then take home to finish.

Child friendly Lunch is provided. The morning session is limited to 12 (or so) children, their parent(s) and any seniors living in the Health Center.

The afternoon session hosts a Pop-Up-Playground made out of cardboard by participants and is open to all children registered under 5 years old, their parent and seniors' residing in the Health Center. Children must be accompanied by a parent/adult care giver.

There is no cost. Register by June 3, 2019.

That's all for this time. For more information on any of the information, suggestions, comments or to RVSP call Parkland Integrated Health Centre Recreation Therapy at 306-747-6841.



Edna Lens enjoys the farm visit at Candace Wolfe's.

TOWN OF BIG RIVER PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Big River intends to adopt a bylaw pursuant to Section 207 of *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 2015-02, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT

The proposed bylaw will amend:

Bylaw 2015-02, the Zoning Bylaw Zoning District Map, to rezone Lot 3, Block M, Plan 78B12304, as shown within the bold dashed line on the map below, from R3 - High Density Residential District to R1 - Low Density Residential District.

AFFECTED LAND

The affected land is legally described as Lot, 3 Black M, Plan 78B12304, which is located at 519 Forbes Street as shown within the bold dashed line on the following map.

REASON

The reason for the amendment is to provide for a residential single detached dwelling and home based business.

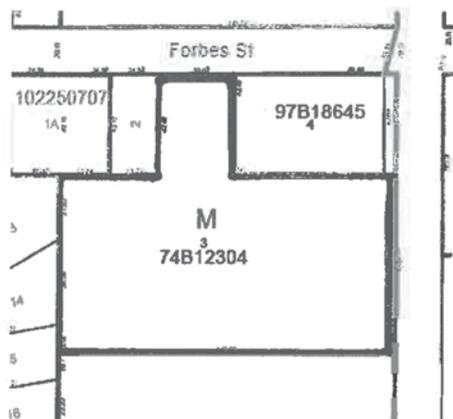
PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaws at the Town Office in Big River on any judicial day from Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Copies are available to persons at a cost of \$1.00 each.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on June 17th, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Big River Community Centre, 606 1st Street North, in Big River, Saskatchewan to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaws. 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 30th day of May, 2019.
Noreen Olsen, Administrator



Minutes of an R.M. of Shellbrook council meeting

(Where necessary, the following minutes have been edited for clarity or brevity)

Minutes of a regular meeting of council of the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook no. 493 Held on Wednesday, April 3, 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 8:30 a.m.

Joelson: That the agenda be accepted as amended. Carried

Hamel: That the R.M. of Shellbrook No. 493 accepts the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2019 as amended. Carried

Ferster: That the R.M. of Shellbrook Council approves accounts payable, as attached hereto these minutes, being regular NP cheques #10598 - #10648 in the amount of \$766,075.04 Carried

Hamel: That R.M. of Shellbrook Council approves payroll cheques #13340 - #13353 in the amount of \$28,830.07. Carried

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

Ferster: That we Amend Bylaw No. 01-2018 Council Procedure Bylaw and that Administrator bring forward the Bylaw at the next meeting. Carried

Councilor Skauge declared a conflict of interest and left the room at 9:45 a.m.

Ferster: That the R.M. of Shellbrook Council appoint MA Inspections (Jason Kent) to provide Building Code Enforcement Services; the company will provide review of submitted building plans, consult with the applicant (should it be required); provide the municipality & Applicant with examination report indicating approval and with periodic site visits/inspections as required under The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act

and Regulations (UBAS) as per rates on "Schedule B" on the Contract between the R.M of Shellbrook No. 493 and MA Inspections of Warman, Saskatchewan. Carried

Councilor Skauge returned to the room at 9:50 a.m.

Delegation: Jessica Kernahan, Recreation Director Town of Shellbrook@ 10:05 a.m.

Departed at 10:17 a.m.

Skauge: That the R.M. of Shellbrook No. 493 commit to assisting Crutwell residents and Crutwell Hamlet Board in the erecting of their newly acquired "Playground Equipment" by providing work in kind to facilitate preparation of site, inclusive of assistance to complete the final install of the playground equipment. Carried

Skauge: That we acknowledge Administrator's report as presented. Carried

Delegation: Kerry Wendel; Deputy Chief Shellbrook Fire Department 11:00 a.m. Provided 2019 Fire Budget

Departed at 11:30 a.m.

Verbal report provided by Foreman Bill Aug at 11:40 a.m.

Ferster: That the R.M. of Shellbrook Council commit work in kind by assisting in the removal of concrete from the Shellbrook Recreation Center. Carried

Hamel: That Council instructs Administrator to amend A/R Invoice in the amount of \$10,550.00 for the fire that occurred at Stanley & Faye Laviolette residence on December 24/2018 as per recommendation of Shellbrook Deputy Fire Chief. Carried

Joelson: That R.M. of Shellbrook Council implement overweight permits as deemed necessary with 24 hours' notice provided by either email, web site or verbal. Carried

Councilor Hamel declared a conflict of interest and left the room at 12:05 p.m.

Joelson: That the R.M. of Shellbrook No. 493 subsidize up to ten 80lb bags at 50% less cost/year/ratepayer of granular calcium chloride purchased from Phil Hamel for 2019 and this resolution be reviewed in 2020. Maintenance of RM Road's to continue with regular necessary grading

and gravelling at Operator's/Foreman's discretion. Granular calcium chloride can be sourced from Phil Hamel. Carried

Councilor Hamel returned to the room at 12:12 p.m.

Skauge: The we instruct Administrator to respond to dog complaint; and further that a policy be developed to establish reporting process and enforcement. Carried

Skauge: That generator for Town/RM office be tabled until May 1/2019 Meeting. Carried

Skauge: That the R.M. of Shellbrook Council having issues to discuss which are exempt from public discussion under Part III of The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act go In Camera at 1:47 p.m. in accordance with the Procedural Bylaw to discuss Legal matters. Carried

Skauge: That the R.M. of Shellbrook Council come Out of Camera at 1:50 p.m. Carried

Skauge: That we instruct Administrator to respond to the legal firm Simonot & Hansen; Barristers & Solicitors regarding December 24/2018 Fire at Stanley and Ray Laviolette. Carried

Hamel: That the R.M. of Shellbrook No. 493 purchase a 2019 Bush Hog 4815 Rotary Cutter, 1-year comprehensive warranty from Triod Supply for \$26,000.00 plus taxes. Carried

Skauge: That we obtain quotes for "Sandblasting" of the Flat Deck Trailer and bring forward at the May 1/2019 meeting. Carried

Skauge: That the municipality acknowledge and accept the 2019 Education Mill Rates; they remain unchanged for 2018:

Agricultural Property: 1.43 mills

Residential Property: 4.12 mills

Commercial/Industrial: 5.27 mills

Resource (oil & gas, mines & pipelines): 9.68 mills. Carried

Herzog: That we receive and file correspondence from TAXservice pertaining to Sturgeon Lake Regional Park Lessees. Carried

Herzog: That we accept "Tax Enforcement Policy"; (as it reflects The Tax Enforcement Act Section 3

(3) which was presented to Council by the Administrator. Carried

Joelson: That Council engage Nobilitas Consulting Inc., Saskatoon, Sask. to provide "Asset Management Plan" for the R.M. of Shellbrook No. 493; this will provide the municipality with an integrated business approach to reflect planning, finance, engineering and operation to effectively manage existing and new infrastructure to maximize benefits, reduce risk and provide satisfactory levels of service to community users in a socially, environmentally and economically sustainable manner. Carried

Herzog: That the R.M. of Shellbrook No. 493 appoint Larry Smytaniuk, CSO as our Bylaw Enforcement Officer effective April 3/2019 of \$65.00/hour; minimum of four hours and mileage at .35/km; payable by monthly invoice. Further that the R.M. of Shellbrook enter into an Agreement of Service with the R.M. of Buckland No. 491. Carried

Skauge: That Bylaw 04/2019, A Bylaw Respecting Buildings be introduced and read a first time. Carried

Herzog: That Bylaw 04/2019, A Bylaw Respecting Buildings be read a second time. Carried

Joelson: That Bylaw 04/2019, A Bylaw Respecting Buildings be given three readings at this meeting. Carried Unanimously

Ferster: That Bylaw 04/2019 as annexed hereto and forming a part of these minutes be read a third time; and further, that Bylaw 04/2019, being a Bylaw Respecting Buildings be now adopted, sealed and signed by the Reeve and the Administrator. Carried

Skauge: That a Bylaw be introduced to amend Bylaw 08/1981 The Zoning Bylaw; Rezone NE-05-19-03-W3. Carried

Skauge: That Bylaw 05/2019, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 08/1981 The Zoning Bylaw, be hereby read a first time. Carried

Skauge: That a Bylaw be introduced to amend Bylaw 08/1981 The Zoning Bylaw. Carried

Skauge: That Bylaw 06/2019 being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 08/1981 The Zoning Bylaw, hereby read a first time. Carried

Joelson: That Council provides consideration for Regional Services, Ministry of Agriculture to put up for sale by auction to the highest bidder lease land NW-29-50-01-W3; it has been indicated that this auction will occur the fall of 2019; further Council requires Confirmation from Meridian Survey that the 2018 surveyed road allowance has been registered at ISC. Carried

Hamel: That Council having received request from lessee of Section 29-51-02-W3 to purchase Crown Lease land, instruct Administrator to respond in

the following way;• at this time Council wishes to reserve land from sale allowing for the opportunity to explore for sand and gravel deposits. Carried

Ferster: That we provide funding for Administrator to attend Pubworks Seminar in Saskatoon May 29/2019, registration fee is \$205.00. Carried

Skauge: That Council acknowledge and provide funding for Administrator to attend Workshop (Minute Book & Bylaw Register in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan April 17/2019, registration fee is \$80.00. Carried

Ferster: That Ron Herzog attend Weed Inspector Training Clinic on Thursday April 11/2019 in Aberdeen, Sask. Carried

Hamel: That Council receive and file the following correspondence (list omitted due to space restrictions). Carried

Joelson: That Council provides approval of funding to support the Military Service Recognition Book with \$205.00 business card advertising in their Annual Publication. Carried

Joelson: That delegates Reeve Oleksyn and Councilor Skauge to attend the NCTPC AGM in Blaine Lake April 18/2019. Carried

Next Meeting is on May 1, 2019 at the Municipal Office in Shellbrook.

Herzog: That this meeting be adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

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Very little.

OBITUARY

Arnold Fonos



FONOS – Arnold Ivar Fonos, dear husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend, fell asleep in death on Monday, May 21, 2019 in Shellbrook Hospital, he was 78 years old.

Arnold was born a few miles north of Big River to Ivar and Mary Fonos, the 4th of 6 children. From there he would walk to school in town. His family moved around

the area a little, but Big River was always home. From an early age he worked with his dad and his brothers and learned to cut and haul wood sometimes sitting on a stack of pillows to see over the steering wheel. He also learned how to trap and sell hides.

In 1958 he and several others from Big River made the long journey by train to New York City to attend the International Convention of Jehovah's Witnesses. What memories he had, that small-town boy in a huge city! There he was baptized in the Atlantic Ocean with over 7000 others. That decision shaped his life for the next 62 years.

Arnold worked on road construction in different parts of Saskatchewan, then he got

a job as Towerman on Bodmin Hill. He met and soon married the love of his life, Jean Kulick in 1964. Soon they started a family and bought the home quarter. Their five children grew up there and learned the value of hard work, and the rewards after. Dad always made sure we had fun, he bought us bikes and toboggans, and pushed snow to make hills for us to play on. He made a ball diamond in our yard and would often play ball with us, and always made time to take us swimming at the end of a hard day's work. Keeping our faith strong was a big part of the family's life. We attended meetings at the Big River Kingdom Hall. We enjoyed traveling to conventions as a family. Dad showed us that this was a pri-

ority. He served as an elder for many years.

He worked at various jobs over the years, besides farming he worked at logging, campground maintenance, then SERM as an Initial Attack fire fighter.

Dad had many hobbies, he loved taking pictures, and filled many albums over the years. He appreciated history and setting up museums. You can visit one he worked on at the old tree nursery site (now SERM) west of town. His family and ours were musical. Dad could sing many old country hits, like "Strawberry Roam" and "Old Red", while mom played guitar. We have many fond memories of sing-alongs.

He was a generous, honest, helpful, and a true friend to many.

He had a great sense of humour. He loved nature and visiting with friends. His wife and children were very important to him.

Above all he was a Witness for his God Jehovah. He loved to talk about the Bible and the hope it holds out to us. He was convinced that we will see him again, alive and well in the beautiful new world to come as the Bible promises.

Arnold is lovingly survived by his wife, Jean Fonos (nee: Kulick) of Big River, SK; his children, Darry (Kella) of Saskatoon, SK; Darwin (Tyla) of North Battleford, SK, and children Trapheana and Nekoda; Glenda (Tom) of Esterhazy, SK; Derek of Big River, SK, and children Anastasia, Ryley, MacKenzie, Tyria, and Landon;

Heidi (Jeremy) of Regina, SK and son, Mika; his siblings, Karen Henderson of Prince Albert, SK; Paul (Ellen) Fonos of Big River, SK; Otto Fonos of Big River, SK; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Arnold was predeceased by his parents, Ivar and Mary Fonos; his brother, John Fonos; his sister, and Naomi Letandre.

A Celebration of Life was held for Arnold on Friday, May 24, 2019 at 2:00 pm from the Big River Community Hall. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Tammy Smart, Director, Big River 306-469-2277.

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Are Phillies regretting Harper's millions?

Philadelphia Phillies may be wishing the strikeout-prone Bryce Harper had a different kind of streak — a stubborn streak.

Had the ultra-hyped free agent outfielder been stubborn and refused to sign a contract calling for less than \$400 million, the Phillies today might be saving \$30 million this year on a guy batting .225 and striking out more often than anyone else in the National League.

Stubborn? You want stubborn? Relief pitcher Craig Kimbrel and 2015 Cy Young award winner Dallas Keuchel are being stubborn. They're not willing to sign one-year deals for their version of chump money and are working out on their own while waiting for their agents to finalize deals with desperate or optimistic teams. Kimbrel, 30, is a fireballing relief pitcher who helped the Red Sox win the World Series last year, but he had control problems

last season and his skill level is on the decline. MLB teams are reluctant to throw out huge money on a long-term deal on a relief pitcher, many of whom have been known to 'lose it' overnight. Keuchel, meanwhile, turned down a one-year \$17.6 million offer from his former team, the Astros, but is now finding that the grass is not always greener on another field.

Shortly after the June 19 amateur draft, however, both players will likely finalize deals with willing suitors. After that date, any team signing a free agent won't have to relinquish an amateur draft pick as compensation. And teams will be that much closer to knowing if they have a chance or not to challenge for the World Series.

For instance, the Tampa Bay Rays, the surprise team of the year, are leading the American League East, have a fairly low payroll and not a stopper in sight. Hence, Kim-



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brel and the Rays could be a perfect fit. Keuchel, still an A-list starter, will have contending teams drooling over his down-the-stretch potential and he will probably earn more than the \$17.6 million he turned down from Houston.

Harper, meanwhile, is getting booed in Philly, even though his team leads the National League East. Through May 18, he was hitting .225 with 61 strikeouts in 45 games (tied for the major-league lead). He is playing good defence, however, and his on-base percentage is close to his

career average, thanks to an extraordinary number of walks.

Perhaps Harper's struggles pertain to pressure related to trying to live up to expectations that go with a 13-year, \$330-million contract. Perhaps he'll settle down and return to form after the all-tar break. Who knows, he might even have Keuchel and Kimbrel as teammates by then.

• Comedy writer Jim Barach: "A report says Bryce Harper is getting desperate batting only .220. Although not as desperate as the executive who insisted they sign him to a \$330 million contract."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "John Daly has been given a cart to play in the PGA Championship because of a bad knee. No, a golf cart, silly — not a beverage cart."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com, on the Daly news: "Will the cart come with a desig-

nated driver?"

• From an editorial in the Charlotte Observer, via Patti Dawn Swansson in the River City Renegade: "Front-runners, if you haven't figured it out, is Canadian for bandwagon fans. Don Cherry is Canadian for 'get off my lawn.'"

• Janice Hough again: Russell Wilson, who just signed a four-year \$140 million with a \$65 million signing bonus, bought his mom a house for Mother's Day. Wilson didn't say where the house is but we know it's not in San Francisco. He'd have needed a bigger contract."

• Barach again: Tiger Woods took a shot at John Daly using a cart in the PGA Championship, saying he won a major on a broken leg. Even worse is the hydraulic lift needed to get Daly in and out of the cart."

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "Boston swept Carolina out of the NHL playoffs with a 4-0 Game 4 shutout. The Bruins

defence was so numbing, they turned the Hurricanes into the Novocaines."

• Headline at Fark.com: "Michigan's John Beilein has agreed to become the future ex-coach of the Cavs."

• Dwight Perry again: "TV cameras captured Sixers centre Joel Embiid sobbing inconsolably after his team's buzzer-beating Game 7 loss to the Raptors. Tears were streaming out of both i's, in fact."

• Another one from RJ Currie, on the newly opened Mascot Hall of Fame: "Essentially it's a bunch of clowns in costume who aren't the New York Knicks."

• Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun, on the downside of the Raptors playing the Bucks in the NBA Eastern Conference finals: "I'm going to have to learn how to spell Antetokounmpo on deadline."

Care to comment?
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Getting outdoors really is good for you

People who live in regions where winters are cold often note the feeling of rejuvenation they enjoy on the first warm day of late-winter or spring. The chance to get outside and soak up some sun while breathing some warm air is a feeling unlike any other for those who spend much of their winters bundled up in layers of clothing.

The value of spending time outdoors extends well beyond dusting off winter cabin fever, providing long-term benefits that might surprise even the most ardent outdoor enthusiast. A 2018 report from researchers at the University of East Anglia found that living close to nature and spending time outside has wide-ranging health benefits, including a reduced risk for type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular disease, premature death, preterm birth, stress, and high blood pressure. Authors of the report studied data from across the globe, gathering evidence from more than 140 studies involving more than 290 million people.

Researchers cannot pinpoint exactly why people who spend ample time in greenspaces enjoy better health. How-

ever, the benefits appear to be so wide-ranging as to suggest that people who currently do not spend much time in greenspaces should make a concerted effort to do so. The following are a handful of ways busy individuals can start spending more time outdoors.

• Dine al fresco. On nights when the weather is fair, take dinner into the great outdoors. People who live in private homes can dine on the patio or on the deck in the backyard, while apartment dwellers can make use of local parks for nighttime picnics or dine on balconies or rooftop recreational areas, which have become popular in crowded metropolitan areas. Rooftops and balconies may not pass the "Is it greenspace?" test, but dining in such areas can be more relaxing than an apartment dining nook.

• Get off the couch. Don't hesitate to get outside when night falls. Spend time in the backyard or go for nightly walks around the neighborhood or in a nearby park. Say so long to television binging sessions, making healthier and more beneficial use of nightly free time by utilizing nearby greenspaces.



• Go hiking on weekends. Even city dwellers no doubt live within driving distance of local hiking areas. Hiking provides a host of cardiovascular benefits and can make for a great, full-body workout. Researchers associated with the UEA report suggested that the practice of forest bathing, which is popular in Japan and promotes spending time sitting down or lying in na-

ture, exposes people to a diverse array of bacteria present in natural areas that may benefit the immune system and reduce inflammation.

People who think that accessing nature is helping them to stay healthy aren't wrong. In fact, making time to include nature in your daily or weekly routine can have positive and wide-ranging effects on your overall health.

5 scams fooling even the smartest victims – how to protect yourself

(NC) Think you can't be tricked by the latest frauds and hacks? Companies continually work harder to protect your data from attacks, but fraudsters are also working harder to access it, which can leave your personal and financial information at risk.

"Even as technology advances to make our lives easier with things like thumbprint, voice and facial recognition, we cannot afford to let our guard down," advises Doretta Thompson, Chartered Professional Accountant of Canada (CPA Canada) financial literacy leader. "Each of us must continue to be personally diligent because the constant threat of fraud, both online and off."

Here are some scams to watch out for:

1. Home improvement scams. The costs for renovations can add up quickly, but that doesn't mean it's a good idea to cut corners and save in ways that compromise your money and safety. Be careful if a contractor asks you for cash in exchange for a discount and ensure that everyone who will work on your home is licensed to do that type of work. Also, be sure you have a contract spelling out exactly what type of work will be done, what finishes will be used and who is liable if something goes wrong.

2. Credit card fraud. According to a new survey conducted for CPA Canada, 70 per cent of us are more concerned about fraud today than we were five years ago. Still,

even though we're worried about it, many of us are still getting scammed – 19 per cent reported they were aware of having been the victim of credit card fraud. For example, when entering credit card information on a website, use a secure internet connection and look for the "s" in the website's "https", which stands for "secure".

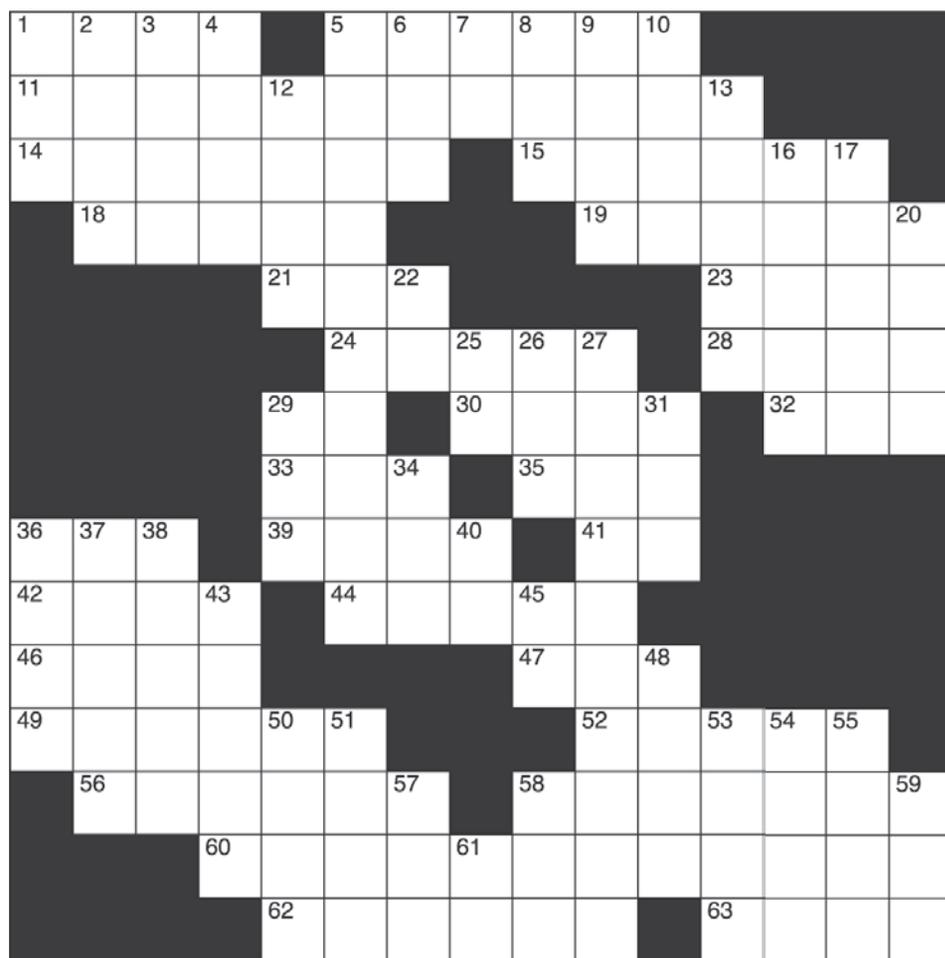
3. Identity theft. Your Social Insurance Number (SIN) is your identity. Never give out your number to anyone except to an employer who has already hired you, government programs such as those for student loans, and the CRA for income tax purposes.

4. Romance scams. We can be at our most vulnerable when lonely, looking for love and companionship, and our decision-making abilities can be compromised. If using a dating site or meeting someone online, let them into your life slowly and be very wary if they ask you for money for any reason – even if it's just for a trip to see you.

5. Tax scams. More prevalent during tax season, the Canada Revenue Agency has been warning Canadians to be very wary of this common fraud that deceives too many people every year. Remember that the CRA will never ask for personal information via email or the phone, or engage in threatening or aggressive communications.

Find more information at <http://cpacanada.ca/financialliteracy>

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Partially burn
- 5. Mind
- 11. Those who build again
- 14. Small chapel
- 15. Hot fluids
- 18. Makes beer
- 19. It can be done
- 21. Take to court
- 23. Line the roof of
- 24. Middle Eastern peoples
- 28. Longtime film critic
- 29. University of Dayton
- 30. Coat with plaster
- 32. Wife
- 33. Famed NY opera house

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Research exec (abbr.)
- 2. Famed jazz musician Alpert
- 3. Sixth month of the Jewish calendar
- 4. Network of nerves
- 5. Those who convince
- 6. Slick
- 7. Hello (slang)
- 8. Cost per mile
- 9. A type of honcho
- 10. Consequently
- 12. Couples say them aloud
- 13. Sharp slap
- 16. On a line at right angles
- 17. More guileful
- 20. Chipotle founder
- 22. Trauma center
- 25. Commercial
- 26. "___ humbug!"
- 27. Relaxing period
- 29. Calls balls and strikes
- 31. Decorative scarf
- 34. Korean family name
- 36. Antagonizes
- 37. Buenos Aires capital La ___
- 38. Exhibit grief
- 40. Gadolinium
- 43. Half-tamed horse (slang)
- 45. American conglomerate
- 48. Cape near Lisbon
- 35. Health insurance
- 36. Inches per minute (abbr.)
- 39. Longtime London Europe Society chairman
- 41. Pa's partner
- 42. Lump of semiliquid substance
- 44. Grasslike plant
- 46. Large, wild ox
- 47. Make a mistake
- 49. A type of light
- 52. Books
- 56. Bothers
- 58. Two-colored
- 60. December 25
- 62. Save
- 63. Bangladeshi money
- 50. Quantum physics pioneer
- 51. Medieval England circuit court
- 53. To the highest degree
- 54. Spanish city
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- 58. British thermal unit
- 59. Scandinavian wool rug
- 61. Sports highlight show (abbr.)

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Leask School hosts spring carnival



On May 16, students and community gathered at Leask School for a Spring Carnival. This event was hosted by the School Community Council and volunteers included SCC members, students, and teachers.

The entire event started with a free BBQ supper for the community. Young children and students then started with

a strip of free tickets to play games that included sponge in the face, bean bag toss, a fish pond, plinko, a hockey shoot, face painting, curling and many more.

A highlight was students putting their name in the draw to throw a pie in the face of the administration.

Carnival treats were enjoyed by all and in-

cluded cotton candy, popcorn, chips, pop and candy bags! At the evening's end, students had the chance to win over 70 prizes. Adults got in on the opportunity to win a spring basket and enter a 50/50 draw. There was a fantastic turnout and it was a wonderful evening of fun for students, staff and community members.



A gardener's guide to transplanting vegetables

By Jackie Bantle

Each vegetable cultivar that is available usually has a suggested 'days to maturity' with its label.

These recommended 'days to maturity' can be deceiving. Even though our growing season averages 120 frost free days, it is usually difficult to harvest any vegetable cultivar in an average Saskatchewan growing season that requires more than 75-80 days to maturity (according to the seed packet).

Due to cool temperatures and/or lack of sunlight, some of our growing days in Saskatchewan are not ideal for vegetable growing.

Unfortunately, those recommended 'days to maturity' are often based on growing conditions in warmer climates like California or the US mid-west; where the day and night temperatures are not only warmer but more consistent.

Because Saskatchewan has a relatively short growing season, certain vegetables need to be started indoors prior to the growing season and

transplanted out once the danger of frost has passed in the spring.

Some vegetables grow well under cooler temperatures (ie cool season vegetables) but still need a long growing season to mature.

For example; celery, leeks, Brussels sprouts and Spanish onions must all be transplanted in order to reach a harvestable size by the end of the growing season. Brassica vegetables such as broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage and kohlrabi benefit from transplanting.

Small seedlings that emerge from direct seeded brassica plants outdoors can easily be destroyed by flea beetles early in spring. Because of their larger size, transplanted brassicas are better able to withstand this flea beetle onslaught.

Vegetables that prefer warm, sunny conditions (ie. warm season vegetables) that must be transplanted in order to mature during the Saskatchewan growing season include: tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, cantal-



Pumpkin transplant in Jiffy 7 peat pellet ready to transplant outdoors. Image credit: Jackie Bantle

loupe, watermelon, and okra.

Warm season crops that are most likely to mature if direct seeded in the garden but will benefit from starting indoors and transplanting out include cucumbers, pumpkins, sweet corn and winter squash.

Although these vegetables benefit from being transplanted, they do not like to have their roots disturbed: it is very important to minimize handling the roots when transplanting.

Seeding these vegetables into a Jiffy 7 peat pellet and planting that

pellet directly into the soil will minimize root damage. Prior to seeding, the flat discs are soaked in warm water.

The flattened 5mm disc will suddenly expand into a 4cm cylinder surrounded by biodegradable netting which will allow roots to pass through as they grow.

When transplanting out into the soil, the entire Jiffy 7 peat pellet must be covered with soil as pellets that are not covered will dry out quickly, drawing water away from the transplant.

Additionally, these veg-

etables that do not like to have their roots disturbed should be planted out as young transplants: only exhibiting one or 2 true leaves.

Larger transplants tend to suffer transplant shock when placed outdoors. Transplant shock occurs when plants are stressed due to poor rooting causing plants to sit idle until they can be established.

Prior to planting out, transplants should be 'hardened off'. Start the hardening off process at least 4-5 days prior to transplanting out.

Place transplants containers outdoors in a warm (not hot!), sheltered location for approximately 4 hours/day. For each day that passes, allow plants to be outdoors for a longer period.

After several days, reduce the water to the transplants; in order to prepare them for the outdoor environment. When all risk of frost has passed, plants can be planted directly in the garden soil as long as the temperature of the soil is at least 15°C at 10cm deep. Avoid extremely

hot or windy days for transplanting.

Ensure the root ball is completely covered with soil when planted in the garden and water transplants in with a 10-52-10 fertilizer mixed according to label directions.

For extra protection, milk cartons with the bottom and tops removed or shelters made from small boards can be placed around each transplant until they are adapted to their new location.

Healthy transplants have a nice dark green color, strong stems and short internodes between leaves. Ensure newly planted plants receive adequate water and be prepared to cover plants if there is a threat of frost.

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