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Hockey Day scores big money for Shellbrook rink



Retired NHLer Dennis Hull was this year's special guest at the Hockey Day in Shellbrook Banquet. Both at his table, and on the stage, he wasn't afraid to enjoy a good laugh.

The Shellbrook Recreation Complex was the place to be over the weekend, as the fifth and penultimate Hockey Day in Shellbrook celebration brought two days jam-packed with hockey action to the community.

Hockey Day in Shellbrook began as a fundraiser to pay for an ambitious three-phase \$2.2 million project to renovate and modernize the local rink.

With that project set to complete its third phase (the installation of solar panels) by September of this year, and more than \$1.9 million raised so far, the organizers of Hockey Day can say they've played a significant role in making the renovation happen.

As of the weekend, Hockey Day in Shellbrook accounted for 23 per cent of all funds raised.

The fifth Hockey Day in Shellbrook, which was by all measures a success, certainly grew that share by bringing in just over \$100,000 - making it the second best Hockey Day on record from a fundraising perspective.

That brings Hockey Day's five-year fundraising total over \$500,000.

"It was a great weekend," said Hockey Day in Shellbrook Committee member Stephanie Gosselin. "This is sort of like Groundhog Day, but, despite the cold weather, we had a great turnout."

This year's Hockey Day in Shellbrook

followed a tried and true format that has seen success in previous years, with Friday afternoon and evening being reserved for a community skate, the Tremblay Classic, a Shellbrook Skating Club mini-showcase, and a Shellbrook Silvertips game.

The Silvertips game, a showdown against the Birch Hills Blackhawks, provided spectators with plenty of excitement by going all the way to a shootout (that, unfortunately, didn't go the home team's way).

However, for Gosselin, one of the true highlights of the evening was one of the new additions: a come-and-go volunteer appreciation soirée, with music provid-

ed by Debden's Layton Ferster.

"It was really nice to see people come to the rink, who maybe aren't as involved at the rink but have been sponsors or volunteers over the years, and check out the renovations," she said.

"This event wouldn't happen without volunteers or sponsors. So it was just a really great opportunity for us to thank them."

In keeping with tradition, Saturday kicked off with a pancake breakfast, coupled with an IP tournament featuring three teams from Shellbrook and one team each from Debden and the Big River First Nation.

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Gosselin says that this tournament is great because it always brings a lot of folks into the rink for the Saturday morning.

Helping to keep the arena full into the afternoon was the AA and AAA hockey action on offer, as the Bear- dy's Blackhawks took on the Martensville Marauders, and the Prince Albert Mintos faced off against the Saskatoon Contacts.

With plenty of local connections on three out of those four teams, hockey fans had plenty to cheer for — and cheer, they did.

Meanwhile, even with the frigid conditions outside, the first-ever Hockey Day in Shellbrook Street Hockey Tournament did succeed, in its second attempt, at getting off the ground (albeit, in a trun-

cated fashion).

All told, 75 kids registered to compete for Stanley Cups of candy, even knowing it was going to make for a chilly day. What's more, the tournament even drew in teams from as far afield as Prince Albert.

"It looked really awesome having three rinks of kids playing out there in front of the rink," Gosselin said. "It really created a lot of atmosphere."

Once afternoon shifted to evening, it was time for the action to move over to the Shellbrook Community Hall for the Hockey Day in Shellbrook Banquet, which Gosselin says is always a personal highlight of the event.

The evening began with champagne, hors d'oeuvres, and plenty of



In keeping with a tradition that's as old as Hockey Day in Shellbrook, representatives of the rink's many user groups gathered on the ice for a group photo.

time to socialize. Then the program, MCed by comedian Kelly Taylor, kicked off with a message from Premier Scott Moe.

After Pam Boettcher said grace, guests were invited to dig in to the meal, which was provided by the Town and R.M. of Shellbrook.

Dinner was followed by an update on the rink project by Shellbrook Recreation Project Steering Committee member Tasha Cyr. Then, after a brief pause, guest speaker and

retired NHLer Dennis Hull took the stage, and had the entire hall laughing (unfortunately, much of his humorous, often self-deprecating, talk was unfit for publication).

The evening also featured a live auction, more live music by Layton Fester, and a midnight lunch.

But in a change from previous years, there were no Sports Awards.

"It's not that we don't think they're important - we think it's super im-

portant and we're so lucky to come from a community with so many talented people. But in such a small community, it's not something that can be sustained every year," Gosselin explained.

"We're hoping to be able to bring those back next year for the last Hockey Day."

Speaking of next year's Hockey Day in Shellbrook, Gosselin says the committee will be meeting this week or next to begin some

of the initial planning for the final event, with an eye to making it bigger and better than this year.

"Hopefully, if the fundraising goes well this year and throughout the year, well be able to have the whole project paid off after Hockey Day next year," Gosselin said. "It's a fairly lofty goal, but that's where we're setting our sights."

Hockey Day In Shellbrook 2021 will be held Friday Jan. 15 and Saturday Jan. 16, 2021.



Although it was too cold to join in with Hockey Day in Shellbrook in the community, Parkland Integrated Health Center elders and staff sported their hockey spirit with an indoor high five. Elders enjoyed the in-house hockey-themed events held throughout the week, which included hockey jersey day, hockey Jeopardy, The Mighty Ducks movie, mini-stick puck shoot, hockey trivia, stories reminiscing about the good old hockey game, and of course favourite rink foods.



After playing just one game in the chilly conditions, kids who participated in the IP/Novice/Atom Street Hockey Tournament decided to divvy up the Stanley Cup of candy.



Five young players fight for a loose puck in IP tournament action from Saturday morning.

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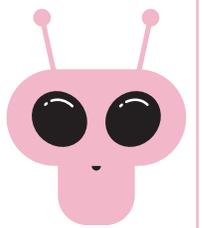
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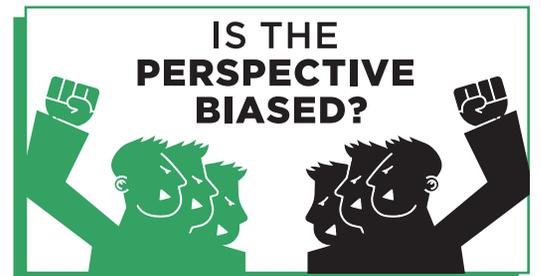


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Hockey Day: Silvertips lose in shootout thriller

Historically speaking, Hockey Day in Shellbrook games haven't gone all that well for the Shellbrook Silvertips. But with the team playing in a brand new league this season — and also enjoying one of the best seasons of hockey it's ever recorded — the hope was that this Hockey Day would be different.

Unfortunately for the Tips, they drew the Birch Hills Blackhawks for their Hockey Day match-up, the only team that has managed to beat them during the 2019-2020 regular season campaign. And after a thrilling game that went all the way to a shootout, the team came up just short in front of their revved up home crowd.

Feeding off the crowd's energy, the Silvertips came flying out of the gate, with Devin Dicus tapping home a rebound from the front of the Birch Hills goal to draw first blood. Nick and Nathaniel Martin provided the assists on the goal.

Later in the frame, after putting in a Herculean effort to kill off a four-minute major, the Tips

would actually get into trouble on a five-minute power play. These troubles, and a shaky start from goaltender Jon Nelson allowed Birch Hills' Brady Keller to knot the game up at 1 with a short-handed squeaker through the fivehole. Reed Gunville earned the lone helper on the goal.

With the majority of their five-minute power play carrying over to the second frame, the Tips had an opportunity to hit the reset button and take the momentum in the game. Instead, they surrendered another shorthanded goal to the Blackhawks, this one off a seemingly harmless 2-on-1. Kyle Njaa scored, with an assist from Brett Njaa on the play.

After squandering the remainder of their power play, the Tips fell behind 3-1 on a floating slapper from the point that tricked Nelson. Adam Hergott scored the goal, unassisted.

Shaking off the unlucky bounces, the Tips would finally get back on the board, thanks to Nathaniel Martin, who took a feed in front of the Blackhawks' goal from

Brendon Canaday and Dicus.

But the bad bounces would get the better of them one last time before period's end, when a tricky deflection ended up in the back of the net with just one second left on the clock. Hergott earned credit for the unassisted goal.

With a two-goal deficit to overcome in the third, the Tips came out fired up in the third and looking for some bounces to finally go their way. They got their way, pulling within one on a perfect rebound from the Birch Hills doorstep by Braidon Turner. Parker Turner and Nick Martin provided the assists.

Then, later in the frame, Jody Blais knotted the game up by slapping home a one-timer on a textbook tape-to-tape feed. Braidon Turner and Brendon Canaday supplied the helpers.

The Tips kept pouring it on from there, getting plenty of opportunities. But Birch Hills managed to hang on to force the action into overtime.

Here, too, The Tips would hold much of the momentum. But for all their chances — including one that Devin Dicus was certain was going into the back of the net — the Tips



Things got a little heated in the first period, as Brett Mason nearly got into it with a Birch Hills player.

came up just short, sending the game to a shootout.

Here, Nelson's shaky goaltending and wide open fivehole proved to be the Tips' undoing, as three consecutive Blackhawks managed to find the back of the net to give Birch Hills the win. As the first scorer, Brett Njaa earned credit for the goal.

With the shootout loss, the Tips now sit at 12-1-0-1, putting them just one point back of the Blackhawks in the Twin Rivers Hockey League standings.

Their next game will see them

travel to Warman on Friday, Jan. 24 for a showdown with the Warman Wildcats. Puck drop for the game is scheduled for 8:15 p.m.

Then, on Sunday, Jan. 26, the Tips will host the Clavet Cougars for a matinee match-up. Puck drop for the game is 2 p.m.

As part of the Hockey Day festivities, the Tips game against Birch Hills included a guaranteed 50/50, sponsored by Lake Country Co-op. With a \$1,400 pot up for grabs, Duane Nyberg was the lucky winner.

Suspects sought after rural crime spree

At least two suspects are wanted by the Saskatchewan RCMP, following a string of rural break-ins during the wee hours of the morning on Friday, Jan. 17.

All told, police say the suspects hit 10 rural businesses or rural municipalities in Hafford, Blaine Lake, Leask, Shell Lake, and Rabbit Lake, stealing more than \$16,000 worth of money, merchandise, tools, or other items.

According to police, the suspects began their crime spree around midnight in Hafford, breaking into the local post office, then the Communiplex skating rink. They ended by breaking into the Rack Gas Bar and stealing \$5,000 in cash, cigarettes and lottery tickets.

From Hafford, the suspects moved onto Blaine Lake, where they again broke into the post office. They quickly moved onto Leask, hitting the Leask Pharmacy and the Leask Mart around 3 a.m. Police say about \$6,000 in cigarettes and \$500 in cash were stolen from the Leask Mart.

Heading west from Leask, the suspects victimized the Shell Lake General Store around 4 a.m., stealing \$2,500 in tobacco products. They also robbed the Shell Lake post office.

About an hour later they hit the Rabbit Lake Rural Mu-

nicipality Office, stealing \$2,000 worth of shop tools, a laptop, and cash. They also hit the Rabbit Lake post office.

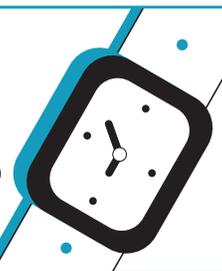
An RCMP statement, issued through the Saskatchewan Crime Watch Advisory Network, said the same suspect(s) may be responsible for all break and enters and that the "suspect(s) are believed to be driving a small grey or silver SUV hatchback."

Anyone with information about the string of robberies is urged to call 310-RCMP.

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THANK YOU for another amazing Hockey Day in Shellbrook!

We are excited to announce that over **\$100,000** has been raised to help with the renovations to our arena.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to our sponsors, guests, and volunteers for your continued and ongoing support of this event.

This amazing total would not be possible without you!

Thank you again and mark your calendars for the final Hockey Day in Shellbrook, January 15 & 16, 2021.

Please like and follow us on FB for updates and photos from the event.



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Hockey Day highlights strength of community

Ours is truly a fascinating age. One, I've no doubt, that the historians of the future will look back upon with no small measure of confusion.

It is an era in which we have more ways than ever to connect with one another. And yet, for all these things that could or should connect us it seems as if we're actually becoming more and more disconnected from each other.

What's more, it seems at times that the very things that should be connecting us and bringing us closer together are in fact having the opposite effect by stoking the fires of division. Just look at the current state of Canada, for instance, where we are divided in so many ways and appear to have no means to, and no interest in, bridging these divides.

Looking at the fractured state of Canada as a national community, one begins to feel especially blessed to live in a small town like Shellbrook.

Certainly, we here in small-town Saskatchewan aren't immune to the seismic social, political, and economic changes occurring across the country. But, if this past Hockey Day in Shellbrook weekend proved anything, it's that our sense of community is as strong as ever.

If you doubt the truth of that statement, just ask yourself this: what other community of 1,500 people would be able to pull off



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an event as successful as Hockey Day?

Next, ask yourself this: what community of 1,500 people would be able to pull this off for five consecutive years, and, in so doing, raise more than \$500,000 for a local facility that is vital to the future of the community?

If you spent some time researching, you might come up with one or two other communities. But, even still, Shellbrook really does stand in a class of its own when it comes to rallying around its own — be it Hockey Day, local teachers who have been treated unfairly, families dealing with a healthcare crisis, or any number of any other important issues.

For the success that Hockey Day in Shellbrook, in particular, has seen over these past five years, there is plenty of credit to go around.

However, the best place to begin would be with the Hockey Day in Shellbrook organizing committee, which saw a need and took action to fulfil it. Thanks, in part, to their efforts to put together a top-shelf event each year, the Shellbrook Recreation Complex has a new ice plant, a new ice resurfacing machine, new boards, a new ice surface, and a tastefully upgraded lobby.

Of course, organizing events on the scale of Hockey Day doesn't matter for much if one doesn't have the volunteer corps to en-

sure that the event runs smoothly. If Shellbrook possesses anything in spades, it's volunteers who are willing to answer the call — even if they have no reason to throw their support behind the rink.

Going hand-in-hand with the volunteers are the local and area businesses, organizations, and individuals who sponsor and donate to Hockey Day in Shellbrook. It would be impossible to list all these supporters in the limited space of this column, but it goes without saying that Hockey Day would be nowhere near the success that it has been without their generosity.

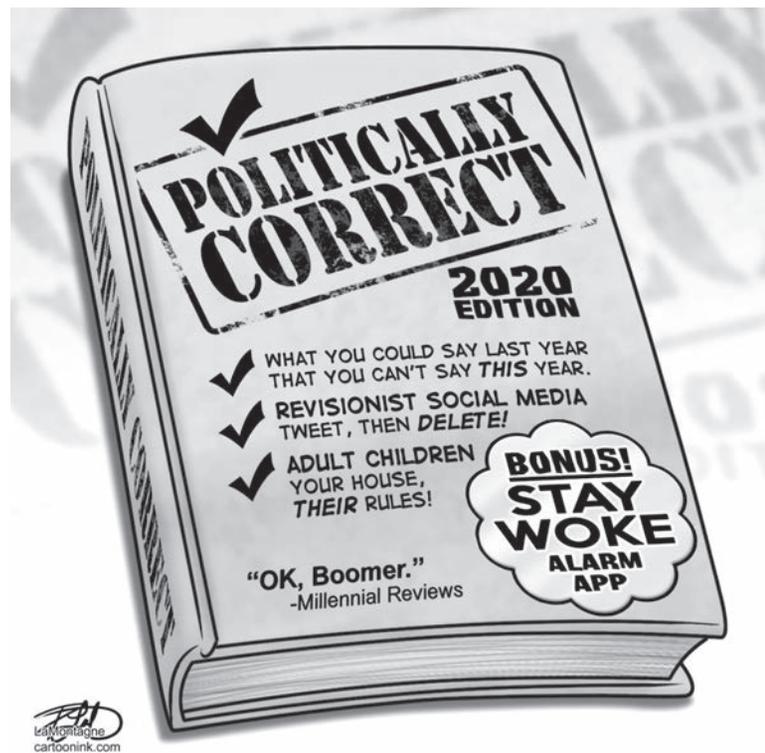
Last, but most certainly not least, the folks who choose to attend Hockey Day — whether it's to watch their kids play or just for the love of the sport — also deserve spe-

cial acknowledgement. Without them filling the stands, Hockey Day wouldn't still be going strong.

There are probably still more thank yous and recognitions to go around. Probably far too many to fit in the confines of this column. If you have been missed, know that your contributions to Hockey Day, and to your community, don't go unappreciated.

With one more Hockey Day in the books, and only one Hockey Day left on the docket, one can't help but wonder what the next great local cause will be — for, the needs of a small community like Shellbrook are always many.

If the legacy of Hockey Day is anything to go by, we have nothing at all to be worried about.



Gormley: Making it through the worst for Millennials

Risking a derisive "OK Boomer", I cop a guilty plea to Orwell.

2020 begins with the continuing narrative that Millennials are so pessimistic that, for some, life seems scarcely worth living. This is heartbreaking. But they do live in a world that gins up panic, like the apocalyptic survey concluding "don't have children; it'll save us from climate change".

A recent Canadian Press story reported Millennial misery amidst rampant wildfires in Australia, a threatened and "imminent war" between the United States and Iran and the tragedy of Canadian lives lost in the Iranian downing of a Ukrainian jetliner.

The piece cited National College Health Survey data that 60 per cent of respondents were dealing with above-average or tremendous stress levels, 23 per cent diagnosed with anxiety, and 19 per cent with depression.

Even though some of these elevated negative perceptions are true, hopefully they are also due to better diagnoses and overdue attention being paid to mental health. But it's never been easy being young, un-

certain, and new at life experiences.

To be sure, Millennials live in a world of ubiquitous digital culture, social media and its constant conflict and manufactured outrage. Also, there sometimes seems a lack of context; missing are older people who assure the young that life means hope, and how never giving up on the future is critical to how we live in the present.

A few decades ago, as twenty-somethings immersed in a confusing and dangerous world, many of us were at least surrounded by those who had endured the Great Depression and Second World War. Their message: better times would come. Perhaps not as self-actualized as many of today's young, we just thought that scary times were something we'd have to get through.

The memory is vivid and depressing: December 1980, watching a U.S. news report set to the music of Merle Haggard's "if we make it through December" — a recession seemingly without end, the death throes of U.S. steel towns, and the misery of people lined up having lost their jobs, homes and hope.

In 1979 and '80, the world really did seem to be going to Hell. Strikes and strife had torn apart Britain; a group of ideologues launched Iran's "Islamic Revolution", seized power, triggered an energy crisis that drove gas prices higher than we could afford. They held the world hostage, along with U.S. captives, for over a year.

The IRA murdered Prince Phillip's uncle, Louis Mountbatten, off the coast of Ireland, the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan, the Iran — Iraq War began and every year, without a raise, runaway inflation shrunk our paycheques by 10% or more.

North America seemed obsessed with serial killers: we asked what created Son of Sam, Ted Bundy, or the real-life terrifying clown John Wayne Gacey?

In the U.S. — Soviet Union arms race, we knew about "MAD", Mutually Assured Destruction, because we had to; ditto for the acronyms ICBM and START. We knew names like Trident and Pershing missiles, and the terrifying Peacekeeper, a ballistic missile carrying 10 nuclear warheads; a single missile's payload equivalent to 230 of the bombs that destroyed Hiroshima at

the end of WWII.

We lived this every day. And wondered if we were next for a mysterious pneumonia-like disease contracted at an American Legion convention in a Philadelphia Hotel. If not Legionnaires Disease, there was that contagious and potentially lethal plague, discovered near the Ebola River in Africa.

Even the Olympics suffered in 1980 when the U.S., Canada and others boycotted the Moscow games. And just days before Christmas that year, pop culture icon and Beatle John Lennon died from a gunman's bullets on a street outside his New York home.

It didn't end there. In the ensuing months, anyone who lived it would never forget renewing their home mortgage at 19 or 20% interest rates.

Eventually we did make it through that December and many more. And for the next generation of young, it gets better.

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Report from the Legislature

For the past 12 years, Saskatchewan has been growing. More people, more jobs and more investment in our families and communities. We want to ensure this strong growth continues. Your Saskatchewan Party government has a new Growth Plan for the new decade so everyone continues to benefit from a growing province.

Saskatchewan's Growth Plan is a roadmap for a growing province of 1.4 million people and a strong economy with 100,000 more jobs. Increasing the number of young people who stay here to start a career and family will help grow the population.

This past year, Saskatchewan saw an increase of 10,400 jobs, or 1.8 per cent, from 2018. More than half of that job growth is due to full-time jobs.

The energy sector is also off to a roaring start in 2020 with 57 of Saskatchewan's 105 rigs working January 6th, up from 19 rigs just three days earlier. This means that Saskatchewan has a higher rig utilization rate than both Alberta and



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In spite of external headwinds, the creation of 10,400 jobs last year is an indication that Saskatchewan has a robust, diverse and growing economy and shows that our Growth Plan target is achievable and well on its way to being met.

Our province will continue to undertake the most aggressive youth retention plan in Canada, while exploring new incentives to keep life affordable for young people and create more opportunities for them to realize their future right here at home.

With Saskatchewan's

Graduate Retention Program, post-secondary grads who remain and work in Saskatchewan after graduation are eligible for up to \$20,000 in tax credits. To date, nearly 71,000 young people have claimed this tax credit.

The Government of Saskatchewan is also providing a quarter of a million dollars to save post-secondary students money on their textbook purchases. The innovative approach supports professors and instructors at Saskatchewan Polytechnic, the U of S and the U of R to develop open textbooks and other open educational resources.

The initiative is expected to save current and future students at least \$6.4 million with the resources developed so far.

Our investment in the development of open textbooks over the past five years is helping reduce costs for approximately 70,000 students.

The Government of Saskatchewan will continue to look at new incentives to retain more young people to live, work and raise a



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Tripling the tech-sector by 2030 by aggressively pursuing new measures to attract large scale tech employers will help ensure Saskatchewan is on the right path with a modern economy, and Innovation Saskatchewan will play a large role in achieving these goals.

In 2017, Innovation Saskatchewan launched Co. Labs, a provincially backed incubator which in less

than three years has created 160 jobs, incubated 88 start-ups and secured more than \$8 million in investment. Saskatchewan also offers the Saskatchewan Technology Startup Incentive, the most aggressive tech angel investment incentive program in Western Canada.

Growing the tech sector is just one of the ways your government is strengthening and diversifying Saskatchewan's economy.

A committee of education stakeholders, parents and business professionals will meet to begin developing recommendations on future development of curriculum and high school graduation requirements in Saskatchewan. The committee includes representatives from teachers, school divisions, parents, post-secondary institutions, chambers of commerce, the workforce, and the Ministry of Education.

It is important that we hear from parents, educators, post-secondary institutions and the business community about what students need to learn in

the classroom in order to be successful. By keeping Saskatchewan's curriculum up to date, we're ensuring that our children will be well-equipped to succeed in their future.

As part of our plan to grow the province's population and economy, Saskatchewan will focus on the development, retention and attraction of highly skilled and entrepreneurial talent. Over the next decade Saskatchewan will develop:

- An agile and integrated education and training system that is responsive to the economic opportunities for businesses and prepares people for careers in Saskatchewan.

- People with the skills experience and pathways to realize their potential and build their careers in Saskatchewan.

- Workplaces that help develop the potential of a diverse population that requires labour market supports to succeed.

To learn more about Saskatchewan's Growth Plan for The Next Decade, I encourage you to visit saskgrowthplan.ca.

YOUR TWO CENTS

Pickering Nuclear Station raises questions about Sask.'s SMR plans

Dear editor,

The emergency at Pickering Nuclear Station is a wakeup call for the world. Luckily, it was a false alarm.

Remember that Premier Moe has just signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Premiers of New Brunswick and Ontario to develop small modular Nuclear reactors .

What are the proposed safety standards to the possible 10 sites to be set up in Saskatchewan? What are the new enhanced safety features that need to put in to place? Who will pay for the security once set up? What will be done when these need to be decommissioned? What about proliferation and radiation escaping confinement at every stage of the nuclear cycle? How will the constant

transportation of enriched fuel from the east endanger our people and environment ? Where are all the newly generated toxic radioactive wastes to go? Will the taxpayers of this province be on the hook in perpetuity for the radioactive orphan nuclear power plants as we are with orphan wells and old uranium mines already?

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Schmitz, Taylor take novice pairs silver at Nationals

The accolades continue to pile up for 13-year-old local figure skater Ashlyn Schmitz.

After a busy summer of skating with her pairs partner Tristan Taylor, the pair was back in action last week, competing in the novice pairs category at the 2020 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships in Mississauga, Ont.

Together, Schmitz and Taylor established themselves as a duo to watch, finishing just eight points behind first place pair Lily Wilberforce and Aidan Wright of Ontario, but well

ahead of the rest of the pack.

The competition for Schmitz and Taylor opened with their short program on Wednesday morning.

The pair put in a rock-solid performance, scoring 37.77 to finish less than three points behind Wilberforce and Wright.

Schmitz and Taylor were back at it the next day, skating their free program and looking to overcome the gap. In the end, the duo came up just shy, scoring a 66.63 and finishing five points back of Wilberforce and Wright.

Schmitz's long-time coach, Tasje Sharron of the Shell-

brook Skating Club, says it's amazing to see how much Schmitz and Taylor have improved as a pair since they began skating together.

"They've climbed that competitive ladder quite quickly but for good reasons. They are both excellent singles skaters, work hard, are pushed hard, and have put the mileage in to be very prepared for Nationals," she said.

While it's impossible to know how a competition is going to go, Sharron says the pair undoubtedly earned their place at Nationals, and adds that it wasn't a fluke

that the pair brought home a silver.

"The commitment and sacrifices made is what got them on the podium. I was so nervous watching but I knew they would do well just because how much they trained and competed together," she said.

"It's so exciting to see them move forward as a team."

Shellbrook's Ashlyn Schmitz and pairs partner Tristan Taylor just won novice pairs silver at the 2020 Canadian Tire National Skating Championships.



Pickering Nuclear Station raises questions about Sask.'s SMR plans

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How can this be deemed safe? The possibility of human error could cause immense damage as we have seen a number of times throughout our world. The latest example is Pickering nuclear plant in Ontario.

There are much cheaper and faster ways to reduce our emissions than considering this dangerous and expensive technology.

A 2015 report by the International Energy Agency and the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency predicts that electricity costs

from SMRs will typically be 50-100 percent higher than for current large reactors, although it holds out some hope that large volume factory production of SMRs could help reduce costs.

A report by the consultancy firm Atkins for the UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy found that electricity from the first SMR in the UK would be 30 percent more expensive than power from large reactors, because of diseconomies of scale and the costs of deploying

first-of-a-kind technology.

An article by four current and former researchers from Carnegie Mellon University's Department of Engineering and Public Policy, published in 2018 in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, considered options for the development of an SMR market in the US.

They concluded that it would not be viable unless the industry received "several hundred billion dollars of direct and indirect subsidies" over the next several decades.

The CAREM (Central Argentina de Elementos Modulares) SMR under construction in Argentina illustrates the gap between SMR rhetoric and reality. Cost estimates have ballooned. In 2004, when the CAREM reactor was in the planning stage, Argentina's Bariloche Atomic Center estimated an overnight cost of US\$1 billion/GW for an integrated 300 MW plant.

When construction began in 2014, the estimated cost of the CAREM reactor was US\$17.8 billion/GW (US\$446 million for a 25-MW reactor). By April 2017, the cost estimate had increased to US\$21.9 billion/GW

(US\$700 million with the capacity up-rated from 25 MW to 32 MW).

The CAREM project is years behind schedule and costs will likely increase further. In 2014, first fuel loading was expected in 2017 but completion is now anticipated in November 2021.

Westinghouse sharply reduced its investment in SMRs after failing to secure US government funding. MidAmerican Energy gave up on its plans for SMRs in Iowa after failing to secure legislation that would force rate-payers to part-pay construction costs.

The MidAmerican story has a happy ending: the company has invested over US\$10 billion in renewables in Iowa and is now working towards its vision "to generate renewable energy equal to 100 percent of its customers' usage on an annual basis."

How can our Premier now convince the public that this experimental technology in nuclear that he has proposed will serve the people of this province in the best possible manner?

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Shellbrook, Sask.

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New ag tech needs early adopters

I must say I am fascinated when I see a headline asking 'Are we ready for electric tractors?'

To begin with I am among those who believe, given a natural progression of things, the world will move toward less internal combustion engines burning gasoline and diesel.

That does not mean a complete shutdown of such fuel sources, but rather opting where possible for cleaner alternatives. It's actually a winning vision in the sense any conversion actually extends the

life expectancy of non-renewable fuel sources which means having them for critical uses where they prove the best option – passenger airplanes coming to mind as perhaps a key area that will long require fossil fuels.

But that swerves me away from the starting premise of whether electric tractors are viable?

Certainly electric tractors are possible. Technologies exist today.

The question is more about how the cost of electric tractors com-



CALVIN DANIELS

pare to more traditional power sources? And, do they do the job as efficiently?

The idea of tractors roving fields with essentially long, retractable extension cords attached seems a tad

strange, but at one time the mere idea of tractors taking over from horses was seen as fantasy, and I am sure my grandfather, were he alive, would stand in some awe at the sheer size of today's largest farm tractors.

It is likely, as farming evolves toward electric power tractors, units are going to be smaller, the equipment smaller as well, with the technology being married to autonomous controls. It seems the most logical to go smaller, but have the ability to program the unit to run without

an 'on the seat' operator, for much longer hours.

For an industry that has been going in a directly opposite direction, farm units growing ever-larger, with horsepower of tractors and the width of equipment growing to match the additional acres. The idea of smaller will be a near paradigm shift for many producers, who have over the last several decades seen tractors get bigger and bigger with every purchase made.

Farmers are also going to question whether electric can deliver the

needed power, although that will be a factor dealt with by smaller equipment in my mind. It comes down to seeing two smaller units at work over longer hours covering the same acres, a system that works depending on the overall associate costs of both systems.

Like most developments, from the growing of canola to zero-till farming, a few farmers will need to be early adopters of the technology, the in-field provers of the concept, and then electric will find its place in the farm sector.

NFU urges quick and fair resolution to Co-op Refinery lock-out

The National Farmers Union is deeply concerned that Federated Co-operatives has locked out unionized workers at the Co-op Refinery Complex in Regina. The NFU has sent a letter to the Board of Directors, urging them to end the lock-out immediately and return to the bargaining table in good faith.

The NFU is supportive of the co-operative business model. Many NFU members choose to use Co-op refinery products, including farm diesel fuel, gas, and oil. One reason for using Co-op products is that co-operatives are business that are not just about

the bottom line, but have made commitment to uphold the internationally accepted "co-operative principles", which include concern for community. With this lock-out, it has become harder to see how the Federated Co-operatives is different from other companies.

It is disturbing that a key issue in the dispute is whether workers will be able to use the pensions previously agreed to through collective bargaining and earned during their careers at the refinery, or if they will be forced to accept one that is less valuable. A

roll-back in pensions is an issue for the whole community: reneging on the pension promise is a way for companies to transfer a portion of money earned by the workers into the company's assets. If Co-op succeeds, other companies will be emboldened to seize their workers' pension funds.

It is also disturbing to learn that Co-op management had prepared for a lengthy lock-out by building a work camp to house scabs, and has been spending resources on helicopter flights to transport scabs across the

picket line. Co-op management has apparently invested heavily in measures designed to prolong the dispute.

It is the NFU's position that federal and provincial labour laws should outlaw the employment of scab labour during the course of legal strikes or lock-outs, in order to assure the effectiveness of free collective bargaining.

In solidarity with Unifor 594, the NFU calls for a quick end to the lock-out, urges good faith bargaining, and encourages mediation to resolve the outstanding issues.

Shellbrook UCW news highlights

Submitted by Ev Hollowell
UCW Report

Last year, our UCW served approximately 135 people. We've been there to help out with coffee Sundays, decorating the church in regards to Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, etc, and meeting our financial obligation to Knox council and other projects that need help. It's great to be a part of a good cause.

We served: 1 funeral; 2 provided the first Lenten lunch; 3 helped with the Summer Fair; 4 hosted a fall Pumpkin-fest and bake sale; 5 bought a table at the hall for the Arts Council Craft Sale; and 6 went carolling with the church at Christmas.

As always, we're fortunate to have many helping hands. We truly appreciate the concern, and the able volun-

teers who come forward.

United Church Broadview Magazine

We're holding our own in regards to a group renewal package. This paper goes back to 1829. It was celebrating its 190th year in 2019.

The magazine is mostly of Canadian content and is current to what is happening around the world. There are 10 issues per year, noting that, starting in 2020, there is one magazine covering January and February.

Renewal of the Broadview is the same as the former Observer. I'll be contacting subscribers at the end of January, and submitting subscriptions before March 1.

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Hockey Day: AA, AAA Midget action thrills crowd

Hockey Day in Shellbrook attendees got a taste of what AA Midget Hockey will look like in Shellbrook in the 2020-2021 hockey season, when the AA Midget Beardy's Blackhawks hosted the Martensville Marauders during Saturday's festivities.

Though both teams came in from out of town for the match-up, there was no shortage of local talent on display, as more than 10 players on the Blackhawks hail from Shellbrook and the surrounding area. Additionally, Shellbrook's own Sheldon Moe serves as the team's assistant coach.

Effectively playing on home ice, the Blackhawks did their best to put on a good show for the crowd, sailing to a 4-1 victory on the strength of performances by a number of local products.

That's not to say that the game started off the way Beardy's would



Prince Albert Mintos forward Ashton Ferster can only look on as a deflected puck flies harmlessly over the Saskatoon Contacts goal.

have liked. After nearly 10-minutes of back-and-forth action, the Marauders found the scoreboard first as Tanner Schick tapped home a loose puck in front of the Beardy's goal. Eric Donauer drew the lone assist on the play.

Moving to the second period, the action finally shifted in the Blackhawks' favour, when Jacob Cossette found the back of the net with an

assist from Shellbrook's own Ethan Skauge.

Later in the frame, with a brief two-man advantage, Beardy's claimed its first lead of the game on a goal from Shellbrook talent Rylan Moe. Jase Martin (from Parkside) and Jacob Cossette earned the assists on the goal.

Gifted with another power play opportunity in the dying minutes of the period, Cossette lift-

ed the Blackhawks to a 3-1 lead on assists from Dallas Galloway (another Shellbrook product) and Moe.

Following a quiet third period, Moe would add his second goal of the game, an empty netter with just under two minutes remaining, to push to the final score of 4-1.

Mintos vs Contacts

Closing out the hockey action for Hockey Day in Shellbrook, the AAA Midget Prince Albert Mintos skated into the Shellbrook Recreation Complex for a showdown against the Saskatoon Contacts.

Once again, while both teams were coming from out of town, there was plenty of home-grown talent on display, with Ashton Ferster, Gage Helm, Dallyn Peekeekoot and Marek Schneider suiting up for the Mintos, and Brayden and Connor Yager playing for the Contacts.

Though the capacity crowd in the rink was clearly cheering for the Mintos, it was the Contacts who cruised to an east 4-1 victory.

On the plus side, though, the Yager boys put on one heck of a show.

Following a scoreless first frame, Brayden ended more than

30-minutes of goalless hockey by rifling a shot high gloveside. Connor, and Riley Heidt earned the assists on the play.

With the benefit of a late power play, the Mintos managed to tie it up, with Ty Bahm scoring on assists from Turner McMillen and Kayden Skulmoski. That, however, was as close as the Mintos would get for the rest of the afternoon.

In a busy third period for the Contacts, Brayden struck early on assists from Tye Spencer and Heidt. Then, he notched himself a hat trick by scooping up a loose puck and scoring a shorthanded breakaway goal. The goal was unassisted.

Finally, Connor would seal the Contacts' win with an empty netter off of a turnover in the final minute of play. Rylan Jochims and Ty Albrecht earned the assists on the goal.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Hockey Day: Students triumph in Tremblay Classic

In its 17th year, the Tremblay Classic, an annual showdown between the students and staff of W.P. Sandin High School was a tale of many games.

Named after local teacher Bryan Tremblay, following his sudden passing in 2013, the Tremblay Classic has been one of the school's biggest annual fundraisers, with the proceeds from admissions, raffle prizes, and on-ice games traditionally going towards the Kinsmen Telemiracle.

Over the past four years, however, the money raised has gone back to the Shellbrook Recreation Complex, to help raise funds for its much-needed repairs – those repairs have now entered their third phase, which will mostly entail the installation and setup of solar panels to lower the rink's carbon footprint.

Helping to kick off a cold and snowy Hockey Day in Shellbrook 2020, this year's Tremblay Classic brought all the hallmark entertainment of the 16 previous instalments of the showdown. But it wasn't quite the nail biter that previous entries have been, as the students sailed to an 8-5 victory (their second consecutive win, but only their fourth in the course of 17 such meetings).

Out of the gate, however, it seemed like the Tremblay Classic was going to be another big win for the staff squad, as Nicole Philp found herself in the right place at the right time to tap home a loose puck in front of the students' goal.

After drawing first blood, the plucky staff team succeeded in drawing second and third blood, as Devon Thorpe tucked home a puck after a series of rebounds, and Kirk Berezowski followed up shortly after.

Shaking off their less than stellar start, the students finally dug in and took advantage of a 2-on-1 rush to get back into the game. Austin Ferster netted the goal.

Minutes later, the students pulled within one when Dallas Galloway showed off some beautiful puck-handling and found the top shelf.

Then, not long after that, Burk Gosselin knotted the game up at 3-3 by making the most of a long stretch pass.

With the score effectively reset to start the second period, the student squad jumped out to its first lead of the game, thanks to some more puck-handling magic from Galloway.

Galloway nearly earned himself a hat trick off the next face off when he walked a



Joanne Tremblay (left) and Hunter Tremblay (right) present the game's MVP awards to Austen Larsen and Austin Ferster.

rebound out from behind the staff team's net and tucked it into the goal.

Unfortunately for the students, the goal was called off due to a dislodged net, and mere seconds later, the staff squad struck back to tie the game up at 4-4.

AJ Ahenakew earned the goal, after he and his line mates made student netminder Ethan Bell stand on his head making stops.

After being denied a hat trick, Galloway managed to earn it anyway, scoring on a beautiful backhand on a penalty shot.

But, again, the staff team pulled even, with James Meyers providing the scoring to end

the period at 5-5.

After a dead even middle frame, the third period was all students, as the youngsters racked up three goals to fight their way to victory.

Riley Crawford-Beauchesne put the students up 6-5, rifling a puck off the iron and

in. Meanwhile, Austin Larsen took a long lead pass and made no mistakes with it, and Galloway sealed the win, and tacked on his fourth goal for the match, to push the game to its final score of 8-5.

Following the loss, the staff team now boasts a Tremblay Clas-

sic record of 13-4.

As has become tradition, the game saw the stick of Brian Tremblay presented to the MVP of the student squad. This year, those honours were shared by Austin Ferster and Austen Larsen.

While the most exciting action was on the ice during the game, this year's Tremblay Classic, like so many others before it, had no shortage of entertainment between periods. The second intermission featured a puck shoot for a \$25 Dairy Queen gift card, which was won by Corbin Long.

Meanwhile, the post-game activity was a sock toss for a 50" TV. That prize was won by Emersyn Nahorniak.

This year, 150 pairs of socks were sold for the sock toss. And continuing the Classic's history of success, the game raised \$603.50 for Hockey Day in Shellbrook.



Student netminder Ethan Bell desperately reaches to cover a loose puck after shutting down a scoring attempt by the staff team.

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A Guide to Post-Secondary Education

Academic path leads LaFleur from USask around world

By James Shewaga

Jamie LaFleur's road to convocation has featured a few stops and starts and twists and turns, but most importantly, a long list of life-changing experiences.

The 31-year-old University of Saskatchewan (USask) honours student in anthropology from the Lac La Ronge Indian Band graduated with a bachelor's degree at Fall Convocation 2019, and is now working on her next degree—a master's in community health and epidemiology.

A cornucopia of courses and countries—studying geology, kinesiology and anthropology, along with trips to New Zealand, Norway, South Africa, Thailand and Ukraine—have helped LaF-

leur find her true calling.

"I was always interested in health and well-being, which is one of the reasons that I wanted to go into kinesiology," said LaFleur. "But I just realized that it was way more fulfilling for me to focus on Indigenous social determinants of health, especially within Saskatchewan."

LaFleur started studying geology at USask in 2006/07, but left school to work full time, later moving to New Zealand where she became a certified personal trainer. She returned to university to take kinesiology, but became fascinated with her elective courses in anthropology, which quickly became her new passion. LaFleur's studies took her to Africa, Asia and Europe as she ex-

perienced new cultures and traditional healing around the world and now speaks six languages: Cree, English, Norwegian, Russian, Thai and Ukrainian.

"I was always interested in health and medical practices globally and being able to experience that just opened my eyes to different modalities that people use to address their health issues," said LaFleur, who earned a USask Indigenous Student Achievement Award for Research in Health Sciences in 2018, after being nominated by one of her first professors on campus, Dr. Ulrich Teucher (PhD) in psychology. "Biomedicine can't do absolutely everything for everyone and just finding a lot of parallels between In-

igenous medicine here and other Indigenous Peoples world-wide, has been really interesting."

It was USask's study abroad program that presented the proverbial passport to the world for LaFleur.

"It's such a valuable experience, especially when you have all the resources that we have here at this university," said LaFleur, whose experiences abroad included getting married in Norway on a bikepacking tour with her husband Morgan in 2016.

"It's something everyone should experience," she added. "You go to any country in the world and you come back to Canada and you realize that there are these same communities that live with-

in Saskatchewan. You learn more about the cultural mosaic, as some people say, and it gives you a better understanding of where you're living in Canada."

In addition to the scholarships that helped fund her study abroad opportunities, LaFleur is grateful for the

supports that are now available for Indigenous students on campus, as well as guidance she received from her professors.

"I don't think that I would be as strong of an academic or as strong of a person, if it wasn't for my professors in anthropology," said LaFleur.



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A Guide to Post-Secondary Education

Where the wild pigs roam

By University of Saskatchewan

In 2013, Ruth Aschim—along with 99.9 per cent of the population—was unaware wild pigs were roaming rural Canada.

Today, the University of Saskatchewan (USask) doctoral candidate is an expert on the animals, where they thrive and the destruction they can cause. But landing a wildlife research position at a university is no easy task, she explained.

“Wildlife research is expensive; you’re using GPS collars and aerial surveys and things like that. A lot of people are interested in it, so it was hard to find a program that would take me.”

Among the academics

she approached was USask Associate Professor Ryan Brook, whom she’d heard about as an undergrad.

The wild pig problem emerged from livestock producers’ desire to diversify their herds for export markets. The boars proved more difficult to manage than expected. They rooted under and jumped over fences, while producers also simply opened the gates and let them go. Many thought they would not survive in the wild.

They were wrong. And although there are large numbers of them, they’re not easy to find.

“Because we’re looking at a nocturnal species, an elusive species... we couldn’t

use aerial surveys, the conventional wildlife monitoring technique, because we didn’t even know where they were. How were we going to go looking for them?”

“I did all my data collection through social science techniques. I spoke with stakeholders and wildlife professionals. I would travel around Saskatchewan going to wildlife-related meetings or events or fundraisers, giving presentations and just talking to people.

“Then I spent three months living out of my vehicle (in summer 2015) and I camped across Western Canada, talking to conservation officers and biologists.”

Results showed that wild pigs are the most wide-

spread in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta; smaller populations exist in B.C., Ontario and Quebec. But despite all the research, it’s still impossible to say how many wild pigs are out there.

But why does establishing the numbers and habitats of wild pigs matter?

“Disease is a huge concern with wild pigs,” Aschim said. “They can be transmitted to domestic livestock, wildlife, and humans.

“Then we have environmental issues, which are huge with wild pigs. One of the main problems is the rooting behaviour; they upturn the soil because they like to eat the roots and tubers of vegetation. It’s essen-

tially like a rototiller went through an area.”

Bare soil is open to weeds, erosion and nutrient cycle disturbance, as well as a loss of biodiversity, she said.

Another concern is water quality. Wild pigs wallow in wetlands, causing bank slumping, erosion, water sedimentation and—because of defecation and urination—algae growth and disease transmission.

Furthermore, one would

not want to surprise a boar. They’re not aggressive unless threatened, but their four sharp tusks—the top tusks sharpen the bottom ones—can slash someone quite seriously.

Considering the many problems created by wild pigs, Aschim is often asked how she feels about her research subjects.

“I don’t like them,” she tells her questioners, “but I respect them.”



Start your degree at Medicine Hat College

By the Medicine Hat College

Dr. Nicoelle Wanner has been going to Medicine Hat College (MHC) for as long as she can remember.

She recalls following big footprints through the hallways when she attended early learning programs as a child, singing with the MHC Girls’ Choir as a teen, and studying in the cafeteria for high school finals. More recently, she goes to the college to work as one of the physicians in the campus medical clinic.

“Medicine Hat College has always been here for me,” says Wanner.

When the time came to start her post-secondary education, the decision was a no brainer.

“I could have moved away to another city or another university, but that was never really high on my priority list. I knew that I could get a very good educa-

tion here with the added logical benefits of cost saving and smaller class sizes,” she explains.

“The college gave me the education and training I needed, in the environment that I needed during that time in my life. I never had to sacrifice anything by staying here.”

After completing two years of university transfer science courses, she went on to finish a Bachelor of Science at the University of Calgary. It was there she had her first real ‘a-ha’ moment about what made a MHC education so special.

“I was sitting in my first big lecture hall with four hundred students and thinking ‘Oh my God, what is happening?’ because that was not what I was used to. At MHC, you just had so much more one-on-one time with your instructors which improved the education

for sure, but quite frankly it improved the fun.”

In addition to the solid education she received at MHC, she also had the opportunity to connect with people and develop relationships – skills that have served her well in her career.

Wanner finished her medical degree at the University of Alberta and returned to Medicine Hat for her residency. With strong roots in the community, she established her medical practice, started her family and began building the life she wanted to have. After 13 years, the busy mom of three closed her practice and moved to the MHC campus clinic, allowing her more time for family activities and non-clinical initiatives.

“The thing I love most about my job is the opportunities it’s given me. My training has allowed me to create the job that I want and give me that independence to really tailor my work,” says Wanner, who is also involved with improving pediatric mental health services in Medicine Hat.

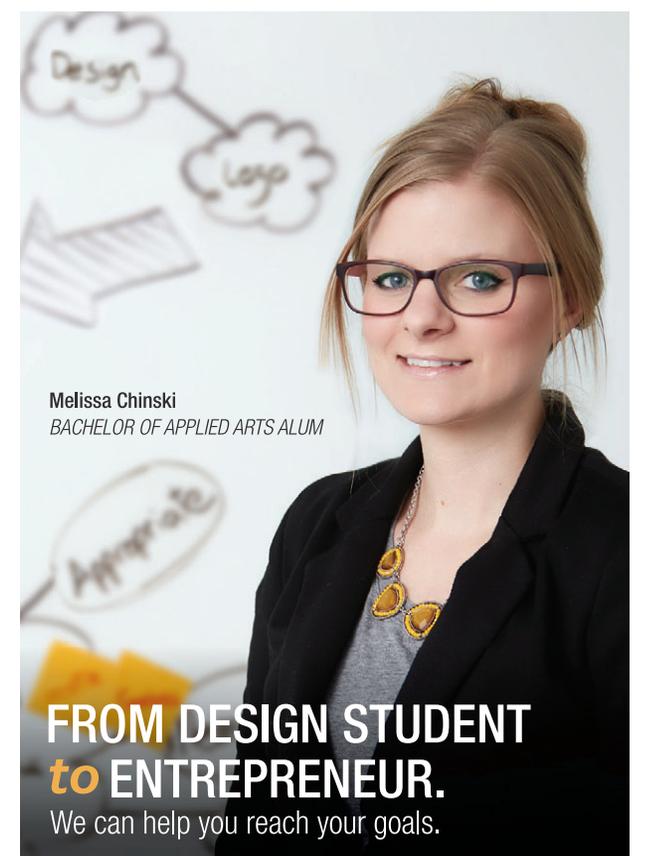
Being back at MHC, Wanner says she has come full circle. “In a way, I see myself in so many of the students that come to see me. I know they just want to get to where they’re going, but I want to tell them to sit back and take their time. Enjoy the ride - you’re going to get there eventually if that’s where you’re meant to be.”

Learn more about the programs that MHC offers at www.mhc.ab.ca/ProgramsandCourses.



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A Guide to Post-Secondary Education

Saskatchewan Polytechnic launches Bachelor of Applied Management program

By Saskatchewan Polytechnic

Starting in 2020, graduates with a non-business diploma or journeyman certification can enroll in the Bachelor of Applied Management program at Saskatchewan Polytechnic and earn a bachelor's degree in just two years. The program is unique in Saskatchewan and was developed to assist non-business graduates gain necessary skills to move up in the workforce.

This is the third stand-alone degree developed by Sask Polytech in direct response to labour market demand. "Sask Polytech graduates are driving the economic engine of this province," says Dr. Larry Rosia, president and CEO. "Diploma graduates and journeymen applying for this baccalaureate program will bring their knowledge and prior work experience to their studies, will have the

opportunity to put into practice what they've learned, and will bring their new leadership and management skills to their future workplaces." Building on their technical expertise and work experience, students in the Bachelor of Applied Management program will develop administration and leadership skills for management positions. The program provides theoretical knowledge and technical training

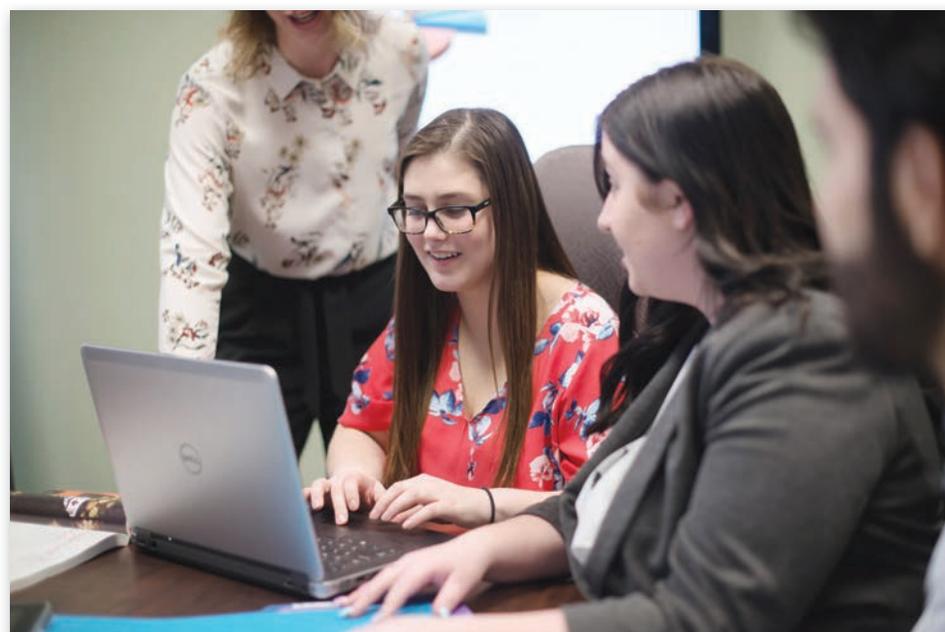


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through applied learning opportunities. Students will receive hands-on, flexible learning that makes it easier to obtain a degree while working.

"Bachelor of Applied Management graduates will receive applied learning and skill development in the areas of strategic management, leadership and business," says Dr. Has Malik, provost and vice-president, Academic. "The Bachelor of Applied Management program provides a unique, new pathway for journeymen and other professionals to earn a degree."

This program will be of great interest to students who are mid-career professionals in various trades, engineering, and computer technologies roles, as well as those who are in the health and biological sciences, human services and other sectors.

Students can look forward to building knowledge and skills in a wide range of leadership and management areas

including accounting, human resources, communications, change management, marketing, finance, risk management and business analytics. Experiential learning will include simulations, case studies and collaborative projects with industry.

The Bachelor of Applied Management will begin in September 2020, with required bridging courses for journeymen launching in January 2020. Admission requirements include completion of a two-year, non-business diploma or completion of a journeyman

certificate issued by the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission or interprovincial equivalent. Students can apply for the program online at saskpolytech.ca/bamgtdegree.

Through flexible, hands-on learning, students taking the Bachelor of Applied Management at Saskatchewan Polytechnic are able to work and earn their degree simultaneously. With the unique combination of education and experience, graduates will be well positioned for career advancement in management and leadership roles.

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A Guide to Post-Secondary Education

MHC takes you from classroom to career

By the Medicine Hat College

From roads and buildings to machines and robotics, the Built Environment Engineering Technology (BEET) program at Medicine Hat College (MHC) gives students skills in drafting, engineering and design to create the products and places that move our world forward.

BEET focuses on the core disciplines of the built environment; mechanical, civil, and building. Students in the program learn to research, plan, design, construct and test with considerations for the relationship between the built environment and the natural environment.

Meet Cody Evjen, a Computer Aided Drafting and Design

(now known as BEET) grad for some insight on where the BEET program can take you:

Q: Can you explain what a "day in the life" looks like for you in your occupation?

As the technical documentation supervisor at QinetiQ Target Systems a typical day consists of me working with the technical document staff (technical illustrators, engineering designers and our technical writer) to review drawings and assist with designs. I also do designs of my own, and create technical drawings/publications.

I set aside processes and ensure that those are followed and work closely with the director of engineering in terms of budgeting, estimations, level

of efforts and identifying our expertise and skill areas.

Q: How did your education at MHC help you in your career?

The education I received at MHC helped me build the foundation I needed to be able to branch out into a variety of career paths. From there, once I decided the direction I wanted to pursue, I could build on that foundation.

Q: What path has your career taken since you attended college?

As part of the diploma course I had a two week practicum at QinetiQ and about half way through they offered me a summer position. I worked the summer as a student and from there I was given a full time contract working as a

technical illustrator. After four years, I was promoted to engineering, design and drafting technologist. I became a certified engineering technologist through the Association of Science and Engineering Technology, and from here I was promoted to lead. A couple years later, I got my current role. I have continued to further my education and received the project management professional certification through the Project Management Institute.

Q: What are your future aspirations?

My future aspiration is to get my professional engineering license through the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta

(APEGA). With this I would be a mechanical engineer, with a more defined scope under that specialty.

Q: What do you feel makes the BEET program at MHC special?

You are able to establish a good foundation and understanding in all of the disciplines (i.e. civil and mechanical engineering as well as building design technology) which enables you to pursue a variety of career paths.

If you are creative and curious, with a clear understanding of computers, mathematics, and physics, the BEET program at MHC may be the right fit for you.

Learn more about the program at www.mhc.ab.ca/ProgramsandCourses.

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*Ida Stene*

STENE – Ida
1946 - 2020

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Ida Mary Stene, late of Shellbrook, announce her peaceful passing on January 12, 2020, in the Shellbrook Hospital at the age of 73 years.

Ida was born at her home near Debden on October 16, 1946, where she grew up with her 3 sisters and 5 brothers.

In her late teens she moved to Shellbrook where she met her husband Garney, who she was married to for 53 years. They purchased an acreage in 1975 and there they raised their two children Blaine and Marlene. Around the same time, they bought Stene Transport and ran that for most of their life.

Ida worked at various places in Shellbrook over the years, the last two being the Shop Rite and the Golf Course. She retired and enjoyed being at home to watch tv, listen to music and have many visits with all her family. Ida loved to watch sports and played many over the years such as softball, bowling, and curling.

Ida was a loving wife,

mother and grandmother who will be deeply missed by everyone.

Ida is lovingly survived by her husband, Garney Stene; her children, Blaine (Michelle) Stene and their children, Randy, Kelli and Brandon; Marlene Dahl (Shawn) and their children, Jared and Braeden; her siblings, Lillian (Orville) Hinson; Ann (Richard) Bezdiety; Marcel (Ann) Arcand; Simone (Emil) Handfield; and Fred (Karen) Arcand; and her sister-in-law Margaret Roode; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives. Ida was predeceased by, her father, Dumas Arcand; her mother Bella Arcand; her brothers Bruno Arcand, Edward Arcand, and Frank Arcand; her parents-in-law, Victor and Agnes

Stene; her brothers-in-law Warner Stene and Mervin Roode; and her sister-in-law Linda Stene.

There will be a private family service held at a later date. In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Ida to either the Shellbrook & Districts Health Services Foundation or to the Shellbrook Hidden Hills Golf Club or to Lung Association of Saskatchewan.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Tammy Smart, Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK (306-747-2828).

Betty Ann Waterhouse

WATERHOUSE – Betty Ann

Betty Ann was born April 28, 1939 to Helma and James Rhodes Waterhouse. Her given name was MaryAnn Elizabeth Elenor Waterhouse but to most of us she was just Betty Ann. Betty Ann worked at McCaskills Store and someone once told me she knew people by their shoes because she was too shy to look them in the face. She worked in the grocery part of the store as well as the post office. When McCaskills closed the store, she was able to move to Post office down the street where she served this community for 40 years. Betty Ann never married and had no children, but she had plenty of cousins to spoil.

In the early years Helma and Betty Ann would go to Parkside General Store every Saturday and when Helma could not go anymore it was Elva, Lily and Betty Ann. In the winter Betty Ann would pull her 6-foot toboggan and on the way back they would always stop at one of their houses for tea and cookies. Betty Ann moved into the Parkside Senior Housing in 2004. Many trips were made to value village with items that would not fit in her new place. With all of these trips to value village came lunch at Betty Ann's favorite restaurant, Smitty's and Asian Lee. Then back to

Betty Ann's for a cup of French Vanilla Café, which she enjoyed a lot.

She lived all her years in Parkside until she fell ill in Jan. 2017, when she was placed in long term care. She spent 4 months in Spiritwood and then in June of the same year she was moved to Shellbrook. Most of the time she said she was happy but occasionally she would ask to go home, we told her as soon as she was feeling better, she could and she was happy with that. Even as late as September of last year a list of things to buy at David's store was found. Pickles was at the top of the list she loved her pickles.

Betty Ann always enjoyed spending time with her extended family whether it was doing crafts, playing the piano, or picking berries. Betty Ann's family are very grateful for the care that she received at PIHC Long Term Care during her years there.

Betty Ann is lovingly remembered by her first cousins Beulah Nolan, Irene Martin, Gordon (Janet) Olsvik, Dwayne (Shirley) Schutte, Lyle (Andrea) Schutte, Byron Waterhouse, Kaye Kowalchuk, and Tom Waterhouse. Her special friend and caregiver Gwen Waterhouse. Numerous relatives and close friends.

Betty Ann is predeceased by her parents, James and Helma (Schutte) Waterhouse; her maternal grandparents, Oscar and Elizabeth Schutte; her paternal grandparents, James Rhodes and Mary Ann Waterhouse.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home. (306)747-2828

IN MEMORY OF

*Larry LaPlante*

Larry came into our lives about 14 years ago. From day one he stood beside our grandmother (Louise Viden-Laplante of Shellbrook, SK.) and all of our family. Many of us spent a lot of time with both Larry and Grandma separate and together. He was very fond of so many but truly touched each and everyone of us in different but special ways.

Larry taught me (Chel-

sea McPhee) grand daughter to Louise, how to hunt including skinning deer and moose. Being that he was such an avid hunter and outdoors man, often that is how time was spent with us grandchildren, hunting, camping, fishing, quadding, and being outdoorsy.

Larry and Grandma travelled to Jamaica, Mexico, Vancouver Island, and various places making cherished memories a long the way that our family will hold in our hearts forever.

Once my mother (Holly McPhee), tried to explain to her grand daughter Maddyx McPhee that Larry wasn't our biological grandfather and Maddyx replied "Grandma, he is my real Grandpa and he's the only great Grandpa I will ever know!"

All 9 of Louise's grandchildren were present at Larry's funeral service on December 6, 2019 in Big River, SK. Tianna (Matt) Brown of Saskatoon, SK, Chris (Josi) McPhee of Edmonton, AB, Tara (Ryan) Bunton of Martinsville, SK. Chelsea (Katelyn) McPhee of Devon, AB, Justin Jonason of Prince Albert, SK, Erica (Cody) Mailloux of Warman, SK, Mathew (Dominik) Towill of Edmonton, AB, Chad (Anna) Towill of La Ronge, SK, and Jena Mailloux Victoria, BC. Along with all of their own children.

We all loved Larry as our own Grandfather and he will always be Grandpa to us. We will love him forever and we will all miss him very dearly. He loved each and everyone one of us unconditionally. Larry loved our Grand-

mother, Louise and he certainly took care of her like no other. We are so thankful we got to have him be such a big part of our family.

We hope there are a few decks of cards in Heaven, Larry will be sure to kick everyone's butts up there, just as he did to all of us! We will always remember the delicious home made blueberry pancakes from scratch, kicking back and getting a foot rub. We all loved listening to Larry's stories about how he left school young, life in the bush, hunting, trucking, and of course the well placed dirty jokes!

We will always be and hope everyone who knew him will always be grateful for have known such a warm, caring, kind, and funny man. We love you Grandpa Larry and we will all miss you dearly Papa, until we meet again. Love all Louise's family, grand children and great grandchildren.

– On Behalf of Our Family (Louise Laplante)



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Depth gives Canada edge on ice over U.S.

There's a reason Canada is No. 1 when it comes to North American hockey.

Depth. The United States comes close to matching Canada when comparing the top six forwards, but it's the secondary lines and depth on defence that puts Canada into the driver's seat.

Last week, we put forth the hypothesis that a major international hockey tournament was approaching and 22-player teams from Canada and the U.S. had to be picked. Last week was Canada. This week it's the Americans' turn.

At centre, the U.S. with Auston Matthews and Jack Eichel compares favourably with Canada's best, Connor McDavid and Nathan MacKinnon. But the next two centres for the U.S. — J.T. Miller and rookie Jack Hughes — don't come close.

On the left side, the Americans could boast the quartet of Jake Guentzel, Max Pacioretty, Kyle Connor and

Johnny Gaudreau ... not bad, and equal or perhaps superior to the top four Canadians at that position (Marchand, Huberdeau, Peron, Hall).

On the right side, the U.S. would start with superstar Patrick Kane and then fall off to Brock Boeser, Blake Wheeler and Clayton Keller. (Canada's Scheifele, Stone, Marnier and Konecny is a far stronger group.)

Cracking the U.S. squad on defence would be John Carlson, Keith Yandle, Ryan Suter, Seth Jones, rookie Quinn Hughes, Tony DeAngelo and Jacob Trouba, leaving Torey Krug and Kevin Shattenkirk as spare parts.

The American team would be strong in goal, with Connor Hellebuyck, a Vezina Trophy contender this year, probably the No. 1 guy. Backing him up would be Ben Bishop and John Gibson.

These two fictitious North American squads would battle it out in a best-of-seven series with Canada



BRUCE PENTON

winning in five. Canada's four wins would come from talent, grit, depth and history. The U.S. gets its one victory from flag-waving enthusiasm.

• Ex-USC QB Carson Palmer, to the L.A. Times, on the condition of his 2002 Heisman Trophy: "The base of it is beat up. It looks like it's played in a game, like the Bengals' offensive line has pass-protected for it."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Not that football needs another rule or anything, but any player who goes nutso celebrating a first down, a touchdown or a turnover — when his team is trailing by

three or more scores — should get flagged 15 yards for stupidity."

• Tottenham coach Jose Mourinho, to reporters, after getting booked by referee Mike Dean during a 1-0 loss to Southampton: "I clearly deserved the yellow card, as I was rude. But I was rude to an idiot."

• Greg Cote of the Miami Herald: "The underperforming Cowboys finally fired coach Jason Garrett. Prominent among the possible replacements being interviewed: Mike McCarthy and Marvin Lewis. Good to see that Jerry Jones believes in recycling."

• Norman Chad of the Washington Post, on Twitter: "Eagles won final four games of regular season — against NFC East teams. That's like winning a 100-yard dash against a snail, a caterpillar and a fire hydrant."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "Iran launched 20 long-range missiles at two US bases but did not hit any key targets. We're call-

ing it Operation New York Knicks."

• Vancouver radio comedy guy Torben Rolfsen: "Sign your team is tanking: When your D gives up a touchdown and gets flagged for an excessive celebration penalty."

• Rolfsen again: "What a winter for agent Scott Boras. Every Christmas he celebrates the birthday of Curt Flood."

• You have to know your sports history to understand this crack from blogger Eric Stangel, on Twitter: "I mean, if the Expos can win the damn World Series, why couldn't the Oilers win the Super Bowl?"

• Stangel again: "Looking to fill the vacancy, I'm hearing Josh McDaniels is to meet with the royal family Tuesday."

• Dwight Perry again: "Casey DeSmith just coined a new hockey term: The stay-at-home goaltender. DeSmith, the netminder for the minor-league Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins, missed out on a call-up to join the parent Pittsburgh team in

Montreal because he misplaced his passport. You know what they say in puck circles: It pays to forecheck."

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com, on Jeanne Calment — who died at age 122 in 1997 — attributing her longevity to olive oil, port and 'regular smiling': "Oh, well; at least Bill Belichick can buy olive oil and port."

• Mike Hart of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, on the age discrepancy between Seahawks coach Pete Carroll (68) and the Packers' Matt LaFleur (40) on the eve of the teams' recent NFC playoff game: "It is quite possible that LaFleur's parents weren't even going steady when Carroll began coaching."

• Comedy writer Jim Barach, after West Virginia basketball coach Bob Huggins was fined \$10,000 for calling referees 'Three Blind Mice': "Unfortunately for him they weren't also deaf."

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Hockey Day: Skating Club dazzles with showcase

True to its name, Hockey Day in Shellbrook 2019 had plenty of hockey action for fans to take in over the weekend.

But during the event's opening night, it was the young and highly skilled skaters of the Shellbrook Skating Club who stole the spotlight by putting on a dazzling showcase that has become as much a part of the Hockey Day tradition as hockey itself.

Once again, Shellbrook Skating Club coach Tasje Sharron said she was extremely proud of her ladies, and felt that the showcase went great — and the reactions of the audience, as well as the skaters, say she's not wrong.

With this marking the fifth year that the club has participated in Hockey Day in Shellbrook, Sharron still feels that continuing to participate in Hockey Day in Shellbrook is important, because it's an opportunity to highlight the talent and value that another group of rink users brings to the facility.

Of course, it also never hurts to give the skaters an added chance to perform in front of an audience, especially when the StarSkaters have a competition coming up.

"We've been fine tuning the StarSkaters' programs as they've been working at them everyday we are on the ice, because of our regional competition coming up this weekend in Carrot River," Sharron said.

"Our goal was for the girls to connect with the audience when they did their solos."

In addition to solo routines performed by five StarSkaters, including Julia Shindle, Erika Stene, Jessica Sharron, Allison Lamotte, and Tegan Naumann, Junior StarSkaters Bella Ledding, Kayla Klaassen, and Anya Linn also got to showcase their spin spiral jump routines.

These, too, were warmly received by the audience.

Closing out the showcase, the Star-



StarSkaters Erika Stene, Tegan Naumann, Emmalynn LaMotte, Jessica Sharron, Allison LaMotte, and Julia Shindle entertained the crowd with an exciting group number, choreographed by Michelle Fortin.

Skaters returned to the ice for a group number, which was choreographed by Michelle Fortin and inspired by the music of *The Greatest Showman*.

"The group number, as usual, was a hit with the audience," Sharron said. "The girls really enjoy working at having that put together."

Confidence key when hitting the roads this winter

(NC) Whether we like it or not, the cold weather is here, which likely means overeating during the holidays, bundling up and, inevitably, harsher winter road conditions. To ensure you make the best of the season's extreme and unpredictable road conditions, here we distinguish fact from fic-

tion when it comes to the biggest winter driving myths.

First and foremost, it's essential to equip your car with four high-quality winter tires. Contrary to common belief, all-season tires are not up to handling severe winter conditions of heavy ice or snow. Once the temperature consistently approaches freezing, winter tires are encouraged in all provinces in Canada and mandatory in Quebec by Dec. 1.

"Third-party testing for snow braking showed that a Michelin winter tire stops on average 35 per cent shorter than the average of several of our all-season tires," says Farell Scott, technical marketing manager at Michelin. "The rubber compound found in some of our winter tires like the X-ICE Xi3

provide the added grip, traction and flexibility needed when it comes to tackling snow and ice."

Another common myth is that four-wheel-drive vehicles are safer, which is incorrect. Four-wheel-drive does provide optimized power transmission delivery, but minimal assistance in transverse handling and braking situations. With winter tires, you can feel optimized levels of traction during all maneuvers including ac-

celeration, braking, and handling.

While winter tires are built with safety in mind, drivers must also prepare for the unexpected by getting ahead of seasonal road changes, making sure winter tires are in perfect condition and ensuring never to mix new and used tires with varying wear and tread depth, which can significantly impact the stability and performance of both tires and vehicle.

The Shellbrook Museum's mystery artifact of the month



The Shellbrook Museum's mystery artifact of the month is back for 2020, and this item looks to be another doozy (unfortunately, the museum forgot who the donor was, but is asking that he/she come forward to receive credit).

Measuring about 15 cms in length, the artifact is entirely cast iron. It seems to have one flat edge, a handle or lever, and a small wheel. What purpose each mechanism

serves is a true mystery.

Think you can solve the riddle of this artifact? If so, drop by the Shellbrook Library, where the item is being displayed, and submit your guess for your chance to win a book from the Library's deposits.

For December, no one was able to guess that the item was a grape seeder. Cianna Drapeau had the most unique guess of a tractor part.

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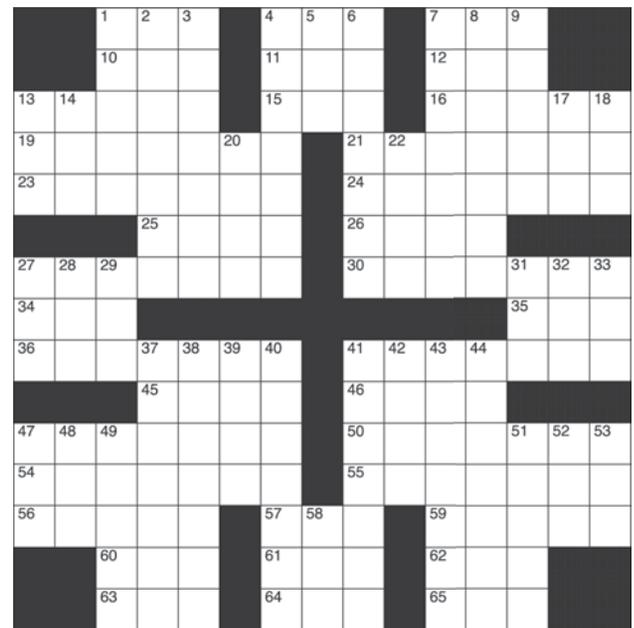
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Public broadcaster
4. Hit lightly
7. Keyboard key
10. Grain
11. Make a mistake
12. To the ___ degree
13. Endure without complaint
15. Chinese-American actress Ling
16. Edible stomach lining
19. Sunrooms
21. Feared
23. Most eager
24. Excessive chatting session
25. MLB ace
26. Major Central European river
27. Muscular weaknesses
30. Where seedlings germinate
34. Former monetary unit of the EU
35. Personal ads abbreviation
36. Mythical animal
41. Members of Orthodox Jewish sect
45. German city
46. Algerian coastal city

CLUES DOWN

1. English seaport
2. What's owed
3. Sound systems
4. Elections feature them
5. Southern constellation
6. London and Brooklyn are two
7. One-time Ugandan capital
8. Attacked with bombs
9. Rebuke
13. Expression of disappointment
14. A way to work the soil
17. The human foot
18. Sun up in New York



47. Military men
50. Salt of sulfuric acid
54. Rhododendrons
55. Mixture
56. Recommended quantities
57. OOT's creator
59. Men
60. Kids need it
61. Midway between east and east-northeast
62. OJ trial judge
63. Yes vote
64. USDA branch that manages the FCIC
65. Create with cloth

20. A small island
22. Abnormal rattling sound
27. Make lively
28. A team's best pitcher
29. It goes on the floor
31. Not good
32. Peyton's little brother
33. Barrier that holds back water
37. Move quickly
38. Deteriorate with age
39. Colorless crystalline compound
40. Cheekier
41. Expresses praise or joy
42. Famed boxing promoter
43. Cured sausages
44. Fill with air or gas
47. Angry
48. Chemistry prefix
49. Practitioner of Jamaican religion
51. Softly bright or radiant
52. Buffer solution used to separate nucleic acid
53. First responder group
58. Defensive nuclear weapon

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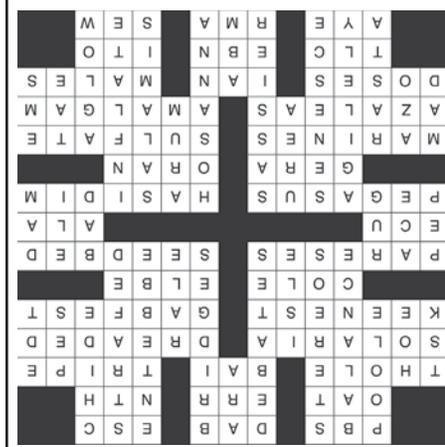
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The dirt on soil (Part I)

By Sara Williams

Although generally considered a dry topic, understanding our soil is essential to good gardening. A relatively thin crust on the earth's surface, soil is the medium in which our plants grow. Soil water is used for their biochemical reactions and cooling system. It allows them to stand erect and provides the nutrients they need for growth. As well, soil is a habitat

for the microorganisms that determine nutrient availability.

It looks and often feels solid, but only 45 to 50% of a healthy soil is made of solid materials – rock particles broken down into very small pieces by wind, water and other forces. The remainder is pore space that is filled with some proportion of air and water. The air provides essential oxygen – needed by all plant cells including

those in the roots. When soils are water-logged or poorly drained, these cells lack oxygen and plants often die.

About 5% of our soils is composed of organic matter – material that was or is alive. In the Canadian prairies, this is usually decayed vegetation originating from the roots of the perennial grasses that once dominated the landscape. It also consists of the millions of microor-

ganisms some of which are essential to plant health. As gardeners, we can augment the organic matter in our soils with compost, well-rotted manure, alfalfa pellets or peat moss. Organic matter prevents compaction by maintaining the pore structure (the space between the solid particles) of the soil, improves its workability or tilth, and allows it to absorb and hold water and nutrients.



Heavy clay soil. Photo credit: Sara Williams

Soil Texture

Soil texture is the relative proportion of sand, silt and clay that make up the solid mineral portion of soil. The ideal soil is a loam – one in which there are equal proportions of sand, silt and clay. The term “loam” has nothing to do with organic matter. It refers to the particle size of the solid portion of the soil.

Sand has the largest particles (0.05 to 2.0 mm in diameter). They are visible to the naked eye and feel gritty when wetted. Sandy soil has a low moisture and nutrient holding capacity, which means you'll have to water and fertilize it more often, and it's more vulnerable to wind and water erosion.

On the positive side, it's well drained and warms up quickly in the spring.

Silt particles are irregular in shape, intermediate in size (0.002 to 0.05 mm in diameter), visible only under a microscope, and feel smooth and slippery once wetted.

Clay has the smallest particle size (less than 0.002 mm in diameter), visible only under an electron microscope. It feels sticky when wetted. Clay soils are slow to warm up in the spring, often poorly drained, and can be difficult to work: gummy if too wet and like concrete if too dry. They expand and contract with

alternate freezing and thawing, sometimes causing root damage or pushing plants out of the soil. But they do have advantages: they hold large amounts of water and nutrients so will need irrigation and fertilizer less often.

If your soil is predominantly sand, add generous amounts of organic material. If it is predominantly clay, add equal volumes of coarse sand and organic material. Adding sand alone to clay will result in a soil much like concrete.

Always thoroughly incorporate amendments into the existing soil. A gradation of organic matter should exist from the soil surface to the subsoil below. Layering will impede both water percolation and root penetration, leading to shallow root development.

Next: Improving Soils!

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In short, Bill 194 removes the requirement for city, town and rural municipalities to provide 'public notice' of valuable information that affects our daily lives, in exchange for 'public access' to that information.

It gives local government the option to post information only on its own website rather than using independent media to inform citizens of its actions.

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