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Town clarifies changes to water, fire services



With provincial fire and water regulations set to change within the next year, the town of Shellbrook's water treatment plant will soon be the site of \$6.5 million worth of upgrades. So far, the list of needed improvements includes increased storage capacity, a third greensand filter, and a switch to a blended reverse osmosis system.

With change, comes questions. Hoping to answer some of the questions that ratepayers might have about recent changes to water and sewer billing, as well as firefighting costs, town of Shellbrook CAO Kelly Hoare and Mayor George Tomporowski sat down with the *Chronicle* last week to clear up any lingering confusion.

Starting with water and sewer, Hoare first explained the old billing system.

Under that system, ratepayers were given a monthly limit of 2,500 gallons within the minimum charges of about \$33 for water and \$25 sewer. Then, they were charged for any water or sewer consumption in excess of that 2,500 gallon limit.

Now, however, Hoare says the town

has moved to a service connection fee model for billing.

"We've gone to a system where it's a service connection fee, similar to what SaskPower or SaskEnergy does," she said. "You have your service line for sewer, your service line for water, and infrastructure charges. That's a base rate, and then you're just billed for consumption."

Naturally, the appearance of the "infrastructure charge" on utility bills had some ratepayers wondering what that money was going towards.

Putting it in simply, Hoare explained that the charge provides funds for "everything under the ground," including sewer and water lines, and the maintenance and replacement of said lines.

However, there's more to the town's water infrastructure than what's beneath the ground.

And, in explaining the town's decision to implement the changes to billing, Hoare said that a driving factor was the need for the town to make some major upgrades to its water treatment plant to meet shifting provincial regulations, and to continue to repay its loan for the wastewater treatment plant – an annual cost of about \$265,000.

Hoare says that the town now collects about \$70,000 per year in infrastructure fees for water and sewer, and that the town's goal is to put the money in reserves for any future capital projects (assuming, of course, that

the town doesn't face any major catastrophes).

That \$70,000 is a far cry from the \$5 per property that the town once collected every two months, and farther, still, from the period of time in which the town collected nothing to cover the costs of water and sewer infrastructure.

But even with its efforts to adequately fund municipal infrastructure, Mayor Tomporowski says the town is still playing catch-up.

"A lot of that infrastructure went in in the late 50s or early 60s, with no thought given to 40 or 50 years down the road when it's worn out and you need to do something," he said.

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Students raise \$1,564 through Terry Fox Run

With better than anticipated conditions, and an RCMP escort, students from Shellbrook Elementary School and W.P. Sandin High School united with enthusiasm to celebrate a Canadian hero, when they united for their annual Terry Fox Walk/Run on Wednesday, Sept. 25.

Parading around town, the students helped to honour Fox's legacy, and his courageous battle against cancer. More importantly, they also



With Shellbrook Elementary School students filing in behind them, kids from W.P. Sandin High School lead the Terry Fox Run procession.

helped raise vital funds for The Terry Fox Foundation, which helps support cancer research.

Through this year's event, the students and the community were able to make a sizeable dona-

tion to the cause, as they raised \$1,564.

Terry Fox began his Cross-Canada Marathon

of Hope in April of 1980, starting from St. John's, Nfld. His initial goal was to raise \$1 million, but the support he received from Canadians caused him to set a more optimistic goal of \$24 million (at the time, \$1 from every Canadian).

Fox was forced to quit his run outside of Thunder Bay, Ont., and he succumbed to lung cancer nine months later. But by the following April, he had nearly reached his \$24 million goal.

Apart from raising funds and awareness, Fox also inspired others, like Canadian Rick Hansen, to take up his mantle, allowing his legacy to live on.

Since its founding in 1988, the Terry Fox Foundation has raised

more than \$700 million for cancer research, thanks in no small part to the annual Terry Fox runs held by schools like Shellbrook Elementary School and W.P. Sandin High School.

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"So, we get to that point and it's like, 'Oh my god, now we've got to fix this stuff.'"

Of course, fixes these days don't come cheap, and with seemingly ever-changing provincial regulations, it's getting harder every year for municipalities to keep up with the changes they're expected to make.

Due to some of these regulatory shifts, including upcoming changes to provincial fire regulations and calls to address concerns about bromide levels in municipal water supplies, the town finds itself staring at \$6.5 million worth of water treatment plant upgrades, which need to at least be started by July 1, 2020.

For starters, the town will need to increase its storage capacity, so that it has an adequate water supply in case of a disaster. It's also anticipating that it will have to switch to the province's preferred method of gas chlorination, and install a third greensand filter at the water treatment plant – an addition to the plant that has long been on the town's to do list, but always beyond its financial means.

"Right now, we have two, and we're pretty much at

capacity in terms of what we need to produce on a daily basis," Tomporowski said, noting that a third filter will provide continuity to the water supply in case of an emergency.

The changes the town will be required to make, Tomporowski explains, have been priced at about \$4.5 million to \$5 million. The town's hope, however, is that it will be able to leverage the same funding model that it used for the wastewater treatment plant, and split the costs three ways with the provincial and federal governments, or, at the very least, receive some grant funding.

So where does the figure of \$6.5 million in required upgrades come from?

Hoare and Tomporowski say that the town is also eyeing a \$1.5 million expenditure to switch to a blended reverse osmosis system, which will hopefully reduce the hardness of the town's water, and prevent ratepayers from having to replace taps and hot water heaters every five years or so.

"We have a long standing complaint from customers about our water quality, so it seems like a no brainer to include the upgrade to mitigate that long standing complaint," Tomporowski said.

"While we could continue to deliver the same quality of water for the \$5 million, council is of the opinion the reverse osmosis option is also a required upgrade."

Though the town now seems set on switching to a blended reverse osmosis system, council also did look

into the idea having its supply piped in from Prince Albert.

This notion was quickly abandoned, however, as it came with an estimated price tag of \$20 million, and the city lacked the supply capacity to accommodate the town.

Where there's smoke...

In a more recent change made by the town of Shellbrook, a notice sent to ratepayers with their utility bills announced that, as of Jan. 1, 2020, firefighting fees would no longer be covered under municipal taxes. It also cautioned homeowners to ensure that they have at least \$10,000 in insurance coverage for fires.

Currently, when a fire occurs in town, the Shellbrook Volunteer Fire Department extinguishes the blaze and the costs are covered by municipal taxes.

With the change to the way that firefighting fees will be collected, Hoare says that firefighting is finally being treated as a fee for service, as the town feels it ought to be, and that now a ratepayer's insurance will be billed, rather than every ratepayer paying for a fire.

Adding that the town always collected minimal taxes to fund the fire department (a quarter mill out of the full mill rate), she says the change will also help the town maintain the fire department's equipment and vehicles.

"We pay 50 per cent of the fire expenses and firefighting costs. If you don't have the adequate revenue coming in, that's a big hit on taxpayers," Hoare said. "If we had a large fire in town, and had no way to bill for it, we'd probably have to cancel some other budgeted projects to deal with it."

With another item removed from the tax roll, some ratepayers have asked whether they will see their taxes down.

Hoare confirmed that council will be considering this when budget deliberations begin. However, she cautioned that the town will also be considering its typical 2 per cent increase to keep up with inflation, and, again, explained that fire services fees only account for about a quarter of a mill.

Shellbrook Kinettes invite you to their

Fall Trunk Show

featuring

Pretty Little Shoes

fashion, jewellery, home decor, makeup and more!

Saturday, October 5th, 2019 ~ 10 am – 3 pm

Great hall in the Shellbrook Hospital
(Dr. J.L. Spencer Drive, #100, Shellbrook)

The Blaine Lake Community Association would like to thank the **Blaine Lake Snowdrifterz** for their generous donation. On July 19, 2019 The Blaine Lake Snowdrifterz hosted The Blaine Lake Cultural Day at the Blaine Lake Sports Grounds. The total amount raised was **\$7,761.21**.

This amazing contribution will be put towards operations, programming, and facility upgrades.

**THANK YOU
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PUBLIC NOTICE

To Residents of the Leask District Green Family Memorial Fund

The Green Family Memorial Fund Committee is accepting applications for funding until **October 31, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.**

Application forms may be picked up at the R.M. Office. The funding will be distributed in accordance with the Last Will and Testament of Jessie Green which SPECIFIES the residue (referred to as "the Fund") being paid to the Village of Leask and the R.M. of Leask (referred to as "the Trustee") be administered in the following manner:

to invest the Fund for 20 years;

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That the Trustee chooses a committee comprised of councillors, mayor and/or reeve of the Village of Leask and R.M. of Leask to administer the fund.

Judy Douglas
Administrator

Edwin Early's family

are having an afternoon of coffee & conversation to celebrate his

80th Birthday

Sunday, October 13th from 2 pm – 4 pm
at Shellbrook Senior Centre

Everyone welcome! No gifts please.

Unwelcome snowfall puts damper on harvest

Thanks to a nightmarish end of September snowfall, the Field of Dreams' crop will have to wait a little bit longer before it can be harvested.

In keeping with the tradition of rotating what's planted from year to year, this year's Field of

Dreams crop consists of 160 acres of canola, sown over four parcels of land – one parcel is on the east side of town, just south of the Co-op lumber yard and Adam Brad Welding, and the remaining three are on the west side of town, surrounding the

Hidden Hills of Shellbrook Golf Course.

According to Field of Dreams committee member Shauna Tait, this year's crop is looking like a good one, meaning it should be another successful fundraiser for the Shellbrook Recreation

Complex.

"The field of dreams is planted to canola this year, and it looks like an excellent crop," she said. "It seeded great, and had good conditions and no effects of the environment or insects."

Currently, Tait says, the plan is to take the canola off dry, and haul it directly to the elevator, since JRI has taken the canola in directly off the field in the past few harvests.

She adds, however, that

this will all depend upon the weather.

As always, the Field of Dreams is dependent on the help of a lot of volunteers, and generous donations by local and area individuals and businesses.

This year, Drew Ferster, Scott Galloway and Jay Ferster handled a lot of the planning and coordinating, and the fields were prepared and harvested by Ferster Farms.

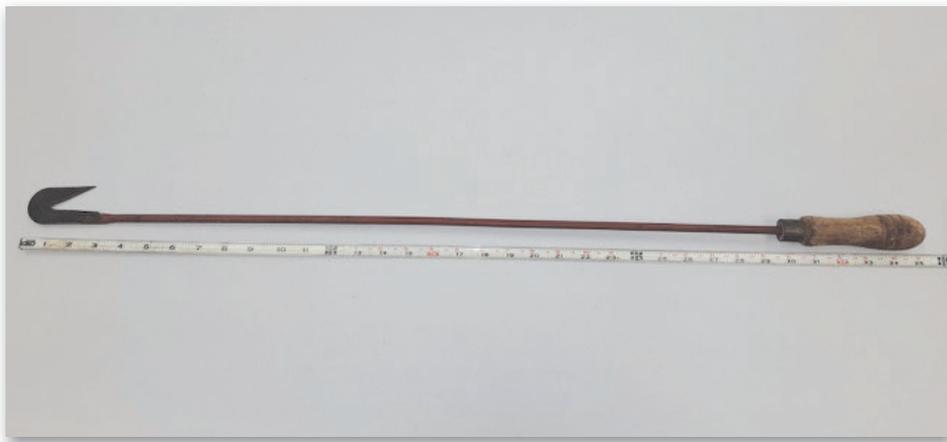
The seed, meanwhile,

is DEKALB seed, and was donated by Bayer and Roger McComas, who is a long-time supporter of seed and donations to the rink.

Elsewhere, the crop was seeded by Jaran Farms, sprayed by Rory Burtney of John Deere, Cervus Equipment, swathed by Ledding Farms, and will be combined by Burtney.

The *Chronicle* will provide more updates on the harvest as they become available.

The Shellbrook Museum's mystery artifact of the month



Measuring about three feet in length, the Shellbrook Museum's mystery artifact for the month of October, on loan to the museum by Mont Nebo's David Letendre, features a wooden handle, a long slender pole, and a hooked tip with a razor-sharp point (we took the Shellbrook Museum's Marlene Fellows at her word on this one).

Think you have the know-how to pick apart the secrets of the mystery artifact? Then, swing by the Shellbrook Public Library to view the object, and submit your best guess for a chance to win your choice of a book from the library's deposits.

Speaking of winners, Betty Anthony was able to correctly guess that September's mystery artifact was a tobacco pipe cleaning tool. Iris Minifie and Larry Mumm also submitted correct guesses.



Happy Hearts Childcare Centre 2019/2020

TRIP of the MONTH

★ TICKETS \$100 EACH ★

400 TICKETS SOLD ★ 12 TRIP VOUCHERS

\$500 EARLY BIRD DRAW

★ Draw Date: Friday, November 1, 2019 ★

Ticket Deadline: 11:59 p.m., October 31, 2019

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Ticket Deadlines: 11:59 p.m., November 13, 2019 for Nov. 14, 2019 draw
11:59 p.m., Dec. 11, 2019 for Dec. 12, 2019 draw

Final ticket purchase deadline 11:59 p.m. December 31, 2019 (includes Jan. 2020 - Oct. 2020 draws).
Monthly Draws will be held on the second Thursday of each month from Nov. 2019 through October 2020.
All draws will be made at Happy Hearts Childcare Centre, Shellbrook, SK.
Tickets may only be purchased or sold in SK. Winners will be notified by phone or mail.

We will be doing a town canvas selling tickets – **Wed., Oct. 9th 5:30 PM**
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Please call Happy Hearts Childcare Center @306-747-3991
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“Nearing the end”

They say, in summing up a person's working life, that he does it long enough so that he doesn't have to do it anymore. I think that's where we are at after forty years of writing for the *Herald*. It's time to pass the torch to someone younger, whose knees are better, whose grandchildren aren't two provinces over, and whose computer isn't starting to act up.

I could go into detail about the last part, but there have been strange things happening all day. Even loading a picture into PhotoShop has been an adventure. Let me stop you right there: I don't use PhotoShop to change the photo in any way. I just use it to compress the filesize so that it gets sent quicker to the people responsible for putting the paper together every week.

When I first started working on a newspaper, there was no such thing as filesizes. Few people know this, but I started my own newspaper at the age of eight, or maybe it was seven. It was a few years ago, and I'm thinking I must have been eight because my vocabulary probably wasn't all that well-developed at seven. It wasn't much of a paper. It consisted of one story each issue, and it folded after two issues. I wrote about neighborhood pets. The only pet I remember was a puppy called Tippy.



DAVE
HYNDMAN
~
Columnist

Somewhere in the body of the story, I wrote about the pup “Tip-dancing”, thinking I was pretty clever to be throwing a phrase like that into the mix. However, in one of the papers –

I think I had a circulation of about three – I made an error and instead of writing “dancing” I started “dan” and then wrote a “d” in a brain-cramp moment. There was no white-out or backspace to help. This was 1954, and there was no correcting the error. I had to finish it “Tip-dandy dancing”.

One lesson I learned from that was one typo can really kill the mood. The paper folded shortly thereafter.

Some years later, I became a paperboy. Nowadays such people are referred to as carriers, because “carrier” is non-gender-specific and being non-gender-specific seems to be the banner under which we fly these days. Girls who delivered papers – and there were a few – didn't become unglued when referred to as “papergirls”.

Flin Flon had two dailies back then, the Daily Reminder and the Daily Miner. And we got the big city news from two Winnipeg dailies, the Free Press and the Tribune. Both Winnipeg dailies came to us a day late, with the Friday paper delivered on Saturday containing the weekend section, which made the paper about twice as huge as normal.

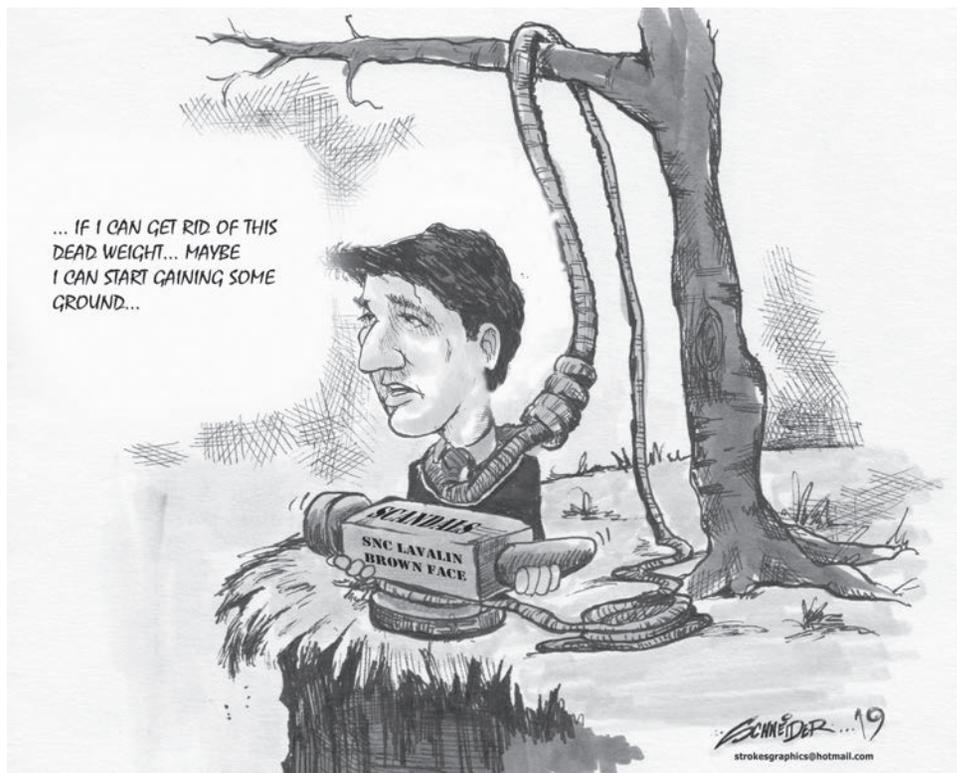
Monday to Friday, the bundles of papers were delivered to a box on the street near the school. We'd grab our bundles and deliver the papers on the way home from school. My route consisted of about 30-35 customers, mostly on Green Street, with a few on Parkway Boulevard.

Green Street at that time had nothing but bush beyond the back yards, and my section of Green Street was about a mile long.

Saturdays were different. Rather than being delivered, the papers needed to be picked up at Mr. Cressey's garage. He'd sit in his garage all day long, checking off the name of each carrier as they came in, counted out the correct number of papers, paid their bills, and left.

As it turned out, some of us were playing pee wee hockey at the time. We'd show up at Cressey's garage in full hockey gear after our morning hockey game, and then we'd go to the movies, stick, skates, and a bagful of Tribunes to be delivered after we walked home following the movie. It made for a long Saturday, to be sure.

And all that for our share of sixty cents a week per customer.



Renewables investment a question of values

While federal and provincial governments concoct many reasons to justify their decisions to shut-down seemingly important programs or tax credits, there are two excuses that tend to be employed far more frequently than others.

The first, and the hardest to dispute without gaining access to the government in question's data, is the argument that the programs and tax credits aren't seeing enough uptake to justify their existence.

This, for instance, was the explanation given by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau when his government nixed the federal public transit tax credit, and a series of boutique tax credits, including the children's fitness and arts tax credits, that had been introduced by Stephen Harper's Conservative regime.

The second excuse, meanwhile typically hinges on the argument that the programs and tax credits are simply too costly to continue.

This justification was used by the Saskatchewan Party government when it shuttered the Saskatchewan Transportation Company in 2017, and it's harder to dispute because it's completely subjective in nature. That is, it's essentially a question of values – and, in that case, the provincial government decided it valued saving \$85 million over five years (\$17 million per year) more than it valued providing rural Saskatchewanians with safe, reliable transportation to urban centres.

If the two aforementioned rationales are said to be among the most commonly employed, then what's the least used justification for cancelling a government program, you might ask?

Well, have you ever heard of a government suspending a program because there was simply too much demand for it?

That's precisely how SaskPower explained the suspension of its net metering program, which allowed ratepayers to receive credits for any excess energy (usually solar) they contributed to the grid, as well as a rebate for up to 20 per cent (or \$20,000) of the costs of installing solar panels for their homes.

Originally, the net metering program was meant to run until 2021, or until a capacity of 16 megawatts was reached, whichever came first.

Just a couple weeks ago, SaskPower said that applications to join the program had increased by 80 per cent since July, resulting in the capacity limit being reached two years ahead of schedule, and the program being suspended.

If allowed to continue, SaskPower contended, the cost of the program would have soared to \$54 million per year by 2025, leaving ratepayers to shoulder a 7 per cent increase in electric-



JORDAN
TWISS
~
News Editor

ity costs.

The only solution, according to SaskPower, was to suspend the program, review it, and introduce a new program that takes into consideration the impact on ratepayers who can't afford to transition to solar.

Of course, that same consideration wasn't given to those who had already spent thousands of dollars on solar panels in hopes of joining the program, nor to the 57 companies in Saskatchewan that manufacture and install solar panels; these people were simply left in the lurch.

But fear not, says minister responsible for SaskPower, Dustin Duncan, a new, revised program will be coming in weeks, not months as the government had originally planned.

Now, it's difficult to fault a government for taking the time to review, and hopefully improve, its own policies. All governments, be they federal, provincial or municipal, should be capable of such prudent self-reflection when it comes to the handling of taxpayer dollars.

However, given the Sask. Party government's less-than-impressive handling of the environmental portfolio in its 12 years at the public trough, it's easy to understand why some critics would accuse it of hamstringing its own program by placing such a low cap on it in the first place.

As has been argued before, the transition away from coal and natural gas can't happen overnight, or even within the span of a couple of years. After all, a province that generates the lion's share of its electricity from coal and natural gas, can't just turn off the taps and not expect it to have consequences for its fossil fuel-dependent economy.

That said, the transition needs to happen eventually, and the Sask. Party's baby step approach to adding renewable energy capacity to the grid isn't going to get the province to its goal of having 50 per cent renewable energy by 2030 (as of April 2018, just shy of 25 per cent of the province's energy was coming from renewables).

What's more, by pulling the emergency brake on the net metering program just when it was beginning to gather momentum, the Sask. Party has introduced uncertainty into the market. And introducing uncertainty, as we all know, is the easiest way to kill investment in an industry.

As the province with the most solar power potential in Canada, Saskatchewan should be leading the transition to renewable energy, not maintaining the status quo.

But then, it all goes back to that question of values, doesn't it?

Food, technology and the election

**By Cam Dahl,
President, Cereals
Canada**

We love technology. Apple brings out a new cell phone and there are line-ups around the block. We are talking to our own houses these days as our homes become "smart". And our houses are talking back (I think the Irish Rovers had a song about that). Yet, when it comes to technology and agriculture, the same people that stand in line for the latest phone seem to want to go back to the technology of 1950.

We had pesticide-free, grown without fertilizers, and non-GMO agriculture in Canada once. The result was an environmental disaster, with the soils of Saskatchewan blowing into Ontario and year after year of crop

failure. Technology free agriculture also delivered poverty and hopelessness for farm families across Canada. We can't go back to those days.

What does this discussion have to do with the current federal election? Governments are under pressure from many activists to move away from science and risk-based regulations to limit the adoption of agricultural technology. For example, I have participated in the discussions surrounding the creation of a National Food Policy in Canada. Several well-meaning people in these debates want Canada to turn back the clock and become fertilizer and pesticide-free while implementing regulations to limit or even eliminate new plant breeding technology.

These arguments have traction. Over time governments have become more and more urban. Most of today's politicians don't have an inherent understanding of agriculture and need to be reminded what the industry means to the Canadian economy and the number of jobs in our cities and towns that depend upon the industry.

The Advisory Council on Economic Growth ("Barton Report") recognized agriculture and agri-food as one of the key drivers of the Canadian economy, establishing the goal of increasing the value of our exports to \$75 billion by 2025. We will not accomplish this goal unless Canada is at the forefront of defining an international regulatory environment that has a foundation

of sound risk-based science.

Farmers across this country depend on access to international markets for their livelihood. A farmer in a small rural town must have access to Japan, Indonesia, Algeria, and about 100 other countries to ensure they are economically viable. If countries are free to set up trade barriers in response to the latest internet fad, with no reference to risk-based evidence or health and safety concerns, farmers will soon find themselves without any markets to sell into.

There is pressure within some of our trading partners to move away from predictable risk and science-based regulations. For example, we see extensive, unpredictable and non-science,

and at times politically motivated, regulations on plant technology. Existing and emerging European pesticide regulations, which are not based on appropriate risk models, are limiting trade. Canada can, and should, become a leader in countering these trends through the adoption and promotion of risk and science-based rules of trade. This will require adjustments to our domestic regulatory environment on plant technology and farm inputs.

A survey of Canadian plant breeders indicates nearly half alter or scale-back their research because Canada's regulatory system has not adjusted to new techniques, like gene editing. When plant breeders pull back on innovation Canada

loses out on opportunities to develop small and medium technology businesses and to open up the opportunity to deliver a broader selection of food products to consumers. Holding back innovation also makes Canadian farmers less competitive in the international marketplace.

Pesticides are an important component of modern agricultural practices that are allowing Canadian farmers to reduce fuel use, increase soil health, reduce erosion, and sequester carbon. Preventing farmers from using these tools because of pressure from activists and without science and risk-based analysis, has unintended negative environmental and economic implications.

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YOUR TWO CENTS

SNC Lavalin and the Regina Bypass - Part 1

The following is part 1 of a four-part series of letters to the editor that will appear over the next few weeks.

Dear editor,

The SNC-Lavalin scandal has been on the minds of many Canadians since the story first broke in February 2019. After a report by the Federal Ethics Commissioner titled, Trudeau II, found the Prime Minister guilty of violating federal ethics codes, people have been anxious to know more.

More recently, we have heard that the Clerk of the Privy Council won't waive cabinet confidentiality to allow the RCMP to conduct a full and thorough investigation. It appears that this decision has frustrated many people, as Canada is in the wake of a federal

election scheduled for Oct. 21, 2019.

Former RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson stated, "If [the RCMP] were serious enough, they would probably get a search warrant, but that would probably be shot down by the courts. The privilege is pretty strong at the cabinet level."

The announcement leaves us with many questions heading into the election.

We risk the possibility of re-electing a government that may be charged later with serious crimes. Unfortunately, it appears that bribery and corruption are common themes in Canadian politics.

Saskatchewan has been facing its own LavScam here with the Regina Bypass, or should we say, BypassScam. The Trans-Canada Highway No.1 Regina

Bypass is the largest infrastructure project in the 114-year history of Saskatchewan.

There seems to be a common thread between engineering firms around the world to secure contracts unethically or illegally. It also appears that the government turns a blind eye to this activity.

It is a well-known fact that Saskatchewan's largest infrastructure project, The Regina Bypass, is a P3 Project that was tendered out to 3 contractors, SNC-Lavalin, Vinci, and AECOM.

The question that everyone asks is why the Government of Saskatchewan did not use Saskatchewan road and bridge builders to build the Regina Bypass.

Sincerely,
HighwayRobbery.org

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Shellbrook Seniors Association news highlights

Seniors attended two most enjoyable plays "Blow Wind" in Rosthern, and "Radio Gals" at the Barn Playhouse.

During the months of June, July and August, Seniors manned the Tourist Information Booth Tuesday afternoons.

At the end of the season the BID committee hosted a Fried Chicken supper at the Senior's Centre for all who had volunteered at the Tourist Information Booth.

Our regular activities

Mondays - 2 p.m. - Games of Choice

Thursday - 7:30 p.m. - Kaiser
2nd Wednesday of the month - 2 p.m. - Business Meeting followed by birthday and anniversary celebrations, and games of choice

Seasonal

Sundays - every other week 2

p.m. - Norwegian Whist starting date TBA

Friday Sept. 20, a Chili lunch was enjoyed by a good crowd. Lorne Milligan won the 50/50 of \$85.00

To Celebrate Seniors Week the Seniors are having a Tea Friday Oct. 4 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Old Time Dancing is back on our program of events. They are held the 2nd Friday of the month from 1:30 to 4 p.m., beginning Friday Oct. 11. with Bruce Isbister, Emile Lamontagne and friends providing the music.

A noon Pot Luck will be held Tuesday Nov. 19 for all Seniors in Shellbrook and District

Walking in the hall Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9:30 begins in November.

We are pleased to

announce the start of a new and exciting exercise program "Forever in Motion."

Leslie Brown, a Certified Instructor will be leading the program. The program runs approximately 45 minutes to an hour. It includes warm up, stretching, balance, flexibility, muscles and strengthening conditioning and cardio as part of the exercise routine. Resistance bands are used and hand weights can also be used as part of the work out.

The program will be held Wednesday and Friday mornings 9:30 a.m. starting Nov. 6.

Friday Dec. 13 our catered Christmas supper and program.



John Groenen, Vicki Hagel, Brian Hagel, Ella Reidt, Edith Henry, Marjorie Hislop, Ron Hollowell, Adeline Fossey, and Maurice Fontaine.

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This brings us to the question of resources available to our regulatory agencies, both human and financial. We need to ensure that there is the capacity within departments to support the grow-

ing demands on our regulatory system and to extend the mandate of agencies and departments to include the promotion of science and risk-based trade. New resources should be allocated across the whole of government, including

departments like Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and Global Affairs Canada as well as regulatory agencies like the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and the Pest Management Regulatory Agency.

Farmers need to be challenging candidates and their parties to outline their plan to encourage the growth and development of Canadian agriculture and to allow our farmers to compete in international markets.

Here are four questions that every candidate should face in the ongoing federal campaign:

Does your party support modern Canadian farmers' access to new plant breeding techniques and will your party review Canadian regulations to ensure that Canada can become a destination of choice for plant breeding innovation?

Will your party commit to making additional resources available to regulatory agencies to allow them to meet the growing need for sound science and risk-based decision making?

Will your party commit to explicitly extending the mandate of regulatory agencies and departments to include the promotion of science and risk-based trade?

Will your party commit to challenging regulations brought forward by our trading partners when they are not science and risk-based?



A Message from the Honourable Warren Kaeding

On behalf of the Government of Saskatchewan, I would like to extend best wishes during Seniors' Week, September 29th to October 5th.

I was recently privileged to be appointed Saskatchewan's Minister Responsible for Seniors. I believe having a dedicated portfolio to reflect the needs of seniors is beneficial, and fits well with my role as Minister Responsible for Rural and Remote Health.

Our province is fortunate to have such a vital, active and contributing seniors' population. I look forward to hearing your ideas about issues affecting seniors. Please feel free to contact me at minister.rrhe@gov.sk.ca or at Room 208, Legislative Building, 2405 Legislative Drive, Regina SK S4S 0B3.

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Farm land changes in Ukraine could be felt here

In a world where international trade is critical to national economies, particularly there in Canada, keeping track of changes on the other side of the planet that can impact things here is frankly a near full-time undertaking.

That is particularly true in terms of agriculture, as there are so many things that can send a ripple through markets, and that can impact the future face of trade in farm products.

We tend to appreciate that weather has that impact; a drought, or excessive rain, or early frost in

a grain growing region somewhere in the world sends a definite message to the farm marketplace.

Ditto, when a key trade country imposes new trade barriers. We have seen that in Canada throughout 2019 with the impact rule changes imposed in China have had.

But less easy to track, by individuals at least, are the internal regulation changes in key countries which will change how agriculture operates there.

So, it was enlightening to read a recent Western Producer article about



CALVIN DANIELS

proposed changes to how things work in terms of farmland ownership in Ukraine.

Ukraine was once a major exporter of grain in Europe, and while the efficiencies of the system dropped under the Com-

munist regime, the productive land remains. The hurdle following the break-up of the USSR has been how to modernize agriculture in a country stuck decades in the past in terms of farm techniques and technology on much of the land?

In the article, Reuters reports that Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy has ordered his government to submit a draft law for farmland reform by the beginning of October.

That is a huge step forward for farming in Ukraine if it transpires.

The article suggests

state-owned land is expected to be privatized starting in April, and the longstanding ban on the sale of privatized land will be lifted.

"Ukraine's private farmland is owned in 6.4-acre plots by about 6.4 million people. Owners are forbidden from selling the land but can lease it out," details the article.

"Much of that land is being leased by agricultural holding firms called agroholdings, which are large corporate entities that operate a minimum of 25,000 acres of land. They are vertically inte-

grated enterprises that do everything from producing farm inputs to exporting grain.

"Some agroholding farms have up to 1,000 lease agreements."

It's not hard, from a Canadian perspective, to see the potential efficiencies to be gained by larger, owned holdings, especially in dealing with financial institutions.

While any changes in Ukraine will not come overnight, a new course could certainly make them a far more significant competitor for trade moving forward.

Shellbrook Seniors launching fitness program

Shellbrook seniors with a mind to maintain their fitness – or looking to get back in shape – will soon have an ideal way to do just that, when the Shellbrook Senior Citizen's Centre begins hosting twice-weekly exercise sessions this November.

The morning workouts will be held at the Senior's Centre every Wednesday and Friday, starting at 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 6, and are part of the province-wide Forever in Motion program.

"Forever in Motion is a health promotion strategy to have all citizens of Saskatchewan include regular physical activity as part of their daily lives," explained Leslie Brown, a Forever in Motion leader, who will be running the fitness sessions. "It was developed in 2002 to increase the physical activity opportunities for older adults."

As a letter carrier who walked upwards of 15 kilometres a day, Brown has always enjoyed an active lifestyle. But when her second part-time job afforded her the opportunity to work with seniors, she says it felt like a possible marriage of two things she loved.

Combining her desire to keep physically active with her passion for working with seniors, she eventually completed the leader training course offered by Forever in Motion, and got involved with Regina's Northgate Walker's Association, a mall walker's group with more than 45 years of history and more than 300 members.

That arrangement, which typically included a walk around the mall

from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. and an exercise session from 8:15 to 9 a.m., went on from 2015 until 2018, when Brown relocated to the Shellbrook area.

Her first winter in the area, she concedes, wasn't the easiest. But it did spark an idea.

"I didn't know anyone, didn't have anyone to visit or associate with, and wasn't sure how to meet people. I didn't want to have another winter like that," she said.

"Then, I thought the community has a lot of aging citizens, and I thought it would be an excellent opportunity to bring the program to Shellbrook. So I approached the Shellbrook Senior Citizen's Centre."

The response from the Shellbrook Senior's Association, she adds, was overwhelmingly positive, as 13 to 15 seniors have already expressed interest, or made the commitment to come out and participate – an excellent start, Brown says.

Ranging between 45 minutes and an hour, Brown's program will include a warm up, and a mix of stretches and exercises that focus on developing balance, flexibility, muscle and strength conditioning, and cardio. Some exer-

cises will employ resistance bands, and those who feel stronger can also make use of weights.

However seniors choose to participate, Brown says she's certain that they will see the benefits.

"As we get older, we find we become less active, and less socially involved. Forever in Motion really goes towards both of those, getting them involved and active, and getting them involved in socializing," she said.

"[Physical activity is] such an in-

tegral part of their older adult life. It prevents secondary health conditions, helps the aging population, helps with fall prevention, helps with management of chronic diseases, and there are just numerous benefits."

For those who may be shy or self-conscious about exercising in a group, Brown says the program is for all levels of fitness and physical capabilities, and isn't about comparing with others.

"Mostly, it's let's get out there, have fun, move around, and feel better."

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Silvertips join new league for 2019-2020 season

As they lace up their skates for their 10th season as an organization, the Shellbrook Silvertips are in for a major change.

That's because the team has opted to leave behind the Saskatchewan Prairie Hockey League, in which it had competed over some of its past nine seasons, in favour of competing in the Twin Rivers Hockey League.

Explaining that the team was invited to the league after St. Louis opted to sit the season out, long-time Silvertips veteran Brendon Canaday says the major deciding factor in switching leagues was the convenience for the players.

"The biggest thing is travel. When you've got guys coming from PA out to Shellbrook, and then they have to travel to Battleford, or Edam, or wherever we're going, it turns into a lot of driving," he said.

"This league is much closer for everybody."

Aside from the Silvertips, the Twin Rivers Hockey League also features the Aberdeen Knights, the Birch Hills Blackhawks, the Clavet Cougars, the Cudworth Tricky Maroons, the Dalmeny Sabres, the Hague Royals, the Rosthern Wheat Kings, the Waldheim Warriors, and the Warman Wildcats

Noting that the league's



After a few seasons of heated rivalries with opponents in the Saskatchewan Prairie Hockey League, the Silvertips will have to find new foes to scrap with.

rules, including those around elite or import players, are the same as those of the Saskatchewan Prairie Hockey League's, Canaday says that the Silvertips will be able to dress all of their mainstays.

This, along with a full roster, he adds, means the team will be looking to have another good season of hockey.

"We can have the same

team, and shouldn't run into any way better teams in this league. We should be right there, competitive with everybody in the league."

Though the Silvertips are changing leagues, Canaday says the preparation for the 2019-2020 campaign has been pretty much the same as in prior seasons.

And, as the season swiftly approaches, Canaday adds that the team will need to consistently put the puck in the back of their opponents' nets, and stay healthy if they hope to make a run deep into the playoffs.

More than that, though, he says the team needs a strong level of commitment.

"Come playoff time, it's nice to know that everybody's committed and wants to stick around and go for a run. Hopefully we'll have that this year."

Looking forward to the team's season opener, Canaday says he's most excited about the opportunity to compete against all new teams. Noting that the action was getting a little stale after nine years of the same competition, he adds that there will certainly be some rivalries, both old and new, to make things interesting.

"It's basically the same old Fort Carlton Hockey League the Elks used to be in, so the rivalries are there with these teams. It'll be good."

The Silvertips will open their season with back-to-back road games. On Friday, Oct. 25, they head to Aberdeen for a duel with the Knights. Then, on Friday, Nov. 1 they meet with the Hague Royals.

Finally, on Friday, Nov. 8, they'll host their home opener, welcoming the Cudworth Tricky Maroons into the newly renovated Shellbrook Recreation Complex.

And, somewhere between all the action to start the season, the team will host a steak night fundraiser, on Saturday, Nov. 2.

For the rest of the Silvertips' schedule, find the team on Facebook, or visit twinrivershockeyleague.com.

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INTENT

The proposed bylaws will amend:

1. Bylaw 2015-01, the Official Community Plan - Figure 6 and Figure 7 Land Use Designation Plan Maps in order to redesignate Block I, Plan AF21, as shown within the bold line on the map below, from LS - Lakeshore land use area to R1 - Low Density Residential District land use area.
2. Bylaw 2015-02, the Zoning Bylaw Zoning District Map, to rezone Block I, Plan AF21, as shown within the bold line on the map below from LS - Lakeshore land use area to R1 - Low Density Residential District land use area.

AFFECTED LAND

The affected land is legally described as Block I, Plan AF21, which is located at 101 Mill Avenue South as shown within the bold dashed line on the following map.

REASON

The reason for the amendment is to provide for R1 - Low Density Residential District residential purposes.

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 October 21st, 2019 at 1:30 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 26th day of September, 2019.

Noreen Olsen, Administrator



Parkland special care home recreation - October



Submitted by Trina Chamberlain
Oh what a September for gratitude!

It truly takes a community to enhance the quality of life of our elders. For this we are grateful to each of you for making a difference by offering a friendly visit, worship service, entertainment, bingo games, a special touch or words of encouragement, outing assistance and more.

Appreciation to the fine folks who invited our elders to experience a pontoon boat ride on Fur Lake (Bunny and Yvonne Combes), petting zoo and wiener roast (Candace Wolfe), and the many family members and volunteers who joined in on our adventurous country drives and excursions.

Gratitude to all who assisted with the Farmers Market preparations, donations and day of event. Pie and coffee and market donations brought in the biggest crowd ever! Every table and chair was taken. One elder commented on how impressed she was with the amount of men that took in the event. Hats off to our community for your support!

Way to go Stephanie Gosselin and crew for hosting the amazing Harvest Meal in the Field Sept. 17. Several residents and family members reminisced about the harvest and were so very pleased the weather cooperated for this special opportunity!

Heartfelt appreciation to residents, family and community members, volunteers, and staff that helped out with The Rural Skills Tour and Special Care Home Week Events.

The events all went well - everything from popping popcorn and serving drinks, to collecting favorite car balloons, to the book launch, to bike riding, to showing off hot wheels and entertainment, to the campfire worship and sock hop, and everything in between, was very successful. Many hands make light of work, for this we share our gratitude!

Much appreciation to the Shellbrook Arts Council for the recent \$500 donation to the elders fine arts club. This support will enable many wonderful creations!

We are off to a good

start! Gratitude to Saskatchewan Lotteries for the community grant of \$900 and St. Agatha's Parish for the \$400 donation towards the near \$4,000 adult tricycle. Which, by the way, can be used by family members, volunteers and staff and your loved ones/residents.

Needed - Items needed for upcoming projects - small to medium size pumpkins, tin coffee cans of various sizes. Should you wish to donate, donations can be dropped off at the Recreation Room.

Farewell to Traci Wallace, director of care, who has accepted a position on Level 6 at Victoria Hospital. Welcome to Lynne Farthing, who replaces Traci.

Message from Saskatchewan Health Authority - Please do not visit if you have cold or flu like symptoms.

Thank you for protecting our residents, and Health Care Team.

Along The Road And Simple Pleasures & Treasured Memories books are available/for sale for \$15 each. Elders who shared stories in the books received a complimentary book at the book launch. Much gratitude to our elders for sharing and to Marjorie Bradley for the countless hours of story collecting, and documenting.

The Shellbrook Kinettes are hosting a Fall Trunk Show in the Great Room Saturday, Oct. 5, a come and go

from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This is a community function open to all! It's a great opportunity for you and to assist your family member to browse and/or shop. After all, Christmas is just around the corner!

Please note this event is hosted at the Health Center by the Kinettes rather than the Recreation Team. If you would like your family member to take part please plan to join them.

Welcome back youth volunteers and Shellbrook Elementary students (wow - this year we have four different

grades).

We look forward to the joy you bring to our home.

Volunteering - If you or your family member(s) are interested in volunteering please contact Recreation Therapy.

As always check out the recreation calendar for more information.

Suggestions and comments are welcome.

To contact Recreation Therapy email-Trina.Chamberlain@saskhealthauthority.ca, or call the recreation office (306 747 6841) or the recreation room (306 747 6833).

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AFFECTED LAND

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REASON

The reason for the amendment is to provide for subdivision of the subject land to rezone land from C1 - Core Mixed Use Commercial District to R1 - Low Density Residential District for residential purposes.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

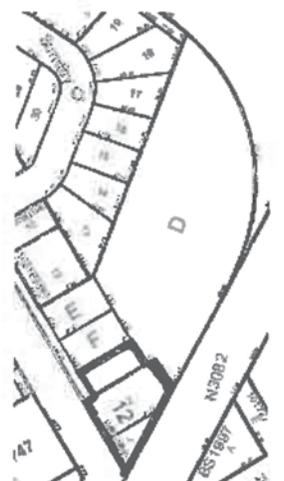
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Highlights of an R.M. of Leask council meeting

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

Special Meeting, Aug. 8

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 held in the Leask Municipal Office on Thursday, Aug. 8, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Cantin at 9:10 a.m.

Present were Reeve Len Cantin, administrator Judy Douglas and the following Council members: Grant Thiel - Division 1 ; Real Diehl - Division No. 2; Ed Musich - Division 4; Robert Girod - Division No. 5; and Clarke Gossen - Division 6.

Stieb: That we autho-

rize the Reeve and CAO to execute the road service agreement with Muskeg Lake Cree Nation. Carried

Thiel: That this meeting adjourn at 10 a.m.

Regular Meeting, Aug. 14

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 held in the Leask Municipal Office on Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2019.

Council Meeting was called to order by Reeve Cantin at 9 a.m.

Present were Reeve Len Cantin, administrator Judy Douglas and the following Council members: Real Diehl - Division No. 2; Ed Musich - Division 4; Robert

Girod - Division No. 5; and Clarke Gossen - Division 6.

Absent was Grant Thiel - Division 1.

Gossen: That the Minutes of July 10, 2019 regular Council meeting be adopted as presented. Carried

Gossen: That the Minutes of August 8, 2019 Special meeting of Council be adopted as presented. Carried

Stieb: That we receive the report regarding old business items as presented. Carried

Diehl: That we approve payment for the list of accounts cheque #12320-12395 and 5106-5123 in the amount of \$386,629.20 and payroll in the amount of \$40,245.76.

Carried

Diehl: That the Council Indemnity be approved for payment, payment #11089 - 11094 in the amount of \$6,399.50. Carried

Stieb: That the Budget Control Report to Aug. 14, 2019 be received as presented. Carried

Gossen: That we accept the July, 2019 bank reconciliation report as submitted. Carried

Delegation - 10:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. - TJ'S Disposals Ltd representative Guy Lloyd attended the Council meeting to discuss future opportunities for recycling grain bags and transfer station suggestions. More information will be forthcoming.

Delegation - 10:50 - 11 - Candice and Brian Ashby attended the Council meeting to present a handout regarding the Zoning Bylaw and OCP public meeting that took place on July 13, 2019. The report was received and further discussion regarding the OCP and Zoning Bylaw will take place on Nov. 9, 2019.

Girod: That the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on July 13, 2019 be adopted as presented. Carried

Gossen: That the Planning Report be accepted as presented. Carried

Diehl: That we proceed with enforcement of the Orders to Remedy with the services of lawyers from

SARM. Carried

Diehl: That we proceed with 60 day notice to Lot 7 Block 1 Plan 87B11948 at Lac La Peche to remove the building from Municipal Road Allowance. Carried

Gossen: That Bylaw Officer Joan Sanftleben, be delegated to appoint pound keepers as necessary under The Stray Animals Act. Carried

Diehl: That the Bylaw Enforcement report as presented by Bylaw Officer Joan Sanftleben be accepted as presented. Carried

Girod: That the council continue in-camera to discuss a personnel item at 12 p.m. Carried

Councillor Gordon Stieb declared Conflict of Interest and left the Council chamber.

Gossen: That we increase the wage for our Clerical staff member Michelle Stieb to \$21.50 per hour. Carried

Councillor Stieb returned to the Chambers.

Musich: That the regular meeting of council resume at 12:12 p.m. Carried

Stieb: That the Reeve, C. Gossen, R. Girod, R. Diehl and E. Musich be appointed to the Gravel Development Committee. Carried

Diehl: That we hire Lynden Butler to assist with our 2019 mowing program to a maximum of \$10,000. Carried

Girod: That we accept the verbal Report from the Superintendent of Public

Works. Carried

Diehl: That we pay for sand hauled to the Lac La Peche beach in the amount of \$168.00 from Municipal Reserve funds. Carried

Stieb: That we cancel the taxes on NE 12-47-06 W3 as the property is exempt due to obtaining Reserve Status. Municipal tax: 870.48 Prairie Spirit School Div. \$127.02. Carried

Diehl: That we appoint Len Cantin, Gord Stieb and Clarke Gossen to the Union Negotiation Committee. Carried

Stieb: That the following land be added to the approved Beaver Hunting area listing: SE 25-46-4 W3; NE 11-46-4 W3; SE 16-46-4 W3; SE 11-46-4 W3; NE 32-46-4 W3; SW 33-46-4 W3; SW 34-47-3 W3; NW 8-47-3 W3; SE 13-47-4 W3; NE 10-47-4 W3; SW 7-47-5 W3; NE 7-47-5 W3; NE 8-47-5 W3 & NW 16-47-3 W3. Carried

Musich: That the Reeve and CAO sign the 3 year agreement with Lloyd Bruner for gravel on the SW 34-47-05-W3. Carried

Gossen: That we engage Firefly web design to revise the R.M. of Leask website. Carried

Stieb: That the correspondence be received and filed. Carried

Stieb: That the Administration Report be accepted as presented. Carried

Diehl: That this meeting be adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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.

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; Thur. 2 - 6:30 pm; Fri. 9 - 4 pm. Children's Story Time: Fri. 10:30 am (Sept - June). **SHELLBROOK:** Shellbrook Theatre Movie Night, Fri., Oct. 4, Aladdin; Fri., Oct. 18, Toy Story 4. Doors Open 7 p.m. Showtime 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$5

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

SHELLBROOK: To celebrate Seniors Week, Shellbrook Seniors Centre is having a Fall Tea. Dessert & Coffee/Tea. Friday, October 4, 2 - 4 pm. Everyone welcome!

SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Kinettes invite you to their *Fall Trunk Show* featuring Pretty Little Shoes, fashion, jewellery, home decor, makeup and more! Saturday, October 5th, 2019 ~ 10am - 3pm. Great hall in the Shellbrook Hospital (Dr. J.L. Spencer Drive, #100, Shellbrook)

SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook & District Donor's Choice Appeal 2019. October 28, 29, 30 & 31 - 10-4 pm. The annual Donor's Choice Appeal is being conducted this year. Since this is a "once a year appeal", it is hoped that you will be interested in donating to the charity of your choice. Instead of a door-to-door canvass, we will be accepting donations: by mail: Box 756, Shellbrook, SK S0J 2E0 by November 15, 2019. Drop Off Centre: Affinity Credit Union, Main Street, Shellbrook. See donation form in October 24th issue of the *Shellbrook Chronicle*.

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Ladies' Health Care Auxiliary meeting highlights

The Shellbrook Ladies' Health Care Auxiliary held a meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 24 in the culture room at Parkland Integrated Health Centre's nursing home.

We had five members present, with one guest, recreation coordinator Trina Chamberlain, who came and gave some

highlights of the activities going on at the home in coming months.

New business was we purchased a wreath for Remembrance Day. Also, we purchased 40 black table cloths for the home.

Ideas for Christmas gifts for elders were discussed, and we will follow up on this.

The meeting was adjourned, with the next meeting to be our Christmas meeting.

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Powerful Astros poised for another series title

Houston, we don't have a problem. We have a baseball power.

An embarrassment of riches both on the mound and at the plate should be enough to make Houston Astros the favourites to win the 2019 World Series.

The Astros, one of two American League teams with more than 100 victories as the regular season came to a close, were already stacked on the mound before they added Zack Greinke from Arizona and Aaron Sanchez from Toronto at the July 31 trade deadline.

How strong are they on the mound? Well, manager A.J. Hinch can call on two guys who might be 1-2 in the majors in the rankings of pitchers: Justin Verlander, the likely Cy Young Award winner, and Gerrit Cole. The addition of Greinke likely means that Wade Miley, who put together a 15-win season, will be shunted to the bullpen for the playoffs, since a starting staff of three is

usually enough in a best-of-five or best-of-seven series.

And can the Astros hit? Uh, yes. Their run differential with a week to play in the 162-game season was plus-265, 60 better than their closest American League rival (the Yankees) and about 25 higher than the NL's best, the Dodgers.

Averaging a major-league best 5.7 runs per game and a .276 team batting average, the Astros were humming along with offensive stars Jose Altuve, Carlos Correa, George Springer, Mickey Brantley, Alex Bregman and Yuli Gurriel and then added rookie slugger Yordan Alvarez at mid-season, turning the Houston club into a virtual murderers' row. All Alvarez did in half a season was belt 27 home runs, drive in 78, and hit for a .316 average. Houston's 1-through-6 in the batting order of Springer (.295), Altuve (.301), Brantley (.318), Bregman (.295), Alvarez



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(.316) and Correa (.280) is the most intimidating lineup in the bigs.

OK, so we've established that Houston is the favourite to win the World Series, but it's hardly guaranteed. The Yankees also won more than 100 games and have a now-healthy lineup nearly equal in offensive power. In the National League, Los Angeles Dodgers and Atlanta Braves are the class of the senior circuit, and both are stacked on offence and in pitching.

It says here, however, that the best team in baseball is Houston and

they will be crowned champs for the second time in three years in late October.

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "Some Florida elementary schools are trying to fight inactivity by showing students fitness videos — but the kids don't have to do the exercises. It's about as useful as having the Maple Leafs watch Stanley Cup footage."

• Norman Chad of the Washington Post, on the well-travelled QB Ryan Fitzpatrick, who has a 50-75-1 record with eight NFL teams: "He's the classic chicken-and-egg signal-caller: Did he just happen to play on a lot of bad teams, or did they become bad teams because he was their quarterback?"

• Patti Dawn Swanson, the River City Renegade, on Triple Crown winner Justify, failing a drug test before the Kentucky Derby yet not being stopped from racing: "This was one case where the winning jock-

ey, Mike Smith, really did have to get down off his high horse."

• Swansson again, on Justify's trainer Bob Baffert alleging the drug must have come from a contaminated hay bale: "So I guess authorities are now looking for a needle in a haystack. Literally."

• Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va.): "The Jets tweeted out birthday wishes to 28-year-old safety Bennett Jackson. Later that day, they cut him. And then deleted the tweet."

• Chad again, on Twitter: "Tom Brady was just sacked in Dolphins game. The NFL expects to complete its investigation by mid-week."

• Omaha's Brad Dickson on Twitter: "What names did Lovie Smith's parents reject before they went with something that sounds like a type of Pampers?"

• Dickson again: "I'm pretty sure an NFL team with a depleted quarterback situation would

offer a contract to the late Ken Stabler before they'd sign Colin Kaepernick."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "The Miami Dolphins — outscored 102-10 in their first two games — are so bad that five SEC teams are already trying to get them on next season's non-conference schedule."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg, with his early NFL MVP candidates: "Tom Brady (always); Dak Prescott; Pat Mahomes; Cam Newton's personal stylist; Antonio Brown's therapist."

• Another one from Swansson: "According to scientists, there's been a dramatic decline in the North American bird population in the past 50 years, with a loss of 2.9 billion of our feather friends. If only something could be done to get rid of the Baltimore Orioles."

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GOOD NEWS

SACRIFICES IN SCRIPTURE ILLUSTRATE GOD'S LOVE FOR US

Scott Manly

Seventh Day Adventist Church

When I shared last, I had discussed the origin of the devil, i.e. Satan. We saw that the Bible teaches he was originally created a majestic and perfect angel (specifically, a covering cherub at God's throne named Lucifer). But he allowed pride to fill his heart and he soon rebelled against his Creator. Someone asked me how a perfect angel could become the originator of sin and rebellion in a perfect heaven. That, is the mystery of the ages. The Bible refers to the "mystery of iniquity", and it is a mystery. All we know is that God made Lucifer perfect, but He also made him a being of free-will. So he was capable of rebelling, even though he was not created to do so.

But as this controversy in heaven developed, Lucifer (now Satan) and his sympathizing angels were kicked out of heaven to this earth.

Here he tempted Adam and Eve to disobey God's one rule — don't eat the forbidden fruit, or you shall die. They did eat, and through that, they brought

death into this world.

So what was God going to do? Lucifer triumphed that he had caused Adam and Eve to sin against God. There in the garden, we see God's amazing grace towards the first pair. God didn't come out in fury looking for these transgressors to punish, but gently came at His usual time of the day to commune with them, and simply ask what He already knew. "Adam, where are you?" The question wasn't for God, it was for them. Would they own up to their sin?

As they stood there before their Maker, guilty and condemned, God did not give them up to eternal destruction, even though He had assured them that they would die for their disobedience. God gave them a promise of a Saviour.

Speaking to the serpent who had allowed Satan to use him in the deception, God said, "I will put enmity (hatred, war) between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel." Genesis 3:15. God had promised a Messiah to come from Adam and Eve's descendants who

would crush the power of Satan, and in the process, be wounded Himself. This was the first promise in the Bible of the Messiah — a promise that would be elaborated upon throughout the Scriptures.

And to reinforce this promise, God also instituted the system of sacrifices there in the garden that would be practiced throughout sacred history until, as John the Baptist described Jesus, "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29) should come and end the sacrifices with His own death. The sacrifices in the garden are only alluded to, "And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them." Genesis 3:21. But they are a central part of worship from then on. Where did God get these animal skins? Before Adam and Eve sinned, there was no death. But this guilty pair had to take the knife and slay these innocent animals for the sins they deserved eternal death for. Then God took the skins of these animals to provide clothing for the guilty pair, to cover their nakedness.

What a powerful illustration of what God has done for us. When we have sinned, God gave His Son, the "Lamb of God" to die the death we deserve so that we could live in heaven with Him for eternity. Then God clothes our sinful nakedness with His righteousness so we can stand before Him without shame.

The sacrificial system as God designed it, does not depict a blood-thirsty God who needs us to sacrifice to Him to appease His wrath. Rather, it was meant to be deeply disturbing to the worshipper who had to take the life of an innocent animal for their own sin. It was meant to illustrate the awfulness of sin and its consequences. But it was also meant to illustrate God's love for us in that "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 8:6). It was an exercise in faith that God would someday provide the true Lamb of God for us.

And the sacrifices of the Bible also distinguish Christianity from all other world religions. This we will cover next time.

Three Shellbrook students compete at provincial golf



From left, W.P Sandin students McKenna Kyliuk, Marissa Skavlebo and Hunter Tremblay represented their school at SHSAA provincial golf in Estevan on Sept. 27.

Submitted by Joanne Tremblay
McKenna Kyliuk, Marissa Skavlebo and Hunter Tremblay, all from W.P. Sandin High School, represented the North Central District at the Saskatchewan High School Athletics Provincial Golf in Estevan on Sept. 27 and 28.

The weather was not ideal for all the golfers as they completed two full days in inclement conditions.

"Every golfer needed to persevere the harsh weather to stay focused

and warm," said teacher and coach, Joanne Tremblay.

In total there were 34 female golfers, and after the final round on Saturday the individual results were: Hunter Tremblay - 9th; McKenna Kyliuk - 16th; and Marissa Skavlebo - 24th.

Overall the North Central District ladies team finished 6th.

The fourth member to complete with the ladies North Central team was Ava Degagne, from Ecole St. Mary High School.

OBITUARY

Verner Theodore (Ted) Johnson



JOHNSON — Verner Theodore (Ted)

Verner Theodore (Ted) Johnson passed away on September 22, 2019 in the Big River Health Centre at the age of 85 years. Ted was born on November 19, 1933 in Dore Lake, SK to Verner and Ida Johnson.

Ted spent his life at Dore Lake, fishing, trapping, and working at his sawmill. He and his wife Carol were very community minded and well

liked. Ted enjoyed fishing, curling, horseshoes and music, playing accordion, singing and dancing. His helpful nature, quiet faith and love of the north will surely be missed.

Ted is lovingly survived by his wife, Carol Johnson; his daughters, Ida May Ricalton; Shirley Feszyk (Ken Steinhauer); his grandchildren / great grandchildren, Raeann (Colin Letwin) O'Brien and their children, Drayden, Halle, Kale, Sophie and Charles; Joey Ricalton; Shawn (Petra) Feszyk; Lane Feszyk (Carol Stanbury); his special nieces / nephews, Susan (Richard) Wuorinen; Darlene (Gary) Jordan; Warren Boudreau; Audra Boudreau; his sisters-in-law, Gayle Conlan and Deena Green, as well as numerous other relatives and many friends.

Ted was predeceased

by, his parents Verner and Ida Johnson; and his siblings, Phyllis and Carl.

There will be a Memorial Service held for Ted on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at 2:00 pm, from the Big River Legion Hall. In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Ted to the Alzheimer's Society. 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, SK, 306-469-2277.



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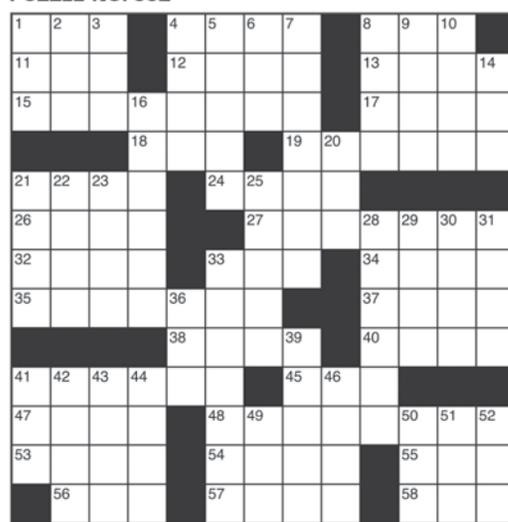
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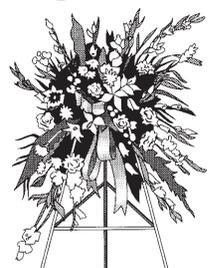
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Protecting your cedars for winter

By Patricia Hanbidge

Our seasons are not always the same from year to year and this year is no different. Expect our technically correct autumn to be non-existent in spite of enjoying an extra month of fall-like weather. As the mercury drops, I am thankful to have a warm house to help me survive the deep freeze but feel for any living thing that has to spend the winter outside.

Evergreens in the landscape provide shelter for our feathered friends and also help to control snow and wind. They are aesthetically important as their evergreen foliage is so appreciated while the rest of the landscape exhibits so many shades of grey. Of the many ev-



ergreens we can grow, cedars seem to be the evergreen that is most susceptible to winter damage. Read on to help ensure your evergreen cedar does not turn into shades of brown.

The most common ce-

dar of our landscapes is the eastern white cedar (*Thuja occidentalis*). It is found naturally throughout North Eastern North America. Traditionally, the eastern white cedar was used by aboriginals to prevent scurvy as it

contains Vitamin C. This practice was passed onto French settlers which gave rise to the name arborvitae or “tree of life”. The wood is valuable as it is resistant to rot and insects. Traditionally it was used for the framework of canoes but today it has many uses including posts, poles, shingles and even shelter for alternative livestock operations.

Although the eastern white cedar is not found naturally in Saskatchewan, they can tolerate our extremely dry and cold winters with a little extra care. Over winter, these cedars need to have adequate shelter from the desiccating effects of our winter sun and wind to maintain their evergreen colour.

Choosing the right cultivar will help to ensure you are successful in incorporating cedars you're your landscape. 'Brandon' (4 m tall by 1.5 m wide) is likely the most common cedar grown and has good hardiness. 'Holmstrup' (2 m tall and 1 m wide) has a nice green colour only topped by 'Smaragd' (4m tall by 1.5 m wide) which exhibits the most intense green. For good sized globe cedars try 'Woodwardii', 'Globosa' or 'Little Giant' (all about 2 m tall and wide). If you are looking for smaller selections try 'Hetz Midget' (1 m tall by 1 m wide) or 'Little Gem' which will be of similar height but slightly wider than 'Hetz Midget'.

Proper care is essential to keep your cedar green. Throughout the growing season, it is important to ensure that these evergreens receive enough moisture. They will need supplemental irrigation in order to thrive. It is also important to water them in just prior to freeze up. Throughout the winter, they need to receive shelter from the wind and shade from the sun. Planting them on an east or north exposure is a good choice. If you have the misfortune of your cedars living in a location that is not sheltered, it is best to provide some protection. You need to minimize their exposure to the late-afternoon sun. Even in winter, the sun has a lot of power and will result in

a daily freeze/thaw cycle that is extremely damaging to the tissues of the cedar.

I know that in my landscape I have some cedars still needing shelter so hopefully sharing this information with you will also spur me outside to give my cedars some consideration. It used to be recommended to wrap your cedars in burlap for the winter – but this is really not the best choice. The absolute best way to protect your cedars is to tap some poles into the ground close to the cedars. (It is recommended that you do this prior to the ground freezing solid!) Create a screen using burlap (or other suitable material) that will serve as a shield for wind and sun. As a bonus – you can still enjoy the great green that your cedars provide to the landscape.

I don't recommend using anti-desiccant sprays. They work by coating the leaves with a very thin layer of wax. These “miracle” products never quite deliver as promised and are definitely not a substitute for proper care.

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