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Craft Sale brings early Christmas to Shellbrook

With the countdown to Christmas officially on, folks from Shellbrook and the surrounding area had an opportunity to get their hands on some one-of-a-kind items for their loved ones, when the Shellbrook & District Arts Council hosted its annual Christmas Craft Sale on Saturday.

This marked the 30th year for the Craft Sale, which sees that Shellbrook Community Hall packed, almost wall to wall, with unique works created by vendors from as far afield as Saskatoon, North Battleford and Christopher Lake, and from as nearby as just up the street.

And, while 30 years is a long time for any community event to go on, this year's Craft Sale proved that a certain saying about old dogs and new tricks doesn't always apply.

"We usually try to have at least five or six new vendors every year," said Shellbrook & District Arts Council member and vendor Sylvia Jones. "This year, we had nine new vendors."

Among the new vendors was local crafter Crystal Larson, who was showcasing a diverse selection of items, including homemade salsas, jellies and jams (the *Chronicle* had the opportunity to sample the salsa in mild, medium, and hot, and all three were delicious), refinished furniture, and coasters inspired by nature.

It's precisely the kind of variety that Larson brought to the show that Jones says the Arts Council looks for year after year.

She adds that this variety, and the quality of the works sold by the crafters, has also contributed to the lasting success of the Craft Show.

"We look for quality, and for variety," she said. "We don't want ten tables of the same type of craft. We try to keep it so that there's something for everyone, and that's more appealing."

Jones isn't wrong about the Craft Sale offering a little something for



The Community Hall was filled with vendors and shoppers throughout the day.

everyone. Aside from her own pottery and Larson's diverse crafts, the offerings included everything from handcrafted jewellery to artwork and photography, homemade baked goods, winter clothing and accessories, and even some stained glass and blacksmithed items.

Of course, having all these vendors means nothing if the Craft Sale doesn't also have the support of the community. Luckily, Jones says, Saturday was quite a bit busier than it has been in some past years.

"The attendance this morning was probably more than we've had some other years, so we're very appreciative of the community supporting this," she said, noting that this support means that vendors keep coming back year after year.

Indeed, vendors seem quite eager

to seize the opportunity to showcase their works at the Craft Sale. Jones reports that the tables for this year's show had been booked by Oct. 1, and that seven vendors were on the waiting list.

"If the local community didn't come out and support us... and if [vendors] didn't have the sales, they wouldn't be coming," she said.

While the Craft Sale was arguably the main attraction of the day, it wasn't the only thing going on. As has been the case for the past decade, the Shellbrook Senior Citizen's Centre was filled with tables for the Home-based Business Trade Show.

And, for especially hungry guests, the Youth Mission Group, which is currently raising funds for a trip to Peru, was providing a variety of food and desserts.



From hand-crafted coasters inspired by nature, to salsa, jams and jellies, and refinished furniture, Craft Show newcomer Crystal Larson had a bit of everything up for grabs.

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Hockey Day helps fund major rink upgrades

(In the lead-up to Hockey Day in Shellbrook 2020, the Chronicle will be running a series of stories related to the event. The following is the first in this series.)

Prior to this hockey season, the process of flooding the ice surface at the Shellbrook Recreation Complex was interesting to say the least. It required that toilet paper be stuffed into gaps around the boards and any cracks in the floor so that water couldn't escape before freezing.

Now, after the spring and summer saw the completion of the second phase of the Shellbrook Recreation Project Steering Committee's three-phase renovation project, such steps are no longer part of the process.

"Now, the board to floor interface is caulked... so we didn't have any of that water escaping," Amund Otterson, the steering committee's project manager, explained.

"The flood went on fast, and the water was freezing at the east end by the time the flood had

reached the west end," he added, noting that next year the flood may be able to be completed even faster.

This is just one of many upgrades to the Shellbrook Recreation Complex made possible, in part, by the \$400,000 raised through Hockey Day in Shellbrook over the past four years.

Key pieces of phase one of the \$2 million-plus project, which was completed in 2018, included a new ice plant with a reverse osmosis water system (\$400,000), and a new ice resurfacing machine (\$135,000).

Meanwhile, in addition to the new ice surface, phase two of the project included the installation of new boards with taller glass and a low-emissivity ceiling, and the reconstruction of the players' benches and penalty boxes.

Along with these big ticket items, the steering committee also found room in its budget to make extra upgrades to the rink's lobby, aimed at improving both user

experience and the facility's efficiency.

A new viewing window, for instance, offers a vastly improved glimpse of the action on the rink, while new doors should improve heat retention, and an overall sprucing up of the lobby and the bathrooms makes the facility look newer and brighter.

More impressive than all this work, however, is the fact that the steering committee managed to get these extra projects completed and still came in \$60,000 underbudget for the year.

Otterson and Brent Miller, the steering committee's chair, credit much of this to all of the volunteers and donors who offered to help whenever calls for work bees went out.

Both say that this has left the project in good financial shape as it prepares to enter phase three of the renovation project next spring.

"Things that are in the third phase of our Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) project are already completed," Otterson said. "So we're substantially complete except for two major items: the hot deck heating system... and the solar array."

While the hot deck is already in place, Miller says the heat source will be put in place shortly after Christmas because it's not needed until the deep freeze truly sets in

— the purpose of the system is to keep the sand beneath the concrete ice surface from freezing and causing heaving and cracking in the new floor.

As for the solar panel array, which is a key piece of the emission reduction requirements needed for the FCM's \$750,000 grant, the groundwork has already been laid for that with the demolition of the old Parkland Terrace nursing home.

In a bit of good news on the solar front, the committee was able to get in on the province's original net-metering program, which offers 1-to-1 credits for energy produced, and will be part of the program for at least the next 10 years.

This means the solar panels should pay for themselves a little sooner.

All in all, Miller says that he's amazed by how things have seemed to come together like this for the committee, given the size and scope of the project and the possibility for so many things to go wrong.

"The most incredible thing, in my mind, is there was so much uncertainty. But because of volunteers, innovative thinking, and everybody putting their heads together, we were able to mitigate every single one of those issues," he said.

Otterson agrees that volunteers have made a huge difference in getting the project done so

far, especially with arduous and time-consuming tasks like installing the heating lines for the new floor surface. That piece alone, he says, could have taken a contractor 100 hours at a very expensive rate.

Indeed, when it comes to this project, volunteer and in-kind donations abound.

Individuals like Roland Riel, local and area companies like Lake Country Co-op, Livewire Electric, and Glenmor Equipment, and the Town and the R.M. of Shellbrook, have all stepped up, providing the use of equipment free of charge, and occasionally even some manpower.

Miller says that all of this volunteerism has created an energy and a spirit within the community, giving all who have been involved with the project a sense of ownership over the rink.

"That's been one goal that we've had that has been accomplished in spades. There's just tons of ownership now," he said. "People are really excited about how the rink is and how it looks. They're going to want to keep it nice and maintained properly."

With improved efficiency being one of the key goals of the steering committee's project, Otterson says he's already witnessing small payoffs from the work that's been done.

There's the improved ice surface flooding speed, of course.

But Otterson says that the taller glass is making hockey games themselves more efficient, because pucks aren't constantly flying into the stands. Games are also safer, according to some referees that Otterson has spoken to, who report that the boards have more flex in them to absorb the force of hits.

That all said, Otterson and Miller believe it will take at least a year to get a good measure of the efficiencies created by the project. Still, their hopes for its impact are high.

"Our hope is we'll be so much more efficient on energy now that we'll be able to maintain our rates and revenue stream the way they are, with incremental increases for cost of living, and that those savings can be put away for a rainy day when we need to do repairs," Miller explained.

"We're hoping that will be the legacy of this project."

In the meantime, with Hockey Day in Shellbrook 2020 just around the corner, Otterson says those who visit the rink for the two-day event will be able to see the enormity of the improvements for themselves.

"There's wow factor," he said. "Clearer, brighter, more user friendly, that's what you're going to see."

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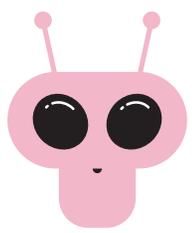
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Anderson represents Sask. at U18 Nationals

At just 17 years of age, Brooklyn Anderson can now proudly state that she's part of Saskatchewan history.

The Shellbrook-born hockey player, who normally captains the Prince Albert AAA Northern Bears, recently had the opportunity to represent the province at the 2019 National Women's Under-18 Championship in Winkler and Morden, Man.

There, her and her Team Saskatchewan teammates — including fellow Bears Paris Oleksyn and Jasper Desmarais — fought their way to a silver medal, losing out to the Ontario Red squad in the gold final by a score of 3-1.

Though it was no doubt disappointing for the team to bring home silver when gold was in its reach, it was the first time that team Saskatchewan had won a medal

of any colour at the tournament.

"Right now, you look back at it and it's kind of frustrating knowing you lost in the final," Anderson said of the experience. "But knowing we went as far as we did when no one really expected us to... it's definitely something to be proud of and nothing to hang your head about."

For Anderson, who netted one goal through five games at the U18 tournament, this was her second attempt at making the cut for Team Saskatchewan. Her first try, last hockey season, ended prematurely after she suffered a concussion during the final tryouts.

Though she was healthy this time around, the tryouts didn't get any less demanding or difficult. However, she says that last year's experience made her much



Shellbrook's Brooklyn Anderson recently competed at the Women's U-18 Nationals, bringing home a silver medal for the province. Photo via Facebook

more determined to make the cut this time around.

To make the team, Anderson had to compete against hundreds of other girls from across the province at tryouts held throughout the year. Once the numbers were whittled down to just 29 candidates, she then

had to participate in a weekend boot camp in Regina.

This, she admits, was one of the scarier parts of the tryout process.

"Fitness is a big thing. They really emphasize that part," she said, adding that this was her main focus over the summer.

"That comes with making sure you're going to the gym, watching your diet and what you're putting in your body, and sleep. Everything that a normal athlete would do, you just really have to emphasize it."

If making the cut was difficult, things didn't get easier for Anderson and her 19 teammates, as they were given only a handful of practices together before being thrown into the tournament.

Anderson says she quickly learned what it means to play against the best players from across Canada, and that she couldn't afford to "take a shift off."

"You know that it's going to be better hockey, and everyone's just as

good if not better than you. It's whether or not you're willing to push yourself," she said.

Reflecting on the opportunity to represent Saskatchewan and her home team, Anderson says it was exciting to play in a "whole new atmosphere." She adds that the energy was high every game, and that the fans were incredible throughout the tournament.

While she didn't get the chance to bring home the gold medal she'd hoped for, she says she still got a lot out of competing.

"It really did bring up my confidence," she said. "If I can bring that back to my home team here, I think it will make a big impact with them."

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Opportunity wasted in Moe-Trudeau meeting

While some may disagree with the way he goes about it, no one can genuinely fault Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe for standing up for the people of his province (or, for the oil and agriculture sectors, at least).

It is his job to do so, of course. But few premiers — save, perhaps, for the relatively newly minted Alberta Premier Jason Kenney — have been as vocally defiant as Mr. Moe has been in the face of federal policies that he vehemently disagrees with.

Mr. Moe took this defiance with him to Ottawa last week, when he met with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to discuss many things — not the least of which was the growing sense of alienation in the west, and the prairie provinces' rising interest in a so-called "Wexit."

Mr. Moe also brought with him his three key wish list items for Mr. Trudeau.

First, he's seeking a one-year moratorium on the federal carbon tax so that the province's home-grown solution can be reviewed and, ideally, recognized by Ottawa as an adequate alternative.



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Second, Mr. Moe was asking for a renegotiation of the equalization formula that will take into account the trying economic times that Saskatchewan and Alberta are facing, and the fact that the wealth of the two provinces has made them oversized contributors to the program since it was introduced in 1957.

Last, but not less important, Mr. Moe wanted assurances that Saskatchewan exports would be given more routes to tidewater, and that Mr. Trudeau's government would see the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion through to completion.

Separate from this list, Moe was also hoping that Mr. Trudeau's government

might revisit Bill C-69, which has been dubbed the "no more pipelines bill" by its critics, and offer relief to farmers who have had to use excess fuel to dry wet crops this harvest.

All of these sound perfectly reasonable on the surface. Worthy, at least, of some consideration from Mr. Trudeau's government. And yet, seemingly minutes after his meeting with Mr. Trudeau ended last Tuesday, Mr. Moe made it clear that he felt he'd been ignored.

"I came here today to hear about what he was going to do differently to support the industries and the people in the province," he said. "I heard more of the same."

Not shy about voicing his disappointment with the outcome of the discussions, Mr. Moe also said that he had come to Ottawa "in good faith" to hear Mr. Trudeau out.

But it's hard to have negotiations "in good faith" with someone, when you enter said negotiations with the mindset that anything less than getting everything you're asking for is unacceptable.

That seems to be what Mr.



Moe did in this instance. And now, he seems content to stoke the divisions between Saskatchewan and Ottawa to score political points at home, oblivious or indifferent to the reality that he squandered an opportunity to move forward collaboratively with Mr. Trudeau's government.

What's more, the readout of the closed door meeting released by the PMO a day later suggests that Mr. Moe took part in an entirely different discussion.

Apart from reaffirming his government's commitment to complete the Tans Mountain expansion, Mr. Trudeau also made clear his government's full support for the Keystone XL, Line 3, LNG Canada, and Manitoba-Minnesota Transmission Line projects.

The Trans Mountain pipeline alone carries a

price tag of \$4.5 billion, and that's just the purchase price, almost entirely for the benefit of Saskatchewan and Alberta. And the Ottawa will likely have to put no small amount of money into the other four projects — again, almost exclusively to the benefit of the prairies.

Mr. Trudeau also reportedly invited suggestions for improvements to Bill C-69, and expressed openness to reviewing the equalization program. He later encouraged Mr. Moe to work with his fellow premiers, in his capacity as chair of the Council of the Federation, to gain consensus on potential changes to the formula.

The only thing Mr. Trudeau seemed unwilling to budge on was the carbon tax. But, even there, he said he'd work with the province if it was truly serious about meeting the federal bench-

mark. All in all, the PMO's readout of Mr. Moe's conversation with Mr. Trudeau makes it seem that Mr. Moe was given plenty of room to work with.

Mr. Moe, for whatever reason, appears to have chosen not to seize the opportunity.

Granted, there's ample reason to be sceptical whenever Mr. Trudeau promises to work collaboratively with the provinces. After all, his legacy as prime minister thus far has been a case study in doing the polar opposite.

But the divisions between the west and Ottawa won't be bridged by refusing to work with the federal government when opportunities arise, and Mr. Moe must understand that compromises must occasionally be made.

A walk around town: Spiritwood's English Conversation Circle

By Alison Sullivan

On the evening of Nov. 13, I wandered down to the Fast Genetics office to visit with the Spiritwood English Conversation Circle. It's a group of about ten people who have come to Canada to work that get together every Wednesday evening to learn about opportunities in the community, and practice their conversational English with instructor Tammy Burak.

Each year, Tammy surveys the group to see what topics would be of interest for them to cover to create the structure for the year. These topics have included a variety of things, from recreation, to immigration, to the weather.

Each month, they try to host one guest speaker and do one ac-



The Spiritwood English Conversation Circle.

tivity that fit with the topic. This month they were covering employment and income, so they had Bevra Fee from Northern Lakes Economic Development Corpora-

tion to talk about businesses and fundraising for community projects in Spiritwood.

They decided to organize a bake sale to be held at Hujber's Market

on Nov. 22 with the proceeds going towards other activities such as a trip to the Western Development Museum.

Those present last Wednesday described the class as a fun and creative way to connect with the community, to learn about culture, history, and opportunities in Canada, and improve their conversational English. They all said that Tammy does an awesome job with the class and is very approachable.

"I get up at 4 a.m. to go to the barn for work and you know I'm tired but even though I'm tired I think, its English Class, I've got to be there" said Ronnie Baton, when describing how much he enjoyed the class.

The classes are fun and informative, and the activities push them to try new things they may otherwise be afraid to try. Some are even considering entering a team in this year's Grey Goose Bonspiel.

North West College has been offering this opportunity for several years in Spiritwood and is currently using the Fast Genetics boardroom as their main meeting space.

The class is open to people with all levels of English, from all backgrounds, and all professions.

The class is free for those who wish to participate although fees are sometimes required for certain trips or outings where activities require payment.

App will connect rural landowners with land users

Want to know who's trying to come onto your rural property, or which rural properties you're allowed to hunt, ATV or snowmobile on?

If all goes according to plan, there will soon be an app for that.

Currently in the prototype stage, SaskLander is a mobile and desktop app that is being developed by Saskatoon-based Western Heritage. The app was selected as the winner of the Innovation Saskatchewan Challenge, which was launched in March of this year with the goal of addressing changes to the province's Trespass to Property Act, and making it easier for landowners and land users to communicate.

"When you log in, it depends on whether you're a land owner or a land user. As a land owner, you'll see a map view with the ability to go down and see a parcel layer," explained Aldo Scribante, SaskLander's co-founder and project manager.

"You can add property to this layer, set the permissions for each

parcel, and then that will be displayed to the recreational users when they log in."

While this sounds simple enough, Scribante and fellow co-founder Sauvelm McClean say there will be a little more nuance to it, and that there are more features still in the works. Among those, says McClean, is a messaging page, which will allow landowners and land users seeking access to land to communicate and arrange bookings.

To lend additional credibility and accountability to the app, Scribante says that there will also be a user rating system implemented, similar to apps like Airbnb and Uber.

"Both sides will be able to rate the interaction. By going through the app, there's credibility based on previous actions, so you know that the people that you're letting onto your land are in good standing," Scribante said.

Scribante adds that the hope is that the app will make it easier for landowners to manage

access to their property, and allow both landowners and land users to avoid the tense encounters that have been in the headlines in recent years.

While knowing who is accessing their land, why they're accessing it, and when they're going to be on it, may help put landowners at ease, the app also makes it easier for land users to avoid trespassing and follow best practices for land use. It also respects both parties' privacy — both landowners and land users will be able to control how much personal information they provide in-app.

"When talking with land owners and hunters, the biggest concern that they seemed to have was not knowing who was on their land, and why they were there," Scribante said.

"We hope to give landowners the tools necessary to make these interactions smooth and seamless and easier for them, with the greater goal of improving rural access in Saskatchewan — making sure that ev-



eryone can go out and enjoy the outdoors, and everything rural Saskatchewan has to offer, and hopefully strengthen the bonds in rural communities."

While some media outlets have reported that the app is already being field tested in the Shellbrook area, McClean clarified that SaskLander was just presented to the Saskatchewan Association or Rural Municipalities two weeks ago, and is still in the prototype phase.

That said, he added that the app's core functionality is all in place,

and that a field test will likely be coming to the area in the spring of 2020.

As for why the Shellbrook area has been selected as the site for the first field test, McClean says that it simply ticked a lot of the boxes they were looking for.

"There are a lot of farm operations, and varying sizes of farm operations, and there's also proximity to forest land and the Prince Albert National Park, so there's a lot of recreational hunting, hiking, and a lot of recreational uses," he said.

"There's also the Stur-

geon Lake First Nation band, and traditional land use is an important part of this as well."

With accountability and credibility being at the core of SaskLander's mission, users will be expected to follow the terms of use and user agreement, meaning they can't claim to own land that they don't actually own.

To provide an additional layer of security, McClean says the plan is to work with ISC so that it can check and verify that title records match users' claims of land ownership.

McClean says that the R.M. of Shellbrook will be given more information about SaskLander in the new year.

Shortly after that, he says they'll be looking to sign up landowners in the area, and visiting the area at some point to field questions and provide a demonstration of the app.

In the meantime, anyone looking for more information can visit www.sasklander.ca, or email info@sasklander.ca.

YOUR TWO CENTS

Natural gas plant no better than coal

Dear editor,

Do you recall learning about hydrocarbons in chemistry? Natural gas is largely methane, a hydrocarbon. Burning natural gas (NG) produces less carbon dioxide (CO₂) than other hydrocarbons like coal and oil. So, switching to NG appears to be environmentally friendly; something conscientious people could do. However, delving into the science, switching to NG

would be jumping from the proverbial frying pan into the fire.

Methane is a greenhouse gas (GHG). Like CO₂ in the atmosphere, methane absorbs and emits heat. Scientists describe methane as "carbon dioxide on steroids." Methane leaks from natural gas wells and its distribution system. When this fugitive methane is included in using NG as a fuel, it is as bad as using coal.

New NG plants not only fail to reduce emissions, they are doubly harmful. They lock in GHG emissions for decades plus they rob renewable energy initiatives; initiatives like the Deep Earth Energy Production (DEEP) borehole plant in Estevan that will pro-

duce baseload power.

We need to switch to renewables now to be net zero emissions by 2050. Contact your MLA, Minister Dustin Duncan, and Premier Scott Moe (<https://www.legassembly.sk.ca/mlas/>) telling them to redirect the resources and funding from the planned Moose Jaw NG power station towards renewable energy. They may argue economics and baseload power. If they do, explain that renewables employ more workers than fossil fuels and if we don't invest now in renewable baseload power solutions like DEEP, NG will be just another fuel for the climate change conflagration.

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Highlights of a Shellbrook town council meeting

Shellbrook's town council met on Nov. 18 at the council chambers of the municipal office in Shellbrook. Present at the meeting were mayor George Tomporowski, councillors Lyle Banda, Bruce Clements, Lois Freeman, David Knight, Kathleen Nording and Amund Otterson, as well as the town's administrator Kelly Hoare.

Mayor Tomporowski called the meeting to order around 6:20 p.m., and council began by approving the agenda for the evening and adopting the minutes of its

Oct. 21 regular meeting. With that, the first order of business was council's reports.

In public works news, Mayor Tomporowski informed council that he had recently met with consultant Gordon Sparks to discuss prospects for land development. Noting that Sparks' services and reports have been valuable assets to the town in the past, he said that Sparks would be providing his services on land development, and estimated the cost would be around \$10,000.

In discussion of rec-

reation news, councillor Clements reported that the town has been approached by Sturgeon Lake First Nation regarding use of the Shellbrook Recreation Complex during the 2020 Tony Cote First Nations Winter Games in April.

In other reports related to the rink, councillor Otterson informed council that the old ice resurfacing machine had sold for \$5,000.

Then, in his regular hospitals and clinics report, councillor Otterson said that the community's roster of seven physi-

cians is performing well. Additionally, Shellbrook is also benefitting from the services of a locum physician.

Moving on to reports, council began by amending a motion from earlier this year to state that the town would start billing for utilities for the condos by Parkland Integrated Health Centre once they are owned or occupied.

Up next, council agreed to advertise that the town is considering removing the heritage status from the Shellbrook Museum.

Council is making the move because it will give it more leeway in terms of what can be done with the building. Council agreed that it would cost a lot of money to get the building up to the standard of being safe for the public.

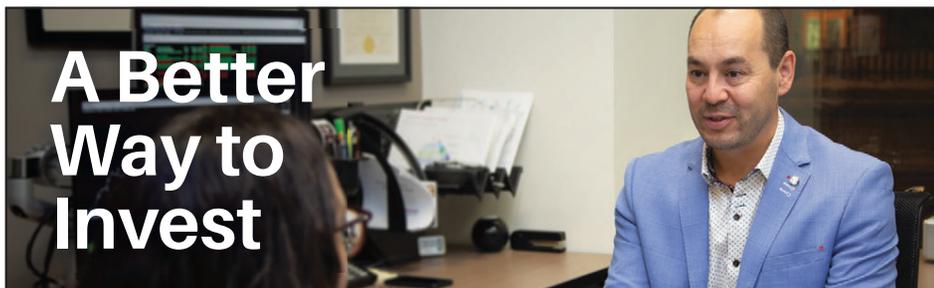
Up next, council gave first readings to Bylaw 2019-08, an amendment to the Official Community Plan Bylaw 2012-06, and Bylaw 2019-09 amending Zoning Bylaw 2018-01. The amendments, if approved, will change the classification of the old Shellbrook Union Hospital to downtown commercial, and add definitions for a cannabis production facility and a cannabis retail store.

Later in new business, council carried a motion to purchase dasher boards and rink dividers for a cost of about \$9,400. The dividers are to accommodate Hockey Canada's new rules for novice and IP hockey, which will now play on only half the rink rather than the full ice.

Wrapping up its business, council discussed the water treatment plant, and ongoing issues with the pumps at the facility. The town issued a notice about the problems last week, and Hoare informed council that two new pumps, costing about \$40,000, are on their way.

In the notice, the town said the problem could take as long as six weeks to be fixed. While rate-payers may notice inconsistent pressure and discoloration in their water, the town said that the quality and production of water would not be affected by the issue.

Having nothing further to discuss, council set Monday, Dec. 16 as the date for its next meeting, and adjourned for the evening.



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While there is much that is positive about social media in terms of staying connected with friends, or being in touch with like-minded people in terms of hobbies and interests, it is far from an ideal medium for news about happenings in our world.

Far too quickly discussion can become little more than rhetoric, hyperbole, and outright nonsense. Wading through the straw to find the kernels of truth and fact can be a tiring process that frankly is often not worth the effort.

We may live in a time that affords us the greatest access to infor-

mation ever, but it does not assure us of its accuracy.

In that regard we need to be particularly vigilant in assessing what we take in terms of background and fact on issues, if we are to have an informed position.

That is where I feel we are today in terms of western alienation. The squeaky wheel of those suggesting separation are getting play, but whether they should be is another question.

They rail against the transfer payments that go to Quebec, which in the short context of the last decade look extreme. But, the grey hairs in my moustache



CALVIN DANIELS

mean I have lived long enough to remember Saskatchewan happily cashing transfer cheques headed this way for years too. Every province has received payments at one point. That is the essence of being part of a confederation where a mechanism to spread wealth

exists.

And of course equalization payments do not involve wealthy provinces making direct payments to poor provinces. The money comes from the federal treasury.

Then there is the current downturn in the Canadian oil sector, and the displeasure with the inability to get pipelines, now seen as the sector's salvation, built.

Of course when oil was \$100 a barrel a decade or so ago, pipelines were not exactly on the front burner for anyone, even if the industry was flush with funds to get them started then.

That is not to suggest

the oil sector in the west is not hurting.

However, having a sector hurting is not suddenly a new thing.

Farmers with a few grey hairs will remember farm gate stands to stop foreclosures when bank interest rates exploded to 20 per cent and gutted the farm sector.

People might recall Uranium City, a mining community of some 5,000 that today is home to less than 100, after a mine closure gutted the community.

The Maritimes is littered with closed fish processing plants, closed when cod numbers declined and a

moratorium on the fishery was instituted in 1992.

Oshawa faces issues with an announced auto plant closure.

And the supply-managed dairy and poultry sectors have basically been played as bargaining chips in international trade.

Sectors face hardships – perhaps too often – but it is not new, not even to the oil sector.

Pipelines may be part of the answer, but ultimately hardships are part of business, obstacles that must be overcome to emerge stronger, or be lost as has happened across Canada before.

Shellbrook wins bid for AA Midget hockey team

Minor Hockey in Shellbrook is set to get a big boost in talent starting in the 2020-2021 hockey season, with the addition of a AA Midget hockey team to the community's ranks.

Shellbrook Minor Sports president Cheryl Ledding received confirmation that the organization's application to be included in the Midget AA Division of the Saskatchewan AA Hockey League had been accepted on Tuesday, Nov. 12.

The application was made as part of a three-year review of female Bantam and Midget hockey and male Midget AA and AAA hockey, which was undertaken by the Saskatchewan Hockey Association starting in 2017.

No communities were guaranteed a team during the review and application process, and communities applying to host male Midget AA and AAA teams were judged based on a plethora of criteria, including their capacity to billet

out of community players, having a developed program for male players, and having adequate coaching resources within the community, among others.

Joining Shellbrook in the rebooted 25-team Midget AA division will be: North Battleford, Estevan, Moose Jaw, Notre Dame (2 teams), Prince Albert, Regina (3 teams), Saskatoon (4 teams), Swift Current, Northeast (sponsoring center is now Tisdale), Warman, Yorkton, Humboldt, Lumsden, Martensville, Melville, Prairie Storm (sponsoring center is Balgonie), West Central (sponsoring center is Kerrobert), and Weyburn.

The announcement of the successful bids stoked controversy last week, when it was revealed that Beardy's & Okemasis Cree Nation would no longer serve as the sponsoring community of a team in either the Midget AA or the Midget AAA divisions.

The First Nation had been the host community for the Beardy's AAA Blackhawks for 25 hockey seasons, and the AA Blackhawks had been part of their league for even longer.

The team was considered by the Beardy's Minor Hockey Association to be "one-of-a-kind," with it being the only hockey club in Canada to be located on and operated by a First Nation.

"The only one. In this era of recon-

ciliation, this team should be a point of pride, and a flagship franchise for a sports governing body like the SHA," BMHA president Jason Seesequasis said in a statement.

SHA general manager Kelly McClintock has refused to comment on the specifics that went into the decision. He's said only that the organization is doing "what we see as best for all hockey in the province."

Wild Rose 4-H Beef Club news

By Alea Beaulac

The first meeting of the 2019-2020 4-H year for the Wild Rose 4-H Beef Club was held on Nov. 12.

There are 24 members aged 6 through 20 that will be showing steers, heifers and cow calves this year.

The election of officers resulted in Jacob Feige being named President, Olivia Woytiuk and

Makenna Bloom being named Vice Presidents, Shelby Woytiuk beign named Secretary, Allison Oleksyn being named Treasurer, Alea Beaulac and Owen Beaulac being named Reporters.

The General Leader is Brenda Beaulac, the Assistant General Leader is Angie Feige, and project leaders are Jody Woy-

tiuk, Kelly Feige, Sara and Ryan Archdekin, Terry Oleksyn, and Todd Skauge.

The decision to hold the Sweetheart Supper in February as a fundraiser was made.

Weigh day for steers will be coming up soon. Achievement day and plans for the rest of the 4-H year were also discussed.

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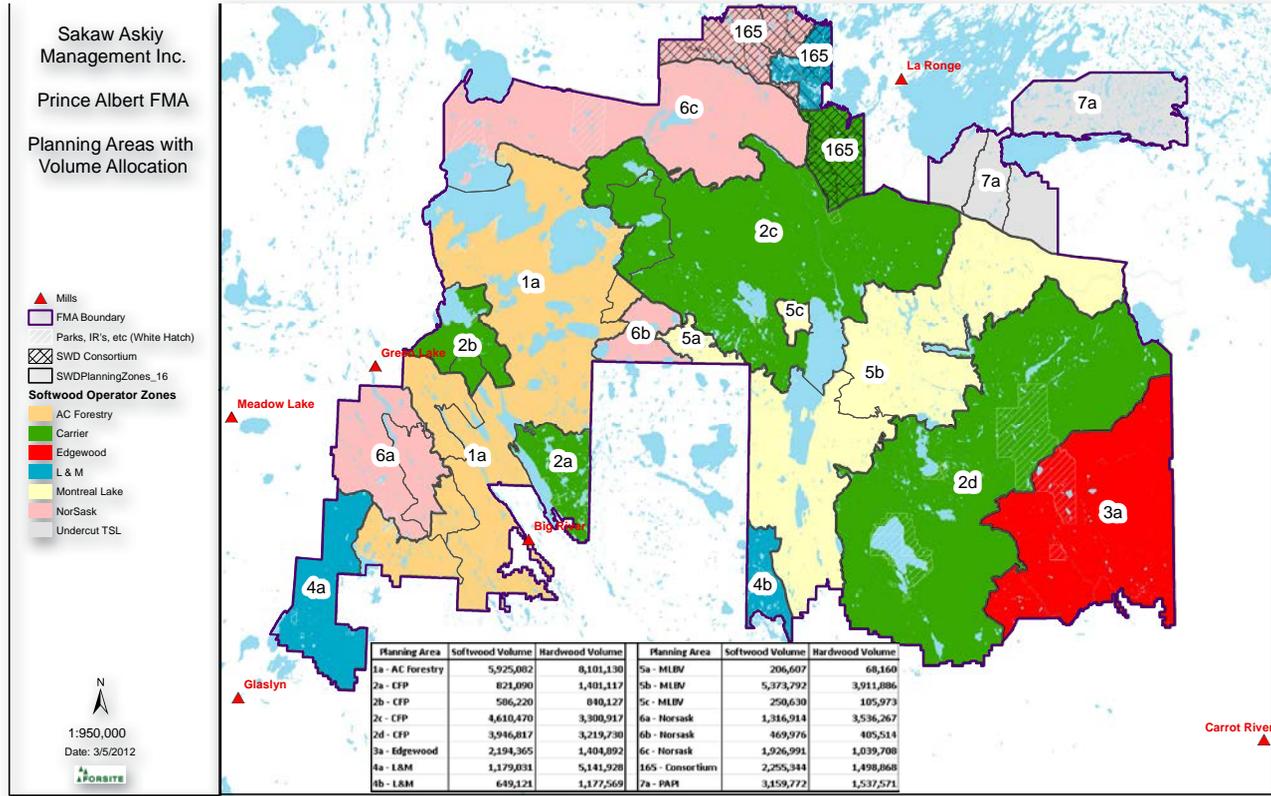
Public concerned over plans for northern forest

By Jordan Twiss

As Sakaw Askiy Management Inc. faces continued concerns over its 20-year plan for the 3.3 million hectares of boreal forest that it oversees under the Prince Albert Forest Management Agreement Area (Prince Albert FMA), Shellbrook town councillor Dave Knight says everything goes back to the problem of inadequate communication.

A retired forestry industry expert, Knight remembers that the Prince Albert FMA was managed well by Weyerhaeuser up until 2006, when an industry-wide recession resulted in the closure of the Prince Albert Pulp Mill and the Big River and Carrot River saw mills.

After four years of the Prince Albert FMA effectively "sitting idle," major industry players, like Carrier Forest Products and Tolko Indus-



This map, from 2018, shows the Prince Albert FMA and outlines which of Sakaw's seven shareholders has the rights to harvest specific areas.

tries, banded together with the Agency Chiefs Tribal Council and Montreal Lake to submit a proposal to the provincial government.

That proposal laid the groundwork for the formation of the consortium known today as Sakaw Askiy, which, as Knight recalls, got up

and running just when the Saskatchewan Forest Service was undergoing a drastic philosophical shift.

"There was this new construct called Sakaw, a cooperative idea that had never been tried before in Saskatchewan, and the forest service going through some forest management policy changes," Knight explained.

"There were seven shareholders all making plans, and Sakaw, the licensee, trying to co-

ordinate the plans and imperfectly communicating with stakeholders, communities, and even with Indigenous people who were also shareholders," he added.

Nine years later, Knight says this problem still persists today.

"When people don't talk, problems occur," he said, noting that Sakaw seems to be taking steps to address its own internal problems, but that it's hard to do when people are already mad.

While communication

is one key piece of the problem, Knight says the aforementioned philosophical shift in cutting practices has only deepened the public's concerns.

Prior to Sakaw's existence, the standard practice was to cut in blocks of about 40 hectares, and to never exceed this maximum limit. Now, the standard practice is to "replicate natural disturbance patterns" like wildfires, meaning the blocks that can be cleared are far larger.

Knight says he disagrees with the practice, and also with the claims that it doesn't have an impact on the ecosystems of the areas that are cut.

"If you clear off 500 hectares, where do the birds and the bees go?" he asked.

While he applauds Sakaw for holding public meetings with stakeholders in late September and early October, he warns that consultation isn't a once-a-year exercise, and that Sakaw must do more to ensure that its practices reflect the concerns of the public.

"This happens every year, this expression of concern from stakeholders. This is public timber, and the public's got to be listened to," he said.

Among the members of the concerned public is Lucille Scott, an Aboriginal artist who resides in Debden and has always had a love for nature.

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Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the R.M. of Shellbrook No. 493 intends to adopt a bylaw under The Planning and Development Act, 2007, to amend Bylaw 08/1981, known as the zoning bylaw.

INTENT
The proposed zoning bylaw amendment will regulate the height of fences in the Hamlet District (H).

AFFECTED LAND
The affected lands are those zoned Hamlet District (H).

REASON
The reason for the amendment is to allow for consideration and regulation of fences within this District. The amendment provides a definition for fences.

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

PUBLIC HEARING
Council will hold a public hearing on December 4/2019, at 10:00 a.m. at the R.M. of Shellbrook No. 493 office in Shellbrook. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the R.M. Of Shellbrook Office by 4:00 p.m. November 29/2019.

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Though far from opposed to the forestry industry and logging, Scott says she is firmly against clear cutting. She also rejects the notion that clear cutting emulates a forest fire, because the heavy machinery used for the practice creates far more of a disturbance to the ecosystem.

"The foresters say that they do leave some standing blocks and that the animals will go there, but animals are territorial, just like we are. I wouldn't want someone to pitch up a tent on my front lawn. That's how animals are, too," she said, noting that the endangered woodland caribou is among the species that future generations may never see again.

Lamenting that she may never get the opportunity to see a mature forest again in her lifetime, Scott is also sceptical that Sakâw's plan to clear 19,900 hectares per year in the first decade of its 20-year plan, and 18,800 hectares per year in the second decade, makes for a truly sustainable industry.

"I'm about trying to preserve the land and the forest, while having a sustainable logging plan so it does become a renewable resource," she said.

"If it's not going to come back in 50 to 80 years, then it's not too renewable," she added, calling on the forestry industry to "think outside the box" and come up with more sustainable, less heavy machinery-dependent solution.

On the consultation front, Scott agrees with Knight that there seems to be a lack of public knowledge and understanding of Sakâw's 20-year plan for the northern boreal forest that falls under the Prince Albert FMA.

She says that she wasn't fully aware of the plan until August of this year. She also didn't realize that the plan for the next year would be set in stone as of Dec. 1. She says she's not alone on that front.

Having attended the public consultation meeting in Big River on Sept. 30, she says that Sakâw didn't do much to educate the public and made no formal presentation.

Instead, representatives allowed attendees to look over maps of the Prince Albert FMA, and offered concessions to landowners who didn't want specific areas near their properties to be cleared.

And yet, while she says that she and others felt discouraged and dis-

respected by what they experienced at the meeting, Scott says the truly alarming aspect of the situation is the fact that so few people seem to be worried about what might happen to the forest.

"They talk about climate change, and how the boreal forest is sort of the lungs of the world, and we don't seem to be too worried about that," she said. "But our generation kind of messed up, and we can't leave it to the kids to fix it."

Explaining that a lot of work goes into developing a 20-year plan, Sakâw Askiy general manager Diane Roddy says she feels that Sakâw has done its part to address the concerns of the public, and that hundreds of changes are made to its plans based on its consultations with stakeholders throughout the year.

"Our record's pretty good of finding acceptable solutions that will

work for all the land users," she said.

In forming its current 20-year plan, which spans 2018-2038, Roddy says discussions were had over the course of five years.

All of these discussions, she says, were aimed at striking the balance between having a successful forestry industry in the province, and ensuring that the environment is maintained, and the harvest is sustainable.

To this end, she says the 20-year plan contains a lot about protecting and maintaining woodland caribou habitats, and detailed plans for maintaining biodiversity, reforestation, harvesting practices and rates, and which types of trees will be harvested.

Again, she reiterates that the goal is always sustainability.

"When you decide how much you can harvest sustainably, you measure the growth of the trees,

and that determines what your sustainable harvest level is," she said. "You never harvest more than what's growing, so that you always have the same amount of forest left."

With clear cutting seeming to be the cause of some people's concerns, Roddy says she feels that it's not accurate to call Sakâw's practices clear cutting, and maintains that its practices better reflect natural disturbances to the ecosystem — making them less disruptive for wildlife.

Explaining that trees are harvested in groupings called a "harvest event", Roddy says that an average of 9 per cent of the trees within a harvest area are left standing.

Roddy also rejects the notion that harvesting is deforestation, contending that harvesting sets the forest back to a young lifecycle, and that this can bring in different wildlife.

"You can't manage for

every single species out there, plant or animal. You try to recreate the same kind of forest so that the habitat's there for all the plants and animals that are adapted to that forest," she said.

Expanding on Sakâw's measures to protect woodland caribou, she added, "Our plan is to leave high value chunks of habitat for woodland caribou, and designate areas for future caribou habitat. In these areas, no or minimal harvesting is done, and, where harvesting is done, mitigating measures are taken to reduce impact on ecosystem."

Noting that Sakâw has provincial obligations to live up to before it can even harvest, Roddy says that cut areas are surveyed at seven and 15 years to make sure that the areas are growing back.

When necessary, trees are planted to assist with reforestation.

TOWN OF SHELLBROOK PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Shellbrook intends to adopt a bylaw under the *Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw 2018-01, known as the Zoning Bylaw and Bylaw 2012-06 known as the Official Community Plan.

INTENT

1. The proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment will:

- Create new definitions for "Cannabis Production Facility" and "Cannabis Retail Store";
- Establish "Cannabis Retail Stores" and "Cannabis Production facilities" as permitted uses in the C1 – Downtown Commercial District and the C2 – Highway Commercial District with appropriate development standards;
- Rezone from partially CS – Community Service District and partially PR – Parks and Recreation District to C1 – Downtown Commercial District the following Surface Parcels:
 - o Parcel 53, Plan 101718075 Ext. 11 (Surface Parcel No. 147620000);
 - o Parcel 52, Plan 101718086 Ext. 10 (Surface Parcel No. 147619996); and
 - o Parcel 51, Plan 101718097 Ext. 10 (Surface Parcel No. 153449220).

As shown on Sketch "A" below.

2. The proposed Official Community Plan amendment will:

- Redesignate from partially Community Service and partially Open Space to Commercial the following Surface Parcels:
 - o Parcel 53, Plan 101718075 Ext. 11 (Surface Parcel No. 147620000);
 - o Parcel 52, Plan 101718086 Ext. 10 (Surface Parcel No. 147619996); and
 - o Parcel 51, Plan 101718097 Ext. 10 (Surface Parcel No. 153449220).

As shown on Sketch "A" below.

REASON

1. The reasons for the Zoning Bylaw amendments are to:

- Provide clarity in the Bylaw;
- Provide for the development of "Cannabis Retail Stores" and "Cannabis Production Facilities"; and
- Facilitate commercial development in the old hospital building.

2. The reason for the Official Community Plan amendment is to:

- Facilitate commercial development in the old hospital building.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

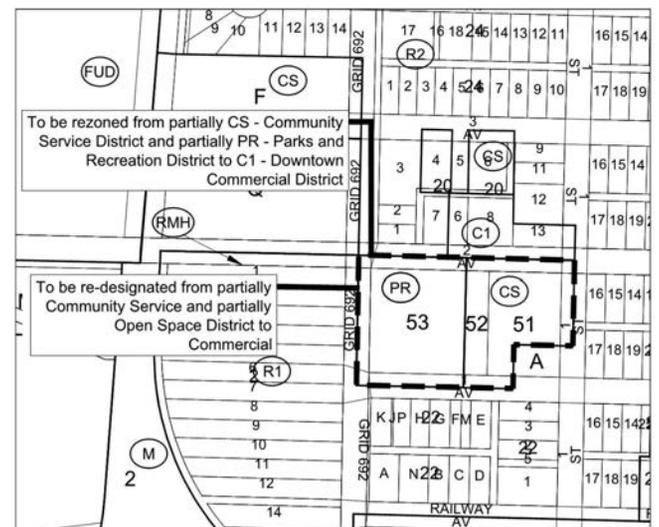
Any person may inspect the bylaw at the Town Office, located at 71 Main Street, in the Town of Shellbrook, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM on Monday to Friday excluding statutory holidays. Copies of the proposed bylaw are available at the Town office at a cost of \$1.00.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on December 9th, 2019 at 5:00 PM at the Town office to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the Town Office before the hearing.

Issued at the Town of Shellbrook this 21st day of November, 2019.
Kelly Hoare, Chief Administrative Officer

SKETCH "A"



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R.M. OF SHELLBROOK NO. 493

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the R.M. of Shellbrook No. 493 intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*, to amend Bylaw 08/1981, known as the zoning bylaw.

INTENT

The proposed zoning bylaw amendment provides discretionary evaluation and regulations regarding Distilleries, Wineries and Breweries.

REASON

The reason for the amendment is to allow for further consideration and regulation regarding Distilleries, Wineries and Breweries in Agricultural Residential District (AR) and C District (C).

PUBLIC INSPECTION

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a Public Hearing on December 4/2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the R.M. Municipal Office located in the Town of Shellbrook to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the R.M. of Shellbrook Office by 4:00 p.m. November 29/2019.

Issued at the R.M. of Shellbrook No 493 this 7th day of November, 2019

Donna Goertzen
Administrator

U14 Rangers partner with Parkland Meats



Following the lead of Happy Hearts Childcare Centre, the U14 Shellbrook Rangers recently partnered with Parkland Meats, selling the store's products as a fundraiser. The successful partnership raised \$1,350. Pictured: Parkland Meats owner Dave Mumm presents the cheque to Jake Boettcher and Carson Ledding.

Leask Library hosts spooky gingerbread house challenge



Leask Wapiti Library held a Halloween Gingerbread House decorating Challenge Sponsored by the Affinity Credit Union. The best house was chosen at the Halloween Family dance held Oct. 26, and Jada Kreese and June Robin were the winners. Appreciation goes out to all who participated.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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.

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SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Theatre Movie Night, 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

SHELLBROOK: To those attending the movie on Dec. 13, the Theatre Group will say thank you by giving each one a FREE Small Popcorn & Drink! The movie is The Nutcracker and the Four Realms @ 7:30, Shellbrook Theatre. \$5 admission applies. See you at the movies!

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Unless you're an avid fan of the National Football League, follow the likes of Peter King, Adam Scheffer and Pro Football Focus on Twitter, and know obscure things like sack leaders and the NFL's best at yards-after-catch, it might be a little testy to keep track of some of the newer stars in the league.

Between the Allens and the Joshes, not to mention the occasional Ryan, it's hard to keep track of the name of the latest star of your favourite team.

We can start with the most famous of all for this name-game exercise, Matt Ryan, the all-pro quarterback of the Atlanta Falcons who led his team to the infamous '28-3' Super Bowl game in 2017 where the Falcons blew that big lead and suffered a 34-28 setback at the hands of

the New England Patriots.

Another 'Ryan' of note at the QB position is Tannehill, a former first-round draft choice of Miami Dolphins who has now assumed the starting role with Tennessee Titans.

Buffalo's quarterback is a sophomore named Josh Allen, who is getting great acclaim for bringing the Bills back to respectability and a potential playoff spot this year. He is not to be confused with the Josh Allen who is a defensive end with Jacksonville Jaguars. When those two teams play, Josh Allen the defender has his sights set on sacking his namesake at QB.

Kyle Allen is no relation to the Josh Allens mentioned above, but he is the new quarterback hopeful for Carolina Panthers, who lost their



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starter, Cam Newton, to a shoulder injury earlier this year. The Panthers won five of the first six games started by Allen in Newton's stead and fans wonder if the former NFL MVP will regain his job when he regains his health.

Denver Broncos added to the name-game confusion midway through this season by starting Brandon Allen at quarterback after Joe Flacco went down with an in-

jury.

So, if you're keeping track, there are three Allens at QB — Josh, Kyle and Brandon — plus an Allen at defensive end. There are three Joshes — two Allens and a Rosen. And two QB Ryans.

Thankfully, there's only one QB Lamar (Jackson) of note and only one Deshaun (Watson).

And Patriot fans will be quick to remind you there's only one Tom Brady.

• A flashback note from Scott Ostler of the San Francisco Chronicle: "A flight attendant asks then-heavyweight champ Muhammad Ali to fasten his seatbelt. Ali: 'Superman don't need no seat belt.' Flight attendant: 'Superman don't need no airplane.'"

• Patti Dawn Swanson, aka the River City Renegade, on Randy

Carlyle's clean living: "The sole blot on Kitty's file was a pee test that proved faulty at the world hockey championships. The only way Kitty could have possibly failed a drug test is if the squints were looking for residue from a glazed donut."

• Florida Atlantic football coach Lane Kiffin, to ESPN, after Conference USA fined him \$5,000 for tweeting a doctored photo that depicted on-field officials as being blind: "We have freedom of speech, but I guess around here there's no such thing as freedom to tweet."

• Swansson again: "The only sure thing in sports is that TSN and Sportsnet will talk about Auston Matthews more than the Pope talks about Jesus."

• Vancouver comedian Torben Rolfsen: "A good SNL sketch would be Bill Belichick interacting with little kids as a mall Santa."

• Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va.): "In a year, the Golden State Warriors' lineup has gone from a Who's Who to 'who's that?'"

• Dwight Perry of the

Seattle Times: "The Golden State Warriors, in barely six months, have gone from being the Beatles of basketball to ... The Who?"

• Norman Chad of the Washington Post on Twitter: "(Jets coach) Adam Gase always puts a play chart over his mouth. Uh, you don't have to do that, Coach — no one cares what you are going to call."

• Comedy writer Brad Dickson, on an unnamed college football team being so sad that "the school fight song is by Sarah McLachlan."

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "The world's largest bra was recently unveiled in London to promote breast cancer awareness — size 1222B! And Calgary thinks on Nov. 24 they're hosting a big Cup?"

• Another one from Perry: "Scientists are experimenting with psychedelic drugs in an effort to erase bad memories and thus prevent the triggering of depression. Rumour has it they plan to test it out on Bengals fans."

Care to comment?
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Another great year for the EK Classic

By Maisie Krienke

Folks began drifting into Big River with a forecast for 2 days of sunny, mild temperatures for one of the most entertaining and memorable events of the year, the EK Golf Classic.

This year marked the 19th annual for this special weekend of golfing, reminiscing, gambling and eating. The event was set up to pay tribute to Eddie Krienke, a great supporter of golf, who passed away in 2000.

Friday morning, Sept. 6, with the sun shining as forecasted, golfers and volunteers gathered at the registration centre. More than 20 volunteers arrived to set up and prepare food for the weekend, while 114 registered to golf and also volunteer in their down time. Operating the "beer cart" proved to be especially popular as it was an opportunity for some to offer golf tips to their opponents.

Unfortunately, with farming experiencing many delays this fall the Ingram/Marshall clans were forced to take advantage of the two days of sunshine to reap their harvest and were only able to participate by sending up their donations....and that they did.

Most golfers chose to play first nine Friday, leaving Saturday morning open for socializing or recouping from Friday evening events, where they enjoyed a bison dog roast sponsored by Sandy & Faye Ingram.

The bucket list competition was off to a great start Friday evening as the Great Saskatchewan Golf Tour package was sought after. Then Ray and Kelly promptly came up with new and creative ideas to challenge the putting crowd.

Enjoying coffee and muffins, prepared by Leah Scriven, the Saturday early birds were on the course before 8 a.m.

By noon all golfers were in, plus the fan club had arrived for the luncheon sponsored by George and Arlene Ritchie. Then it was time for the Calcutta, where the real gamblers took front row seats to be certain that Randy and Leslie didn't miss their bids.

Next, it was off for round two. Unfortunately, no one managed to sink a hole-in-one, leaving the Rally Motorsports quad, to go back to PA (one of these years Rally!) Chaneil Morin went away with \$1,000 cash, donated by Tra-

vis and Emma Gould of TR Petroleum for landing closest to the pin on #9, and Armand Tetreault and Nik Fortier were declared the champions.

Upon returning to the centre everyone enjoyed a delicious supper sponsored by Neil & Rhoda Marshall and Ron & Arlene Gilbert.

Early bird winners were Mark Gartner and Ron Connolly. Leonard Young was most Senior golfer while Zoe Krienke most Junior. Closest to the Line winners were Lane Darbyshire, Lance Nickless and Jessie Banks. Longest drivers were Braydon Mason, Mark Gartner and Chelsey Crashley. Luke Krienke won the Sask Golf tour package in the bucket draw and Danny & Leah Scriven won the memorial bag.

Following these presentations each golfer selected a prize of choice from the 'mile-long' prize table.

Appreciation to the long list of sponsors and volunteers who make this event an overwhelming success, with over \$10,000 going to the Big River Golf Club.

The 20th Annual is already in the making, and is scheduled for Sept. 11-12, 2020.

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Donna Dianne Moffat (nee Thiel)



1967. Donna was a Registered Nurse over a career panning more than 51 years, a fact recently recognized by her colleagues as well as by the BC Nurses Union this past May.

Donna only fully retired last November from Parkville's Arrowsmith Lodge, at age 74, joking that many of her patients were younger than she! Donna had a tremendous gift and passion for working with seniors, spending the majority of her career in geriatrics. She loved the sense of community the care home setting provided, and found the work immensely rewarding.

In her later years, having moved from Abbotsford to Qualicum Beach in 1996, Donna enjoyed sailing, kayaking, surfing, ocean swims, golfing, extensive travels, and many memorable times with her 3 adult children (Tiffany Gortzen of Abbotsford; Yale Moffat of Nanaimo; & Shannon Nelson of Cumberland, BC). Treasured times were spent playing trains, attending

ball games, and baking angel food cakes for her 5 grandchildren: Noah, Bennett, Pierce, Beckett, and Chloe.

Although a brief battle with cancer ultimately claimed her life, Donna's health trials never changed her cheerful, caring personality. Up until the end, Donna remained strong and steadfast in her Christian faith, thankful for the Lord's blessings in her life, and reliant upon His promise for eternal life.

Donna, with her kind and giving nature, will be particularly missed by her loyal husband of over 48 years, Glen, as well as by her numerous friends and family members. Donna was a one-of-a kind, truly unique and irreplaceable mother and grandmother, her most fulfilling roles.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating, in her memory, to either World Vision or to Operation Smile, two charities dear to her heart.

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Our beloved Donna, aged 75, passed peacefully on November 1st, All Saints Day - an extraordinarily fitting day for her departure into the heavenly realm; to her friends and family, she was darn near saintly perfection.

Donna was born on September 11, 1944, to mixed farmers and early Prairie pioneers, Clarence and Erna Thiel, of Shellbrook, SK. Donna graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Saskatchewan, in

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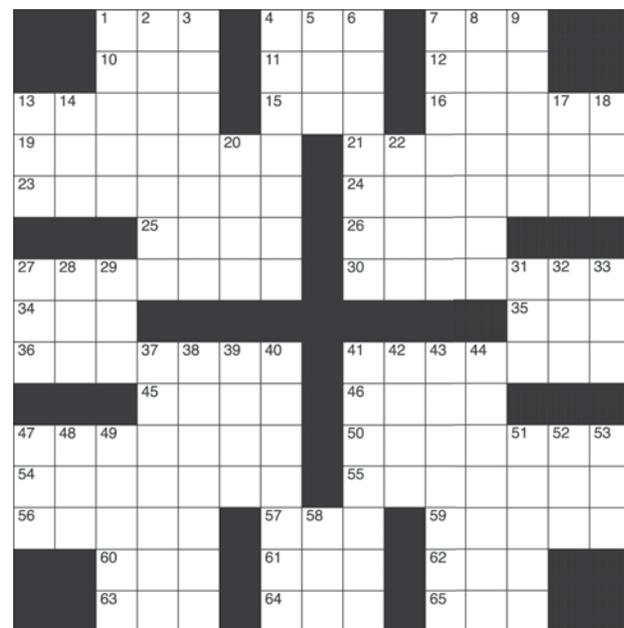
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- 4. Some are covert
- 7. A waiver of liability (abbr.)
- 10. Speak out
- 11. Retirement plan
- 12. Small dog
- 13. City in Iraq
- 15. Car mechanics group
- 16. Shrimp-like creature
- 19. Majestic
- 21. TV detective
- 23. Central Canadian province
- 24. Causing to wind around
- 25. Wise man
- 26. Knicks legend Willis
- 27. Muscular weaknesses
- 30. John Stockton compiled them
- 34. South American plant
- 35. To some extent
- 36. Where manners are displayed
- 41. Showy
- 45. Fall down
- 46. Shoelaces are often this
- 47. Disease-causing bacterium
- 50. Egg-shaped wind instrument

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Something useful
- 2. It goes great with peppers and onions
- 3. Orifice
- 4. Turned into bone
- 5. The Princess could detect it
- 6. Bands of colors
- 7. Makes use of
- 8. Central African country
- 9. Lake in the Kalahari Desert
- 13. He was a "Chairman"
- 14. Legally possess
- 17. One point north of due west
- 18. Small peg of wood



- 54. Sufferings
- 55. One who noisily enjoys
- 56. About blood
- 57. Transaction verification system (abbr.)
- 59. Related through female family members
- 60. Low velocity grenade
- 61. "In Living Color" comedian
- 62. Veterans battleground
- 63. Expression of creative skill
- 64. Midway between northeast and east
- 65. Patti Hearst's captors

- 20. Stretch of swampy ground
- 22. Is indebted to
- 27. Where you were born (abbr.)
- 28. A team's best pitcher
- 29. Cool!
- 31. Female sibling
- 32. This stimulates the thyroid (abbr.)
- 33. Reserved
- 37. More prickled
- 38. Forbidden by law
- 39. One-time presidential candidate
- 40. A TV show has more than one
- 41. A place to stash things
- 42. Defunct currency in India
- 43. Causes to ferment
- 44. A type of gland
- 47. ___ Humbug!
- 48. Everyone has one
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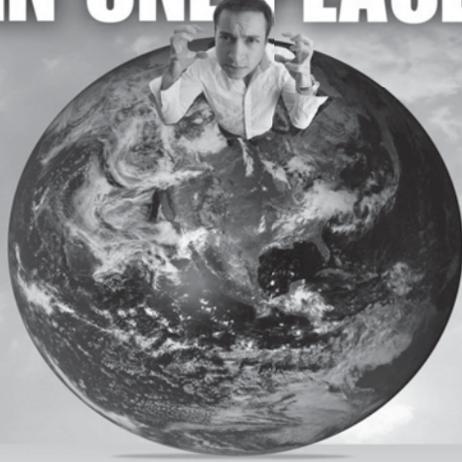
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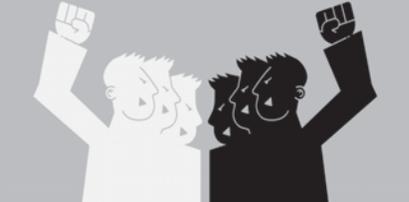
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Forcing bulbs for winter

By Patricia Hanbidge

One way to ensure that your winter on the prairies is more enjoyable is to pot up a selection of spring bulbs to be enjoyed inside while the temperatures drop dismally outside.

This is an annual autumn chore for me that is truly worth all the effort it entails... especially when I did not get all the spring flowering bulbs planted in the garden!

However, if you too have been caught with some extra bulbs – do not fret - many of the hardy spring-blooming bulbs can be coaxed to bloom by a process called “forcing”. Tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, crocus, scilla and miniature iris are all easily convinced to bloom as long as a simple process is followed.

Today, I received some more Liberation75 tulips so I guess I will be forcing them, as it is now officially too late to plant them outside. So if you have not yet ordered your Liberation75 tulips then you can join me in forcing some of these lovely tulips with a purpose!

When choosing bulbs to “force” bigger is truly better. Ensure that large, healthy

bulbs, free of blemishes are chosen.

I prefer to use selections that will not grow very tall to ensure that little or no staking is required during growth.

Use any clean container with good drainage for potting up your treasures. Allow about 5 centimetres or 2 inches of soil below the bulb. The top of the bulb should be placed approximately even with the rim of the container.

Use a loose potting mix that will drain easily. (Bulbs whether inside or out do not like “wet feet”.) Position the bulbs with the pointed end facing up.

If you are planting tulips, place the flattened side of the bulb towards the outside of the pot. It is not necessary to add fertilizer as the nutrition needed for bulbs to grow typically comes from the bulb itself.

Bulbs should be planted very closely together for forcing in order to give a more attractive display. Add enough soil to fill the pot, leaving the very tips of the bulbs exposed if you are planting daffodils or the smaller bulbs like iris, scilla or crocus.

Plant tulips deep in the pot



as they seem to push up in the pot quite strongly. Water thoroughly. Label the pot with the type of bulb planted and the planting date.

The next step in the process is to give these hardy bulbs a period of exposure to cold or stratification. This is an essential step to ensure your bulbs will bloom.

A root cellar is ideal for this purpose, but any area that remains just above freezing works very well. If you do not have any area suitable for this cold period, a chilling period in the refrigerator will also work. Ensure you do not store bulbs in the crisper with fruits

or vegetables, as they produce ethylene gas that will damage the immature flower buds.

You'll need to maintain a temperature between 2 and 10 degrees C (35-48F) for approximately 12 to 15 weeks depending on the type of bulb planted.

Each type of bulb will have different requirements for both the cooling period and the growing period. A good rule of thumb is that the growing period is shorter for the smaller, shorter bulbs.

Crocus, hyacinth and daffodils all require about a 12 to 14-week chilling period. Tulips and miniature iris need about 15 weeks of chilling to get good

bloom. The single, early flowering, short stature tulips will show the most success.

Once removed from the cold, place your containers in a cool, sunny location away from heating vents and drafts. When the stem tips begin to colour, they should be moved out of direct light and placed wherever they are to be displayed.

Prolong the bloom period by moving pots to a cool location each night, even into the refrigerator if space permits.

Best yet, when the bulbs have finished blooming, cut off the blooming stems and move the containers to an unused basement corner to let the foliage die back naturally and “feed the bulb”.

These can then be planted outside to enhance your outdoor landscape next year.

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