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## Spiritwood High School grads hold outdoor ceremony

It was possibly the last warm day of the season on Saturday, Sept. 5, as Spiritwood High School was finally able to hold a graduation ceremony to send off the class of 2020.

The long-awaited celebration took place at Don Clark and Tanya Nielsen-Clark's farm just outside of Spiritwood. The organizing committee made sure to follow the current restrictions and guidelines set in place to help prevent disease transmission during the COVID-19 pandemic. Graduates were restricted to a certain number of guests who could attend the ceremony, and each family had a specified row to sit in at the outdoor ceremony.

The graduates, most of whom were able to attend, were all cleaned up and looking their best for the occasion. They all seemed happy to be able to extend a hello to their former classmates.

Recently retired teacher Deon Nordstrom was asked to be the master of ceremonies and guest speaker for the afternoon celebration. Other addresses to the crowd were given by Principal Susan Fry and graduates Shandra Epp, Payton Sanders, Reese Duret, Jeremy Chorney, and valedictorian Olivia Parker.

Messages to the graduates focused around their theme "Shoot for the moon, even if you miss you will land among the stars," an adage Mr. Nordstrom noted had hung on the wall of his classroom for years.

He and Parker both also chose to shine a light on the class's perseverance through the challenging and changing times that everyone has been dealing with this year.

As Mr. Nordstrom pointed out, this was the first time that



The graduating class was all cleaned up for the long-awaited occasion.

he or any other teacher could remember classes being cancelled across the country.

While the ceremony's timing and location were different than years prior, the traditional elements of the ceremony remained. It closed out with each graduate receiving a single stemmed rose, before being met by their family members and proceeding down the aisle.

This year's graduates of Spiritwood High School were Levi Abbott, Lane Anderson, Dawson Beaulac, Beatriz Cimafranca, Jeremy Chorney,

Reese Duret, Shandra Epp, Amy Lafond, Joshua Giesbrecht, Ethan Mundell, Torben Nielson-Clark, Olivia Parker, Laine Price, Dallan Saam, Janine Sakebow, Taylor Salisbury, Payton Sanders, Tyron Shingoose, Ritchie Thomas, Tommy Thomas, and Samuel Tipton.

Some photos were taken prior to the ceremony before the graduates and their families made their way home. The main organizers behind the event were Tanya Nielsen-Clark, Ashley Price, and Tracy Schira-Parker.



Deon Nordstrom acted as the Master of Ceremonies for the 2020 Spiritwood High School graduation ceremony, which was held at the Nielsen-Clark farm.



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# Curling prepares for return to action

With Saskatchewan curling rinks poised to re-open in the coming weeks and months, and 90 per cent of curlers expecting to return to the sport this season, CURLSASK has released its COVID-19 recommendations for local clubs.

The provincial curling organization's plan is built upon guidelines set out by Curling Canada, and the current rules put in place by the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) as part of the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan. Its focus is on safety, as well as getting back to as normal as possible.

"Our first priority is a safe season, this is non-negotiable but keeping in mind our desire for as close to a normal season as possible. Curling has always been an accessible sport that people of all ages and abilities can participate in." CURLSASK Executive Director, Ashley Howard, said in a message to curlers.

"While COVID-19 is a challenge for our sport, I am confident we can return to the sport we love in the 2020-2021 season and I thank each individual curler for their patience as we adapt to the new normal."

As a non-contact sport which takes place on a large ice surface with, at most, eight people at a time, Howard says curling is in a good position to come back in a

way that respects physical distancing guidelines.

That said, some modifications to normal play will be required to ensure curlers and curling club staff and volunteers can safely participate in the sport (though, CURLSASK is leaving many of the final decisions on rules at the discretion of local clubs).

For starters, there will be a maximum of 10 people allowed per ice sheet, and each sheet will be considered its own ice surface, so long as physical distancing can be maintained.

In perhaps the biggest change to play, it's recommended that only one player sweep a rock at any time, and that the skip refrains from sweeping rocks behind the tee-line.

Elsewhere, teams that are not delivering stones should wait in the designated locations on the same side of the sheet (i.e. the left side of the sheet when facing the scoreboard), while the non-delivering skip should remain in the house until all stones come to a rest.

Finally, when conferring on a shot between members of the same team, both parties should face towards the house rather than each other.

Curlers are also advised to move down the sheet using the same side of the ice on all sheets (again, using



**Richard Bell slides out of the hack, during action from the Shellbrook Curling Club's 2020 Open Bonspiel in February.**

the left side of the ice when facing the scoreboard).

Clubs, meanwhile, are urged to split starting times, alternate starting ends, and allow extra time between draws, both for distancing purposes and to allow time for cleaning and disinfecting.

And, when it comes to the ice itself, clubs are encouraged to allow only the ice technician and assistants to handle all ice making equipment.

In volunteer-only rinks, the recommendation is to assign people to specific equipment, and develop a sanitization schedule to ensure equipment is cleaned properly.

Clubs are also required to keep records of participants and spectators (classified as anyone who remains within the facility for at least 15 minutes) for at least a

month, to allow for COVID-19 contact tracing.

In what has become standard for all facilities re-opening during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, all participants are urged to stay home if sick, practice proper coughing and sneezing etiquette, and refrain from physical contact (such as pre or post-game handshakes or high fives).

Though clubs are expected to have hand sanitizer available, curlers are advised to bring their own sanitizer and water bottles, wherever possible.

Curlers are also urged to come ready to play and bring their own equipment. However, clubs are permitted to offer long-term rentals, so long as the equipment is assigned to one person and disinfected upon return.

To help with physical dis-

tancing, clubs are encouraged to install signage and decals inside and outside of facilities to guide the flow of traffic, and create separate entrances and exits, if possible.

Clubs are also asked to consider restricting non-essential visitors and volunteers. Where distance can't be maintained, interactions should be brief, or plexiglass should be installed.

In lounge areas, only members of the same group should be seated together, with a maximum of six people per table. As per the SHA's guidelines, there should be no more than 30 people gathered indoors at one time.

In one bit of normalcy, programming will be allowed to run, with the use of masks by instructors being the only major guideline in place. The wearing of masks applies to both youth and adult programs.

To keep programs running safely, clubs are encouraged to restrict par-

ents and spectators from remaining in the building, and encourage alternate formats to programs, such as three-on-three or singles.

Elsewhere, though tournaments and interprovincial play aren't permitted as per SHA guidelines, local bonspiels and funspiels will be permitted, so long as events adhere to all guidelines.

Restrictions unique to these events include a requirement that they be for local club curlers, and a ban on social gatherings like luncheons and banquets.

CURLSASK has teamed up with Curl Alberta and Curl B.C. for a provincial team ranking system. This will allow teams to be ranked at in-province events and qualify for larger tournaments, should travel open up later in the curling season.

For more information on the rules guidelines in place, contact your local curling club.

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**Number to be Elected 4**

will be received by the undersigned Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September until the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October at the Leoville Village Office – 22 Main Street.

Nomination forms may be obtained at the following location during regular business hours:  
**Leoville Village Office – 22 Main Street**

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

Mona Chalifour  
Returning Officer

### Town of Spiritwood Notice of Call for Nominations

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**Mayor: Town of Spiritwood**  
**Councillor: Town of Spiritwood**  
**Number to be elected: 6**

will be received by the undersigned on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Spiritwood Town Office; and during regular business hours on September 10<sup>th</sup> to October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Spiritwood Town Office.

Nomination forms may be obtained at the following locations:

- [www.townofspiritwood.ca](http://www.townofspiritwood.ca)
- Spiritwood Town Office – 212 Main Street

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Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

Rhonda Saam  
(Returning Officer)

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**Mayor: Village of Parkside**  
**Councillor: Village of Parkside**  
**Number to be Elected: 2**

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Nomination forms may be obtained at the Parkside Village Office.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

Gwen Olson  
Returning Officer

# TOPS Shellbrook seeing early successes

A year ago, Shellbrook's own Brian Hagel became royalty when he was named the Take off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) weight loss king for Saskatchewan.

The trucker's weight loss journey, which included multiple attempts over multiple decades, saw him shed 51.2 pounds, dropping to 196 pounds from 245. And, most important of all, it transformed him from a man who "broke a sweat getting out of bed" into a man who can walk three to five miles a day with little trouble.

A year after this long, winding, but ultimately successful, journey, Brian says he's continuing to keep the weight off by practicing better portion control.

"We still eat what we want," he said of the mindset he and his wife, Vici, maintain. "If we feel like going out for an ice cream, we do. If we feel like having a piece of chocolate cake, we do. We just don't have the whole cake."

Now, with Vici's help, Brian is hoping to impart this mindset on the members of Shellbrook's TOPS chapter, and support them on their own weight loss journey.

Formed in January after local interest developed in response to Brian's success, the weight loss support group is sitting at about six members, including Brian and Vici.

While Brian and Vici are focused on maintaining their current weight, the other four members have their own weight loss goals in mind. And, if the first eight months are anything to go by, they're on the right track to meet those goals.

According to Vici, the four members have lost a combined 86.4 pounds since January — a feat that was celebrated at a special recognition in Brian and Vici's garage on Saturday, Aug. 29.

The goal is for the members' total combined weight loss to reach 100 pounds by the end of the year.

"What's involved [with being a TOPS member] is just the desire to lose weight," Brian said. "There's no special diet or meal plan. TOPS is basically a support group for weight loss."

"We don't consider this program to be a diet thing,

it's a lifestyle of making better choices," Vice agreed. "There's no miracle to it."

With this singular focus on losing weight and living healthier, the group began meeting once a week at the Shellbrook Public Library. That is, until COVID-19 arrived in Saskatchewan and restrictions on public gatherings forced the group to cancel all meetings for a period of eight weeks.

With in-person meetings off the table, the group's membership kept in touch and continued to support each other via regular phone calls. But, though weight loss success is dependent upon self-motivation and individual commitment to a healthier lifestyle, Brian and Vici agreed that phone calls weren't enough.

"Anybody can step on a



From left, Laurinda Scholfield, Gail Swain, and Marjorie Hislop recently celebrated their weight loss successes at TOPS Shellbrook's special recognition day on Saturday, Aug. 29.

bathroom scale and say I'm down a pound or I gained a pound, or whatever it is," Brian said. "But part of being with the group that is of like mind... the encouragement and support from the rest of the group, and

the accountability factor, makes it a little easier."

Recognizing the need for greater accountability, Brian and Vici decided to start

hosting the weekly, hour-long meetings in their garage, which was large enough to maintain physical distance.

And, though the isolation forced by COVID-19 could have wreaked havoc on the members' weight loss goals, Brian says everyone stuck to their game plan. Indeed, during that first week back, the members were still down a combined 21 pounds.

But, of course, success during difficult times doesn't always come easy, says Brian. Especially given our relationship with food as a source of comfort.

"We've been raised that food is love. There was some dish your grandmother or mother made, that you think of as love or

comfort," he said.

"We can't go see this person, or that person. We can't even walk out the door. But I can open the fridge, or I can order online and have my groceries delivered, and no one will ever know that I ate that whole cake."

While TOPS Shellbrook has been enjoying success over its first eight months, in spite of COVID-19, Vici says the group is always looking for new members (in particular, men and couples), and is open to anyone aged seven and up.

"If people are interested in changing to a healthier lifestyle, we're available to support that vision for however long they think they need. Everybody's got a different road to go," she said.

For more information, contact Brian at 306-841-7966 (cell), or Vici at 306 747 3208 (landline).

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Tender must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Village of Canwood PROPERTY TENDER" and will be received on behalf of the Village of Canwood by their municipally appointed audit firm until **October 8, 2020, 2:00 p.m. local time:**

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The tenders will be opened by the Audit firm and later presented to Council at their Regular Meeting in October.

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a certified cheque payable to the municipality for 10% (ten percent) of the tender amount. Tenders must also include a description of the bidder's plans for the property.

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Erin Robertson  
Administrator, Village of Canwood

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## No 'Sunny Ways' In Trudeau-land

When it comes to politicians, it's always wisest to maintain a degree of scepticism. After all, when folks are competing in what amounts to glorified popularity contests, they're far more likely to say what they think the people want to hear.

Without question, those who have given Prime Minister Justin Trudeau two mandates (one majority government, and one minority that may as well be a majority), would have benefitted from a healthy dose of doubt.

Five years into Mr. Trudeau's reign in Ottawa, we should all be holding hands around the campfire and singing Kumbaya (or, perhaps, a non-secular alternative). We should be a unified Canada, irrespective of our race, gender identity, religious belief, and sexual orientation.

Such was the implied promise of Trudeau's now infamous "Sunny Ways": a kinder, gentler, more inclusive Canada, where everyone pulled to-



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gether, in the same direction, for the benefit of every Canadian.

Instead, heavy storm clouds have rolled in over Ottawa, and the skies show no signs of clearing.

And, as the rain falls, it's gradually washing away the mask Mr. Trudeau has been wearing for the past five years, revealing his true self.

There was a time, however brief, in which Mr. Trudeau would have at least feigned contrition for his misdeeds.

Following his first ethics violation in 2017 – a lavish Christmas vacation on an island owned by long-time family friend the Aga Khan – Mr. Trudeau fessed up and pledged to do better. Then, of course, came the so-called "Kokanee Grope" episode in 2018, a rather limp-fisted apology by Mr. Trudeau's lofty standards of performative self-abasement.

Next came 2019's SNC-Lavalin scandal, Mr. Trudeau's second ethics strike and one of the first transgressions he refused to apologize for. It was here, in his assertion that "protecting jobs" was more important than holding shady companies to account, where we saw hints of Mr. Trudeau's arrogance.

It was his statement that he and his government would choose the winners and losers, determine which sins were punished or absolved.

In his own world, far removed from the one experienced by the vast majority

of Canadians, Mr. Trudeau knows best.

Except for the many times, in the real world, when he hasn't.

Such was the case with this year's WE Charity scandal, which – if Mr. Trudeau allows it – will likely result in his third ethics violation in just five years.

Despite this, Mr. Trudeau had the audacity to dismiss questions about his moral compass as "partisan politics," and claim that his government is "totally focused on doing the right things for Canadians."

In that same interview with CBC Radio's Early Edition, Mr. Trudeau went on to say that Canadians would judge his record on ethics at the polls in the next federal election.

And, in the truest sign of Mr. Trudeau's utter self-delusion, he framed his prorogation of parliament as essential to Canada's democracy.

"That's why prorogation



and the throne speech, which will allow opposition parties to weigh in on whether or not they agree with the new direction we're taking for building back Canada, is fundamentally an important thing in our democracy," he said.

Only in Mr. Trudeau's version of Canada could shutting down democratic debate, and an investigation into his government's ethical breaches, be perceived as a benefit to

our democracy.

With parliament's return just under two weeks away, it seems doubtful that even the NDP will continue supporting Mr. Trudeau's ethically bankrupt, spendthrift government.

Odds are, Canadians will soon be heading to the polls to judge Mr. Trudeau on his tarnished ethics record.

With what we've seen of Mr. Trudeau's true nature, the verdict should be obvious.

## Op-Ed: It's time for Canadians to look at the Conservatives again

By Gary Vidal, MP,  
Desnethé-Missinippi-Churchill River

It's time for Canadians to look at the Conservative Party again. We in Western Canada are resilient, entrepreneurial, and extremely hard working. These are traits that the Government of Canada should reward, not discourage.

As Member of Parliament representing the entire northern half (52% actually) of Northern Saskatchewan, I have spent the last few weeks travelling to La Loche, Buffalo Narrows, Ile a la Crosse, Beauval, Creighton, Flin Flon, Denare Beach, Waskesieu, Debden, Big River, and many stops in between. You know what? I didn't once hear anyone complain about COVID-19, rather the opposite – I heard from people young and old that they were grateful to be living in such a beautiful prov-

ince surrounded by nature, family, and good neighbors.

We certainly are lucky to be in Saskatchewan during this pandemic – while there have been outbreaks and cases of COVID-19, public health officials from all levels of government, and indigenous leadership have acted quickly and kept us safe.

Unfortunately, as has been the case over the past 5 years, Justin Trudeau's government has turned their back on Saskatchewan and much of Western Canada. Throughout the pandemic, our Saskatchewan Conservative MPs have fought hard to ensure that our hard-working constituents who need it are included in assistance programs, both personal and business. The Liberals made in Ottawa "one size fits all" solution had initially left out groups such as in-

igenous businesses, rural tourism, and many small businesses in Saskatchewan. If not for our strong caucus, many more businesses may have shut their doors for good during the pandemic.

Justin Trudeau doesn't understand Saskatchewan because he has never faced adversity, shown resilience, or poured blood, sweat and tears into something. It's time for that to change. On day one, newly elected Conservative Party of Canada leader Erin O'Toole raised Western Alienation with Justin Trudeau, because he knows that our natural resource sector as well as our small businesses and tourism (hunting and fishing camps) sectors are the economic engine of Canada and that our farmers and agricultural workers feed families from coast to coast to coast.

Erin's service in Canada's Military, the private sector as a lawyer, and for the past several years in the House of Commons makes him a capable leader for Canada during this time of pandemic and economic crisis. More importantly, as Canada begins to re-open, Erin will lead a government that rebuilds our economy and creates long-term, good-paying jobs with ambitious national projects, infrastructure, and federal programs to make it easier for people to get ahead.

Our Conservative team will do this while also keeping us safe and ensuring that we are never ill-prepared again. That is our message to Canadians from coast to coast, and that is why I believe many Canadians will once again look to the Conservative Party of Canada and find themselves at home in it.

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## Report from the Legislature

Just recently, we celebrated 115 years since Saskatchewan officially became a province. We can be proud of our province, its place in our country, and all that we have to offer the world. While Saskatchewan has experienced many highs and lows throughout its history, we have always been able to count on the strength and resilience of our people to carry us through.

Today, Saskatchewan is a growing province and an emerging world leader in many respects. As we continue to recover from the impact of COVID-19, our government is investing in needed infrastructure to help stimulate economic recovery and encourage local job creation.

As an example, the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program is providing \$150 million in provincial funding to shovel-ready infrastructure projects in municipalities across Saskatchewan. This is a key component of our government's \$7.5 billion, two-year capital stimulus plan.

To build strong communities, we must ensure that our families have access to effective and high-performing infrastructure. These key investments show our governments commitment to building strong families. This month our government released \$437.4 million in new highway projects in the 2020 Fall Tender, which is the largest in Saskatchewan's history.

These new highway projects will stimulate our economy, improve road safety as well as the reliability of several highways across our province. This release of the Fall Tender will allow for the industry to plan their projects effectively for the next construction season. A major highlight of the package includes the completion of a multi-year, multi-passing lane project on Highway 7 from Saskatoon to the Saskatchewan/Alberta border.

Projects happening in our area include:

- Resurfacing of Highway 312 east of Rosthern;
- Highway 2 passing lanes north of Prince Albert;
- Highway 3 passing lanes west of Prince Albert;
- Highway 12 passing lanes



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north of Martensville;

- Highway 24 grade and pave north of Spiritwood to Leoville;

- Highway 55 through Goodsoil, paving granular, N and S of Loon Lake, & Meadow Lake Provincial Park surfacing; and

- Highway 55 grade and pave west of Junction Highway 123.

In total, our government has invested \$9.8 billion into our transportation infrastructure since 2008. This year, our government will

improve 1,000 kilometres of highway, which is the first year of our 10-year Growth Plan goal to build and upgrade 10,000 kilometres of highway.

Recently, our government announced \$31 million in funding for a Rare Earth Processing Facility to be built here in the province. The facility will be owned and operated by the Saskatchewan Research Council and will be the first-of-its-kind in Canada to establish a Rare Earth Element (REE) supply chain here in Saskatchewan. This will form an industry model for the future of commercial REE expansion. This will not only strengthen but also diversify our economy.

Global demand for electric vehicles and renewable power generation is at an all-time high. The Rare Earth Processing Facility will be a catalyst to stimulate our resource sector and will ensure that Saskatchewan stays competitive as we continue our economic recovery and grow our province.



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As part of our governments \$7.5 billion infrastructure stimulus in response to COVID-19, \$200 million has been allocated for building and maintaining our health infrastructure which will lead to stronger communities and will benefit many families across the province.

Of that \$200 million, funding has been set aside for additional maintenance in 2020-21 which will finance 87 facility improvement projects, including roof replacements, renovations to clinic

spaces, generator and boiler replacements, and security improvements. The remaining funds are expected to allow for a further 225 projects to be completed.

The past few weeks have seen the announcement of new school builds, as well as the completion of others. More than \$135 million of our stimulus spending will go towards four new schools, two major renovations, as well as many maintenance projects for school divisions in communities across the province.

Since 2007, our government has committed more than \$1.9 billion toward school infrastructure projects. This includes 85 major school capital projects and numerous small projects such as portable classrooms and preventative maintenance and renewal.

This fall, many schools across Saskatchewan are opening their doors for the first time to an excited group



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of students. I am grateful for the work and guidance of school divisions to ensure our students and faculty members are able to adapt to our current reality. Though the school year will be different for most, we can be confident knowing that our students are in good hands. I wish all students and school staff the very best as we return to class in what has been a particularly challenging year.

## Students return to school across province



Tuesday morning was the first day of classes for schools in the Shellbrook and Spiritwood areas, marking the first time schools have been in session since being shutdown by COVID-19 in March. At Shellbrook Elementary School, students attending school in person were asked to gather in clusters with their homeroom teacher to be walked through some back-to-school safety basics, before being guided into the school. Here, Grade 5 teacher Dianne Thorpe gives her students some instructions, and ensures they have their masks on as they enter.

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# Vidal makes stop in Debden

A few brave people endured the cold and rain showers in Debden last Thursday, to listen to an update on what was happening in Ottawa from Gary Vidal. Gary is the Member of Parliament for the Desnethé-Missinippi-Churchill River riding.

Mayor Rod Fisher welcomed everyone in attendance.

"It is great to see people out to talk to their member of parliament and be part of the dialogue," he said.

Discussions varied from various aspects of the long term effects to the economy from the coronavirus



**Gary Vidal (grey hoodie), MP for Desnethé-Missinippi-Churchill River, speaks with constituents during a recent stop in Debden.**

pandemic, agriculture, social issues, and the state of the economy.

Gary painted a dismal picture of the economic situation that the country finds itself in, due to the Liberal party running nearly a \$400 billion deficit so far in 2020, and pushing the national debt to nearly over a Trillion dollars.

The \$40 billion deficit portrayed by the government is compared to our gross domestic product, which varies and simply downplays the actual numbers.

Gary was accompanied by Andrew, his legislative assistant from Ottawa, and Dion Petz, his consti-

tuency inclusion coordinator. Gary stated that he felt it was important to bring these people with him, as they all work together and they really need to understand what the people are thinking and their concerns.

Because of the restrictions, and due to the efforts to minimize any chance to spread the virus, the gathering was held outdoors.

Gary praised the people for coming out and braving the elements, stating that, "It really shows that people want to express their thoughts on politics."

# Shelley Allard receives Lion of the Year honour

The Spiritwood and District Lions Club kicked off the start of their 2020/2021 season with a socially distanced meeting at the Legion Hall. After having the previous season cut short due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there were many items on the agenda to follow up on.

The club had previously decided to go ahead with their awards to finish the season, while cancelling all in-person events. Shandra Epp was awarded the Graduate Scholarship and the Spiritwood Library received the Lions Lottery Grant.

The meeting provided an opportunity for Lions' past president Bryan Ferguson to present the 2019/2020 Lion of the Year Award to Lion Shelley Allard, noting her constant presence and dedication to events and fundraisers put on by the club. The honour was well deserved.

The Lions also welcomed their new president, Marg Pretli, and made decisions about whether or not to run upcoming events.



**Spiritwood Lions' Past President Bryan Ferguson (right) congratulated Lion Shelley Allard (left) on being named Spiritwood and District Lion of the Year for the 2019/2020 season.**

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# AGRICULTURE

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## Will COVID's changes last? Not likely

There is some who think the reality of the COVID-19 pandemic the last several months will lead to some rather dramatic changes in how we view our food.

That is an interesting viewpoint, given my own experiences given that I am now 60.

When growing up through the 1960s and 1970s, on a Saskatchewan farm my experience regarding the food on our daily table was decidedly different than it has been in the current millennium.

The summer and fall period on the farm is remembered in part by the effort to

preserve the food grown in a huge garden. That meant, even as a fairly young boy shelling peas, and carrying huge cabbages from the garden.

A few years older I graduated to cutting beans to be frozen.

And who could forget the smells of pickling, and we pickled everything, beets, carrots, onions, beans, cauliflower and of course cucumbers.

There are also memories of watching dad chop the head off chickens with an axe, and the combination of giggles and fear as their bodies flopped around after.



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Then carrying the chickens to mom – who did not work off-farm -- to pluck, gut and prepare for the freezer. The smell of scalded feathers – to help in the plucking – while not nice is also keenly recalled.

Supper that night would be the first of the chickens, the rest consumed through winter.

Then there was butchering a pig, usually around the time of the first snow.

It was a time where you were closely connected to where food came from, and 95 per cent of meals were cooked by family and the food was from the deep freeze, garden, or cellar.

Canned food from the grocery store was a thing for camping not for regular meals.

Take-out food given we were on a farm 16-miles from town was simply not a

thing. Restaurant food was a rare luxury, maybe lunch on the day sales were held at the auction market.

Fast forward to the present day, and gardens are rare, and generally for a few summer meals, not winter preserves.

Even farms tend not to have livestock to put in the deep freeze.

We have relied on the grocery store. We have fast food delivery on speed dial.

There is no time to cook with both parents typically working out of the home.

The pandemic has at least meant more time to cook for many.

There has been an increase in food to prepare in the kitchen, not from a factory sealed in a bag to be microwaved.

There is more interest in maybe having a garden, in connecting with a farmer for direct access to food, to better control what we eat.

That is generally a good thing, but will it last?

In the short term, maybe, but we are creatures of habit and as COVID-19 eventually passes, we are likely to return to relying on the store almost exclusively, whether that is a good thing is up to everyone to determine.

## Crop report: August 25 to 31

Harvest continues to quickly advance thanks to warm and dry weather in most areas of the province. Crops are rapidly drying down and the majority of producers are now in the field. Twenty-eight per cent of the provincial crop is in the bin, up from 15 per cent last week and well ahead of the five-year (2015-2019) average of 22 per cent for this time of year. An additional 27 per cent of the crop is now swathed or ready to straight-cut.

The southwest region continues to have made the most progress in

the province, with 50 per cent of the crop combined. The southeast region has 39 per cent combined, the west-central 25 per cent, the east-central 20 per cent, the northeast 10 per cent and the northwest three per cent.

Ninety-nine per cent of fall rye, 96 per cent of winter wheat, 81 per cent of lentils, 73 per cent of field peas, 53 per cent of mustard, 37 per cent of durum, 28 per cent of chickpeas, 19 per cent of spring wheat and 11 per cent of canola has now been combined. An additional 40

per cent of canola and 23 per cent of mustard is swathed or ready to straight-cut.

The majority of the province did not receive significant rainfall last week, although some areas reported close to 25 mm. The Hudson Bay area reported the highest amount of rain this past week with 37 mm.

Topsoil moisture conditions continue to deteriorate in most areas due to high temperatures, strong winds and lack of moisture. Crop-land topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 32 per cent

adequate, 47 per cent short and 19 per cent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 21 per cent adequate, 44 per cent short and 34 per cent very short.

Most crop damage this past week was due to diseases such as ergot, lack of moisture and strong winds blowing swaths around. There were some reports of light frost but damage appears to be minimal. Many producers have reported field and combine fires due to the dry conditions. Reported yields so far are

about average with some areas indicating that yields will be less than anticipated due to the hot and dry conditions over the past few weeks.

Farmers are busy combining, swathing, desiccating and hauling bales.

With harvest underway, we want to remind producers to exercise caution and remain safe this season.

A complete, printable version of the Crop Report is available online at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/crop-report>.

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# Safe Schools Plan: new funding approved for additional cleaning supplies, equipment, staff

On Tuesday morning, the Government of Saskatchewan is announcing \$51 million in approved funding for classrooms for emergent, one-time expenses associated with a safe return to school. This funding is from the over \$150 million in the COVID contingency fund for education from provincial, federal and school division savings. Of the \$51 million approved today, \$41 million comes from provincial funding, and \$10 million represents the expenditure of the remaining school division savings.

As a part of this new funding, 46 applications have been approved to provide new funding to school divisions, qualified independent schools and historical high schools.

In total, the following

funding has been approved:

- \$19.1 million for sanitization, includes 191 staff

- \$6.0 million for equipment and furniture

- \$13.2 million for supports for immunocompromised students, includes 150 teachers and staff

- \$9.5 million for additional distance learning capacity, includes 102 teachers and staff

- \$4.0 million for technology upgrades

As a result of this new funding, a total of 443 custodial support, teachers and staff are expected to be hired. This is in addition to the more than 200 staff projected to be hired as a result of the increased funding in the 2020-21 Budget.

"In order to ensure our schools are as safe

as possible for students and staff, \$80 million has been committed for the start of the school year," Wyant said. "As a result of our combined funding increases, more than 600 new teachers and staff will be funded this school year."

The Ministry of Education has allocated \$10 million for PPE expenses, of which \$2.3 million has been spent

to date to procure six million masks for school divisions. The ministry will continue working with school divisions to determine PPE needs for the remainder of the school year. The central purchasing of PPE will continue to be done through vendors that were prequalified through a request for qualification process that was completed ear-

lier this summer.

Typically, operating funding for school divisions is confirmed after enrollments are submitted on September 30. In recognition of the exceptional circumstances this year, the Ministry of Education is delaying any consideration for the redistribution of grants once actual enrollments are known until Jan. 29. This en-

rollment date change will provide school divisions stability regardless of actual enrollments this fall, while minimizing any potential impact on division operating funding.

There is \$64 million remaining in the COVID contingency fund for education. The next intake for school division funding applications will be on Dec. 1.

## Spiritwood kids take part in TD Summer Reading Program

The COVID-19 pandemic put a damper on many of the summer activities usually available to Spiritwood and area kids. One of these activities was the Spiritwood Public Library's Summer reading program.

The Library encouraged kids to register online with the TD Summer Reading Program instead. Additionally, the Wapiti Regional Library (WRL) had a Weekly Challenge Program that set out activities and projects for kids to do from home or around their community.

One local, Ethan Gaboury, was chosen as one of the winners of WRL's program and he won a great deal of prizes.

Some activities that Ethan participated in included creating a cursive creature where he needed to draw an animal that contained his name written in cursive, making rhubarb jam from a recipe in a downloaded book, an around town scavenger hunt, making fireworks in a jar, brushless painting with fruits and vegetables, and making a poem using book titles.



Ethan Gaboury won an assortment of prizes for his participation in Wapiti Regional Library's Weekly Challenge Program.

### Notice of Call for Nominations VILLAGE OF DEBDEN

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the office(s) of:

**Mayor: Village of Debden**

**Councillor: Village of Debden**

**Number to be Elected: 4**

will be received by the undersigned on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Village Office, and during regular business hours on September 8, 2020 to October 6, 2020 at the Village Office.

Nomination forms may be obtained at the following location(s):  
Debden Village Office or on the Debden Website, [debden.ca](http://debden.ca).

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

Tamara Couture  
Returning Officer

### Village of Canwood

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Nomination forms may be obtained at the following location(s):  
Village of Canwood Municipal Office, 651 Main Street, Canwood, SK  
Village of Canwood webpage [www.canwood.ca](http://www.canwood.ca)

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

Erin Robertson  
Returning Officer

### NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF CANWOOD NO. 494

Public notice is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the offices of:

Reeve  
Councillor for Division No. 1  
Councillor for Division No. 3  
Councillor for Division No. 5

will be received by the undersigned at the municipal office during regular business hours until Wednesday, October 7, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. local time.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the municipal office located at 641 Main Street in Canwood.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

Lorna Benson  
RETURNING OFFICER

### Village of Leoville is looking for an ASSISTANT VILLAGE FOREMAN

The Village of Leoville invites applications for a *Foreman Seasonal Position* as a **Public Works/Equipment Operator/Labourer**. There is a possibility this could become a permanent position.

The successful candidate will work in conjunction with the foreman, and the CAO. The position involves duties relating to general maintenance, operation and service of municipal equipment and infrastructure. Experience with water and waste water systems would be an asset as the position may include operation and maintenance of those systems. We would be willing to train.

Submit application and resume to Village of Leoville Box 280 Leoville, Sk. S0J 1N0 or email to: [leoville@sasktel.net](mailto:leoville@sasktel.net).

**Deadline for applications is Friday, September 18, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.**

# Fall not too late for composting

By Lisa Howse

Some people think it is too late to start composting in the fall. Not true! Any time can be a good time to start a compost – even in the dead of winter. So how should you go about it?

The first step is to consider what kind of system fits you and your space. Composting outdoors in a bin is most common, but there are still a few decisions to make. If you have mostly kitchen scraps a smaller bin should be fine, but if you have a lot of yard waste to deal with you might want something larger built of wood or wire. Do you want a regular stationary bin or a “tumbling” variety? And where is the best place to put it outside? Generally speaking, compost bins should go on top of a permeable surface like soil, grass, or mulch. It is also important that they are easy to get to when dropping off fresh scraps. Don't put them too far away from the back door!

Once you have a spot picked out, getting started is as simple as dropping off your first bucket of scraps. To make finished compost as fast as possible with as little odour as possible, follow the five-step recipe: green material, brown material, water, air, and soil. “Green material” is nitrogen-rich compost fuel like plant-based kitchen scraps and egg shells, green plants, and grass clippings. Ideally this should make up about half of your pile. Space it out with layers of “brown material,” the carbon-rich woody stuff like leaves, newspaper, cardboard, or sawdust. Add enough water to keep the pile damp and ‘cooking’. Every couple weeks during the warm part of the year is ideal. You can add air at the same time by stirring or poking the pile with a long tool like an aerator or length of rebar. (Tumbling bins can simply be turned.) Finally, add a half-shovel of soil every few weeks to boost decomposition and neutralizes any bad smells. By following this basic recipe, you can get finished compost in as little as two months – although three or four months is more typical.

Once October rolls around there are a few

things you can do to prepare for colder weather. In a prairie climate compost freezes during the winter. You can still add material but it won't decompose until spring. This can cause volume challenges as nothing is shrinking. If you have some finished compost in the fall, it is a good idea to harvest it and free up room. Compost is finished once it is brown and crum-

bly, smells earthy, and the green materials are totally gone. Don't go by the appearance of the edge of the pile – finished compost tends to hide in the middle!

However even without removing any compost in fall, there is another simple trick for conserving space in winter. Instead of taking scraps to the compost bin, place them in a large storage tote or garbage can

just outside your back door. The cold will prevent any odours, and taking out the kitchen pail will be a snap! In the spring when your main bin thaws it will rapidly shrink. At that point the contents of the second container can be added on top.

Of course, there are several great alternatives to an outdoor bin as well. Gardeners with the space may try burying waste in a trench compost. Folks without a big yard might try an indoor vermicompost. And those that want to compost everything – even the bones! – could try bokashi fermentation.

Composting at home doesn't have to be hard, but it can still be nice to have a little help sometimes. If you live in Saskatoon, you can always contact the Saskatoon Compost Coaches with questions or to get a free home visit from a

trained volunteer. Just call 306-931-3249, email compost@swrc.ca, or find the Saskatoon Compost Coaches on Facebook.

Lisa Howse is the Compost Education Coordinator with the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council (SWRC). Lisa is passionate about reducing waste,

protecting the environment and building healthy soil.

This column is provided courtesy of the Saskatchewan Perennial Society (SPS; saskperennial@hotmail.com). Check our website saskperennial.ca or Facebook page (facebook.com/saskperennial).



A compost pile being started (left) vs a mature compost pile (right). Photo credit: Jackie Bantle.

## CANWOOD HOUSING AUTHORITY Maintenance/Caretaker Contract Position

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**NOTE:** Any parties interested in performing ONLY seasonal grounds maintenance, either snow removal and/or summer grounds maintenance should also submit their application, indicating which work they are interested.

For further details please contact Carol Gjerde at 306-960-1821. Please submit a resume on or before September 25, 2020 to:

Canwood Housing Authority  
Box 313, Canwood, SK S0J 0K0  
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## NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR LIVING SKY SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 202

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that Nominations for candidates for the office(s) of: Board Members: Living Sky School Division No. 202

Subdivision #1 – Spiritwood Area – Number to be elected – 1  
Subdivision #2 – Hafford Area – Number to be elected – 1  
Subdivision #3 – Wilkie Area – Number to be elected – 1  
Subdivision #4 – Unity/Cut Knife Area – Number to be elected – 1  
Subdivision #5 – Macklin Area – Number to be elected – 1  
Subdivision #6 – Luseland/Kerobert – Number to be elected – 1  
Subdivision – Town of Battleford – Number to be elected – 1  
Subdivision – City of North Battleford – Number to be elected – 3

will be received by the undersigned on **Wednesday, October 7, 2020, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm** at the **Office of Living Sky School Division** and during regular business hours commencing Friday, September 25 to Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at the **Office of Living Sky School Division No. 202, 509 Pioneer Ave., North Battleford, SK.**

NOMINATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED AT:  
Living Sky School Division Central Office  
509 Pioneer Ave., North Battleford, SK

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2020

Allie Raycraft  
Returning Officer

## NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR LIGHT OF CHRIST ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISION NO. 16

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that Nominations for candidates for the office(s) of: Board Members: Light of Christ Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 16

**Subdivisions**  
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Unity – Number to be elected – 1  
City of North Battleford – Number to be elected – 5

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NOMINATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED AT:  
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School Division Board Office  
9301 – 19th Avenue, North Battleford

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2020

Allie Raycraft  
Returning Officer

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**SPIRITWOOD:** Wapiti Regional Library - Limited Capacity. Tuesday 9 am - 5 pm; Wednesday 9 am - 5 pm; Friday 9 am - 5 pm

**LEOVILLE:** Wapiti Regional Library - Appointment only. Wednesday 10 am - 4 pm; Thursday 10 am - 2 pm

**SHELL LAKE:** Wapiti Regional Library - Curb Side Pickup. Tuesday 12 pm - 4 pm; Wednesday 12 pm - 4 pm

**BLAINE LAKE:** Wapiti Library - Appointment only. 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.

**BIG RIVER:** Wapiti Library - Curb Side Pickup. Monday 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm; Wednesday 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm; Friday 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm

**CANWOOD:** Canwood Branch of Wapiti Regional Library. Appointment only. Tuesday 10 am - 3 pm; Thursday 10 am - 4 pm; Friday 1 pm - 5 pm

**DEBDEN:** Wapiti Library hours: Appointment only. Monday 2 pm - 7 pm; Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon

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

**MARCELIN:** Wapiti Library - Appointment only. Tuesday 2 pm - 7 pm; Thursday 2 pm - 8 pm; Saturday 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: Limited capacity - Monday 2 pm - 6:30 pm; Tuesday 12 pm - 8 pm; Wednesday 2 pm - 8 pm; Thursday 12 pm - 6:30 pm; Friday 9 am - 4 pm.

**SHELLBROOK:** Junshin Judo Club - Royal Canadian Legion Hall (102 - 2nd Ave. E., Shellbrook) Registration – All Ages – Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020, 1 pm. Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020. All classes are co-ed. Season: Early Sept. to end of April 2021. Beginners: Sunday - 1 pm to 2 pm; Advanced: Sunday - 2 pm to 3 pm; Adult: Sunday 3 pm to 4 pm. *COVID-19 protocols will be followed.* Sensei Fred Tatler 306-747-3143.

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# Reflecting on early COVID-19 headlines

**By Nancy Carswell**

The Prince Albert Daily Herald March 2020 headlines read “The general public does not need to be concerned” (13th) and “City preaches caution, but maintains Prince Albert area still ‘low-risk’” (14th).

These headlines contrast with the surreal moment I shared with my colleague at the end of our workday on Monday, March 16.

We were at the door of our office with our computers packed. We had been ordered to work from home. As I had lobbied for years to work from home, I was thrilled

but I had lobbied for the choice to work from home, not this order.

On my first day of working from home, the headlines were “Canada closes borders” and “Saskatchewan closes schools” (17th). Then “Large gatherings ‘not worth the risk’ province says as it confirms 8th case of COVID-19” (18th). “Province declares state of emergency” (20th) then imposed “Jail time, fines on the way for residents who refuse self-isolation after international travel” (21st).

On the anniversary of my first week at home a headline read, “We are a

critical point:’ Sask. At 66 COVID-19 cases” (24th). Then “SHA ‘worse-case scenario model’ estimates thousands of COVID-19 deaths in Sask.” (25th) worried me.

“Nine new COVID-19 cases in Saskatchewan, three listed as recovered” (27th) indicated a new routine. Like watching the weather, I was watching pandemic statistics.

Prince Albert “City will no longer shut off water nor tow vehicles for unpaid bills and tickets” (28th) shows how all levels of government were making major and minor adjustments. The other front page headline was “Sask. Reports 9 new COVID-19 cases, bringing total to 104” (28th).

It was “A sad day for Saskatchewan” (31st) explained by the subtitle “Province announces Saskatchewan’s first two COVID related deaths, links 24 COVID-19 cases to Christopher Lake snowmobile rally dinner.”

The rally dinner was on the last weekend the public did “not need to be concerned.” The rally dinner marked my personal shift from surreal to real. The disease was no longer distant but close. Christopher Lake is a half hour drive. The contagion was no longer unlikely but likely. As 24 of the estimated 130 people attending the evening event tested positive, it meant a 1-in-5 transmission rate.

The Herald’s April 1 headline was “Social Services introduces

new pandemic response plan.” It reminded me that while everyone was in this together, not everyone was experiencing the pandemic in the same way.

I had experience working from home. My transition meant I swapped my personal laptop for my work laptop in my existing home office. Essential workers, poorly paid or well paid, had to brave going to work. Non-essential workers struggled with both physical and psychological different ways of working or worse, the devastation of no income.

My household consists of adults. In virtual meetings, I glimpsed colleagues with school-aged children. They juggled work, adapted to new work patterns, provided care 24/7, and supported online learning.

My house is mortgage free. Other people and businesses are burdened with financial challenges of mortgages and rent. Homelessness and poverty are proven unhealthy and unhealthy people are at greater risk of COVID-19.

I thrived physically, spiritually, emotionally, and mentally during the pandemic. Contrast this with a mother and child trapped in domestic violence, a devout senior unable to attend church, a teenager disconnected from friends, or an adult child distressed their parent is in an unsafe care home. Contrast this with someone contracting COVID-19 and/or dy-

ing.

The “Sask. Crop insurance deadline extended” (2nd) helped producers practice COVID-19 risk management. The pandemic accentuated weaknesses in Canada’s food security. Three of our meat packing plants produce 85% of our meat. The economic mantra that ‘Big is better’ has been challenged by the pandemic certainty that ‘Big is vulnerable.’

With 206 reported cases, “Sask. Reports third death related to COVID-19” (3rd).

“Saskatchewan flattening the COVID-19 curve, but ‘we cannot feel safe’ yet” (4th). The phrase “flattening the curve” triggers the graph of healthcare system capacity and the number of cases with and without protective measures. Having family by marriage in Italy made this graph real. “More recoveries than new cases in Monday COVID-19 numbers” (7th) was good news.

“School divisions adapting to new reality” (8th) discussed the challenges faced by the Prince Albert school divisions. I’ve been involved in online learning since 2005 and have empathy for both students and teachers. My concern was and is the digital divide. What are the school divisions doing for students in homes without the skills, knowledge, connectivity and/or devices?

A secondary headline was “Northern Sask.

Health authority lacking PPE” (8th). Pre-pandemic the acronym PPE, personal protective equipment, was probably known only in health care and the trades. Northern Saskatchewan’s lack of PPE highlighted yet another inequality.

“Farmers predict further hardship” (9th) reminded me again of the issue of food security.

“Our curve remains flat” was more good news (11th). The article noted that “Saskatchewan continues to have the second highest rate of testing per capita among Canada’s provinces.”

The article “Métis women feed the hungry” (14th) exemplifies the extraordinary heroism of ordinary people and essential workers. Workers in health care, sanitization lines, food and grocery supply lines, and transportation lines.

The last headline in my reflection is “Reopen Sask.’ plan to release next week if COVID-19 numbers stay steady” (14th).

As we “Reopen Saskatchewan,” let’s put into place a proactive project management practice. Let’s not just record lessons learned. Lessons about food security, poverty, inequality, reconciliation and decolonization, gender-based violence, education, health care (especially mental health), care homes, homelessness, etc. Let’s integrate the lessons learned to improve our lives, our systems, and our cultures.

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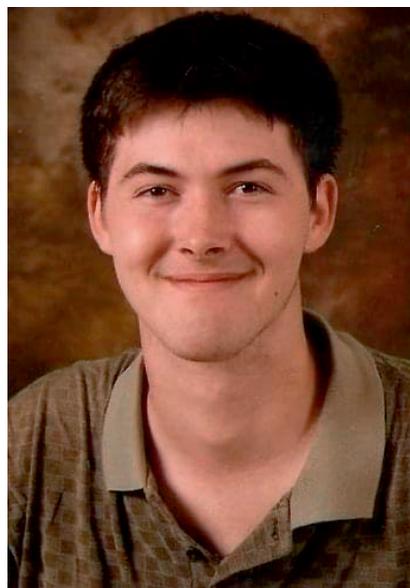
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Pastor Rick Martin



### Missing: James Turgeon

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## Too many 'unwritten' rules in baseball

Baseball's official rule book is 173 pages thick. And if 'unwritten' rules were documented within the book, it might add another 50 pages or so.

Rookie sensation Fernando Tatis, Jr., of the San Diego Padres apparently violated one of those unwritten rules in a mid-August game against the Texas Rangers and Twitterverse went bonkers in post-game discussions.

His sin? He swung at a bases-loaded 3-0 pitch that cleared the wall for a grand slam home run, increasing his team's lead from 10-3 to 14-3.

Here's a rambling explanation of what the unwritten rule about that situation states — sort of, because it's not written down anywhere: A pitcher is allowed to groove a pitch right down the middle when he's fallen behind three balls and no strikes, and the hitter shall stare into the stands, looking for familiar (cutout) faces while the 'strike one' pitch sails across the

plate. The pitcher-batter duel then gets serious with a 3-and-1 count. It's a matter of respect, say baseball oldtimers.

But Tatis, Jr., who at the time was tied for the major league home run lead, said he missed the 'take' sign from the third-base coach and swung away when the Rangers' pitcher, Juan Nicasio, threw a juicy fastball down the middle that a 12-year-old Little Leaguer might have ripped.

Not surprisingly, the next batter, Manny Machado, had the first pitch delivered to him sail behind his back. Neither the Texas manager, Chris Woodward, nor the pitcher who tossed the 'purpose' pitch at Machado were thrown out, or even given a warning. It was almost as if the umpires agreed that, yeah, the pitcher had the right to retaliate.

The two managers — Woodward and Padres' Jayce Tingler — were united in their condemnation of Tatis, Jr.'s actions. Both are old-



BRUCE  
PENTON

school dudes who have the unwritten rules memorized. Ones such as: Never lay down a bunt to break up a no-hitter; never stand at a the plate and admire a 500-foot home run; never perform a Jose Bautista-style bat flip; never mention a no-hitter in progress.

The Twitter question 'where do you stand on this' drew a massive response. "You throw a 3-0 soft pitch like that, it deserves to be hit 400 feet," said Paige Miller. "Maybe pitch better next time," said a guy named Travis. "I'm guessing it's unwritten because who ever came up with it was

too embarrassed to put it in writing," said Blake Ruane.

To that, we say 'touche'. And not in the unwritten section, either.

- You can't make this up: From Peter King's FMIA column at NBC-sports.com: "The New York Mets starting lineup on SNY Friday evening, prior to the game against Miami, was sponsored by Send In the Clowns, a New York-area party-planning company."

- Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "Unwritten rules in baseball aren't worth the paper they're not written on."

- NHL analyst Brian Burke, on New York Islanders' style of play: "It's like watching two men paint a barn. It's not wildly entertaining but it's effective."

- Tim Hunter of Everett's KRKO Radio, on why fewer Astros test positive for COVID-19: "They saw the signs coming."

- Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "Two New York Mets tested posi-

tive for the coronavirus. Which is surprising because, if you have seen the Mets play defence, it is surprising they can catch anything."

- An 'anonymous friend' of Janice Hough's, after Nebraska football coach Scott Frost, upset over the Big 10's decision to cancel the season, said the Cornhuskers are 'prepared to look at any and all options,' including playing outside Big Ten: "That N on their caps stands for Knowledge."

- Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va.), on the folly of trying to play college sports amid a pandemic: "Schools that initially invited students back to campus are quickly discovering what they should have known. When dealing with easily transmissible viruses, dorms are cruise ships without the water."

- Another one from Alex Kaseberg: "The city of Los Angeles is going to name a street after Kobe Bryant. It will be like any

other street except you are not allowed to pass on it."

- From ESPN: "Barcelona fans need to prepare for a Messi divorce."

- Headline from theonline.com: "Michael Phelps Breaches Surface To Ask If Coronavirus Still Happening Before Returning To Briny Depths"

- Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "The Ravens cut Earl Thomas loose after he punched a teammate during practice. In other words, they simply converted him into a different kind of free safety."

- TNT commentator Charles Barkley, on Paul George's postseason resume: "You can't be calling yourself Playoff P and lose all the time. ... They don't call me Championship Chuck."

- Gary Bachman, via Facebook, on Aug. 22 designated as National Be An Angel Day: "Only if I get paid like Mike Trout."

Care to comment?  
Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

## 50 kilometres of highway to be upgraded near Spiritwood

The Government of Saskatchewan is rebuilding 50 kilometres (km) of Highway 24 between Spiritwood and Chitek Lake. This project is part of the government's \$7.5 billion two-year capital plan to build a strong Saskatchewan and stimulate our economic recovery following the pandemic.

"Saskatchewan's Growth Plan has a goal of building and upgrading 10,000 km of highways over the next decade," Saskatchewan Premier and Rosthern-Shellbrook MLA Scott Moe said. "This construction season we have built or upgraded more than 1,000 km of Saskatchewan Highways, putting us well on our way of reaching our goal of 10,000 km in the next decade. Highway 24 is a large part of this goal, it will be upgraded to a structured pavement highway, which will

improve the road surface and enhance safety."

The 50 km project will be delivered in two stages. The first 21 km section from Spiritwood to Leoville will be tendered this fall, while the second segment, from Leoville to Chitek Lake is expected to be tendered in the spring. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2021.

"Our government is committed to improving safety on our roads and this announcement is great news for the people of the Spiritwood, Leoville and Chitek Lake area," Trade and Export Development Minister and Meadow Lake MLA Jeremy Harrison said. "A safe and efficient highway system is also crucial for our export-based economy to continue to grow and prosper."

Highway 24 runs north of Spiritwood and provides community access to the vil-

lage of Leoville and Pelican Lake First Nation and access to Chitek Lake. This corridor has high vehicle and truck traffic for a regional road with more than a thousand vehicles per day north of Spiritwood.

A weekly highway construction update is also published on [www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/transportation/highway-construction-projects/weekly-highway-construction-update](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/transportation/highway-construction-projects/weekly-highway-construction-update) to provide the travelling public with the latest details on projects underway to help plan safe and efficient travel. You can also report a highway work zone signing problem by calling 306-244-5535.

The Government of Saskatchewan will improve more than 1,000 km of provincial highways this year, the first of its 10-year Growth Plan goal to build and upgrade 10,000

km of highways.

The Government of Saskatchewan has invested more than \$9.8 billion in highways infrastructure since 2008, improving more than 15,800 km of Saskatchewan highways. Another \$300 million in highways stimulus funds will be invested over the next two years to stimulate Saskatchewan's economic recovery.

As part of a record \$434 million 2020 fall tender for highways projects, other highways across the province will also see major improvements made, including:

- Highway 2 passing lanes north of Prince Albert;
- Highway 3 passing lanes west of Prince Albert;
- Highway 5 passing lanes east of Saskatoon;
- Highway 7 passing lanes west of Kindersley;
- Highway 8 resurfacing

north of Moosomin;

- Highway 11 bridge work near Lumsden;
- Highway 12 passing lanes north of Martensville;
- Highway 14 passing lanes west of Saskatoon to Asquith;
- Highway 15 resurfacing west of Highway 2 junction;
- Highway 16 passing lanes west of Yorkton to Springside;
- Highway 16 passing lanes east of Clavet to Highway 6 junction;
- Highway 18 paving partnership with Lake Alma;
- Highway 45 resurfacing near Outlook;
- Highway 55 grade and paving near Carrot River;
- Highway 322 resurfacing near Rowan's Ravine;
- Highway 905 gravel upgrade from Cigar Lake to Mclean Lake; and
- Various culverts and bridge rehabilitations and replacements.

## OBITUARY

~  
*Janell Dunn*

DUNN – Janell

Janell Eileen Dunn, 61 years of age, passed on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at her home in Big River, Saskatchewan.

Janell was born February 20, 1959 in Big River, Saskatchewan to Robert "Bob" Dunn and the late Deanna Dunn. She was the proud sister to five younger brothers. Janell's first marriage was to Bruce Neufeld and two children were born from this union. Janell was also formerly

married to Dennis Johnson.

Janell was educated in Big River for her formative years and obtained her teaching degree in 1991 through the Saskatchewan Urban Native Teacher Education Program (SUNTEP) in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Teaching elementary school was Janell's passion in her adult life until her retirement in 2018. After Janell's retirement she enjoyed making crafts, refinishing old furniture and spending time with her grandchildren.

Janell was a very loving and hard-working individual who at one point had three separate jobs but always managed to find time for family no matter how weary she was. If there was ever a student that needed a coat, mittens or school supplies; or a child on the other side of the world that needed food; or an animal that needed a home, Janell

was there to help provide with whatever she had.

Janell leaves to cherish her loving memory her children, Tyler (Roz) and Weston (Cathy); her five grandchildren, Sebastian, Ethan, Gabriel, Jeorgia and Cecelia; her father; five brothers; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. A Graveside Service will be held at 2:00pm on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at the Big River Cemetery. In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Janell to the SPCA (Box 1832 Prince Albert, SK S6V 6J9).

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, Tammy Smart, Director, Big River, SK 306-469-2277.

## GOOD NEWS

~  
THROUGH FAITH, GOD'S PROMISE IS FULFILLED

By Daniel Mooseely  
Parkside Pentecostal Church

Nothing in this world is more important than the Word of God. The earth and everything in it was made when God spoke; Hebrews 11:3 "By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command." The Scripture in Acts 17:28 really resonates with me; "For in Him (Jesus) we live and move and have our being."

You might have asked yourself what is the value or importance of the Word of God in the life of a believer. Well, the answer is that our lives depend on His Word.

As a new believer in the 1980s, living in poverty, I discovered the Truth of God's Holy Word. I put my trust in Him, even though the Scriptural promises seemed not to be working at the time. However, according to Numbers 23:19, "God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?" I quickly discovered that the missing element was Faith, Romans 12:3 "God has dealt to every man the measure of faith."

I had to learn how to use my faith to overcome my circumstances and the answer came to me through Romans

10:10: "For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved." I began to apply these principles in my life, and soon I began to prosper in my job, in my finances, in my health and in the ministry.

I rose above my situation by the power of my confession and this pleased God, Hebrews 11:6 "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."

Through faith, God had raised me from a ministry of preaching to two persons to a crowd of thousands. I found that, instead of trusting men, I could trust God, Philippians 4:19 "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." According to Romans 8:37, we are called as believers to be "more than Conquerors (Champions)" and not complainers.

All the promises of God are potentially ours, but we have to make them literally ours to escape a life of defeat. I invite you join the group of people who glorify God by their faith and are pleasing to Him.

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Re-opening delayed until further notice. Follow us on Facebook at St. John's Lutheran Church, Shellbrook/Zion Lutheran Church, Canwood. Live-stream worship service Sundays - 9:00 a.m. Rev. Emmanuel Aristide

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*Canaday, Dicus earn  
Northern Team Championship*

Talk about taking it down to the wire. Brendon Canaday and Devin Dicus, both well known in the Shellbrook area for their exploits at the rink and on the links, earned Saskatchewan's Northern Team Championship at the Cooke Municipal Golf Course over the Labour Day long weekend.

The victory came after two sudden death playoff holes against the duo of Ashley Ziegeman and Brett Blakely, when the pairs were tied at 14-under-par following two rounds.

Canaday and Dicus aren't strangers to competitive golf. The pair were part of a foursome, including Darcy Rask and Dylan Smith, that competed in the 2017 RBC PGA Scramble in 2017.

The quartet finished third in that national tournament.



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Erin Robertson,  
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Village of Canwood  
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last 11 years and beyond. He had some truly special friends. Thank you to all our family and friends for all the flowers, food, memorial donations, visits, phone calls, messages and cards that have been received since Brandon's passing. And last but certainly not least how do we begin to thank the staff at Parkland Integrated Health Centre for all the love and care that Brandon received for the last 11 plus years. A special thank you to Kalin Wollman and Michelle Stene for the extra time you spent with Brandon so we were able to carry on with our work and still ensure someone was with him as much as possible. Also to Darrin Thompson for the massage and Range

of Motion you provided to help ensure he was as comfortable as possible. We were so lucky to be able to have Brandon close to home in such a wonderful place. The care you provided was fantastic but the love you provided to Brandon was beyond measure. It brought us so much comfort knowing he was home here with people that truly cared about him. It will never be forgotten. Thank you all so much!

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## Meili rolls out \$25/day child care plan

NDP Leader Ryan Meili has announced that an NDP government would deliver accessible and affordable child care for Saskatchewan families. Speaking to reporters in Saskatoon and joined by parent and child care advocate Lindsay Sanderson, Meili introduced the NDP's plan for affordable and accessible child care for Saskatchewan families: \$25/day child care, 2,200 new childcare spaces every year to meet growing demand, and an expert panel tasked with a full review to improve all aspects of our early learning and child care system.

"Over the years and particularly in the past few months, I've heard from so many parents who feel the lack of affordable, accessible child care is forcing them to choose between their careers and their families," said Meili. "The Sask. Party has left us with the least accessible child care in Canada, and their pandemic budget did nothing for parents struggling to

afford child care. It's time we invest in kids, families and our province's economic well being."

Meili emphasized that beyond the social benefits, investment in childcare drives economic growth. Every dollar invested in childcare creates up to \$6 in increased economic activity, according to the Conference Board of Canada.

Lindsay Sanderson ran her own business until she had to quit to focus on home-schooling her son in recent months. She says the cost of childcare has made any return to work more difficult, and welcomes the NDP commitment to ensuring affordable childcare for Saskatchewan families.

"Our current system is broken. Educators are underpaid while parents are paying more than they can afford. Our kids are simply not getting what they need," said Sanderson. "Too many parents are forced to choose between quality childcare and other essentials. Our kids de-

serve better, and so do their parents. By ensuring that affordable, quality childcare is available to every family that needs it we are investing in our future and ensuring that women are able to be equal, valued members of our society."

The NDP plan commits a Meili NDP government to:

- Transitioning existing spaces to \$25/day;
- 2,200 new spaces at \$25/day each year over 4 years; and

- Assembling a panel of experts, workers, and families to improve our early learning and childcare system from the bottom up, addressing needs like recruiting and retaining staff, affordability and availability of care, wages of workers, and replacing the existing subsidy with a system that is built for the realities of childcare in the 21st century.

Costing for the plan will be included in the full party platform, to be released in the coming weeks.

## Debden's sidewalks, roads receive facelift



The Village of Debden made upgrades to infrastructure in late August, including work on roads and sidewalks. The work included replacement of sidewalks on Main Street, on the southwest side of the intersection with 2nd Avenue, as well as road resurfacing, including 2nd Avenue up to the Debden rink. Debden Mayor Rod Fisher says the projects were part of the village's infrastructure upgrade program, and preparation for Debden's upcoming centennial.



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