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Reopening of hair salons in Spiritwood going smoothly

Hair salons in the province were able to open back up again on May 19 and have been busy catching up on overdue hair cuts and colours. Local salons in Spiritwood were eager to get back to work and have been happy to see the return of clients.

Rachelle Beauchense, owner of The Nines salon, recalled that she and her other stylist, Taylor Kuffert, have been logging some 10-hour days and even a 6-day work week to try and catch up with clients. Saskatchewan salons can offer hair related services currently but are still on hold for other regularly offered services.

Like other businesses which have either remained open or reopened during the COVID-19 pandemic, salons must follow a set of government regulations to help reduce the risk of disease transmission and keep staff and customers safe. Aside from stylists and clients wearing face coverings, salons must wipe down and disinfect all surfaces that were in contact with people between clients, only use capes and towels for a single use, and change their personal protective equipment frequently.

Clients are asked to follow a few precautions when they come in for their appointment. Unnecessary personal items are to be left at home and clients should not bring other people along with them to their appointments. Clients should refrain from coming in for their appointment if they are sick or have encountered anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. While at their appointment, clients should wear a face covering and avoid unnecessary movement around the salon. The Nines is encouraging people to pay using e-transfer to minimize surface contact.

Beauchense says that while

there is additional time required between appointments to wipe down and sanitize all surfaces, the small size of her salon has helped this have little effect on the number of clients that can be seen in a day. The biggest time consumer is doing the laundry at the end of the day. Government restrictions require that capes and towels may only be used for a single client, resulting in large loads of laundry that need to be done every evening when the workday finishes.

“Just because of the size of the salon, this has been so much easier on us than it has been on big city salons where they’ve got tons of people in at once,” said Beauchesne. “There are never going to be more than just a couple of us in there.”

With the added regulations come added expenses. Higher volumes of cleaning supplies and capes are necessary to keep clients coming through the doors. Beauchesne says that her and Kuffert may go through as many as 20 capes in a day. These capes are not inexpensive and are not designed to be put in a dryer, resulting in some damage to some of them.

There has also been a loss of some business as some people are still choosing to stay home and self isolate. Additionally, Beauchesne says that some clients who used to colour roots frequently have decided to let their hair grow in grey, resulting in a loss of frequent colour appointments. For the Nines, which is a licenced establishment, liquor sales have not been allowed thus far which has resulted in an additional loss of income.

Despite all the red tape surrounding the reopening, Beauchesne says she is very happy to be back cutting hair again. This sentiment is one likely



Rachelle Beauchense, owner of the Nines hair salon, has been working hard to keep her salon clean and her guests safe following their reopening.

shared amongst most stylists. “We are really, really grateful to see the same friendly faces coming in and supporting our businesses again,” said Beauchesne.

While the atmosphere in her salon has gotten a little “colder” as the chatter has been reduced due to masks, Beauchense says that clients are happy to be back

getting their hair done again. “For a lot of people, getting their hair done is making it feel like some resemblance of a normal life again,” she said.

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Shellbrook continues needed infrastructure work

COVID-19 may have hit the pause button on most people's regular lives. But it hasn't prevented the Town of Shellbrook from carrying on with a number of local infrastructure projects, even if some ratepayers question the wisdom of spending money in economically uncertain times.

George Tomporowski, Mayor of the Town of Shellbrook, explains that the town hasn't felt much of an impact from COVID-19, because it isn't like a large urban centre that relies on bus fares and parking fees for a large chunk of its revenue.

What's more, he says the majority of these projects were budgeted for in this year's budget, which was passed before the pandemic fully hit,

or held over from last year's budget.

And, more than that, he feels they're necessary.

"You can't just quit maintaining and moving ahead," he said. "We're going to continue with our sewer relining, for example. That's just something that needs to be done."

Apart from the sewer relining, which the town has spent the past few years working on, the Town of Shellbrook is continuing to build a second road to Parkland Integrated Health Centre on 2nd Street West (just north of the Hidden Hills of Shellbrook Golf Course).

Town crews are handling levelling in the area, as necessary and as time permits, and Tomporowski says the



JRT Excavating has been contracted to do much of the work on the second access to Parkland Integrated Health Centre off of 2nd Street West.

town has found this to be cheaper than hiring a contractor to bring in large equipment to move the dirt.

However, the major pieces of the project, which are being completed by JRT Excavating, include the installation of storm sewer infrastructure, work to improve drainage issues that leave pools of water on the Co-op Agro Centre property on the east side of 2nd Street West, and the stubbing out of water lines on the west side of the road.

Tomporowski says that latter project is being done to avoid the need to dig the road up if and when the area is developed in the future.

"There are long-term development plans, but nothing in the im-

mediate future," he said. "We've still got a whack of lots that are serviced, so we wouldn't be investing any money in servicing more while we still have those."

Just a hop, skip, and a jump up 2nd Street West, the town has also been doing work on Kinsmen Park, and readying the old Parkland Terrace nursing home property for the installation of solar panels for the Shellbrook Recreation Complex.

As previously reported, the work on the nursing home property is one of many ways in which the town has contributed to the Shellbrook Recreation Project Steering Committee's \$2 million rink upgrade project.

The work in Kinsmen Park, meanwhile, is the

town's way of making the most of the campground being closed for the summer due to COVID-19.

"With the COVID-19 related shut down of the pool and campground it seemed it would be an opportune time to make some needed changes which include relocation of some internal roads, improving drainage, creating a parking lot for

pool users," Tomporowski said, noting that the work will carry a price tag of \$20,000.

Finally, over on 5th Avenue East (just east of Happy Hearts Childcare Centre), the town has roughed in a road with plans to deliver water and sewer services to the Adam Brad Welding shop, and potentially provide access through to 7th Street East for the proposed Co-op fertilizer.

This marks a departure from plans discussed by the town at a 2019 public meeting about the fertilizer plant. Then, the town suggested the road would end with a possible cul de sac development.

At that time, the proposal earned a quick dismissal from those opposed to the plant, with one ratepayer saying, "You'll never put that cul de sac in, because no one would ever build there."



The Town of Shellbrook has started roughing in the road on 5th Avenue East, just east of Happy Hearts Childcare Centre.



As part of the work on the second hospital access, a large tract of land has been cleared out.

RESIDENTIAL HOUSE FOR SALE BY TENDER

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, for the purchase of the following land and building in the Town of Spiritwood, Saskatchewan:

413 - 2nd Avenue East
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("the Property")

The Property is sold on an "as is" basis. Bidders must rely on their own research of the Property to determine acreage, condition, improvements, assessment and state of title.

Property will be available for viewing by appointment only on Tuesday, June 8, 2020 and Monday, June 15, 2020. Call Prairie Centre Credit Union at 306-883-1551 to book an appointment.

Tenders must be accompanied by a certified cheque in favour of the undersigned for 5% of the tender price as a deposit, which will be returned if the tender is not accepted and the sale is not completed. The balance of the tender price will be payable by certified cheque within 30 days following notice of acceptance of the tender, following provision of a transfer authorization on conditions established by the solicitors for the Vendor. The Purchaser will be responsible for GST, if applicable, and for the costs of registering a transfer of Title.

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Box 129
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Rabbit Lake news

By Alan Laughlin

Remembering life before COVID-19 and social distancing! It seems that that is all that we are hearing about. I wonder how similar this pandemic is to former experiences when Spanish Flu, polio and tuberculosis were running rampant? I guess that each disease has had its precautionary measures and we need to follow the advice of our medical professionals to see us through.

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Pursuant to subsection 214 of *The Municipalities Act*, Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Resort Village of Echo Bay for the year 2020 has been prepared and is open to inspection by calling (306)427-2188 or emailing resortechobay@gmail.com for an appointment between June 11th and August 11th, 2020. Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal with:

The Assessor
Resort Village of Echo Bay
Box 130, Shell Lake, SK S0J 2G0

By the 11th day of August, 2020
Dated at Shell Lake, Saskatchewan, this 11th day of June, 2020
Tara Bueckert, Assessor
Resort Village of Echo Bay

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Happy Hearts Childcare Centre Annual General Meeting

Monday, June 29, 7:00 p.m.

(a short meeting will follow for board members)

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Join us to learn more about Happy Hearts.

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Those interested in joining the board can participate in the election. For more information on the AGM: breanna.happyhearts@hotmail.com

Lucky 7 resumes in Shellbrook via drive-thru

With Saskatchewan now in phase three of the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan, and only 17 active cases in the province as of Monday, a sense of normalcy is beginning to return to Shell-

brook and surrounding communities.

In that spirit, the Shellbrook Kinettes, the Shellbrook Curling Club, and the Hidden Hills of Shellbrook Golf Course have resumed their annual Lucky 7 fundraiser.

“SLGA granted us approval to alter our license and location, which gave us the opportunity to think outside the box a little,” said Shellbrook Kinettes Tasha Cyr.

Following a meeting of the three organizations last week, the out-of-the-box idea was to host the Lucky 7 as a drive-thru style event, and set up shop in the parking lot of the Shellbrook Recreation Complex.

Cyr says the idea turned out “fantastic.”

“The location was perfect and we sold tickets to a few that wouldn’t have bought if we weren’t front and center Main Street,” Cyr said. “As a bonus, it had stopped raining for the evening, which made it even better. And we actually did better than we thought.”

All told, last week’s Lucky 7 raked in \$990 in ticket sales and sent lucky winner Casey Reimer home with \$198.

Reimer eliminated #37 from the board.

With the Lucky 7 still in the running, this Friday’s jackpot will be \$1,627.50.

Cyr says the Lucky 7 Drive-thru will continue every Friday until the end of June, with Friday, June 26, being the last evening. On that night, the Lucky 7 has to go.

This Friday’s Lucky 7 draw will be hosted at the rink parking lot, and run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

E-transfers can be sent any time before 1 p.m. on Friday to shellbrook-lucky7@gmail.com (password: lucky7). Entrants are asked to put their names and phone numbers in their messages so the organizers can write them down.

In the past, the Lucky 7 draw has proven to be a real winner for everyone involved. Back in 2017, the Lucky 7 went the distance, netting winner Laurie Kennedy a \$30,000 payday. Meanwhile, the Shellbrook Kinettes, the Shellbrook Curling Club, and Hidden Hills saw payouts of \$20,000 each.



In a bit of improvisation, the Lucky 7 draw was held in the parking lot of the Shellbrook Recreation Complex.



Tasha Cyr presents Casey Reimer with his share of the proceeds from the week’s Lucky 7 ticket sales. Reimer drew #37.

Wapiti to offer curbside pickup service in Shellbrook, Spiritwood

To help slow the spread of COVID-19 in Saskatchewan, Wapiti Regional Library closed their branch libraries to the public on March 20, 2020.

The region has continued to offer patrons access to educational and entertainment resources through their online content since then.

While public libraries are slated to reopen more fully in Phase 4 of the Saskatchewan Government’s “Re-Open Saskatchewan: A Plan to Re-open the Provincial Economy,” Wapiti is pleased to announce that we will be able to offer access to physical materials again through curbside pickup service. Wapiti will be starting curbside pickup services at seven of our branches on June 15, 2020.

Curbside pickup will be offered at Wapiti’s Hudson Bay, Humboldt, Melfort, Nipawin, Shellbrook, Spiritwood, and Tisdale branch locations. The service will allow patrons to place hold requests, and checkout items owned by their nearest curbside pickup location.

Here’s how to use the service:

- Place a hold on items owned by a curbside pickup location
- The library will notify you when your items are ready
- Schedule a pickup time
- Follow on-site pickup instructions
- Pick up your items from the designated pickup table
- Enjoy items for 4 weeks

“We’ve had supportive feedback from many patrons, who have expressed how much they have missed having access to library materials, as well as how much they are looking forward to the eventual reopening of our libraries,” says Community Services Librarian, Lindsay Baker. Baker continues, saying that “Despite the closure of branches, Wapiti has not stopped working behind the scenes, which means that there will be new material available at our curbside pickup locations. While Wapiti plans and prepares for the Phase 4 re-opening of public libraries, we think it’s fantastic that we can provide some limited services to our patrons ear-

lier via curbside pickup, while still following the province’s guidelines and protocols.”

For full details on Wapiti’s curbside pickup service, go to the Wapiti Regional Library website: www.wapitilibrary.ca/curbside

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The Thursday, July 2nd edition of the Shellbrook Chronicle and Spiritwood Herald will be *delayed by one day* due to Canada Day falling on a Wednesday.

The paper will be available the morning of Friday, July 3rd instead.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Racism still felt by too many Canadians

In a 2020 that has been replete with bad news, there's some good news for Canadians who have chosen to stand in solidarity with the Americans protesting the killing of George Floyd.

Apparently, they can go home. The battle against discrimination in Canada is over! Racism has all but been eradicated!

That's the take of prolific *National Post* columnist Rex Murphy, who lambasted Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his government last Monday for suggesting that Canada has its own problems with racism.

Sure, there are some closeted — and not so closeted — bigots still lingering within our borders, Mr. Murphy concedes, but even the best countries in the world have a few of those kicking around, so what can you do?

In making his claim that Canada is “not a racist country,” Mr. Murphy naturally has no shortage of criteria to support his



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thesis. As per his column:

“Do we not have welcoming immigration policies? Are our largest cities not a great montage of people from every corner of the world, of every colour and creed? Do we not, both in private and public, celebrate Canada's multicultural nature? Do our schools not press the ideas of tolerance and acceptance toward all peoples and all faiths from kindergarten through high school? Is it not a doctrine of Canadian civic life that to end any trace of dis-

crimination or racism is a cardinal rationale for the very existence of modern Canada.”

All of these rhetorical questions are impossible to refute. Mr. Murphy is 100 per cent correct in his assessment. But these broad qualifications for giving Canada a passing grade on racism could be applied to most countries.

The United States, for instance, welcomes more immigrants than any country in the world, and American cities are every bit as diverse as our own. But who could ever say, while keeping a straight face, that the United States isn't a country plagued by systemic racism?

And yet, while Mr. Murphy takes a too simplistic view of what qualifies as racism, he's not entirely wrong. Canada is, for the most part, not an overtly racist country.

Overt being the key word.

The trouble with racism, is that it's not always as

explicitly violent and hateful as men in white hoods leading lynch mobs, or police officers kneeling on the necks of handcuffed suspects for nearly nine minutes, or people hurling racial slurs.

These acts of racism are easy to spot, and even easier for the vast majority of Canadians to denounce, because they run contrary to our values.

But racism can be subtle and easy to miss.

It can be in a seemingly harmless joke shared between friends, or in the fact that security officers at certain stores only ever seem to check the carts of Indigenous people.

None of these examples of subtle racism are as insidious as the deeply ingrained systemic racism that necessitated the Black Lives Matter movement and the ongoing protests in the United States.

But they are still problematic, and there are plenty of other examples in Canadian society.



Looking at wage inequality, first-generation black immigrants earn, on average, \$37,000 per year, compared to \$50,000 for new immigrants who aren't a visible minority.

Meanwhile, the unemployment rate for black Canadians sits at 12.5 per cent, a full five points higher than non-minorities, and nearly seven points higher than other visible minorities.

In education, young black Canadians are as ambitious as any other students, with 94 per cent saying they'd like to earn a post-secondary diploma.

However, only 60 per cent see that as a possibility (the percentages for non-minorities were 82 per cent, and 79 per cent, respectively).

And, finally, black Canadians remain the leading victims of police-reported hate crimes.

Can all these statistics be attributed to racism? Perhaps not entirely. But they are emblematic of the racism that lingers in Canada.

We've made great strides, to be certain, but there are still many a great stride to be made before we can congratulate ourselves.

Canada doesn't need a gun-loving mindset

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to Cathay Wagantall's article “Trudeau Gov'ts misses the mark on gun control” in the May 19 issue of the *Herald*.

The story is told that when knife crime rose across the United Kingdom, the British Ironwork Center came up with an idea. Working with local police forces, the Center built and placed two hundred deposit boxes around the country and ran an amnesty campaign. One hundred thousand knives were anonymously surrendered, some still with blood on their blades. These were then shipped to artist Alfie Bradley,

who blunted them, inscribed some with the names of some young knife-crime victims, plus messages of regrets from ex-offenders. All 100,000 weapons were then welded together to create a “Knife Angel,” a twenty seven foot-high angelic sculpture with shimmering steel wings. This monument is portable and is being moved throughout England to encourage and remind people to work and witness for a non-violent society.

I am sure we all agree that we do need knives for many things, but we do not need guns in our pockets or assault rifles and semi automatic weapons in our homes.

Ms. Wagantall emphasizes that “the vast majority of gun crimes are committed with illegally obtained weapons”. Probably quite true. But what about the minority that are committed with legal weapons? Don't their lives matter?

I can think of at least three things that would make it harder for criminals to obtain fire arms if their sale and possession were banned. First, if private law-abiding citizens did not possess outlawed guns, criminals could not steal them. Secondly this would prevent family members (especially children) from being tempted to use them. Thirdly a law abiding gun owner

might decide to kill a thief or intruder, and regret it for the rest of his life. There just is no property worth more than a human life.

As for hand guns I can relate this story: My sister and her husband spent many winters camping in Arizona. One evening they went for a walk with an American friend. They came upon a man who was lying partly under his car doing some repairs. The American friend put his hand on his gun and said: “One false move and he's dead.”

Do we want this mind set in Canada? I think not!

Cornie Martens, Rabbit Lake, Sask.

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Sask. enters phase three of re-opening plan

Saskatchewan entered Phase three of the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan on Monday, as the number of active COVID-19 cases in the province dropped to 17.

In addition to increasing the limit on indoor public gatherings to 15 people from 10 (outdoor gatherings will be increased to 30 people), phase three of the plan allows restaurants and licensed establishments to open at 50 per cent of their normal dining capacity.

Gyms and fitness facilities were also allowed to re-open with the start of phase three, along with childcare facilities, places of worship, and personal services that were not permitted to open under phase two.

Those personal services include tattoo artists, aestheticians, make-up applicators, electrologists, manicurists and pedicurists, sun tanning parlours, facilities in which body piercing, bone grafting or scarification services are provided, and others.

Additional guidelines for

restaurants and gyms were released shortly after phase two of the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan started. And, last week, the province finally released its updated guidelines for childcare facilities.

As of phase three, childcare facilities are permitted to have 15 children per designated space, up from the prior limit of eight children. This will accommodate employees returning to work as part of the phase three re-openings.

"The increase means 15 children are allowed per facility or, in the case of larger facilities where the area permits, a maximum of 15 children in one defined area," the province outlined. "These areas must be separate for each group and need to be separated by a barrier that can prevent children, toys and other items from crossing over."

Additionally, groups of children and staff members assigned to them must stay together through the day and refrain from mixing with

other groups. They must also be in the same space at the same time, including for pickups, drop-offs, meal times, playtime, and outdoor activities.

Finally, children are restricted to attending a single facility to "reduce transmission risks."

As of the release of the updated guidelines, the province had received applications for 1,030 of the province's 2,170 school-based childcare spaces, leaving capacity utilization under 50 per cent.

Elsewhere, the province says it's still consulting with faith leaders across the province to develop further guidelines for places of worship.

On top of releasing guidelines for phase three businesses, the provincial government has also made changes to its plan ahead of phase four, which still has no start date.

"A date has not yet been determined for this phase, but it will open in two parts to ensure the appropriate

public health measures are in place, while allowing people to participate in seasonal and recreational activities," the province explained.

As part one of phase four, child and youth day camps and outdoor pools and spray parks will be allowed to re-open.

Meanwhile, part two will allow for the re-opening of

indoor pools, indoor rinks, libraries, museums, galleries, movie theatres, casinos and bingo halls.

With graduation celebrations left in limbo by COVID-19, the province is encouraging schools and communities to develop "innovative ways" of celebrating, but encouraging them to comply with current public

health orders around gathering limits and physical distancing.

While parks, playgrounds and beaches remain closed, the province says it's developing on guidelines for their safe re-opening.

For the latest on the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan, visit www.saskatchewan.ca/re-open.

Crews fix water break on Service Road East



A water line break on Shellbrook's Service Road East, between Naber Ford and Amanda's Pizza had workers toiling in the rain last Thursday.

Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan

The province is continuing to gradually re-open businesses and services.

To support our ability to progress through the plan's five phases, we need to keep the curve flat. It's important that Saskatchewan residents continue practising the following:



Physical distancing of 2 metres.



15 or fewer in an indoor gathering.
30 or fewer in an outdoor gathering.



Frequent handwashing and cleaning of surfaces.



Stay home if you're sick and call 811 if you have COVID-19 symptoms.



Keep household contacts to a consistent group of family or friends.

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June 8, 2020

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- Gyms and fitness facilities
- Places of worship
- Child care facilities
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Herman Henry Klassen

Klassen, Herman Henry, was born January 26, 1930, Laird, SK and passed away May 25, 2020, Saskatoon, SK at the age of 90 years. A Family Graveside Service was held Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 11:00 am at the Hoffnungsfelder Menonite Cemetery, Glenbush, SK with Reverend Don Unger officiating. Honorary Pallbearers are considered "All those who shared in Herman's

life". The casket bearers were Ron, Robert, Dave, Lloyd, Michael and Rochelle Klassen. Memorial Donations may be made to Gideon's International in Canada as tokens of remembrance in memory of Herman Klassen. Herman is lovingly remembered by his children: Ron (Serena) of Sandwith, SK, Rob of Delisle, SK, Dave (Debby) of Osoyoos, BC and Lloyd (Eileen) of Edmonton, AB, daughters-in-law: Darlene Klassen of Saskatoon, SK and Sharon Roney of Wakaw, SK, grandchildren: Renee (Braden) Pound and children, Sam, Lauren, Michael (Melissa) Klassen and children, Jade, Jasmin, Becky (Ian) MacLaurin and children, Kyle, Erin, Cody, Rochelle (Evan) Klassen and child, Nolan, Emily (Tyson) Friend and child, Olivia, Kendell Olkanych, child,

Karly (Jason) children, Caden & Brady, Tiegan, Tyson, Jenna, Jadon, Nathan, and Alyssa, his sister, Louise Epp of Saskatoon, SK, sister-in-law, Helen Klassen of Rosthern, SK also numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was predeceased by: his wife, Pauline Klassen, his parents, Martin and Lisette Klaassen, his son, Tim, his brothers, Edgar Klassen and Benno (Lillian) Klaassen, his sister, Magdalene (Art) Epp and his brother-in-law, Clarence Epp. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Mark Muir, Funeral Director, Spiritwood (306-883-3500).

Ione Rochelle (Dahl) Martodam

MARTODAM, Ione Rochelle (née Dahl) September 28, 1924 – May 26, 2020

With the Angels holding her close, our beautiful Mother, Ione Rochelle Martodam rose to Heaven early on Tuesday, May 26th, 2020 at the age of 95 years.

Ione will be deeply missed by her loving family; children, Ruth Breitreitz, Carolyn (Orville) Leach, Elaine (Perry) Robinson, Yvonne (Terry McLaughlin) Martodam, David (Janet) Martodam, Florence (Rick) Simpson, and Gloria (Richard) Buck; her grandchildren, great grandchildren and one great great grandchild; her sister Janice Dubray; her brother Delbert (Mary Jane) Dahl; sister in law Bonnie Klimek; and numerous nieces and nephews and

extended family.

Ione was predeceased by her husband Clarence; grandson Joshua Martodam; sons in law Lee King and Ted Breitreitz; parents Ruth and Matthew Dahl; siblings Manville, Eldon, Delores, Eugene, Marilyn, and Carol; and so many other loving family members who are in Heaven to greet her.

Ione was born in Broderick, Saskatchewan to Ruth and Matthew Dahl, the second child of their family of nine. She met Clarence Martodam and married in October of 1946. They first lived in Northside where they operated a small grocery store and the local post office, moving to Spiritwood in 1961 where they owned Martodam's General Store for many years. Ione was highly involved with the Legion Ladies Auxiliary and enjoyed curling, playing cards with relatives, sharing stories of her life and history, keeping family records, and most of all, the visits with her family.

To our family, our Mom was strong and resilient, loving and kind, so sweet and unassuming - our gentle guide along our paths. She loved her family and we loved her

so.

A private family graveside service will be held at the Spiritwood Cemetery where she will be honoured and laid to rest. A larger celebration of her life will be held at a later time when her family can meet to 'do it right'. Mom always loved the house full of laughter, lots of talking over each other, and an abundance of food!

The family is eternally grateful for the wonderful support that our Mom received from the staff at the Spiritwood and District Health Care Centre, where she lived for the past 5 1/2 years. She loved her time there and we were grateful for the ability to wheel her over to her home or uptown to the store, when we could.

Donations in memory of Ione Martodam may be made to Spiritwood & District Long Term Care Centre as tokens of remembrance.

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COVID-19 brings silver lining for grain shipping

It is interesting how well the Canadian system can move grain when the commodity isn't competing with other higher value loads as much as normal.

It was reported recently Canada set a new weekly wheat export record in week 40 of the 2019-20 campaign, according to the Canadian Grain Commission. According to a Western Producer article terminal elevators shipped 926,000 tonnes of wheat and durum, shattering the previous record of 691,000 tonnes set the same week the

previous crop year.

The numbers are interesting because it shows two things; one there is obvious demand for wheat.

That isn't surprising given the COVID-19 pandemic. You only had to go to a grocery store in Saskatchewan over the last couple of months to know there were times the flour shelves had been scantily stocked, if not completely emptied. People recognized flour as a key food product should there be general food shortages, and stocked up on their home



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supply.

So it stands to reason the demand for wheat on a worldwide basis would be stronger than usual this spring, as importing countries add to their stocks of the commodity

to ensure there is enough bread to feed their citizens.

But, that is of course only half the answer as to why the record movement has occurred. It's important to have demand, but there have been times in the recent past where there were sales to meet and the system couldn't move the grain from farm to port.

The bottleneck has largely been the rail system.

So why are railways able to move the big numbers now?

Simply put, there is

greater rail capacity right now. It's not that rail companies are necessarily making handling grain a higher priority.

It's also not because the system has added capacity in terms of rolling stock.

There are simply less forestry and oil and gas products moving, so those products are not competing for rail cars due to COVID-19.

Of course this sort of dual anomaly will not last.

Demand fuelled by fear of shortages, or hoarding at a national level

will not continue once the pandemic is brought under some semblance of control by better science.

When the science does advance to create vaccines, or better treatments for COVID-19, the demand for oil, gas and other products will return to more normal levels, and that will have rail companies dedicating its rolling stock to the higher valued products, pinching the supply of cars and engines to move grain.

The blip shows what can happen, but it will not be a new norm.

The mystery of Holbein's soldiers: who is who in this photograph?

Submitted by Alanna Carswell

A framed photograph of five men in First World War uniforms hangs on the wall of the Shellbrook Royal Canadian Legion #111 meeting room. It is not the first location for the photograph. Its first location was the Holbein schoolhouse. On Aug. 19, 1919 a memorial service was held there dedicating the photograph of the five local men who had died in service of their country.

While the names of the five men are known thanks to the 1919 *Shellbrook Chronicle* article announcing the memorial service, only two names have been matched to their faces. The names of the known faces

are Private Leon Edwin Hoopfer and Private Paul Skotte Jorgensen.

The names to be matched to faces are Private Andrew Hislop, Private Oscar Gustav Soberg, and Sergeant Harold Wilfred Pearce.

Private Jorgensen, Private Soberg, and Sergeant Pearce all served with the 5th Battalion (Western Cavalry), Canadian Expeditionary Force which is perpetuated by the North Saskatchewan Regiment. One of the battalion's more infamous members was its mascot Sergeant Bill, a Billy goat who was court martialed several times, once for eating the battalion personnel roll. Billy was the only original military mascot to en-

ter Mons on Armistice Day.

Private Hislop served with the 28th Battalion (Northwest), Canadian Expeditionary Force which is perpetuated by The Royal Regina Rifles. The last soldier killed on the Western Front was a member of the 28th Battalion, Private G. Price, who was shot by a sniper while on patrol two minutes before the armistice took effect on the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918.

Private Hoopfer served with the 46th Battalion (South Saskatchewan), Canadian Expeditionary

Force which is perpetuated by The Saskatchewan Dragoons. During the war, the 46th Battalion became known as "The Suicide Battalion." The unit had a casualty rate of 91.5% (3,484 wounded and 1,433 killed) during the 27 months from when the unit disembarked in France in 1916 to Armistice Day.

The Legion would appreciate your help solving the mystery of who is who. If you know any information about the unknown or known men in the photograph, please contact Alanna Carswell at 306-747-3769.



Five men of Holbein and district who died in service during the First World War (1914-1918). Do you know who is Andrew Hislop, Oscar Soberg, or Harold Pearce?

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Be still thy heart: live sports returns

Real live, organized scheduled professional sports returns this week as the PGA Tour holds its breath — along with the rest of the sporting world — by conducting the Charles Schwab Challenge at Colonial Country Club in Texas.

The 72-hole tournament marks North American sports' first foray back to pseudo normalcy since mid-March, although not much about how this tournament will be conducted will be normal.

There will be no fans strolling the grounds, urging golf balls to "get in the hole" and no roars of appreciation for 45-foot putts that curl into the cup. There will be elbow bumps and a few 'air fives' but little in the way of human contact.

Thanks, COVID-19.

Players will be urged to stay in one of four approved hotels, although they may stay in a rental home or at a friend's house if proper cleansing precautions have been taken. Testing will be frequent and food at

the course will be limited to the 'grab-and-go' variety.

The PGA Tour has been inactive since the completion of the first round of the Players Championship in Florida on March 12, the day the entire sports world came to a screeching halt. Hideki Matsuyama fired an opening 63, nine under par, for a two-stroke lead and Canada's Corey Connors was well positioned after a four-under 68. But that night, the sports world went dark and now, almost three months later, a return is being attempted.

All professional sports organizations will be watching closely. The NHL has announced a format to return to play this summer with the plan to declare a Stanley Cup champion who knows-when. The NBA also hopes to return to some sort of resumption of play.

Worst-case scenario, of course, would be for a couple of golfers this week, a caddie or two, and perhaps a television



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technician, to test positive at the course. That will give Commissioner Jay Monahan pause, and the experiment may end about as abruptly as it did back in March. Best-case scenario, on the other hand, is that all the safety and pre-testing precautions work as planned, and that the tournament is completed without a hitch.

Sports fans everywhere are hoping for the latter — that nothing goes wrong and pro athletes get to show off their skills once again. Golf, MLB, the CFL, NFL and soccer are in the midst of, or the start of, their seasons,

so resumption makes sense. NHL and NBA are two organizations that should cancel their plans to resume.

Meanwhile, the eyes of the sporting world will be on Fort Worth, Texas this week. The clubs will be swinging, golf balls will be flying and fingers will be crossing.

• Patti Dawn Swanson, aka the River City Renegade, on Lars-Erik Sjoberg not being named one of the defencemen on the Jets' all-time roster, as chosen by TSN, instead naming him the team's 'foundational' player: "That's like giving Jesus Christ a participation badge for showing up at the Last Supper."

• Swanson again, on the overall work by the TSN voting panel: "Their gaffes were as big as Ondrej Pavelec's five-hole."

• Headline at theonion.com: "Slideshow: 11 greatest sports moments made possible by PEDs."

• Comedy guy Brad Dickson of Omaha:

"The former kicker for LSU is transferring to Nebraska. OK, now we HAVE to play football this fall."

• Comedy writer Eric Stangel on Twitter: "Michael Jordan just saw there's a Lance Armstrong documentary in his usual spot, and out of anger just went to Lance's house and scored 54 points on him."

• Charles Barkley, one of the analysts on The Match: Champions for Charity and a famously terrible golfer, after watching Tom Brady struggle off the tee: "(Brady's) last three tee shots — woods, cart path, water. What's wrong with that?"

• Shannon Szabados on Twitter: "Happy the NHL will be back, but without fans how do we expect players to know when to shoot the puck? How will opposing goalies know they suck?"

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "A British schoolboy told Reuters he had no idea how a fox ended up in his bed. 'See?' said Tiger

Woods."

• Headline in theonion.com: "NFL Reminds Black Coaches They'll Get Their Chance Once League Runs Out Of Grudens And Shanahans"

• Great line from Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "This year's John Deere Classic, scheduled for July 9-12, has been cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. In lieu of a news release, the PGA Tour announced the breakup in a John Deere letter."

• Bucs QB Tom Brady, via Instagram, on why he enjoyed his golf foray: "At halftime of football games we get checked for concussions. In golf, you get refreshments."

• Comedian Argus Hamilton, via Facebook, after Costco shopper O.J. Simpson — wearing a mask but barehanded — was spotted pushing a cart in Las Vegas: "Of all people, you'd think O.J. would be wearing gloves."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Liberal Government left us unprepared for COVID-19

By Kelly Block, MP
Carlton Trail-Eagle Creek

The arrival of the coronavirus to Canada has exposed our country's unpreparedness to deal with a pandemic. This is especially true when it comes to the National Emergency Strategic Stockpile (NESS) which was woefully understocked with the basic health supplies needed to protect Canadians.

It's not like the government didn't have warning. The Liberals should have learned from the SARS outbreak in 2003 and the MERS outbreak in 2012. But they didn't.

Despite this, in early February, the Government of Canada shipped 16 tonnes of personal protective equipment to China from our NESS.

In April, CBC reported that two million N95 masks and 440,000 medical gloves were

thrown into a landfill in 2019 when this government made the decision to shut down an emergency stockpile warehouse in Saskatchewan.

Shockingly, when COVID-19 hit Canada, the NESS did not have the personal protective equipment (PPE) necessary to equip our medical professionals, not to mention workers in long-term care facilities and other important sectors of our economy. As a result, Canadians were vulnerable.

In order to make up for their mismanagement of the NESS and unpreparedness in general, the Liberals have scrambled to buy massive quantities of PPE by building a supply chain in China.

China is a major manufacturer of PPE . . . both real and counterfeit. It was in this "basket" that the Liberals decided to place all their hopes.

In the mad scramble to obtain PPE, the Liberal government contracted numerous suppliers whose manufacturing is in China. Unlike other countries, Canada's government was slow to take the dual approach of finding supplies in China as well as developing domestic capacity.

Months after the need was apparent, the Liberals started to take limited steps to engage potential domestic manufacturers. However, these limited steps didn't help Canadians when the need was the greatest.

In what appears to be a lack of trust in the federal Department's ability to address the needs of their provinces, some provincial governments abandoned the federal procurement process and undertook procurement of PPE on their own.

Unfortunately, anyone concerned about the federal Liberals' strategy has been proven correct.

Using the N95 respirator mask as an example, the Liberals ran up the number of ordered N95s. However, ordering something is not the same thing as owning it.

By their own numbers, the Liberal government had ordered 150 million N95 masks. By mid-May the government reported that it had received less than 12 million masks. However, testing of these delivered N95 masks from China revealed that almost 82% did NOT meet the acceptable standard for N95 masks.

Additionally, the Liberal government has now downgraded the number of ordered N95 masks from over 150 million to just over 100 million. This government lost 50 mil-

lion masks in half a month, largely due to canceled or amended contracts based on suppliers' poor quality of product or inability to fulfill the order.

During a pandemic, the only thing worse than not being protected is believing you are when you're not. The Government of Canada should be focused and must succeed when it comes to protecting Canadians. Yet, through this pandemic, it has failed. Canada deserves better. Canadians deserve a government that is focused not just on the appearance of taking action - but on tangible and real results.

Kelly Block is the Member of Parliament for Carlton Trail-Eagle Creek. Since November 2019 she has served as the Conservative Party's shadow minister for Public Services and Procurement Canada.

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