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Shellbrook pitcher goes on trip of a lifetime

Most kids who grow up playing baseball in a small town rarely get the opportunity to take their love of the game beyond the local diamonds.

Not so for 16-year-old Ethan Bell, a pitcher and Bantam Shellbrook Ranger who spent part of February touring Australia and New Zealand with the Saskatchewan Junior Royal Canadians.

The opportunity arose 18 months ago, when, in the summer of 2017, Ethan was picked up to pitch for the Wadena Wildcats at the Canadian Softball Championships.

Around that time, the team's coach, Darin Faubert, had the crazy idea to take some boys to play ball overseas. Quickly, that idea morphed into conversations with New Zealand's International Softball Academy, and then into frantic planning and fundraising for the trip.

Then, before Ethan and his mom, Tricia Bell, knew it, they were travelling across the world with Ethan's teammates, who were all from the Wadena, Kelvington and Foam Lake region.

"It's only a one-time thing really. There's not going to be another chance for me to go to Australia and play ball," Ethan said of his decision to go on the trip.

"I'm very lucky to have had this experience... and I'm very grateful for that."

The tour, which ran from Feb. 12 to 25, saw Bell and his teammates play 11 games against teams from Australia and New Zealand, including the East Coast Bays, Waitekere Bears, Georges River, and Warwick Farm.

Over the course of those matches, which were played surfaces that ranged from top notch ball facilities to grass infields with no fence, the team racked up a respectable 7-4 record.

And in between all of that ball – and taking in all the sights, sounds and experiences that both countries had to offer – Ethan and his team also managed to participate in the Royal Navy Softball Tournament, an event in Devonport, New Zealand that featured



Shellbrook's Ethan Bell (third from back) recently got the chance to take his love of baseball to Australia and New Zealand, during 12 days of competition and sightseeing with the Saskatchewan Junior Royal Canadians. Sights taken in included the Sydney Opera House.

40 teams, from across seven age divisions, playing on 10 diamonds.

"They're very passionate about the game over there, especially in New Zealand. When they play ball, they play their hardest, and they're really good batters," Ethan said, adding that he learned a lot about how Canada can improve its game as a country.

"Canada has a long way to go with men's ball. Over there, they're doing it great. They have big tournaments all the time."

Of course, travelling to a different country means doing things differently.

And for Ethan, and his fellow pitchers on the Saskatchewan Junior Royal Canadians, the learning curve on the diamonds came in the form of having to throw off of a rubber mat that Tricia says differs considerably from Saskatchewan's pitching rubbers.

"So it was quite a bit to adjust to, but all games were very unique experiences," she said.

For Ethan, who modestly refers to himself as "not the greatest ball player," the love of baseball stems from the patience and mental focus required to play the game. After a long winter of not playing on the diamonds, Ethan

says his trip to Australia and New Zealand was a great opportunity to relearn the importance of patience and mental focus, and that he can use what he's relearned this coming ball season.

"There weren't many things I learned other than patience in the batter's box, which is what I needed to practice on to choose my pitches better," he said. "It was basically learning everything again. Throughout the winter, you kind of forget it."

With a renewed appreciation for the game, Ethan says he can't wait to get back to playing this spring and summer.



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Shellbrook budget maintains infrastructure focus

A few numbers may have changed here and there, but the Town of Shellbrook's budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year looks a lot like last year's fiscal road map, as the town's focus remains fixed on municipal infrastructure.

In keeping with the town's legal requirement to run balanced budgets, the document forecasts that municipal revenues and expenses will be dead even at \$3,810,010. This marks a notable increase from 2018's budgeted spending of \$3,332,840, which Shellbrook Mayor George Tomporowski says can be attributed to money being brought in from reserves.

At least \$300,000 of the nearly \$500,000 increase in expenses is directly tied to infrastructure work that didn't happen last year, including \$200,000 for the continuation of the town's sewer relining project, and \$100,000 for water valve replacements on Main Street.

Tomporowski says the plan is to spend that money this year, meaning the town is budgeting for \$400,000 worth of sewer relining work, and \$200,000 worth of water valve replacement work. The latter, of course, is assuming that the town can find a con-

tractor for the work.

"Last year, we only had \$100,000 [budgeted for water valve replacements] and we had no bidders on our work at all," Tomporowski explained. "Hopefully this year we'll have some bidders."

Sticking with infrastructure, the budget also includes \$100,000 for paving, but Tomporowski notes that half of this has already been spent, because the town exceeded 2018's budget for paving by about \$55,000. This, he says, means that the town has no plans to do any paving this year.

Also still a major expenditure for the town is its annual \$264,000 loan repayment for the lagoon.

With that loan half way to being repaid, though, Tomporowski says the town will likely have to turn its attention to the next major expenditure: the town's water treatment plant.

As Tomporowski has explained before, the town wants increase the water treatment plant's storage capacity, so that it will be better prepared in case of an emergency, and install a third greensand filter at the facility.

This, however, carries an estimated price tag of \$4.6 million.

Tomporowski says the town has started putting money into reserves in for the project, but notes that the recent announcement of another round of Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program funding could allow the town to take it on sooner.

"If there is infrastructure funding available through the federal and provincial governments that we have to match a portion of, you're not going to turn that money away," he said, noting that the cost of the project could easily increase, if the town is forced to switch to gas chlorination in response to the environmental protection officer's concerns over bromide.

"In today's world, with those kinds of facilities, \$1 million doesn't buy you a whole lot, unfortunately," he added.

Also an essential part of the budget is recreation, which Mayor Tomporowski has always said is "key to having a vibrant community."

On that front, the town's share of the costs of running the Shellbrook Recreation Complex in 2019 are pegged

at \$35,480, and Tomporowski says the town will continue putting money into reserves for the rink.

"We don't have a big monetary stake in it. But we'll have some in-kind work going on, for sure," he said, noting that the Shellbrook Recreation Project Steering Committee is facing a tight timeline to get the ice surface and boards replaced by the fall.

Elsewhere, the town will spend \$53,780 to run the pool, \$80,610 to run the camp grounds and parks, and \$8,610 on the Shellbrook Museum.

Looking at the fire and policing side of the budget, the town of Shellbrook's share of fire fighting costs is pegged at \$21,170. Meanwhile, after revenues from fines and criminal record checks, the RCMP contract will cost the town \$99,300.

On that front, Tomporowski says the town intends to look into those costs, now that the RCMP detachment has relocated to Ahtahkoop.

In a spattering of smaller, but no less important, budget items, Tomporowski says the town will continue work on the second access to Parkland Integrated Health Cen-

tre, and also spend another \$10,000 on sidewalk revitalization.

On the equipment front, meanwhile, the town will spend another \$58,000 on its grader loan repayment, and plans to spend another \$35,000 on a half-ton truck and \$30,000 on a wood chipper. The latter item, Tomporowski says, will to reduce the number of trips town employees make hauling branches.

Noting that small communities like Shellbrook "never have enough money", Tomporowski says the town would love to complete the regarding of 2nd Avenue West, but adds that the money simply isn't there.

"That's a pretty major project because of the creek crossing," he said. "It's probably \$750,000 to \$1 million to do that. It's on the horizon, but we looked at the numbers, and it isn't happening this year."

Looking at the revenue columns for the 2019 budget, the town of Shellbrook will most definitely benefit from an increase in provincial revenue sharing dollars, even as municipalities' shares will soon be cut to three-quarters of one percentage point of the

6 per cent provincial sales tax (PST).

With the province promising an extra \$10 million in revenue sharing dollars for 2019-2020, Shellbrook's share will climb to \$304,330, from \$288,309 in 2018-2019.

On the taxation side, meanwhile, the town's mill rate will increase by 3 per cent, climbing to 3.98 from 3.95. This comes after council opted for no tax increase in last year's budget, and Tomporowski says it's mostly to ensure that the town keeps pace with inflation, as well as potential unforeseen costs associated with the federal carbon tax.

"We don't really know, but in all probability things like fuel, and a lot of other things, are going to go up because of the carbon tax. As a businessperson, you're going to pass that onto your consumers."

With another budget tabled, Tomporowski says the town is in a good position because it's building up reserves with an eye to planning for the long term. For this, he says much of the credit goes to the town's administrator, Kelly Hoare, as well as foreman Mike Tanchuk.

Peewee Elks bow out of provincials

It was a good provincials run for the Peewee B Shellbrook Elks, but like all good things, it had to come to an end at some point. Unfortunately for the Elks, though, it ended just shy of the provincial finals, as the team failed to overcome the tough Kindersley Klippers in the northern finals.

After losing a tough 3-1 decision at home in game one of the two-game total point series, the Elks travelled to Kindersley on Saturday afternoon with some serious work to do.

But dogged once more by penalties, and already down a player due to a suspension, the Elks failed to show up for the

game. The end result was an 8-2 shellacking at the hands of the relentless Klippers.

Kindersley started off the scoring early in game two, with Jayden Holland taking feeds from Josh Yaremovich and Coen Gartner before slipping one into the back of the Shellbrook goal. And following a mid-period lull, the Klippers would strike again, this time with a goal by Gartner on an assist from Jonathan Allen.

The Elks would respond in kind with two minutes remaining in the frame, with Cohen Tait earning the marker on an assist from Tayt Beaven. But from that point on, it would essentially be all Kindersley.

After a slow start, the Klippers came alive in the second period, rattling off four goals over the course of just over sev-

en minutes. Chase Douglas started the flurry for Kindersley, with Yaremovich and Holland assisting, then Gartner scored his second of the game. Yaremovich and Holland provided helpers once again.

Continuing that line's dominance, Yaremovich scored next for the Klippers, earning Holland his third assist of the game. Then Gartner would score his hat trick goal, with Holland notching his fourth helper of the match.

Salvaging some pride for his team in the third frame, Brody Anderson would strike unassisted for the Elks to open the period's scoring. But with it already being too little too late, Kindersley would tack on two more goals for good measure to book their spot in the provincial finals against Assiniboia – a team that is fresh off of a dominating 25-2 series win over Wynyard.

Gartner scored first, followed by Yaremovich. Both goals were unassisted.

With the 11-3 series loss, the Peewee Elks will now have to hang up their skates, and try again next season.

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Report from the Legislature

From the Trudeau carbon tax and troublesome federal legislation such as Bill C-69, to the challenge of Canadian canola shipments being turned away at port in China, the spring sitting of the legislature is about standing up for Saskatchewan.

We will keep standing up for Saskatchewan families and work hard to ensure our province and economy remain strong. Despite economic headwinds facing our province, our industries continue to drive positive job growth. New figures from Statistics Canada are showing seven consecutive months of strong job gains in Saskatchewan.

The spring sitting of the legislature has also seen the launch of some important initiatives including a new provincial crime watch system which can send text messages, emails and place phone calls to residents



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about criminal activity in their area.

Efforts to improve wireless services in rural communities continues with the announcement of 8 more small cell site towers to help improve coverage. Better coverage in our communities helps connect everyone from the farm to the city, and we're going to keep working to improve

our wireless network in Saskatchewan.

Our focus on mental health is delivering services directly to those who need them most through Police and Crisis Teams, Community Recovery Teams, and our new Mental Capacity Building pilot projects in Saskatchewan schools.

The grand opening of the new Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford is a landmark achievement in mental health for our province. It takes a unique approach to mental health and will allow us to better treat and care for people with mental illness.

Representing the single largest investment in mental health in the history of our province, and the cumulative efforts and vision of many people, the new Saskatchewan Hospital North Battleford is now among the most advanced



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mental health treatment centres in Canada.

Our government's commitment to early years education and child care can be seen in funding for the creation of seven new family resource centres, as well as hundreds more affordable child care spaces in communities across the province.

We also have a new

agreement to expand access to dental services for Saskatchewan people. This includes cleft lip and palate treatment for infants, children, and adolescents, better coverage for dental extractions for cancer patients, and specialized dental consultations for medical patients.

These and other investments are possible because of a strong and growing Saskatchewan economy. This is why our government is focused on standing up for Saskatchewan families and jobs at a time when the NDP is more concerned with defending their weak leadership and reckless, ideological economic policies.

Saskatchewan's Trade Export Minister Jeremy Harrison has been on a trade mission to southeast Asia. He's been there promoting our agri-food strengths as

there is a huge opportunity for increased trade between our province and this part of the world.

Right now, we are seeing a concerning trend with the federal government as it relates to trade. Instead of working to remove U.S. tariffs on steel & aluminum, we see the ambassador helping the Prime Minister with his crisis control; we have no permanent ambassador to China, where we just had a shipment of canola turned away at port; and we have seen a deterioration in trade relations with the nation of India.

The U.S., China, and India are Saskatchewan's top 3 trading partners. While our province has the food, fuel and fertilizer the world needs, we need the federal government to treat our trading relationships with the seriousness that they deserve.

Shellbrook joins regional economic development alliance

After 18 months of talks, the town of Shellbrook is ready to find out whether there's any truth in the old saying "there's strength in numbers."

The town, along with the City of Prince Albert, the Rural Municipalities of Prince Albert and Buckland, the Muskoday First Nation, and Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation, is one of the founding members of the Prince Albert Regional Economic Development Alliance (PREDA), an organization that will promote regional economic growth.

For town of Shellbrook Mayor George Tomporowski, who signed onto the alliance on behalf of Shellbrook on March 8, joining PREDA was a no-brainer.

"As a small community, we simply don't have the resources to pursue economic development the way we really need to," he said. "Being part of a larger group allows us that exposure, and within a group, there is a willingness to cooperate with each other."

As Tomporowski explains, PREDA isn't the region's first attempt at forming an economic development alliance. A few years back, the provincial government was fund-

ing a regional organization with similar goals. But when the funding for the organization was pulled, Tomporowski says the "whole thing collapsed."

The collapse of that organization left communities, rural municipalities and First Nations in the region on their own until 18 months ago, when the City of Prince Albert initiated discussions about PREDA with the other five founding members.

After an evaluation by a consultant, and some public consultation, Tomporowski says the evidence was clear.

"We Recognized that we all benefit if there was any kind of major industry that comes," he said.

"[Shellbrook] would probably end up with some spinoff in terms of people living in our community, and perhaps supporting the dealerships. It's so interwoven."

Once it's officially up and running, PREDA's focus will be on promoting economic growth and tourism within the region. Tomporowski says this could range from anything like helping smaller businesses expand, to attracting

larger businesses to the area, to bringing in tourist traffic.

While attracting a larger business to a small community like Shellbrook may be a long shot, Tomporowski says that any economic growth for the region could easily benefit Shellbrook. He adds that the promotion of regional tourism, in particular, could be a boon for Shellbrook.

"We have a lot of amenities here, and the location is strategic to a lot of tourism traffic."

On the tourism front, Tomporowski already has some ideas, such as package deals for the regional golf courses, including the Hidden Hills of Shellbrook Golf Course.

Tomporowski says that Shellbrook also has a lot more to offer on the recreation side of things.

"Even for things like major sporting events, we have a venue that can be used, especially for winter sports," he said, noting that this could allow Shellbrook to act as a co-host community, and

bring more people to town.

The PREDA board will consist of 12 members, including one representative from each of the founding communities, a tourism sector representative appointed by the six founding communities, and five directors at large.

Applications for the director at large positions are being accepted until April 1, and Tomporowski encourages anyone from the community who feels they have something to offer to throw their name in the hat.

Apart from the board, PREDA's staff will be small, including only a CEO and one or two support staff. Tomporowski says that hiring a CEO will be the organization's next step.

The PREDA agreement will last until Dec. 31, 2021, at which time it will be reviewed and new members will be able to join.

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“One ringy-dingy, two...”

One thing about being a geezer is that you have a better memory of things that went on when you were younger than you do of yesterday, or why you went into the kitchen a few minutes ago.

Another thing is that all of us, many of us, some of us, have embraced new technologies, especially the telephone. Today's telephone is becoming more commonly the one you can stick in your purse or pocket, and it's less likely to be the one hanging on the wall. It is evidence of a shift of thinking with regard to telephone usage, as more and more people are giving up their “landline” and switching to the “smartphone”. Even the name of the gadget has changed. When it first came out, it was referred to as a cellphone, but hardly anyone calls it that anymore.



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I just finished watching a series about an Irish gangster family around the time of the First World War, and while there was a lot of talking on the phone, the device used was something one might find only in a museum today. Back then, you'd pick up the phone, give the operator the number you'd like to talk to, and then wait for someone to come on the line. Magic.

I can recall the old crank telephones, where you'd give the crank a couple of turns, and then say, “Hi, Mabel, can you get me Irene?”

Mabel, the operator, would plug it into the slot for Irene's phone, and Irene's phone would ring – two long, a short and a long.

The neighbour down the road would say, “Oh, someone's calling Irene. I'll listen in and see who it is.”

Yeah, the party line, with a large number of homes all connected with only a distinct ring separating them. I don't think you need to be a geezer to remember the party line.

Eventually, people were given numbers, so instead of telling the operator who you wanted to speak to, you'd stick your finger in the wheel and spin it to the end. If you wanted to call Irene and her number was 26, you'd stick your finger in the two hole and spin the dial until it stopped. Then you'd do the same for the six.

Ha. There's a cute video on YouTube featuring a couple of teenaged boys trying to figure out how to make a call using a rotary dial telephone. It was a mystery.

When we were younger, anytime there was a call coming in, there would be a race to the phone to answer it. Things are much different now, thanks to call display.

For the uninitiated, call display is a feature that shows you the number of the person attempting to call you. If it's a number you recognize, you pick up the phone and talk.

If you don't recognize it, you're faced with a decision: do you answer it or let it ring?

I have yet to encounter anyone who enjoys telemarketers, and when an unrecognizable number calls, you can let it ring. If it's important, eventually the voicemail will kick in and leave you something to respond to.

More and more, though, if there is a message, it's from the CRA, telling you the police are on the way to arrest you and imprison you because you have an outstanding tax balance with them and if you don't get bitcoin or iTunes cards, you'll be taken away and ...

Well, of course it's not the CRA. But if they've left the message, you have to listen to the whole thing before you can delete it.

Another option when an unknown caller calls: answer it and go one-steamboat, two-steamboat, three-steamboat. If no one has started talking by the third steamboat, hang up.

We could go on forever, but I see I'm out of room.



Accountability is hard to find in Canadian politics

Accountability is something each of us learns about as a child.

Being accountable, we're told, means that if you do something wrong, you own up to your mistake, endeavour to make amends to those you've wronged, and strive to better yourself so that you don't repeat your error.

It's a simple enough notion. And yet, as is the case with all grand ideals, accountability can be difficult to put into practice, because, after all, nobody likes to admit to their own imperfections.

For some people, accountability is easy to avoid. If you have enough power, or money, or the right friends in the right places, you can always find someone else to take the fall for you, or simply wash your hands of the mess you've made and walk away from it.

Most of us ordinary folks, though, can only run away from our mistakes for so long before they catch up to us and leave us with no choice but to take responsibility.

Listening to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his Liberal toadies in Ottawa, who have, for the past month and a half, denied all allegations of wrongdoing in the ongoing SNC-Lavalin affair, it's become increasingly obvious that many his government believe that they belong to that first group.

That, or they simply believe themselves to be incapable of doing any wrong, or that good intentions excuse bad behaviour.

Having been born with a silver spoon in his mouth and the whole world at his feet, Mr. Trudeau is perhaps the worst offender of his cohorts. After riding his high horse into office in 2015, he promised that his was a new breed of government, one committed to accountability and transparency.

However, when the backlash over the SNC-Lavalin affair became too much for him to handle, he simply hopped on his prime ministerial jet and took off for a vacation on a remote tourist island near Florida, leaving behind his flimsy excuses and justifications.

And boy, have some of those been doozies.

Let's start with the “doing bad to do good” rationalization; that being Mr. Trudeau's claim that he and his colleagues only fought so adamantly to keep SNC-Lavalin from going to court to protect the 9,000 Canadians employed by the Québec-based engineering firm, and keep the company in Canada.

It's a nifty rhetorical trick – one that pits those siding with former Justice Minister and Attorney General Jody Wilson-Raybould, who alleges she was inappropriately pressured to negotiate a deferred prosecution agreement for SNC-Lavalin

rather than have the company face court time and a potential 10-year ban from bidding on federal contracts, against 9,000 hard-working Canadians.

But, as many others with a far more nuanced understanding of economics than a one-time drama teacher have stated, this justification is a load of malarkey.

First and foremost, SNC-Lavalin currently has a backlog of contracts worth billions of dollars, and an agreement with the province of Québec that will keep it headquartered in that province until at least 2024.

What's more, a ban from bidding on federal contracts does not equate to a ban from bidding on all contracts in the country.

More importantly, though, SNC-Lavalin isn't the only firm of its kind in Canada (though, conveniently, it's by far the largest one in Québec, where Mr. Trudeau's riding is situated), and the country's infrastructure needs certainly won't disappear if it shuts its doors.

In short, its employees would be quickly snatched up by other firms and no jobs would be lost, making the excuse null and void.

Naturally, though, the “protecting jobs” rationalization is just one excuse in Mr. Trudeau's arsenal.

Mr. Trudeau and his staffers have also tried to justify their behaviour by framing it as an attempt to ensure that Ms. Wilson-Raybould was aware of all the legal tools at her disposal on the SNC-Lavalin file. Because, of course, how could an experienced lawyer ever understand the complexities of a law that her own government introduced?

And, as if that bit of condescension wasn't sickening enough, we've also heard the patented Trudeau half-apology, in which Mr. Trudeau trots out the “her experience was different from mine” excuse to demonstrate how empathetic he is.

All this and more has been brought to bear on a story that could easily have died as quickly as it broke, if only Mr. Trudeau and his colleagues had delivered their promised accountability and transparency. And, with the scandal refusing to die, it's likely we'll hear more from them yet.

But lest we think that a lack of accountability adheres to partisan lines, let us not forget that our own Sask. Party has been mired, for years, in the GTH land deal scandal, and is now facing similar accusations of wrongdoing on the Brandt Developments office complex file.

Clearly, then, a lack of accountability is a political ailment, and one in desperate need of treatment.



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Negative ads just need to be truthful

This week, the Saskatchewan government embarks on what is its most positive advertisement – its annual budget.

Budgets are filled with thinly veiled propaganda where the government of the day – regardless of political stripe – promotes its spending of your tax dollars for your benefit.

Actually, that's a bit of a harsh assessment.

We do, after all, select government by virtue of not only how various parties choose to spend our tax dollars, but also how many of our tax dollars they choose to collect.

And while it might seem government and its seemingly limitless ability to hire communications gurus and spend our tax dollars on questionable self-promotion,

it's just as easy for an Opposition to zero in on a budget item that has the public or even a special interest group rather riled.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with this, either because scrutinizing is something oppositions should be doing.

Really, it's how politics works: You promote yourself with a positive message; and you criticize your opponent by dwelling on the negatives in either their policies or promises.

And about our only expectation is that everyone is relatively truthful about it... although what's true and what's not is often in the eyes of the beholder.

So it's a little dangerous for opposition politicians – or any politicians – to start griping about governments portraying



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them in a negative way through advertisements or otherwise.

Recently, NDP Opposition leader Ryan Meili has been rather vocal that a Sask. Party TV ad about him is negative American-style politics.

Well, let's quickly examine the ad to see what's inaccurate and what's fair and reasonable criticism.

We should likely start by noting it seems a bit petty for the Sask. Party

to use a grainy black and white image of Meili skateboarding. He does, so it's accurate. But why is it relevant to anyone?

On the more substantive issues, Meili did say Saskatchewan should "consider a modest carbon tax". While he does not specifically support the current federal carbon tax that will be \$50 a tonne by 2022, what he's said doesn't exactly contradict federal Environment Minister Catherine McKenna's plan.

Moreover, he did call the Sask. Party's Constitutional challenge against the carbon tax "a pointless crusade."

It's also true he spoke at an anti-pipeline rally with signs saying: "keep it the ground." However, it should be noted the rally was to protest the Husky oil spill into the North Saskatchewan

River, which many communities rightly complained about at the time. And Meili's speech did not oppose pipelines.

Yes, there was a radical element there, but that doesn't necessarily mean Meili shares their views. That said, Meili has complained about Premier Scott Moe allowing his ministers to attend yellow vest rallies, which have also had radicals in their crowds spouting extreme views.

But where Meili seems to be right about the Sask. Party ad being misleading is the line that states: "When it was time to fight Trudeau's equalization plan that hurts provinces like Saskatchewan, he didn't say anything at all."

About the only thing Meili has ever said on the equalization fight is completely true – that

the Sask. Party government could have helped changed equalization a decade ago, but refused to for seemingly partisan political reasons.

Former premier Brad Wall cancelled a legal challenge against former Conservative prime minister Stephen Harper for reneging on his 2006 election promise to remove natural resources from the equalization formula. This promise would have meant an extra \$800 million a year for Saskatchewan, and was supported by both the NDP and Sask. Party.

Instead, the Sask. Party is now proposing distributing half the equalization money on a per capita basis – a policy that most benefits Quebec and Ontario and hurts small "have-not" Atlantic provinces.

YOUR TWO CENTS

Trudeau's behavior responsible for China's canola ban: Hoback

China has banned canola imports from Richardson International, citing concerns of insect infestation. Yet, Canadian officials have stated there is no evidence of any insect or bacterial infestation in its canola.

It is clear from this export stoppage that the Prime Minister's mismanagement of Huawei CFO Meng Wanzhou's extradition, in collaboration with his involvement in the SNC-Lavalin affair, has put the livelihoods of Canadian grains and oil producers at risk. Meng is facing charges in the United States that include bank fraud, conspiracy to commit wire fraud, and violating the International Emergency Economic Powers Act.

"The Prime Minister's lecturing of Chinese officials on the independence of Canada's judicial system, while

at the same time bullying his former Attorney General has shown that he is willing to dismiss the rule of law for political considerations," said Hoback. "This message was heard, loud-and-clear in Beijing. The Prime Minister is now seen internationally as a leader whose moral compass changes direction like the wind."

Just last week, New York Times columnist Bret Stephens tweeted, "Who knew? Justin Trudeau may be more corrupt than Donald Trump. It is clear that the international view of the Prime Minister is now hurting Canada's relationship with our international trading partners, and in turn, is hurting our agricultural producers."

When a similar canola dispute occurred between Canada and China in November of 2009, former Con-

servative Prime Minister Stephen Harper was able to address the issue when he visited Beijing a month later. Harper held the high ground in his negotiations. This led to positive results.

Canada exported \$21.8 billion dollars in goods to China last year; over half of which was agricultural goods and natural resources. In the 2017-18 crop year, China purchased 40 per cent of 10.7 million tonnes of canola seed Canada exported.

"It is time the Prime Minister did the right thing and resign," concluded Hoback. "He has caused an international backlash against our grains and oilseed producers. If he refuses to resign, Members of the Liberal Caucus should do the right thing and remove him."

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Canada, Saskatchewan fund highway improvements

Investing in modern transportation infrastructure is critical to connecting communities, helping businesses move their goods to customer markets, and building a strong economy for all Canadians.

Bernadette Jordan, Minister of Rural Economic Development and Crown Investments Minister and Prince Albert Carlton MLA Joe Hargrave, on behalf of Highways and Infrastructure Minister Lori Carr, have announced funding for major highway improvements in Saskatchewan.

Approximately 259 kilometres of highway will be improved through this project, which includes work along fifteen different stretch-

es of highways 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14, 16, 33 and 39. Once complete, these vital upgrades will help keep Saskatchewan drivers safe, improve traffic flow and boost trade to support our economy.

The Government of Canada is providing \$40.2 million through the New Building Canada Fund, and the Government of Saskatchewan is contributing \$41.5 million.

"With investments like these, our government is creating safer, and more fluid travel for people who travel on Saskatchewan's highway network," said Jordan. "This work will help local businesses compete, promote a higher quality of life for residents and sup-

port the long-term economic prosperity of this province."

"Since 2008, our government has made highways and transportation infrastructure a priority through record investments and safety improvements," Hargrave said. "As a province that is land-locked, we continue to invest to support our economic competitiveness and to improve the quality of life and safety for our people."

Quick facts:

- Through the Investing in Canada infrastructure plan, the Government of Canada is investing more than \$180 billion over 12 years in public transit projects, green infra-

structure, social infrastructure, trade and transportation

- More than \$10.1 billion of this funding is supporting trade and transportation projects, including \$5 billion available for investment through the Canada Infrastructure Bank. Associated links:

- Investing in Canada Plan Project Map: <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/map>

- Federal infrastructure investments in Saskatchewan: <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/map-carte/index-eng.html>

- Investing in Canada: Canada's Long-Term Infrastructure Plan: <http://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/icp-publication-pic-eng.html>

Mental Health First Aid course returns to Shellbrook

It's easy to care and have compassion for a person who is suffering through, or recovering from, a visible illness or an injury. But what about when the illness isn't clearly visible or definable?

Most of us would like to believe that we would have empathy for anyone around us who might be struggling, regardless of the cause. And yet, even with improved mental health awareness and discussion across the country, many still choose to suffer in silence.

Fortunately, this is where Mental Health First Aid comes in.

Introduced to Canada in 2006, Mental

Health First Aid went national in 2010, taking the form of a two-day certification course that equips people with the knowledge and skills required to help someone who is experiencing a mental health crisis.

Facilitated by Bridges Health in Saskatoon, and instructed by Chelsey Zelizney, the second-ever Mental Health First Aid certification course was held at Shellbrook's Parkland Integrated Health Centre on Saturday, March 9 and Sunday, March 10, with 24 people in attendance.

"Many individuals do not feel equipped with having the right tools to be able to pro-

vide support to others struggling with their mental health," Zelizney said of the course.

"Courses like this exist to help individuals gain knowledge and some tools so that they will feel more confident, and [will] also [be] more likely to step in when someone is in need – until we can get them to professional care or resources."

Having grappled with mental illness throughout her life, Zelizney says there are encouraging signs that societal attitudes towards mental health and mental illness are beginning to change.

However, she feels that stigma and judgment are still prevalent, and that more can always be done. The first step, she says, is spreading education about mental health.

"One of the best things we can do as a society is educate ourselves so that we can try to gain new perspectives and understanding towards others who might have a different reality than we do," she said.

"We don't have to understand exactly what it is that individual is experiencing, but we can give them empathy, compassion, and comfort."

Sally Fitch, who participated in and helped organize both of the two-day courses in Shellbrook, feels it's important to improve mental health awareness in the community, so that those with a mental illness can be treated with the empathy and compassion that Zelizney mentions.

Fitch adds that the need is especially great for the local farming community, and the farming community more generally, because farm stress can greatly impact mental health, and many suffer in silence, not sure where they can turn for help.

Helping to drive this point home was Lesley Kelly, a founder of Do More AG, who, along with her husband, provided a presentation on

Saturday afternoon regarding farm stress and the resources that are available to farmers (including www.domore.ag).

Sunday, meanwhile, included a very personal presentation on post traumatic stress disorder from Mike and Tasje Sharron.

Additionally, Chris Archibald, the mental health therapist at Parkland Integrated Health Centre, provided the group with mental health resources available in Shellbrook and area (for more on this, visit: <http://paphr.ca/services/addiction-mental-health>).

Though changing attitudes towards mental illness have made education materials more widely available and accessible, Zelizney says Mental Health First Aid remains just as important as ever, because it takes that education and teaches people how to apply it in practical situations – something that is increasingly necessary, given the prevalence of mental illness in Saskatchewan.

The Mental Health First Aid certification course not only provides attendees with information about a range of mental illnesses, but also teaches them how to respond in different crisis situations, whether the crisis is a substance-related disorder such as an overdose, a mood-related disorder, anxiety and trauma-related disorders, or psychotic disorders.

Zelizney says she hopes people who take the course walk away with new perspectives about mental illness, and a better understanding of how to react.

"Individuals are allowed to have their own attitudes and beliefs towards certain topics, but we need to check these at the door to be able to provide the care, comfort, hope and optimism, and resources that an individual could use to essentially even save their life," she said.

For more information on Mental Health First Aid, visit: www.mhfa.ca

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Global agriculture united by commonalities

Recently I had an opportunity to sit down over an early morning coffee with Jordan and Jennifer Lindgren who farm in the Norquay area.

Their name may be familiar to some since the couple were finalists for the Saskatchewan Outstanding Young Farmers Award for 2018 ending up with the top placing presented at the Farm Progress Show held in Regina last June.

As such awards often do, it has brought opportunities to the couple, including a chance to spend a couple of weeks in Aus-

tralia earlier this year where they gave a short series. There were three stops on the itinerary, talking to farmers there about their operation.

At first it might seem that a farm couple from Norquay, Sask. would have limited insights into agriculture that would transfer to a farmer in Australia, but the Lindgrens were quick to point out there are far more similarities than you might expect.

The first is rather obvious once they mentioned it over that coffee, and it is how farmers, no matter



CALVIN DANIELS

where they are, are ultimately reliant on Mother Nature.

It did surprise the Lindgrens that there are areas of Australia where frost is a threat to crops, much as it can be here.

And, in some areas 'down under' canola is planted through what is essentially their winter season, so heat units are lower, and that extends the growing season, making that frost concern more dire.

Less of a surprise was the impact of heat in Australia. Large chunks of the country are arid, to the point they talked about one area where land is left idle for 18 months just to recharge the groundwater allowing farmers to then plant and harvest at least some crop based on in-soil

moisture.

In another area harvest can be shut down because the temperature soars to 40 degrees Celsius, so there is a ban on operations for fear of starting fires.

But the similarities go beyond keeping one eye on the sky, and tuning into the weather forecast daily.

The Lindgrens note much as here, farmers in Australia face issues when it comes to finding workers, with a minimum wage they noted at \$20/hour, and competition from the mining sector.

Increasingly, work on a farm is a high tech job, needing workers with skills that go well beyond the ability to drive a tractor. That is a situation which is not isolated to a single country or region.

While on the larger scale countries compete for markets when it comes to exporting farm production, at the farm level there is no doubt much producers can share in terms of information which cuts across international borders.

That commonality is something that producers should not forget.

Highlights of a Shellbrook town council meeting

Shellbrook's town council met on March 18 at the council chambers of the municipal office in Shellbrook. Present at the meeting were Mayor George Tomporowski, councillors Lois Freeman, David Knight, Kathleen Nording, and Amund Otterson, and the town's administrator Kelly Hoare. Councillors Lyle Banda and Bruce Clements were absent.

Mayor Tomporowski called the meeting to order shortly after 6 p.m., and council began by approving the meeting's agenda, as well as the minutes of its Feb. 19 regular meeting and its March 11 special meeting. With no urgent business arising from those minutes, council approved the payment of its regular accounts and payroll, and moved onto the reports portion of the evening.

There, too, there was little for council discuss, as the public works committee had yet to hold its monthly meeting. In hospital and clinics news, councillor Otterson had a couple brief updates to offer.

The first was that the two SIPPAs physicians who are promised to Shellbrook are progressing well through the program. If all continues to go well, those physicians could join the primary care clinic's roster of physicians by May or June.

The other news was that there have no developments in terms of the proposed expansion of the parking lot at Parkland Integrated Health Centre. Initially, the plan was to move staff parking to the back of the facility, but now plans to just expand the parking lot to the north of the hospital may also be considered.

With nothing further to report, council approved a proposed wage and salary grids for public works and the town office, then moved onto new business.

Up first, council carried a motion to appoint Mayor Tomporowski and coun-

cillor Knight to the board of the Prince Albert Regional Economic Development Alliance (PREDA). Formed earlier this month, PREDA consists of six municipalities, rural municipalities and First Nations, including Shellbrook, and will focus on promoting economic growth in this region.

In other appointments, councillors Knight and Banda were appointed as council's representatives on the Lake Country Wildlife Federation Board, and councillor Nording was appointed to a four-month term as deputy mayor.

Moving on, council approved a request from the Shellbrook Recreation Project Steering Committee to enter into a contract with Simonar Refrigeration for the refrigeration and hot deck piping at the Shellbrook Recreation Complex. The cost for that is estimated at \$50,000.

In other Steering Committee business, council also approved a request for the committee's estimated costs for the demolition of the old ice surface and the dasher boards. Those costs are tentatively pegged at around \$40,000.

Then, later in the evening, council approved yet another request from the Steering Committee to allow it to put down a deposit with Global Sports Resources, the Alberta-based firm that will be installing the new boards, and a low-emissivity ceiling at the rink.

In non-Steering Committee related business, council approved the town's Freedom of Information and Access to Information Policy.

Then, it unanimously gave three readings to three inter-related bylaws, including the waterworks system management and operation bylaw, the management and operation of the Waterworks System bylaw, and a bylaw respecting the continuation of the water and sewer util-

ity and the regulation thereof.

In its last important piece of business, council discussed the Shellbrook Volunteer Fire Department's search for a new rescue truck. During this discussion, Hoare informed council that she is seeking funding for the vehicle, and that the hope is that the R.M. of Shellbrook will split the remaining cost of the vehicle with the town.

With that, council decided to approve up to a \$100,000 expenditure on the new rescue truck, pending funding and R.M. approval.

Having nothing further to discuss, council set Monday, April 22 as its next meeting date. Then, it adjourned for the evening.

Correction

In the March 14 edition of the Chronicle, a story about the Stars on Ice Road Show erroneously stated that the Shellbrook Skating Club's year-end ice show would be held on March 1. The show will actually take place March 24 at 1 p.m. The Chronicle apologizes for the error.

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Leask Sports Centre novice hockey tourney sees success



Whitefish and Waterhen Novice Hockey teams compete on the ice in the Leask Rink on March 9.

By Piper Woytiuk

After years of being unable to even put ice in its rink, the Leask Sports Centre hosted its first hockey tournament in years on March 9.

The novice hockey tournament, organized by the president of the Saskatchewan Indians Hockey club, Kurt Daniels, included mixed

gender hockey teams, aged 6 to 8, from Waterhen, Whitefish, Saskatoon, and Mistawasis.

The event was a huge success that looks to become an annual event in Leask.

Families of the young athletes and members of the surrounding communities came in to enjoy good sport

and warm food in a wonderful day of hockey. The indoor benches remained packed through the day and some watched from the arena stands.

Kurt Daniels expressed his thoughts on the outcome of the tournament

"I wasn't expecting the crowd that we got. The

amount of people that came in from all the communities. We had a lot of people out from Mistawasis come in, some people from Muskeg. It was well received, we had a lot of feedback on it, People want to see this more often," Daniels said.

Resurrecting the rink in Leask is providing opportunity within the community. Events such as this give kids and adults alike a chance to relax and have fun close to home.

"In the city when the kids play novice you only play half the ice. We are giving them a full sheet of ice and two twenty-five-minute straight periods, which they like, it gives them access to more ice and better times," Daniels said.

With the success of the event, plans for future tournaments have been expressed by Kurt Daniels.

"I like doing Leask because its my home town right near my reserve. Hopefully we

can do it again next year," Daniels said. "We want to do it as an annual thing."

With the original goal of the Leask Sports Centre Committee merely being to get ice in the rink, Shea Jones, chairman of the Leask Sports Centre Committee, spoke on the success and expansion.

"We at first just started thinking we would put ice in. That was our bare minimum, our vision at first. Then we realized that there is a need in the community as well as an interest to have sports and other things in the building, so we have broadened our original vision and today we have hockey out there." Jones said. "That is way more than we would have ever originally envisioned."

The expansion of activities in the Leask rink is a promising prospect.

"For next year, our vision is already more tournaments. We do not have enough kids

in the community to have hockey back but to have this, them making use of our rink, having hockey is what our vision is," Jones said.

The Leask Sports Center Committee has also spread into year-round activities such as their thirsty Thursday events, and the annual Leask Summer Smash. And these are not the only summer prospects Shea Jones has stated.

"Making it bigger and better and having more and more stuff going on in the building. Hopefully eventually in the summer we may do something in the rink like paintball. We would like to extend it, so this rink is utilized all year round," Jones said.

The committee owes its success to its members, volunteers, sponsors, and community members. They also look forward to continuing to provide service to all who have taken interest in their efforts.

Sask. Party continues to leave our seniors behind

By Danielle Chartier

For those of us with aging parents, the growing need for appropriate, high-quality seniors' care is a major preoccupation. My own family has faced challenges trying to support our parents at home. When we could no longer do this, we waited months for long-term care for our dad. Then when our dad did get a long-term care bed, we saw firsthand how short-staffing negatively impacts residents and staff. People across the province know we must do better for our seniors.

After years of pushing the government to act on this im-

portant issue, we continue to see little progress when it comes to staffing levels in long-term care facilities. As seniors' critic, I've heard so many stories from families and employees about understaffing and all the stress, suffering, loss of dignity and increased risk of injury it brings. It took these heartbreaking and sometimes tragic stories and a damning report from the Ombudsman to push the government to act – or at least promise to act.

In the 2016 election campaign, this government committed to cut \$7.5 million from health care administration and put that money into increasing hands-on help in long-term care within the next four years. Three years into the government's mandate, this continues to be a broken promise that hurts some of our province's most vulnerable citizens. Numbers provided by the Minister of Health show the government did cut administration by about \$6 million but redirected only about \$1 million of that back into long-term care.

Short-staffing in long-term care is a reality across the province, as we hear more and more as struggling Saskatchewan people step forward to tell their stories. During the fall legislative session, we heard from a daughter of a World War II veteran who came to the legislature to talk about the

concerns she had for her father who has been in two long-term care homes in Saskatoon. She talked about the state of disrepair of one of the homes in which her father had spent time; and the undeniable staffing shortages in both facilities, which compromised residents' care and quality of life.

We also heard from a resident of a Saskatoon long-term care home who spoke out about her own experiences. She shared that she loved the staff that worked at her care home, but there just weren't enough of them to ensure dignity and quality of care. She spoke with great courage about the discomfort and indignity she has experienced when staff assistance simply isn't available when it's needed.

Families, residents and staff continue to tell me about what a lack of staffing looks like for residents, and how stressful and demoralizing it feels for staff to go home at the end of their shift knowing they did not have time to do the work they'd like and need to do for those in their care. It is impossible to not be moved by these stories.

I have twice put forward a Private Member's Bill calling on the government to put in place minimum care standards in long-term care. Each time, the government has defeated the bill. If this government can't recognize the need for minimum care standards for our elderly, they should at least take to heart their promise in the last election and immediately direct the money saved on administration costs to hands-on care in long-term care. Following through on their promise is the least they could do.

Danielle Chartier is the NDP critic for seniors

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- Carman Hunter

Revenue-sharing to rise despite tight budget: Premier

**By Terry Pugh
Clark's Crossing Gazette**
Municipalities across the province will receive \$10 million more in revenue-sharing funding this year despite a looming austerity budget, according to Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe.

Speaking at the 114th annual Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) conference in Saskatoon March 13, Moe said the new formula, negotiated between the provincial government and municipal officials over the past two years, resulted in an allocation of \$250 million this year to communities. The new formula will see municipalities receive 3/4 of a point of the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) revenue from the previous two fiscal years.

Moe said this amounts to a 4% increase in municipal revenue-sharing over last year.

He added this hike is significant given the "tight" provincial budget slated to be unveiled in the Legislature next week. Despite economic headwinds, Moe said the prov-

ince is experiencing continued growth, and municipal funding will fuel that expansion.

"The funding will be provided within the confines of a balanced budget that will strike the right balance between continued investment and fiscal restraint," said Moe, adding the revenue-sharing formula provides transparency and predictability for both municipal and provincial governments.

"The increased revenue-sharing is a practical demonstration of the provincial government's commitment to municipalities across Saskatchewan," said Moe.

Moe said grant applications from municipalities and other eligible organizations under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program are now being accepted by the province for initial consideration. The intake period runs from March 15 to April 30, 2019.

"Strategic infrastructure investments are key to improving our citizens' quality of life and positioning our communities for growth," said Moe.

"Infrastructure funding can also go further when groups work together, which is why I challenge community leaders to work together and consider submitting projects that can serve a region and its people."

The Premier announced the province is committing \$5 million to the Saskatchewan Conservation and Development Association for effective surface water drainage projects.

"We need effective water management solutions in our province," said Moe. "Right now we have a number of very good projects. There are 96 conservation and development associations that are in place and they work well.

"But the reality is we need hundreds of these of these organizations. We are providing a \$5 million grant to specifically increase the number of conservation and development associations to expand and improve water management systems across the province."

Moe said recent amendments to the provincial TRESPASS TO PROPERTY Act will bring



**Premier Scott Moe speaks at the 2019 SARM Convention.
Photo by Terry Pugh**

fairness for rural landowners. The changes now require hunters, snowmobilers and others to get permission to venture onto rural properties.

"These amendments will provide a better balance of the rights of rural landowners and the general public," said Moe. "They afford the same rights to rural landowners that are currently being provided to their urban counterparts."

The Premier unveiled an "Innovation Challenge" that will award a \$10,000 prize for the successful development of

a technological solution, such as a phone app, to allow people to conveniently obtain permission from rural property owners.

Moe said the provincial government is investing in improved cellular and internet coverage through SaskTel; a new ten-year agreement with STARS air ambulance; more funding for rural pest control; increased support for crop insurance; continued investment in highways; and more money for health care facilities, physicians and nurses.

Seven Sask. communities soon to be home to family resource centres

Deputy Premier and Education Minister Gordon Wyant has announced \$1.5 million in funding to create Early Years Family Resource Centres in seven communities – The Battledowns, Meadow Lake, Moose Jaw, Nipawin, Prince Albert, Saskatoon and one in the North.

Funding is being provided through the Canada-Saskatchewan Early Learning and Child Care Agreement.

"Over the past year, our three existing sites have had nearly 50,000 visits," Wyant said. "The benefits of this model can be seen today, and I have no doubt the additional centres will

have a lasting impact on all members within their communities."

Early Years Family Resource Centres provide a place where families with young children can access reliable information, services and supports to help them raise healthy children. Expert advice could be made available on everything from how to connect with your children, to how to stimulate your child's development.

"We know the importance of ensuring families have high-quality supports and resources available to help them raise their children," Saskatchewan Rivers Public

School Division Superintendent of Schools Cory Trann said. "This centre will provide families in our community with access to a welcoming environment where they can play and learn. We have

seen where Family Resource Centres in other communities play an important role for families, and we are excited to be able to bring those resources here."

There could also be

interactive activities for babies and toddlers, and support groups where young parents can share their experiences with others and seek advice. The new centres will be developed through com-

munity partnerships led by KidsFirst, who will be responsible for finding physical space in each of the communities, hiring staff and developing programming for a planned opening in Fall 2019.

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Rural Municipality of Big River, No. 555

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the RM of Big River, No. 555 intends to adopt a bylaw pursuant to Section 207 of the *Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 1/19 known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT

To amend zoning district map to rezone a portion of the N½-03-55-12-W3, lying east of Highway 24 from F - Forest District to A - Agriculture District, to accommodate a lagoon and an access to the said lagoon.

AFFECTED LANDS

An area on the east side of Highway 24, south the Resort Village of Chitek Lake and the intersection of Highway 945 and Highway 24, predominately located within the NE-03-55-12-W3 and a small area located within the NW-03-55-12-W3, in the Rural Municipality of Big River, No. 555, shown in the sketch below within the bold dashed line.

REASON

The reason for the amendment is to accommodate the Resort Village of Chitek Lake Proposed Lagoon Site and future expansion thereof.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the RM Office on any judicial day between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Copies are available at a cost of \$1.00.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on April 8th, 2019, in the Board Room at the Big River Community Centre at 606 First Street North, Big River, SK at 3:00 pm. 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 14th day of March, 2019.

Donna Tymiak
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Highlights of R.M. of Leask council meetings

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 which was held in the Leask Municipal Office on Friday, Jan. 4, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Cantin at 11 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.

Musich: That we purchase a 1992 Olympia Ice resurfacers for \$5,000 plus repairs, delivery and servicing and that payment be made from our Municipal Reserve account. Carried

Diehl: That we approve payment to Perry Dicus for the balance of the gravel used in 2018 in the amount of \$14,472.00. Carried

Stieb: That this meeting adjourn at 11:30 a.m.

Jan. 9

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 held in the Leask Municipal Office on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Cantin at 9:30 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 Dec. 12, 2019. Carried

Gossen: That we adopt the minutes of the special Council meeting held on Jan. 4, 2019. Carried

Thiel: That we engage the services of Marcelle Baynton, weed inspector, to inspect the municipal roadways at a rate of \$25.00 per hour for 20 hours plus .60 /km this summer. Carried

Diehl: That we approve Council's remuneration Cheques #11033, 11035-11041 for a total of \$5,384.87. Carried

Stieb: That we approve the list of accounts for approval Cheque #12030 to #12061 and Direct Payments 450-472 and 5001-5002 and 1903-1905 for a total of \$198,152.15. Carried

Fire Chief Report

Fire Chief Devon Donohue gave his report including: fire truck repairs, boots and equipment, Jaws of Life estimates, Internet estimates, search and rescue courses, door locks replaced.

Girod: That we accept the fire chief's report as presented. Carried

Thiel: That we receive the Budgetary Control report for Dec. 31, 2018 as presented. Carried

Stieb: That we receive the Budgetary Control report for January 2019 to date, as presented. Carried

Diehl: That we consent to the Sask Power proposal known as Notification No 11468874. Carried

Thiel: That we increase the rate of pay for each of the office clerical staff by

\$1.50 per hour effective Jan. 1, 2019. Carried

Councillor Clarke Gossen left the Council meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Public Hearing

Bylaw #6/2018: A Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 in the Province of Saskatchewan, to amend Bylaw 6/92 known as the Zoning Bylaw.

Ten Ratepayers were present; 6 signed the attendance sheet. The Reeve began with opening remarks and asked for those who wish to speak to present themselves.

Mr. [name blacked out] spoke first on behalf of Lac La Peche Cabin Owners Association. He presented his written report, identified as "Item #1A" and circulated to the Council.

His comments centred on the desire to preserve the quality of life at Lac La Peche, cabin values being maintained and the environmental issues regarding the quality of the lake.

The concern of changing the topography on the parcel being considered for rezoning could cause more wind and erosion.

The consensus among those surveyed is in opposition to rezoning the parcel of land for the future development of a camp ground.

Mr. [name blacked out] asked why the rezoning request couldn't wait until the new Zoning Bylaw and OCP comes into effect.

Reeve Cantin explained that the rezoning came forward as a result of the owners making application and that the first reading of Bylaw 1/2019 had recently

taken place.

Mr. [name blacked out] told the Council that it is up to them to do the right thing and not let this development affect the future of lake negatively. He is opposed to any more development at Lac La Peche. Also, how is the public supposed to know when these rezoning and plans are going on?

Reeve Cantin explained that there is a process to follow and the process includes notifying the public and inviting them to these public hearings. We bring forward requests to rezone as they are brought to the Municipality; the municipality doesn't initiate them.

Mr. [name blacked out] asked for more clarification on the 6 lots to add up to 21 lots in total.

Reeve Cantin replied explaining that they are not necessarily allowed 21 sites automatically. They will need a permit each year for a camp ground and the Council can refuse a permit if criteria isn't met.

Mr. [name blacked out] reiterated that rezoning this parcel to commercial, allows a huge potential for pressure on the lake. There are 33 people affected by this one proposal for commercial development from 1 owner.

Ms. [name blacked out] asked if anyone knew when the last environmental assessment was done at Lac La Peche.

Mr. [name blacked out] responded that he believed it wasn't done when Anderson's development was approved.

Someone commented that it was probably done

in the 1980's

Mr. [name blacked out] asked if the Municipality should get an Environmental Study done at Lac La Peche.

Reeve Cantin explained that it is good to have an environmental study done, however the people around the lake must be prepared to take action to restore the lake as may be recommended in that study.

The Administrator, Judy Douglas, read a written submission received from Brian and Candy Ashby as submitted and marked "Item 1B".

Mr. [name blacked out] inquired what numbers of campsites will they be dealing with.

They say an addition of 6 to equal 21 but there is already 17 sites on their other parcel now.

Reeve Cantin responded that the number of sites would have to be dealt with if and application for development comes forward after the rezoning.

He then explained the process for 3 readings of Bylaw 1/2019 of which only 1 reading had taken place to date.

After all 3 readings and Ministerial approval for the rezoning, can a development permit application be accepted and considered.

That is when the number of campground sites or any other commercial development allowed for the zoning would come up for discussion.

Thiel: That the Public Hearing be closed at 2:53 p.m. Carried

Delegation: Chelsea Baraniecki, Plant Health Of-

ficer, attended the meeting to discuss clubroot requirements including a Clubroot Bylaw, Policy and Plan.

Councillor Diehl requested a recorded vote:

Diehl: That we give second reading to Bylaw No 6/2018, a Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 in the Province of Saskatchewan, to amend Bylaw #6/92 known as the Zoning Bylaw. Motion Defeated (0 For, 7 against)

Diehl: That the subdivision request by Pulles & Varley be tabled until the March 20, 2019 regular council meeting. Carried

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

Stieb: That the Bylaw Enforcement report be accepted as presented. Carried

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

Stieb: That we authorize the Administrator to sign a Land Use Permission form with the Saskatchewan Snowmobile Assoc. for 2019/2020. Carried

Thiel: That we allocate the population for the Sask. Lotteries Grant as follows:

Shellbrook Steering Committee - 341

Leask Rink Committee - 341. Carried

Thiel: That we enter into a Day Use Agreement for the use of the small board room downstairs with Ministry of Central Services. Carried

Girod: That the correspondence be received and filed.

Thiel: That this meeting adjourn at 4:40 p.m.

Baseball needs a jolt — and soon

Baseball — the national pastime. Emphasis on the 'past'? Say it ain't so.

It's been a foregone conclusion for the past couple of decades that pro football has zoomed past baseball as the favourite sport of North Americans, but lately, baseball is really taking it in the teeth in the court of public opinion.

Games are lasting far too long for today's fan, who lives for immediacy and fast-paced action. Pitching change after pitching change, often after the guy on the mound has faced only one hitter. "A one-batter specialist," he's called. Too many strikeouts, as pitchers are becoming dominant and batters are more interested in — or forced to — swinging for the fences because defensive shifts have become the norm in major league parks. It's all about "launch angle." Tony Gwynn and Ted Williams wouldn't approve. Pete Rose would bet it's bad for the game.

An online report from

the CBC's the Buzzer said it best: "Baseball is now an extreme power game where hitters swing (and miss) from the heels against an endless string of flame-throwing relievers. When they make contact, the ball often lands in the teeth of a defensive shift. The pitching changes are endless. The ball is in play less than ever. Entertainment alternatives are everywhere. Sure, the cash is still rolling in. But you can't just count on fans sticking with baseball forever."

Forbes Magazine reports Major League Baseball attendance dropped below 70 million in 2018 for the first time in 15 years. If that's not enough to make Commissioner Rob Manfred and his owner bosses stand up and pay attention, what will? Money talks, of course. Perhaps when gate, TV and merchandise revenues start to dip, the powers-that-be will take some significant steps to create more action during a nine-inning game.

Broadcaster Bob Costas,



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whose first sporting love is baseball, said in a recent New Yorker interview that "baseball's supposed to have a pleasing, leisurely pace. It's not supposed to have a lethargic pace, and that's what Manfred and company and the Players Association, if they're enlightened about it, have to grapple with."

Preventing scoring is becoming the way to win in all sports. Defence wins in the NFL. Coaches in the NHL use neutral-zone traps to stifle an opponent's offensive efforts. In baseball, overpowering pitching and

defensive shifts are taking over. Boring is winning out. Fans are zoning out.

Big changes are needed, or what used to be the national pastime will become more like naptime.

- Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "Lebron James went to Lakers in part to jump-start his career in Hollywood. Well, looks like this year he'll be free to work on movies starting in April."

- Colin Jost of Saturday Night Live's Weekend Update: "Bryce Harper has signed a 13-year, \$330 million contract with the Philadelphia Phillies. Finally, answering the question, 'How much would someone have to pay you to live in Philadelphia?'"

- Headline at SportsPickle.com: "Report: Man agrees to live in Philadelphia for \$330 million."

- Patti Dawn Swansson in the River City Renegade, on Jays' prospect Vladimir Guerrero Jr.: "Apparently there's 250 pounds of him, and 200 of it must be in the

butt and thighs. His backside is wider than a hay wagon."

- Norman Chad of the Washington Post, who evidently is not a fan of The Athletic: "Cardinals' Paul Goldschmidt ran out of toothpaste this morning, so he borrowed a Crest tube from his son. This was first reported by @TheAthletic."

- Chad again, on champion bowler Jason Belmonte, who bowls using two hands: "It's as revolutionary as if Picasso painted with the brush between his teeth."

- Brad Rock of the Deseret News: "Patriots owner Robert Kraft pleaded not guilty to charges of soliciting a prostitute. But he did plead guilty to wearing a coloured shirt with a white collar 30 years after they went out of style."

- RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "Eight Portland Trailblazers got stuck in an elevator during a recent road trip to Boston. During the 30 minutes they were trapped, they still outscored the Celtics."

- Currie again: "At last count, an Indiana man estimates he has watched 26,261 layers of paint dry on his Guinness World Record giant painted baseball. 'We know how you feel,' said Knicks fans."

- A groaner from the punny Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Atlanta Hawks rookie Trae Young drew his second technical foul of the game — and an automatic ejection — because he stared down the Bulls' Kris Dunn. With apologies to Led Zeppelin, he was buying a stare-way to heaven."

- How bad is the world, asks Dwight Perry? "Crime's so bad," Louisiana Senator John Kennedy told the Gridiron Club dinner audience in D.C., "we had a Super Bowl stolen from us." Added comedian Angus Hamilton: "It's so bad in Venezuela, if you throw a dog a bone he has to signal for a fair catch."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Local curlers compete at U-18 championship

Fresh off their SHSAA gold medals the previous weekend, two local curlers made their marks at the CurlSask Ramada Optimist U-18 championships in Regina March 14-17.

Dalton Wasden, who skipped the Spiritwood High Mixed team to the provincial gold, skipped his team to a third-place finish at the U-18 championships. Emma Beaulac, Wasden's third on the Mixed team, was second for Brooklyn Fahl of Shellbrook in their quest for CurlSask glory.

In Wasden's case, his Shellbrook contingent of Brennan Stochmanski third, Spencer Fox second and Burk Gosselin lead, peeled off five straight wins after an opening loss, but it was the two consecutive losses to the eventual champion that ended their hopes.

The Jayden Bindig foursome from Weyburn did it the hard way, entering the playoffs as the "C" Event qualifier. They downed Wasden to get that spot, and then beat Wasden

again to advance to the final, where they outpointed the Jayden Bernath team from Saskatoon Sutherland for the championship.

Wasden's first game was against Bindig, and it didn't end well. Knocked into the "B" side, Wasden and crew then racked up four straight victories to make it to the playoff as the "B" Event qualifier. They won their next game, this time in the "C" Event, and then went up against Bindig in the "C" final. A win there would have given them a straight shot to the final against "A" Qualifier Daymond Bernath.

It didn't happen. Bindig hammered them in four ends to take the "C" and set up the "B-C" playoff. Bindig squeaked out the win.

CurlSask events are triple knockout affairs, and with eight teams in the competition, players must be prepared to meet a team more than once. Wasden went up against Bindig four times out of their eight games

played. All three of their losses were to the Weyburn foursome. But they did beat them once, and they did beat Bernath, the second-place team, in their only meeting.

Incidentally, Bernath was the skip of the St. Joseph High School team that the Spiritwood team defeated in the semi-final of the SHSAA mixed.

And Bernath's third, Madison Kleiter, was the skip of the runner-up team at the Girls U-18.

The Girls competition was won by Emily Haupstein of Weyburn.

In addition to Emma Beaulac, the team all of Spiritwood — and Shellbrook — were cheering for consisted of Brooklyn Fahl at skip, Alexis Stochmanski third and Kelsey Deptuck at lead. Their coach is Leo Perrin.

Their record at the U-18 was 2-3, and their best showing was against the eventual champion, Haupstein. It was a loss, but Haupstein needed an extra end to do it, stealing the winning point.



Team Wasden, third-place finishers at the CurlSask U-18 Ramada Optimist Championships, played at the Callie Curling Club in Regina. Left to right: Terry Thompson (coach), Burk Gosselin, Spencer Fox, Brennan Stochmanski, and Dalton Wasden. The team had a record of 5-3 in the triple-knockout event.

Actually, their next game had a better result, but they still needed an extra end to record it. Elisa Soika of Regina had

scored three in the 8th end to force an extra, and then Fahl scored the winning point for an 8-7 win.

Crown Hill 4H Beef Club hosts public speaking events

By Hannah Remus

The Crown Hill 4H Beef Club held its annual public speaking event on Feb. 23 at the Hafford Ukrainian National Hall. Judges were Diane Jones, Tanya Dubyk, Sandi Hamp, and Peter Kingsmill.

MC was general leader, Richard Yasieniuk.

There were 16 very interesting speeches presented. After speeches were done, we took a break for a snack, while the judges did their placings.

While all members received a certificate, placing first, second and third were as follows:

In cloverbuds, Cabri Letke-

man received first place.

In juniors, first went to Zayne Letkeman, second to Kara Dorion.

In intermediates, first was Courtney Yasieniuk, second Cheyanne Roth and third was Boden Letkeman.

In seniors, first went to Abigail Roth, second to Justin Yasieniuk, and third to Jamie Attrux.

On March 14 Crown Hill 4H Beef Club hosted district 29 speeches. Judges for this event were Judy Macmillan, Elaine Bella, Travis Fehr and Christian Klaue.

MC for the public speaking night was club member Jamie

Attrux

First place winner in cloverbuds was Caybri Letkeman from Crown Hill 4H speaking about her pet cat named Cougar. Coming in second was Bentley Berg, from Sask Valley Dairy 4H, speaking on the "dog I got for free."

In juniors, first was Zayne Letkeman, speaking of the DNR, and second was Kara Dorion talking about becoming a true farm girl. Both are from Crown Hill 4H beef club.

In intermediates, first was Courtney Yasieniuk from Crown Hill 4H, talking about procrastination, and second, from Sask Valley Dairy 4H, was Travis Pruium speaking about his WCC 2018 experience.

In seniors, Lauren Niehaus, from Sask Valley Dairy 4H, placed first with why she was proud to be a Canadian dairy farmer. Placing second was Morgan Lehmann, also from Sask Valley Dairy 4H, who spoke of her ancestors.

All first place winners will move on to participate in regional 4H public speaking.



Participants in the Crown Hill 4H Beef Club's annual public speaking event, which was held on Saturday, Feb. 23



Senior winners from the public speaking event hosted by the Crown Hill 4H Beef Club.



Cloverbud winners.



Intermediate winners.

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Fr. Michael Fahlman
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Ahtahkakoop RCMP reminds public of dangers of Methamphetamine

Methamphetamine can destroy lives. The Ahtahkakoop RCMP would like to remind the public of the dangers of the consumption of Methamphetamine. Common street names for Methamphetamine include: Crystal Meth, Ice, Crank, Glass, and Jib.

The use of illicit drugs such as Methamphetamine, are highly addictive and can have long lasting negative effects on your body.

Some psychological symptoms of the use of Methamphetamine include: delusions, paranoia, and hallucinations. Some physical effects include: stroke, coma, body sores, and irreversible damage to blood vessels throughout the body and in some cases death from cardiac arrest or stroke.

It is illegal in Canada to possess, produce, and traffic Methamphetamine under Sections 4, 5, and 7 of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act with a range of punishments, including fines and periods of incarceration.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/substance-use/controlled-illegal-drugs/methamphetamine.html>

If you know of someone who is selling, trafficking, and/or producing Methamphetamine, please contact your local police service and if you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or submit a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

Big River RCMP snowmobile patrol leads to two charges

Big River RCMP, along with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment conducted snowmobile patrols on the Saskatchewan Provincial Trail system in the Big River district.

Our members and Conservation Officers patrolled the trails checking for proper vehicle registration and safety equipment, driver's licenses, operator sobriety and open liquor.

As a result of the patrols two charges under the Alcohol Gaming and Regulations Act of open liquor in public were issued. These

charges includes a fine of \$250.

We remind people to obey the provincial laws and regulations while operating a snowmobile on the Provincial Trail system.

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An apple a day... Part 1

By Sara Williams

Our apples (*Malus pumila*) are descendants of *M. sieversii*, native to the mountains of Kazakhstan and brought back to Macedonia in 328 BC by Alexander the Great. They have been hybridized and selected for centuries.

Apples have been part of the prairie landscape almost since the time of European settlement. Early immigrants brought seeds from Europe and Russia. Trees hardy enough to survive were crossed with better quality apples from eastern Canada.

Prairie plant breeders have done an admirable job of developing hardy, high quality apples for over a century. The University of Saskatchewan fruit breeding program, under Dr. Bob Bors,

continues to introduce high quality apples hardy to -40°C.

Prairie apple trees generally live for 30 or more years before declining, longer with proper pruning. The apples themselves are formed on short branches called spurs that will produce for a decade or more.

Apples are self-compatible; two varieties are needed for cross-pollination. This is not a problem in urban yards, as your neighbour will have one within bee-flying distance.

In rural areas, buy two different varieties. All apples tend to bloom at the same time and most bloom after danger of frost.

Apples are grafted onto hardy rootstock, generally Siberian cra-

bapple stock. These trees are up to 20 feet in height and should be spaced 13 feet apart.

Some apples are grafted onto dwarf rootstock, usually "Ottawa 3" in zone 2. This reduces the height of the trees to about 3 m (10 ft.), making them easier to prune, thin and pick. No ladders needed! It does not affect the size of the fruit.

As well, dwarf trees come into bearing at three years of age as opposed to five years for standard trees.

Dwarf apple trees should be staked because the top portion tends to grow more vigorously than the rootstock can easily support. If unsupported, they may fall over or break off. Use a heavy-duty metal rod or a wooden fence post.

Plant apple trees in well-drained soil in full sun. Water them regularly (1 inch per week during the growing season; more in sandy soil, less in clay), especially when they are young. Once established, they are fairly drought-tolerant but benefit from irrigation during hot dry periods.

Fertilize moderately in early spring with compost, well-rotted manure or alfalfa pellets. Reduce fertilizer if winterkill or fireblight occur. Mulch with post peelings, weed-free straw, grass clipping, chipper debris or flax shives to retain moisture, add organic matter to the soil, moderate soil temperature and reduce weeds.

Apple trees are known for "biennial bearing" -producing so much fruit in one year that they lack sufficient nutrients and sugars to create flower buds (and fruit) the following year. In abundant years, branches may crack and break under the heavy fruit load. This cycle can be avoided by pruning and fruit thinning.

A few weeks after flowering, hundreds of small apples fall. Called "June drop", this can also occur in early July. But further thinning may be required. Use the "One Hand Rule": spread your fingers and



thumb far apart. As you hold your hand up to a branch, allow only one apple to remain in that space. This general rule of thumb (pun intentional), assumes an average sized-hand and an average-sized apple. Thinning early in the season results in substantially larger fruit.

Apples in Saskatchewan ripen from mid-August through October. Apples can tolerate light frosts (-4°C) due in part to their high sugar content. Many of the last to ripen have the longest refrigerator life. The firmer an apple, the longer its storage life.

[Next week: apple varieties for the prairies.]
Sara Williams is the

author of many books including *Gardening Naturally*, *Best Trees and Shrubs*, and *Best Groundcovers and Vines with Hugh Skinner*, *Creating the Prairie Xeriscape*, and with Bob Bors, *Growing Fruit in Northern Gardens*. She gives workshops on gardening topics throughout the prairies.

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

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CANWOOD: Canwood & District Health Services Co-operative *Annual Meeting*, Wednesday, April 10, 2019, Canwood Legion Hall. Supper 6:30 pm ~ Meeting to follow. \$10/person ~ Everyone Welcome! ***A resolution to have a review of the financial books instead of an audit will be voted on by the members present at this meeting! Please come out and show your support for your community clinic. If you have any question please call Donna at 1-306-468-7040.

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SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Minor Sports AGM, Tuesday, April 9 - 7 pm, Shellbrook Elementary School Gym. We will be discussing the possible impact of the SHA Atom Hockey Proposal (2020/2021). Visit the following link to view all of the proposed changes: <https://sha.sk.ca/news/memorandums/atom-hockey-proposal-20202021>

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