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Shellbrook schools adjusting to new normal

It's back to the new normal for schools across the province. And, for Shellbrook's schools, things appear to be going relatively smoothly out of the gate.

At W.P. Sandin High School, principal Karisa Klaassen says staff had to "hit the ground running" to make all the necessary changes ahead of the staggered start to the school year.

That staggered start, observed during the first week of classes, saw half the school's students attend on Tuesday and Thursday and the other half attend on Wednesday and Friday.

This, Klaassen says, was precisely what staff and students needed to properly prepare for the changes at the school.

"Although many of our students were eager to dive straight into their course work, our staggered start-up was a wonderful time to slow things down, reconnect with our students and take the necessary time that was needed to ensure everyone understood and practiced the new ways of operating within our school," she said.

Conceding there have been some tweaks made to the school's policies after the first



Students at W.P. Sandin High School are spending more time learning outside.

week back, Klaassen adds that students have helped matters by being "extremely respectful" of the new procedures.

She also gives credit to staff, for being flexible and adaptive,

and maintaining positive attitudes throughout everything, and to the Town of Shellbrook, which allowed the school to borrow picnic tables from the Sports Grounds to create two outdoor classroom spaces.

"Aside from a few small tweaks in our return to school plan, what our staggered start-up showed us all was that our plan is solid and the whole school community is walking into this school year with a positive mindset and a willingness to work together to support each other," she said.

Over at Shellbrook Elementary School, principal Kevin Koroluk says some initial timetabling issues with staggered entries and exits have been sorted, and the sanitizing protocols are in place.

Those protocols include the

use of ZONO, a long-lasting sanitizer commonly used in childcare centres, to sanitize the school every 14 days.

Above and beyond this, classroom items are being sanitized after use to provide a second layer of protection against COVID-19.

For outdoor activities, meanwhile, the school's playground has been separated into eight quadrants, one for each of the eight cohorts students have been divided into.

And, finally, mandatory mask protocols are in place for staff and students in Grades 4 and 5, though all students are welcome to wear masks if they feel safer doing so.

Though these changes would be a lot for anyone to handle, Koroluk says his students are doing well.

"Kids are being troopers with the masks. I've heard very little of any concern from kids about having to wear masks right now," he said.

"The kids are having fun. They're adjusting well. The staff are having fun. It's going really smooth."

While distance learning is available to any students who feels uncomfortable attending classes in person, Koroluk says only about six students from Shellbrook Elementary School are enrolled.

He adds that parents can enrol their children to come back to in-class learning at any time.

Looking forward, Koroluk says he expects students won't notice much of a difference in their school day once the COVID-19 policies become the norm.



The Town of Shellbrook has allowed W.P. Sandin to borrow picnic tables from the Sports Grounds to create two outdoor learning spaces.



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Spiritwood Horticulture photo show wraps up

The Spiritwood Horticulture Society opted to run a photo show in lieu of their regular show this year, due to the ongoing challenges surrounding COVID-19.

There were a total of 55 entries submitted by 28 participants in five categories. The selected categories for the show were Floral Garden, Single Bloom, Vegetable, House Plant, and Saskatchewan Wildlife or Nature. The most popular categories were Single Bloom and Saskatchewan Wildlife or Nature.

Entries were judged by three former students from the University of Guelph, who focused on agricultural or plant sciences during their studies. Top placing entries from each category are presented here.

The top three entries from each category were as follows:

Floral Garden: 1st Josephine Laguyo, 2nd Lorena Arrieta, 3rd Jenny Hornilla.

Single Bloom: 1st Lorena Arrieta, 2nd, 3-way tie between Stacey Gaboury, Sanale Andebor, and Sue Kahl.

Vegetable: 1st Eleanor Pallo, 2nd Lorena Arrieta, 3rd Marlene Walter.

House Plant: 1st Janae Ginther, 2nd, 2-way tie

between Maria Irma Desahagon and Eleanor Pallo.

Saskatchewan Wildlife or Nature: 1st Lorena Arrieta, 2nd, 2-way tie between Jenny Hornilla and Adele Wasden.



House Plant: Pot of mixed succulents. Janae Ginther, Spiritwood, SK.



Floral Garden: Laguyo's botanical garden. Josephine Laguyo, Spiritwood, SK.



Saskatchewan Wildlife or Nature: The Dear Deer. Lorena Arrieta, Spiritwood, SK.



Vegetable: Rainbow of fresh garden veggies. Eleanor Pallo, Spiritwood, SK.



Single Bloom: The darling of the summer White Daisy and its sweet bee. Lorena Arrieta, Spiritwood, SK.

FORM H
[Section 66 of the Act]

R.M. of Medstead No. 497 Notice of Call for Nominations

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the offices of:

Reeve: Rural Municipality of Medstead No. 497

Councillor: Rural Municipality of Medstead No. 497 - Division No. 1

Councillor: Rural Municipality of Medstead No. 497 - Division No. 3

Councillor: Rural Municipality of Medstead No. 497 - Division No. 5

(Reeve and Odd Numbered Divisions will be elected for a four-year term.)

And By-election for

Councillor: Rural Municipality of Medstead No. 497 - Division No. 4

Councillor: Rural Municipality of Medstead No. 497 - Division No. 6

(Division No.'s 4 & 6 will be for a two-year term beginning at the first meeting of council after Nov. 9th, 2020.)

will be received by the undersigned on the 7th day of October, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office, and during regular business hours on September 17th to October 6th, 2020 at the Municipal Office.

Nominations forms may be obtained at the following location:

Municipal Office

Dated this 9th day of September, 2020.

Christin Egeland
Returning Officer

NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SPIRITWOOD NO. 496

Public notice is hereby given that nomination of candidates for the office of:

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

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

Nomination forms may be obtained from the municipal office and must be accompanied with a criminal record check and a public disclosure statement.

Dated this 17th day of September, 2020

Colette Bussiere
Returning Officer



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Suspects sought in Blaine Lake robbery, assault

Blaine Lake RCMP is seeking the public's assistance in identifying five individuals who are persons of interest in an assault and robbery that took place outside of an R.M. of Blaine Lake building.

According to police, the Blaine Lake RCMP detachment received a report about a male victim lying in front of a building in Blaine Lake at about 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 14.

Upon arrival at the scene, officers immediately located the 79-year-old vic-

tim, who appeared to have sustained injuries from a physical assault. The victim was treated and cleared on scene by EMS.

The initial police investigation revealed the victim was assaulted by two unknown males after refusing their request to drive them to Prince Albert.

The males stole the victim's cellphone, keys and his grey 2007 Ford F150 truck with Saskatchewan license plate 167 IUM. The two males fled in the truck and

were believed to have travelled north on Highway #40.

The first male was described as having a heavy build with long hair. The second male was described as having a slim build, and appeared to be younger than the first male.

Blaine Lake RCMP, along with other nearby RCMP detachments and municipal police agencies, assisted in the search for the suspects and the stolen truck, but efforts have been unsuccessful so far.

Anyone who may have seen the grey 2007 Ford F150 truck, with Saskatchewan license plate 167 IUM, or who has information about this incident is asked to contact the Blaine Lake RCMP at 306-497-3604, or their local police service.

Information can also be submitted anonymously through Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

The investigation is ongoing.



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FOR SALE BY TENDER

With the consolidation of our Spiritwood operations into one building, Prairie Centre Credit Union (PCCU) has for sale by tender, our commercial property and contents at 116 First Street East, Spiritwood, SK. The legal description is Lots 9 & 10 Block 3 Plan 100371596 Spiritwood, SK.

PCCU is accepting tenders for the land, building and contents as one package. Possession date shall be as soon as possible after closing but no later than November 30, 2020.

The sale by tender includes:

- Land and building
- Fireproof vault
- Alarm & CCTV System
- Office furniture and chairs including a board room table and chairs
- Numerous file cabinets
- Building sound system
- Miscellaneous appliances – fridge (2), microwave
- Other miscellaneous office items

The sale by tender excludes:

- Phones and the phone management system
- All computer equipment

All property included in this request for tender is being sold "as is where is" with no representations or warranties save as to title. Property viewing requests require 24 hours' notice. Appointments for viewing are available by calling the local branch at (306)883-2250.

Tenders shall be accompanied by a bank draft or certified cheque for 10% of the tender price payable to Prairie Centre Credit Union. **Tenders close at 4:00pm October 7, 2020.** Sealed tenders marked as "Confidential - Spiritwood Tender" may be dropped off at the Spiritwood branch or mailed to:

Prairie Centre Credit Union
Confidential - Spiritwood Tender
Attention Tim Askin – Chief Project Officer
PO Box 129
Spiritwood, SK S0J 2M0

NOTE: If a tender is mailed, sufficient lead time must be considered to ensure it will arrive in our Spiritwood office by the indicated tender closing date and time. Only the successful Tenderer will be contacted. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. PCCU reserves the right to reject any tender.



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Sask NDP faces tough election battle

In about a month's time, Saskatchewan voters will be heading to the polls to select the next provincial government.

And, as has been the case for almost as long as Saskatchewan has been a province, they'll face a choice between two parties: Scott Moe's reigning Saskatchewan Party government, which is in the midst of the longest mandate a Conservative government has ever been given, and Ryan Meili's underdog NDP.

Yet, while the upcoming electoral contest is in almost all ways exactly like every election that has come before it, it will also be remarkably different.

Thanks to COVID-19, Mr. Moe's Sask. Party will likely be judged not on its overall record across all government portfolios, but on its performance when it comes to halting the spread of the



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lingering pandemic.

Based on the numbers alone, Mr. Moe's government will probably earn a passing grade from the electorate.

As of Monday, Sept. 21, Saskatchewan had recorded 1,814 cases of COVID-19, the second lowest total among all non-Atlantic provinces.

It also ranked second in deaths, with 24 COVID-

related fatalities.

Of course, it can't be ignored that Mr. Moe's government has the advantage of governing a small population spread across a large geographical area.

Despite this, it deserves some credit for keeping the curve relatively flat — even if it hasn't always performed well on COVID testing — while allowing the province to return to some semblance of "normal."

With COVID-19 likely to be the main focus of October's election, it will fall to Mr. Meili's NDP to convince Saskatchewanians he can do a better job of managing the pandemic.

It's an unenviable task, to be certain, and one which will be made infinitely more arduous by the example being set by the federal Liberals under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

It's unfair to judge Mr.

Meili based on the record of a government that he and his party have no connection to.

But this is precisely what voters will do — and the Sask. Party will undoubtedly be all too happy to encourage such unfavourable comparisons.

To steal an apt phrase from failed federal Conservative Party leadership candidate, Peter MacKay, Mr. Trudeau will be a stinking albatross hanging around the neck of the Sask. NDP throughout this election, thanks to the \$343 billion deficit he's amassed with COVID-19 supports like the CERB.

It's a tough position for any opposition party to find itself in. Especially when said party already has such a small share of the seats in Saskatchewan's legislature.

For Mr. Meili, the challenge will be two-fold.



First, he must present a clear alternative to the small government approach the Sask. Party government has delivered over the past 13 years.

Second, he must convince Saskatchewanians (who are already wary of government overspending) that his party can provide this alternative without the profligate spending that has been the

hallmark of Mr. Trudeau's government over the past five years — and without reaching into taxpayers' already barren wallets.

With Oct. 26 fast approaching, Mr. Meili has yet to demonstrate his ability to overcome these obstacles.

If he can't figure out how to do so, and fast, his party is in for a rough night at the polls.

Op-Ed: Unleashing Canada's economic potential

By Warren Steinley, MP,
Regina-Lewvan

Without question, the COVID pandemic has had a dramatic effect on our nation's economy. Local businesses have closed their doors for good, entire industries have shut down, and many Canadians are unsure what their future has in store. A plan is needed to bring certainty and confidence back to the lives of Canadians — built on a solid framework of economic development.

Conservatives believe that hardworking Canadian employers and employees are the real sources of wealth creation and prosperity, not big government programs. We believe that government's job is to create an environment that promotes economic growth and investment and puts Canadians first. Governments should and can empower the free market, not create an environment where a

federal handout is the only job available. It's Canadians that know how to better their own lives, and they are best suited to solve their own problems, not government.

Under the capable leadership of Erin O'Toole, our Conservative team is offering a distinct vision for the future of Canada and our path to economic recovery. With our vast natural resource capacity, expansive coastal access to three oceans, and our membership in the world's leading military and intelligence partnerships, we are in many ways the envy of the world. But until we offer competent leadership and a cohesive vision for the future of Canada, we will continue to squander that opportunity through poor Liberal decisions, ineffective regulation, and internal trade barriers that stunt the growth of Canadian enterprise.

An example of this squandered opportu-

nity is the Liberal government's record on natural resource development. The fact is, that Canada's economic recovery cannot take place without the energy sector. Over the past five years no sector has suffered more under the Trudeau Liberals than the energy sector. It's imperative that Justin Trudeau stop attacking the Canadian energy sector and realize its crucial role in Canada's economic recovery.

As the new Shadow Minister for Economic Development and Internal Trade, I have already commenced a series of meetings with Canadian industry leaders to ask them how we can work together to create more opportunity and sustainable jobs within our own borders. Building on Erin O'Toole's new platform dedicated to promoting increased internal trade and self-sufficiency, I look forward to working alongside provincial, industry, and

federal leaders on a Canada-first economic policy. It's time to prioritize Canadian jobs and bring back an economic climate of stability that will attract investment, not continue on the Liberal path of uncertainty, and continuously changing regulations.

With major and unpredictable market shifts occurring in global trade, a series of diplomatic crises between major trading nations like China and the United States, and global supply chains becoming more and more challenging to maintain, internal trade and economic development need to be a central part of our economic recovery strategy. We need a plan that unlocks the true economic potential of our workforce and exports it around the world and throughout Canada. It's what Canadians expect as we look to come out of the economic crisis and it's what Conservatives will deliver on.

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Spiritwood goes retro for the weekend

There were a couple blasts from the past to take in this past weekend in Spiritwood that involved driving around in your car.

The town was taken

back a few decades and were treated to a drive thru burger sale courtesy of the Spiritwood and District Lions Club, and a drive-in movie Sponsored by Prairie Centre

Credit Union.

Friday around the noon hour, Spiritwood Lions were set up flipping and packing burgers in front of the Spiritwood Information Booth awaiting the lunch time rush. 300 burgers were made and all but three were sold.

The community was very supportive of the fundraising project and seemed happy. Lion Bevra Fee could be heard telling one customer, "It's good to be able to do something."

Saturday evening

brought another treat, two showings at the pop-up drive-in at the SAD SAAC Ball Park. The main event sponsor was Prairie Centre Credit Union (PCCU). They were helped out by P Construction and Spiritwood Ag Society.

Showings were Onward at 7:15 and Death Becomes Her at 9:30. Admission was free and the staff from PCCU were handing out free individual bags of popcorn and beverages.

There were at least three rows of cars for the

first film and the children were having a blast.

Both events were excellent examples of ways that the community is coming together to provide some entertainment while still maintaining appropriate social distancing measures.

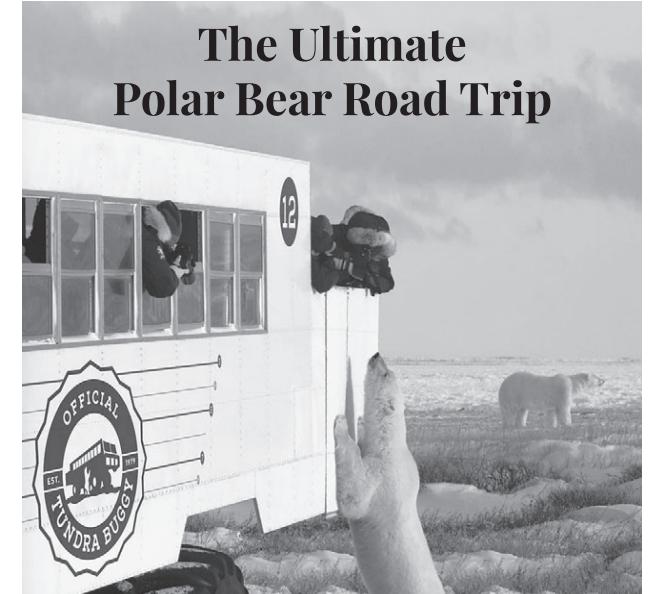


There was a line up of cars at the Spiritwood and District Lions drive thru burger sale.



A big screen was brought into the SAD SAAC Park for Prairie Centre Credit Union's Drive In Movie Night.

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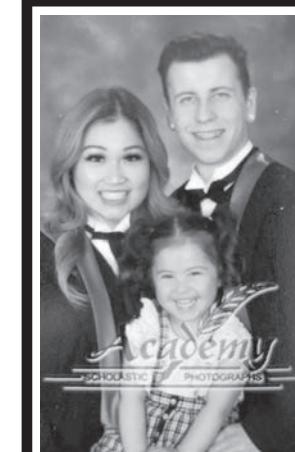
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A huge congratulations
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Nathan James Brown
of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
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Science Degree in
Physiology and
Pharmacology, with
distinction, on June 2nd 2020.

Nathan was a graduate, at the WP Sandin High School in Shellbrook, Saskatchewan in June of 2012.

Very proud of this accomplishment are Adrienne Andres and their daughter Anastasia. His mother, Valerie Saunders & Dionne Muller, siblings Joanna Brown, Tyson Brown, Arianna Muller and Hunter Muller. Grandparents Leonard and Rita Funk of North Battleford, Saskatchewan as well as grandparents Teddy and Monica Brown of Lacombe, Alberta. Also Warren and Janice Muller whom have been a tremendous support over the years.

Nathan plans on continuing his Education at the U of S and we all wish him the very best on all of his future endeavours.

Three sought in Debden pawn shop break-in

Big River RCMP are seeking multiple suspects, following a break and enter and theft at Pawn Prophet in Debden.

According to an RCMP release, the Big River RCMP detachment received reports of the incident at about 6:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 18 and responded to the call.

Police say an employee of the shop reported seeing three males, all

dressed in black and wearing masks, exit through the back door of the shop carrying stolen merchandise shortly after 6 a.m.

One of the males pointed a sawed-off firearm at the employee's vehicle, and shot at the vehicle. The employee fled the scene and his vehicle was shot a second time.

The employee did not sustain any

physical injuries from this incident.

The scene was examined by the Saskatchewan RCMP Forensic Identification Services. Officers are working to identify and locate the suspect vehicle, and the three unknown males involved in the incident.

As of Monday morning, RCMP media relations had no further update on the incident, or the suspects. However,

the investigation remains ongoing.

Anyone who may have information regarding this incident is asked to contact Big River RCMP at 306-469-2590.

Information can also be submitted anonymously through Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

Small Fun Run held by Smolinski

Lucinda Smolinski held a 5km fun run on Saturday Sept. 19 for about 10 friends.

Normally she and a couple of friends would participate in the Outer Limits Fun Run that

takes place at Waskesiu Lake around this time every year. This year's run was cancelled due to the pandemic but organizers were encouraging participants to participate in the Virtual Fun Run.

Smolinski's run started at her house and went 2.5km south on a grid and back. It was a beautiful day for the run, slightly warm and overcast and it was enjoyed by all. There was no participation fee, each participant was simply asked to bring one nice item from home they no longer needed or used for a prize swap after the run.

There were a couple of girls out on bikes, and a few canine companions that joined the runners and even took a dip in a slough or two.

Smolinski is organizing a fun run at the golf course on Oct. 3. There will be a \$15 entry fee for either a 10km or 5km run.

The event is restricted to 30 people and registration is required.



Runners crossed the finish line with smiles on their faces.

MEETING LAKE REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
will be holding their
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
on **October 17th, 2020** at **1:00 p.m.**
at the round hall to review the
Regional Park business.

One person per family only.

If more than 30 people attend, additional space will be made available outside the building.

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SALE BY TENDER

R.M. OF MEDSTEAD NO. 497

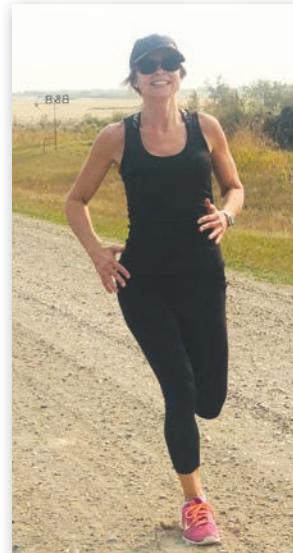
- Under the provisions of *The Tax Enforcement Act* the Rural Municipality of Medstead No. 497 offers for sale the following property:
Block A, Plan No. 101562667, Ext. 18
- A tender must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Property Tender" addressed to the Rural Municipality of Medstead No. 497.
Address: Box 12, Medstead, SK S0M 1W0
- Tenders must be postmarked by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 15th, 2020.
- A certified cheque to the municipality for 5% of the amount of the tender must accompany the tender. Tenders submitted without certified funds will not be considered.
- Highest, or any tender, not necessarily accepted.
- Successful bidder will have 30 days to provide the balance of cash to complete the purchase. The deposit will be forfeited if the successful bidder does not finalize the agreement for sale within the required time.
- All legal costs, title transfer fees and applicable taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser and are in addition to the bid price.

Dated the 17th day of September, 2020.

Christin Egeland,
Administrator of the R.M. of Medstead No. 497



The group of runners posed for a photo prior to the start of the run.



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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

Spiritwood – Number to be elected – 1

Unity – Number to be elected – 1

City of North Battleford – Number to be elected – 5

will be received by the undersigned on **Wednesday, October 7, 2020** from **9:00 am to 4:00 pm** at the **Office of Light of Christ Roman Catholic Separate School Division** and during regular business hours commencing Friday, September 25 to Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at the **Office of the Light of Christ Roman Catholic Separate School Division No. 16, 9301 – 19th Avenue, North Battleford, SK.**

NOMINATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED AT:
Light of Christ Roman Catholic Separate School Division Board Office
9301 – 19th Avenue, North Battleford

Dated this 3rd day of September, 2020

Allie Raycraft
Returning Officer

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/Kerrobert – 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 3rd day of September, 2020

Allie Raycraft
Returning Officer

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Research yields breakthrough in livestock genes

It is sometimes strange how one thing leads to another when you write a regular column on a rather specific topic like agriculture, which I have been doing for more than three decades now.

Last week I focused on the idea the farm sector should be smiling over the prospect of what a recent science accomplishment could mean.

It was recently reported at www.producer.com that "on Aug. 10, University of Saskatchewan and Agriculture Canada researchers said they had decoded the full genome of the black mus-

tard plant. Black mustard is grown in India and other countries in South Asia. It's closely related to the mustard and canola grown in Western Canada."

With the new science as a guide, I noted, it may be possible to increase drought resistance, increase tolerance for saline soils, or for the plant to do a better job of nutrient absorption. It all comes down to discovering genes that make a difference, and transferring within a plant family.

Longer term transfer from unrelated crops; say alfalfa to canola, may be



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possible. Imagine a nitrogen fixing canola and what that would mean to the farm sector.

These things are being made more possible because transfer technology now has a map to be more efficient, and that

appears to be happening which is big news for agriculture.

Flash forward a week and there is similar news coming out regarding advancements in genome mapping in the livestock sector, and what that could mean to the industry long term.

According to a story at www.producer.com, "scientists at the University of California, Davis, have successfully produced a bull calf that has been genome-edited to produce more male offspring. They did this by inserting the SRY gene into the bovine chromosome 17."

While I readily admit the science behind the bull calf now on the ground is far beyond my understanding in terms of the details of the science, the goal of the process is much easier to grasp.

The long term goal of the research is to produce more male cattle.

It is hoped the genome-edited bull now on the ground does that.

The reason is simple economics. Males are about 15 percent more efficient at weight gain than females and they tend to be processed at a heavier weight, notes the story.

In theory a producer can market the same amount of beef with fewer animals if the percentages of calves that are born male are increased.

Conversely, one can see the dairy sector excited by the technology if through genome-editing the number of females can be ticked up as they are the key to the industry.

Again this is research in its rather early stages, and just where it might take livestock production long term is unknown, but the potential may only be as big as the visions of researchers.

APAS releases election priorities for ag sector

With the provincial election only weeks away, the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) has released a set of proposals designed to get candidates from all political parties thinking about how best to support Saskatchewan's most important sector.

"Agriculture has ended up being a major driver of the economy during COVID-19," says farmer and APAS President Todd Lewis. "While many other sectors have

slowed, agriculture has actually performed better. But farmers can't be the backbone of the economy without the right government policy."

The APAS proposals cover a wide range of issues impacting the province's farmers and other rural residents, including infrastructure, environmental stewardship, resource development on farmland, business risk management, and changing demographics.

"We're focusing on some big issues," says Lewis. "Improving rural infrastructure like internet, cell service, and natural gas is urgent, as is committing to public research and fixing business risk management programs so they actually work for farmers. These are just a few of the major challenges to agriculture that we need all the candidates to acknowledge."

APAS has sent the proposals to every registered political party in

Saskatchewan and will be tracking their responses.

"Our hope is to see these recommendations represented in party platforms," says Lewis.

In addition to releasing its election priorities, APAS is also partnering with the Saskatchewan Farm Stewardship Association to host the Growing Agriculture: 2020 Saskatchewan Provincial Election Forum. Agricultural producers and political candidates will discuss the top issues

for Saskatchewan farmers and ranchers.

Hosted by Shaun Haney of RealAgriculture, Growing Agriculture will be broadcast on AccessNow TV and RealAgriculture.com from October 19 to 25.

Complete information on the APAS election priorities can be found at apas.ca/provincialelection.

Information on the Growing Agriculture forum can be found at apas.ca/growingagriculture

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Highlights of a Shellbrook town council meeting

Shellbrook's town council met on Sept. 21. Present at the meeting were Mayor George Tomporowski, councillors Lyle Banda, Bruce Clements, Lois Freeman, David Knight, Kathleen Nording, and Amund Otterson, and the town's administrator, Kelly Hoare.

Mayor Tomporowski called the meeting to order at 6 p.m., and council began by approving the agenda for the meeting and adopting the minutes of its Aug. 17 meeting. With no business arising from said minutes, council approved its regular accounts and financials, and moved on to provide its oral reports.

Discussing the facility manager's report, council agreed that the eavestroughs of municipal buildings could use some clearing now that fall has

arrived, and said the facility manager could be directed to handle this task.

In Recreation Project Steering Committee news, councillor Otterson reported that the solar panels for the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre are nearly up and running.

Otterson explained some delay has been caused on SaskPower's end, due to a few nitpicky issues. He also expressed disappointment about missing out on generating a fair amount of electricity.

In his hospital and clinics report, meanwhile, Otterson had good news to share regarding Shellbrook's allotment of physicians. The number has increased to nine from the current seven, and two physicians are cur-

rently going through SIP-PA and expected to come to Shellbrook (one on the fee for service side, the other on the primary care side).

The physicians are slated to complete their SIP-PA program in December, and should be practicing in town at some point in 2021.

In other reports items, council carried a motion to adopt an updated rink use policy for the Richardson Pioneer Centre, and councillor Nording reported that movie nights will resume Oct. 2 and 3.

Finally, councillor Banda questioned whether the bylaw officer was worth the money the town is spending.

In the end, council discussed having the officer change patrols times, after some councillors expressed concerns about the officer patrolling early in the morning when no one is in town.

Shifting to new business, council carried a motion to write-off

taxes, in the amount of \$81,931.17, on a property it recently acquired through tax enforcement.

It followed this up by approving a motion to tender the property in question.

Next, council carried a motion to rescind resolution 2020-141 and reword it to say, "Whereas the Hidden Hills of Shellbrook Golf Course Inc., is purchasing the Sterling land adjacent to the south end of the golf course and as the two parties have agreed to a purchasing agreement between the Town and Hidden Hills Golf Course, be it resolved that we forgive their loan with us in the amount of \$62,895.59 once the land transfer has been completed."

Later in the evening, council also carried a motion to approve a land purchase agreement with Hidden Hills.

Moving on, council decided to award the contract for sewer relining work to Insituform Technologies Limited, which

had a lowest of the two bids the town received at about \$104,000 plus GST.

While discussing the upcoming elections, council agreed it would await provincial directions, and appoint a sanitization supervisor at polling stations if directed by the government. It also agreed that municipal employees working at polling stations would be paid overtime for any hours above and beyond regular work hours.

In further new business, council agreed that municipal employee benefits may be covered for employees laid off due to a work shortage caused by COVID-19 on an individual basis and at council's discretion.

Council also approved an amended Respectful Workplace/Harassment policy, as requested by OH&S.

After some discussion, council agreed to have Public Works discuss using MG-30 on the gravel portion of 2nd

Avenue West heading out to Parkland Integrated Health Centre with Triple S Transport.

Mayor Tomporowski said using the product to fix up the stretch of road would cost about \$100,000 over two years, and cut down on the overall maintenance and total costs.

Council agreed it's been spending a lot of money to grade and maintain the road.

Up next, council agreed to authorize the preparation of a grant application for the delayed water treatment plant upgrades. It also set Wednesday, Nov. 4 as the advanced poll date for municipal elections, and granted a request from the Hockey Day in Shellbrook Committee to have use of the back wall in the skating rink area of the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre.

Having no further business to discuss, council set Oct. 19 as its next meeting date, and adjourned for the evening.

Minutes of a Town of Spiritwood meeting

(Where necessary, the following minutes may have been edited for clarity or brevity)

The regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Spiritwood was held on May 26, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via Sasktel Teleconference.

In attendance were Mayor Gary von Holwede, Councillor James Bedi, Councillor Bryan Wingerter, Councillor George Pretli, Councillor Brad Nemish, Councillor Debbie Allan, Councillor Shannon Beaulac, and CAO Rhonda Saam.

A quorum being present, Mayor von Holwede called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Debbie Allan: That the agenda be approved as presented. Seconded by Jim Bedi. Carried.

Brad Nemish: That the Accounts for Approval, Cheque No. 30803 to 30814 in the amount of \$38,851.99 be approved as presented. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Jim Bedi: That we hire Dalton Wasden for a full-time Summer Job Position at a wage of \$13/hr for 40 hours per week, effective June 8, 2020 until August 31, 2020. Seconded by Debbie Allan. Carried.

Debbie Allan: That we accept

the offer from Guy's Furniture & Appliances Ltd. to purchase Lot 4 Par/Blk 2 Plan AP518 in the amount of \$1,000 plus GST. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Debbie Allan: That the town office re-open to the public effective June 2, 2020 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. until further notice. Seconded by Brad Nemish. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we re-hire Kristen Klassen as Part-Time Office Assistant, effective June 8, 2020, to work approximately 8-12 days per month and we pay a wage of \$18.50/hr, including the employer portions for both pension and group benefits. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we approve the quote from Triple S Transport in the amount of \$2,585 plus tax to provide and apply calcium chloride to the gravel roads in town as determined by the town foreman. Seconded by Debbie Allan. Carried.

Debbie Allan: That Bylaw No. 529/20, a Bylaw to Provide for the Closing and Selling of a Municipal Road or Street be read a third time and finally adopted. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

George Pretli: That we contact Crosby Hanna & Associates to assist with amending our zoning bylaw to permit cannabis retail stores and production facilities; whereas, SLGA is now accepting cannabis retail store permit applications for communities of fewer than 2,500 people. Jim Bedi. Carried.

Shannon Beaulac: That this meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Debbie Allan. Carried.

TOWN OF BIG RIVER PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Big River intends to adopt a bylaw pursuant to Section 207 of *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 2015-02, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT

The proposed bylaws will amend: Bylaw 2015-02, the Zoning Bylaw Part 13, C1-Core Mixed Use Commercial District Section 13.2 Discretionary Uses to add: 9. Micro Distillery

AFFECTED LAND

The affected lands are legally described as C1-Core Mixed Use Commercial District of the Town of Big River Zoning District Map.

REASON

The reason for the amendment is to add a Micro distillery as a Discretionary Use in the C1-Core Mixed Use Commercial District.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaws at the Town Office in Big River on any judicial day from Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on October 18, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. in the Small Hall at Big River Community Centre, 606 1st Street North, in Big River, Saskatchewan to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaws. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing (or delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office before the hearing).

Issued at Big River this 24th day of September, 2020.

Noreen Olsen, Administrator

Canwood, Spiritwood infrastructure projects submitted to federal government

The Government of Saskatchewan announced it has recommended more than 120 infrastructure projects to Canada for final approval under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP).

Including a rebuild of the curling rink in Canwood, valued at \$450,000, and sewage pumping station replacements in Spiritwood, totalling \$2.1 million, the projects represent more than \$192 million in provincial funding.

"The faster we can move these projects forward, the faster communities, businesses and families will benefit from them," Government Relations Minister Lori Carr said in a statement. "Once completed, the legacy of these projects will improve quality of life and make our great province an even better place to call home. The provincial government encourages its federal counterparts to work as quickly as possible and approve these projects."

The provincial government opened a detailed online application process on Dec. 18, 2019, which was extended until May 15, 2020 due to COVID-19.

The two infrastructure funding streams accepting applications during that intake were Green, along with Community, Culture and Recreation. The province recommended projects to the Government of Canada as part of the process.

Funding contributions from the federal government, pro-

vincial government and approved applicant can vary for each project, depending on its type and the final contribution agreement. Any additional costs for an approved project is the responsibility of the applicant.

Under ICIP, the Government of Saskatchewan secured more than \$896 million in federal funding over 10 years to support all types of eligible infrastructure projects in the province.

The projects were submitted between June 2020 and September 2020.

Additional intakes for proposed projects will occur in the fall under ICIP in Saskatchewan.

Previously unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to resubmit projects, if eligible for consideration under the intake stream open at that time.

For more information on ICIP in Saskatchewan, visit <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/icip>.

Sask. continues carbon tax court battle

The Saskatchewan government's legal battle against the federal carbon tax continued this week, this time in front of the nation's top court.

Based on two days of arguments and submissions from the province, and dozens of other intervenors, the Supreme Court of Canada will make its ruling regarding the constitutionality of the carbon tax, also known as the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act.

Previously, appeals courts in Saskatchewan and Ontario upheld the law, while the Alberta Court of Appeal ruled it unconstitutional.

"We believe that we have strong legal grounds in this case, particularly considering that we're arguing on the same grounds that saw the Alberta Court of Appeal rule the Trudeau carbon tax un-

constitutional," Justice Minister and Attorney General Don Morgan said in a statement. "We look forward to putting our case forward in Canada's highest court and settling this issue."

The federal carbon tax legislation imposes a carbon tax on some provinces but not others, based on the strategies each province uses to reduce carbon emissions and mitigate the effects of climate change.

Along with the governments of Alberta and Ontario, the province argues the law steps into their jurisdiction over natural resources and provincial taxation.

Meanwhile, Ottawa contends carbon emissions are an issue of national concern, which do not respect provincial boundaries and require a national approach to ad-

dress.

"We have argued, since day one, that the carbon tax is an overreach by the federal government," Morgan said. "While the question today is whether each province has a right to choose its own climate change plan, this legislation could have far-reaching consequences for the autonomy of every Canadian province if it is allowed to stand."

The federal Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act was passed in June 2018 and sets minimum national thresholds for a price on carbon pollution, starting at \$10 a tonne, and rising each year until it hits \$50 a tonne in 2022.

The tax has hit prairie provinces like Saskatchewan and Alberta, whose economies rely heavily on their en-

ergy and agriculture sectors, especially hard.

"We need a federal climate policy that makes our environment, economies, and communities more resilient to the effects of climate change – not more vulnerable," Environment Minister Dustin Duncan said in a statement. "We can respond to climate change successfully by creating a sustain-

able transition that benefits Saskatchewan's families and businesses."

The province says the initiatives outlined in its own environmental plan, such as the \$1 million announced in 2019 for community floodplain mapping providing 20 communities access to modern flood maps and hydraulic mapping, are evidence of its commitment to reducing the

province's carbon footprint.

Additionally, it says 81 culverts were upgraded to meet the new provincial flood standard, and the province surpassed its 2020 energy consumption target in our provincial government-owned buildings while announcing \$26 million in energy efficiency improvements in schools in June 2020.

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. Tues-

day 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.

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Minutes of a Village of Marcelin council meeting

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Regular meeting of council of the Village of Marcelin held on Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020 at the Marcelin Village Office.

Present: Dennis Ferster, Lynn McCormick, Brian Diehl, Craig Verbonac, and Leanne McCormick

Absent: Tom Hatfield

Meeting called to order at 5:58 p.m. by Mayor Dennis Ferster.

Verbonac: That the agenda be approved as presented and read. Carried

McCormick: That the minutes of our Regular Meeting held on July 15, 2020 be approved as presented as read. Carried

McCormick: That the Water Treatment Plant Report for the month of July 2020 be approved as presented and read. Carried

Diehl: That the bank reconciliations and financial statements for the month of July 2020 be approved as presented and read. Carried

Verbonac: That cheques #'s 3181 - 3196 and all other payments in the amount of \$32,626.04 be approved for payment. Carried

McCormick: That the correspondence reviewed and presented to these minutes, as per attached, be acknowledged. Carried

Diehl: That our CAO send a letter to the owners of the following properties regarding clean up of property according to the Nuisance Bylaw 04/2005: Lots 15 & 16, Block 3, Plan No. P5206. Carried

Ferster: That we now adjourn this meeting at 6:48 p.m.

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Pastor Chris Dean

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Sun., 11:30 a.m. - Mass
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Sat., 7:30 p.m. - Mass
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NDP promises to invest in kids' mental health

NDP Leader Ryan Meili has announced that an NDP government will reverse years of Sask. Party cuts to school-based supports by making the investments to ensure children's mental health is a priority in Saskatchewan.

"Scott Moe's government has failed to support vulnerable students. I've heard from too many parents and teachers worried about how this pandemic is impacting their kids' mental health," Meili said in a statement. "Young people have been through so much in the past months, and supports were already inadequate. It's way be-

yond time to invest in students to give them the support they need now and good skills for the future."

Meili announced that an NDP government will invest \$5 million to hire 50 mental health nurses for schools and an additional \$5 million to work with school divisions to reverse cuts and hire child educational psychologists, counsellors, speech language pathologists and other mental health supports.

This will help in the short term as kids navigate the challenges and stresses of a pandemic and will be an important part of restoring needed services as part

of a long-term mental wellness plan.

Meili noted that Scott Moe and the Saskatchewan Party have cut per-student funding by \$300 per student since 2015-16 and that there are fewer counsellors, fewer psychologists and fewer speech language pathologists today than there were in 2015-16.

"The mental health of our province's youth is not a luxury," Meili said. "Real support now can ensure that kids aren't left to suffer alone. It can also ease the burden on our health care system by helping young people avoid mental health and addictions issues later in life."

GOOD NEWS

GOD IS STILL WITH US

**By Jonathan Worrall
Student Minister,
Knox United Church**

Recently I have started re-reading Exodus with great interest. It is a book which contains a plethora of messages and themes which, even now, remains both impactful and relevant. Of course, the exodus story is familiar to mainstream culture because of Cecil B. DeMille's The Ten Commandments. It was a film that I watched repeatedly growing up. I can still hear Charlton Heston's deep baritone as he demanded, "Let my people go!"

It's a story about a people entering into a new relationship with God. It's about shedding their old identity, as oppressed slaves, in favor of forming something new; a new community of faith whose principles are at odds with the material world they had thus far been immersed in. The reason for the decades of wandering, Casey Thornburgh Sigmon surmises, is that God is "creating a new identity for Israel, one that is distinct from the slave identity imposed on them by Egypt. The people, through the wilderness wandering, will be recreated." The God who spent six days creating is once again active in creation.

The story doesn't end with the newly-freed slaves marching triumphantly and joyously out of Egypt. In truth, this is merely the end of their beginning. The Israelites, led by Moses, go on to wander the desert for forty years. Understandably, the Israelites periodically grow fearful and angry at their plight. There are instances in which they curse Moses and their newfound lot in life; they had no food and no water. "Surely

life was better back in Egypt," some complained.

The Israelites had witnessed the awe-inspiring might of God; the ten plagues visited upon the Egyptians, the parting of the Red Sea, and yet, the Israelites didn't seem to understand that the God who freed them from bondage was still with them in the desert. In multiple episodes, the Israelites test the Lord, asking for proof that God is with them. This is an entirely understandable and wholly relatable experience. It is natural for people who are experiencing hardship, feeling overwhelmed by pain and suffering, to conclude that they have been abandoned by God, left to wander aimlessly in their own personal desert.

However, it is illustrative of God's character that when the Israelites demanded that the Lord provide them with either food or water; proof that the Lord is still on their side, God answers their pleas rather than rebuke them. It seems that God understood the precariousness of this new relationship; God knew that the Israelites were scared and would need reassurance that their God would not forsake them. The God that had heard the cries of the enslaved and oppressed Israelites was still there, listening to the pleas of God's children.

In closing, Exodus illustrates that the God of creation is still active today. The God who freed people from bondage, parted the Red Sea, and accompanied the Israelites through the desert is the same God who is with us now. When we are scared, when we feel alone, when all seems lost, like the world is falling down around us, God is with us, accompanying us through our own desert.

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Sports giving a boost to Canadians' spirits

Despite the 26th consecutive year without a Canadian franchise winning the Stanley Cup, and despite the Canadian Football League going dark for the 2020 season — thanks a lot, coronavirus — the state of sports in Canada is pretty darn good.

Three Canadian men made the round of 16 at the U.S. Open tennis championship in New York, confirming the developmental efforts put forth by Tennis Canada are bearing fruit. Denis Shapovalov, Vasek Pospisil and Felix Auger-Aliassime were the Canucks making noise at the Flushing Meadows Tennis Centre, and they're all young and on the verge of better things. Don't forget, too, that Bianca Andreescu was the defending U.S. Open women's champ and unable to defend her title due to injury. While the Open was in progress, Eugenie Bouchard of Montreal lost in the final of the Istanbul Cup, a World Tennis Association event.

In basketball, the entire

country was on the Raptors bandwagon as they strived for two NBA titles in successive years. Their thrilling seven-game Eastern Conference semi-final series with Boston Celtics captivated Canadians, but they came up five points short.

Canadians on the PGA Tour are no longer viewed as oddities. At last count, there were seven Canadian regulars on the Tour. One of them, Mackenzie Hughes, qualified for the 2020 Tour Championship — the top 30 in the Fed-Ex Cup standings earn the right to play in this exclusive event — and wound up 14th, earning \$620,000. Next year, the Canadian contingent on the Tour will be increased by one as Ontario's Taylor Pendrith will have full status thanks to his great play on the developmental Korn Ferry Tour. And while Hughes, Adam Hadwin, Nick Taylor and Corey Conners all have PGA Tour victories to their credit, players such as David Hearn, Michael Gligic and Roger Sloan



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have full- or part-time Tour status, too. Brooke Henderson came within a whisker of winning the LPGA's first major, the ANA Inspiration, but she lost in a playoff.

And then there's Canada's baseball sweethearts, the Blue Jays, who are young, filled with potential and on the verge of qualifying for this season's playoffs, which have been expanded and modified beyond recognition due to COVID-19. Even without star slugger Bo Bichette for a good portion of the 2020 season, the Blue Jays (2020 home

base: Buffalo) are a solid second in the A.L. East and are due to give Canadians some exciting playoff action. Slugger Teoscar Hernandez, take a bow. You, too, pitcher Hyun Jin Ryu. Will Buffalo get the parade if the Jays shock the world and win the World Series?

So while the overall situation in Canada is glum — thanks to the virus, the economy and uncertainty about the future — Canadian athletes and Canadian-based teams continue to provide entertainment and positivity to a nation in need of uplifting news.

• Patti Dawn Swansson, the River City Renegade, after Saskatchewan premier Scott Moe declared Sept. 6 to be Roughriders' Day across the province and for everyone to wear green and white: "A melonhead needs urging to wear green and white like a priest needs a reminder to say prayers on Sunday."

• Jay Busbee of yahoo.com, on Houston Texans' QB De-

shaun Watson: "Watson can't be thrilled that his No. 1 target, DeAndre Hopkins, left town for the NFL equivalent of some off-brand soup."

• Comedy guy Steve Burgess of Vancouver, on Twitter after No. 1 seed Novak Djokovic was disqualified from the U.S. Open after a ball he smashed in anger injured a line judge: "Bah! John McEnroe once beat an umpire to death with a piano leg and was assessed a double fault."

• Baseball writer Mark Bowman on Twitter during the Braves' 29-9 demolition of Miami Marlins Sept. 9: "Braves lead 29-9 in the seventh. This seems safer than 28-3 in the fourth."

• NOT SPORTS CENTRE, on Twitter: "BREAKING: Texans fans have opted out of the 2020 season, citing safety concerns of what watching Bill O'Brien coach for 15 more games might do to their physical and mental health."

• Comedy writer Brad Dickson of Omaha, on the eve of

the NFL's first game: "The 2020 NFL season kicks off tonight. I'm really looking forward to the next 12 days until the 2020 NFL season ends."

• R.J Currie of sportsdeke.com: "The Raptors set a franchise record with 18 turnovers — 18! — in losing Game 7 to the Celtics. Much of the night they were bum Raps."

• Currie again: "Sorry Houston Texans: 20 points wasn't enough to beat the Chiefs on Thursday Night (in the NFL opener). And it wouldn't have been enough to beat the Atlanta Braves, who scored 29 the night before."

• At Fark.com: "Padres' Eric Hosmer suffers fractured finger. On the other hand, he's fine."

• Chris Carlin of 98.7 ESPN

New York, on the COVID face shield worn by Chiefs coach Andy Reid: "It's foggin' up like teenagers makin' out in a car. Please, someone, get him a windshield wiper at half-time."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

OBITUARY

Garry Buckingham



train coming with the whistle blowing. Garry went on to spend the majority of his life living there.

In his teens Garry enjoyed playing hockey on the local Shellbrook team. However, when he left school at the end of grade nine, Garry joined the staff at Agnew Motors, thus his career in the automotive industry began. Garry and Sharon were married January 20, 1968, at the Ordale Church. It was a nice sunny January day. In 2018 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Vancouver Island with family and friends.

Garry and Sharon always had a dog, first was Beaver, then Buffy Jenta, and now Casper. You would always see Garry and Casper going for many rides together, whether it was in his "Knute" - 1986 Chevrolet truck or cruising around in one of his other vehicles.

Garry enjoyed being

around his friends and his vehicles, the two went hand in hand. Family was always important to Garry. Being fortunate to grow up spending time with family in Shellbrook or making the journey to Big River to visit relatives there.

Garry was a sentimental man; he created a special corner in his home of special mementos of his parents. His sentimental nature was also shown by the restoration of his fathers' homemade wooden airplanes. He enjoyed the photographs he accumulated over the years, keeping them organized was a favorite hobby of his. Garry enjoyed watching T.V., and the channel most often would be turned on to football, curling, hockey or even a little "The Young & Restless".

Garry's life always included a garage in one way or another from a young age. Businesses had TV's before most

people did, so at a young age Garry and his family would go to Agnew's Garage to watch wrestling, and a short stop on his way home from school at Fellows Garage to watch "Howdy Doody".

Garry's automotive career spanned over 50 years, beginning as an auto body repair man, it was training on the job in those days. Eventually, Garry began a 10-year partnership with Ken Elliot and John Groenen. This partnership began with a Dodge Dealership, and in 1975 the business transitioned into a GM Dealership. Following a brief break in ownership, Garry again returned to the garage business. A partnership was formed with Bruce Storry, and Micky Giberson at Shellbrook Chev Olds. After 15 years he wrapped up his career days, with him deciding to enjoy retirement.

Garry had "Happy Places" in which he always looked forward to spending time at, one of them was Hackett Lake. Garry and Sharon enjoyed spending summers there camping, fishing, and sitting around the campfire enjoying the fellowship of

friends. The farm in Ordale was another place Garry looked forward to spending time at. He liked nothing better than after a day at the garage, to climb up on the tractor and spend an evening in the field. The acreage that Garry called home, was another one of his "Happy Places". He created a little piece of paradise in his backyard with his pond and firepit. Garry and Sharon's house was "the gathering place", and more often than not there would be company visiting.

The last few years Garry learned the art of texting. He would always end his messages with "Okee dookee", a tradition that will carry on. So it's not goodbye, but rather "Okee dookee" ...until we meet again Garry.

Garry is lovingly survived by his wife of 52 years, Sharon Buckingham of Shellbrook, SK; his siblings, Glenda (Jim) Munro of Kelowna, B.C.; Gail (Bruce) Storry of Shellbrook, SK; his nieces and nephews, Chris Galloway and sons, Brett, Matthew, and Evan; Dawn (Rob) Balic and daughters, Brooklynn, and Adrianna; Jona-

than Galloway; Jennifer Galloway (Lars Nielsen); Janelle (Chris) Gosselin and their sons, Burk and Torr; Angela Storry; Teanne (Mathew) Sommerfeld and their children, Mya and Colton; Kyla (Jason) Assie and their children, Easton and Madelyn; his aunt, Ruth Buckingham as well as numerous other relatives and many friends.

Garry was predeceased by his parents, Gordon & Christena Buckingham; his parents-in-law, Knute & Gladys Larson; and many other relatives and close friends.

There was a Private Grave-side Service held for Garry at the Shellbrook Cemetery with Murray Hannigan as officiant. In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Garry to the Shellbrook Skating Rink and Recreation Centre (c/o – Town of Shellbrook).

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

BUCKINGHAM — Garry Garry was born on February 5, 1944 to Gordon and Christena Buckingham. There was no hospital in those days in Shellbrook, and therefore he was born at the home of a midwife.

It was approximately 1950, when Garry's parents moved a house onto a portion of land on the outskirts of Shellbrook, where Garry's house now stands. Memories include the railway track that was close by, and hearing the

OBITUARIES

Lavern Jerry Carlson

Lavern Jerry Carlson
January 4, 1939 –
September 16, 2020

Beloved husband and Papa, Jerry, passed away peacefully with his family by his side in Saskatoon, SK. He was predeceased by his parents, Carl John Carlson and Anna Marion (nee Pellack), two brothers (Ray and John) and a sister (Gloria Beaven) as well as his in-laws, Thomas and Mildred (nee Whelen) Allen. Jerry will always be cher-

ished by his loving wife Gwen, his three children Tracy (Ron), Todd (Lesley), and Tricia (Fran), eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren in addition to his brother Bob (Grace), in laws (John Beaven, Gary and Dolores Allen, and Marjorie Carlson) as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Jerry, the fifth and last Carlson child, was born at home in Brooksby, SK. He was a special and unique man, extremely talented and always interesting. Papa married the love of his life, Gwen (nee Allen), on October 10, 1959 and there began their love story of almost 61 beautiful years. Jerry began his career in automotive business and later became a grain elevator agent for Richardson Pioneer in Shellbrook, SK. (306-934-4888).

retiring in 1994. Together, Papa and Nan, operated the Mayview General Store, buying and selling antiques, and refinishing furniture. Papa loved gardening and landscaping; his yard was a favourite place of many. Papa also loved cooking and we loved enjoying his creations. In 2015 Papa and Nan retired to Warman, SK where they started and lived a new life chapter. Thank you Papa for your wisdom, laughter and love. See you soon.

At Jerry's request, there will be no funeral. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice. Arrangements have been entrusted to Martens Warman Funeral Home, 402 Central Street W, Warman, SK S0K 4S0. (306-934-4888).



FERSTER – Rodney
1948 – 2020

Rodney Arthur Ferster was born on the family farm in Meadow Grove east of Leask, SK on January 11, 1948. In his teens he moved to Alberta & B.C. to work. When he moved back to SK, he worked many years for the Dept of Highways and later for the Municipality of Leask. During that time, he also farmed

east of Leask and had a few cows, pigs, and chickens. He loved to fish and hunt and was the first of the family to learn the art of making many kinds of sausage, headcheese, movitz – mostly from Uncle Kuhn who was a willing teacher, the family all enjoyed the fruits of his labour. Rodney later moved to Shellbrook when his health started being a concern. He passed away on September 8, 2020 following a short stay in the Victoria Union Hospital.

Rodney was blessed with 3 boys, Dallas Inglehart and his son Julian Inglehart; Nathan Ferster; and Nigel Ferster. He was also survived by his siblings, Shirley (Mike) Youngblood; Emilie (Andrew) Neveu; Theone (Rodney) Barber; Terry Valmont; Dennis

(Fran) Ferster; Janice (Warren) Muller; his special cousin Rita (Frances) Kunz; his sister-in-law, Gloria Ferster; his aunt, Hildegarde Butz; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Rodney was predeceased by his parents, Ted & Helene (Butz) Ferster; his brother, Larry; his first wife, Beverly; and his brother-in-law, Fred Valmont.

As per his wishes there will be no funeral but a private graveside memorial at a later date. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com

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Gary Donald Robinson

Gary Donald Robinson, Mildred Saskatchewan, passed away peacefully September 2, 2020, at the age of 83.

Gary was born March 21, 1937, on the family farm by Mildred, to Harold Sidney Robinson and Rosina Marie (Feist) Robinson. Gary attended school until the age of 14, quitting to go to work and help provide for his younger siblings. Gary's

education never stopped, though. He spent his life with reference books close at hand, studying encyclopedias and, more often, atlases. He was a self-taught expert on the history and the tales of western Canada and America. Gary's work career started on Mr. Turgeon's threshing crew, and included working on a mink ranch at Fish Lake, cutting pulp at Hinton, and many winters logging at Fort St. James, and always farming.

In 1959 Gary started courting the Mildred school teacher, Joan Eileen Larsen. They were married December 10, 1960. Gary and Joan raised their four children on the family farm.

Gary was always an active community member. First and foremost,

he dedicated many years to organizing Mildred Sports Day's men's fastball tournament. He coached and played for the Mildred Mustangs Men's Softball Team; his natural talent and leadership left a lasting imprint on the young players of the community. He was an active member of Spiritwood Lions Club for many years, creating many community initiatives. He was RM councillor. Gary was a founding member of the Spiritwood Elbowbenders Oldtimers Hockey, travelling to many destinations to play, including Victoria, Florida, Hawaii. Gary also helped with building and running events at Sad Saacs park in Spiritwood.

Throughout, Gary was a farmer and a cattleman. He cleared and broke

many acres, turning the native poplar bluffs, stands of spruce and small grass meadows into productive farmland. He later turned many of his acres back into grass for his beloved cattle. His cattle were his passion. Gary raised commercial beef cattle, then switched to purebred Salers, then back to commercial beef. Winning the Cinderella Classic at Mexibition was a proud achievement for this cattle-loving man.

Gary never walked when he could run. He rose with the sun and he never seemed to run out of energy. He was healthy, strong, athletic, and he was soft-hearted. He would come to the defence of the underdog. He would cry watching Lassie, and he would pick his guitar for his children and grandchildren's en-

tertainment.

Gary was predeceased by his parents, 'Sid' and 'Rose', his brother Tom and his sister Barbara.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Joan; Daughter Dianne Marie (Dale) Kieper, their children: Jodi Kieper, Jodi's daughter Hadley; Jeffrey (Kim) Kieper and their son Shea; Tana Kieper (Stuart McGregor); Earl (Alison) Kieper, their children Kipling and Sybil; Tell Kieper. Son Brent Donald (Charlena) Robinson, their daughter Chandra, her children Stevie, Parker and Boden; their son David Brenton (Sarah-Dawn) and their sons Hunter and Tristan. Son Cal Dale (Tammy) Robinson; their sons Michael (Teigan), Christopher (Kaeli) and their daughter Kenzley; Patrick (Cassidy). Son

Marty Robinson and his children Mackenzy and Zachary.

His brother Perry (Elaine) Robinson, sister Linda (Raymond) Runzer, and sister-in-law Eileen Robinson, as well as his nieces and nephews.

A family graveside service will be held for Gary.

Gary is not a man that will easily be forgotten. As long as we remember a person, they are not really gone.

Donations in Gary's Memory may be made to the Spiritwood and District Long Term Care Home. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Lori Saam, 306-883-3500.

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Chill out for an early spring bulb display indoors

By Erl Svendsen

By February, I am done with winter and I need a gardening fix. What better way than having prepared a few pots of spring flowering bulbs to brighten up your mood and beautify your home while the snow is still on the ground. Now is the time to pot up some bulbs and fool them into thinking they have spent a winter outdoor so they are just as anxious to bloom as you are to enjoy them.

Purchase large good quality bulbs as soon as they are available in stores, by mail order or online. Avoid shrivelled, damaged and undersized bulbs. If forcing tulips or daffodils, choose shorter/miniature varieties.

The traditional choice for a pot is a bulb pan – wide and short – usually 7.5 centimetres (3 inches) high. The wide base make tipping over less likely when growing taller plants. However, the trade-off is that there is less room for rooting and sometimes developing roots will push the bulbs out of the soil during the chilling process. Smaller bulb species (e.g. crocus) are fine in taller pots as they don't require the extra stability.

Fill the pot with a sterile soil-less potting mix to within one bulb-height of the rim,

pressing lightly. If it leaves you less than 5 centimetres (2 inches) of soil depth, choose a deeper pot.

Add the bulbs, pointed side up, leaving 1-2 centimetres (0.5-1 inch) between bulbs. Fill the pot with the bulbs for an impressive display. Plant only one type and one variety of bulb per pot. A mixed pot is unlikely to bloom in unison. You can still have a mixed effect, just with multiple pots of different and separate species and varieties. Also, space out planting dates to extend the length of time you'll have spring flowers beautifying your home.

Cover all but the tips of the bulbs with additional potting mix. Water well and allow them to drain completely. Label with the species/variety, planting date and the date when the chilling period is complete.

Now comes the waiting. In the ground outside, bulbs are not completely dormant. During the late fall and early spring, when the soil is cold but not yet frozen, their roots and flower buds are developing. You need to replicate this in your home. TEMPERATURE: Bulbs need consistent chilling temperatures (2-7°C / 35-45°F). Not many of us have a root cellar or a cold room



Spring flowers to brighten up a dreary winter's day (left to right: grape hyacinth (Muscaris), hyacinth, mini daffodils).

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anymore, but your refrigerator provides an ideal environment (avoid storing them with apples). An attached garage may work, but the temperature may fluctuate too much (too warm to excessively cold) and it will lead to poor results. TIME: Chill your pots in the dark for 12-20 weeks, depending on the species. If you cut the time short, the plants and flowers may end up stunted and distorted.

Inspect the pots regularly

for moisture and rotting. Water to keep the potting mix slightly damp but not wet. Remove diseased bulbs. If shoots have started growing (5-8 centimetres / 2-3 inches), it may be time to move to the next step.

Once the chilling period is over, bring the pots out of storage into a cool and bright location but avoid full sun. It will take 2-3 weeks for the bulb to send up shoots and flowers. When the buds start showing

a bit of colour, move the pots into a warmer and brighter location. But the warmer the location, the shorter their bloom period.

Recommended weeks of chilling

Amaryllis: no chilling required, but may take 6-8 weeks to flower after planting.

Crocus: 15

Daffodils: 15-17

Hyacinths: 11-14, although it is possible to purchase pre-chilled bulbs. Just pot these up and wait for the blooms.

Muscari (grape hyacinth): 14-15

Paperwhites: no chilling required.

Scilla (squill): 12-15

Tulips: 14-20

TULIP TIP: Face the flat side of the tulip bulb towards the outside of the pot so the first leaf grows towards the outside for an attractive and tidy look.

TULIP TIP: Remove the brown papery covering (optional).

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Crop report: Sept. 8 to 14

Farmers made significant harvest progress again this week. Sixty-two per cent of the crop has been combined, up from 43 per cent last week and well ahead of the five-year (2015-2019) average of 48 per cent. An additional 27 per cent

of the crop is swathed or ready to straight-cut. Warm and dry weather is needed to continue drying down crops.

Harvest is most advanced in the southwest region, where 90 per cent of the crop is in the bin. The southeast has 77 per

cent combined, the west-central 61 per cent, the east-central 51 per cent, the northeast 33 per cent and the northwest 18 per cent.

Ninety-seven per cent of lentils, 94 per cent of field peas, 87 per cent of mustard, 72 per cent

of barley, 86 per cent of durum, 69 per cent of chickpeas, 55 per cent of spring wheat, 42 per cent of canola and 28 per cent of flax has now been combined. An additional 47 per cent of canola is swathed or ready to straight-cut.

Durum grades are estimated as 55 per cent 1 CW, 33 per cent 2 CW, nine per cent 3 CW and three per cent 4 CW and 5 CW. Pea grades are estimated as 38 per cent 1 CAN, 56 per cent 2 CAN and six per cent 3 CAN. Lentil grades are estimated to be 35 per cent 1 CAN, 58 per cent 2 CAN, six per cent 3 CAN and one per cent sample grade.

Most of the province received very little rainfall this week. The Nipawin area received the highest amount of rain with 25 mm. Topsoil moisture conditions in the province continue to deteriorate due to strong winds and minimal rainfall. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 30 per cent adequate, 41 per cent short and 29 per cent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as 26

per cent adequate, 33 per cent short and 41 per cent very short.

The majority of crop damage this week was due to frost, wind and dry conditions. Damage from frost varied depending on the temperature and stage of the crop, with later seeded and less mature crops impacted the most. Wind continued to blow swaths and shell out crops. There were also reports of damage caused by wildlife, waterfowl and ergot in durum crops.

Farmers are busy combining, swathing, hauling bales and moving cattle.

With harvest underway in Saskatchewan, we want to remind producers to exercise caution and remain safe.

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



Missing: Katelyn Noble

Date of Birth: Apr 4, 1992
FROM: Radisson, SK
Weight: 125 Lbs.
Eyes: Blue

MISSING SINCE: Aug 17, 2007
Height: 5' 5"
Hair: Blonde
File: 3194 V

PARTICULARS: Katelyn was last seen in Radisson, Saskatchewan, believed to be coming home to Mission, BC

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