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## Honeywood puts on beautiful autumnal display



Wagon tours of the nursery grounds were a popular way to take in the colourful sights at Honeywood on Sunday afternoon.

With warm and sunny conditions on Sunday afternoon, nearly 280 people paid at the gates of Honeywood Heritage Nursery for a chance to take in all the vibrant reds, oranges, and yellows at the nursery's annual Touch of Autumn event.

This was a marked improvement over 2018, when cold and rain made for a miserable day and resulted in only 90 people making the trip.

With the increased attendance keeping Honeywood's staff and volunteers busy all afternoon, the day was also an unqualified financial success, bringing in approximately \$7,500.

"We were happy with the day. I think every-

body enjoyed themselves, and we definitely appreciate the volunteers, vendors, and musicians for all that they do when they come out," said Honeywood's overseer, Judy Harley.

"Without the volunteers, and the people who come out and help and donate, we'd have a rough time here," she added.

Though Harley took a step back from her duties this year, in hopes that she might be able to retire, she says that Honeywood had another great season, thanks in no small part to its "excellent" staff, who looked after the grounds and even added some new touches.

"All in all, we did pretty good here. We didn't have bugs and we didn't have hail, so I think we made out okay," she said

A lot of work was done at Honeywood this season, including a much needed renovation of the basement – this project was completed with help from long-time Honeywood supporter Malcolm Jenkins and the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation.

Additionally, a few dangerous trees were trimmed back, and the wood will be used for benches around the nursery grounds. And lastly, manure was spread and fall rye was planted out in the big lily field.

"That's a big bonus for here because it helps to control the sand blowing in the spring, and it gives the soil some body when it comes time to work up rows," Harley explained.

With autumn officially just around the

corner, there remains much to be done to prepare the grounds for freeze up. Annuals need to be pulled out, potted plants need to be gathered and covered in peat moss, and lilies need to be transported from 25 or so larger pots (this last task is being done with help from the Walter Willoughby Horticulture Society).

While this, and more, still needs to be finished, Harley says she's already mulling ideas for next year.

"We're hoping we'll be able to contract out someone to carry annuals for next spring. Because K-5 closed down, people are looking for some place in our area to buy annuals, and we were thinking that might be a bonus for us."



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# Parkland Meats, Happy Hearts partner for good cause

In any town other than Shellbrook, a partnership between the local daycare and the local butcher shop might seem more like the plot of a horror film than a arrangement aimed at supporting a good cause.

But here in Shellbrook, where organizations and businesses thrive by supporting each other and working together, a four-year partnership between Parkland Meats and Happy Hearts Child-care Centre has proven to be a rather profitable arrangement.

In the first three years, the partnership, which sees Happy Hearts pre-



**Happy Hearts' Breanna Brown accepts a \$3,500 cheque from Parkland Meats owner Dave Mumm.**

sell orders for Parkland Meats' products and keep a percentage of the sales, raked in \$4,000, \$4,100, and \$3,422, respectively, for the day-

care facility.

This year, after all the sales were tallied up, Happy Heart pocketed about \$3,500 in profits, and both Parkland

Meats and Happy Heart are clearly pleased with how things are going.

"We really believe in the daycare here in Shellbrook. We try to

do community things as much as we can, as Parkland Meats, and it's something that's a worthwhile cause," said Dave Mumm, owner of Parkland Meats, following last year's cheque presentation. He noted this year, that he still feels very much the same about the arrangement.

"It's our product being sold locally and eaten locally, so it's a win-win, I feel. That's some of the best advertising I think we can do, and it goes to a good cause," he added, also pointing out that the arrangement has helped Parkland Meats reach new customers, and that

the Shellbrook Rangers have also gotten on board with a partnership of their own.

While Parkland Meats gets good press, free advertising, and new patrons out of the deal, Happy Hearts' Breanna Brown says the facility gets to outfit itself with materials and equipment to improve its offerings for children.

While Brown said last year that she was hopeful that the funds would lead to a loft being installed in the facility, she said the plan for this year was to purchase more toys to keep the kids busy with.

## Highlights of a Shellbrook town council meeting

Shellbrook's town council met on Sept. 16 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 Amund Otterson, as well as the town's administrator Kelly Hoare.

Absent was councillor Kathleen Nording.

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 Aug. 19 regular meeting. With no urgent business arising from those minutes, council approved payment of its regular accounts and payroll, before moving on to offer reports.

In public works news, councillor Banda informed council of some pending street sign changes. Up first, the yield signs at the 3rd Avenue and 3rd Street East intersection will be replaced with stop signs.

Up next, the three-way stop at 2nd Avenue East and Pepper Place, which was installed to slow speeding traffic along the busy street, will move one block east, turning the intersection at 2nd Avenue East and 3rd Street East into a four-way stop.

This change was decided upon after the town received a

number of complaints regarding the three-way stop.

In other public works developments, councillor Banda also reported that fencing may soon begin at the planned dog park, and that upgrades are being made to the town's lift stations. Banda explained that the upgrades are being made because the software in the stations is so out of date that any repairs that are necessary are far too costly.

Rounding out his report, Banda finished by informing council that early discussions were underway to use the solar power from the proposed solar panels for the Shellbrook Recreation Complex for the pool and the campground. Councillor Otterson confirmed that this provision would be made when plans for the solar panels were drawn up.

In the hospitals and clinics report, Otterson was happy to report that doctors Benedict Omeike and Olugbenga Adebayo have officially opened their practice.

Councillor Knight, meanwhile, informed council that discussions surrounding the establishment of an ambulance bay in Shellbrook have moved up the government's chain of command.

The initial push for the ambulance bay was spearheaded by Jim Van Eaton, who believes that wait times for ambulances out of Prince Albert are far too long, and that

ambulance rides are far too costly.

Rounding out the reports, council expressed its satisfaction with the new viewing windows that have been installed in the lobby at the Shellbrook Recreation Complex, and other renovations that are being done to the lobby.

Providing an update on the installation of the new boards, Otterson said that they have been delayed another week, which pushes the work closer to the rink's opening day. He said that talks had been scheduled with the contractor.

Moving on to new business, council began by approving a motion that letters be sent to the owners of trailers, boats, and motor homes that are being improperly stored at the campground, then carried a motion to repeal a number of old bylaws that are no longer applicable.

Up next, council approved a motion to reverse monthly water and sewer charges on an account, in the amount of \$216.35, until the owner of the home can rebuild, and a similar motion to reverse water and sewer charges, in the amount of \$5,544.15, at the new condos.

The latter decision was made, as council had agreed that billing would not commence until the units have sold.

Pressing forward, council carried a motion to list lots for sale at a discounted price through two different realtors, in hopes to spur some lot sales. The discounted prices will be in place until June 30, 2020.

Wrapping up the meeting, council discussed the installation of an unauthorized marker at the cemetery.

While it didn't yet know if the marker had been installed improperly, council agreed that the public needs to be made aware that anyone wishing to install a marker must contact the town prior to work being done, and follow the necessary steps to ensure proper installation.

Having nothing further to discuss, council set Monday, Oct. 21 as the date for its next meeting, before adjourning for the night.

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Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Village of Debden intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw 2/87, known as The Zoning Bylaw.

#### INTENT

The proposed bylaw will add lumberyard and building supply establishment as a Discretionary use in the C1 Commercial District.

#### AFFECTED LAND

The affected land includes all Commercial Properties along Main Street, known as the C1 District.

#### REASON

The reason for the amendment is to allow for a lumberyard to be established in the C1 District.

#### PUBLIC INSPECTION

Council will hold a public hearing on October 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village of Debden Council Chamber to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing (or delivered to the undersigned at the Village Office before the hearing.)

Issued at Village of Debden this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

Tamara Couture  
Administrator

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# From Red Deer to Waskesiu in the fight against MS

"If you intend to finish, you have to at least start," were the words that Lee Cooper kept repeating to himself as he spent last week biking from Red Deer, Alta. to Waskesiu through cold, rainy, and windy conditions.

Originally from Big River, but now a resident of Red Deer, Cooper was returning to his old stomping grounds to participate in his 20th MS Bike Tour in Waskesiu on Sept. 14.

It was a trip he'd always planned to make one day, an idea he'd come up with during one of his many drives home to visit family and friends. However, after years of that "one day" never coming, he thought the MS Bike Tour in Waskesiu was the perfect excuse to make the trip happen.

And it was... for all of a day.

"I took off from Red Deer. It was a beautiful sunny day, and the

wind was at my back. I thought, 'This is the best idea ever.' That only lasted the first day," he said during a stopover with family in Shellbrook last Thursday.

"It's been a pretty tough ride. I had headwind pretty much the whole way, and cold. Then, the last two days, it's been pretty much solid rain. So I've been soaked through to the bones for the last two days," he added.

Though Cooper considers himself an avid cyclist, and says that he bikes about 3,000 kilometres per year, he admits that he's a "fair-weather cyclist," and that you typically won't catch him on his bike if the conditions aren't right.

This, he said, made things especially challenging out on the road, because he was biking on a deadline and couldn't just decide not to ride through the bad weather.



**After starting his journey in Red Deer Alta. on Sept. 7, Lee Cooper stopped in Shellbrook Last Thursday prior to heading off to Waskesiu for the MS Bike Tour.**

One small consolation, he says, was the fact that he didn't have to camp out, but instead was able to stay with friends and family, or at hotels along the way.

"I like stopping at the little towns along the way, and taking pictures of the places I've seen growing up," he said, noting that taking

photos beside the lily in Parkside and the old Catholic church in Marcelin were among his fondest memories from the road.

He adds that he also enjoyed the opportunity to meet people in the little towns and villages he remembered from his childhood – people, he says, who were all too happy to lend a helping hand when they found out what he was riding for.

These things, he says, made getting back on his bike a little easier. But, even still, there were some days where it was a real slog to put in the required kilometres.

"You knew you had to put in the kilometres. The sooner you did it, the sooner it would be over."

Cooper first began participating MS Bike Tours as part of a workplace group that he says has turned more into a group of great friends over the past 20 years of rides.

In the first ride, he admits that he didn't know much about MS, or the reason for the event. But, with each Bike Tour he participated in, he says he gained a better understanding of the disease, and the event became more personal for him.

"After going in the

events for three or four years, you started to understand who you were helping. It put a face to the disease, and to the organization," he said.

"Asking people for donations, it's amazing the number of people that you work with who are touched by the disease, and you never knew. It's not an obvious disease. People can have MS, and on the outside they look perfectly normal, and, for the most part, function pretty well until the later stages of the disease."

Through 20 years of MS Bike Tours, Cooper estimates that he's raised just shy of \$100,000 for the cause. And, as of last Thursday, he'd managed to scrape together about \$1,100 in pledges and donations for the Waskesiu event.

With the Waskesiu ride just two days away when he stopped over in Shellbrook, he said he was most looking forward to the opportunity to revisit the lakes who grew up on.

More than that, though, he was excited to meet and ride with people, and also to hear their stories along the way.

"You really learn to appreciate everyone's stories," he said.

## Bigway's Big hole tourney sees big time turnout

After an August filled with competitive tournaments, the month's action at the Hidden Hills of Shellbrook Golf Course concluded with the return of one of the club's annual favourites: the Bigway Big Hole tournament.

Played Saturday Aug. 31, this year's tournament was yet another success, with a whopping 107 golfers coming out for a day of fun and competition – for comparison's sake, there were just 67 folks teeing off at the 2017 Big Hole tournament.

And although having fun is the primary objective for the day, that doesn't mean that there aren't any big winners.

After all was said and done, the foursome of Joseph Poitras, Tim Poitras, Jonaq Sanderson, and Jamie Ermine netted the lowest score on the day.

Meanwhile, Ella Felix was the lucky winner of a smoker.

Though conditions haven't exactly been ideal for golfing over the past few weeks, Hid-

den Hills still has its annual season-ending night golf event, sponsored by Naber Ford, on the scheduled for this Friday, Sept. 20.

The golf course will also still be playing host to ladies' nights on Tuesdays, men's nights on Thursdays, senior's golf on Mondays and Wednesdays (starting at 1 p.m.), and happy hour from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. every Friday, until golf season is over.

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## “Some thoughts”

For this week, we go back to the vault and find a column from almost exactly 15 years ago – Sept. 20, 2004. Some of it could have been written yesterday.

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In parts of Africa, the senior students beat the snakes out of the classroom so the younger kids can go to school in safety.

In Chechnya, the students and parents of Beslan school went through three terrifying days as hostages to a rebel group, with over three hundred people, most of them kids, killed either by the terrorists or by the Russian army in the rescue attempt.

In Israel and Palestine, a car bomb blows up a bus with many children aboard on their way to or from school.

In the Sudan, most kids are hidden away to keep them safe from marauding bands of thugs intent on wiping out whole villages. School? What's that?

In Canada, teachers are switching from red pens to pens of other colours in order to mark student work, claiming that red is too harsh and leads to lowered self esteem among students.

Is this a wonderful country or what?

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Hockey fans across the country breathe a collective sigh of relief – Team Canada outlasted everybody and won the World Cup of Hockey, beating Finland 3-2 in a nail-biter Tuesday night.

Non-hockey fans across the country breathe a collective sigh of relief – the NHL owners have locked out the players and there won't be a hockey season for what could be a very long time.

Or a short one, depending on who blinks first. My guess is it won't be the players. The average salary is \$2.2 million per year. I suspect a lot of guys have been sticking some money away for a rainy day such as this. And that doesn't count the \$100 million strike fund they claim to have.

The owners feel they can go a long time, too, since 75% of their costs are player salaries that won't be going out. But 100% of their revenues will be drying up, too. But that doesn't count the strike fund they have, too, estimated at about \$300 million.

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We took a trip to North Battleford last week and noticed a number of combines out cleaning off some crop. We couldn't help thinking that these guys would probably have liked another couple of weeks of really good weather before having to haul out the big equipment.

We saw a few swathers, too.

And it rained on the way home.

These guys can't catch a break this year.

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I don't think I'm siding with the guys who are refusing to welcome American hunters to our country this fall in protest over the refusal of the Americans to open up the border to shipments of live Canadian cattle.

I'd rather these guys go home after a Canadian holiday telling their friends how the actions of their government and lobby groups are killing us, instead of telling them how badly they were treated by angry Canadians.

All the same, I understand the frustration and anger of our cattlemen

I'd rather we try to convince them to take a cow home with them when they leave for home.

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Who says industry is in bad shape in Saskatchewan? The price tag for injuries runs about a billion dollars a year, according to a report in the big daily to the south of us. Eighteen people are hurt every hour and almost one person a day dies from their injuries.

According to the report, Saskatchewan's hospitalization rate from injuries is twice the national average and the death rate is 1.4 times.



## *In search of reason in the healthcare debate*



DAVE  
HYNDMAN

~  
Columnist



JORDAN  
TWISS

~  
News Editor

Having no children of my own, I can't speak from personal experience on this particular matter. However, I've always been led to believe that the birth of a child is one of those life altering, stars aligning, everything coming into balance moments that reveals to us some great secret of the universe, or some hint of our grander purpose in life.

I've no doubt that the nine months leading up to the moment a child is born are filled with the stress of ensuring everything is in place (only to realize, at the last minute, of course, that something important has been neglected), the nervous nibbling of finger nails, an unhealthy measure of second guessing, and the fear that everything will be for naught.

But that first breath, that first cry, that first opportunity to hold your newborn, those things must be a sort of magic that make all the panic and doubt that led up to those moments truly worthwhile.

Or, at least, one would hope that this would be the case for every new parent, given the sacrifice, the tears, and the hard work that go into shepherding a new life into – and, in some cases beyond – adulthood.

Unfortunately, a recent tweet by New York-based journalist and new father Dave Mosher has laid bare a less-than-magical part of having a child in the United States: the utter financial ruin that childbirth, and the healthcare system in general, can bring to a family that isn't fortunate enough to have adequate insurance coverage.

Conceding that he and his family could count themselves among the lucky to be insured, Mr. Mosher shared his bill from a two-day stay at New York's Mount Sinai hospital for mom and baby.

By all accounts the birth was normal, and free of any complications or the use of an epidural. And yet, were it not for their health insurance, the family would have been left on the hook for a bill for mom, totalling \$27,015, and a bill for baby, worth \$27,355.

That's \$54,000, just for the "luxury" of bringing a new life into this world.

Does anyone else think it's absolutely bonkers that a child can effectively emerge from the womb and find him or herself \$27,000 in debt? Or is it just me who feels that something is horribly wrong with a healthcare system that functions this way?

Now, some of you are likely asking yourselves why you're reading this, when it has nothing to do with the type of health-

care service provided in Saskatchewan, or even anywhere in Canada.

But the subject bears discussing, because there are some in this nation who would love nothing more than to emulate the American model of private for-profit healthcare, and rid Canada of the taint that is its "socialist-inspired" public healthcare system.

Granted, the Canadian healthcare system isn't without its shortcomings.

Despite the joint efforts of provincial and federal governments, wait times for medically-necessary procedures are much longer than should be considered acceptable almost everywhere in the country. This, quite naturally, is a symptom of the lack of resources available within our healthcare system. And this, in turn, points to a larger issue with the inadequacy of government funding for a healthcare system that is seeing growing demand for its overstretched resources.

With that all said, having the best healthcare system in the world counts for absolutely nothing if a large percentage of the population can't afford to access it at all, and another segment of the population can't make use of it without being saddled with crippling debt.

Moreover, for all the improvements that must be made by the next federal, Canada's healthcare system is certainly a far cry from the "socialist" hellscape that its detractors say it is – and certainly far less terrifying than a for-profit system, in which insurance companies will seek any grounds to deny a patient's claim.

Of course, as is the case with any heated debate, there's nonsense being spewed by both sides. In particular, those who conjure the spectre of unfettered capitalism any time the word privatization is mentioned are relying on the same unfounded fear tactics as their opponents.

There should be room for privatization in the system, with the caveat that the private system should run parallel to public healthcare, rather than compete for the same resources.

If companies want to provide private services, let them also provide the infrastructure to make those services available. If people want to pay for healthcare, they should be free to do so, so long as the decision doesn't hinder someone else's access to public healthcare services.

Canada's healthcare may be a point of pride, but that doesn't mean it can't change or improve. However, a system that bankrupts sick people is not a change, nor an improvement, to aspire to.

# Aardvarks end win streak under the lights

Over the past four football seasons, the W.P. Sandin Aardvarks football team has been blessed by good fortunate under the big lights, dishing out one-sided beat downs, and making stunning last-minute comebacks.

But everything, unfortunately, must come to an end.

Facing the battle-ready Birch Hills Marauders in their home opener and annual night game, the Aardvarks put up a good fight but were outgunned, falling for the first time under the lights by a score of 60-38.

After winning the coin toss and opting to receive the opening kickoff, Birch Hills came roaring out of the gate. Using a hurry up offence and a good mix of running and passing plays to keep the Aardvarks defence on their toes, the Marauders were able to draw first blood, and jump out to a 6-0 lead.

Indeed, it wasn't until

By contrast, the Aardvarks offence, helmed by second-year quarterback Dallas Galloway, got off to a strong start with runs by Ashton Barden and Galloway. But, unlike Birch Hills, it eventually hit a defensive wall just outside the red zone, turning the ball over on downs.

This would become a key narrative of the evening for the Aardvarks, who would spend much of the rest of game following a similar pattern of making big plays, but failing to convert them into points.

For its part, the Birch Hills offence was all too happy to pounce on the opportunities it was given, leaping ahead 14-0 on a rushing touchdown right through the heart of the Aardvarks defence. Then, after recovering a fumble off the ensuing kickoff, the merciless Marauders would go up 22-0 on a QB keeper to the outside edge.

the final drive of the half, with one second remaining on the clock, that the Aardvarks would manage to penetrate deep into the Birch Hills red zone. There, on a short QB keeper from the one yard line by Galloway, they would earn their first points to tighten the gap to 22-8.

Having gotten back into the game with their last drive of the first half, the Aardvarks carried that momentum into the beginning of the second. Receiving the kickoff, they set themselves up deep in Birch Hills territory, then hit pay dirt on a big run by Barden to push the score to 22-16.

This however, would lead to a shootout between the Marauders and Aardvarks. And with Birch Hills scoring two touchdowns for every one Shellbrook touchdown, it was a shootout that the Aardvarks couldn't win.

In Aardvarks highlights from the second



**Shellbrook's Ethan Bell showed grit carrying the ball, forcing three Marauders defenders to join forces to bring him down.**

half, Landon Greening went on a winding, sideline to sideline romp to bring the score to 36-24. Later on, showcasing his arm, Galloway would connect with Breck Thiel on a beautiful pass to, and follow that up with a three-pass drive that culminated in a touchdown run and reception by Cameron Stene.

Down 54-38 after

these two scoring plays, the Aardvarks would surrender one last touchdown to fall behind 60-38.

Then, closing out the game in much the way it had started, the Aardvarks offence put on a solid showing in the final possession of the game, only to come up just a few yards short.

With the loss, the

Aardvarks now sit at 1-1, thanks to their 38-6 defeat of the Big River Rebels in week one of the regular season.

The team's next action will see it host a junior jamboree on Saturday, Sept. 21 starting at 10 a.m.. Then, it's off to Hafford for another regular season game on Friday, Sept. 27. That game has a 7 p.m. start time.

## YOUR TWO CENTS

### Congratulations, Dave Hyndman

Dear editor,

I read with interest the recent article about Dave Hyndman and his 40 years as a reporter for the Spiritwood Herald. He is definitely to be congratulated on that achievement. It has been many years since I went to school in Spiritwood but whenever I have a chance to read the Herald, I always enjoy reading about the exploits of Speed and Speedette, among other topics that he explores.

As an English teacher, Mr. Hyndman was a favourite of many of his students. He would regale us with stories of life in his hometown of Flin Flon. It sounded like a community that in so many ways

was very different from what we knew growing up and yet very much the same in terms of community spirit. To us, Flin Flon may as well have been in Africa since it seemed so far away, although now having been to Africa, I guess it's not quite that far!

He was popular among the students and approached exams differently than anyone had until then. Perhaps he remembers giving an exam involving the communities of Spit, Wad and Badplum!

Another particular event that comes to mind was when the town elevators burned down and he was on the Fire Department. His commitment resulted in our classes being cancelled for the next few days. As much as we liked him, getting out of a class was always better!

Having remained in Spiritwood is quite an accomplishment, since many teachers and other professional people tend to be more transient. When

I read about the many organizations and service clubs that he has been involved with over the years, I applaud him since volunteers are so desperately needed to help operate many small town activities.

There is certainly evidence of an active volunteer force in town as I noticed the work going on to develop a town square. This is an ambitious project and will compliment the Lions Centennial park area.

Strolling down Main St, I also noticed various new and attractive business fronts with beautiful art work hanging in the windows.

What a unique manner to further show off local talent and energy.

To you Dave, I say well done and may you enjoy many more years of health and good friendship, wherever life's adventures may take you.

Ralph Schalm  
Watrous SK

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Elder Marlene Rudolph accepts a \$400 cheque from Faith Mazurek and Sylvia Jones of St. Agatha's Catholic Church. The funds will help with the purchase of the two-person trike pictured above.



Elders Melba Souch and Mae Atkinson (front) accept a \$500 cheque from Shellbrook and District Arts Council members Sylvia Jones and Judy Hjer-taas. The funds will support artistic opportunities for the elders.

## PIHC celebrates Special Care Home Week, Rural Skills Tour

### Submitted by Trina Chamberlain

Special Care Home Week is recognized by the Saskatchewan Health Authority as a time to celebrate the people who live, work and visit there. Although the celebration is most often coordinated through Recreation Therapy, it is a time for residents/elders, family, staff, volunteers and community to come together and enjoy one another.

This year's theme, "Let the Good Times Roll" was inspired by the publication of our elders' second book. The stories in the new volume relate, for some, to their earlier experiences of driving, for others, to their experience driving later in life, and for yet another, select group, of how they went places without a driver's licence. As the planning progressed, the opportunities kept rolling in.

Shellbrook is hosting the Rural Skills Tour (medical professional recruitment tour) this year, so we decided to link the two events. On Saturday, Sept. 21, up to 40 visitors will tour the clinic, the health centre, and the community, taking part in some of the kick off events from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the health centre parking lot.

To assist the visitors to gain a sense of this area of

the province and what our community has to offer, they will be challenged with completing a Community Awareness Bingo Card. If approached by a visitor, local citizens may aid them by engaging in a friendly conversation to help answer some of their questions.

It is expected that, along with the Rural Skills visitors, community members, family, elders/residents, staff and volunteers will

enjoy with a drink. A Car Show runs from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Local Entertainer Marvelous Marvin is on from 2 to 3. The "Along the Road" Book Launch will showcase a few read-aloud selections of elders' stories. Books will be available for sale. To conclude the afternoon, the prize for Residents Choice/Visitors Choice will be presented at 4:15.

Before the Rural Skills Tour guests depart for home, they will be treated to a private concert by the Forever Young Singing Club and a care package including lo-

## PUBLIC NOTICE R.M. OF SHELLBROOK NO. 493

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the R.M. of Shellbrook No. 493, pursuant to Section 207 of *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw 08/1981, known as the Zoning Bylaw by rezoning the proposed parcels as shown on the section of map below.

### REASON

This amendment is to rezone the northeasterly portion of NE-31-49-01-W3 from Agricultural Residential Zoning District – (AR) to Country Residential Zoning District – (CR); as indicated by hatched marked map. This includes:

Parcel C, Plan 102067758 Ext. 0

Parcel D, Plan 102153226 Ext. 0

The remainder of Parcel E, Plan 102153226 Ext. 0, as shown in the Plan of Proposed Subdivision dated March 11/2019, prepared by Jack Redding, SLS

Parcel F, Plan 102153226 Ext. 0

Parcel Q, Plan 101561228 Ext. 2

### PUBLIC INSPECTION

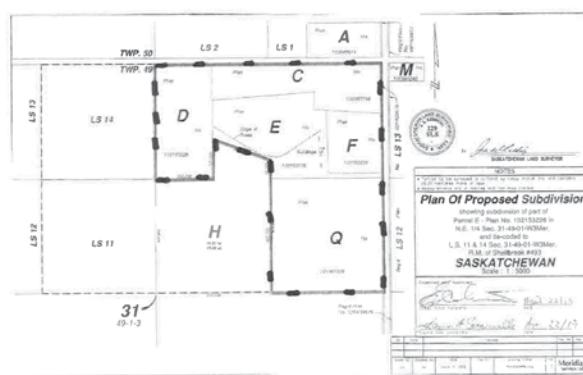
Any person may inspect the bylaw at the R.M. Office located at 71 Main Street, in the Town of Shellbrook between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday excluding statutory holidays. A copy of the proposed bylaw is available at the R.M. of Shellbrook Office.

### PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public meeting on October 2/2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the R.M. Municipal Office located in the Town of Shellbrook to hear any person or group that wishes to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the R.M. of Shellbrook Office by 4:00 p.m. September 27/2019.

Issued at the Town of Shellbrook this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

Donna Goertzen  
Administrator



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Rural Municipality of Big River, No. 555

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the R.M. 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

The proposed zoning bylaw amendment will change the fee required when application for appeals are made to the Development Appeals Board

### AFFECTED LANDS

All lands in the Rural Municipality of Big River, No. 555.

### REASON

The reason for the amendment is to reflect the maximum fee set out in Section 220 of *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* and the appeal fee set by the Development Appeals Board when an application for appeal is submitted to the secretary of the board.

### PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the R.M. 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 October 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

Donna Tymak  
Rural Municipal Administrator

cally grown or made items donated by family member Arlene Scott and local canner Eva Stene, Aspen Quilters Club, Provencher Bison Ranch, Hannigan Honey and Mumm's Sprouting Seeds.

The remainder of Special Care Home Week celebrations include Gospel music with Anita Turgeon on Monday, Sept. 23 at 2:30 p.m. – everyone is welcome.

The come-and-go pancake brunch on Tuesday, Sept. 24th is from 11:30 to 1. Again, everyone is welcome.

Residents will engage in a game of Travelling "Music Bingo" at 3 p.m. that same day.

On Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 3 p.m., residents in Readers' Theater will focus on Driving Stories & Memories.

On Thursday, Sept. 26 at 10:30 a.m., Happy Trails Campfire Worship will be held in the courtyard – all are welcome.

That afternoon, at 2:30, all are welcome to join in for the Sock Hop and Ice Cream Floats, with the Knox Jug Band Road Show. There will be a prize for the best dressed (poodle skirts, blue jeans, and leather or jean jackets).

The week winds up with a tour down country roads!

Come on out for a wheeling good time!

To volunteer, show a car, or for more information contact Trina Chamberlain at 306 747 6841.

# AGRICULTURE

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## World Rivers Day highlights need to protect water

Most people will not be aware, but the 15th annual World Rivers Day is set for Sept. 22.

So what is the day all about?

Well, "World Rivers Day celebrates the values of rivers, increases awareness, and encourages river stewardship and conservation around the globe — massive worldwide event has its roots in British Columbia, Canada going back to 1980," stated a recent release regarding the day.

Perhaps the use of the word massive overshells the day a tad, at least

here in Saskatchewan it doesn't seem to have a great deal of traction, which is unfortunate.

Anything that raises awareness about the need to better protect our water resources is, to my mind, critical.

And, "with many of the world's rivers facing increasing pressures associated with climate change, pollution, and industrial development" as the release noted, that awareness is certainly needed in terms of our rivers.

The announced theme of this year's event is "waterways in our com-



CALVIN  
DANIELS

munities", with a special emphasis on the need to protect and restore urban waterways which are often under great pressure. Many events will focus on educational and public awareness activities while others will

include river cleanups, habitat restoration projects, and community riverside celebrations.

Farmers have increasingly become aware of their potential impact on local rivers and streams, paying greater attention to protecting riparian areas -- the interface between land and a river or stream.

The riparian area acts as a natural buffer to protect waterways.

Cattle producers are also moving away from having their stock drink directly from streams and rivers, protecting the waterways with off

stream watering.

But, farmers are only one part of the equation in terms of protecting water resources in general, and rivers in particular.

"World Rivers Day strives to increase public awareness of the importance of our waterways as well as the many threats confronting them," said Mark Angelo, World Rivers Day Chair and Founder and Chair Emeritus of the Rivers Institute at the British Columbia Institute of Technology in the release.

"Rivers are integral to all life. Yet, many of the world's waterways continue to face an array of threats and are often impacted by inappropriate practices and inadequate protection," added Angelo.

While there do not seem to be major events around the day locally, it is still an opportunity to think about the importance of our water resource in terms of our lives, growing food, transportation and recreation.

With its diverse importance, we need to be vigilant in our protection of the resource.

## Op-Ed: Who's in charge of agricultural policy?

**Cam Goff,**

**National Farmer's Union**

While harvest will take top billing in farmers' minds as we put in the long hours that lie ahead of us, other issues have to be considered. Two of the most important are Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's (AAFC) attack on farmers' right to freely use our own seed, and AAFC's seemingly unsupervised rewriting of the Canada Grain Act -- including the Canadian Grain Commission's (CGC) mandate to regulate in the interests of producers.

Many farmers have a sense of what's being presented, and what's at stake, with AAFC's attempt to bulldoze farmers on the seed issue. After years of extensive lobbying by seed industry groups, and almost no input from farmers, AAFC presented two completed industry-designed "solutions" to their fabricated problem.

In both cases, "End Point Royalties" and "Trailing Contracts", government regulations would be passed to turn control of Canada's seed system over to corporations and force farmers to pay tens of millions dollars annually to seed companies. Their plans could destroy Canada's public plant breeding system, and cause the loss of our reputation for top-quality grain.

Now it appears that AAFC has embarked on a similar mission to revise the Canada Grain Act, including the mandate of the CGC. The Grain Act was passed and the CGC was created in the early 1900s to protect farmers from the predatory practices of the grain companies and railroads. The Act and the Commission are the sole remaining institutions that place the interests of farmers to the forefront, and they are as neces-

sary now as when they were formed.

With the active participation of the Chief Commissioner of the CGC, AAFC has settled into the CGC's Winnipeg office, pushed aside the two appointed farmer Commissioners, and has held multiple meetings with representatives of the grain industry. They are reportedly preparing a plan that will strip farmers of the protections put into place over a hundred years ago, and replace them with an industry wish list that will clear the way for the likes of Cargill, Vittoria and Bunge to decide the rules of the grain trade.

Meetings with some government MPs have revealed a grave concern with this process. Questions have been raised directly with federal Agriculture Minister Bibeau's office. However, answers about the process and the players involved have been non-existent.

This leads to the conclusion that at the very least, AAFC staff and the Chief Commissioner of the CGC have embarked on a revision of both the Canada Grain Act and the Canadian Grain Commission's mandate guided solely by the wishes of the grain companies. Under these conditions, it is impossible to believe that farmers' interests will be de-

fended.

If this is the case, farmers will end up with another mess like the so-called "Value Creation" seed royalty debacle. Farmers will again be faced with a stacked deck when AAFC employees trot out a finished product and expect farmers to approve it.

All of this brings into question who is determining agricultural policy in our country. Is it the government officials we elect and who are responsible to Canadian citizens? Or is it unaccountable

employees of AAFC who are allowed to implement corporate agendas to the detriment of farmers?

The Minister of Agriculture's refusal to investigate the serious questions raised by these issues is unacceptable. There is still time for this Minister to step forward and answer the concerns of farmers directly affected. Any review of the CGC and the Canada Grain Act must be immediately stopped, and an entirely new start made only when bona fide farmer representatives are at the table.

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# Former Leask teacher publishes first children's book

For as long as she can recall, Pamela Maxwell has been interested in writing.

However, as a teacher for more than 30 years – seven of which were spent teaching Grade 5 and 5/6 in Leask – she says her love of writing manifested in a unique way.

"The interest has always been there, just more as a teacher," she said. "The classes that I enjoyed teaching the most were those that were about creative writing, getting kids to write stories, and getting them excited about writing."

After becoming a principal later in her career, and spending time developing facilita-

tions, and growth plans for schools, Maxwell says the idea of writing always remained in the back of her mind as something she would do during her retirement years.

Then, barely even a year after she retired, around back-to-school time, the idea for her first children's book, *I Want to be a Writer*, came to her.

"I had a storyline that I used to do with the kids, where I got them to pretend to be something else, and write from that perspective. The story developed from there," she said, calling the book a reflection on her school years.

Taking her idea and running with it, and

partnering up with her daughter, Amy, who provided the illustrations, Maxwell was nearly ready to publish in 2015, and had already approached the self-publishing firm Balboa Press.

But then, life got in the way, and her plans were temporarily put on hold.

"I got back into it after the birth of my two grandchildren. That inspired me to start looking at it again, because I began reading stories to the two of them," she said, adding that Amy's interest in finishing the illustrations for the book was rekindled around that same time.

Fast forward to June of this year, and Max-

well was finally publishing *I Want to be a Writer*, a story about a pencil who's waiting to be chosen by his person so that he can fulfil his dream of becoming a writer.

Explaining that she chose to self-publish through Balboa Press because they were willing to accommodate her vision for the book, Maxwell says it was the firm's patience that she appreciated most.

"They stayed with me for four years, from the time when I first came up with the idea and had given them the story."

With her book now available, Maxwell says she's just getting the hang of marketing it, and that she started small by doing readings at local libraries in B.C., where she now resides.

Having gotten her feet wet now, she has big plans for promoting the book over the next year.



Pamela Maxwell is the author of the children's book *I Want to be a Writer*.

in which I taught, and be part of the teacher workshops and presentations they have at school start-up."

In the meantime, Maxwell says she's already at work on two other books, one of which she expects to be finished by next spring.

"It takes a different perspective entirely, and it offers its own little challenges."

*I Want to be a Writer* is available through Chapters/Indigo, Amazon, and Barnes and Noble in the U.S.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

**DEBDEN:** Wapiti Library hours: Monday 3 pm - 7 pm; Tuesday 11 am - 4 pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon

**LEASK:** Wapiti Library & Legacy Gallery Hours: Tuesday 1 pm - 5:30 pm; Friday 10:30 am - 5 pm; Saturday 1 pm - 5 pm.

**MARCELIN:** Wapiti Library is open Tues. 2 pm - 6 pm; Thur. 2 pm - 8 pm; Sat. 10 am - 2 pm. For information on all your library needs, please contact 306-226-2110.

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

**SHELLBROOK:** Shellbrook Theatre Movie Night, Fri., Sept. 20, Avengers: Endgame; Fri., Oct. 4, Aladdin; Fri., Oct. 18, Toy Story 4. Doors Open 7 p.m. Showtime 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$5

**SHELLBROOK:** Chili Lunch (Chili, Bun, Coleslaw, Dessert & Beverage) Friday, Sept. 20 - 11:30 to 1 pm @ Shellbrook Senior Centre. \$8.00. Take out available. Phone 306-747-3553

**SHELL LAKE:** FALL SUPPER - Sunday, October 6 - Shell Lake Lions Hall. Doors Open 4:20 pm, Supper 5 - 7 pm. Adult - \$14; Under 12 - \$5; Under 5 - Free. Sponsored by Our Lady of Smiles & Partners in Worship Churches, Shell Lake

**CANWOOD:** Canwood Fall Supper - Canwood Elks Hall, Sunday, October 27, 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Adults \$15 • 12 and under \$10 • Preschool Free. Proceeds to maintenance and expenses of Canwood Elks Community Hall. Sponsored by Canwood Elks & Royal Purple Elks

**CANWOOD:** Canwood Royal Purple Annual Crafts & Home-Based Business Sale, Saturday, November 2 @ Canwood Elks' Community Centre, 10 am - 3 pm. To book a table call Glenda 306-468-7166 or Linda 306-468-2253 ~ \$25/table

**SHELLBROOK:** Harvest Tea & Bake Sale, Knox United Church, Shellbrook, SK. Saturday, September 28 - 2 to 4 pm. \$5 per person. All are welcome!

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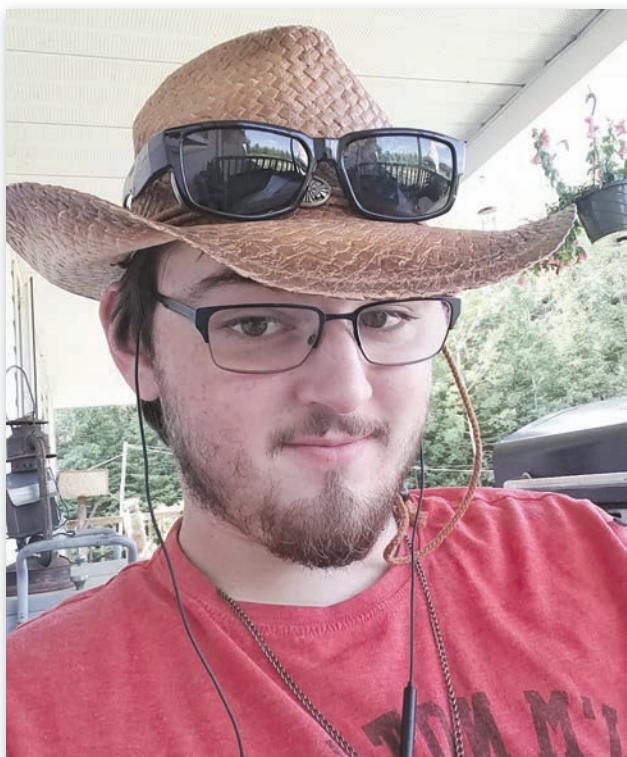
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# Young Debden author launches first novel



**Debden author Dylan Arrestad.**

If you were to ask a hundred authors how they got their start in writing, you'd probably receive nearly a hundred variations of a very similar response.

For Debden's Dylan Arrestad, the story is a slightly different one.

Perhaps, like so many other writers, he was always destined to put pen to paper. But, if so, he discovered his fate entirely by accident six years ago, when he was only 14.

"Basically, what started it was one Christmas I didn't know what to get my mom," he said. "So

I decided to write her a little story, and it kind of took off from there."

Since gifting his mother with that tale, Arrestad's writing has taken him on quite the journey. Just this past August, for instance, he self-published his first novel, *The Road to Blackthrush*, through Kindle Direct Publishing using the pen name Jarret Madden.

"I started with a little idea, but I wasn't sure where it was going to go. Then, I wrote a few chapters and nothing was coming of it," he said of the early writing process.

"Then, I got a couple concussions, and I was out of commission for awhile with nothing to do. So, I had all the time in the world to work on it."

Billed as a teen adventure/fantasy novel, *The Road to Blackthrush* follows a young man who is swept up in a massive struggle for power when he discovers that he is in possession of a magical artifact that is the center of the secret war between the King and a resistance movement.

Explaining that he is an avid reader and watcher of films, Arrestad says that his inspiration for the book, which is the first of multiple planned entries in his *The Sixth Order* series, came from a lot of different places in pop culture, including Star Wars, Harry Potter, and Lord of the Rings.

While these popular franchises might have helped him shape his own ideas, Arrestad says that, style wise, he has a fairly unique voice as a writer. That said, he does add that he took guidance from Rick Riordan, author of the Percy Jackson series, when it came to infusing humour into his stories.

With so many luminaries to lean on in the fantasy realm, one might expect that the stories

would almost write themselves. However, Arrestad says there were a few times that he ran into the familiar archnemesis of all authors: writer's block.

"When you don't feel like writing, but you know you should, and you just sit down with the pen and paper, and you've got to force a couple words out... eventually it comes, but sometimes you just really don't feel like doing that," he said.

When it came time to publish *The Road to Blackthrush*, Arrestad says he chose to self-publish because it guaranteed a better return on his investment in the process.

Working with Kindle Direct Publishing, he says, was a simple, straightforward process. He handled the cover design and formatting for the book, then sent it into the company for last looks. From there, it went to Amazon, where

it's ready to be printed on demand.

Having officially released *The Road to Blackthrush* on Aug. 14, Arrestad feels that the response to the book has been largely positive.

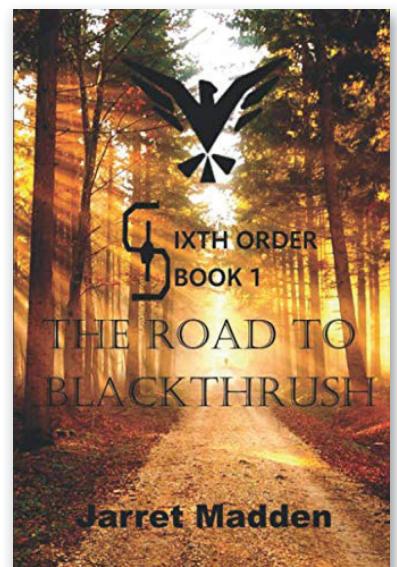
"It's been pretty much what I expected," he said, noting that his friends and family have been supporters. "But there have been quite a few people who I don't actually know who are wanting some books, who have just heard from other people."

Though *The Road to Blackthrush* is still essentially hot off the presses, Arrestad says he's already hard at work on book two of the series. With the writing portion about two-thirds done, and a lengthy edit to follow, he anticipates being done around March of

2020.

In the meantime, anyone with a taste for adventure can get to know Arrestad at a meet the author night, which is being held at the Debden Public Library later this month.

*The Road to Blackthrush*, meanwhile, is available through Amazon.



***The Road to Blackthrush* is the first novel from Debden author Dylan Arrestad.**

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

### LUTHERAN CHURCH

Zion - Canwood  
Sunday School,  
Worship Sunday, 9 a.m.  
St. John's - Shellbrook  
Sunday School,  
Worship Sunday, 11 a.m.  
Rev. Emmanuel Aristide

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

Parkside  
11 a.m. - Worship  
Pastor Chris Dean

### PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Parkside  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Pastor Doug Hope  
306-747-3572  
Shellbrook  
Sun., 10:30 a.m. - Worship  
Pastor David Bodvarson  
306-747-7235  
Canwood  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship  
Pastor Glenn Blazosek  
306-468-2138  
Leask Gospel Tabernacle  
Sunday 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
Pastor Lorne Valuck

### SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Parkside 306-747-2309  
Leask 306-466-4498  
Marcelin 306-226-4615

### EVANGELICAL FREE

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

Sun., 11:00 a.m. - Worship  
Pastor Bill Klumpenhower

### CATHOLIC CHURCH

Debden  
Sun. Mass - 9:30 a.m.  
Fr. Michael Fahlman  
Big River - Sacred Heart  
Sun., 11:30 a.m. - Mass  
Whitefish  
Sun., 2:30 p.m. - Mass.  
Victoire

Sat., 7:30 p.m. - Mass.  
Fr. Michael Fahlman  
Eucharist Celebrations

Muskeg  
Sunday, 3 p.m.  
St. Agatha's - Shellbrook

Mass - Sunday 9 a.m.  
St. Henry's - Leask  
Mass - Sunday - 11 a.m.  
Mistawasis

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 1:30 p.m.  
Fr. Phong Tran

### PRESBYTERIAN

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

### SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

407-2nd Ave E, Shellbrook  
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Sat., 11:00 am - Worship  
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Pastor Scott Manly  
306-747-3305

### ANGLICAN CHURCH

Leask - All Saint's  
Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service  
St. Andrew's - Shellbrook  
Sunday, 11 a.m. Service  
Canwood - Christ Church  
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Service  
2 p.m. Service 2nd Sunday  
of the month  
Rev'd Eyad Ajii  
306-980-5916

### UNITED CHURCH

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

### MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCH

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

## 13,000 new jobs created year-over-year

According to a report released by Statistics Canada, year-over-year job growth in Saskatchewan continues to rise. In August 2019, employment was up 13,000 jobs from August 2018.

Full-time employment increased by 4,300 jobs and part-time employment increased by 8,800 jobs. This marks the 13th consecutive month of year-over-year job increases. Month-to-month employment also rose by 2,800 jobs from July 2019.

"Saskatchewan continues to see steady job creation in spite of headwinds created outside our province," Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "We will keep standing up for our province against policies that threaten our economy and the jobs of Saskatchewan people, and continue our efforts to diversify export markets for Saskatchewan goods and products."

The unemployment rate in the province

dropped to 5.1 per cent in August (seasonally adjusted), down from 6.6 per cent a year ago and 5.4 per cent last month. Saskatchewan had the third lowest unemployment rate in the country, below the national average of 5.7 per cent.

Other August highlights:

- All-time records were set in August for the working-age population (890,200), labour force (625,700).
- Major year-over-year gains were reported for accommodation and food services up 4,400 jobs; manufacturing up 3,400 jobs; professional, scientific and technical services up 3,200 jobs;
- Off-reserve Aboriginal employment was up 3,800 jobs (+8.2 per cent) for the second consecutive month of year-over-year increases; and
- Private sector jobs up 6,200 (+1.8 per cent).

# SPORTS

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## Immigration a boon to Canadian tennis

Canadian politicians may be debating the merits or shortcomings of immigration during the upcoming federal election, but Canadian tennis fans are giving a solid thumbs-up to the idea of welcoming people from other countries.

Had there been tough restrictions on immigration through the years, it may have been difficult for the likes of families named Andreeșcu, Raonic, Shapovalov, Auger-Aliassime and Pospisil from even taking up residence in our country, let alone bringing sporting glory to our home and native land.

The latest headliner is Bianca Andreeșcu, a 19-year-old who was on the fringes of the sport as little as 10 months ago, before she made it to the final of the ABS Classic in New Zealand in Janu-

ary. Proving it was no fluke, she followed that up with a victory at the Indian Wells tournament in Palm Springs in March, and then won the Rogers Cup title in Toronto in August when health issues forced Serena Williams to forfeit the final. Her latest trip down Glory Lane came in New York earlier this month, when Andreeșcu stunned the tennis world with a straight-set victory over Williams in the U.S. Open final, capping two weeks of Bianca Fever across Canada. Nice paycheque, too: \$3.85 million (U.S.)

It may not have happened had the Andreeșcu family, carrying the totality of their belongings in two suitcases, not moved from Romania to Canada, where Bianca was born.

The family moved back to Romania when



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Bianca was young, and it was in Pitesti, Romania, where she started playing tennis at age 7. They moved back to Canada a few years later and Bianca was 11 when she became involved with Tennis Canada.

There is a constant theme to the backgrounds of other top Canadian tennis players:

— Toronto's Milos Raonic, who missed this year's U.S. Open due to injury, was born in

Yugoslavia (now Montenegro) and is of Serb heritage. His parents, worried about political unrest in the Balkans, moved the family to Brampton, Ont., in 1994, when Milos was three.

— Félix Auger-Aliassime, currently the top-ranked male in our country, was born in Canada, but his father emigrated from Togo, and married a Quebec woman.

— Denis Shapovalov, the third-ranked Canadian who made it to the third round of the U.S. Open, was born in Tel Aviv, Israel, the son of Russian-Israeli citizens Tessa and Viktor Shapovalov. They moved from Russia to Tel Aviv when the Soviet Union was collapsing, later settling in Canada.

— Vasek Pospisil, from Vernon, B.C., is the fourth-ranked Canadian

male. His parents Milos and Mila escaped the Communist regime in Czechoslovakia in 1988 and wound up in Vernon, where Vasek was born in 1990.

Immigration, it seems, has been good for the fortunes of Canadian tennis. Say tennis fans from coast to coast: Keep 'em coming.

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Former NHL forward Darren McCarty says marijuana saved his life. Which probably just clinched him the first Lady Bong Trophy."

• Comedy writer Bill Scheft, on Twitter: "BREAKING: After consulting doctored map, Trump signs executive order forcing Alabama football team to change nickname from Crimson Tide to Crimson Storm Surge."

• Late night funny-

man Jimmy Kimmel, discussing 'fake news': "I'm hoping we get fake sports, too, because I want to see The Mets win the World Series."

• Dwight Perry again: "Steamboat Geyser in Yellowstone Park just had its 34th eruption of the year, breaking the longstanding record set by Woody Hayes."

• Janice Hough of left-coastsportsbabe.com, on the Twins hitting six home runs — and still losing 10-7 to the Yankees: "If the ball were any more juiced it would be sponsored by Minute Maid."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg, via Twitter, on the Packers' season-opening 10-3 win over the Bears: "Aaron Rodgers was listed as the winning pitcher."

Care to comment?  
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## Is it Fall?

### By Patricia Hanbidge

If you have not yet gotten frost then consider yourself very fortunate. After a mixed-up summer with warmer temperatures in April than July it should come as no surprise to find the end of growing in the garden in late August and early September. If you have not kept a journal of your garden then this is the third year running that all the tropicals in my back yard had to be brought inside almost two months earlier than what was the norm just a few years ago.

In the edible garden, my peppers, tomatoes and eggplants are producing an amazing amount. The containers of canna lilies are beauteous and the garden is at its peak of perfection. Should I cover the plants or move the containers in and out to extend the season? Should we laugh at Mother Nature and continue to garden in spite of what she gives us? Well, the answer is likely not for me as the amount of work for what you gain is just not enough. It is important to realize that these "hot crops" and other plants that cringe when the temperature drops below 10 °C will actually just shut down anyway. The amount of production

is really negligible even if we get daytime temperatures that are in the low teens.

In spite of part wanting to enjoy my outdoor space for just a little bit longer with the glory of growth all around me, I really try to reason with my heart. The process that occurs within the plant itself will change in relation to the unseasonably low temperatures. We can think about the fact that generally, plants will grow faster with warmer air temperatures until that temperature becomes too hot for the plant to thrive. The same is true when the temperature drops. Cool temperatures in autumn trigger the plant to slow the growth and store energy. Hot crops like tomatoes do not like it at all when the temperatures become cooler and basically the growth will slow to the point that production ceases. When we get freezing temperatures, any fruit that is still on the vines will become damaged and then will not ripen but instead will rot. Trees and perennials will begin to go dormant; leaves will change colour and energy within the plant will be converted to starch and stored in the root tissue.

The length of each gardening



season is dictated by the number of frost-free days we receive. For us, in the heart of Saskatchewan the average length of the growing season is approximately 110 days. This will of course vary with where you are geographically in the province – however, it is a good guideline. What bothers me about this guideline is that it suggests that for the remaining 255 days of the year – we have no green growth! We of course understand that this is not totally true as we do have some plant material that obviously grows outside those 110

days each year!

Our growing season is typically thought to begin in earnest by the long weekend in May. However, we have enjoyed very warm temperatures in April and I know that in my garden there are some perennials that peek out while there is still snow on the ground and will bloom floriferously prior to the May long weekend. Many who are unfamiliar with our weather patterns, put out annuals in April only to find them affected by a killing frost in early May. Fall each year is unique, with some years boasting

a long colourful period prior to the "killing frost" while other years we get that big frost and then enjoy a long "Indian summer".

So in preparation for our killing fall frost, remember that root vegetables are generally safe from fall frosts. For example, those potato tops are for sure toast, but the process of the tops of potatoes freezing is actually beneficial to the tubers underground. Once potato tops stop growing, the tubers will stop the process of growth and will begin to toughen their skins. This process is essential to increasing the storability of your potatoes. However, if you were caught with beets or carrots that are sticking up above the soil in the garden, you could see some damage to the exposed tissue.

Happy fall to you...may you enjoy the sun when it shines and wear the bunnyhugs and fleece with pride!

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## OBITUARY

*Arthur Benson*

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Arthur Wilhelm Benson was born March 8, 1927 at Calder, SK, near Yorkton. He was the 7th child of Herman and Annie Benson. There were 2 more children after him which made 9. The Benson family moved from Calder to Parkside and then to Leask and finally to Boro Green District southwest of Canwood in 1936 where they bought land and farmed. Arthur went to school at Boro Green until the eighth grade. He helped on the farm after school and then in 1940 he and his brother Adolph and a few friends travelled by

train to Northern Ontario where they worked for a logging company. In 1951, Arthur married Bodil Clausen from Canwood. They bought a farm in 1955 west of Canwood where they lived and farmed for many years. They had three children, Ken, Barb, and Stuart.

In the early years of their marriage Arthur worked in the winter months in the LaRonge area skidding logs for Carlson's Sawmill. In the winter of '57 the entire family went to Montreal Lake area to live and work, Art logging and Bodil cooking in the camp and bookkeeping. The northern trips came to an end when the kids reached school age. Arthur was a self-taught machinist and inventor; various creations were made in the Benson workshop right up till he retired to the nursing home. Some of his creations were snow plows, bale wagons, bulldozer blades, well drilling equipment, a band saw mill, self-propelled

Arthur and Bodil loved camping when time would allow. They enjoyed travelling to Arizona in the winter and camp in a trailer park there while enjoying the warm weather and flea markets.

Arthur's family and friends will miss his many stories but will cherish them for years to come.

Arthur is lovingly survived by his children: Kenneth Benson (Sandra Thall); Barb Person; Stuart Benson (Lisa Quessy)

His grandchildren:

Melanie (Gerald) Duret, Tabetha (Mike Bodnarchuk), Afton (Kyle) Danberg, Jordan (Kendall) Person, Brent (Brandy) Benson, Melissa Benson, Bradley (Lorna) Benson, and Nicholas Quessy; his great grandchildren: Amanda, Keegan & Morgan Duret; Ethan, Zander, Londyn, and Lachlan Bodnarchuk, Tucker & Dawson Danberg; Sawyer Person; Blake, Brianne and Blare Benson; Trae, Darion and Syrhea Daniels; Kaden, Brayzn, Kloe, and Bria Benson; his great-great grandchildren: Briella and Sadie Johns; his siblings: Esther Peterson, and Adolph (Esther) Benson; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Arthur is predeceased by: his wife, Bodil Benson in 2015; his parents, Annie & Herman Benson; his parents-in-law, Ejner & Andrea Clausen; his granddaughter, Lindi

Benson; his siblings & in-laws, Ralph (Alice) Benson, Ed (Doris) Benson, Dora (Arnie) Peterson, Mary (Joe) Kochie, Ellen (Norman) Skaley, and Mabel Smith; his brother in law, Bergie Peterson; and his son-in-law, Murray Person.

The Funeral Service for Arthur was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 10:30 am from the Zion Lutheran Church in Canwood, SK, with Rev. Emmanuel Aristide officiating. Arthur was laid to rest in

Prince Albert Memorial Gardens. In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Arthur to either the Zion Lutheran Church or Canwood Skating Rink. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Tammy Smart – Director, Canwood, SK, 306-468-2244.

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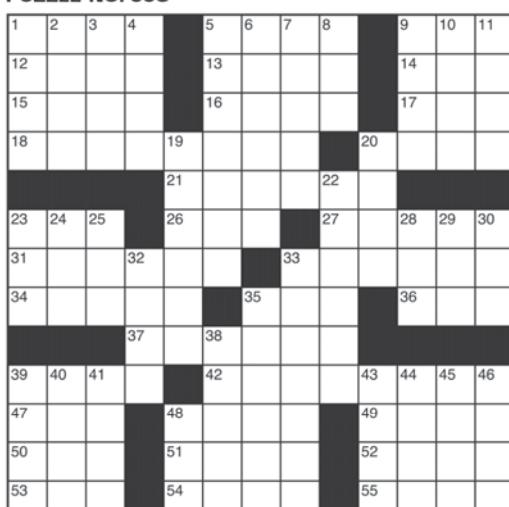
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- Mother \_\_\_\_\_
- Meadow mowers
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- Monumental story
- Iranian ruler, once
- Pound
- Hope
- Detroit, e.g.
- Lady from Eden
- Honor with a medal
- "Since You've \_\_\_\_\_ Gone"
- Bottle-cap remover
- Typewriter key
- Guys
- Tennis term
- Spain's continent
- Looking glass
- Yawning
- "The \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol"
- Neither's companion
- Bond
- Tumbled
- Proof
- "Facts of Life" star
- and bear it
- Days of \_\_\_\_\_
- Prior to, to Byron
- On the \_\_\_\_\_ (precisely)
- Vile
- Forest creature
- Purchaser
- Pats

## DOWN

- Bawdy
- Andy's kid
- Compact
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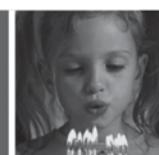
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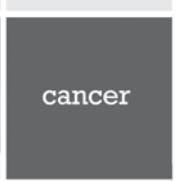
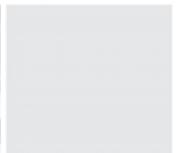
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