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## Kinsmen, Kinettes say thanks with Day of KINdness



Members of the Shellbrook Kinettes and Shellbrook Kinsmen braved bitterly cold conditions to host this year's Day of KINdness, which coincided with the 100th anniversary of Kin Canada and Kin Canada Week (Feb. 16 to 22).

It seems Old Man Winter has it out for the Shellbrook Kinettes and Shellbrook Kinsmen.

For the past three years, the clubs have come together on Family Day to celebrate National Day of KINdness, and to give back to the community that supports them.

"The day is to thank everyone for all they do to help our group and our fundraisers be successful," said Kinette Tasha Cyr. "Without that, we would not be able to accomplish all we do."

Unfortunately for the two community clubs, last year's Day of KINdness coincided with a cold spell that saw the mercury dip to about -30 degrees.

This year's Day of KINdness, held at

the Kinsmen outdoor rink on Monday, Feb. 17 to coincide with Kin Canada's 100th anniversary and Kin Canada Week (Feb. 16 to 22), brought more of the same, and a bitter wind, to boot.

Still, the Kinsmen and Kinettes persevered, kicking the morning off with O'Canada, sung by Jade Keyowski, and a flag raising ceremony at W.P. Sandin High School.

Once that was done, Shellbrook Mayor George Tomporowski brought special greetings on behalf of the town, recognizing the legacy of the Kinettes and Kinsmen in the community.

"Serving the community's greatest needs is the motto of the Kinsmen and Kinettes," he said. "They've certainly

been an example of that in our community, if you look at what's happened over the long life and relationship of the community and the Kinsmen and Kinettes."

"Things like our pool, where lots of us have learned to swim, or had our children learn to swim," he added as an example. "And not only our community, but our regional community has benefitted from that."

After Tomporowski wished both clubs the best in the next 100 years to come, all in attendance spent much of the first hour of the Day of KINdness huddled around the bonfire, or warming up, with hot chocolate, hot dogs, and cake, in front of the heater that had been set up inside the Skate Shack.

With Old Man Winter showing no signs of relenting, it was looking like it was going to be a long, cold and lonely three hours for the Kinsmen and Kinettes. But as morning gave way to afternoon, people decided to brave the weather.

"We had a dozen or so kids out there skating in the afternoon," said Cyr. "I'm glad a few families came out."

Though all discussions were informal — and brought on by the cold — there was much discussion about moving next year's Day of KINdness to the Shellbrook Recreation Centre, or hosting it in the summer and offering a free day of swimming instead.

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# Kinsmen, Kinettes say thanks with Day of KINdness



Those who came out for Day of KINdness spent a good chunk of the morning huddled around the roaring bonfire.



Just when it looked like it was going to be a long, cold, lonely day for the Kinsmen and Kinettes, a few kids showed up to skate and play shinny.

## Shellbrook woman sentenced in death of common law partner

By Nigel Maxwell  
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A woman who stabbed and killed her common law partner during a heated argument has received an eight year prison sentence.

Danielle Lidguerre, 34, pleaded guilty to a charge of manslaughter in the death of Lindsay Voyer, 33, in June, 2018. The incident happened at a residence in Shellbrook, where the couple lived with their two young daughters.

According to the statements of facts read in court Tuesday by Crown Prosecutor Elizabeth Addabor, Lidguerre had initially told police two masked men had come barging into the house, and had stabbed

Voyer after stealing his wallet. Lidguerre had also been the one who placed the initial 9-1-1 call, crying "hysterically" on the phone.

The wallet however was located by police on Voyer's "person" and the subsequent investigation revealed no signs of forced entry. The murder weapon, a kitchen knife, was later located in a neighbour's yard.

When confronted with the evidence the following month, Lidguerre confessed to stabbing Voyer once in the upper chest. The injury had penetrated the aorta resulting in a significant loss of blood.

Addabor stated the couple had a history of violence and substance abuse. At

the time of the incident, the couple was discussing separation and were arguing over the custody of their children.

Defence lawyer Robert Rooney said there were "no winners in this case", explaining the young girls had lost both their father and their mother as a result of the incident. On behalf of his client, Rooney also expressed she felt great remorse for what happened, and wished she could turn back the clock.

When asked by Madam Justice N.D. Crooks if she had anything to say, Lidguerre quietly replied "no." Throughout the proceedings Lidguerre sat slumped over in the prisoner's box, not once looking back at her own family, or the multiple

members of the Voyer family who occupied the last two rows of the gallery.

Lindsay Voyer's "Auntie Bev" spoke on behalf of her family and read three separate emotional statements, including one written by the parents. She read the family was fully aware of the couples' struggles, adding she had personally watched the young girls suffer from the stress in the home.

"Those little babies deserved to live in a home that was free of fighting and drinking. You would leave for days and days and we would cross our fingers and hope you didn't come back," she read.

"Auntie Bev" then looked directly at Lidguerre and said the family could never

forgive her for what she had done, adding no sentence could ever bring the family father back.

"They will never know the feeling of their daddy's hand in theirs, they will not be able to laugh and play within their daddy, they will always have to live with the fact that their mom killed their dad," she said.

Prior to rendering her decision, Madam Justice Crooks requested a 30 minute adjournment to review the case. When she returned, she explained after careful consideration she had decided to accept the joint submission but reiterated the defence's earlier statements regarding the tragedy of the case.

"There is nothing that will help with the damage and the trauma that this offence

has caused," she said, citing the numerous people affected by the case. "Miss Lidguerre that is your legacy"

While Lidguerre received an eight year sentence, she was given credit for the 566 days spent in remand which totalled 849 days with enhanced credit (1.5). Lidguerre must also abide by a 10 year weapons prohibition.

Earlier in the hearing, as part of the joint submission, the defence requested Lidguerre be allowed to spend part of her sentence at a healing lodge so she could access treatment programs for her addictions issues. Justice Crooks said she would make the recommendation as part of her final report.

"Your sobriety is key in your rehabilitation," she said.

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# Shellbrook ratepayers to see utility bill increase

Shellbrook residents will be paying more for water, sewer, garbage, and recycling services starting this month, following a rate increase by the town.

As per a public notice issued by the town on Tuesday, Feb. 11, the base water service fee for in-town residents will climb to \$35.82 per month from \$35.12.

The additional consumption rate, which applies to any usage beyond a ratepayer's monthly allotment, is now \$0.125 per 100 gallons.

For rural residents, the base monthly service fee is rising to \$46.56, with an additional consumption rate of \$0.162 per 100 gallons (due to the Family Day holiday, the Chronicle was unable to confirm what the rural rates were prior to the increase).

On the sewer side, in-town residents will see their monthly service fees increased \$27.06 per month from \$25.78.

The additional consumption rate is \$0.09 cents per 100 gallons.

For rural residents, the service fee is climbing to \$35.17 per month, with an additional consumption rate of \$0.11 per 100 gallons.

Though still relatively new to municipal utility bills, the infrastructure charges are also being hiked.

In-town residents will now pay \$22.49 per month compared to \$21.42, while rural residents will pay \$29.23 per month.

Lastly, the charges for garbage and recycling bins are increasing to \$15 and \$7 per month, respectively.

Ratepayers currently pay \$13.20 and \$5.50 for these services.

Assuming ratepayers don't exceed their monthly water or sewer consumption rates, they'll now be paying a base utility bill of \$107.37 per month, compared to \$101.02.

The utility bill increases are laid out in the Town of Shellbrook's Water Bylaw, which was passed in 2019 and calls for rate increases to continue each year until 2023.

When the *Chronicle* spoke to Town of Shellbrook chief administrator Kelly Hoare and Mayor George Tomporowski last September, they explained that changes were being implemented to billing because the town has to make some major upgrades to its water treatment plant to meet shifting provincial regulations.

The town now collects about \$70,000 per year in infrastructure fees for water and sewer, and Hoare says that the town's goal is to put the money in reserves for any future capital projects (assuming, of course, that it doesn't face any major catastrophes).

That \$70,000 is a far cry from the \$5 per property that the town once collected every two months, and farther, still, from the period of time in which the town collected

nothing to cover the costs of water and sewer infrastructure.

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

"A lot of that infrastructure went in late 50s or early 60s, with no thought given to 40 or 50 years down the road when it's worn out and you need to do something," he said. "So, we get to that point and it's like, 'Oh my god, now we've got to fix this stuff.'"

Of course, fixes these days don't come cheap, and with seemingly ever-changing water and sewer regulations, it's getting harder every year for municipalities to keep up.

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

For starters, the town will need to increase its storage capacity, so that it has an adequate water supply in case of a disaster.

It's also anticipating that it will have to switch to the preferred method of gas chlorination, and install a third greensand filter at the water treatment plant – an addition to the plant that has long been on the town's to do list, but always beyond its finan-

cial means.

"Right now, we have two, and we're pretty much at capacity in terms of what we need to produce on a daily basis," Tomporowski said, noting that a third filter will provide continuity to the water supply in case of emergency.

The changes the town will be required to make, Tomporowski explains, have been priced at about \$4.5 million to \$5 million.

The town's hope, however, is that it will be able to leverage the same funding model that it used for the wastewater treatment plant, and split the costs three ways with the provincial and federal governments, or, at the very least, receive some grant funding.

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

Hoare and Tomporowski say that the town is also eye-

ing a \$1.5 million expenditure to switch to a blended reverse osmosis system, which will hopefully reduce the hardness of the town's water and prevent folks from having to replace taps and hot water heaters every five years or so.

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

"While we could continue to deliver the same quality

of water for the \$5 million, council is of the opinion the reverse osmosis option is also a required upgrade."

Though the town now seems set on switching to a blended reverse osmosis system, council also did look into the idea of having its supply piped in from Prince Albert.

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



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## Public Notice

February 11, 2020

As per Bylaw 2019-04 our utility bills will be increasing with the February 2020 billing as follows:

Water service fee (town residents) - \$35.82/month + consumption @ \$0.125/100 gallons

Water service fee (rural residents) - \$46.56/month + consumption @ \$0.162/100 gallons

Sewer service fee (town residents) = \$27.06/month + consumption @ \$.09/100 gallons of water consumption

Sewer service fee (rural residents) - \$35.17/month + consumption @ \$0.11/100 gallons of water consumption

Infrastructure Fees (town residents) - \$22.49/month

Infrastructure Fees (rural residents) - \$29.23/month

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Kelly Hoare

Chief Administrative Officer

## Will Trudeau's plastic ban pass the good policy test?

When it comes to government, particularly the current federal government of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, the wisest of Canadians have learned not to expect too much.

However, generally speaking, there are two things that all of us would like to see from any government of any level: good policies and good intentions.

The policy part comes first, of course, because we're all familiar with an old saying about good intentions, and we know that very few politicians get into politics to do bad things that will get them kicked out of office. But good intentions do still matter from a government, even if they aren't the most important thing.

The trouble, these days, is that we tend to see a whole lot of good intentions from our elected leaders. And yet, for all these good intentions, there's a startling dearth of good policy decisions being made.

Case in point, Mr. Trudeau's pledge to ban harmful single-use plastics by as early as 2021.

Following the lead of European Union, which is forcing all member states to outlaw single-use plastic cutlery, straws, stir-sticks and cotton swabs by 2021, Mr. Trudeau announced his government's intention to enact a similar policy last summer.

There are undoubtedly some who will snigger at the idea that we can save the environment by trading in our plastic grocery bags for reusable ones, or by ditching plastic straws and forks.



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Ending our dependence on disposable plastics may seem, on the surface, like a small thing in the grand scheme of environmental protection. But even a small gesture, if made by enough people, can add up to a big difference.

Consider, for instance, the damning statistic that less than 10 per cent of plastic used in Canada gets recycled, and that Canadians are on pace to throw away an estimated \$11 billion worth of plastic materials each year by 2030.

Now, imagine how our world will look if we continue to tacitly

accept the culture of the disposable.

None of us wants to live on a landfill. But that is the world that each of us is leaving behind for future generations, and this reality is made all the more upsetting by the fact that it could easily be avoided with a few lifestyle changes that are neither inconvenient or especially costly.

In short, no one can say that the Trudeau government's proposed single-use plastics ban isn't filled with good intentions.

But is it actually good policy?

Well, we're now eight months on from the announcement, and just over ten months away from 2021, and Mr. Trudeau's government has yet to unveil any details about which single-use plastics will fall under the purview of the ban, so that makes it hard to say.

But there are some who will lambast the policy as useless feel-good drivel, despite not knowing any of its finer details, just because Canada isn't the worst offender when



it comes to plastic pollution. And why should we take action, when others are not?

If the argument sounds familiar, it's because it's the exact same argument used to decry any action taken to combat climate change. It's tired, and old, and beneath Canadians, who are fortunate enough to be in a position to be global leaders for good, if they so choose.

That said, a study of Mr. Trudeau's proposed plastic ban, undertaken by political management students from Carleton University, does poke some holes in the feasibility of the policy. And if a policy isn't feasible, then it can't exactly be called good.

The students spent three weeks examining the policy from every angle, and concluded that it will be a tall order to implement it by 2021, and that a single blanket policy won't be adequate to deal with the complexities of transitioning away from single-use plastics.

For starters, the ban will have a disproportionate impact on small, isolated communities and Indigenous communities, where access to a wide range of affordable goods is limited, as well as on the homeless.

On the market and economic side, 2021 is a tight turnaround for companies to revamp their entire production lines and processes, especially when there won't necessarily be adequate consumer demand.

Most importantly, Mr. Trudeau's government needs to figure out what will be done to mitigate any job losses caused by the ban.

Then, of course, there are regulatory questions, like how will the government stop consumers from turning to Amazon to purchase cheap plastic garbage?

They're tough questions to answer by 2021.

If Mr. Trudeau is serious about creating good policy, his government needs to get to work.

## Gormley: Coop Refinery labour challenges the rule of law

Even though the premier was commenting on illegal pipeline protests this week that blocked Canadian railways, ports and even a Legislature, the parallel to the Regina Co-op Refinery ("CCRL") labour dispute is undeniable.

Over 700 refinery employees, members of Unifor, gave notice in early December that they were going on strike. As the law permits, the company locked them out.

Unlike public sector strikes involving taxpayers' money and often essential services, most of us don't have a dog in the hunt when a private dispute breaks out between an oil refinery and its staff. Pay, benefits, pensions, working conditions and the number of union jobs in play are not our concern.

Labour law is clear on the rights of picketers. They can communi-

cate their position to the public -- which might involve briefly detaining vehicles and pedestrians -- but they cannot obstruct access to people and property or prevent an employer from protecting or operating its business.

Just days after the dispute began, Queens Bench Justice McMurtry found that the union's picketing "was unlawful as the apparent purpose of some of the picketing was not to disseminate information to the public, or to solicit support of the public, but to intimidate replacement workers and others from entering CCRL facilities."

She issued an order that the union could not block access to the refinery but could briefly delay trucks trying to enter and leave. The Justice also noted -- quite presciently (and incorrectly as it turned out) -- "that, in any event,

the police are responsible for enforcing breaches of the criminal law."

A few weeks later, Queens Bench Justice Keene found seven deliberate violations by the union of the court order -- during five days in December -- and fined Unifor \$100,000 for contempt of court.

All of this happened before Unifor set up barricades around some Co-op gasbars, cardlocks, even a home center and other properties. Then, between January 20th and February 7th, the union completely shut down access to the refinery by erecting barricades of fencing, vehicles, trailers and trash, along with hundreds of Unifor activists shipped in from around the country.

Beyond some arrests the night of the refinery barricading, the Regina Police Service publicly re-

fused to remove the barricades, enforce either the criminal laws of mischief or Justice McMurtry's court order, which the police chief repeatedly called "a civil matter".

From a huge economic hit on innocent fuel truck drivers, to gas shortages and the world's worst public relations campaign, Unifor's 315,000 Canadian members have been no match for Western Canada's 2 million co-op members. The only thing that would have upped the ante on this clown circus would have been for Unifor to go after Gainer the Gopher.

For a third time, the Court intervened when Queens Bench Justice Robertson reviewed 24 affidavits detailing over 100 separate allegations of deliberate contempt of the court's earlier order and found that the original \$100,000 fine "had no apparent effect in restoring respect for the court's

authority". He levied a new contempt of court fine of \$250,000 and amended the original court order to permit the refinery to remove any obstructions, with the police "authorized to assist".

Federated Coop and Unifor will eventually negotiate an agreement; they'll now be assisted by the redoubtable Vince Ready as a special mediator. But the harm to this union's image will not be remedied so fast; nor will the reputational hit to the Regina police service be so easily cured, after the RPS refused, as the old British adage goes, to be a "servant of the law".

*John Gormley is a broadcaster, lawyer, author and former Progressive Conservative MP whose radio talk show is heard weekdays from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. on 650 CKOM Saskatoon and 980 CJME Regina*

## Report from the Legislature

Saskatchewan has seen steady job growth for 18 consecutive months – growth that shows our economy is resilient and providing opportunities in a province that continues to enjoy the longest and strongest sustained population growth since the 1920s.

Last year, my colleagues and I canvassed our constituents for ideas on how we can keep Saskatchewan moving in the right direction. In November, we officially unveiled Saskatchewan's Growth Plan for The Next Decade of Growth 2020-2030.

We've got work to do to ensure we have a strong economy to support strong communities and strong families, and that's the essence of our new plan which aims to



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create 100,000 jobs and grow our population to 1.4 million people.

The past decade provides plenty of examples of how a growing Saskatchewan is a strong Saskatchewan. Our population has grown by more than 170,000 people because our economy has grown with nearly

new 80,000 jobs and over \$180 billion in capital investment.

In spite of economic headwinds, there is momentum in our major and emerging industries. Production and exports continue to climb, increasing by more than 60 per cent, with Saskatchewan product shipping to more than 150 countries around the world. This growth has given us a greater ability to invest in our overall quality of life.

Our government has made the largest investment in infrastructure in the province's history – more than \$30 billion.

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lometres of road have been built or upgraded while major projects, like the Regina Bypass, have greatly improved public safety.

Hundreds of millions of dollars have been invested in water and waste water projects – treatment plants, lagoon expansions, reservoir expansions and lift stations. We have undertaken – collectively – the most significant upgrade of water and waste water infrastructure in the province's history, with more work to do.

We understand that significant capital investment is crucial to building strong communities. That is why in next month's budget, we will see one of the largest investments in provincial infrastructure in the his-

tory of our province. At the same time, we will also see Saskatchewan's largest investment in municipal infrastructure.

In the upcoming fiscal year, Saskatchewan municipalities will receive record revenue sharing. Overall funding under the municipal revenue sharing program will increase to a record of \$278 million – nearly an 11 per cent increase in 2020-21 from the current fiscal year, and almost a 119 per cent increase from the 2007-08 fiscal year.

Municipal revenue sharing has provided municipalities a stable and predictable source of provincial revenue and our government is proud to continue supporting key local priorities that help lay the foundation for a growing Saskatchewan.

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### There's more than one path forward

Dear Editor,

In the first week of February, the Saskatchewan Government announced they would create a committee to "review and assess the viability of pipeline projects in Saskatchewan, and possible government involvement in investing, stimulating, or generally advancing these projects."

In justifying this committee, Minister of Trade and Export, Jeremy Harrison said, "One of the things we've heard over and over again from proponents is the challenge of securing financing in the open market because of political risk." Harrison

cited federal legislation and challenges from left-wing activist groups as examples.

If financial institutions consider a pipeline too high a risk to invest in... then perhaps our tax dollars shouldn't be gambled on such an investment either.

Expansion of the Trans Mountain pipeline will double the capacity to move oil. The United States recently became a net exporter of oil and maybe a pipeline south is just pipe dream. Industry and governments worldwide are looking at alternate energy sources.

The prevailing attitude in the Sask Party is that the oil industry is the only path forward. It is clear that other viewpoints are considered "challenges" instead of opportunities.

Perhaps if the government brought those left-wing activist groups into the discussion, and perhaps if they offered similar investment and stimulation to advance some alternate energy initiatives, then we wouldn't need to worry about litigation or disruptive protests similar to protests sparked by the Wet'suwet'en situation.

Maybe at the end of the day, it's

just all about giving back to those who have filled the coffers of the Sask Party.

Down the road, the Sask Party will say the government should not own assets in the industry and sell off the public's investment for pennies on the dollar.

Jeremy Harrison, already seems to be laying the groundwork for this sale when he says, "It's not ideal that you would have to have governments directly involved in this fashion in energy infrastructure projects,...."

Evelyn Johnson,  
Spiritwood, Sask.

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# Shellbrook Seniors host Valentine's potluck, dance

Some danced with their lifelong sweethearts, others danced with new loves, and others, still, danced with good friends.

Regardless of who they linked up with on the dance floor at the Shellbrook Senior Citizen's Centre on Friday afternoon, everyone had a good time at the Shellbrook Senior's Association's Valentine's Day potluck and old-tyme dance.

The gathering began with the meal, which included no shortage of sweet Valentine's treats.

Then, with Bruce Isbister and friends providing the music, the dance floor was kept busy throughout the afternoon — turned into a sea of red as seniors of all ages whirled, twirled, and shuffled across the room.

Steeped in the music and traditions of a bygone era on the prairies,



Amidst the dancing, the band members and seniors gathered for a group picture, both to commemorate the event and to show off all of the Valentine's Day red they were sporting.

old-tyme dancing was introduced by the Senior's Association as a monthly activity in early 2015.

Since then, the afternoon of dancing and togetherness, which often includes live musical entertainment, has become one of the as-

sociation's most popular gatherings, attracting seniors from Prince Albert, Debden, and many other communities in the era.

And, on more than one occasion, the Senior's Association has invited Grade 11 students from W.P. Sandin

High School out of a day of dancing, as part of an ongoing effort by both the school and the seniors to bridge intergenerational gaps between the two groups.

For Shellbrook Senior's Association member Adeline Fossey, the dances are about giving local seniors another activity to come together for. More than



The dance floor was busy through the afternoon, as seniors grabbed their Valentines and danced to the music of Bruce Isbister and friends.

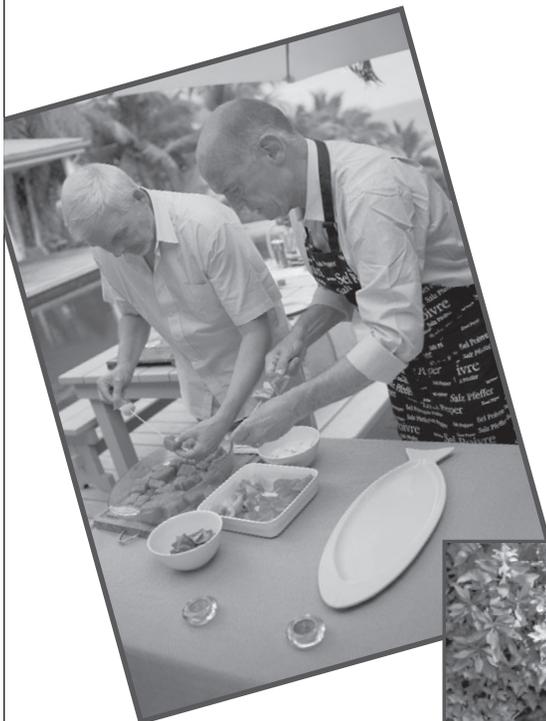
that, though, they're an attempt to revive a tradition that has been lost over the years.

As Fossey recalls from her small-town upbringing, Friday and Saturday evenings in small towns were always nights for dancing. On Friday evenings, local schools or town halls would be packed with dancers. Then, on Sat-

urday evenings when stores closed up earlier, folks would cut a rug at the local Legion Hall.

"That's what my generation misses," Fossey said. "There aren't those types of facilities any more, or they're very few," she said, noting that some seniors don't have the ability to drive to these other facilities at night.

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## *PA Raiders holding practice, public skate in Shellbrook*

The WHL's Prince Albert Raiders are coming to Shellbrook's Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre.

The team will be hosting a practice at the local rink on Tuesday Feb. 25 from 3:15 p.m. to 4 p.m., and is inviting the general public to come out and watch them in action.

Once the team is all warmed up, they'll be inviting everyone to join them on the ice for a public skate and autograph signing session from 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Both events are completely open to the general public, and there's no cost to attend or participate.

This isn't the first time the Prince Albert Raiders have hosted a practice and public engagement afternoon at the Shellbrook rink.

The team held a similar session in 2017, as part of Shellbrook's Hockey Day in Saskatchewan festivities.

### **NOTICE**

#### ***The Tax Enforcement Act*** **DARWIN JOHNSON**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Town of Blaine Lake intends to be registered as owner under the above Act of the land described as Lot 23 Blk/Par 5 Plan No M4996 Ext 0, Title No. 129696801.

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The amount required to redeem the land may be ascertained on application to the Clerk, Treasurer or Administrator of the municipality. For any questions about the tax enforcement process please contact Taxservice at 1-877-734-3113.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

Brenda Lockhart, Treasurer  
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## WTO disruption has serious consequences for trade

There often seems to be a fly in the ointment when it comes to world trade in agriculture, and that fly often seems to originate in the United States.

It is safe to say that the United States are eager traders in farm products as long as they perceive they are getting the best of the deal.

While it is human nature to some degree to want to come out of a deal feeling like we have 'won' the day – a full tank of gas on a used car purchase for example – world trade has to be

a bit more of a place of give and take in order to keep goods flowing both ways.

Canadian producers have always thought of themselves as growing the best hard spring wheat in the world. You have the best product then sales should be easy. But not everyone wants to the highest quality, or can afford it. Trade is not that black and white, so trade is about negotiation that includes give and take.

Trade rules over the years have been made a bit clearer for all in-



CALVIN DANIELS

involved by countries signing onto the World Trade Organization, which has included an appeal process to help resolve disputes which are going to pop up from time to time.

Having a process of resolution is critical to keeping trade on as even a keel as possible.

However, the increasingly protectionist USA, and its tendency to use its position to bully others to get what it wants, have created a level of trade disaccord of late.

The WTO's appellate body ceased functioning on Dec. 10 because the United States blocked the appointment of appellate judges. The U.S. is using its veto on appointments to protest what it perceives as an anti-U.S. bias in the

WTO's dispute settlement system, or in other words they aren't getting what they want at the table so they are willing to upset the table.

Without a functioning appellate body countries are no longer able to appeal WTO rulings, casting doubt on the entire dispute settlement process.

Some countries have come up with a 'word around' but that is a band-aid to a rather serious problem.

There is enough issues facing trade at present, political uncertainty

from Britain to Washington and of course the aura that is coronavirus, that the system does not need meddling from a disgruntled trade partner.

Of course therein lies the heart of things. Trade deals are partnership and both partners need to find a way to make a dollar in order to be around to make future deals. When arguments arise resolution is needed. It's too bad in this instance the USA is trying to bully the system and in the process disrupt trade.

## NFU stands in solidarity with Wet'suwet'en land defenders

The National Farmers Union (NFU) stands in solidarity with Indigenous land protectors. We support initiatives by Indigenous People including the Unist'ot'en and Wet'suwet'en to resist resource extraction and energy projects that disrupt their Indigenous food and governance systems and interfere with the health of their lands, territories, and communities.

The NFU supports the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People (UNDRIP) and urges the Canadian government to implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action.

Coastal GasLink is attempting to force construction of a Liquid Natural Gas pipeline through unceded Wet'suwet'en territory. On February 6, 2020 the RCMP entered the territory and began arresting members of the Wet'suwet'en, forcibly removing land defenders, dismantling the barricades set up to protect their territory, and denying journalists access to witness and record the RCMP's activities.

These actions, carried out with support of the BC and federal governments, are clearly in violation of Canada's commitments to reconciliation, against the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People which Canada formally adopted in 2016, and in contravention of the Supreme Court of Canada's 1997 Delgamuukw-Gisday'wa decision

recognizing that the Wet'suwet'en people, as represented by their hereditary leaders, had not given up rights and title to their 22,000km<sup>2</sup> territory. We agree with and support the Wet'suwet'en hereditary chiefs' governance systems and their inherent right to govern their territory through the Unist'ot'en camp and the Gidimt'en checkpoint.

Disturbed by the "forced removal, disproportionate use of force, harassment and intimidation" and "escalating threat of violence" against Indigenous peoples who oppose the pipeline, the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in January, 2020 called for the immediate suspension of work on the Coastal GasLink pipeline until free, prior and informed consent is obtained from Indigenous peoples.

The Wet'suwet'en have not given free, prior and informed consent to the construction of a pipeline through their lands.

The decisions directing the RCMP

to enter Wet'suwet'en territory and remove its defenders using force, and denying journalists access to witness their actions are condemned by Canadians from coast to coast to coast. In accordance with UNDRIP and our ongoing commitment to act in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, we must inform ourselves and deepen our understanding of Indigenous sovereignty. We therefore denounce the repression of peaceful protesters, including Indigenous land protectors, and express our

support for the rights of people to engage in acts of civil disobedience in defence of the preservation of water, air, land and wildlife for future generations.

We urge the governments of Canada and BC to uphold our commitment to the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), and respect Wet'suwet'en Law by withdrawing the RCMP from Wet'suwet'en Nation and cancelling Coastal GasLink's permits.

### Request for Contractor Equipment Rates

The RM of Big River is requesting contractors interested in doing work for the RM on an "as need basis" to submit their equipment list along with their 2020 rates to:

RM of Big River, No. 555  
606 First Street North  
Box 219, BIG RIVER, SK S0J 0E0  
Fax (306) 469-2428  
Email [rm555@sasktel.net](mailto:rm555@sasktel.net)

The list shall be accompanied by a letter of good standing with WCB and proof of liability insurance of no less than 3 million dollars applicable to their operations.

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# Silvertips punch ticket to second round of playoffs

Pushed to game three of three by the Dalmeny Sabres, the Shellbrook Silvertips seemingly closed out the opening round of the Twin Rivers Hockey League playoffs with a question.

How many times can we come back from behind and win?

The answer, as the Tips learned on home ice on Friday evening, was three times — once in each period of the game.

Despite starting every period in Friday night's game flat-footed and on the defensive, they managed to claw their way to a 7-5 victory, and advance to the second round of the playoffs to face off against the Rosthern Wheatkings.

The struggles started early for the Tips, as they found themselves pinned deep in their own end just over a minute in and gave up too many scoring opportunities for netminder Jon Nelson to turn away.

Ben Strautman drew first blood for the Sabres, with an assist from Zack Harms.

Just under a minute later, the Tips had another defensive lapse and the Sabres were ready to pounce on the puck. Kyle Martin netted the goal, with helpers from Dawson Rowley and Tanner Schick.

With the momentum of the game tilting in the Sabres' direction, the Tips did themselves no



**Silvertips Forward Jody Blais races towards the Dalmeny goal, with Parker Turner (left) and Wyatt Hinson ready to lend a hand.**

favours by taking a penalty. But, after a great effort on the penalty kill, they were able to get back into the game, on a goal from Jody Blais. Wyatt Hinson drew the lone assist on the play.

The Sabres struck back just 30 seconds later, capitalizing on more poor defensive end play by the Tips to push the score to 3-1. Terrin Belosowsky scored the goal, on assists from Rylan Couture and Strautman.

After this goal, the Tips seemed to finally get their skates underneath them, and the game settled down as a result. Then, following a lengthy scoreless stretch, Devin Dicus netted two goals to knot things up at 3-3.

The first came courtesy of a beautiful feed and a top shelf wrist shot, while the second saw

Dicus walk right in and backhand the puck over the Sabres goalie. Braidon Turner and Brendon Canaday drew assists on the first, while Shane Pickett provided the solo helper on the second.

With six goals scored between the two teams in the first period, it seemed like the match was going to be a shootout until the final buzzer. Instead, both teams came out sharper in the second frame, managing just one goal each.

The Sabres struck first again, with Rowley scooping up a turnover and rifling a shot top shelf. He was unassisted on the goal.

With help from a power play later in the frame, the Tips pulled even once again, thanks to a sharp-angle blast from Hinson. Blais and Parker Turner

assisted on the goal.

With the game effectively tied at 0-0 to start the final 20 minutes, the Tips came out flat-footed again in the third, allowing the Sabres to get too many rebounds. Rowley found the back of the net with one of those opportunities, thanks to an assist from Schick.

Just as things were beginning to look dire for the Tips, forward Brett Mason pulled out some of the fanciest moves of the evening and blasted a slider to the back of the Sabres goal, knotting the game at 5-5.

Nick Martin earned the lone assist on the play, which seemed to light a fire under the Tips' bench.

Just over two minutes later, Parker Turner blasted a shot through a screen to give the Tips their first lead of the game. Hinson and Brendon Beaulac earned the assists on the goal.

Then, with a late power play, the Tips added some insurance in the form of another top-shelf shot from Blais. Martin earned the only assist on the play.

From here, the Tips were able to weather a man-advantage for the Sabres, but failed to cash in on the empty net. Re-

gardless, it was enough for the team to punch its ticket for the next round of the playoffs.

For his role in helping the Tips advance, Devin Dicus earned "Tip of the Game" honours. Brett Mason earned a special nod for his game-tying beauty.

Round two of the Tips' playoffs run begins Saturday, Feb. 22 in Shellbrook, with game one in a best-of-five series. Puck drop for the game is slated for 8 p.m.

The action moves to Rosthern for game two on Tuesday, Feb. 25, and returns to Shellbrook for game three on Friday, Feb. 28. Puck drop for both games is 8:30 p.m.

If necessary, game four will be played in Rosthern on Friday, March 6, with game five being played in Shellbrook the following evening. Game four has an 8:30 p.m. start, while game five starts at 8 p.m.

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

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

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

Parkside  
11 a.m. - Worship  
Pastor Chris Dean

### PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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

### SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

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

### EVANGELICAL FREE

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

### CATHOLIC CHURCH

Debden  
Sun. Mass - 9:30 a.m.  
Fr. Michael Fahlman  
Big River - Sacred Heart  
Sun., 11:30 a.m. - Mass  
Whitefish  
Sun., 2:30 p.m. - Mass.  
Victoire  
Sat., 7:30 p.m. - Mass.  
Fr. Michael Fahlman  
Eucharist Celebrations  
Muskeg  
Sunday, 3 p.m.  
St. Agatha's - Shellbrook  
Mass - Sunday 11 a.m.  
St. Henry's - Leask  
Mass - Sunday - 9 a.m.  
Mistawasis  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 1:30 p.m.  
Fr. Phong Tran

### PRESBYTERIAN

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

### SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

407-2nd Ave E, Shellbrook  
Sat., 9:45 a.m. - Sabbath School  
Sat., 11:00 am - Worship  
Broadcast on  
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Pastor Liviu Tilihoi  
306-313-8685

### ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

### UNITED CHURCH

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

### MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCH

Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel  
109 Railway Ave. W.  
Blaine Lake  
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## Junior Citizen of the Year Scholarship

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Nominations close March 31, 2020

# NDP calls on Sask. Party to reduce wait times, halt use of out-of-province contractors

NDP Leader Ryan Meili slammed the Sask. Party for expanding the use of private MRIs by contracting with an out-of-province corporate donor that will send the work out of province, letting the wealthy pay to jump the queue instead of developing strategies that retain local talent and actually reduce wait times.

"The Sask. Party is doubling down on a failed experiment that adds pressure to our healthcare system and our Emergency Rooms," said Meili.

"For most people, who can't afford to pay to jump the queue, this

means longer wait times and more strain on the whole healthcare system."

According to the Sask Tenders website (RQRHA20180611), the \$14 million contract for a long-promised MRI clinic in Saskatoon has been awarded to Mayfair Diagnostics, a Calgary-based company that has donated thousands of dollars to the Sask. Party under a previous name, and that has lobbied the province extensively.

As with the private MRI clinic in Regina, Meili says the majority of the scans will be sent to Calgary to be read by Calgary radiologists,

contrary to medical best practice.

And as with the bid process that led to a private clinic in Regina, Meili says the Sask. Party passed over a bid from a group of local radiologists to go with an out-of-province company that donated and lobbied but that won't do the work in Saskatchewan.

"The government is putting our public health care system at risk, shutting out local talent, and outsourcing the crucial work of interpreting these scans to out-of-province radiologists who don't pay taxes here," said Meili.

"That's not just bad for

the Saskatchewan economy, it's bad medicine. Just like when it comes to building our schools, roads and hospitals, the work of keeping Saskatchewan people healthy should be done right here in Saskatchewan."

## Background

• Mayfair Diagnostics and RCA Diagnostics are owned by Radiology Consultants Associated. The name Mayfair Diagnostics reflected private MRI and CT services and RCA Diagnostics was used for public

services. In 2016, they united as Mayfair for all services.

• Mayfair has not donated to the Sask. Party, but Radiology Consultants Associated and RCA donated \$5,720.40 to the party between 2013 and 2017.

## PIHC elders celebrate love with Sweetheart Lunch



Sunni-June and Gordon Hubbard hold hands during the Sweetheart Lunch at Parkland Integrated Health Centre. The couple will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary this July.



Long-time PIHC volunteer Linda Bator provided music for the Sweetheart Lunch, playing a variety of love songs.

At the annual Sweetheart Lunch eight out of 11 couples joined in the romantic dining experience.

Linda Bator, Saskatchewan Health Authority volunteer, led six elders in two hand bell selections: Love me Tender and My Wild Irish Rose. Throughout the luncheon Linda offered a lovely variety of sweet love songs on the piano and even sang a few!

The dietary team provided a deli-

icious roast beef meal with all the trimmings and cherry cheesecake for dessert. Couples shared the love story of how they met or proposed.

Two couples: Mike and Annette Kinnaid, and Sunni-June and Gordon Hubbard, will be celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary this July, 2020!

Coincidentally both couples also love curling!

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

**MARCELIN:** Wapiti Library is open Tues. 2 pm - 7 pm; Thur. 2 pm - 8 pm; Sat. 9 am - 2 pm. For information on all your library needs, please contact 306-226-2110.

**SHELLBROOK:** Shellbrook Branch of the Wapiti Library located at 105 Railway Ave., West (Provincial building). Library Hours: Mon. 2 - 6:30 pm; Tues. 12 - 8 pm; Wed. 2 - 8 pm; Thur. 12 - 6:30 pm; Fri. 9 - 4 pm. Children's Story Time: Fri. 10:30 am (Sept - June).

**CANWOOD:** Canwood Regional Park Supper & Auction, Canwood Elks Community Centre, Saturday, March 14, 2020. Happy Hour 5 pm; Supper 6 pm; Auction to follow. Adults \$15; 6-12 yrs \$8; 5 & under free. For information call Bob 306-468-7942 or Terry 306-468-4425. Proceeds to Canwood Regional Park & community improvements.

**SHELLBROOK:** Shellbrook Senior Centre Tea & Social - Friday, February 21, 2 - 4 pm. Dessert & Coffee/Tea \$5.

**SHELLBROOK:** Shellbrook Theatre Movie Night, Fri., Mar. 6, A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood; Fri., Mar. 20, Norm of the North; Fri., Apr. 3, Dolittle; Fri., Apr. 17, Abominable; Doors Open 7 p.m. Showtime 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$5

**SHELLBROOK:** Telemiracle 44 - Shellbrook Kinsmen & Kinettes will be doing the Annual Town Canvass for Telemiracle donations Wednesday, February 26 - 5:00 to 8:30 pm. Please make cheques payable to Kinsmen Telemiracle. If you will not be home, donations can be put into any of the many helping hand boxes around town.

**SHELLBROOK:** Prince Albert Raiders hockey team will be practicing at the Shellbrook arena, Tuesday, February 25 @ 3:15 pm. Open to public to watch! Skate with the raiders/autograph session from 4:00 to 4:45 pm, open to all kids!

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# Youth Mission group hosts Gospel Jamboree



**Hubert Smith.**



**Kris and Khristine Peters.**



**Emma Zawislak.**



**Taylor Henderson.**

**Submitted by  
Kathy Buckingham**  
Youth Mission trip to Peru 2021 group, hosted a Gospel Music Jamboree at Parkside Lutheran Church the afternoon of Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020.

Admission was by donation. The vocal and instrumental music ministry was well received by the appreciative audience. These wonderful people vol-

unteered their time and talent. Anna Kim, Niena Anderson, Helm family, Hubert Smith, Ordale Singers, Emma Zawislak, Immanuel Lutheran Church Choir, Taylor Henderson, Khristine and Kris Peters, and Thane, Tani Hamborg and family.

The Mission trip Youth members were busy for the afternoon, setting up, assisting with microphone place-

ment, setting out the snack and serving the coffee and juice, washing dishes and cleaning up.

Nathan Peters very capably managed the sound system during the event. We were blessed to have his volunteer service.

Our group has been raising funds in a variety of ways since February 2019. The total raised to date is \$5,308.

The goal is to raise \$13,750. We still have a long ways to go!

We must continue to move forward to achieve not only the monetary goal, also the goal of assisting Nicolas and Shannon Kraft at their Mission in Montefu, Peru.

So the next thing we will be doing is an on-going bottle drive until April 4, when we will sort the donations.

Then, at the end of May, we will have a Yard Sale at Parkside Lutheran Church.

We are good at collecting and washing dishes, which we had the opportunity to do at the Hockey Day banquet in January at the Shellbrook Community Hall.

I wonder if there are other opportunities for our group, that are appropriate for their age

and ability?

If you have any ideas, please share them with me!

We are blessed by your prayers and monetary support!

God Bless You!

"With God all things are possible!"

Leaders: Kathy Buckingham, and Ed Peters.

Youth: Hannah Remus, Emma Zawislak, Brett Stene, Haylie Peters, and Teegan Fuller.



**Helm Family.**



**Niena Anderson.**



**Immanuel Lutheran Church Choir.**

## *Finding balance in a tech-driven world*

It is impossible to dispute the many ways technology has positively affected the world. Tech has made interacting and collaborating with people from all corners of the planet as convenient as conversing with a next door neighbour. Technology also has changed the face of education, making it possible for students from all walks of life to easily access a wealth of information at the click of a button.

For all of its many attributes, technology has its drawbacks as well. One of the notable detriments is the "always on" reality of tech, as well as the ability to become addicted to such in-

stant gratification. Few adults and children can spend more than a few minutes without checking their devices.

According to a report in the Daily Telegraph, on average people are online 24 hours a week, twice as long as 10 years ago. One in five adults spends as much as 40 hours a week online. According to Common Sense Media, teens spend an average of nine hours a day online, compared to about six hours for kids between the ages of eight and 12 and 50 minutes for children eight years old and younger.

Technology also has blurred the lines that distinguish work

and personal time. Gone are the days of leaving the office behind when the workday ends in early evening. Today's workers can take work home, work remotely and even check work emails or put in some hours while on vacation. Children, too, can pay a price as a result of engaging with technology. For example, various studies indicate more than half of adolescents and teens have been bullied online.

These tips may help adults and children regain control and find balance in a tech-driven world.

- Set strict usage times. According to Net Nanny, a tech-

nology and internet watchdog site, being plugged into devices, on an almost continual basis, directly affects the brain by keeping it in a state of constant stimulation. This can make it difficult for the brain to get the downtime it needs to recharge. Limit hours of screen time, and wind down at least an hour or so before bed.

- Put devices on silent. If you or your children cannot resist the lure of devices, set them on silent or put them out of sight and out of reach at key times during the day.

- Beef up in-person socialization. Instead of texting or emailing, speak with friends,

family and coworkers in person.

- Increase exercise. Time spent outdoors away from computers or other devices can be beneficial to the mind and body.

- Find alternative solutions. Rather than running an internet search every time you have a question, look up answers in a book, travel to learn about new things, experience new hobbies, and immerse yourself in the physical world with renewed vigour.

Tech has changed the world, but it doesn't have to consume people's daily lives. With some mindfulness, individuals can find the right balance.

## There's always hope in Leaf Nation

It's like Groundhog Day in mid-February around headquarters at Canada's two major sports networks: Every Feb. 15, Sportscaster Sam wakes up, look at the National Hockey League standings, and says to his disappointed Toronto-centric audience: 'Sportscaster Sam is predicting another dismal finish to the season for the Leafs.'

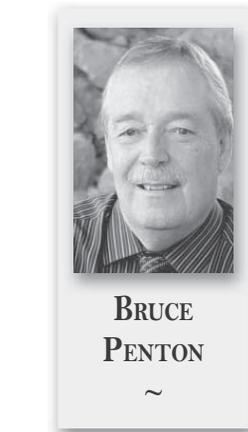
Of course, a different iteration of the Groundhog Day theme occurs Oct. 1 every year, when those same sportscasters look at the Leafs' roster, analyze their brilliant off-season moves, say the prerequisite prayers and proclaim that 'This could be the Leafs' year.'

The Leafs are not out of the running, not like Montreal Canadiens are out of the running, and not like the Senators from Ottawa are out of the running. The Leafs have reasonable playoff hopes, if they can out-sell Florida Panthers for third in the Atlantic Division. Toronto's

post-season hopes took a hit when No. 1 goalie Frederik Andersen went on the injured list with a 'lower-body' injury. (Could be a toe, an ankle, a calf, a bone spur, an achy knee or a hip, which is at the top of the human's 'lower body.')

Desperate Leafs management, after watching backup Michael Hutchinson flop around like a drunk on a high wire, made a deal to acquire Los Angeles Kings' backup goalie Jack Campbell (along with forward Kyle Clifford) in a trade that cost them underachieving forward Trevor Moore and a couple of draft picks. Campbell could be the answer to the Leafs' prayers, but fans have to ask themselves: How much of a saviour will Campbell be if he had been serving as No. 2 goalie on the second-worst team in the entire league?

Just like with Groundhog Days, where there's a groundhog sticking his nose into the air and sniffing the future,



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there's always hope when a new body arrives. Unfortunately, Jack Campbell will discover that the players on the ice in front of him are the same ones who had been performing defensive duties in front of the drunk high-wire artist and his predecessor. Only three teams in the entire NHL, New Jersey, Ottawa and Detroit, have given up more goals than the Leafs.

But armed with a new coach (Sheldon Keefe) and a new goalie (Campbell), the Leafs could have a new approach moving into the final 20 per cent of the season.

St. Louis came from the depths of last place last year to win the Stanley Cup. So anything's possible. Those living in Leaf Nation always believe nothing's impossible. Year after year after year.

• @Jonathan\_Dunphy, on Twitter: "BREAKING: Harry and Meghan have reached out to the Winnipeg Jets and Vancouver Canucks for advice on living in Canada without a title."

• Torben Rolfsen (@vanguy) on Twitter after the Super Bowl: "World Champions"?!?! What about the Winnipeg Blue Bombers? Let's settle this two Sundays from now on Baffin Island."

• @Ned2pointo, on Twitter: "I think the only logical way to handle the Pete Rose situation is to let him manage the Astros."

• Jay Hart of yahoo.com, suggesting Cleveland Browns might be a team considered by Tom Brady next year: "They did have Belichick before he was great, so it would be perfectly Cleveland to

get Brady after he was great."

• Comedy writer Marc Ragovin, after the Democrats primary problems in Iowa: "This just in: 1957 Rose Bowl final: Iowa 35/Oregon State 19."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "So did Dodgers get David Price to make Clayton Kershaw feel better about his history in the postseason?"

• Funny guy Brad Dickson of Omaha: "My concern is that Patrick Mahomes, who was already in 50 per cent of all TV commercials, will now star in 90 per cent of all TV commercials."

• Dickson again, on Twitter, as the Super Bowl game ended: "Now comes the hard part — carrying Andy Reid off the field."

• Comedy writer Jim Barach: "Some Chiefs fans were furious that players showed up at the Super Bowl parade drunk. That's supposed to be the fans' job."

• Headline at Fark.

com: "Dodgers taking Betts, getting good Price."

• Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel, on speculation Tom Brady could sign with Tampa Bay: "Not to be mean, but putting Tom Brady on the Bucs would be like putting the Mona Lisa in Room 217 of the Red Roof Inn."

• Retired Newark Star-Ledger writer Jerry Izenberg, 89, to the Las Vegas Review-Journal, recalling the answer when he asked the late Chiefs great E.J. Holub why he was sweating so profusely before Super Bowl IV: "If we win this game, we get a \$15,000 bonus. My wife has already spent mine."

• Snipped from Dwight Perry's 'From the Sidelines': "Spotted on the readerboard of the El Arroyo restaurant in Austin, Texas: 'Did anyone catch the football game at the J-Lo and Shakira concert?'"

Care to comment? Email [brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca](mailto:brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca)

## PIHC elders dress to the nines for Sweetheart Ball

Residents and guests literally had a ball at the Sweetheart Ball Feb. 14.

This would not have been possible without the help of many others! Appreciation to Tux n' Tails from Prince Albert for loaning us a variety of bow ties for the gents, and to Shellbrook Host Players Theater group, and Lynne

Farthing and family, for loaning gorgeous gowns for our gals! The Golden Girls offered a variety of love songs for all to sing along and reminisce to. The Health Care Auxiliary sponsored the afternoon lunch of cake, ice cream, and ice cream soda floats.

Gratitude and love to all!



Pat Wasykowski and her mom, Mae Atkinson



PIHC staff member Janelle Mason and elder Leona Willoughby.

OBITUARIES

Edward Palko



**PALKO** – Edward Robert Palko was born Oct. 24th 1943 in Tisdale, SK the younger of two children to parents John and Helen Palko. Ed and his sister Elsie grew up together and attended school in the Pine Creek School division east of Mistatim, SK. In the early years the Palko family farmed and sold saw logs at Mistatim and come winter they would head off to British Columbia where he and

his family would work in both the lumber and coal mining camps of Prince George and Elkford.

With road construction booming in the sixties Ed found work with Healy Brothers construction picking rocks. While working with Healy's he was given the opportunity to start operating heavy machinery which he both enjoyed and had the knack for. After a short period with Healy's,

Ed went to work for Pott's construction of Shellbrook where he operated all types of equipment but fell in love with the grader. Today there are many miles of road in the Province that were finished by him and his beloved Caterpillar 14D.

It was Pott's construction that brought Ed to Shellbrook where he met the love of his life Marilyn Ernst. After dating for about a year they were married Aug. 16th 1976. For the first year Marilyn followed Ed living with both his parents and in camp while he continued to work road construction. Ed then decided to sell his farm at Mistatim and on their first wedding anniversary began working for the RM of Shellbrook which he put his heart and soul into for 42 years.

Ed was a quiet, reserved man who preferred to stay out of the big crowds. He and his family enjoyed time at the lakes in the summer,

Sunday suppers at grandma and grandpa's house and just spending time together. Best of all, he loved getting out and ensuring his roads were in tip-top shape no matter of the season. He always said make sure to put a few of my ashes on the sugar hill grid.

Edward is lovingly survived by, his loving wife of 43 years, Marilyn Palko (nee: Ernst) of Shellbrook, SK;

His children, Cory Palko (Shannon Chandler) of Shellbrook, SK and daughter: Austen Chandler; Christopher Palko of Prince Albert, SK; Brennan Palko of Prince Albert, SK; His parents-in-law, Louis and Mamie Ernst of Shellbrook, SK; His siblings-in-law, Shelley (Terry) Kennedy of Shellbrook, SK; Bob (Janelle) Ernst of Shellbrook, SK; Glenn Ernst (Leslie Brown) of Holbein, SK; David Ernst of Shellbrook, SK; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Edward is predeceased by, His parents, John and Helen Palko; His sister, Elsie LeBlanc; and His brother-in-law, Pete LeBlanc.

A Memorial Service was held for Edward on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. from the Shellbrook Seniors Hall with Delores Beaulac officiating. In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Edward to either the Shellbrook & Districts Health Services Foundation or to S.T.A.R.S. Foundation (Hanger 21-2475 Airport Rd Saskatoon, SK S7L 1M4).

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

Louise Erwen (Née Plante)



Lodge, Leask, SK at the age of 96 years. She was born March 25, 1923 in McCreary, MB. Louise married John Erwen on October 16, 1940. They resided in Sherridon, MB, Porcupine Plain, SK, Kinistino, SK, Prince Albert, SK & finally Blaine Lake, SK. They had one daughter Ellen Ballendine of North Battleford, SK. She was predeceased by her husband John; brothers Bill & Bob Plante. Survived by daughter Ellen; sisters: Terry Kilworth & Irene Plante of Winnipeg, MB;

grandsons: Greg (Liz)-twins Max & Rebecca, Bryan Ballendine; estranged Grandson Blair & daughters Sierra, Savannah; beloved nieces and nephews all across Canada.

A Memorial Service will be planned for Spring at the Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel with interment beside Dad at the North Battleford City Cemetery. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Trevor Watts of Eternal Memories Funeral Service & Crematorium.

Louise Erwen, formerly of Blaine Lake, SK passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at Wheatland

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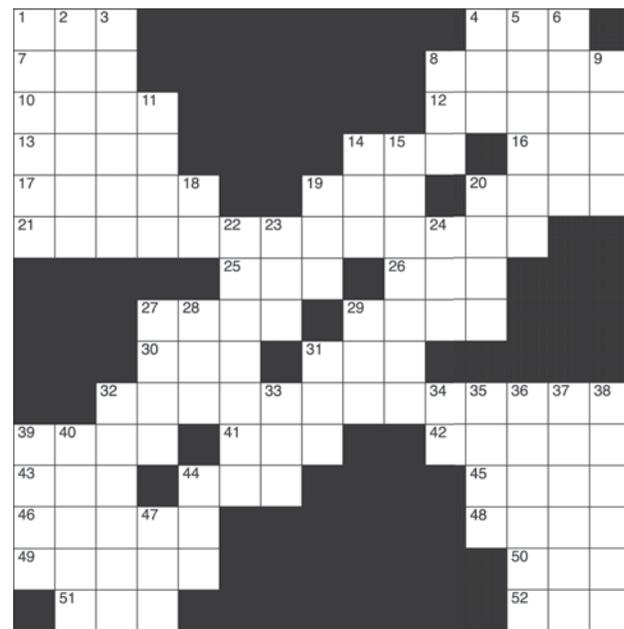
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Expression of disgust
4. A place to unwind
7. A type of cooking range
8. Grasp tightly
10. Sea eagles
12. Carb dish
13. Late-night host
14. Revolutions per minute
16. Indicates odd or erroneous
17. FDR's military chief of staff
19. Swiss river
20. Norwegian district and river
21. A form of motivation
25. Car mechanics group
26. Once a must-have home theater accessory
27. Broken branch
29. Apple and pumpkin are two
30. Skeletal muscle
31. Small Eurasian deer
32. Tight-lipped fellow
39. Comes after a cut
41. A place one lives
42. Cognizant of



43. Albanian monetary unit
44. Carrot's partner
45. Famed garden
46. Chilean seaport
48. Days (Spanish)
49. Sudden anxiety
50. 100 square meters
51. A type of beer
52. French/Belgian river

CLUES DOWN

1. Spanish dish
2. Concurs
3. \_\_\_ and her sisters
4. Patti Hearst's captors
5. Used to refer to cited works
6. A state of excited movement
8. Advertising term (abbr.)
9. Nocturnal S. American rodent
11. New York art district
14. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
15. Pre-release viewing
18. Northwestern Canadian territory (abbr.)
19. Consumed
20. Falters
22. Radioactive form of an element
23. Catch a wrongdoer
24. Breeze through
27. Thick piece of something
28. Yellowish-brown color
29. "The Raven" poet
31. Rural free delivery (abbr.)
32. Creating
33. Supervises flying
34. Northwestern state
35. Was obligated to repay
36. Diverging in lines from a common center
37. Bleak
38. We all have them
39. Hit with the palm of one's hand
40. Sea that's part of the western Pacific
44. Political action committee
47. Famed Spanish soldier El \_\_\_

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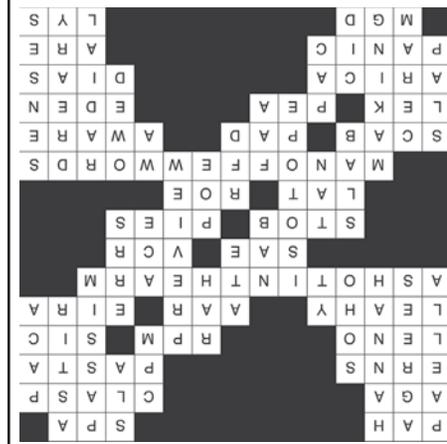
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# Growing coneflowers in the prairie garden

**By Sara Williams**

Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) is a perennial that has experienced an explosion of new cultivars over the last decade, many of which were largely untested on the Prairies at the time of their release.

Native to the North American Midwest, *Echinacea* is a nectar source for both butterflies and bees.

The common name arises from the raised

central cone of the flowers while the botanical name is from the Greek word echinos, meaning hedgehog, alluding to both the bristly seed head and the prickly scales at the base of the flower.

*Purpurea*, of course, describes the purple flowers of the species.

Coneflowers form sturdy erect clumps 75-120 cm (30-48 in.) in height. The long, dark green leaves are simple,

alternate and oval.

While the large (7.5 cm/3 in.), daisy-like flowers of the species have purple petals and a raised orange-brown central cone, the colour range of the varieties has been greatly extended to include white, pink, green and bi-colours.

They bloom from mid-summer to early fall.

Plant coneflowers in full sun to partial shade in average, well-drained

soil. They are drought tolerant once established but will perform better with more even moisture.

Deadhead them to prolong bloom. They are ideal for the mid- to back perennial border, mass plantings and as cut flowers.

The species may be increased from seed. For the varieties, propagate by basal cuttings of young shoots in the spring, root cuttings or



A pink coneflower to add colour to your late summer border. *Photo credit: Sara Williams.*

by spring division.

## Varieties

Varieties with white, pink or purple flowers are generally hardy in northern gardens.

There are many recent introductions with yellow, green, orange and red shades.

These have very showy flowers but have not been trialed for Prairie conditions.

Adventurous gardeners may want to try these varieties but should realize that they may not survive our winters.

To give them the best chance, plant them in well-drained soil and mulch the crowns with dry leaves or straw after the ground begins to freeze in the fall.

The mulch should be removed once the snow melts in the spring to prevent rotting.

'Magnus' is an older variety with horizontal (rather than drooping) reddish-purple petals. It is a compact plant of about 75 cm (30 in.) in height.

'White Swan' has white flowers and is only 50 cm (20 in.) in height.

'Pink Double Delight' is a two-tone pink of about 60cm (2 ft).

'Prairie Splendor' is about 50 cm (20 in.) in

height with pink flowers.

'PowWow Wild Berry' is about 50 cm (20 in.) with pink flowers.

'PowWow White' is the same height but with white flowers.

'Green Jewel' has green flowers on plants of about 50 cm (20 in.).

'Coconut Lime' has double, lime-coloured flowers on 60 cm (24 in.) plants.

'Double Decker' has large magenta-pink petals with smaller flowers forming on top of the cone; 75 cm/30 in. tall plants.

'Ruby Star' has reddish-purple flowers on 100 cm (3 ft) plants.

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## BILL 194 MAKES LOCAL GOVERNMENT LESS OPEN

Bill 194, the Miscellaneous Municipal Statutes Amendment Act, was recently given second reading in the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly and could soon become law. It recommends amendments to several Acts relating to the publication of official notices by city, town and rural municipalities.

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.

If this bill is passed, it will be up to you to have to go and find out yourself if any land is being rezoned, or if your municipality has hired people without advertising that a position was available, or if there is a notice of an upcoming election.

Local government has said that the sections in Bill 194 that affect mandatory publishing of public notices in newspapers will be at the discretion of the council or municipality as to whether they will do that.

Bill 194 must be amended to keep public notice in independent media and to protect openness and transparency of local government.

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