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PA rinks top Curling Club's Skins Bonspiel



A-event winners at the Shellbrook Curling Club's Skins Bonspiel: Jordan Henry, Evan Corrigan, Matt Mann, and Justin Dinney of Prince Albert.

The Shellbrook Curling Club lounge was the place to be for anyone with a love of curling this past weekend, as the club hosted its fifth annual Skins Bonspiel on Friday and Saturday.

While the 10 teams that came out was a little shy of the 16 teams the club was hoping for in order to have all four sheets going throughout the bonspiel, the weekend was nonetheless filled with friendly and competitive action, as curlers vied to claim the lion's share of the \$5,000 prize payout – the biggest ever offered at the bonspiel.

Curling Club Board member Gayle Draper says that over the past five years, the Skins Bonspiel has attracted teams from as far north as La Ronge, and as far west as Spiritwood. This year, however, it was mostly teams from Shellbrook and Prince Albert, as well as one team from

Christopher Lake.

But, while this year's bonspiel didn't seem to work out for some of the far-away teams, Draper is confident that next year's turn out will be better.

"This skins spiel has proved to be a favourite ever since we started it, as it seems most people like playing for money, even though it is a bit of a different strategy from your regular curling game," she said.

In a skins bonspiel, the object is to win the end (skin), and not necessarily to score a bunch of points in each end. To win the skin, the team that has the hammer must score at two points, while the team without the hammer must steal one.

Each end is worth a set amount of money, and the value of ends increases as the game progresses.

This format means that even if a team doesn't win a game, it can still go home with some cash in hand. And with each team being guaranteed at least three games, that means a lot of opportunities for a good payday.

Earning the biggest payout at this year's Skins Spiel were A event champions Jordan Henry, Evan Corrigan, Matt Mann, and Justin Dinney out of Prince Albert. They overcame a stiff challenge from the local rink of Wes Ledding, Jeff Ledding, Brad Ledding, and Larry Brossart.

In the B event, another Prince Albert team took home the title, as Cliff McBeath, Robin Shillington, Brad Bibby, Chad Gareau, and Scott Sokulski topped Team Phelps, Doug Phelps, Lorne Sass, Logan Phelps, and Mark Pelechaty, which also came out from P.A.

The C-event, meanwhile, was both a lo-

cal and a family affair. But in the end, the rink of Craig Stochmanski, Alexis Stochmanski, Sean Helm, and Shynelle Stochmanski was able to overcome the foursome of Brennan Stochmanski, Spencer Fox, Burk Gosselin, and Carson Ledding.

Rounding out an exciting bonspiel, the local team of Ron Cripps, Ted Mazurkewich, Larry Ferster and Blair Bernath claimed the D event, topping the Christopher lake foursome of Jacquie Swiderski, Avis Halcro, Judy Holland, and Gail Anderson.

While no bonspiel would be possible without the curlers, Draper says much of the credit for the success of the Skins Spiel also goes to local and area businesses that sponsored the event.

"This event would not be possible without our sponsors who donated both money for the prize payouts as well as items for a silent auction that we held during the event," she said. "We cannot thank them enough for their generosity, as it's these types of events that puts our club on the map, and keep our club going."

This year's sponsors included: Farm World, Naber Ford, Nutrien, Dupont Pioneer Seeds (Kevin Larsen), Lake Country Co-op Agro & Home Building Centre, Pineridge Cottages, Redhead Equipment, Shellbrook Chevrolet, Stochmanski Livestock Hauling, Tait Insurance, and TJ Disposals.

With bonspiel season just getting underway, the Shellbrook Curling Club is set to be busy in the coming months.

This weekend, for instance, the facility will play host to the Senior Women's Provincial Qualifier Bonspiel. That event, put on by CurlSask, runs from Jan. 18 to 20.

Then, on Feb. 8 and 9, the club will be hosting its annual Open Bonspiel. This, Draper says, is one not to be missed.

"We always have a lot of support again from local businesses for this event, and there are lots of prizes to be won.

"Any combination of players is welcome, and we hope to get the word out about this event and get a large turnout of both team entries, and spectators who might just enjoy watching a little curling in a fun atmosphere at our fantastic lounge."

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B-event winners from PA: Robin Shillington, Brad Bibby, Chad Gareau, and Scott Sokulski; Missing: Cliff McBeath.



C-event winners from Shellbrook: Craig Stochmanski, Alexis Stochmanski, Sean Helm, and Shynelle Stochmanski



D-event winners from Shellbrook: Ted Mazurkewich, Larry Ferster, Blair Bernath, and Ron Cripps.

Generations connect through old time dancing

Some tapped their toes, others shuffled their feet, and others, still, whirled and twirled their way across the dance floor.

Either way, everyone had a good time when the Shellbrook Senior's Association held an old time dancing session on Friday afternoon.

Since their introduction, the monthly dances have become one of the Senior's Association's best attended events.

And this past Friday's afternoon of dancing and socialization even saw special guests from Grade 11 English teacher Nicole Philp's class come out to join the sizeable group of seniors in attendance.

In the same way that old time dancing is an age-old tradition for

many of the seniors, these visits with the Grade 11 students from W.P. Sandin High School are swiftly becoming a new, annual tradition of sorts.

Back in November, the seniors visited the students for an afternoon of tea, socializing, and playing games.

There, Senior's Association members Adeline Fossey and Edith Henry say they were able to teach the students about what life was like for them.

"The information that is exchanged at the tea the Seniors were invited to by the Grade 11 English class in November gave them an insight into the life of pioneers, the hardships they faced and the lack of technology at that time," they

said.

"Coming and joining in on Old Time dancing presented another change from the present."

To Philp, meanwhile, the twice-yearly visits with the seniors are a perfect tie-in to the Grade 11 English curriculum, which includes a unit that examines how generations have changed over the years.

She says she can't think of a better way to teach her students about the differences between generations.

"It's a valuable experience for everyone and we are grateful to the Senior's Club for their willingness to get involved in this way with the youth of our community," she said.

"I love witnessing the interaction between generations."

For Fossey and Henry,



Liz Renz and her student partner Sam Miller enjoy a dance, while student Zach Bell shares a smile with his dance partner.

the feelings about these get-togethers are certainly mutual.

"We feel that this communication also gives us a better understanding of our young people, and

develops a great deal of respect between the two generations," they said.

"It would be beneficial to both Seniors and students if this communication and understanding could start with Grade 9 through to Grade 12."

The seniors hold their old time dances on the second Friday of each month from October to May, and most of the time have live music.

The dances start at 2 p.m., and all seniors are invited to join in on the fun.

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Nomination forms may be obtained from the municipal office.

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Lorna Benson
Returning Officer

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Hockey Day to honour Shellbrook Elks' legacy

Walk through the Shellbrook Recreation Complex and you're certain to notice championship banner upon championship banner hanging from the arena's rafters.

The banners serve as proof of Shellbrook's legacy as a hockey town; a testament to the fact that both on home ice, and in rinks across the province, hockey teams of all levels from Shellbrook have typically punched well above their weight class when it comes to competing in Canada's official winter sport.

Though they are but a part of this winning history, the senior Shellbrook Elks, including teams from the mid 1900s up to the organization's final hockey season in 2015-2016, are perhaps most emblematic of Shellbrook's hockey success story.

And it is the contributions of the many people – players, coaches, and other supporters – who crafted the organization's legacy that will be honoured at Hockey Day in Shellbrook this weekend, as Shellbrook Elks alumni from across the organiza-

tion's history face off in a friendly reunion match.

While one could look at any senior Elks team in the organization's history and find no shortage of accomplishments to be proud of, few things stand out more than the organization's dominant streak from 2000 to 2014.

Within that period, Shellbrook Elks squads of various compositions managed to capture at least nine Fort Carlton Hockey League championships, including seven consecutive league championships from 2004 through 2010.

At the same time, those teams also brought home seven provincial titles, including one at the AAA level, four at the Senior A level, and two at the Senior B level.

"The team's dominance [between 2000 and 2010] is the definition of a dynasty. The Elks had strong management, quality coaching, and skilled players during this time, and consistently dominated league awards each season, both team and individual awards," said those who nominated members of the organiza-

tion for the Wendell Harris Memorial Trophy (the team of the year award) at the 2017 Sports Awards Banquet.

As a player with the Shellbrook Elks for at least part of the organization's dominant decade, Mason Wallin has many memories of his time with the team. But he says his fondest memory is of the Senior Provincial A championship titles that he was part of during the 2008-2009 and 2011-2012 hockey seasons.

For Wallin, the organization's accomplishments throughout its history stem from the pride that came with wearing the Elks jersey, leading the team as a coach or manager, or even just volunteering time to help out the organization.

This, he says, is why the Elks' legacy will always be associated with one word: success.

"To me, this doesn't only refer to the stuff that was done on the ice and the many championships won over the years, but also everything the Shellbrook Elks Hockey Club has done for the community of Shellbrook," he said.

To Bruce Clements, who served with the Elks organization in too many capacities to count over the years, the Elks' legacy of success boils down to



2012 Provincial A champions, back row from left: Ron Hollowell, Jim McComas, Craig Hayden, Hugh Hamilton, Aki Seitsonen, Tyson Turgeon, Joel Belair, Chris Thompson, Josh Peterson, Curtis Olsen, Matt Bergen, Chris Walter, Owen Walter, Korey Diehl, Derek Klein, Brock Fitch, Shaun Kerber and Myles Nagy. Front: Ryan Robin, Ryan Gareau, Mason Wallin, Kelly Guard (lying down), Mark Walter, Matt Swaby and Bret Pepler.

a number of key factors, beginning with the high level of talent the organization was able to bring in, including junior, university, and even some professional players.

More than that, though, these were players and leaders, Clements says, who "played the game for the right reason."

"The teams were true reflections of the outstanding leadership shown by a key core group of players," he said. "They loved the game and the passion and will to win was there every night."

Of course, no team is successful entirely on its own, and Clements says much of the Elks' success was a community effort

that included players, coaches, fans, volunteers, and business sponsors.

With so much community support behind the organization, the Elks were almost always play-off contenders, and Clements says that the play-off time of each hockey season remains one of his favourite memories of the Elks – especially when his sons, David and Michael, played for the team, while he also served as team manager.

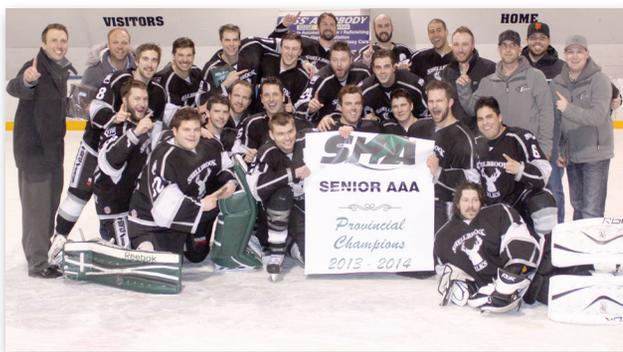
And though there's no telling if the senior Shellbrook Elks will ever suit up again, much less win another championship, Clements says his hope is that the team will always be remembered fondly in

Shellbrook.

"I hope the team's lasting legacy in the community will be one of a team that came to play the game the right way every night through hard work, dedication, good sportsmanship, team commitment, and always giving their best because they love the game."

Meanwhile, of the upcoming Elks Alumni game at Hockey Day in Shellbrook 2019, Clements says he's most looking forward to the opportunity to renew enduring friendships and share old memories.

The Elks Alumni game is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 19 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Among the organization's many accolades, the Shellbrook Elks were Senior AAA provincial Champs in 2013-2014.



2004 League champions, back row, from left: Quinn Tait, Jared Buckingham, Tyler Harris, Jeff Rask, and trainer Myles Nagy. Middle: Coach Dennis Cromartie; Brock Fitch, Tyler Ernst, Walter Hintz, Kevin Larsen, Jody Keyowski, Sheldon Moe, Jeff Topping, and Rob Olson. Front: Darcy Rask, Denis Carignan, Drew Ferster, Steve Anderson, Bob Schrader, Shaun Kerber, Mark Herzog, and Keith Keyowski.

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“Perspective is everything”

I was sitting in the local A&W waiting for my order. OK, so it was my turn to cook. What can I say. To kill time during the wait, I opened a recent issue of the Calgary Sun and began reading an article about how Alberta law enforcement officials were expressing some satisfaction over a crime prevention effort that had been underway in the province.

The cause for satisfaction was a reported 9 per cent drop in various crimes reported.

“That’s 638 fewer vehicles stolen,” the official was quoted as saying, “and 366 fewer break and enters, and 3,358 fewer thefts.”

Having been a victim of a vehicle theft myself, it was somewhat heartwarming to consider that there were possibly 638 fewer disappointed families deprived of their vehicle and who would have had to go through negotiations with their insurance provider for compensation, settling on an amount which would be unlikely to be enough to replace the vehicle.

Expressed from a different angle, though, the number is still a staggering 7,089 vehicle thefts. And 4,067 break and enters. And 37,311 thefts.

When you look at the numbers that way, it is apparent that Alberta still has issues with crime.

However, Alberta is just one province, and according to Statistics Canada, Saskatchewan has the worst crime rate in the country. Although reported in 2018, the stats refer to 2016, and list a rate of 1,840 victims per 100,000 population, with nearly 21,000 victims of “police-reported violent crime and criminal traffic offences” during the year.

Have those numbers changed in the two years since that data has been reported? Who knows? It would be encouraging if it were so, but it doesn’t appear that crime is on a downward trend.

From a recent Star-Phoenix: Police are looking for a suspect after two women were stabbed at a party; Maidstone RCMP issued a warning after a man exposed himself to children; trial begins for man accused in fatal crash.

Need we go on? Maybe it’s a case of good news is no news, so gloom and doom is all we hear about. If that’s the case, don’t let your subscription to your local papers lapse.

Canada has granted asylum to Rahaf al-Qunun, the 18-year-old Saudi woman who holed up in an airport hotel in Thailand seeking asylum in one of a number of western countries willing to take her. Canada’s action is being seen by some as a flick to the nose of Saudi Arabia, with whom our country is currently at odds over a number of issues, beginning with Canada’s request to the Saudi government to release from prison several women activists jailed for their fight for some basic human rights.

The Saudi response to Canada’s interference has gone beyond telling us to “mind your own f’n business”. They have begun withdrawing investments and they’ve recalled their students attending universities in Canada – although they’ve placed a moratorium on the withdrawal due to pushback by many of the students affected, who don’t wish to cut their education short due to a political squabble.

They also kicked out the Canadian ambassador, which, to me, is counter-productive if getting issues worked out between the two countries is in any way important.

However, they haven’t placed an embargo on oil shipments to Canada, which you’d think they would do if they really wanted to hurt us, and they haven’t cancelled the multi-billion dollar arms deal they have with Canada.

It seems they’re willing to be mad at us, but maybe not too mad. Depends on how one looks at it, I guess.



DAVE
HYNDMAN
~
Columnist



The anti-vaccine argument is getting old

Of all the arguments employed by anti-vaccination advocates, the most amusing, and also the most frustrating, is the argument in which they pose the question “If vaccines are so important, how did people survive before they were created?”

It’s a rhetorical question, of course, and one that these so-called anti-vaxxers genuinely believe proves their point – even though it in fact proves absolutely nothing.

But if we are to tumble down the anti-vaccination rabbit hole, we can begin by arguing, in part, that people being less densely packed into small geographical areas made them ineffective carriers of disease, thereby reducing the need for vaccination.

However, the other piece of the answer to the question can be given far more succinctly.

In the absence of vaccines, people simply died. And sometimes they died in unfathomable numbers – the Spanish flu epidemic of 1918, for instance, claimed between 20 and 50 million lives, while, in 14th century Europe, the “Black Death” is estimated to have killed 25 million people.

Now, if one examines the total number of cases and deaths tied to any illnesses for which vaccines have been created, be it measles, polio, or diphtheria (it really doesn’t matter, the numbers look nearly identical for each of them) one can see an obvious trend emerge.

In the decades leading up to the creation of the vaccine, the number of cases and deaths fluctuates, depending on how pervasive the illness was in any given year. But then, once vaccines are implemented and made widely available, something amazing happens.

The number of cases, and, naturally, the number of deaths related to the illness rapidly plummet, spiking only slightly in years where there was either a shortage of vaccine available, or rare instances in which a new strain of the disease, against which the vaccine is ineffective, emerges.

One shouldn’t need more proof than this that vaccines work. And yet, here we are in 2019 still debating, ad nauseum, the same already answered questions about vaccines.

Meanwhile, there have been 1,723 confirmed influenza cases in Saskatchewan this flu season, resulting in the deaths of six people, including three unvaccinated children under the age of five.

These deaths have been allowed to happen, despite the fact that a flu vaccine has been readily available for more than 70 years, partly because of people’s unfounded superstitions, and partly due to a lack of scientific understanding among much of

the general public.

It’s enough to make one wonder just how many more of our loved ones need to die before people abandon their wilful ignorance of science. Though, one can’t help but suspect that the answer to that would be both disturbing, and disappointing.

Of course, the point must be conceded that science and vaccines are imperfect. Sometimes scientific research and experiments don’t produce the expected results, and in other cases new discoveries contradict theories that were formulated in the absence of contemporary technology and knowledge.

Sometimes, too, vaccines fail to have the desired effect, or cause an adverse reaction. But these instances are the exceptions, not the rule, and, though they are regrettable, they are less so than the far

greater number of deaths that would likely occur in the absence of vaccines.

The trouble with people, is that they tend to fixate on the negative.

A person can do something perfectly a million times over, but if he or she makes a single mistake it’s as if those million perfect performances cease to exist. That person is reduced, in essence, to a single flaw that must be corrected.

Worse, still, we apply this flawed logic elsewhere in our lives to justify beliefs and actions that would be otherwise unjustifiable – including the misguided belief that vaccinations are unnecessary, or part of some nefarious government conspiracy to control humanity.

Take, for instance, United States President Donald Trump’s defence of his proposed border wall between the U.S. and Mexico, which essentially boils down to his unfounded belief that all Mexican immigrants are drug dealers, thieves or rapists.

Granted, a few of the approximately 1 million of people who immigrate to the United States each and every year may be these things, or worse. But there are millions more immigrants who are nothing more than honest, hard-working people seeking an opportunity to live a better life.

It should go without saying that painting complex, nuanced matters in broad strokes, the way that Mr. Trump and anti-vaxxers have, does society far more harm than good. But then, even in an age in which we should all know better, there are those who allow these simplistic interpretations of the world to guide their decisions.

When it comes to vaccines, though, it’s time we accept that science may not always get it right, but the alternative would be far, far worse.



JORDAN
TWISS
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News Editor

Lessons we can learn from protestors

The biggest problem with protests isn't necessarily the protestors but how we react to them and their message.

This has clearly been the frustration for pipeline protestors, including those at an event last week in front of the Legislature in Regina.

The loss of oilpatch jobs because of a downturn in the oil economy, made worse by the lack of pipelines is a serious problem. Yet it very much seems the federal Liberal government and Eastern Canada can't hear the concern.

This was Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe's message last week, when he stood before the protestors in -30 windchill.

"We feel like we've been left out in the cold," Moe told 200 or so pro-pipeline protes-

tors.

"I know at times it feels like no one is listening to us."

Moe's sentiments were echoed by other speakers at this rally, including organizer Cody Battershill who emphasized his group's message was to be based on "positivity, respect and inclusivity."

Prior to the event, Battershill made it known that the so-called yellow vest protestors were not welcomed... or at least, they would not be welcomed to wear their yellow vests. The yellow vest movement has

come to be associated with violence in Europe. And here in Canada (including rallies in Regina) their messages have also been about anti-immigration and anti-vaccination and images threatening Trudeau's safety.



MURRAY MANDRYK

"Wear your hard hats, wear your work coveralls, but please don't wear the yellow vests because that's not what our movement is about," Battershill told the Leader-Post's Arthur White-Crummey.

Sometimes, protestors' messages do get side-tracked.

But the far bigger problem is that people often don't listen, preferring to simply write off all protesters as malcontents or ne'er do wells. Certainly, many in the federal govern-

ment and Eastern Canada seem to be doing this pipeline movement because of the fringe.

Admittedly, last week's protest did have its political leanings, with Moe and other Saskatchewan Party politicians at the podium and federal Conservative politicians like Senator Denise Batters bashing federal Liberals at the microphone. (That said, this would hardly be the first protest we have seen in front of the Saskatchewan Legislature with a tinge of political partnership.)

Nevertheless, one can appreciate Moe's frustration and the frustration of pipefitters, riggers and others whose livelihoods are now at stake.

But there also is more than a little irony here.

It wasn't so very long ago that Moe and his government encoun-

tered a very different kind of protest in front of the Saskatchewan Legislature.

It was the so-called teepee protest that started almost a year ago after Gerald Stanley's not-guilty verdict after being charged with second-degree murder in the death of Colten Boushie.

That protest camp morphed into "Justice for our Stolen Children", focussing on past and present problems with Saskatchewan's child welfare system.

Of considerable controversy was Moe's decision not to visit the teepee camp or even meet with the protestors.

His stated reason for not doing so is that these "campers" were conducting an "illegal protest" – unlike last week's noon hour protest that had permits

from the Wascana Centre Authority.

But in another irony, Moe found himself apologizing the day before the pipeline protest for the "Sixties Scoop" – government policy of taking children from Metis and First Nations child and placing them in white homes.

This was actually a huge part of the very concerns raised by the teepee protestors this summer – who raised both historic wrongs of the Sixties Scoop and ongoing problems with social services.

Those protestors were also very frustrated by a politician that would not meet with them.

So maybe the lesson here is that we should all take the time to listen.

You never know what side of the protest you will be on.

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Hockey Day bringing two-days of thrilling action



After months of building buzz and some hectic last-minute planning, Hockey Day in Shellbrook is finally here, bringing with it two days of nearly non-stop action at the Shellbrook Recreation Complex for a very good cause.

Over the course of three years, Hockey Day in Shellbrook – and the corps of volunteers responsible for putting it on – has helped raise nearly \$320,000 for the arena, with about \$300,000 going to support the Shellbrook Recreation Project Steering Committee's mission to upgrade the facility.

As has been Chronicled in the *Chronicle*

before, phase one of that nearly \$2.5 million project was completed over the summer, following the installation of a new ice plant and reverse osmosis water system, some building upgrades, and the purchase of a new edger and ice resurfacing machine – the latter will be arriving at some point in the coming months.

Phase two, meanwhile, will begin in earnest after the end of the upcoming hockey and curling seasons, and will include the installation of a new ice surface and new boards.

Hoping that Hockey Day in Shellbrook will continue to help pay part of the bills associated with this work,

Hockey Day committee member Stephanie Gosselin has said that the committee's fundraising goal for this year is a more modest \$50,000.

"It's hard to do an event three, four, or five years in a row in the same community," she said, noting that the committee has committed to hosting two more Hockey Days after this year to help see the rink repairs through to completion.

"But we're hoping that we've got momentum here knowing that things have actually happened at the rink. We do have a new ice plant at the ice rink and the curling rink, and we will have a new zamboni

coming," she added.

As has been the case with each Hockey Day, this year's event adds some new features to the formula, while bringing back many of the attractions that have driven the event's success.

Jan. 18 will kick the two-day event off with a whole lot of the familiar, including a school and community skating session from 1 to 3 p.m.

After that, W.P. Sandin's teacher vs. student showdown, the Tremblay Classic runs from 5 p.m. to 6:30, and the Shellbrook Skate Club's showcase goes from 7 to 7:45.

Closing out the action on the ice, the Shellbrook Silvertips will play host to the Edam Three Stars, with smokies, a beer gardens, and a guaranteed 50/50.

Puck drop for the headliner game is at 8:30 p.m.

The action begins early and runs late into the night on Saturday, Jan. 19, kicking off with a pancake breakfast at the rink from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

This will coincide

with an I.P. tournament going from 8 a.m. to 11:30.

New to Hockey Day, a Shellbrook Elks Alumni game will be played from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., with no shortage of familiar faces returning to the rink to honour the team's winning legacy over the decades.

Closing out the action at the rink, the Prince Albert Northern Bears AAA Midget girls team, which includes local products Brooklyn Anderson and Rhea Peterson, will host the Melville Prairie Fire.

That match will run from 2:30 p.m. until 5, with former Sportsnet broadcaster Roger Millions providing some commentary.

As day gives way to the evening, the community is invited to dress to the nines and head over to the Community Hall for the annual Sports Awards Banquet, starting at 5:30 p.m.

The evening, MCed by Premier Scott Moe, will begin with a champagne reception with music by Layton Ferster. In keep-

ing with tradition, there will also be live and silent auctions, and, of course, some awards handed out to some of Shellbrook's sports heroes.

Fresh off commenting the P.A. Northern Bears game, Roger Millions will lend his voice to the evening's festivities as a guest speaker, alongside former NHLer and former Prince Albert Mintos player, Robyn Regehr.

Once all the talking's done, the evening will conclude with a dance, headlined by Lisa Moen.

If that wasn't enough, this year's Hockey Day will include a two-day street hockey tournament right in front of the Shellbrook Recreation Complex.

And for those who are interested in curling as well, the Shellbrook Curling Club will be playing host to the Senior Women's Provincial Qualifier from Jan. 18 to Jan. 20.

For more on the upcoming weekend's festivities, visit the Hockey Day in Shellbrook Facebook page.

Wheat Growers applaud Health Canada review of Glyphosate

The Western Canadian Wheat Growers are very pleased and proud that Health Canada has completed a thorough scientific review of glyphosate and stands

by their previous decision that glyphosate is approved for continued use in Canada, dispelling the objections of critics.

"Glyphosate is a cru-

cial input for our crops. Used correctly, it reduces weeds, increases yield, assists soil health, reduces erosion and ultimately lowers our fuel costs through

fewer passes over the field, making our farms more environmentally friendly", stated Jim Wickett, Chair.

The Health Canada release

stated that, "After a thorough scientific review, we have concluded that the concerns raised by the objectors could not be scientifically supported when

considering the entire body of relevant data. The objections raised did not create doubt or concern regarding the scientific basis for the 2017 re-evaluation decision for glyphosate. Therefore, the Department's final decision will stand."

"The defense of many modern agriculture practices, like the use of crop protection products, has been exhausting these past few years and it's refreshing to see science win this battle! Canadian farmers should celebrate this unequivocal support for glyphosate. The strong language used in the Health Canada statement is clear and it has certainly renewed my faith in our regulatory system," stated Cherilyn Nagel, director.

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Nominations close March 31, 2019

Robotics offer opportunities for ag sector

It is a rare occurrence when farming becomes a topic of conversation when I am board gaming with my usual group of friends, yet that is just what happened when we gathered Jan. 2.

The topic turned to farming when we were discussing the ever-evolving area of robotics.

While it's not exactly clear as I think back how we started talking about robots, but we were observing that one of the confining issues with robots is their mobility. It is a huge barrier

to get robots moving in a bipedal fashion as humans do, and that for many is a defining vision of what a robot will become.

But it was quickly noted in many industries, agriculture included, you don't need that sort of mobility.

We have seen robotic milking parlours part of the dairy industry for years now.

And many assembly lines have elements of robotics as integral elements. It is also guaranteed most farm machinery will have been



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created, at least in part, by robotic welders.

On the farm, at least to-date, robotics have not made a major inroad, although you will certainly see their arrival en masse soon.

Many new combines and tractors can now maneuver up and down the field in an autonomous fashion thanks to global positioning systems. Most producers are still in the cabs, along for the ride these days, but one has a sense that will change.

And once the 'in-the-seat' operator is taken out of the equation, real change will happen.

The actual shape of the power source, in this case the tractor, will evolve as steering wheels, and gear shifts, and visual monitors and

tractor seat, will become obsolete.

What shape the new power units take will be interesting to watch develop, but a big block that is essentially just a power source with some directional computer elements are essentially all that will be required.

The new units will change how producers farm.

I recall my grandfather talking about how the tractor changed farming because horses would eventually tire and that meant the end of operations for the day. A trac-

tor never tired.

Of course the tractor operator does tire, and finding good operators that are affordable at peak times is difficult, so machinery still gets turned off at some point.

The robotic power unit will need serviced of course, the fuel tank filled, the seed compartment filled etc, but otherwise it can go up and down the field for as long as the weather allows.

That will be a fundamental change in farming, and it is clearly a change coming sooner than most likely expect.

Province releases results of Clubroot survey

The Government of Saskatchewan has released a map outlining the rural municipalities (RMs) where clubroot has been identified to date, and more than 10 fields within the R.M. of Spiritwood 496 were found to have symptoms of soil-borne disease.

Visible symptoms of clubroot have been confirmed in 43 commercial canola fields, and the clubroot pathogen was confirmed in soil samples from an additional three fields that did not have visible clubroot symptoms. These fields were identified through the 2017 and 2018 clubroot surveys or reported to the ministry by producers and agronomists outside of the survey.

"Monitoring the spread of clubroot through surveys is valuable to everyone in the agriculture industry, as it helps the industry make informed decisions around clubroot management," Agriculture Minister David Marit said. "We consider awareness and education of clubroot to be priorities, as both will help prevent the spread of the disease in Saskatchewan."

The Ministry of Agriculture, in partnership with SaskCanola and the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), increased its clubroot surveillance efforts in 2018 as a response to the detection of clubroot in two Saskatchewan crop districts in 2017. The purpose of the 2018 clubroot survey was to help both government and industry better understand the distribution of clubroot in the province, and to guide clubroot

management and prevention efforts.

Clubroot, a declared pest under Saskatchewan's Pest Control Act, is a disease that restricts a plant's ability to obtain water and nutrients from the soil. The key to clubroot management is to keep the pathogen levels as low as possible to minimize the impact on canola yields. A proactive and science-based clubroot management strategy should include the use of clubroot-resistant canola varieties in a minimum of a three-year rotation. An extended crop rotation will help to minimize yield losses while also protecting the effectiveness of clubroot-resistant canola varieties.

"SaskCanola invested in this survey to help farmers understand where the movement of the disease is within the province,"

SaskCanola Executive Director Lisa Horn said. "We continue to encourage growers to remain vigilant about minimizing soil movement and use this new map as a tool in their ongoing management and prevention of the disease."

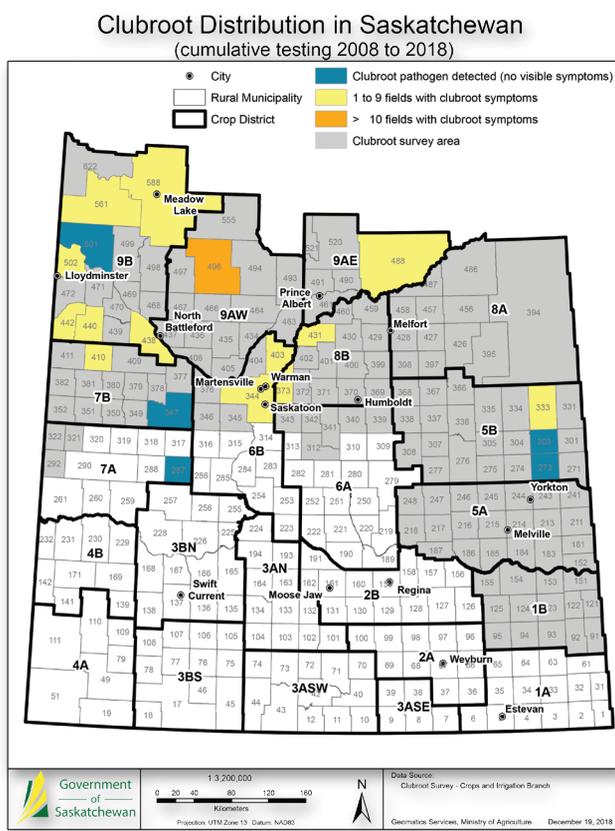
Approximately 1,500 fields were tested as part of the survey during the summer and fall of 2018. The landowners of all fields with visible clubroot symptoms or the presence of the clubroot pathogen have been contacted. The locations of these fields have also been shared with the appropriate RM office.

The ministry is working with RMs and

SARM to ensure a farmer-driven approach to clubroot management. As part of this approach, the landowners and/or producers of fields with visible clubroot symptoms will be required to develop a clubroot management agreement that fits their production practice and includes science-based clubroot management strategies for infected fields.

All clubroot-infested fields will be monitored by an appointed Pest Control Officer in subsequent years.

The map is available at <http://www.publications.gov.sk.ca/redirect.cfm?p=92800&i=109849>.



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Highlights of an R.M. of Leask council meeting

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 which was held in the Leask Municipal Office on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Cantin at 9 a.m.

Present were Reeve Len Cantin, administrator Judy Douglas and the following Council members:

Grant Thiel - Division 1; Real Diehl - Division No. 2; Gordon Stieb - Division 3; Ed Musich - Division 4; Robert Girod - Division No. 5; and Clarke Gossen - Division 6.

Diehl: That we adopt the minutes of the regular Council Meeting of Oct. 31, 2018. Carried

Stieb: That we withhold the outstanding balance of \$4,500 plus taxes for additional audit services for the 2017 pending further clarification. Carried

Girod: That we approve the list of accounts for approval Cheque #11934 to #11973 and Direct Payments 405-417 for a total of \$110,997.88. And Payroll cheque #11001 for \$507.62. Carried

Gossen: That we approve Council's remuneration Cheques #11002-11008 for a to-

tal of \$2234.30. Carried

Thiel: That we accept the Budgetary Control report for October, 2018. Carried

Stieb: That we receive the Budgetary Control report for November to date. Carried

Stieb: That Discretionary Permit for House and attached garage L1 BF, Plan 99PA23479 be approved. Carried

Diehl: That Discretionary Permit for Campground; Parcel G, Plan 92B06722 be tabled until a site inspection is done. Carried

Thiel: That Discretionary Permit for subdivision L16 B 2, be

tabled for future inspection to be brought back at the Dec. 12, 2018 Council Meeting. Carried

Stieb: That the planning report, as presented by Joan Sanftleben, be received. Carried

Girod: That the Administration report be accepted as presented. Carried

Gossen: That we approve the list of lands with Arrears, as attached and becoming part of these minutes. Carried

Diehl: That we advertise any land from the List of Lands with Arrears that has greater than 1/2 of last year's

levy in arrears. Carried

Gossen: That we advertise the following Tax Enforcement List (list omitted due to space limitations). Carried

Stieb: That attached list of volunteers be designated as the Volunteer Fire Fighters for 2018/2019. Carried

Stieb: That the attached list of appointments be approved. Carried

Musich: That we hire Josh Mock as a permanent, seasonal employee at the Year 2 level pay effective Sept. 17, 2018. Carried

Thiel: That the correspondence be received

and filed. Carried
Superintendent of public works report

The Superintendent of Public works gave his report including: Notice to the seasonal employee's will be sent today for November 23rd, road projects update, gravel crushing ongoing at Dicus pit, Sk. Power request for a power line, roadway widths, general information.

Stieb: That the Public works report presented by Vince Mitchell be received as presented. Carried

Thiel: That we approve the Sask Power request, File No. 20231695, location SW0546053. Carried

Stieb: That this meeting adjourn at 2:50 p.m.

Trudeau reshuffles federal cabinet after Brison resignation

With the battle lines for the upcoming federal election essentially drawn, Liberal Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was forced to perform a last-minute cabinet switcheroo Monday morning, following the swift and sudden resignation of Nova Scotia MP Scott Brison.

Brison, the former president of the Treasury Board, announced last week that he wouldn't be running for re-election in his riding of Kings-Hants, which he had represented since 1997 (first as a Progressive Conservative, then as a Liberal from 2003 onward).

His resignation from his Treasury Board cabinet position came not too long after.

Replacing Brison as the president of the Treasury Board will be former Indigenous Services Minister Jane Philpott. Meanwhile, Seamus O'Reagan will shift to the Indigenous Services post from his current

role as Minister of Veterans Affairs, and Jody Wilson-Raybould will move to Veterans Affairs from her role as Minister of Justice.

While some politicians see this move as a demotion for Raybould, Prime Minister Trudeau said in his cabinet shuffle announcement that nothing could be further from the truth.

"I would caution anyone who thinks serving our veterans and making sure they get the care to which they are so justly entitled from any Canadian government is anything other than a deep and awesome responsibility," he said.

"Jody-Wilson Raybould has demonstrated through her ability to navigate through difficult files, whether it's on medically assisted dying or reform of our criminal justice system, that she is extraordinarily capable of delivering on this file, which is one of the core delivery mandates that the federal

government has."

In what is widely considered the biggest win on the day, Montréal MP David Lametti will fill Raybould's shoes on the Justice portfolio. Prior to this promotion, Lametti had been serving in the low-profile position of parliamentary secretary to Innovation Minister Navdeep Bains.

Last, but certainly not least, Nova Scotia MP Bernadette Jordan was appointed minister of the newly-minted Rural Economic Development cabinet post. Jordan becomes the lone cabinet minister from Nova Scotia, and also the first-ever female cabinet minister from the province.

While the responsibilities of the cabinet portfolio still need to be refined, Jordan said that the "rural reality is very different than the urban reality," and identified the creation of a rural economic strategy and enhancing access to high-speed internet in remote areas as fo-

cuses – the latter, in particular, was identified as a "significant issue" by Canada's auditor general in November.

The creation of this new portfolio, was greeted with positivity by the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities.

"The Ministry of Rural Economic Development is welcome news to SARM," said SARM

president Ray Orb in a release. "This move demonstrates the federal government's recognition that more resources need to be dedicated to rural issues in the country."

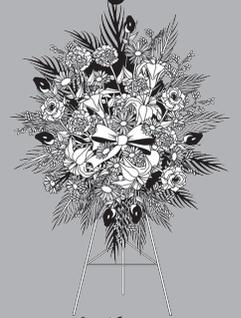
SARM said it intends to engage closely with the new ministry on important rural economic issues in Saskatchewan, once it is up and running.

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Meili calls for review of SaskTel's ties with Huawei

The NDP is calling on the Sask. Party to fully investigate any risk posed by the relationship between SaskTel and Huawei, and to take the necessary steps to defend the privacy of Saskatchewan people and the security of the province's businesses.

"Today, I have written to the Premier to outline our concerns over Huawei having backdoor access to our essential communications infrastructure," said NDP Leader Ryan Meili in a release.

"The most recent revelations of alleged espionage and security threats by Huawei underscore why this government needs to exercise extreme caution and

may need to extricate SaskTel from its contractual relationships with this company."

Meili called on Moe to:

1. Place an immediate moratorium on any further contracts between SaskTel and Huawei.

2. Provide the public with a thorough description of all of Huawei's involvement with SaskTel and of all safeguards in place to protect the Saskatchewan public.

3. Request an urgent analysis by Canadian Security Intelligence Services of any potential risk for espionage via Huawei's existing involvement with SaskTel.

4. Provide an assessment of the cost of ending current contracts with Huawei and remov-

ing any technology that poses risk and outlining a process for ending this engagement should that be the wiser course of action.

Since 2010, SaskTel ratepayers have paid Huawei more than \$181 million for services and Huawei's relationship with SaskTel includes a joint agreement to provide 5G service to the University of Regina. Other countries, including the United States, Australia, and New Zealand have already taken steps to block the Chinese company from being a part of building their 5G networks.

"This partnership with Huawei was questionable at best when the Sask. Party signed Sask-

Tel on for it," said NDP Critic Warren McCall.

"Given what we know

today, this relationship must be subjected to appropriate scrutiny and

actions must be taken

to protect the privacy of Saskatchewan people and security of Saskatchewan businesses."

Wild Rose 4H Beef Club meeting highlights

Submitted by Allison Oleksyn

The third meeting of year was hosted on Jan. 13 2019 at 3:30 p.m.

We have chosen a date for our club speeches, which will be held on Friday, Feb. 1 at Wild Rose School just before our setup for the annual sweetheart supper.

As has been mentioned before, our annual sweetheart supper has been set for Feb. 3 at Wild Rose School. Doors open at 4 p.m. and Supper @ 5. Please contact Angie Feige at 747-2376 if you wish to purchase a supper ticket.

There will be a live auction to follow supper where we will be auctioning off handmade items that were made by each 4H member. With all of the fundraising we have been doing we have decided to purchase new hoodies and hats to wear around our achievement day, regional show, and sale.

We also had a fun day at Apex in Saskatoon, where we held our second

meeting of the year and also has some trampoline fun.

We are also in the process of setting up a clipping day to teach younger members how to work and show their steer and heifer projects.

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

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

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

MARCELIN: Wapiti Library is open Tues. 10:30 am - 5:30 pm; Thur. 2 pm - 8 pm. For information on all your library needs, please contact 306-226-2110.

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

SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Theatre Movie Night, Fri., Jan. 25, Trolls; Fri., Feb. 8, Beautiful Boy; Fri., Feb. 22, Incredibles 2. Doors Open 7 p.m. Showtime 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$5

LEASK: Leask-Marcelin Fish & Game Annual Banquet & Dance ~ Fri., January 18, 2019, Leask Community Hall. Cocktails 5:30 pm; Supper 6:30 pm; Dance 9 pm. Adults \$15; 12 & Under \$10; Dance Only \$10 (at door). Music by Kerri English Band. Tickets available at: Banda Sales & Service; Bramshott Spirits; Max Jupe 306-466-7250.

CANWOOD: Canwood Curling Club Elimination Draw - Saturday, February 2, 2019, Canwood Skating Rink. Grand Prize \$4,000 Travel Voucher or \$3,500 Cash plus other cash prizes (total value of prizes \$4,550) \$50 per ticket - max 300 tickets sold. Need not be in attendance to win. Tickets Available: Affinity Credit Union - Canwood, Lake Country Co-op - Canwood, Marie-Anne Grimard 306-468-4447. Annual Billy Spiel - Canwood Skating Rink, February 1 & 2, 2019. Entry Fee \$120.00/team. Call or Text Grant 306-893-8085.

SHELLBROOK: Hockey Day in Shellbrook. Friday, Jan. 18 & Saturday, Jan. 19. See schedule on page 9 of last week's paper. Tickets or Info: Hockeyday_shellbrooksk@hotmail.com; Facebook: Hockeydayinshellbrook; Twitter: @sbhockeyday1617

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Tips cruise into second place with weekend wins

Having officially passed the half-way point of the 2018-2019 hockey season, the Shellbrook Silvertips are en route to one of their best regular season records, since join-

ing the Saskatchewan Prairie Hockey League for the 2013-2014 campaign.

Over the course of 11 matches, the Silvertips have scraped together an impressive 9-2 re-

cord, with most of their wins pretty much being one-sided affairs.

Their losses, meanwhile, can be chalked up to having a rare off night on the road.

At 9-2, the Silver-

tips sit just one game back from seemingly unbeatable Battleford Beaver Blues (whose only loss was at the Silvertips' hands), and are the lone occupants of second place in the SPHL standings.

And they got there with yet another impressive win at home on Friday evening, over the now third place Meota Combines.

Always one of the Tips' toughest rivals, the Combines did their best to stave off a beat down from the hard-charging Shellbrook squad. And for the first period, at least, they managed to do that.

As they've done often over the course of the regular season, the Silvertips managed to draw first blood, as



Silvertips forward Justin Kerr fights for a loose puck in front of the Meota goal, en route to a solid scoring opportunity. Kerr would go on to score two goals on the evening.



Eager to give their team the lead, a pair of Silvertips forwards take a few whacks at a loose puck underneath Meota goalie James Revering.

Daryl Blais was the recipient of a two-pass set up right on the Meota doorstep, and made no mistake with the puck.

Meota would go on to tie it up later in the first frame, with Myles Baptiste scoring on a play that appeared to confuse everyone on the ice, especially net-

minder John Nelson. In a repeat of the opening period, the Tips drew first blood early in the second, as Dorin Canaday made the most of a power play by beating Combines goalie James Revering.

Moments later, though, the Combines' Kihisis Derocher knotted it up at 2-2 with a short side shot that just managed to squeak through Nelson.

Then, at some point during the second period the Tips seemed to crack the Meota code, rattling off five unanswered goals, beginning with a marker by Jody Blais off of a perfect offensive rush and feed in front of the net.

Capping off the second frame, Justin Kerr notched his first of the night on a textbook give and go made possible by a Combines turnover.

The third period looked much like the second, as Devin Dicus picked up where his team left off, scoring on another power play. Then, with the Tips on

a 5-on-3 advantage, Parker Turner blasted one home to put his team up 6-2.

As the period wore on, Kerr would notch his second of the evening, and the Combines would manage to salvage some pride, courtesy of a goal by Taylor Tatchell.

At the end of 60 minutes, Justin Kerr emerged as the Tips' offensive leader, tallying two goals and two assists, while Daryl Blais and Parker Turner each had a goal and two helpers.

Elsewhere, Jody Blais, Devon Dicus and Dorin Canaday all notched single markers, and Braydin Turner had two assists.

Josh Eliot, Nathaniel Martin, Nick Martin, and Brett Mason each had single helpers on the night.

As of Tuesday, the scoresheet for the Silvertips' Sunday evening showdown against the Radisson Wheatkings had yet to be posted. However, the Silvertips were able to repeat Friday evening's effort, topping the Radisson Wheatkings 7-3.

This weekend, the Silvertips play their final home game of the regular season as part of the Hockey Day in Shellbrook festivities. The team will be hosting the Edam Three Stars, who dealt them a 5-0 defeat in their first meeting of the season.

Puck drop for the game is at 8:30 p.m., and the match will feature a beer gardens, smokies, and a guaranteed 50/50 draw.

PUBLIC NOTICE R.M. of Big River No. 555

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555 intends to consider the adoption of a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to adopt a new Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT

A—Agriculture District: To provide for the primary use of land in the form of agricultural development, associated residences, limited single-parcel agricultural residential development, location-dependent natural resource development and other uses compatible with agricultural development.

F—Forest District: To provide for the management of extensive areas of forested Crown Land using sound integrated resource management principles and techniques and recognizing a wide variety of resource uses.

CR1—Low Density Country Residential District: To provide for low density, multiple lot country residential development and other compatible development in specific areas with standards for such development which does not directly support agriculture.

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RMH—Manufactured Dwelling District: To provide for comprehensively planned manufactured and modular dwelling residential development and other compatible uses.

RPM—Park Model Residential District: To provide for comprehensively planned park model trailer residential development and other compatible uses.

C1—Resort Commercial District: To provide for resort commercial development and other compatible development in specific areas with standards for such development.

C2—Highway Commercial District: To provide for general commercial and other compatible development in specific areas with standards for such development.

M1—Industrial District: To provide for light industrial, heavy industrial and other compatible development in specific areas with standards for such development.

RD—Restricted Development District: To provide for the protection of easements within the Tranquility Shores Development.

The proposed Zoning Bylaw also contains updated and new general provisions that apply to development throughout the Rural Municipality. Provisions include but are not limited to:

- Definitions;
- Administrative procedures including development permit requirements, application fees and application process;
- discretionary use permit requirements, application fees, application process and evaluation criteria;
- identification of potential flood prone areas in the RM; and
- special regulations and standards for signs, home based businesses, farm based businesses, campgrounds, staff accommodation as an accessory use, public works, bed and breakfast homes, vacation farms, custodial care facilities, residential care facilities, personal care homes, service stations, gas bars, above ground fuel storage tanks, accessory uses and buildings, outfitter base camps, tourism base camps, dugouts and manure storage pits kennels, auction markets, truck stops, satellite dishes solar collectors, wind energy facilities, wind farms, forestry, dwelling groups, temporary work camps, transloading facilities, park model trailers, recreational vehicles, manufactured and modular dwellings, outfitter outpost camps, permanent work camps, temporary work camps, parking cannabis retail stores and cannabis production facilities.

AFFECTED LAND

All land within the corporate limits of the R.M. of Big River No. 555 is affected by the new Zoning Bylaw.

Maps are available to view online at www.crosbyhanna.ca/downloads

YOUR PROPERTY MAY BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY PROVISIONS IN THE NEW ZONING BYLAW. PLEASE CHECK THE FULL VERSION OF THE BYLAW, AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW OR PURCHASE AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE OR FOR REVIEW OR DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING website:

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REASON

The new Zoning Bylaw will help direct and manage growth and development in the R.M. of Big River No. 555.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the proposed bylaw at the **R.M. of Big River Municipal Office, located in the Big River Community Centre at 606 1st Street North, Big River, SK**, between the hours of 8:30 AM —12:00 PM and 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Copies of the proposed bylaw are available to individuals at cost.

PUBLIC HEARING

RM Council will hold a formal public hearing at **3:00 PM on March 7th, 2019 in the board room in the Big River Community Centre, 606 1st Street North in the Town of Big River** to hear any person or group that wishes to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the Municipal Office before the hearings.

Issued at the R.M. of Big River No. 555 this 17th day of January, 2019.

Donna Tymiak, Administrator

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Future of sports is in good hands

As we embark on a new year, sports fans across Canada and the United States will be looking forward to seeing most of the familiar stars — McDavid, Tiger, Brady and LeBron, among others — do what they do in such spectacular fashion.

But because it's a 'new' year, it's time to focus our gaze on some of the new stars that are emerging and will keep sports fans entertained long after the current roster of big names has retired.

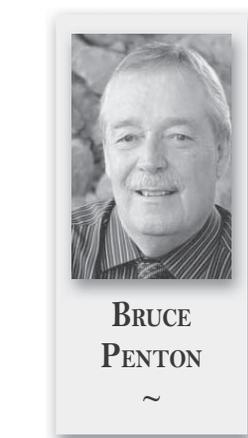
For instance, pro golf has a guy named Cameron Champ, a 23-year-old Californian who burst on the scene last year and shad immediate success. His claim to fame is prodigious length off the tee, but he complements that distance with deft touch around the greens and has 'superstar' written all over him.

He may not be the second coming of LeBron James, or Steph Curry, but Mississauga's R.J. Barrett will be a big name in the NBA probably by this time next

year. He's a freshman with the college powerhouse, Duke, and is projected to be the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft this spring. Barrett is next in a long line of Toronto-area stars — Jamal Murray of Denver, Tristan Thompson of Cleveland, Andrew Wiggins of Minnesota — who are putting Canada on the map as far as hoops development is concerned.

Canadian tennis has a new star promising to make a big splash in 2019 and beyond. Bianca Andreescu, 18, of Mississauga has supplanted Eugénie Bouchard as the biggest name in Canadian women's tennis after knocking off former World No. 1s Caroline Wozniacki and Venus Williams in the space of three days en route to a berth in the final at the Auckland Open in early January. She came up short in the final, however, losing to Julia Gorges in three sets.

Haven't heard the name Matthew Savoie? If you follow hockey, you



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will. Savoie is 14 and his family is trying to convince Western Hockey League officials to give him 'exceptional' status which would allow him to play in the WHL at age 15. He's not even eligible for the WHL's draft of bantam players until this May. In 24 games in the Canadian Sport School Hockey League, the 5-foot-9 165-pound Savoie had 24 goals and 32 assists to hold an 18-point lead in the scoring race. The Crosby comparisons have already begun.

And to wrap up the list of fresh faces sure to make headlines is

Christian Pulisic, 20, an American soccer player who is one of the world's best and after two years playing in Germany, was recently transferred to Chelsea of England's Premier League for a whopping \$73 million. Already acclaimed as the greatest American player ever, his skill gives hope to American soccer aficionados that one day, the U.S. may contend for the World Cup.

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Two nuns have been accused of embezzling about \$500,000 from St. James Catholic School in Torrance, Calif., to support their gambling craze. Apparently they put too much money down on the Cardinals this season and not enough on the Saints."

• Comedy writer Jim Barach: "Major League Baseball has made a deal with Cuba to scout and sign players without them defecting. In other words, they can now make it to the Bigs by the draft instead of the raft."

• Another one from

Perry: "The Boston Red Sox, baseball's highest-spending team, owe \$11,951,091 in luxury tax. That's what they get for having a payroll somewhere between Boardwalk and Park Place."

• Patti Dawn Swanson in the River City Renegade, on the slam-dunk choice of Connor McDavid as NHL's MVP: "Remove McMagnifique from the Oilers lineup and the Oil would disappear faster than a Big Mac and a bucket of KFC on Air Force One."

• Rob Tychkowski of the Edmonton Sun, on Twitter, referring to the trade in which the Oilers acquired the player whose check broke Connor McDavid's collarbone in his rookie season: "It took a while, but in acquiring Brandon Manning the Oilers finally got even with Brandon Manning."

• Norman Chad of the Washington Post, on the makes-no-sense system of tennis scoring: "I might be able to

live with 15-30-45, but 15-30-40? You have to be high to come up with that scoring system, and cannabis wasn't widely available in 19th-century England."

• Brad Rock of the Deseret News: "Drew Brees sent a commemorative football to 174 former teammates he believes helped him become the NFL's all-time passing yardage leader. Said the Tampa Bay Buccaneers secondary: 'What about us?'"

• R.J. Currie of sports-deke.com: "GM Brodie Van Wagenen said he thinks his Mets are the NL East favourites. Don't laugh; someone has to be in the focus group testing Budweiser's new marijuana beer."

• Currie again: "Clippers guard Patrick Beverley tossed the ball at a courtside heckler in Dallas, earning him a \$25,000 fine from the NBA. Definitely not a free throw."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Understanding triggers and symptoms of depression

Many people periodically have bad days when they just seem to be in a bad mood. When a bad mood isn't short-lived, this might be a potential indicator of depression.

Depression is a common mental disorder that, according to the World Health Organization, affects more than 300 million people across the globe.

The WHO notes that despite the fact that there are known and highly effective treatments for depression, fewer than half of those suffering from depression receive such treatments.

Furthermore, in many countries, fewer than 10 percent of people with depression receive treatment.

Learning about depression and how to recognize

its symptoms may compel people battling it to seek treatment for this very common and treatable disorder.

Why do I have depression?

Everyone has a bad day here or there, but people with depression may wonder why theirs are more than just a bad day.

The WHO notes that depression is a by-product of a complex interaction of social, psychological and biological factors.

Exposure to adverse life events, such as unemployment, the death of a loved one or psychological trauma, can increase peoples' risk of developing depression.

Depression also may be caused by physical conditions. The WHO says cardiovascular disease can lead to depression.

What are the symptoms of depression?

The Mayo Clinic notes that one in 10 people whose depression goes untreated commit suicide.

That only highlights the importance of recognizing the symptoms of depression and acting once any have been identified or suspected.

Symptoms can include:

- Difficulty concentrating, remembering details and making decisions
- Fatigue
- Feelings of guilt, worthlessness and helplessness
- Pessimism and hopelessness
- Insomnia, early-morning wakefulness or sleeping too much
- Irritability
- Restlessness
- Loss of interest in

things once deemed pleasurable, including sex

- Overeating or appetite loss
- Aches, pains, headaches, or cramps that won't go away
- Digestive problems that don't get better, even with treatment
- Persistent sad, anxious or "empty" feelings
- Suicidal thoughts or attempts

Anyone who has exhibited any of the aforementioned symptoms or even those who haven't but suspect they might be suffering from depression should visit a physician immediately.

The WHO notes there are a variety of treatments available to people who have been diagnosed with depression, and doctors will determine which might be the best for each



patient. To make that determination, doctors may inquire about the duration and severity of symptoms as well as family history and whether or not the patient has a history of drug or alcohol abuse.

Depression is a common mental disorder that too often goes undiagnosed. Seeking help the moment symptoms are detected or suspected can help people overcome the disorder.

OBITUARIES

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George Cornwell

CORNWELL, George Frederick

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of George Frederick Cornwell on January 10, 2019. George was born in Prince Albert in 1950. He grew up in Shellbrook before going to Saskatoon for university. It was in Saskatoon where he met the love of his life Brenda McMahon. George's work with the Federal Government took them to northern Saskatchewan, Prince George BC, Regina, and

Ottawa before coming back to Regina permanently. He retired from the Federal Government in 2005. In his retirement George and Brenda loved spending time in Phoenix dancing, hiking, golfing and enjoying time with friends. In the summer they enjoyed spending time out at the lake with friends and family, fishing, boating and cheering on the Roughriders. In the winter months when they were home in Regina, they enjoyed cross country skiing, dancing and spending time with their friends in Regina and across Saskatchewan. Most of all though, George loved to spend time with his family and could often be found helping his kids fix something in their houses, or building any variety of treasures with his grandkids who adored him. George was predeceased by his father Frederick; his mother

Norma and his grandson Gavin. He is survived by his wife Brenda of 46 years; son Aiden (Christina) Cornwell; daughter Orenda (Jason) Pelzer; grandkids Gabe, Cassidy, Jackson, Nathaniel and Natalie; sister Leslie McMaster; brother John Cornwell (Janet Foley) and sister Bev McCleary. The family would like to thank all of the EMS and hospital personnel who did all that they could to save George's life and Paragon Funeral Services for the gracious and professional care they provided to our family during a very difficult time. In lieu of flowers donations in memory of George may be made to Cystic Fibrosis Canada. A celebration of George's life will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 25, 2019 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 3510 Queen Street, Regina, SK. Online condolences can be left at www.paragonfuneralservices.com

Vina King

KING - Vina Gloria King (nee: Waniandy) 1949 - 2019

It is with heartfelt sadness we announce that Vina King passed away suddenly on January 5, 2019 at the age of 69 years of age.

Vina was born on October 31, 1949 in Fort McMurray, AB. She was raised and went to school in Uranium City, SK, and lived and worked in Fort McMurray at the OilCan

Hotel for many years.

Vina will be lovingly survived by her husband of 31 years, Monroe Joseph King; her daughters Shannon Loutitt (Jeff), Trudy Maloney (Denise), Tracy King (Stewart); her grandchildren, Damian, Tyler, Megan, Marissa, and Mackenna; her sisters Janet Holmgren (John "Sonny"); Paul (Sharon) Loutitt; Bill (Cindy) Loutitt; Ellen Loutitt (Wynn-Wayne); Harry (Irene) Loutitt; Sara (Ronnie Campbell) Loutitt; and Adrian "Andy" Loutitt. Vina was predeceased by her parents, Catherine and Paul Loutitt; her grandparents Veronique Daniels and Leo Waniandy; her sister Lola Seegerts; her uncles George Waniandy, Louie Waniandy, Clifford Waniandy, Wally Waniandy, Jimmy Waniandy,

Teddy Waniandy, Robert Waniandy, and her aunt Nora Busiak.

There was a public viewing that took place on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. from the Shellbrook Senior Centre and the Funeral Service followed at 5:00 p.m. with lunch and fellowship after.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Vina to either the Shellbrook & Districts Health Services Foundation or 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

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Tammy Smart - Director (Shellbrook 306-747-2828).

GOOD NEWS

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GOD COMES TO US AT OUR WORST,
IF WE JUST OPEN THE DOOR

By Scott Manly, pastor
Seventh Day Adventist Church

Do you know how many times I have had people tell me that they need to clean up their lives so they can come to God? It happens a lot.

Back in the 90's when I was just starting college, I read an article about the Rapture, and a certain fear struck me. I wondered if I would be good enough to be raptured. But this concept of being good enough for God is one that trips up so many people and actually keeps them from coming to God.

Romans 5:6-8 tells us, "For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die - but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

When you look through the Old Testament, you will find that God did not come to people to enter into covenant with them in their successes, but in their failures. God formed a covenant with Abraham when he was unfruitful in having children by Sarah, messed up with Hagar, and was unsuccessful in obtaining the land of Canaan. God came to Isaac to reaffirm that covenant when he was unsuccessful in even keeping any of the wells he dug. And Jacob met God in a dream when he was running for his life from his brother whom

he had defrauded. Moses killed a man and then fled to the desert for 40 years.

The list goes on and on. God doesn't come to us in our successes, but in our failures. You see, it has ever been God's plan to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. And sometimes, He needs to allow us to fail so we can see our need of Him. Only God can give us freedom from our sins - both the guilt and the power. Only God can give us a new heart to love the things He loves and hate the things He hates. Only God can give us true peace. And only God can give us eternal life.

Friends, Revelation 3:20 tells us that God stands at the door of our hearts and knocks. If we will hear his voice and open the door, He will come in and feast with us. But like too many people I talk to, even one last week, people tell me, "Pastor, I am ashamed to have you come visit me because my house is a mess." I have to remind them that I did not come to visit the house, but to visit them.

Do we do that to God? We know our hearts are a mess, and we don't want to hear that voice and Jesus knocking. We don't want to let Him in.

But we can't clean our hearts on our own. And if we will let Him in, He will help us clean our hearts and then have a feast of soul for us.

Do you need God to bring order out of the chaos of your life? Why not invite Him in? He is knocking.

Helen Poth

POTH - Mrs. Helen
Sadly, on January 6, 2019, Mrs. Helen Poth, late of Shellbrook, passed away at Whispering Pine Place in Canwood at the age of 100 years.

Helen was born to Otto and Sarah Halverson (nee Gullickson) of the Sturgeon River district on December 9, 1918. She lived on the farm

until her dad's passing in 1951 at which time Helen and her mom moved to Prince Albert. It was there she met Henry who had immigrated from the Netherlands. They married in 1961 and in 1980 moved back to the farm.

Helen loved travelling and enjoyed many trips to the States, the mountains, and more recently the Netherlands and Alaska. The beauty of God's creations made her happy which was also evidenced in her flower and vegetable gardens. Helen was very musical and loved playing the organ and accordion. She adjusted very well to her move to Whispering Pine Place in Canwood this past summer and was very happy and content to call it home.

There will be a Funeral Service held for Helen on Friday, January 11, 2019 at 1:00 pm In St. John's Lutheran Church in Shellbrook with Pastor Emmanuel Aristide officiating. Helen will be laid to rest in the Sturgeon River Cemetery.

In lieu of other tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Helen to the Sturgeon River Cemetery or St. John's Lutheran Church in Shellbrook or Whispering Pine Place Activities Dept. in Canwood.

Those wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Donna Lovberg - Director (Shellbrook 306-747-2828).

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Having fun with creative planters

By Jill Thomson

When I was growing up in Britain in the 1960s, serious gardeners considered plastic gnomes and similar garden ornaments completely unacceptable. Most planters were made of stone or wood. My mother used an old stone sink in a sunny spot to grow early bulbs followed by a bed of thyme. There was also a large stone cider press—Mother planted bulbs and other perennials in the shallow trough that ran around its base.

Gardening in Canada, with 3 children who loved plastic chickens, gnomes, and other garden ornaments, made me rethink my repressed planter strategy. I realized that there are many advantages to using planters, usually filled with brightly-coloured, fast growing annuals. They can be used in hot sunny places (provided water is supplied continuously) or as bright spots in shady areas. Planters mean there

is no competition with tree roots so they can be used as accents under shady trees or in a place where annuals would normally not thrive.

Unusual planters can also be used to have some fun in your garden or even while at the lake. I noticed an old pair of hiking boots, filled with annuals, beside a camper at Namekus Lake. That inspired me to repurpose a favourite pair of rubber boots that were cracked and no longer waterproof. These green “wellies”, decorated with red-dragons, were a cherished reminder of a trip to Wales with my daughter. So I filled the feet with gravel and a few larger rocks (for stability) and planted them with red and white geraniums that thrived all summer. These boots will live on with a new purpose in life.

You can be very creative and plant a pun. For example Sara Williams sent me a photo of a Time



“Outdoor toilet”. Image credit: Jill Thomson.

Share/ Thyme Chair, an old wooden chair in a bed of thyme. You could use an airplane planter to show that ‘Thyme (Time) Flies’. I have even planted an old (well-cleaned) toilet with creeping house plants in the tank and vibrant petunias in the bowl, an example of ‘An Outdoor Toilet’. You may be the only one to get the joke, but as long as you

enjoy it, that is fine.

There are only a few simple rules to follow. One is to make sure the soil can drain well. There should be adequate drainage holes in the bottom of the container. If this is not possible, put in a layer of coarse gravel or some broken up clay pot pieces at the bottom of the container. Use potting soil and add some

sand (if you want the plants to dry out between watering – best for succulents) or peat moss (to retain moisture for longer spells). It is important to keep a check on the pots: some containers can dry out very quickly (such as pots made from hyper-tufa or terracotta), or they may flood easily in a rainstorm.

Another rule is, think about where you want to place the planter and what plants will do well in that location. Is it hot and sunny? Partly shaded for some of the day? No direct sunlight? Look for appropriate annuals to plant there and put several kinds in your planter. Think about using nicely scented plants under windows that will be open in the evening. I like putting petunias and Nicotiana where we will enjoy their fragrance as night comes. I also like to give my trailing house plants a break in the summer, by putting them in planters. Tradescan-

tia and different kinds of ivy are very happy to go in a shady planter for the summer. Just make sure they don’t bring bugs with them when you bring them back inside in the fall.

Before you throw out a favourite old piece of furniture, household appliance, etc. think of it as a possible planter. Old milk churns, coal baskets, wheel-barrow and other items may find a place in your garden next summer.

Jill Thomson is a plant disease specialist (retired) who enjoys gardening in Saskatoon with her family, including the dogs.

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