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Phase two of rink renovations gets more ambitious



A sign that once read “Parkland Terrace” has been reduced to rubble, and trees have been felled. And, in the not too distant future, the building itself will be demolished to make room for solar panels to power the rink, and an expansion of Kinsmen Park.

Sometimes things don't go exactly as expected.

But sometimes, as the Shellbrook Recreation Project Steering Committee seems to be learning in working through phase two of its three-part overhaul of the Shellbrook Recreation Complex, this can actually be for the better.

The major items for phase two of the more than \$2 million renovation project were originally intended to be a new ice surface, and new boards and glass.

However, after the bids for both contracts came in, and were winnowed down to the best offers, the committee found itself dealing with the same com-

pany for both jobs (Alberta-based Reward Construction Limited for the ice surface, and its subsidiary Global Sport Resources for the boards and glass).

What's more, the company also installs low-emissivity ceilings – which the committee was planning to install in the rink in phase three of the project – and, as Steering Committee chair Brent Miller explains, it was offering one heck of a deal on the project.

“On the low-emissivity ceiling, the company came back with a price that was about 55 per cent of what we had budgeted for next year,” he said. “We thought we had to take advantage of that because we didn't know if we'd get

that price again. So we decided to go with the low-e ceiling this year.”

The Steering Committee had budgeted about \$69,000 for the low-emissivity ceiling, but will pay just under \$40,000 for it. Between these cost savings, the bid for the ice surface coming in \$25,000 over budget, and the bid for the boards and glass coming in lower than expected, Miller says that the committee still finds itself \$22,917 under budget, even with the extra work being taken on in phase two.

“We're optimistic, now that we've moved the low-emissivity ceiling into this year, that we're going to be able to come in with a lower budget next year,

because we'll have less work to do,” he said.

While these major items seem like more than enough to keep the committee busy until the beginning of the next rink season, Miller says the committee is also eyeing a number of smaller tasks.

He notes, however, that these will depend on the availability of funds, and the timing of the second \$300,000 grant disbursement from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program (the first \$300,000 of the \$750,000 grant arrived just as phase two was beginning at the start of April).

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Shellbrook Legion garage sale sees small profit



Legion Members Homer Bater and Maurice Tanchuk drew grilling duties at the Shellbrook Legion's annual garage sale.

They say one man's trash is another man's treasure.

That was certainly the case Saturday afternoon, when the Shellbrook branch of the Royal Canadian Legion hosted its annual garage sale and barbecue fundraiser.

Inside the Legion Hall, tables were stacked high with a wide array of items, ranging from small appliances, to books and movies, to sports equipment, and even some homemade crafts and baked goodies.

Outside the legion hall, the aroma of burgers on the grill was wafting all around, carried on the winds to lure in anyone in the area with even a small appetite.

All told, these and other factors worked in favour of members of the Legion, helping them sell 48 meals throughout the day, and raise \$385. And, with renovations to the Legion Hall having been completed last year, Legion president Helen Dagenais says the money will go into the bank, so that it can be used in case of a rainy day, or to help out a veteran in need.

"It means the world to me," she said of the support for Saturday's fundraiser. "I know the community is there, and Henri and I do a lot in the community, so it's nice to see that it's reciprocated."

But while Saturday's turnout was better than even she expected, Helen says that this doesn't mean that the Legion isn't in need of continued support.

With only 20 members on the books, many of whom are elderly and unable to devote time to helping run Legion functions, she says the Legion is in dire need of some new blood, and that, contrary to popular misconceptions, it's pretty much open to anyone.

"I've talked to people, and they think that you have to have somebody directly in the family who was military, but that's not so anymore," she said. "They think you have to be a certain age, and you don't have to be. We take any age, and encourage any age."

Explaining that all Legion members join for their own personal reasons, Helen says her reasons for being a Legion member are deeply personal, and tied to her own family's long military history – her husband, Henri, is a veteran, and she has children who are still in the military.

For her, the Legion is a voice for veterans, who, in spite of the sacri-

fices they make for their country, are too often left without a voice.

"For me, it's for my husband and the other veterans. There's no help for them out there. If something as simple as a Legion can raise a few bucks once in awhile, if they're in need of funds, we're there for them," she said.

"We do it to help people."

With spring slowly making its way to the prairies, the next big event on the Legion's calendar will be the George Laberge Memorial Golf Tournament, named in honour of a veteran, long-time Legion member, and former councillor and mayor of Shellbrook, who passed in late 2017.

While a date has yet to be set for the tournament, Helen says it's sure to be a good time, regardless of how many people sign up.

"We're going to have some fun. Even for people who don't play golf, we're just going to go play golf. It will be like mini-putt on a big field."

Phase two of rink renovations gets more ambitious

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Out in the rink's lobby, Zonalite insulation in the ceiling will have to be removed and replaced with insulation that doesn't contain asbestos. Meanwhile, Miller says the glass windows overlooking the rink will be lowered by about eight inches and replaced, so that spectators will actually be able to see the action by the goal at the near end.

Elsewhere, if the funds are available, the Steering Committee also plans to do some minor maintenance, including repainting the lobby and making cosmetic improvements to the bathrooms.

And last, but not least, the main doors and the doors in the downstairs part of the lobby will be replaced, both for

efficiency and safety reasons.

"We want to put good heavy doors in with nice glass that you can see through, so that you can leave them closed. The inside ones are propped open because too many people have taken it on the chin over the years with people going both ways through them," Miller explained.

Before any of that can happen, though, the rink's floor surface needs dry out to allow for the installation of the low-emissivity ceiling (with frosty, soupy conditions in the rink, this was proving to be a struggle as of late last week).

And then, of course, the concrete for the new floor has to be poured. Once poured, Miller says it will sit in underneath an inch of water to cure for two weeks, creating an opening for the other smaller tasks to be completed.

And whatever the Steering Committee can find in its budget to do, one thing's for certain, the community will be there to support it.

"There are people in the community who have really been stepping up," Miller said. "The Rural Municipality

really helped with the demo on the floor, with both manpower and equipment, and the Town did the same thing. So there won't be any budget impacts for them, which is nice."

Looking forward to phase three of the rink project, folks in town will have likely noticed that the trees around the old Parkland Terrace nursing home were recently chopped down.

With the building now back in the town of Shellbrook's possession, it will eventually be demolished to make room for solar panels for the rink (a key part of the project's eligibility for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities grant), as well as extra camping and RV spots for Kinsmen Park, and additional parking for the swimming pool.

"We're waiting for Livewire Electric to get us an idea of what the footprint for that solar array might be," Miller said. "It could be that, once we get a plan for what they're going to do with that site, we might be able to put it in first thing next spring, even without the demo having been done."

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The Ahtahkakoop & Shellbrook RCMP Detachments
 are hosting a Town Hall meeting on **May 3rd @ 5 pm**
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Friday, May 17 7:30 pm
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Increase in meth usage cause for concern in area

On an almost daily basis, Cory Rennie, manager of addiction and integrated outreach services for Prince Albert and area, has meetings with his colleagues about the drug trends they're seeing amongst their clients.

Historically speaking, he says, this area has always had the same issues, with alcohol and marijuana being most prevalent, and alcohol, in particular, being the drug of choice for most people seeking treatment for addiction.

At least, that was the case until a few years ago.

"It used to be alcohol was the number one drug of choice for the people we'd see here, but crystal meth has taken that crown," he says, noting that two out of three clients seeking treatment have had meth at some point in the past year.

"When meth first burst onto the scene in a big way in 2004, it was for a middle class type of user. Now we're seeing it with more of the transient population. That has to do with the fact that it's so widely available, and it's cheap."

While Rennie says he's thankful that the area hasn't been impacted – like so many others – by overdoses related to fentanyl and other highly addictive and dangerous opioids, he also says that the rise in meth use is obviously still a cause for concern, and, like all addictions, a major strain on local resources.

This, he adds, has resulted in a coalition of community resources, including addictions and mental health services, police, and emergency services, being pooled together to combat the drug's proliferation.

"With meth touching so many different factors...

it's brought everybody to the forefront of a common battle," he said. "Across the spectrum we're all seeing clients who are presenting in ways that it could be mental health, or something else, but it's the drugs that are impacting their behaviour and thought processes."

Apart from seeing increased meth consumption, Rennie says the area is also seeing changes in the way people of all ages are being introduced to drugs. With meth being so cheap and readily available, some people are opting to use it instead of other drugs, or progressing right from marijuana to crystal meth.

Others, of course, become unwitting addicts by smoking marijuana laced with meth, or other drugs, and the trouble with treating addiction, says Rennie, is that there's no singular cause.

For one addict, it could be as simple as growing up around frequent drug users or addicts, for another, it could be a coping mechanism or an escape from past trauma.

"Addiction is very individualistic. The symptoms are the same when people are withdrawing, or they're sick, or they become addicted. But the reasons for being there can be vast and wide," Rennie said.

In Shellbrook and the surrounding area, like in the broader Prince Albert Region, Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook RCMP detachment Sgt. Kent Ashworth says that meth has become the predominant drug that his officers seem to be dealing with.

Though he says he'd never label it as an epidemic, Ashworth says meth does

pose unique challenges to both his officers and to healthcare professionals, because those who may be coming down from a high or experiencing withdrawals can experience hallucinations, among other symptoms.

"We have an uptick in taking people in for mental health evaluations. We have to get the medical professionals involved at that point," he said, noting that this wasn't a problem in his prior posting in Turtleford.

Looking at the numbers for April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019, Ashworth says his detachment undertook 12 trafficking investigations (up from 8 the year prior), 1 investigation into production, and 15 possession-related investigations (down from 25).

Of those 15 possession charges, eight were specifically for meth, and Ashworth says that this could have much to do with the fact that it can be produced right in the home. That said, he also believes that at least some of it is coming from the cities.

"We do believe it's coming from the city areas. We've linked up with the Integrated Street Enforcement Team in Prince Albert, and it's helped us in a couple matters dealing with drugs in our detachment area," he said, noting that drug investigations can move slowly, and that they depend heavily on tangible intelligence from the general public.



Being on the front lines of the battle against drugs and addictions, Ashworth says the dependency that some people can have on drugs is shocking. Worse, though, is that dependency can strike anyone, anywhere, at any time, and destroy not just the life of the addict, but whole families as well.

"My family's not immune to that," Ashworth said. "We had to deal with that with a family member, and it took a long time for that recovery to really start. It's not one of those things you can fix overnight."

In dealing with a family member with an addiction, Ashworth says families need to be persistent, and support their loved one in any way that helps break their dependence.

Rennie, meanwhile, urges parents to check in with their children, and to have open and honest communication with them, if they notice drastic changes in

behaviour, such as getting in trouble with the law, ditching school, or other behavioural issues.

He cautions, however, that there's a "fine line" between helping and enabling an addict, and that it ultimately comes down to the addict choosing to seek help.

"Often times people hit that breaking point when they've either exhausted their options, or their fam-

ily will no longer to talk to them, or they've lost their job or their home," he says.

"The individual wants to change, that is the biggest motivational factor for any success with anyone."

Anyone seeking help with addiction can contact Addiction and Mental Health Services in Prince Albert (306 765 6065), Shellbrook (306 747 4278), or Spiritwood (306 883 4462).

Village of Leask NOTICE ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Village of Leask for the year 2019 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the Assessor from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, May 3 to June 3, 2019.

A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal: The Assessor, Village of Leask, Box 40, Leask, SK S0J 1M0, by the 3rd day of June, 2019.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2019.

DeAnne Robblee, Assessor

PUBLIC NOTICE – R.M. of Canwood No. 494

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the R.M. of Canwood No. 494 intends to adopt a bylaw under The Planning and Development Act, 2007, to amend Bylaw No. 2003-7, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT The intent of the proposed bylaw amendment is to outline discretionary use criteria that will be considered by Council for any discretionary use application and development standards that may be applied to a development permit issued for an approved discretionary use.

REASON The reason for the amendment is to implement criteria for considering discretionary uses and development standards that may be applied when issuing a development permit for a discretionary use.

PUBLIC INSPECTION Any person may inspect the bylaw at the R.M. of Canwood No. 494 office located in Canwood during regular office hours. Copies of the bylaw will be made available.

PUBLIC HEARING Council will hold a public hearing on May 22, 2019, at 1:15 p.m. at the R.M. of Canwood No. 494 office in Canwood. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear any person or group that wants 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 hearing).

Issued at the R.M. of Canwood No. 494 on May 2, 2019.

Lorna Benson
Rural Municipal Administrator

R.M. OF SHELLBROOK NO. 493 ASSESSMENT ROLL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll of the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493 for the year of 2019 has been prepared and is open for inspection in the office of the Assessor from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday from May 6/2019 to June 6/2019.

A bylaw pursuant to Section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to appeal against his/her assessment is required to file his/her notice of appeal accompanied by \$200.00 appeal fee per roll number with The Assessor, R.M. of Shellbrook, Box 250, Shellbrook, Sask, S0J 2E0, by the 6th of June, 2019.

Dated at Shellbrook, Saskatchewan, this 3rd day of May, 2019.

Donna Goertzen
Administrator

Environment Field Office Changes

Effective May 14, 2019, the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment will no longer offer in-person service at the following locations:

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- Buffalo Narrows
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- Spiritwood
- Wadena
- Weyburn

Hunting and angling licences can be purchased through private vendors, by phone or online through the Hunting, Angling and Trapping Licence system.

For more information on how to access ministry services, please visit saskatchewan.ca/environment, call the Inquiry Centre at 1-800-567-4224 or email centre.inquiry@gov.sk.ca.

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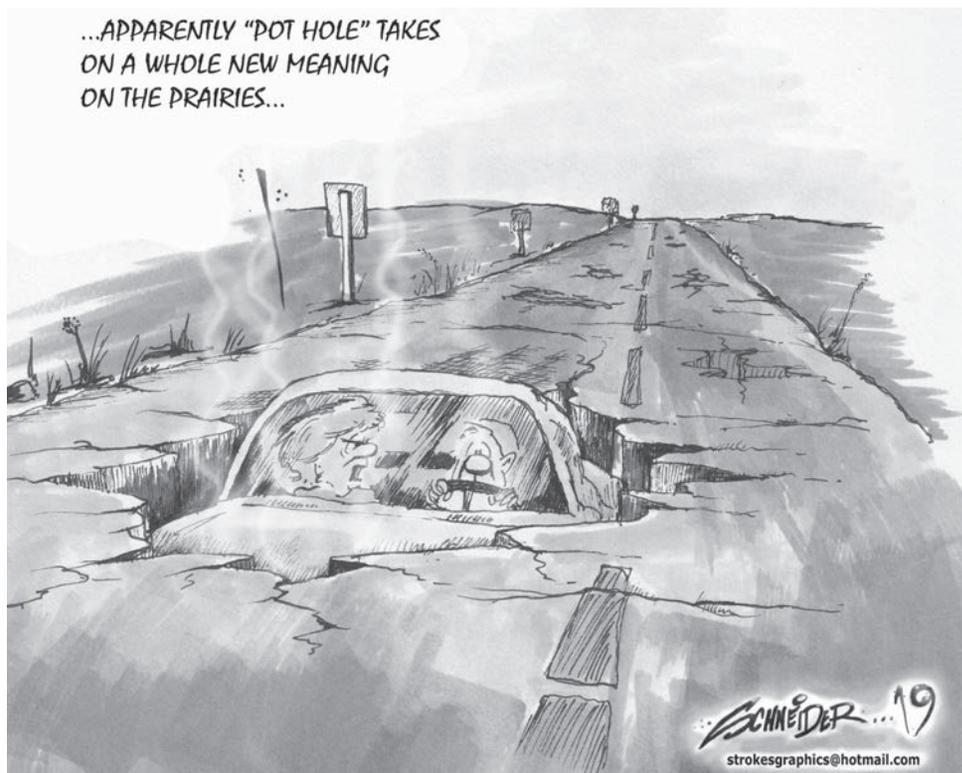
“Must have seemed like...”

I submitted an article to the Herald for this week's issue, and I'm left with the feeling that I may have editorialized somewhat. It should be the goal of every reporter to cover news items without bias, emotion, or opinion.

Even though I write for a small town weekly newspaper, I do take my work seriously and I try to avoid getting emotionally involved in a story.

I'm not sure I succeeded with this one, as I found the situation disturbing and I may not have done a good job hiding it.

The incident I'm referring to happened April 22, or at least, that's when Spiritwood Minor Ball said it happened. Someone, in his or her wisdom, gouged one of the ball diamonds by using it as a dirt bike track, leaving a few trenches across the infield.



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Columnist

“It must have seemed like a good idea at the time,” I thought. Who in their right mind would choose the ball diamond as a place to ride a dirt bike?

The damage done may not take a whole lot to fix. The infield looked a little un-level to begin with and I'm sure the folks trying to get the diamonds ready for play were planning on doing more work on it – maybe adding some more shale if they could find some money to do it.

But the point is that we've had some pretty crappy diamonds for far too long, and within the past year or so a group has come forward to invest a lot of time, both

in working on the improvements or on fundraising projects in order to pay for them. They don't deserve to have their work and their efforts denigrated by senseless vandalism of this sort.

In making the announcement to their Facebook page, Spiritwood Minor Ball posted “Once again I regret having to post this. Sometime yesterday someone decided the new shale infield was a good place to practice their dirt biking skills. If you or your child has a dirt bike please rethink your desire to cause us more unneeded stress as we try to get these ball diamonds ready for seasons start in less than 2 weeks.”

The implication in that, obviously, is that it was some young person who is the culprit. That's a cross that all young people have to bear. There are likely hundreds of kids who know that riding a dirt bike across a ball diamond isn't an appropriate thing to do, and the one person who does is enough to cast a negative light on everyone.

However, it's a legitimate desire to have all parents talk to their kids about what is and is not good behaviour. Too often, the advice given to a young dirt-biker is “be careful” and that's the end of the safety lecture.

How often have you seen people standing up riding quads or snow machines. I ride neither, so I don't know whether it's safe or not, but I tend to think it isn't. Prove me wrong, if you must.

In a perfect world, the dirt-bikers would leave the ball diamonds alone. In a near-perfect world, the person who did this would come out on a work bee night and pitch in to get the diamonds in shape for spring.

In the past, a rain of any kind would render the diamonds unusable for weeks or longer. Ball season? How many games do they actually play, given that the field has to dry up over several days?

The Minor Ball group and other volunteers (some of whom have no kids involved) have spent many hours and lots of money trying to rectify the situation, and they've done an amazing job. They could actually use more support, and certainly could use fewer people undoing their efforts.

Just a note: the Dirty Pitches Slo-Pitch tournament will be designating their proceeds to Minor Ball to help keep the improvements going. If you can't play, at least go out and have a beer and a burger and help them do just that.

Libraries still key to building strong communities

“I entered politics to help the little guy. To make life easier for you and your family. Not only so you can make ends meet, but also so you can get ahead and prosper.”

Can you guess which Canadian politician made that pledge to his voters before being elected to office? If so, you either have an excellent memory or, like the vast majority of people these days, you plopped the text into Google and let it do the work for you.

The answer, for those who don't know or don't care to Google, is, quite shockingly, Ontario Premier Doug Ford. Now, I say shockingly because, after nearly a year in office, nothing that Mr. Ford's government has done seems to jive with the above statement.

Indeed, though Mr. Ford claims to be a man who is working “for the people,” it's far easier to tell who he's not working for.

Given his decisions to axe Ontario's basic income pilot program before it had been given time to collect significant data, and to cancel a scheduled \$1 minimum wage increase, he's certainly not “for” his province's poorest and most vulnerable – the “little guy” as he so colloquially refers to them.

With his proposed cuts to education funding, which will very likely result in thousands of teacher layoffs and burgeoning class sizes, Mr. Ford clearly isn't for his province's teachers (in Mr. Ford's defence, teachers aren't necessarily the “little guy”, but they also aren't the “Liberal political elite” bogeymen that he conjures up to send his supporters into a tizzy).

In the same way that Mr. Ford isn't working for Ontario's teachers, he's also not working for the students, who are most certainly among the “little guys”. Larger class sizes certainly don't benefit students, nor does a sex education curriculum from 1998, nor do the changes Mr. Ford's government has made to student loans and grants for post-secondary education.

Continuing down the lengthy list, Mr. Ford's recent decision to cancel a program that would have planted 50 million trees across the province signals that he's certainly not in the corner of the environment (a move that affects us all, big or little).

Then of course, there's Mr. Ford's cuts to OHIP (the province's healthcare coverage program), prescription coverage and other public health programs, cuts to au-



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tism services, and, most recently, a 50 per cent slash to funding for Ontario libraries – all decisions that, you guessed it, will harm the “little guy” that Mr. Ford claims to be working for the most.

If those library cuts sound familiar, it's likely because they so closely resemble cuts that the Sask. Party government tried to make to library funding in 2017, before a mass outcry of public support and community protests forced it to walk the cuts back and admit that it “made a mistake.”

But unlike the outpouring of support that Saskatchewan's Libraries received, there seems to be a divide on the importance of libraries in Ontario.

Take the following anonymous online comment, offered in support of Mr. Ford's decision, for instance: “I don't even know why we need libraries. Physical books aren't needed. Read on an electronic device or research on the internet. That's called progress. Many libraries are just havens for homeless individuals during the day. That's not what they are designed for.”

Worse than public indifference, Ontarians who support libraries, and understand their value to a community, are saddled with a premier who doesn't seem the type to walk back a decision or own up to a mistake. And less likely, still, is a scenario in which Mr. Ford changes course entirely, like the Sask. Party government appears to have done by increasing library funding in its most recent provincial budget.

But, lest the Sask. Party government make the mistake of forgetting the lesson it learned in 2017, it perhaps bears repeating that libraries are so much more than repositories of books, and that change is not always synonymous with progress.

As has been written in this space before, libraries are a source of free internet for those who may lack the service, or whose home service is inadequate. And in Shellbrook, Canwood, Spiritwood, and every small town and big city in between, libraries offer a wide array of fun and educational programming that benefits children, adults and seniors alike.

Libraries are, in short, a source of strength for any community fortunate enough to have one or more of them.

As a man claiming to work “for the people,” one would think that Mr. Ford would know this.

Report from the Legislature

From fighting the federal carbon tax and fixing Canada's flawed Equalization program to protecting jobs and ensuring programs and services are sustainable for years to come, your Saskatchewan Party government is standing up for Saskatchewan.

This week we sent a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, reiterating our concerns regarding the escalating trade restrictions China has placed on Canadian canola. Saskatchewan has proposed changes to the federally-administered Advance Payments Program to limit the effects of drastic changes in seeding intentions and to cushion producers from a need to sell into an artificially depressed market.

While the federal government seemed prepared to act quickly on this proposal, we are no further along today than we were nearly a month ago when it was first



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proposed. This lack of action from the federal government is concerning when canola producers are facing unprecedented uncertainty ahead of spring seeding.

We are repeating our request that changes be made immediately to mitigate the risk to our canola producers in Saskatchewan while the federal government seeks to resolve its issues with China. We have also expressed a willingness to participate

in a mission to China to resolve this issue through scientific or diplomatic means. In fact, we have offered any and all assistance to the federal government to resolve this matter.

Large fires and extremely dry conditions continue to be a concern across the province. In these conditions, cigarette butts, hot ATV exhaust, and even bonfires can easily trigger grass fires that quickly burn out of control.

Thank you to all Saskatchewan firefighters and emergency personnel for their response so far. Please pay attention and follow any fire bans issued by your municipality, as they are put in place for everyone's protection.

Our province is grateful for the volunteer and professional firefighters and first responders who keep our people, property and communities safe.

Recently, we announced



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that Saskatchewan's 6,500 volunteer firefighters will soon have easier access to Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) benefits. Volunteer firefighters will have access to the same presumptive coverage as professional firefighters.

Expanded presumptive coverage was first introduced for professional firefighters through an amendment to the legislation introduced this past Decem-

ber, which includes six additional cancers – prostate, skin, breast, cervical and ovarian cancer as well as multiple myeloma.

Our government recently announced the expansion of the Rural Crime Advisory Network. Initially launched in southern Saskatchewan earlier this year, the program is a partnership with the RCMP that allows detachment commanders to send text messages, emails or phone calls to residents with information about criminal activity in their area.

Since the program was rolled out, people across the province have expressed interest and we're now proud to announce its expansion to include central and northern Saskatchewan. This allows the RCMP to get information to the residents directly and encourages them to contact police when they see similar, suspicious activity.

People are the eyes and ears of a community and every new person who signs up for this program boosts the reach of the network, allowing the RCMP to more effectively communicate with rural residents about crime in their area.

You can sign up today at saskrimewatch.ca.

Investments into Crime Reduction Teams, Protection and Response Teams, and Community Safety Officers have all helped in addressing rural crime. Part of these efforts include making sure that police and communities are able to communicate and work with each other.

The expansion of the Rural Crime Advisory Network is all about connecting people and it is part of our government's commitment to make sure our communities are safer so that Saskatchewan remains the best place in Canada to live, work and raise a family.

PREDA board appointments delayed by PA city council

A little over a month after its official formation, the Prince Albert Regional Economic Development Alliance (PREDA), has already hit its first snag.

At a city council meeting Monday evening, councillors shot down a list of seven names suggested to fill five director at large positions on the organization's 12-person board, because not all of the potential appointees live in Prince Albert.

Included on that list were Yvonne Groenen, Gordie Broda, Sharon Hopkins, Lynn Jansen, April Roberts-Poitras, Allan Webb, and Matthew Vermette.

Councillors, including Ward 6 councillor Blake Edwards, said that the city is putting the most money towards PREDA, and should have local representatives on the board.

"The region has other voices and I think Prince Albert, due to the fact we're the main funders, we should have

that extra voice," Edwards said. "It's nothing personal, but all along, the whole discussion with PREDA, I felt we should have a voice locally."

The City of Prince Albert is ponying up \$100,000 to fund PREDA, while the other signatory communities, the Town of Shellbrook, Muskoday First Nation, Peter Ballantyne Developments, and the rural municipalities of Buckland and Prince Albert, signed on at a lesser cost based on their populations.

Each community will be able to appoint a director to the board.

Craig Guidinger, director of planning and development with the city, said the seven names suggested would ensure a fair balance on the board, and that each of the people on the list, which was pared down from 18 applicants, has "specific and pointed" interests in Prince Albert and a range of skills and expertise.

Meanwhile, Ward 5 Councillor Dennis Ogrodnick urged city council to move forward on the project.

"I thought we were all clear," he said. "Our five directors are going to be looking out for the interests of the region, but also Prince Albert."

Mayor Greg Dionne said he is more interested in the qualifications and the skills of those suggested than his is in their addresses. Expressing disappointment in delay, he added that some of those on the suggested list have large businesses in the city and contribute through taxation and economic growth.

"We asked our staff to do the work, they did the work, and we have one or two that don't agree with it and wanted a different opinion, and so we've just delayed another project," he said. "It's just another delay for no reason."

The issue will return to council in May, pending another review by city administration.

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The Shell Lake Hall: gone but not forgotten



The Shell Lake Hall, pictured the day before it was demolished.



By Gladys Simonar

In the 1920s, the Shell Lake Hall sat on the Schwartz farm, about a mile and a half west of Shell Lake, where there was also a post office and a store.

It was owned by Louis Simonar Sr.

In 1930, it was moved to the present town location. It was pulled into town by a Twin City Steam engine and six horses.

It was well used for dances almost every weekend for many years, with music supplied by the Simonar Family Orchestra. This band of five to seven members played at dances from about 1920 to 1947. As family members got married and moved away, and Louis Sr. passed away, Ed recruited other musicians to keep the band playing until he joined Emil Lamontagne's band

in the 1970s, which became known far and wide as The Happy Wanderers.

As the town grew, so did the Hall. Additions were added to both the north and south ends. The north end now had a stage with a basement under it, where a wood burning barrel furnace was housed. The southern addition consisted of the Hall entrance, two cloakrooms, and a ticket booth. Many years later, a third addition was constructed on the east side. This was the kitchen, which had cupboards, shelves and a cook stove, but no running water or bathrooms.

Around this time, the old Hall was also used as a movie theatre. The projection room was

above the cloakrooms. The movie screen was on the wall behind a stage. I remember Cliff Henry from Spiritwood was the film man and projectionist.

We had a matinee every Saturday afternoon, and another showing of the same movie every Saturday evening.

The grocery stores and restaurants always stayed open until an hour after the show was over, so people could pick up their groceries or go for a cup of coffee.

After Mr. Henry moved away, the town ordered the movies, and Ed Simonar took over as the projectionist.

This Hall was used for everything that went on in the community: regular dances, wedding receptions and dances, bridal showers, anniversaries, birthdays, and farewell parties.

When I was a student at Shell Lake school, we had a Young People's Club that met in the Hall once a week to play games like badminton, table hockey, cards, crokinole, and many more. Of course, the students would always put on a Christmas concert every year, and occasionally CKBI would host an "Amateur Hour" at the Hall, where local talent would perform and the show would be broadcast over the radio.

In the late 60s, a Teen Club was formed, and many teen dances and record hops were held in this Hall.

There were also stew suppers, fowl suppers, pot luck suppers, meetings, and funerals held in this old Shell Lake landmark.

In 1977, the Lion's Club was formed in Shell Lake, and the new Lion's Community Hall was

built. The grand opening for the new Hall was in the spring of 1979.

The old Hall was sold and became a storage building. Spaces were rented out to golfers, and for almost 40 years, it has sheltered many golf carts.

Now, in April of 2019, this historic building has been torn down and put to rest, but memories of its service to the Shell Lake Community will remain.

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China-US spat casting shadow over global trade

There are rules to trade between most countries, but that does not mean those rules are always followed.

Of course there are avenues to push for the rules to be applied properly, but like the wheels of justice in general the process on world trade has wheels which move slowly.

The body in terms of world trade is ultimately the World Trade Organization (WTO), which recently again came to the forefront in terms of farm trade, as it brought down

a ruling in favour of the United States in a trade dispute regarding China's application of tariff-rate quotas (TRQ's) for wheat, corn and rice.

What is interesting here, more so than the ruling, is the general slowness of the process.

According to a recent Western Producer article, "the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) estimated that US\$3.5 billion of corn, wheat and rice could have been imported by China in 2015, if the



CALVIN DANIELS

latter applied the TRQ's in a proper manner.

We are now talking about a trade issue that was first noted four-plus years ago.

Granted, the same article also noted, "it

wasn't until December 2016 that the U.S. requested consultations with China regarding the latter's application of TRQ's. Eight months later the U.S. turned to the WTO to settle the matter, and submissions from the U.S. and China were made during the spring of 2018."

However you mark the actual dates on a calendar the dispute hung a cloud over trade between two major economic powers for an extended period of time. While such a dispute might be assumed

to singularly involve the two countries directly involved, when it is major traders such as China and the U.S., it does hang a cloud over trade in the particular commodities involved on a broader basis.

In this particular case, the dispute is but one element of a larger issue in terms of world trade, which has the U.S. and China in a confrontation separate from trade, but with trade being dragged into the dispute as a club for both sides to bring pressure to bear.

The dispute is ultimately a symptom of a protectionist American government, led by a wild card president, positioned versus a China that has emerged as a world economic leader and is flexing its economic muscles to get what it wants.

It is a situation which should be seen as worrisome, as it brings a definite air of instability in world trade which has nothing to do with supply and demand economics, but is being caused by political arrogance and posturing.

Farmers cannot wait any longer for action on canola exports to China

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) says the growing season is here and farmers need to know what our governments are planning to do about the shut-down of Canadian canola exports to China.

"Spring seeding has begun in some parts of the province, and many other producers are getting close," says Todd Lewis, APAS President. "Saskatchewan farmers need to

know now whether the government intends to put any additional supports in place to help them manage the unprecedented risk in growing canola this year."

APAS brought several proposals to a meeting with the federal agriculture and trade ministers a month ago in Saskatoon but have not heard anything since.

"Obviously, diplomatic conversations and negotiations need to be happening

at the highest level in order to resolve this situation, but in the meantime, there are steps the government can take to strengthen the safety nets available to our farmers."

APAS has suggested improvements to the Cash Advance Program as well as the following changes to the Federal-Provincial Agri-Stability program:

- Enhance Agri-Stability coverage to deal with export

market issues,

- Waive enrolment fees for 2019 Agri-Stability applications,

- Extend the 2019 enrolment deadline beyond April 30, and waive late enrolment penalties,

- Be prepared to make Agri-Stability interim payments should trade issues seriously reduce farm income

- Make Saskatchewan Crop Insurance staff available to

assist producers with their applications

"These programs are intended to help producers cope with situations of uncertainty and risk and provide emergency support to producers and rural families. It is time for the government to step up and commit to program changes that will provide meaningful financial support during this time of need. The time to act is now," Lewis said.

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LOT 3-BLK/PAR W-PLAN 101846763 EXT 0	147090472	3,582.40	33.00	3,615.40
LOT 10-BLK/PAR 33-PLAN 80PA06794 EXT 0	130918226	21,309.77	33.00	21,342.77
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Pair sentenced for 2018 home invasion near Debden

A man and woman were sentenced to jail time for their roles in a home invasion and high-speed chase near Debden on May 25, 2018.

Appearing in Prince Albert Provincial Court on Monday, Erin Mindy Whitefish, 29, was handed a 32-month sentence, after pleading guilty to 19 charges relating to the incident, and a number of other incidents that occurred

over a 43-day period in the spring of 2018.

With time already served, Whitefish will spend another 16 months behind bars.

Meanwhile, her co-accused, 22-year-old Ryan Lee LaChance, received a 20 month sentence.

LaChance is already serving a sentence of 14 months, stemming from an incident in the Spiritwood area. The two sentences will overlap,

giving him an extra six months behind bars.

Additionally, both LaChance and Whitefish are prohibited from having weapons for 10 years after their release from jail. LaChance also received a one-year driving ban, while Whitefish was handed a two-year driving ban.

Originally, Whitefish's defence counsel had asked that Judge Steven Schiefner give her a joint

sentence of 15 months.

However, Due to the gravity of the offences, Schiefner rejected this request, despite the fact that Whitefish apologized in court earlier this month.

"All of those people were victims of the dangerous behaviour that you engaged in," Schiefner said. "You hurt a lot of people."

In sentencing LaChance, Provincial Court Judge Hugh Harradence took into account his troubled upbringing and involvement in gangs, but noted that he needed to take responsibility for his actions.

"Mr. LaChance needs to realize that this causes real-life stress and pain to people,"

Harradence said.

LaChance's lawyer, meanwhile, said he feels remorse for his actions, described him as a "follower" and "susceptible to peer pressure", and said he didn't act alone in the incidents.

The incident for which LaChance and Whitefish were sentenced occurred just after midnight on May 25, 2018, when the pair drove onto the rural property of Lori and Ernest Collins in a stolen black pick-up truck.

The pair proceeded to steal fuel before breaking into the house and stealing two loaded guns from the home, and fleeing the property.

While returning from working in the fields, Ernest Collins spotted the pair leaving the

property, and gave chase in his own vehicle, even ramming the truck from behind. However, he backed off after he heard gunshots.

Speaking to paNOW, Collins said that the incident has left he and his wife on the hook for thousands of dollars in damages and increased insurance costs, and that it has left them feeling unsafe in their home – a sentiment echoed in rural areas across the province.

"It's put our whole life into turmoil," he told paNOW. "Our neighbours, and family and friends, they've been overwhelming with support for sure, I don't think we could have got through this without them."

Human remains found after Big River FN trailer fire

On April 26th, 2019 at 11:45 p.m., Big River RCMP received a call of a structure fire on Big River First Nation, Saskatchewan.

When Debden Fire Department and RCMP arrived on scene a house trailer was found fully engulfed in flames. Human remains of one adult were discovered inside the trailer.

Police are working to establish the

identity of the deceased, but confirmation cannot be made until an autopsy has been completed.

An autopsy is scheduled for this week in Saskatoon.

Big River RCMP is continuing the investigation into the cause of the fire with the assistance of the Saskatchewan Coroner's Office and a Provincial Fire Scene Examiner.



Saskatchewan Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program

The Saskatchewan Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program is now available in hospitals across the province that regularly deliver babies. Newborns receive a hearing screening test before being discharged from the hospital to identify any early signs of hearing difficulty. By identifying early signs of hearing loss, the language and literacy skills of children who are deaf or hard of hearing can be improved.

The Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program is available in:

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- Melfort
- Moose Jaw
- Moosomin
- Nipawin
- North Battleford
- Regina
- Rosetown
- Saskatoon
- Swift Current
- Yorkton
- Coming soon- Prince Albert

For more information on the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program, please visit www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/accessing-health-care-services/audiology-and-hearing-services

Shell Lake Spring Fling sees full house

The Shell lake Lions Club hosted the 16th annual Spring Fling on Saturday April 27, 2019.

It was a full house that enjoyed local Saskatchewan Country music entertainer, Rod Gjerde, who did a tribute to Merle Haggard.

Rod sang many of Merle's number 1 hits from the 1960s to the 1980s. In that time Merle Haggard had 38 number one hits, from "Mama Tried" in 1968 to "Silver Wings" in 1981.

The Shell Lake Lions Club would like to express gratitude to the



Rod Gjerde and company entertaining the appreciative crowd.

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Applications will be received until noon, Friday, May 10, 2019.



Minutes of a Village of Canwood meeting

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the Village of Canwood, held in the Village office on Monday, March 18, 2019, commencing at 9:32 a.m.

Present were Mayor – Robert Thompson, Deputy Mayor – Larry Freeman, Councillors – Lloyd Bather and Joe English, and Administrator – Erin Robertson.

Delegations:

10 a.m.: Susan Hansen, Chair Person for the Village and R.M. of Canwood 100th Anniversary Committee. Discuss remainder of funds, work remaining and ongoing maintenance as it relates to the monument

11:07 a.m.: Dean Andersen, Maintenance Manager Bather: That the minutes of the Feb. 11, 2019, Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented.

Carried
Freeman: That the Statement of Financial Activities and Bank Reconciliation for the month of February 2019 be approved as presented. Carried

English: That we issue Cheques 4631 to 4656, Other payments totaling \$29,362.40, as detailed on attached List of Accounts for Approval, Pay Period 02 and March payroll advance from the general account. Carried

Bather: That the water report for the month of February 2019 be approved as presented. Carried
Freeman: That we acknowledge receipt of Maintenance Manager calendar, Administrator and Office Staff Attendance Statement for February as presented. Carried
Thompson: That we request Affinity Credit Union open an Investor Savings account under member number 5108733 that will be utilized as the Village and R.M. of Canwood Monument fund.

Furthermore, once an account has been established, we advise the Village and R.M. of Canwood 100th Anniversary Com-

mittee and accept their payment of the funds currently on deposit with the committee remaining from the 100th Anniversary event and grants. Carried

Thompson: That we move to in-camera at 10:28 a.m. and ask that the Administrator remain in Council Chambers. Carried

Thompson: That we move out of in-camera at 10:57 a.m. Carried

Committee updates:

- Highway 55 Waste Management Corporation, verbal report provided by Robert Thompson and Larry Freeman
- Canwood Elks Community Hall, review Financial Statement and

Erin Robertson provided an update
Bather: That the correspondence be noted and filed:

- SGI Business Recognition assessment
- NCTPC Dec. 18, 2018, meeting minutes
- NCTPC Notice of Annual meeting and draft of Constitution and Bylaws

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- 4-H Canada Request for support
- Canwood Elks Community Centre Annual Financial Statement for period ending Jan. 31, 2019
- Royal Canadian Legion request for support

English: That we agree to table the Draft Financial Statements for 2018. Carried

Bather: That we agree to set a budget meeting date of Wednesday, April 3, 2019, commencing at 9:30 a.m. Carried

Bather: That we adjourn at 1:37 p.m. with the next meeting of Council to be held on Monday, April 15, 2019, commencing at 9:30 a.m. Carried

Buying a new home? Understand the process

(NC) Purchasing a home is a highly personal and emotional decision, but also a major financial commitment. In Canada, the real estate market is ever-changing, and regulation and mortgage rate changes are plentiful. Many factors are at play, and affordability is often a key concern.

It can be a lot to keep up with and difficult to feel truly knowledgeable and confident about entering the market, whether it's your first or fifth time as a buyer. To help you navigate through the process, here's a breakdown of the major milestones:

Dream: When you're not quite at the stage to put the pedal to the metal and start hunting for your next home, this is the stage where your options are limitless and information gathering is essential. Create a budget and savings plan – take some time to understand

what you need to buy your first or next home.

Shop: You've made the decision that it's time to move; mortgage and home shopping are imminent. Consider researching the different types of homes and neighbourhoods you're interested in as well as planning what your budget would look like so you're informed. Talking to a mortgage specialist will help you with mortgage math and the total costs of homeownership, while a realtor will help with finding listings suited to your needs and preferences.

Buy: You're not just buying a home, but likely a mortgage as well. This is a major financial milestone and, for many, this will be the largest investment of a lifetime. This is also the stage where expenses will start to ramp up, as the majority of buyers start making purchases before the move, so all the planning and bud-

getting you conducted will continue to be of the utmost importance. Once your purchase is confirmed, make sure you celebrate.

Move: Transition is upon you. Relocating can be stressful, but also exciting. Getting organized and settled in your new space is an exciting time.

Live: Time to love your new home. Whether

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GOOD NEWS

'EVIL' IS OF MAN'S DESIGN, NOT GOD'S

**Scott Manly
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When I discuss the Biblical story of creation with friends and acquaintances that are atheist or agnostic, I frequently find one issue that seems to prevent them from accepting it – the evil in the world.

Sure, we look around and see such a wonderful world of beauty and magnificent life, mysteries to marvel over that scream of design. But at the same time, we see intermingled with these, elements of pain, suffering and death.

Charles Darwin himself wrote to a friend that such suffering that we see in the predator-prey relationship, or even worse, in the sickening world of parasites (the stuff of nightmares) would come from the hand of an all-loving

God is contemptible. I agree. In the first chapter of the Bible we find, "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good." Genesis 1:31. Surely parasites, predators and pathogens are not "very good."

What we need to understand is that these things are not a part of God's perfect original design and creation. Something changed. We read in Genesis 2 that Adam and Eve were given only one restriction in their existence – do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Genesis 2:16,17. And in chapter 3, we see that the serpent (under the control of the devil) deceived and tempted Eve to disobey God's command, and she gave the same fruit to her husband who ate it.

When they disobeyed,

they were soon hiding from God, and when He came into the garden looking for them (He knew where they were, but was seeking to give them opportunity to confess their sin), He pronounced some curses. God cursed the serpent for his deception, causing to crawl on his belly as we know today. Recent genetic studies have made it clear that snakes did indeed lose their legs, some still possessing pelvic girdles and even the remnants of hind legs. But God also pronounced curses to Adam and Eve.

In particular, His curse upon Adam was, "cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field." Genesis 3:17,18. The Bible says

that God cursed 1. the ground, 2. for man's sake.

The chastisement was to be redemptive, not punitive. The added labour needed to live was to build character in Adam. And in that the ground itself would be cursed, it would affect all creation. The ground, the soil would no longer be as productive as it had been, and not only would Adam have to work harder to eat by it, so would all of creation as well. Plants would not be as nutritious as a result, and the nutrient shortage would lead to parasitism and predators in the new competition for survival.

We can see this curse, and its effects all around us. Bugs had to adapt to survive, and thus parasites came into being. Yes, God created and designed the creatures, but the lifestyles He did not.

For instance, mosquitoes are pesky little buggers that seem to delight in poking us with their proboscis and sucking blood from us. But an interesting fact is that not all mosquitoes suck blood. In fact, only female mosquitoes do so. Males use their proboscis to suck plant juices. So do female mosquitoes, but when there are carrying fertile eggs, they need more nutrients, and have turned to sucking blood to meet that demand.

Another example of altered lifestyles in creation is the Kea Parrot of New Zealand. These birds used their strong beaks to dig up roots of certain plants for food. But New Zealanders began clearing forests to develop the land. Part of that land included new pastures for their sheep.

The Kea needed to adapt or die off, so their

adaptation was to use their strong beaks to dig into the back of sheep to eat the kidneys of these animals. When New Zealanders realized the monster they had created, they sought to re-establish forests for these birds. That did diminish the problem, but the birds had learned a new behaviour that they have continued to this day.

The finger is not to be pointed at God for the evil in this world, but at man for his disobedience. The order of creation we see today is not what originally came forth from God's hand.

Still, there is yet a back story to this one that needs to be discussed. If God made such a perfect world, why did the serpent do what he did? Where did this serpent come from?

I will address this next time.

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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 held in the Leask Municipal Office on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019.

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.

Gossen: That we adopt the minutes of the regular Council Meeting of Jan. 9, 2019. Carried

Thiel: That we approve payments as listed:

Leask Sports Centre: \$671.98

Town of Leask re: Library cost share: \$3,243.62

Co-op Cardlock: \$995.79

Village of Leask re: fire Hall: \$485.26. Carried

Girod: That the attached list of account for approval be approved. Cheques 12062 12098 and Other 5003-5019 for a total of \$124,319.14. Carried

Diehl: That we approve Council's remuneration Cheques #11043- 11049 for a total of \$2,391.50. Carried

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

Diehl: That we receive the Income Statements for January and February 2019 as presented. Carried

DELEGATION: Robert Dagenais, Councillor for R.M. of Blaine Lake, attended to inquire about purchasing gravel from the R.M. of Leask for their municipality's needs. The Council will consider the request when we deliberate our own 2019 requirements.

Gossen: That Development Permits be issued to ratepayers with the condition that all elements of conformity exist on that property. Further, that a cost be established to satisfy conformity and that an irrevocable letter of credit or some form of security be obtained for that cost and as a condition of the development permit being issued. Carried

DELEGATION: Murray Kasun attended the meeting to inform the council of the ambulance service needs in the Shellbrook/Leask area. The response time is extensive and a solution to this situation would be to have an ambulance stationed in Shellbrook. Mr. Kasun asked for a letter of support from the R.M. of Leask.

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Tiger resumes chase for 18 majors

Tiger Woods is back on the train to Jack's 18.

Once thought automatic, then impossible, winning 18 major golf championships is now back in the discussion after Woods stunned the sports world by winning the 2019 Masters at Augusta, Ga.

What a comeback! Woods was 1,199th in the world in December of 2017. Now he's officially No. 6. In the hearts of legions of golf fans, he's No. 1.

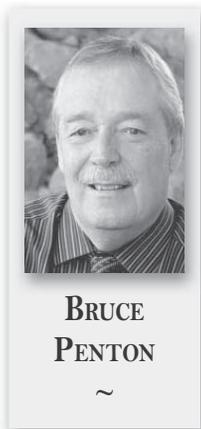
It was in late January of 2015 and the tentative comeback attempt by Woods from injury, scandal and public humiliation was in its infancy. It was sad. He was at the Phoenix Open, having not played a regular PGA Tour schedule for most of 2014, finishing only three tournaments. Back injuries had him wondering whether he would ever play again.

So here he was in Phoenix in 2015, trying to start another comeback. He shot

73 in the first round and skulled and chunked chips in the second round en route to an embarrassing 82. The critics were quick to declare his storied career finished. When he withdrew prior to the first round the next week at San Diego, the critics' claims seemed validated.

Not so fast.

He hobbled his way to 10 more tournaments in 2015, making the cut in six, but managing only one top 10. He didn't play at all in 2016 and Woods made a momentous decision following a missed cut at the Farmers Insurance Open in San Diego in January of 2017 — to have back fusion surgery in April, costing him the entire 2017 season. Later in 2017, he was arrested for DUI with a concoction of pain-killing drugs in his system, creating an unforgettable mug shot. The low point had been reached. "He'll never be back," was a common refrain.



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You know the rest. He returned for the 2018 campaign, rising to as high as 12th in the world rankings, racking up seven top 10s and winning the Tour Championship.

But would he ever win a major again? Could he possibly resume his chase for Jack Nicklaus's storied record of 18 major titles? A major had eluded Woods since winning No. 14 in 2008. "No. 15 will be the hardest," said Tour rival and Florida buddy Rickie Fowl-

er, leaving unsaid that if Woods were to win his 15th major, others could quickly follow.

So the golf world's eyes will be on Woods, now 43, at mid-May's PGA at Bethpage Black in New York, at June's U.S. Open at Pebble Beach in California and at the Open Championship in July at Northern Ireland's Royal Portrush. "The best thing for the game would be for him to win a couple of majors and get closer to 18 and things will go really crazy," another fellow pro, Marc Leishman, told SI.com's Alan Shipnuck. "They're going crazy now. Can you imagine?"

• Headline at SportsPickle.com: "So it turned out that Tiger Woods was the next Tiger Woods."

• Patti Dawn Swanson in the River City Renegade on NHL playoff officiating: "The skunk shirts are mak-

ing more mistakes than your local meteorologist."

• Headline in theonline.com: "Steve Kerr Reminds Warriors To Seem Sad De-Marcus Cousins Injured"

• TC in BC: "Baltimore Orioles' Chris Davis ended his record hitless streak this week at 54 at bats. The most embarrassing part was when his hitting coach pitched him beach balls in batting practice and he still struck out four times."

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "With the Lightning suffering a Round 1 sweep, I'll spare them electrical puns, like lacking a spark, feeling re-volted or the Jackets being amped up. I'll only say this: Watt happened?"

• One more from Currie: "Phillies star Bryce Harper and his wife are expecting their first baby. They've set aside part of his \$330 million salary to bribe the kid's way into the best kindergar-

ten possible."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Tiger Woods' redemptive win at the Masters was nearly undone in the third round when a security guard slipped and slid into Woods' ankle, but it all worked out in the end. Tiger got his green jacket, and the guard got a yellow card."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com, on Robert Kraft and karma: "How perfect that the Patriots finally are on other side of being unknowingly videotaped."

• Jack Finarelli of SportsCurmudgeon.com, on Magic Johnson's ill-fated front-office tenure: "You might say that the Lakers hired 'Magic' Johnson as their team president, but they got 'Earvin' Johnson in terms of performance."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Highlights of an R.M. of Leask council meeting

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Girod: That we write a letter of support for the placement of an ambulance based in Shellbrook to decrease the response time for services in the area. Carried

Diehl: That the administration be authorized to obtain security from the applicant of a development permit in order to assure compliance with any conformity required in order to issue a Development Permit. Carried

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

DELEGATION: Ashley Kowalchuk and Jeremy Brown, Conservation Programs Specialists with Ducks Unlimited attended the meeting to make a brief presentation outlining some of the programs they run and to answer questions about their organization.

Musich: That Jonathan Nelson be hired to fill the full time Grader/Equipment Operator as per the union agreement. Carried

Girod: That the Public Works report be accepted as presented. Carried

Stieb: That the Leask Fire Department Financial report for 2018 be accepted as presented. Carried

Stieb: That we approve payment to Bunker Fire & Safety for \$7,019.00 for fire fighters gear. Carried

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

Musich: That we provide the information requested and return the Sask Power request Files Number 20236688 for services in the municipality. Carried

Stieb: That the municipality has no interest in the ag lease land in the name of Jeanette Clark and that we sign the said application for sale of lease land. Carried

Thiel: That Gordon Stieb be appointed as Hail Delegate for 2019. Carried

Stieb: That amend Resolution #21/19 to include "for a 5 year period". (This was a motion authorizing the administrator to sign a Land Use Permission form with the Saskatchewan Snowmobile Assoc. for 2019/2020.)

Gossen: That the Administrator be authorized to attend the SAMA convention as a delegate on April 10, 2019 in Saskatoon. Carried

Stieb: That the correspondence be filed. Carried

Gossen: That this meeting adjourn at 5:35 p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

BLAINE LAKE: Wapiti Library - Books, Movies, Magazines, Children's Section, Internet, Printing, Study/Meeting Space, Proctor Service, Community Programming. Hours: Wednesday 12 pm - 6 pm; Friday 1 pm - 5 pm; Saturday 12 pm - 4 pm. Contact us for more info 306-497-3130, www.wapitilibrary.ca.

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SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Theatre Movie Night, Fri., May 10, A Dog's Way Home; Fri., May 24, Welcome to Marwen. Doors Open 7 p.m. Showtime 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$5

SHELLBROOK: Kinette's Mother's Day Brunch - Sunday, May 12th, 10 am - 1 pm, Shellbrook Community Hall. Take-out available for all our farmers out there!

LEASK & CANWOOD: Walter Willoughby Horticultural Society - Bedding Plant Sales. Leask: Community Hall, Wed., May 22 (10 - 2). To book a table call Muriel 306-466-2026. Canwood: Curling Rink, Mon., May 27 (10 - 2). To book a table call Hilda 306-468-2659. Both sales will have pork on a bun lunch!

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Five ways having a dog improves your health

(NC) Coming home after a long and stressful day and being greeted by a wagging tail, you instantly feel happier. Not only does your own experience show this, but so does research. Scientific evidence shows that having a dog in your family improves your health and well-being.

Here are some of the ways your canine companion is improving your well-being:

1. **More exercise:** Research shows that people living with a dog walk more than others – approximately 20 minutes more per day – resulting in lower blood pressure and cholesterol.

2. **Relaxation:** Spending time with your animal and petting them is an instant de-stressor. It releases feel-good hormones like serotonin and oxytocin, while lowering the stress hormone cortisol.

3. **Social interaction:** Pets can help you connect with other people, whether a new neighbour strikes up a conversation about your dog,

or you get to know the regulars at the dog park.

4. **Sense of purpose:** Even if you don't want to get up in the morning, your dog jumping on the bed wanting to go outside is a motivator. With this sense of belonging and value, those who have dogs are generally happier, more trusting and less lonely.

5. **Longer life:** Various studies have shown that those with furry friends live longer than those without, likely due to the exercise and the close bond developed.

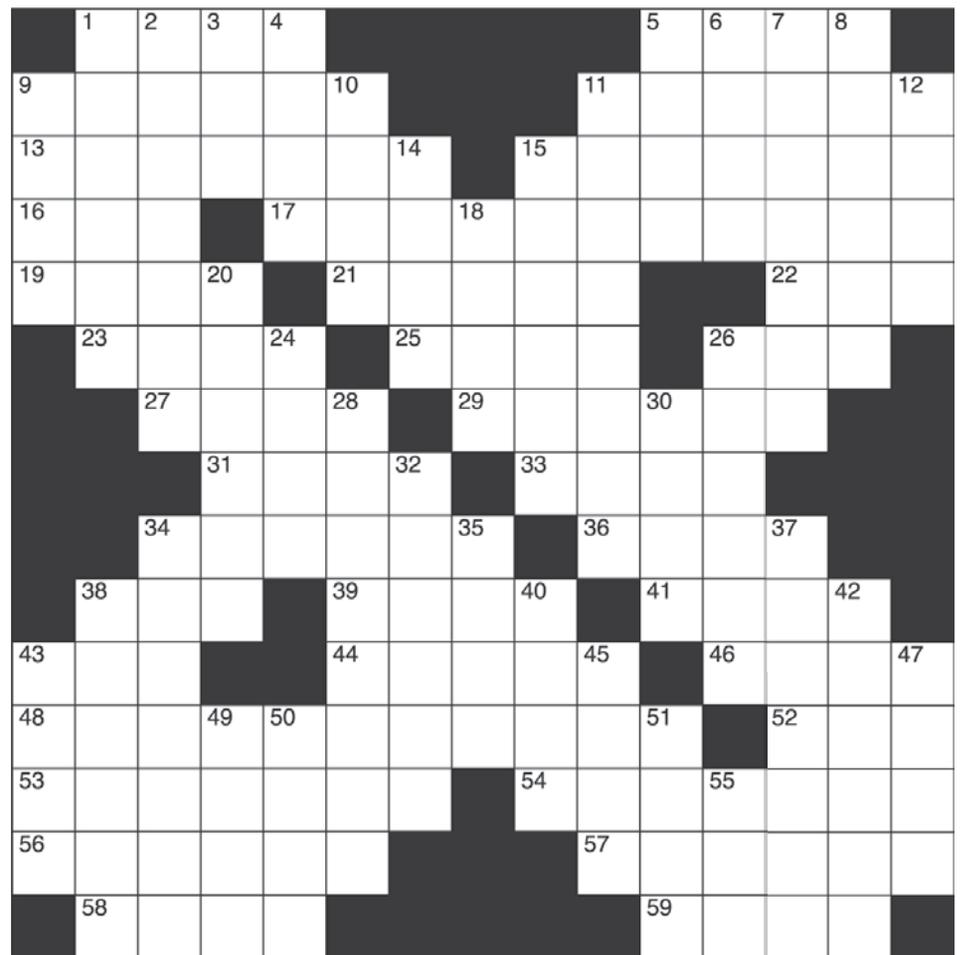
Your dog improves your health, so it's important for you to protect theirs. One potential health danger for both humans and canines is parasites, such as fleas, ticks and worms.

Talk to your veterinary team about an all-in-one option that protects your dog, and your family, against both internal and external parasites.

Find more information about protecting your furry friend's health at parasitepolice.ca.



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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Type of fruit
- 5. Unit of time
- 9. Oil company
- 11. Benson's "partner"
- 13. Fictional mob boss Tony
- 15. Visual record
- 16. Small constellation
- 17. Popular family TV series
- 19. Tough outer layer
- 21. Cut
- 22. Vietnamese offensive
- 23. Horizontal mine passage
- 25. Greek war god
- 26. Have already done
- 27. Six (Spanish)
- 29. Remarks for the audience
- 31. Relaxing spots

- 33. Prevent from seeing

- 34. Disguised
- 36. Comedian Rogen
- 38. Afflict in mind or body
- 39. Sour
- 41. People native to N. Mexico
- 43. No seats available
- 44. Ned ____, composer
- 46. A fit of irritation
- 48. Ability to move objects mentally
- 52. Luke's mentor __-Wan
- 53. Herbal medicine ingredient
- 54. Oscar-winning director Bigelow
- 56. Likes
- 57. In a sound way
- 58. Part of a staircase
- 59. Exemptions from play

CLUES DOWN

- 1. How will it play in ___?
- 2. Grows
- 3. Swiss river
- 4. Canadian flyers
- 5. Affirmative! (slang)
- 6. Root of taro plant
- 7. Large, long-legged rodents
- 8. Recycled
- 9. Pre-1917 emperor of Russia
- 10. Sometimes it's on you
- 11. Contrary beliefs
- 12. Remain as is
- 14. Spicy stew ___ podrida
- 15. Play time
- 18. Italian monetary unit
- 20. Type of fuel
- 24. Portable conical tent
- 26. Yazoo and Mississippi are two
- 28. What people earn
- 30. Insect repellent
- 32. After first
- 34. Plays the viola
- 35. Not good
- 37. Esteemed guest
- 38. Where rockers ply their trade
- 40. Office furniture
- 42. Ancient Greek oracles
- 43. Quantitative fact

- 45. Missing soldiers
- 47. Minute
- 49. This (Spanish)
- 50. Maintain possession of
- 51. Knife
- 55. What to say on New Year's Day (abbr.)

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Giants of the perennial border

By Sara Williams

Some are sun loving and others do best in shade, but they all need space. Lots of space!

Shield-leaf orastilboides (*Astilboides tabularis*) previously called *Rodgersia tabularis*, is the shortest of the giants, but its leaves are the largest. If you've visited English gardens and marveled at (and had your photo taken with) *Gunnera*, here is a slightly smaller but much hardier version. The perfect antidote for "Gunnera withdrawal" when prairie garden travelers invariably return home from gentler climes, I've grown it for over a decade in my rural Saskatchewan garden (formerly zone 2, now designated as zone 3).

A bold plant of great architectural value, it is nevertheless well behaved, forming a slowly enlarging clump. Its large circular leaves are 12 to 18 inches in diameter and about 3 feet in height. The leaf stalks are in the center of the leaf blade,

giving them an umbrella-like appearance. (Just hope for no hail!) As the genus name, *astilboides*, suggests, creamy white flowers, formed on four foot stalks in early summer, resemble those of a *stilbe*. The species name *tabularis* means table, a reference to the leaves, while one of the common names, shield-leaf, again describes the shield-like appearance of the foliage.

Plant it in full or partial shade in humus rich but well drained soil. It demands even moisture but should not be waterlogged. Mulching is beneficial.

Native to northern China, Manchuria and North Korea, where it grows in moist woodlands and near lakes and streams, it is much hardier than its classification in many publications suggests. It's excellent in a woodland garden alongside ferns and hostas and is easily divided in early spring. It should be much more widely available!



Astilboides tabularis showing its enormous round leaves and flowers resembling those of an astilbe. Image credit: Sara Williams

The giant white fleecy-flower (*Persicaria polymorpha*) makes a lasting and positive impression on all who see it. A massive perennial (up to 2.4 m/8 ft. in height and about half that in spread), it looks much more like a shrub than an herbaceous perennial. Huge plumes of white flowers (somewhat resembling those of the Japanese tree lilac) appear in mid-summer and remain until hard frost, gradually fading to an attractive cream colour.

It grows in sun to par-

tial shade and is extremely drought-tolerant once established.

Introduced to North America by Wolfgang Oehme, the famous landscape architect well known for his use of grasses, it seemed to have appeared out of nowhere and taken the continent by storm. But it was collected and described just after the turn of the last century by the Japanese botanist, Takenoshin Nakai, and is native to China and the Himalayas. I first saw it in Dawson Creek in the garden

of a friend who was kind enough to let me take a little piece of the thick rhizome (and attached stem) home with me on the plane. The same plant has now made its way as far east to Winnipeg and west to Calgary. It should be much more widely available!

The name giant scabious or giant pincushion flower (*Cephalaria gigantea*) says it all. Easily 6 feet in height and about 2 feet wide, this is another plant for the back of the border. The genus name, *Cephalaria*, is from the Greek word *kephale*, meaning head. It describes the shape of the pale-yellow flowers formed in mid-summer in 2-inch heads on erect stems high above the airy foliage. The common name, scabious, denotes the resemblance of the flowers to another hardy perennial, scabious.

In spite of its height, the overall impression of this perennial is one of lightness, openness and see-through-ability. It

does not require staking. If pinched in early spring it may be wider and is surprisingly drought-tolerant once established.

Place it in full sun. Native from the Caucasus Mountains to Siberia, it is relatively short-lived in zone 2, but will reseed.

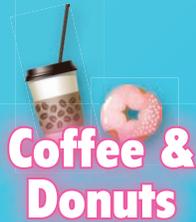
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