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Shellbrook Legion member Lloyd Rudolph salutes fallen comrades, after laying a wreath in their honour at Shellbrook's Remembrance Day Ceremony.

Courage and sacrifice were honoured in Shellbrook over the past two weeks, as members of the Shellbrook Legion, and the entire community, found many ways to come together to observe Remembrance Day on the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

Beginning on Nov. 1, the Shellbrook Legion Hall played host to the Shellbrook Legion's annual wreath sale. And, as has become tradition, the day of the sale included a delicious lunch, prepared by Legion members.

Then, on Nov. 7, members of the Legion marched into Shellbrook Elementary School and W.P. Sandin High

School to take part in annual Remembrance Day assemblies aimed at keeping the spirit of remembrance alive in future generations — particularly with so few World War Two veterans still living.

Lastly, on Nov. 11, the Shellbrook Theatre was blanketed in poppies and wreaths, and scarcely a seat was empty, as the community gathered to observe Remembrance Day.

Shellbrook Elementary

Members of the Shellbrook Legion had a captive and eager audience on Nov. 7, when they visited the students of Shellbrook Elementary School for the

annual Remembrance Day assembly.

Handling MC duties, teacher Pam Boettcher kicked off the festivities by explaining to students what made members of the Legion special, and why their sacrifices are so important. In keeping with tradition, she had Terry Kelly's "A Pittance of Time" to help make her point.

In what was the main attraction of the morning, Shellbrook Legion member Henri Dagenais shared a piece of history from World War One with students, by relating the true story of Winnie the Pooh and the bear's connection to World War One.

Winnie was a Canadian black bear cub who was bought by Harry Coleburn, a soldier and veterinarian who served in World War One. After raising and training Winnie, Coleburn was deployed to England and brought the bear with him.

When Coleburn was set to move to the front lines in France, he was told that Winnie couldn't join him in the trenches, and he donated the bear to the London Zoo. Winnie would live the rest of her life in the zoo, where she would meet author A.A. Milne, and his son Christopher Robin Milne.

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Dressed as Winnie the Pooh, Henri Dagenais relates the real story of the bear that inspired A.A. Milne.

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Dagenais said the Legion chose this story so that the service would be more relatable to the children, and less "scary."

With the Legion's portion of the assembly complete, it fell to the Grade 4 and 5 classes to serenade the Legion members with their own rendition of "A Million Dreams" by Pink, and to share their special Remembrance Day poems.

With the indoor portion of the assembly at a close, the students assembled in rows outside of the school, where Da-

genais instructed them in proper marching technique.

With that done, he and piper Kim Bradley led the procession to the Cenotaph in Veteran's Memorial Park. There, students learned that cenotaphs honour soldiers who served overseas, and whose bodies were never returned home.

Closing out the ceremony, Emmy Ledding and Ayli Schatkoske laid a wreath on behalf of Shellbrook Elementary, and students observed a moment of silence.

W.P. Sandin

Marching on to W.P. Sandin High School, the Shellbrook Legion continued the Remembrance Day ceremonies, beginning this time with the playing of the last post and the moment of silence.

From here, students, staff, school and community groups, and others were called upon to lay wreaths, and a short video was played to explain the significance of Remembrance Day from the perspective of those who have served.

The morning's ceremo-

nies also included poetry from Taylor Henderson and Kaylee Cameron, an essay from Storm Rudolph, the reading of *In Flanders Fields* by Ashley Skavlebo, and the reading of the honour roll. Here, students and staff were asked to lay poppies in honour of family members who have served.

Representing the Shellbrook Legion, Fred Tatler was called upon to share his own experiences. He spoke at length about the Royal Canadian Air Force, drawing inspiration from journals left behind by his father, who served as a reconnaissance pilot.

Closing out the ceremony, W.P. Sandin Principal Karisa Klaassen said many thank yous, especially to the Legion.

"Your presence here brings a personal connection to our student body, a face and a name to the reasons why we remember. We thank you and we honour you here today," she said, before offering students a piece of advice.

"Remembrance Day is not just one single day. It's something that we must carry in our hearts



Shellbrook Legion member Henri Dagenais leads the procession from Shellbrook Elementary School.

each and every day as we enjoy the freedoms of our country."

Remembrance Day

The spirit of remembrance remained strong on Monday morning, when the Shellbrook Theatre was filled to near capacity with veterans, legion members, RCMP officers, community members and dignitaries, all wishing to pay tribute to those who have died for, served, and continue to serve Canada.

The solemn morning began with a musical prelude, provided by a choir, and was followed by the presentation of the

colours, which was led by Legion president Helen Dagenais. Then came the procession, led by pipers Kim Bradley and Dave Hjertaas, followed by a stirring rendition of "O Canada," sung by all in attendance

The ceremony continued with the invocational prayer from pastor David Bodvarson, the singing of the hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness," scripture lessons from the Knox United Church and the Seventh Day Adventist Church, and the singing of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," led by Murray Hannigan.

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A church choir, led by Linda Bator, provided the music for the morning of Nov. 11.

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Then, pastor Bodvarson delivered the sermon for the day, reflecting on courage and sacrifice.

"Courage is fear that has said its prayers," he said. "When I think of the Canadian Armed Forces and the RCMP, words like courage and sacrifice come to mind."

Speaking about the significance of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Bodvarson concluded by quoting John 15:13, which reads, "Greater love hath no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

Following the sermon, Father Phong led the theatre in a recitation of the Lord's Prayer, pastor Bodvarson provided the benediction, and a wave of silence was observed before Dave Hjer-taas played the lament.

In keeping with tradition, the honour roll of lo-

cal men and women who have served was read by Anne Gaboury. Then, Danielle Dagenais read Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae's *In Flanders Fields*, and Sanoi Dansereau followed up with the response to the poem.

The morning's ceremony also included the traditional laying of the wreaths, and the singing of "God Save the Queen." Then, after grace was said, the colours were retired to conclude the ceremony.

After gathering outside, Henri Dagenais led community members in a march back to the Shellbrook Legion Hall, where lunch and time for visiting were enjoyed.

Henri Dagenais lays a wreath in honour of fallen comrades.



School Snack Program nurturing healthy habits

It's estimated that 1-in-5 Canadian children are at risk of going to school hungry every day.

Here in Shellbrook, however, community organizations have banded together to lower these odds for the students of Shellbrook Elementary School and W.P. Sandin High School.

Started by the Kinettes and Kinsmen in 2017, the School Snack Program was initially a once-a-month venture that saw each club donate \$500 to provide students with healthy snacks on the third Thursday of each month.

"The hope is to get [the snacks] into the hands of those that could use them and maybe don't have access to them, but the snacks are available to all students," said Kinette Tasha Cyr, noting that the program was a hit with both schools in that first year.

By the time the 2018-2019 school year rolled around, the funding for the School Snack Program had more than doubled, thanks in large part to a \$1,000 donation from the Parkside Community Club. Cyr says this was a huge contribution to the program, allowing for a second snack to be provided the first week of each month — usually in the form of a big bucket of fresh fruit for each school.

And the program's growth didn't stop there.

"At the end of last school year, we added an emergency lunch program," Cyr said. "We purchased lunch supplies and delivered to the schools. The elementary made brown bag lunches available for those that needed them. The high school asked for healthy snack items to keep on hand for when needed.

With Shellbrook BigWay now fully on board with the program in its third year, even the emergency lunch portion of the program has grown and changed this year.

Hoping that students will learn valuable lessons about responsibility and healthy eating, the Kinettes have set up accounts for the schools at the grocery store.

Every month, students from each school will be

tasked with picking up the supplies for the emergency lunch program, preparing the lunches so that they're available as needed, and, most importantly, staying under the budget of \$150 per month for each school.

"This has been a huge addition, and we think it is great that students are helping with this program," Cyr said. "Not only does it grow their life skills, it shows how we can help make our schools better for others."

Adding that this has made the program far more efficient and beneficial for both schools, Cyr says she's grateful for all the help that BigWay has provided, and that the program is fortunate to benefit from the help of a such a community-minded business.

Sharing in Cyr's gratitude, W.P. Sandin High School principal Karisa Klaassen says that the Kinettes and Kinsmen, the Parkside Community Club and BigWay are helping students at her school learn to the fullest extent of their abilities.

"Our students are not able to work to their full potential if they are coming to school hungry, and this helps to eliminate that barrier to learning for our students," she said. "The simple fact is, if students are hungry, they are not learning."

Klaassen adds that having students be responsible for some of the shopping and pre-

paring has been an invaluable tool for teaching them about what healthy eating looks like.

Just as important, she says that the program helps the school provide for their students, and helps the students not worry about whether or not they'll be able to eat throughout the school day.

"Community partnerships such as this allows us to ensure we have the resources to provide for the needs of all of our students during times when budgets are getting tighter and tighter, and we are extremely grateful for that," she said.

Noting that the School Snack Program, and

students, can always benefit from more support, Cyr says that the Kinettes are open to additional donations.

"Honestly, the more funds available for this program, the more the kids benefit. And that's what this is about: making sure kids aren't hungry at school, and providing nutritious snacks for those who need a little extra help getting these," she said.

"If we can make a kid's day better, than we have succeeded."

Anyone wishing to make a donation can send it to Box 147, Shellbrook, Sask., S0J 2E0, or email shellbrook_kinettes@hotmail.ca to learn more about the program.

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Canada must unite to honour its veterans

It must be tough for Canada's veterans to stomach the current state of this country.

In its 152 years as a nation, Canada has almost never been so utterly and bitterly divided by so many seemingly unbridgeable ideological fault lines — east versus west, liberal versus conservative, and the list goes on and on and on.

If our long-standing international reputation counts for anything, we are supposed to be a country of kindness and compassion, uncommon bravery, and peace.

We may still be all of those things, somewhere far beneath all of the divisiveness and the petty squabbling. But, at this moment, Canada is a far cry from the country that so many of its young men and women have fought, bled, and died to protect.

And with another Remembrance Day come and gone, we are reminded of everything that our veterans, both living and dead, have sacrificed to ensure that our way of life can go on.

Now, more than ever, we must strive to ensure that these sacrifices were not in vain. We must put aside our differences, and aspire to embody the ideals and values that millions of Canadians have donned the uniform to defend.

There would, after all, be no worse way to dishonour and insult the legacy of our veterans, than to allow Canada to be torn apart by

the forces that seem hell-bent on dividing it.

In the century since the end of World War One, Canada's veterans have been waiting patiently for the federal government (and all Canadians) to live up to its sacred obligation to provide for them. But, thus far, they've received little more than pretty rhetoric and empty promises from government after government.



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When the early 2000s brought about the war in Afghanistan, and created a new generation of Canadian veterans, Ottawa had yet another chance to finally honour its word. If anything, the governments of Paul Martin, Stephen Harper and Justin Trudeau have moved the dial backwards on these promises.

In 2005, Mr. Martin's government began by introducing the New Veterans Charter (NVC), which replaced veterans' lifetime pensions that provided up to \$2,733 per month, tax-free, with one-time lump-sum payments of up to \$360,000.

The NVC was adopted by Mr. Harper's Conservatives when they took power in 2006, and was supposed to provide veterans with improved rehabilitation and career support services.

However, it was soon discovered that the average veteran was receiving just \$43,000 through the NVC — a far cry from the maximum entitlement of \$360,000.



Later in its mandate, Mr. Harper's government would shutter nine Veterans Affairs offices across the country, making it harder for veterans to access the services and benefits they were entitled to. A year later, it was revealed that \$1.13 billion in unspent Veterans Affairs dollars had been returned to Ottawa's coffers between 2006 and 2013, as opposed to being used to support veterans.

Storming to power in 2015, Mr. Trudeau's Liberal government promised a complete about face in how veterans had been treated over the past decade.

Coming out of the gate strong, it mostly delivered on its promises. Within a month, it had reopened the Veterans Affairs offices that were closed by Mr. Harper, hired a slew of new case workers to help tackle backlogs in veterans' benefits claims, and introduced legislation to revive lifelong pensions for veterans.

But it never did stop fighting veterans in

court, prompting Mr. Trudeau to utter the now infamous, "They're asking for more than we are able to give right now" in early 2018. And it never made accessing benefits easier for veterans like retired Master Cpl. Paul Franklin, who are forced to file mountains of paperwork each year to prove that they still require support.

To make matter worse, the math on the new lifelong pensions didn't add up, leaving veterans who sought their pensions after 2006 with up to 40 per cent less than those who received pensions before 2006 — this includes a maximum monthly tax-free pension of \$1,150, and a tax-free severe or permanently disabled benefit of \$500 to \$1,500 per month.

If nothing else can unite us as Canadians, then the debt we owe to our veterans should be enough. For if we can't top fighting with each other, who will call on Ottawa to remember its sacred obligation to our brave men and women?

Gormley: Western alienation and its independence cousin are real

Accept for a moment the Toronto media narrative, spun through the Laurentian echo chamber in Ottawa, that "RedNekexit" is the latest protest from the hicks living "out" West, unhappy with the outcome of the federal election.

Some of the impetus for Western political separatism comes from a legitimate sense of alienation, wrapped in a visceral dislike for a Prime Minister who cavalierly disregards the Prairie resource economy, agriculture and extractive industries.

At the same time, Justin Trudeau makes it clear that he has no respect for the people whose hard work and taxes fund an equalization formula in need of change and even the national government's Canada Pension Plan (CPP), which Quebec

opted out of 50 years ago, that disproportionately taxes more youthful Prairie employees and their employers.

Ditto for an inefficient and costly carbon tax that harms families and businesses in Saskatchewan and Alberta more profoundly than others. Compounding Prairie alienation are Bills C69 and C48, passed into law, which deliberately create high completion risk, uncertainty and delay, and a disincentive for anyone to invest in energy projects.

And there is the Trudeau government's willful strategy, illustrated by pipeline cancellations and delays, to sacrifice oil and energy development on the altar of climate politics and the "new green" economy.

To be sure, some of the separatists — but far from

all — are the same cranks who jump on the first floats in a grievance parade, or spend their time shadow boxing the globalists of the New World Order or hooking up with Max Bernier's People's Party of Canada.

But it would be a fatal mistake for Canada to dismiss a real and profound sense of alienation which goes deeper into the ranks of thoughtful policy makers, Premiers past and present, and community leaders — not yet separatists — who are simply fed up with a Canada that no longer works for us.

The latest Ipsos poll can be read as alienation and separatism being rungs on the same ladder. The statement "Canada is more divided than ever" finds agreement among 79% of Albertans and 77% of Saskatchewanians. On the view

that it is better for our provinces to politically split away from Canada, 27% of Saskatchewan people agree, as do 33% in Alberta.

While some promote separatism, others of us who prefer Canada see an opportunity for a strong, purposeful and resilient Prairie push-back against policies from Ottawa that must change.

Some Western organization — perhaps the Buffalo Project, Canada West Foundation or other — should be prepared to convene a conference in the next 100 days to openly examine issues and canvas options available to Saskatchewan and Alberta.

In no particular order, review the equalization formula and re-examine some of the 2001 Alberta Agenda, or so-called "firewall" options, including opting out

of CPP and establishing provincial pension plans; taking control from the federal government of all tax collection and immigration; resuming full provincial responsibility for health care policy; cancelling RCMP contract policing and creating a provincial police force — all of which have been done for decades by Quebec.

Also, a conference could invite political and legal academics, constitutional scholars and experts in International Law to canvas other issues, including but not limited to: Canada's Clarity Act; the constitutional issues underlying a unique or distinct relationship with the Prairie West within the federation; the domestic and international legal requirements for limited or full political independence should the

relationship with Canada deteriorate; the scope of important consultations required to address or renegotiate pre-existing treaties and inherent treaty rights with Indigenous people; and post-secession access to markets and trade.

In addressing Prairie alienation, Mr. Trudeau knows what he has to do — or, more properly, stop doing. If he does not meaningfully address Western concerns, it shouldn't be said that all those unhappy people "out" West are going to any longer sit idle or silent. We aren't.

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Report from the Legislature

Your Saskatchewan Party government is committed to reducing the length of time people are waiting for surgery.

Reducing surgical wait times has long been a priority for our government, dating back to the successful Saskatchewan Surgical Initiative which took the longest surgical wait times in Canada to among the very shortest.

Wait times in Saskatchewan have been increasing again due to additional patients needing surgery, not due to fewer surgeries being performed in Saskatchewan. We will work to improve wait times for patients through \$10 million in new funding.

Approximately 1,700 additional surgeries will be performed before the end of March 2020. These surgeries include cataracts, hip and knee replacements, gynecological surgeries, dental, and ear nose throat procedures.

The number of Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) cardiac



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procedures will also grow by 60 per cent. TAVI is an option for patients who require aortic valve replacement and are not candidates for open-heart surgery.

To meet the March 2020 target, the Saskatchewan Health Authority will increase surgical hours in hospitals and also increase contracted volumes with third-party facilities. While the majority of surgeries will occur in Regina and Saskatoon where some of the longest wait times exist, they will be expand-

ed to other centres as well.

In addition to action on surgical waits, we have unanimously passed amendments to The Tobacco Control Act. This allows the province to move quickly to ensure regulation of vaping and vaping products is in line with existing tobacco legislation.

Introduced on November 5, the amendments in Bill 182 will:

- restrict the sale of vapour/e-cigarette devices and products to individuals 18 years of age and older;
- prohibit the display of vapour/e-cigarette products in a retail business where young persons have access;
- restrict the use of vapour/e-cigarette products in and around public buildings, including schools and school grounds, in the same manner as our provincial tobacco legislation;
- prohibit the sale of vapour/e-cigarette products from specified facilities such as amusement



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parks, arcades, and theatres where youth frequent; and

- restrict advertising of vapour/e-cigarette products in the same manner as tobacco products by prohibiting advertising signs and promotional signs in areas where young persons can enter.

Quick passage of this legislation demonstrates how important it is to further protect our youth from vaping. We look forward to consulting with partners and health stakeholders on the regulations and how

best to address flavoured vaping products.

In the coming months, the Ministry of Health will proceed with the necessary supporting regulations to address both the restrictions on vaping and vaping products and the enforcement. New signage prohibiting vaping will be made available for public buildings, retail locations and school properties.

It is anticipated that The Tobacco Control Act amendments and supporting regulations will be in force in early 2020.

Your Saskatchewan Party government has more than doubled health care funding since 2007, and our focus on recruiting and retaining medical professionals has resulted in about 3,800 more nurses and nearly 900 more doctors practicing across the province.

We have invested over \$1.6 billion into needed health care infrastructure. These funds have allowed our government to open five new or replacement

hospitals, 13 long-term care centres, and fund 20 additional major capital projects.

Earlier this year, our government announced that the Weyburn Hospital replacement project and the Prince Albert Victoria Hospital redevelopment project will be entering their final planning stages.

In March, our government delivered on its commitment to mental health with the 284-bed Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford and, for the first time ever, Saskatchewan has its own children's hospital – the new Jim Pattison Children's Hospital in Saskatoon.

From record funding for mental health and addictions services to enhanced supports for seniors and those living with dementia and Alzheimer's disease, health care remains a top priority for our government. We will continue to prioritize program spending and strengthen health care for all Saskatchewan people.

YOUR TWO CENTS

Remembrance Day - A message to young people

Dear Editor,

I had the privilege of growing up in The War Amps Child Amputee (CHAMP) Program which was started by war amputee veterans. Through Operation Legacy, which is made up of members of CHAMP, we pay tribute to the veterans who founded the Association and all those who have served our country.

I have participated in Operation Legacy as far back as I can remember by laying wreaths and attending

remembrance ceremonies. I have only scratched the surface of understanding how much these soldiers sacrificed, but I am eager to spread the remembrance message to other young people so that we and the generations after us know who to thank.

Canada as we know it today exists because of the men and women who served, sacrificing life and limb so that future generations could live freely and safely. As young people, we are that future generation. It is

up to us to say thank you and remember them because their sacrifices weren't for nothing, they were for everything.

On Remembrance Day this year, I challenge young people to attend your local ceremony, wear a poppy over your heart, or at the very least, take a moment at 11 a.m. to pause and say thank you.

Rachel Quilty
The War Amps

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Silvertips ride hot streak to third straight win

After starting the 2019-2020 regular season with two wins on the road, The Shellbrook Silvertips carried that momentum into their home opener on Friday evening, when they played host to the Cudworth Tricky Maroons.

Though they got off to a slow start in their first game on home ice, the Tips were in their finest form of the season thus far. Proving to Cudworth that they had a few tricks of their own, the Tips trounced the Maroons by a score of 13-1.

Braidon Turner got the action started for the Tips, finding the back of the Cudworth goal on a rebound right from the doorstep. Brendon Canaday and Brett Mason drew the assists on the play.

Less than two min-

utes after this goal, the Tips climbed from a 1-0 lead to a 4-0 margin, as the pucks continued to bounce in their favour.

Wyatt Hinson was the next to strike, scoring on a beautiful sniper shot on a Tips power play. Brendon Beaulac and netminder Jory Segberg provided assists on the play.

Seemingly seconds later, Brett Robillard blasted one home on a textbook set up and one timer from the back door. Devin Dicus and Mitch Wourms earned the helps.

Then, Sam Miller netted his first goal as a Silvertip, after tucking home a rebound in front of the Cudworth goal. Cody Belair and Dorin Canaday got the assists on the play.

Signalling that they



Two Silvertips descend on the Cudworth net in search of another Shellbrook goal.

weren't just going to lie down, the Maroons took advantage of a power play to score their lone goal of the game. Adam McCannell scored the marker, taking feeds on what became a 2-on-1 from Carter Yuzdapski and Graehme Fiolleau.

But the Tips would fire right back just seconds after this, with Beaulac blasting a sniper shot

home from the point. Braidon Turner and Mason earned the assists on the goal.

Shifting to the second period, the Tips would tack on six more goals, starting with an unassisted marker by Jody Blais, to put an exclamation point on their impending victory.

Continuing his strong start as a Silvertip, Miller

would net his second of the game by rifling a shot top shelf. Dorin Canaday and Beaulac earned assists on the play.

Less than a minute later, with a new Cudworth goalie between the pipes, Blais would strike again with assists from Parker Turner and Hinson.

Scoring the Tips' third goal in less than two minutes, Nathaniel Martin popped a backhand home off a rebound, courtesy of a pair of assists from Matthew Kutnikoff and Robillard.

With time winding down in the second frame, Robillard would net his second of the evening on assists from Beaulac and Dicus, and Parker Turner would strike, unassisted, to push the score to 11-1.

In what turned out to be a slow third period,

Braidon Turner provided the only offence for the Tips, scoring early in the period, then one last time in the last minute of the game to secure himself a hat trick.

Wourms and Blais provided assists on the first goal, while Dorin Canaday and Miller earned helpers on the second.

With two goals and one assist in his debut as a Silvertip, Miller earned the team's "Tip of the Game" honours.

And, thanks to the big 13-1 victory, the Tips now sit atop the league as the only undefeated team left standing.

This Sunday, Nov. 17, the Tips will be in action on the road again, when they visit the Waldheim Warriors for an afternoon match-up. Puck drop for the game is slated for 3:30 p.m.

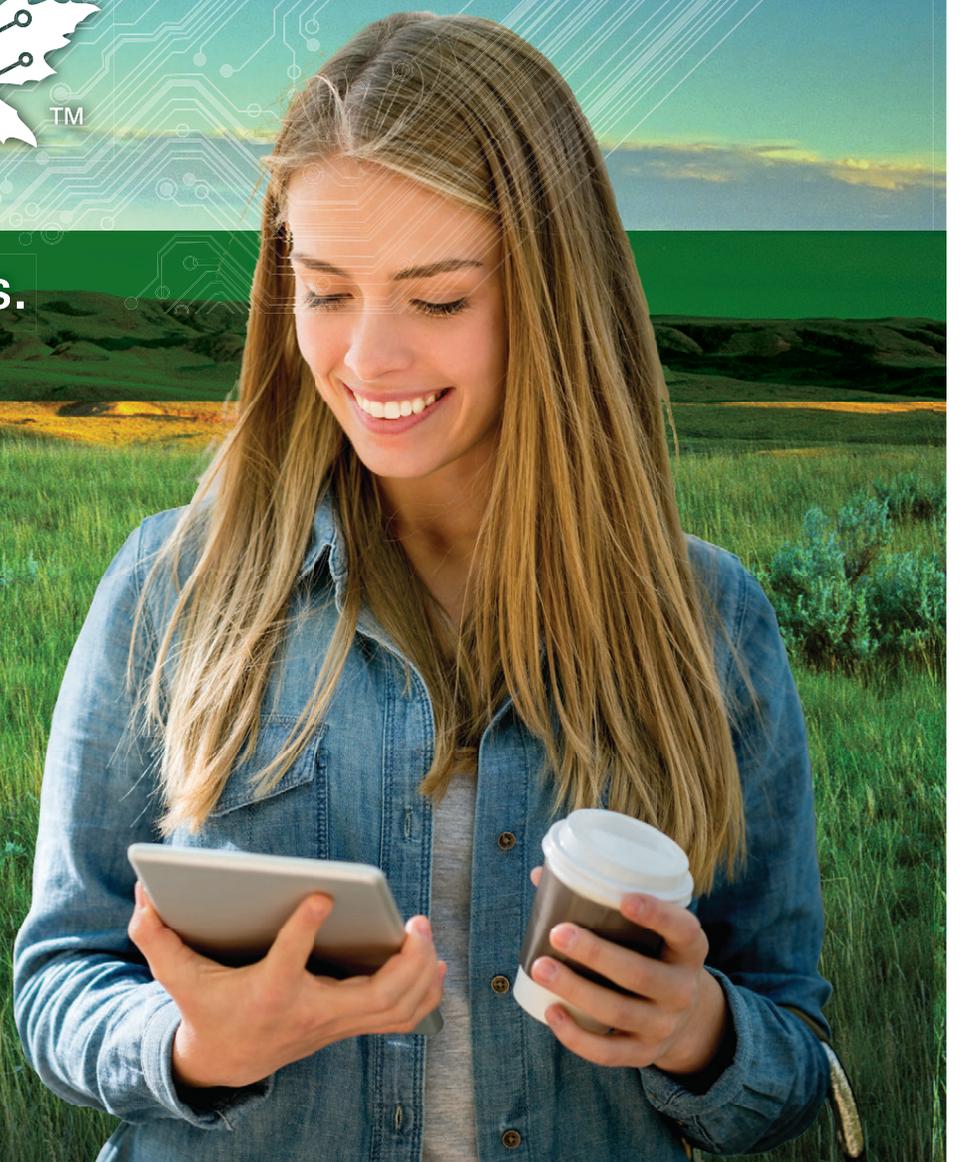
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Harvest Showdown: a place of shared passion for ag

This week in Yorkton the Grain Millers Harvest Showdown takes place.

For a journalist who got his start primarily writing about all things agriculture, after having grown up on a small mixed farm, it always feels like I am very much in my element attending the event.

The summers of my youth were spent showing livestock at summer fairs, but through the years there was a shift to big fall events.

Where once only the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto existed, a trip east on a train when I was 12

still a treasured memory, Canadian Western Agribition sprung up in Regina. The birth of Agribition was huge in terms of marketing purebred livestock genetics in the west, and my Dad and I showed there for the first decade or so.

The success of Agribition helped Farmfair in Edmonton, AgEx in Brandon, and smaller shows such as Harvest Showdown take root.

In the case of Harvest Showdown it is something of an anniversary event for me. I arrived at Yorkton This Week in September and one of

my earliest assignments was to go down to the Yorkton Exhibition Association to interview then manager Shaun Morin about plans for the inaugural Harvest Showdown – then held in October. I found Shaun pounding pegs



CALVIN DANIELS

into the asphalt of the parking lot for the tents used in the early years to house livestock.

That was 30-years ago, and here I am still looking forward to covering the event.

It has been an interesting journey for Harvest Showdown. Through the years things have come, commercial sheep shows, llama shows, heavy draft horse hitch events and canola days, and have gone by the way-side, all of the aforementioned.

But, two core aspects have stayed constant, anchors for Harvest

Showdown if you will; the commercial cattle show and sale, and a commercial grain show. The pair of events has worked because they attract the average producer in the parkland to bring their best cattle and grains to town to be judged.

I suspect for most exhibitors the red ribbon of winning, while appreciated, is not necessarily the primary motivation for participating. That key motivation is much more likely to be a good excuse to attend the show and talk 'shop' with fellow producers. Harvest is over,

the cattle in pasture, and producers need that break to just relax a little among people who know exactly what challenges they have faced.

This year of course the challenges of weather have been legion, and the mood of producers may be more subdued than most years, but in that regard they will not be alone when meeting at Harvest Showdown.

And therein lies the reason for Harvest Showdown lasting three decades now, being a place for everyday farmers to gather to share their passion for the business of agriculture.

Canwood Royal Purple hosts annual craft sale



Some of the Royal Purple ladies working in the kitchen selling lunch.



Lorraine Benson (Honoured Royal Lady) and Connie Schock (Member) selling raffle tickets at the Craft Sale.

By Donna Lovberg

The Canwood Annual Royal Purple Craft Sale was held on Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Canwood Elks Community Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The weather was nice and the hall was packed with 40 tables of a variety of crafts, baking, wood working, stain glass, paintings, etc.

Many shoppers filled their bags with numerous items from the vendors that were present.

A delicious lunch of soup, sandwiches and desserts was served up by the Royal Purple ladies, which everyone enjoyed.

Raffle tickets were sold for a solar garden light and Eleanor Bahnuick was the winner.

Without all the vendors and shoppers that day, we would not have had the overall success we did.

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Community groups honoured at final Volunteer Gala



W.P. Sandin SLC president Tyson Crawford speaks on behalf of the SLC, while senior members and advisor Rhonda Berezowski look on.

Martin Luther King Jr. is often credited with saying, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others."

The quote doesn't specifically mention volunteers, but it certainly evokes the spirit

of volunteerism. It also reflects the spirit of small communities like Shellbrook, which all rely upon men, women and community organizations to do a great deal for others.

It's these men, women and

groups, and the hours and efforts that they put in without any desire for recognition or reward, that make Shellbrook the community it is.

And it's precisely these men, women and groups who were honoured on

Thursday evening, when the Shellbrook and Districts Chamber of Commerce and the town of Shellbrook hosted the community's fifth and final Volunteer Appreciation Gala at the Shellbrook Community Hall.

The evening's program was MCed by Chamber of Commerce chair Yvonne Groenen and Trevor Miller, who, for a change of pace, were aided in their duties by comedian and magician Roger Boucher — for the first three years Kelly Taylor lent his comedic talents to the event, followed by Jody Peters in year four.

After attendees got settled in with cocktails and appetizers, and were given time to socialize, the program for the evening got under way.

But rather than individuals being recognized as in previous years, this year's gala shone a spot light on three community groups with legacies of giving to the community.

Up first, was the Student Leadership Council for W.P. Sandin High School, which was honoured for the many causes it supports, including the Terry Fox Foundation, STARS, the Canadian Can-



The SLC's junior members also received recognition for their contributions.

cer Society, Christmas Hamper Food Drive, Telemiracle, and so much more.

Though she couldn't attend the gala, former W.P. Sandin teacher and SLC advisor Nicole Philp offered a poignant toast to her students for the work they've put in.

"While I'm ecstatic that you are on stage and getting recognized for all the hard work that you and the students have come before you have done in the community, I think the best thing about the W.P. Sandin SLC is that each and every one of you has contributed to this community without ever expecting an award or recognition," she said.

"You are our community's

future Kinsmen and Kinettes. You're the upcoming minor sports coaches, and the presidents of volunteer organizations. You are the reason our small community will continue to thrive."

Long-time SLC advisor Rhonda Berezowski also had praise and gratitude to offer the students.

"I can honestly say that I've learned as much from them as they have from me," she said. "Without the enthusiasm that these children show every day, I would not be the SLC advisor that I am today. I'm so proud of all of your accomplishments as leaders in our school and volunteers in our community."

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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.

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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., Nov. 15, Fast & Furious: Hobbs and Shaw; Fri., Nov. 29, Angry Birds 2; Fri., Dec. 13, Nutcracker & The Four Realms. Movies will resume January 10. Doors Open 7 p.m. Showtime 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$5

SHELL LAKE: Sip 'n' Shop Christmas Market, Friday, November 29 - 4 to 9 pm, Shell Lake Lions Hall. Over 30 Vendors ~ Free Admission

SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Winter Trade Show, Saturday, November 16, 10 am to 4 pm, Shellbrook Senior's Centre. Free Admission • Over 20 Home-Based Businesses

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SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Arts Council Christmas Craft Sale. Saturday, November 16, 10:00 - 4:00. Homemade lunch available for purchase

SHELLBROOK: All Shellbrook & Area Seniors are invited to join us for a Potluck Lunch @ Noon & Social Afternoon at Shellbrook Senior Centre on Tuesday, November 19. Bring a favourite dish. Beverages supplied.

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Former members of the Shellbrook Elks, and former and current members of the Shellbrook Royal Purple were among the night's honourees.



Shellbrook Chamber of Commerce chair Yvonne Groenen grills former and current Kinsmen and Kinettes on their contributions to the community.

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Following a magical interlude by Roger Boucher, the next groups to be honoured were the Shellbrook Kinsmen and Kinettes. With both groups' legacies spanning so many years, the stage was soon full of past and current members.

While no formal speeches were given, members of both groups were tasked with recalling all the things that the Kinsmen and Kinettes have done for the community.

Needless to say, a few things were forgotten, but in short: the Kinsmen/Kinettes Pool, Kin Park, the Kinsmen's outdoor rink, the School Snack Program, the Cookie Walk and photos with Santa, the Shoe/Trunk party,

And the list goes on and on. Keeping the evening's program moving along, the Shellbrook Royal Purple Elks #102 were the next group to be honoured, with Trevor Miller handling the presentation duties.

In his address, Miller recognized the group for 72 years of community service, which includes support for many local, provincial, and federal causes.

On that list are the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children, SPARC, the Royal University Hospital program for speech and hearing, Bingos for the first dialysis machine at Victoria Hospital, birthday parties for nursing home residents, a senior's appreciation tea, and

donations to the hospital, nursing home and the schools, among many other things.

Noting that the Royal Purple Elks folded this year due to low membership, Miller announced that the group has reformed as Canadian Royal Purple Lodge #388, and that the group is actively seeking members.

Closing out the awards portion of the evening, the Shellbrook Elks were the final organization to be recognized.

Formed in 1931, with 28 members in the club, the Elks continued to serve the community up until their disbandment in 2009.

Over the course of 78 years,

the club founded the annual Sports Day celebration, ran and expanded the Shellbrook Community Hall to what it is today, helped organize and raise funds for Parkland Terrace, opened the Elks Theatre, and helped spawn the Elks hockey team, which is known, respected and feared by opponents across the province.

"From sports and recreation to arts and culture to healthcare, there are few things that exist in our community today that haven't been touched by the legacy of Shellbrook's Elks Lodge," Miller said of the group.

"Though the Elks lodge closed in November of 2009, after nearly 80 years

of community service, we can still say that Shellbrook wouldn't be what it is today without everything that the many Elks members over the years did for, and gave to, the community."

Closing out the formal portion of the evening, Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe took to the stage for a brief address. In it, he recognized not just the groups who were honoured, but everyone in attendance, for the contributions they make to their community and province.

"Not only are they building theatres, building this Community Hall, building buildings at the Sports Grounds, and volunteering at all these community events,

these are the organizations that are reaching out and touching people in other communities across this province as well," he said.

"More important than that... is the role models that we are for this generation. If you think it doesn't matter, look at what this generation is already doing."

Over its five years, the Volunteer Appreciation Gala was made possible by the support of local businesses like: Shellbrook Bigway, MJW Chartered Professional Accountant, Triple S Transport, Woodland Pharmacy, Y Business Concepts, Bourgeault and Associates, Affinity Credit Union, Tait Insurance, and Lake Country Co-op.

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Evelyn Amy Haroldson



Dorothy Evelyn Amy Haroldson
(January 26th 1920 – October 30th 2019)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Dorothy Haroldson, formerly of Shell Lake, at 99 years of age. Dorothy passed away peacefully, with family by her side on October 30th, 2019.

Dorothy is survived by:

Daughters: Barbara Routledge, Agnes (Edwin) Fusick, and Donna Dyck.

Brother in Law: Henry

(Marilyn) Simonar.

Sister in Laws: Esther Strate, Gladys Simonar and Marjorie Simonar.

Grandchildren: Darcy LeBlanc (Steve) Funkner, Kevin Fusick, Kimberly Fusick (Lorne Zanidean), Connie (Grant) Gale, and Adam (Rebecca) Dyck.

Great-Grandchildren: Kale (Megan Franklin) Primeau, Taylor (Kerrie) Primeau, Dillon Primeau, Chandra LeBlanc, Brett Klassen, Heather (Scott) Swanson, Dana Spriggs (Zach Eskes), Paige Spriggs (Matty Smith), Brayden Tanchak, Brooklyn Zanidean (Thomas Montgomery), Ashley Parenteau, Dorian Parenteau and Julian Dyck.

Great-Great Grandchildren: Zachary Hamilton, Benson Boxall-LeBlanc, McKenzie Franklin, Khloe and Chance Primeau, Violet and Natalie Swanson, and Charlie Laine Smith.

As well as all other relatives and friends that have

shared in her life throughout the years.

Dorothy was predeceased by:

Her parents Arthur and Pearl (Page) French, her siblings Gertie (William) Tung, Josephine (Chris) Christianson, and Eugene (Edna) French. Her first husband Arthur Simonar and second husband William Haroldson. Grandson Curtis LeBlanc, as well as numerous in laws and relatives.

I, Dorothy was born January 26th 1920 to Arthur and Pearl French of Shell Lake. I was the youngest of four children. My parents were pioneers in 1912, being one of the first three families to settle in the Shell Lake rural area. I started school when I was seven years old. Grace Smallwood was my first teacher. As many as fifty-two children attended our one roomed school. I quit when I was fifteen years old and went to work out – I worked for Mrs. Dut-

ton for five dollars a month when I was seventeen years old. I worked at Hans and Bergulot Ericksons helping with housework and milking cows for ten dollars a month.

In 1938 I went to work for my sister Gertie and her husband Willie Tung they had a stopping place at the north end of Delaronde Lake (Stoney Lake) to serve meals to freighters and fishermen in the winter months. In 1939 I married Arthur Simonar. We had three daughters; Barbara, Agnes and Donna. We spent six months in New Westminster B.C in 1944 and then moved back to our farm. From 1949 to 1952 we ran a coffee shop in Shell Lake town. I have lived in Shell Lake all but two winters of my life. Arthur passed away in 1958. I was a widow at thirty-eight

years of age. Two and a half years later I married William Haroldson, a veteran from World War 2. We were married in 1960.

I worked part time for two summers at the Spiritwood hospital. I've done a lot of sewing, knitting and crocheting for hobby work and playing keyboard. We farmed until 1974, then we moved back to the village of Shell Lake. I started doing part time hairdressing and Willie did carpenter work. I became a widow again in 1999. I eventually sold our home in Shell Lake and moved to the Schwartz Villa.

Written by Dorothy Haroldson

Dorothy stayed at the Schwartz Villa in Shell Lake until 2014. She then moved to the Parkland Integrated Health Centre - Long Term

Care in Shellbrook, where she resided until her passing.

The family would like to sincerely thank all the staff at her home in Shellbrook for the wonderful care that they provided Dorothy while she was a part of their family.

Dorothy's wishes were to have a small graveside service, which will be held in the Spring of 2020.

Donations can be made to the Parkland Integrated Health Centre - Long Term Care in Shellbrook.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are invited to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Mark Muir, Funeral Director, Spiritwood, SK (306-883-3500).

Dennis Martin Schatkoske



Dennis Martin Schatkoske
1951 – 2019

We are shocked, saddened and mourn the sudden passing of Dennis, on Sunday, October 27, 2019.

He is survived by his loving partner Bonnie Dunn, children Tamara (John) of Pitt Meadows, Jennifer (Marc) of Chilliwack and Michael (Trina) of Calgary,

grandchildren Harrison, Hazel, Ramona and Keelan, sisters Sharon (Barry), Darelene (Blair) and Faye (Jerry), and numerous other family members. Dennis will also be missed by Sherry (Dan), Missy (Steve), Cole, Kaylea and Rylee.

Dennis enjoyed keeping busy with home projects, boating at Shuswap lake, traveling to Mexico, and staying active golfing and playing pickleball. He was a thoughtful, loving father and grandfather, making sure he spent time with all his children and grandchildren.

He was lucky to spend lots of time with his three beloved sisters in both Mexico and Canada. Dennis was fortunate to have life long friends that loved and supported him including

his close friend Wayne who kept him honest on the golf course. He and his partner Bonnie put in numerous summers at Shuswap Lake transforming a property to a beautiful vacation destination for their children and grandchildren. Bonnie's children Missy and Sherry and their families frequently visited the lake filling their weekends with love. They welcomed friends and family to their places in Mexico and Shuswap.

Dennis was loved by all who knew him and will be deeply missed.

Memorial donations may be made in Dennis' name to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, P.O. Box 460 STN K, Toronto, ON M4P 9Z9. The Celebration of Life for Dennis will be announced at a later date.

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Hard to beat the drama of a game 7

Even the so-so sports fan pays attention to a Game 7.

Casual sports fans usually know who's playing in a championship series — Stanley Cup, World Series, NBA Finals — but that casual interest turns to rapt attention in a Game 7.

So it was on the night before Halloween when Houston Astros played host to Washington Nationals in a Game 7 for the World Series title. The oddity of the 2019 Fall Classic was that going into that winner-take-all game, the visiting team had, improbably, emerged victorious in all of the first six. More improbably, visiting Washington won this Game 7, too.

Every sports fan has their favourite Game 7. Mine dates me tremendously, as it goes back to Oct. 13, 1960, when I

was a Grade 5 student at Fleming School in Brandon.

Mr. Sytnyk was my teacher and I had some explaining to do when I showed up for afternoon classes about an hour late because of the Pittsburgh Pirates-New York Yankees Game 7. In those days, World Series games were afternoon contests (10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Manitoba).

I got home for lunch around 12:10 and was mesmerized by the enormity of the moment. The powerful Yankees had won three games by scores of 16-3, 10-0 and 12-0. The underdog Pirates' three wins were by narrow scores of 6-4, 3-2 and 5-2.

My father, bless his soul, agreed with me that catching the last game was easily as important as the first af-



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ternoon class of a Grade 5 student. Then, Bill Mazerowski struck.

After the Yankees tied the game 9-9 with a pair of runs in the top of the ninth, Mazerowski led off the bottom of the ninth with a Series-winning homer off Ralph Terry of the Yankees and pandemonium broke out in Pittsburgh and in my family's west-end Brandon home.

Other favourite game 7s? Leafs' fans want

to forget the Stanley Cup first-round series against Boston in 2013, when the Bruins trailed 4-1 with 14 minutes to go, scored three late goals to force OT and then saw Patrice Bergeron win it in the extra period. In the NBA, it's hard to match Cleveland's 93-89 win over the powerful Golden State Warriors, in Oakland, to win the 2016 title.

One final note: Of all the Stanley Cup games that have gone to overtime, only twice has the Cup been won with an OT goal in Game 7. And both times it was a Detroit Red Wing — Pete Babando in 1950 and Tony Leswick in 1954. That means it hasn't happened for the past 65 years. Maybe we'll get that Game 7 OT drama next June.

• Paul Daugherty of Cincinnati.com, with a "Joker" movie review: "So depressing it made a Bengals game seem like a weekend in Vegas."

• Tim Hunter of KRKO Radio, on European politics: "I gotta say, this Brexit thing is dragging on longer than a Brett Favre retirement."

• Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "Kevin Durant told the Wall Street Journal that sometimes 'he hates' the business of the NBA. I don't know about you, but I would love every aspect of any business that is going to pay me \$40 million next season not to work."

• Comedy writer Jim Barach: "An XFL player has left the league after learning the base salary is \$27,000 a year. He feels he can make more money taking fans to the games and back while driving for Uber."

• Jay Busbee of Yahoo Sports, on NFL officiating: "Technology has forever altered the officiating game, turning every disputed play into an episode of CSI: Lambeau Field."

• ABC late-night funnyman Jimmy Kimmel, on Donald Trump's visit to Game 5 of the World Series: "Usually to get booed that much at a sporting event in Washington, D.C., you have to play for the Redskins."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "Atlanta Falcons release kicker Matt Bryant, 44,

after two missed field goals last Sunday. 'If only they had given the young man a chance to get more experience,' said Adam Vinatieri."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "The NFL fined Chiefs receiver Tyreek Hill \$10,527 for giving a trailing Broncos defender the peace sign en route to a 57-yard touchdown. So, it would've been \$5,263.50 if he'd only used just one finger?"

• Perry again: "Celtics centre Tacko Fall — the NBA's tallest player at 7-foot-5 — was placed in concussion protocol after hitting his head on a low ceiling at the team's practice facility."

• Janice Hough again, on the 0-7 Dolphins playing the 0-8 Bengals on Dec. 22: "The Christmas turkey will be served early this year."

• Former MLBer Ron Fairly, who died recently at 81, channeling his inner Yogi Berra during his broadcasting days: "Last night I neglected to mention something that bears repeating."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

GOOD NEWS



UNKNOWN BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

I called this article 'unknown but not forgotten.'

The tomb of the unknown soldier is a monument dedicated to those who fought in wars who remains have not been identified.

Sometimes poetry is the best way to convey a thought. I came across these poetic words, it goes like this;

"I do not know your name —
Nor for which battle you died...
But, I know your spirit exists —
That your courage is admired,
and your sacrifice is honored
By each soul that's inspired.
And I offer you from my heart Thank you,
to guardians unknown.
For offering yourselves for us all
That we may keep freedom...
Our home."

I love some of the epitaphs that are inscribed on the tombs of the 'unknown soldier.'

One says this "Freedom is a Light for which Many Men have died in Darkness."

Like the thought I read recently, "We don't know them all, but we owe them all."

Freedom does cost. A small force of 300 Spartans died defending Greece

against the thousands of invading armies. The narrow pass referred to as the Hot Gates would have never been remembered if it wasn't for the brave 300 Spartans who paid the cost of freedom. They held that pass long enough to help their countrymen muster a defence. Someone pointed out, "That eventually saved Greek democracy and ensured the legacy our civilization owes to Greece."

Freedom does cost. I understand that the Battle of Vimy Ridge that took place between April 9 to 12 in 1917 is Canada's most celebrated military victory. Atop that ridge there is a historic memorial that honours the 11,285 Canadians killed in France throughout the war who have no known graves.

Again I am called back to those inspiring words someone wrote, "I do not know your name — nor for which battle you died ... But, I know your spirit exists — That your courage is admired, and your sacrifice is honored By each soul that's inspired. And I offer you from my heart Thank you, to guardians unknown. For offering yourselves for us all That we may keep freedom... Our home."

Blessings, Pastor Bodvarson
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Poppies in November call us to remember

By Patricia Hanbidge

It is in November when poppies are most revered. Back in the early 19th century, during the Napoleonic wars was the first connection of the poppy to those who lost their lives in times of war. The fields of war were barren before the battles were fought but after the fighting ended the fields were filled with mile after mile of blood-red poppies.

Once again during World War I, the fields became rich with lime from rubble and again the poppies thrived. It was in 1915 when John McCrae's poem In Flanders Fields forever memorialized the poppy as a symbol of those who lost their lives during war. During the 1920's Madame Guerin first used the sale of hand-made poppies to raise monies for children in war-torn areas. It was also during the twenties that the first poppies were distributed in Canada.

Today, it is the mission of the Royal Canadian Legion to "serve veterans and their dependents, to promote Remembrance, and to



act in the service of Canada and its communities". The Poppy Campaign is not only a major funding source distributing poppies Canada wide, but also serves to perpetuate Remembrance and ensures the memory of the sacrifices made by our war veterans both today and yesterday are not forgotten. Please help to support this mission by buying a poppy and wearing it proudly!

In addition to being a revered symbol, poppies are simply a stunning

plant! There are over 50 species of annuals and perennials that can be grown quite easily. The Flanders or Shirley poppies (*Papaver rhoeas*) is one of the simplest poppies you can grow. It is a remarkable experience to see seas of scarlet in the fields of Europe in spring. I will never forget in the heart of England going for a walk one evening – through the village, past an ancient well and up a pathway to the top of a rise. At the top of the rise, were endless miles

of red which of course was none other than the immortalized poppy!

The Iceland poppy (*P. nudicaule*) is a biennial that grows like an annual. The silky petals are intensely coloured and will produce up to

50 flowers per plant. Ensure that you plant this selection in an unmulched area to allow reseeding.

P. somniferum (corn poppy) is a large flowered poppy that produces huge flowers. Following bloom, the large seed pods are filled with edible seeds and are also very attractive in dried arrangements.

The Himalayan blue poppy actually belongs to a different genus (*Meconopsis*) and is similar to true poppies in many ways. It is a perennial for us here and blooms a beautiful blue. They need to be grown in partial shade and need an evenly moist environment.

Grow poppies of any kind in full sun and rich, well-drained soil. Poppies are easy to plant – simply sprinkle seeds lightly on the soil

and gently work in. As the seedlings grow, thin so there is 4 to 8 inches between plants. Many poppies will self-seed so ensure that they are planted where they can spread. Although the flowers are spectacular, the foliage is less so, so plant them behind other perennials so the foliage is less obvious after bloom.

Lest we forget - November 11th, take a moment to remember.... and next spring, grow more poppies!

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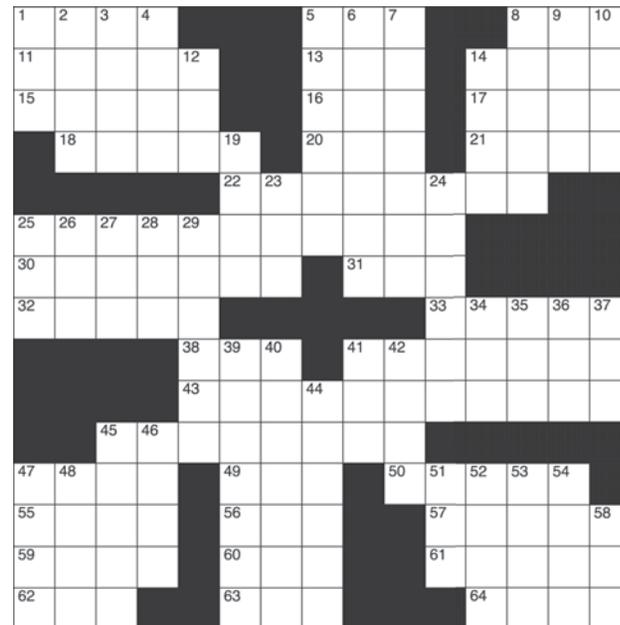
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13. "Gandalf" actor McKellen
14. Taxis
15. Political plot
16. Public television
17. Nigerian ethnic group
18. Informal loan clubs
20. "Wheel of Fortune" host
21. C C C
22. North, South and Central make them up
25. In an early way
30. Lied down in rest
31. Female hip-hop trio
32. Improves
33. Genus of mackerel sharks
38. Electronic countermeasures
41. Emerging
43. Balkan body of water
45. A type of delivery
47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
49. Title given to a monk
50. Partner to "oohed"

CLUES DOWN

1. Reciprocal of sine
2. Political organization
3. Defunct funk record label
4. Geological times
5. One who drinks slowly
6. Nightclub entertainment
7. Establish in one's mind
8. Restaurants
9. Off-Broadway theater award
10. Requests
12. You don't watch to catch it
14. Intestinal pouches
19. Satisfy



55. "Luther" actor Idris
56. Supporting pin (nautical)
57. Golden peas plant
59. One point north of northeast
60. Unit of measurement
61. Where clothes hang
62. Opposite of night
63. A way to change color
64. Korean independence proponent Syngman

23. Wet dirt
24. Regularly repeated
25. Before
26. The color of Valentine's Day
27. Indicates near
28. Bon ___: witty remark
29. One's holdings
34. Request
35. Prefix meaning "badly"
36. Midway between north and northeast
37. Ottoman military title
39. Teased
40. Happily
41. Pie ___ mode
42. Mars crater
44. Sports TV personality
45. Taxi driver
46. Abba ___, Israeli politician
47. The sick are sometimes on it
48. Relating to olives
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