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## Tips take 1-0 series lead over Wheatkings



**Silvertips forwards Daryl Blais and Justin Kerr rush the Rosthern net, looking for a goal. The Wheatkings netminder wasn't giving any out on this play, but he did surrender enough for the Tips to skate away with a 5-3 victory.**

The Shellbrook Silvertips were back in action for round two of the Twin Rivers Hockey League playoffs on Saturday evening, hosting the Rosthern Wheatkings for game one of a best-of-five series.

The Tips were just over a week removed from a come-back victory in game three against the Dalmeny Sabres. And they came out eager, looking to avoid the mistakes that nearly ended their season early.

Saturday night's match-up began with fast-paced back and forth action, as both teams got a feel for each other. Then, just past the midway point of the

opening period, the Tips managed to sustain some offensive zone pressure and translate it into a goal.

Nathaniel Martin scored the game-opener, with Justin Kerr and Mitch Wourms providing the assists on the play.

Proving they could be just as dangerous on the penalty kill as they are at even strength, the Tips went up 2-0 by forcing a turnover that resulted in a clean breakaway. Wyatt Hinson netted the goal on a top-shelf sniper shot, and was unassisted on the play.

The Wheatkings closed the gap late in the frame, scoring on a hard shot

that just managed to slip through netminder Jon Nelson. Matt Pilon scored the goal, with helpers from Ryan Pilon and Paul Ayres.

However, the Tips bounced right back, making it look easy by scoring right off an offensive zone face off. Jody Blais scored the late marker, with assists from Parker Turner and Hinson.

After a strong start to game one, the Tips fell back on some old habits in the second period, coming out flat-footed. The relapse proved costly, allowing the Wheatkings to tie the game up at 3-3 before the end of the frame.

Devan Thiessen started off the scor-

ing for Rosthern, rifling home a shot off of an offensive zone face off after receiving assists from Matt Pilon and Michael Epp.

Then, with just seven seconds left in the frame, Ryan Pilon scored the game-tying goal on a rare penalty shot — a penalty shot that, in the home crowd's mind, was awarded on a questionable call by the officials.

The Tips bounced back from the second period slump, gradually taking control of the game as tensions between them and their opponents began to boil over.

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# Cameo Snowmobile Rally brings out 112 riders

Greeted by near-perfect conditions for snowmobiling, 112 riders showed up at the little Cameo Hall on Saturday, Feb. 15 to take part in the annual Cameo Snowmobile Rally.

The turnout, says Rally organizer Keith Mason, was as good as, if not better, than last year, meaning that the Cameo Community Club will be able to keep the lights on at the historic hall.

That, Mason adds, is the goal of the Cameo Snowmobile Rally over the past 40-plus years.

"That's our way of keeping in touch with everybody," he said. "We have people who come out to say hi, even if they don't Ski-doo around, so it's almost like a reunion every year. Everybody gets together, and it keeps the community intact."

As proof of how important and popular the

rally has become over the years, Mason adds that people put in a lot of effort to make sure that they come out, and even plan their holidays around the event.

Of course, another part of the Cameo Snowmobile Rally's success is the fact that it has changed and grown over the years, while holding true to its small community origins. As Mason explains, the rally was initially conceived of as a fundraiser for a local hockey team.

It wasn't until a few years into the event that the rally became about the Cameo Hall, and keeping it alive for future generations to make use of at events like bridal showers, vacation bible school, birthday parties and Christmas suppers.

Naturally, as the focus of the event has changed, so too has the scale. As Mason explained after



Left to right: Brian Person, Keith Mason, and Jerad Buckingham. Keith is presenting a check to the Canwood Sno-blazers for \$2,000.

last year's rally, the event originally only had 20 to 30 snowmobiles come out to ride a 20-mile trail with about three check-points.

As Mason put it, "It was more of a little local event than anything."

Fast forward to today's rallies, and the event routinely plays host to 100-plus snowmobilers, most of them still from the Shellbrook and Canwood area.

Now the ride is about 35 miles long, and it's all on groomed trails, thanks in no small part to the generous efforts of the Canwood Sno-blazers — the Cameo Community Club repaid these efforts, with a \$2,000 donation at this year's rally.

Apart from the growth in attendance and the expansion of the trail, there's also a lot more besides snowmobiling

going on during the rally, including the wind-down Kaiser tournament on Sunday.

Where the first few years of the rally saw snowmobilers earn trophies or prizes by drawing the best poker hand at the hall, and at the trail's check points, today's rallies now boast a silent auction table with lots of prizes, all donated by local and area businesses, as well as door prizes, 50/50 draws, and liquor basket raffles.

"We're lucky to have people who want to donate to us. Lots of times, we don't even have to ask that people want us to keep it going," he said.

With any small community event, there's only so long it can go on. But even at 40-plus years, Mason says the future of the Cameo Snowmobile Rally is looking as strong as ever. Helping this, he

explains, is the fact that young people are starting to move back to the area, and showing an interest in pitching in.

"Our club has some older people in it, and there are a few young ones starting to come up who are showing some interest. Hopefully this keeps going, because our families had done it in prior years, and we took it over from them."

That said, Mason adds that anyone is welcome to join the Cameo Snowmobile Rally family and help shoulder some of the considerable work that goes into putting it on year after year.

He also says that he and his fellow organizers are grateful for all the people, including attendees and volunteers, who help make the event happen.

"We'd love to see the same continued support," he said.

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Just over six minutes into the final frame, they were able to reclaim the lead on a beautiful top-shelf

**The Cameo Community Club** would like to thank everyone who donated and all the businesses who supported our snowmobile rally.

Also, a thank you to all the volunteers and everyone who came out to make our rally such a success!



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Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

Brenda Lockhart, Treasurer  
Town of Blaine Lake

shot from Brett Mason, who has been a clutch performer for the Tips in the postseason. Nick Martin earned the lone assist on the play.

The Tips added the insurance marker they needed just a few minutes later, when Daryl Blais flipped home a backhanded rebound. The goal, assisted by Dorin Canaday, was the Tips' second shorthanded goal of the night.

With time winding down in the final frame, the Wheatkings made a desperate last-ditch effort to close the gap. But, even with an extra skater, the Tips were able to keep them at bay and hold onto their game one victory.

Brett Mason earned himself "Tip of the Game" honours for scoring the go-ahead goal, and for a strong performance throughout the game.

Game two of the best of five series was slated to be

played Tuesday, Feb. 25. The Chronicle was unable to obtain results from that game prior to publication.

Game three will see the action return to Shellbrook on Friday, Feb. 28. That game has an 8:30 p.m. start time.

If necessary, game four will be played in Rosthern on Friday, March 6. Puck drop for the game is 8:30 p.m.

And, should a game five be needed, that game will be played in Shellbrook on Saturday, March 7. Puck drop for that game is scheduled for 8 p.m.

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### TOWN OF SHELLBROOK NOTICE ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Town of Shellbrook for the year of 2020 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the Assessor from 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday from Feb. 27, 2020 to March 30, 2020.

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 with: The Assessor, Town of Shellbrook, Box 40, Shellbrook, SK., S0J 2E0 by 4pm on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

Kelly Hoare, Assessor

# Highlights of a Shellbrook town council meeting

Shellbrook's town council met on Feb. 18 at the council chambers of the municipal office in Shellbrook. Present at the meeting were mayor George Tomporowski, councillors Lyle Banda, Bruce Clements, Lois Freeman, David Knight, and Kathleen Nording, as well as the town's administrator Kelly Hoare. Councillor Amund Ot-

erson was absent.

Mayor Tomporowski called the meeting to order around 6:05 p.m., and council began by approving the agenda for the evening and adopting the minutes of its Jan. 20 regular meeting. With no business arising from said minutes, council approved all of its regular accounts and financials, before mov-

ing on to reports.

In public works news, council was told that Prince Albert's Associated Engineering will be working on a infrastructure grant application on the town's behalf. The grant, if awarded, will help the town with its \$6 million project to upgrade the water treatment plant.

Council agreed that

having Associated Engineering handle the grant application will save the town a lot of work.

Looking to the facility manager's report, council was informed of a burst pipe at the rink. As of the meeting, everything was up and running just fine at the rink, and Ainsworth was scheduled to return and complete some touch-ups.

Rounding out the reports, council finished with a discussion of the bylaw enforcement report. Council agreed that illegal crossings of the centre line on Main Street are still a major problem. Council decided that the bylaw officer should focus more attention on these illegal crossings.

Shifting gears, council approved its reports. Then, it once again tabled discussion regarding the future of the

Shellbrook Museum before moving on to new business.

There, it began with discussion of Bylaw 2017-10, the snow removal bylaw. The discussion was prompted by some complaints about sidewalks not being shovelled, and council agreed that sidewalk clearing remains an issue around town.

Without making any formal decisions, council agreed that there needs to be a focus on ensuring the sidewalks along Main Street are cleared in a timely manner.

However, council was conflicted about other areas in town. In particular, it didn't like the idea of penalizing homeowners who are elderly and unable to have someone clear snow for them.

Moving on, council formally approved a motion to have Associated

Engineering handled the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Grant application on its behalf.

Council also agreed that it would commit funds for its share of the project through money in reserves and/or by securing a loan from the bank, if required.

In other business, council approved a series of transfers to reserves from its 2019 surplus, including \$43,411.59 for paving, \$1,458.80 for administrative discretionary purposes, \$7,094.04 for Public Works directional spending, \$28,000 for sand and gravel, \$100,000 for water, and \$50,000 for the Shellbrook Rink.

Then, having no business left on its agenda, council set Monday, March 16 as the date for its next regular meeting and adjourned for the evening.

## *The Shellbrook Museum's mystery artifact of the month*



The Shellbrook Museum's mystery artifact of the month is back for the month of February, with another perplexing item from the collection of Ian Clark, owner of the Shellbrook Flower Shop.

However, where the past two months have featured some truly unsolvable puzzles, guessers may have a decent shot at figuring this one out.

Another cast iron piece, this artifact has a clamp on the bottom. The left-side handle rotates in a full circle,

while the right-side handle is on a screw hinge that allows it to move in and out towards the cylindrical tube in the middle.

Have you been having a blast trying to figure out the uses of these strange artifacts? If so, drop by the Shellbrook Library, where the item is being displayed, and submit your guess for your chance to win a book from the Library's deposits.

As of Tuesday, January's artifact and winner had yet to be revealed.

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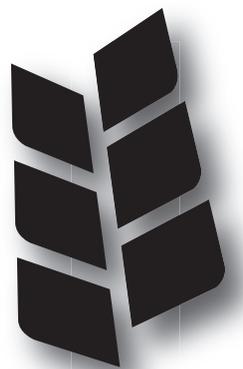
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Davidson Town Hall Auditorium

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## Trudeau offers masterclass in strategic blundering

History is rife with examples of strategic blunders.

Many of them come from military history — British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's policy of appeasing Nazi Germany in the hopes of avoiding war, and, subsequently, Adolf Hitler's costly decision to fight World War Two on two fronts, to name just two.

But, whether one is in the military, in politics, or in business, it goes without saying that there is plenty of blundering to go around.

Case in point, our fearless Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, who has all but manoeuvred himself between a rock and a hard place on the environmental portfolio that was meant to be the lasting legacy of his administration.

When Mr. Trudeau's government came into power in 2015, it was supposed to end to an era of climate change indifference (or outright denial) in Ottawa.

To demonstrate his government's commitment to its climate change promises, Mr. Trudeau introduced his much-derided federal carbon tax — a tax that, according to a survey by the Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses, will cost the average farmer \$14,000 in its first year.

But it wasn't enough for Mr. Trudeau to signal his government's commitment to combating climate change to Canadians.

No, in a first term that was filled with global grandstanding the likes of which Canadians have never seen, Mr. Trudeau signed Canada onto the ultimately pointless Paris Accord, pledging to reduce the country's greenhouse gas emissions by 30 per cent from 2005 levels



JORDAN TWISS

~  
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by 2030. (And he has since taken this promise a step further, vowing to get Canada on track to attain net-zero emissions by 2050.)

This all came in just the first year of Mr. Trudeau's first term as prime minister. And, regardless of whether or not the policies passed the "good policy" test discussed last week, there's no denying that Mr. Trudeau has been committed to keeping up the appearance that his government is taking action on climate change.

With these two cornerstone policy items in place, Mr. Trudeau's government did the next most logical thing to advance its climate agenda.

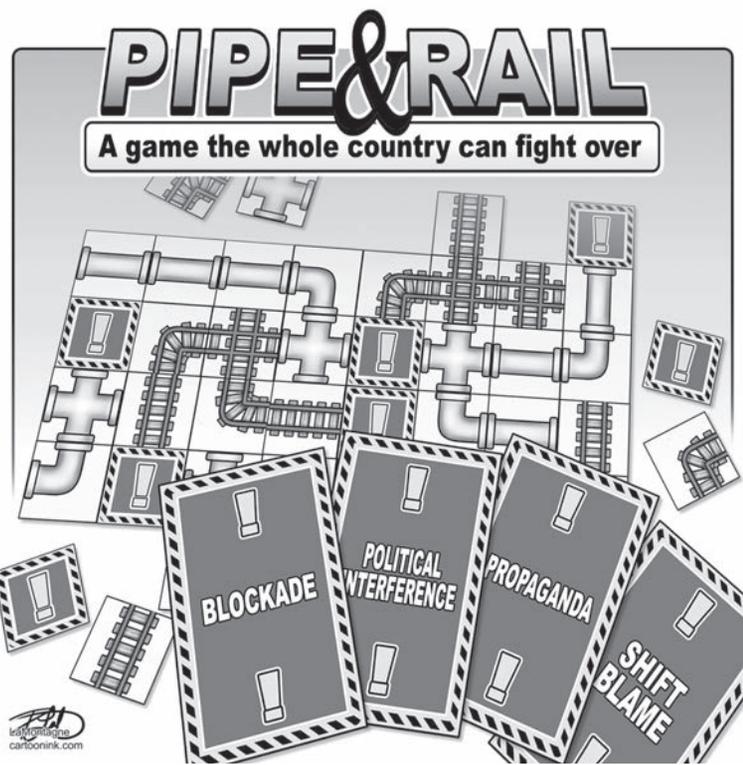
It purchased the Trans Mountain pipeline, and committed to completing a proposed expansion that will nearly double its capacity for the paltry sum of \$12.6 billion — this, after it nixed Enbridge's Northern Gateway project, and after Ottawa's dithering on pipeline regulations, and its appeasement of Québec, resulted in the cancellation of the Energy East pipeline.

The Trans Mountain decision, while greeted with justified scepticism, was welcomed by the Saskatchewan and Alberta, who had been made to feel like their industries were Canada's greatest shame.

That said, the purchase of Trans Mountain also muddied the waters of Mr. Trudeau's environmental commitment.

Was he an environmentalist? Was he a champion of the west's oil and gas sector? Could he possibly be both at the same time?

Fast forward to 2020 — and a chastened, more collaborative Liberal minority government — and Mr. Trudeau seems to be trying to



walk the tightrope between two opposing values.

The trouble, of course, is that trying to maintain the balance of appeasing two diametrically opposed camps is impossible. Any decision Mr. Trudeau makes, no matter how well thought out or researched, is going to offend one group or the other.

One could almost begin to feel sympathy for Mr. Trudeau. But when all is said and done, he has no one to blame but himself for the current predicament he finds himself in.

That predicament got even worse on Monday morning, when Teck Resources hit pause on its \$20 billion Frontier Oilsands mine project amidst escalating rail blockades by Indigenous protestors.

The mine, which was awaiting the green light from Ottawa, was set to be the metric by which Canadians judged Mr. Trudeau's environmental bona fides and weighed them against his commitment to national unity.

Each camp would have tried to tell you the Frontier Oilsands mine project is a no-brainer. But nothing is ever that simple.

Was Alberta Premier Jason Kenney right to say that the project is critical to his province's economic prosperity? Did Teck's "world-class, independent and rigorous assessment," which determined the project to be in the "public interest," lend credence to approving it?

The answer was yes. But it was also no, because potential economic prosperity can't be the only metric by which we measure a project's value or viability.

Teck Resources' decision to shelf the project, along with its CEO's advice that Canada "reconcile climate and oil," took the difficult decision out of Mr. Trudeau's hands, making it a lose-lose situation for his government.

He gets no brownie points with environmental and Indigenous groups, but he's also done more damage to his relationship with the west, and made Canadian oil a poor investment.

## A walk around town: Adventures in alcohol ink

By Alison Sullivan

Watercolour was a medium I was rather fond of in high school and throughout most of my undergraduate days. They were easy to take around and easy to clean up making them an ideal medium to work with for my always on the go life. I took my watercolour pocketbook everywhere with me. It was well travelled having been on every road trip, every camping trip, and even down to Belize for a bit of experiential learning I did during my undergraduate days. It has been used in a canoe, in a car, at the end of a dock, and in a kayak. It is a medium I am well versed in, for all its benefits and all of its drawbacks.

Last weekend I had the opportunity to learn a new medium that has a lot of similarities to my previous favourite when I did a workshop in Alcohol Ink with Karen McMillin. Like watercolours, washes of colour are normally how paintings start off and controlling the amount of diluent in your brush is of utmost importance.

While I appreciated having a bit of a head start in the learning process due to my previous long-term relationship with alcohol ink's cousin, it certainly wasn't a struggle free day for me. Unlike with watercolours, its very easy to let the vibrancy of a colour simply run off the page if you aren't careful

with how much you tilt and tip your painting when making washes. And rogue droplets of alcohol leave certainly leave their mark and or not easily remedied. Heeding some advice from Bob Ross became a bit of a theme for the day. We weren't making mistakes but simply happy little accidents that would normally turn into happy little evergreens eventually.

My favourite parts of the day though were learning all the simple techniques that allowed you to create a certain effect that I had spent years trying to determine the best method for with watercolours. The limitations I had experienced with watercolours had suddenly been remedied. But



Some finished projects from Karen McMillin's Alcohol Ink Workshop.

as is usual, where one thing becomes easier another becomes more difficult. I also learned that this is not the

kind of medium you could easily take around with you or take along kayaking. So while I may dabble a little in

alcohol inks in the future, I will likely stick with my old fallback for when I'm on the road.

# As social media stumbles, newspapers hold steady

The numbers are in, and once again they offer evidence to contradict the popular narrative that all community newspapers are seeing the same significant decline in readership.

Conducted by Totum Research, AdCanada Media's 2020 How Geography Impacts Media Access, Usage and Engagement study found that several factors, including internet connectivity and connection methods, impact media access and shape what people can do — and choose to do — online.

The result is a stronger reliance on traditional media, printed community newspapers in particular, for news and information.

Zooming in on communities in Saskatch-

ewan and Manitoba with populations under 100,000 people, the study found that two thirds of respondents followed news of some type, be it local, provincial, national, or international, most of the time.

In these communities, local newspapers remain highly read, with 70 per cent of respondents saying that they have received or picked up a community newspaper in the past week. Of those respondents, 80 per cent said they read or looked at their community newspaper in the past week, while more than 50 per cent said there were at least two readers in their households.

What's more, the study's respondents almost universally said

that they prefer to receive their news from the printed edition of their local paper — the only exceptions being provincial and federal government coverage, for which television is the narrowly preferred medium.

And, when it comes to both news and advertising, printed newspapers remain the most trustworthy medium, with 84 per cent of respondents saying that they trust their local newspapers. By contrast, 27 per cent of respondents said that they trust online or social media posts, with 44 per cent saying they distrust them.

Looking at ways in which the respondents connect to the internet, the survey found that 12 per cent have no inter-

net access at all, while another 37 per cent have internet connections that are tied to their data usage.

For online activities, including streaming, video streaming, audio file downloading, online gaming, social media, shopping, and online research, anywhere between 20 per cent and 46 per cent of respondents said their activities are affected by their internet connection.

## Newspapers still a strong ad vehicle

Where community newspapers remain the preferred source for most types of news, AdCanada Media's study found that they're also considered the most useful. More than half (53 per cent) of respondents said that they found

print ads useful, while only 10 per cent said the same of online or social media ads.

Additionally, 27 per cent of respondents said that they ignore online and social media ads (compared to just 18 per cent for newspaper ads), and 36 per cent said they find these ads annoying (compared to just 3 per cent for newspaper ads).

Not only are ads in community newspapers preferred, they're also more effective at driving consumer action — especially when one considers that more than half of survey respondents said they never intentionally click on an online or social media ad.

Covering advertising categories, such as automotive, financial services, government services/

programs, agriculture, food/grocery, telecommunications, and retail stores, the study found that anywhere between 23 per cent and 48 per cent of respondents were inspired by an ad in a newspaper to seek more information, visit a store or website, or make a purchase.

The study was conducted by random sample with Adults 18+ living in exclusively in communities of less than 100,000 population in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and NWT/NU. The survey was administered using a Computer Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI). The study has a margin of error of +/- 3.3% at the 95% confidence level with 900 total interviews.

## Saskatchewan Heritage Day: A salute to our pioneers

By Irene Nowosad

At Chico Hills range, south of Shell Lake, local rural landowners met together to remember and think about their remarkable 'Yesteryears' neighbouring PIONEERS. These curious, poor, pioneer-habitants, with unimaginable determination, through hard work and always a sense of pride, contributed endlessly, leaving behind historically rich achievements and a warm chain of memories.

With unparalleled passion and steadfast direction, these PIONEERS vision THE POTENTIAL, not the obstacles — the HOPE, not the despair. Powered with particular purpose, their storied past and their close ties to the natural beauty of the land from, which they derived their livelihood, indeed is ROOTED RIGHT HERE, in WOODHILL District.

From year 2001 onward, Chico Hills has hosted and paid touching tribute and recognition to pioneers and Historical places through many Saskatchewan Heritage Day celebrations.

On the range, February 17, Sunday afternoon each enjoyed the low-suspended drifting balloons, the valued fellowship, the varied food samples, generously donated by CAMECO (proud promoter and supporter of Saskatchewan Heritage); AND the sparkling TRADITIONAL Saskatchewan Heritage, chocolate whipped cream, fluted-tube cake.

Heading the Department of Parks, Culture and Sport is Minister Gene Makowsky (previously called Dept. of Tourism, HERITAGE and Culture), This Heritage Conservation branch of the above ministry and Heritage Saskatchewan proclaim February as Heritage Month. Their vision statement reads:

"Heritage is a valued and dynamic legacy that contributes to our sense of identity, creates an understanding of our past, and informs our choices in the future.

Let's stay connected to our proud past and SALUTE A LEGACY of supreme credit to our VALUED PIONEERS.



Built by Pioneer Kenny Wood and son Gordon, this original log workshop still echoes a story of pioneer beauty and good energy at Chico Hills.

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# Wild Rose 4-H Beef Club News

**By Alea Beaulac, Reporter**

The Wild Rose 4-H Beef Club hosted District 32 Curling at the Shellbrook Curling Club on Jan. 2.

There was fun curling and complete curling offered.

The club had a competitive team that curled (Olivia Woytiuk, Owen Beaulac, Shelby Woytiuk, and Alea Beaulac) but due to prior commitments they were not able to go to Regionals.

It was a fun event for both new and experienced curlers.

On Feb. 14, 2020 the club had a set up evening for the Sweet Heart Supper fundraiser.

Club speeches were presented at the set up evening. All the mem-

bers did a great job on their speeches.

The winners were; Cloverbud: 1st Carson Brodaki,

Junior: 1st Cooper Woytiuk (& Brad the chicken), 2nd Alea Beaulac,

Intermediate: 1st Owen Beaulac, 2nd Shelby Woytiuk,

Senior: 1st Dawson Beaulac, 2nd Makenna Bloom.

Speeches were judged by Shelly Oleksyn, Terry Oleksyn and Jennifer Thiel.

Two days later, on Feb. 16, the Sweet Heart Supper was held at the Wild Rose School.

There was a great turn out of family and friends at the event. A delicious roast beef supper was served.

Following the sup-

per each member had a handmade or home-grown item to sell during the live auction.

Tickets were sold for the chance to win the "Pick of the Litter", which was the winner's choice of an auction item before the auction started.

The ticket winner was Grant Fisher, and his wife Twila Fisher choose the blanket made by Makenna Bloom.

The auctioneer Frederick Bodnarus, did a great job selling items.

All those who attended and supported 4-H made the fundraiser a success.

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Wild Rose 4-H members participating in the District 32 Curling event in Shellbrook.



Left: Makenna Bloom made the blanket that Pick-of-the-Litter Twila Fisher selected from the auction items.

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## Consumers have lost their connection with food

The obvious disconnect between consumers and farmers, is much discussed in agriculture media, and that includes mentioned here on numerous occasions.

This past week I had something of an epiphany in regards to the aforementioned disconnect.

It had always been a case of simplifying the situation down to the reality more and more consumers, even those in small Canadian Prairie cities, no longer have a direct connection to the farm. There is no grandfather, uncle, brother, still operating a

nearby farm where urban relatives visit to see calves being born and grain harvested. Without that direct look at a farm operation a level of distrust has arisen as people often fear that which they do not know.

Yet, in the back of my mind that never quite jived with how consumers happily head to grocery store and buy 'fresh' fruit imported from half a world away, or opt for something processed by a big corporation in a plant in another country with a long list of unpronounceable ingredients, with a seemingly greater trust than how the



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farm just outside the local community go about their business.

It dawned on me that the issue revolves around a disconnect people have from actually making their own food.

We live in an era

where we increasingly rely on a cellphone app to order our meals, or we opt for some 'boil-in-the-bag' meal that in my youth would have been little more than a strange idea offered in a sci-fi novel.

When I think back to my youth, there are numerous memories about food that are not directly about sitting down to eat.

I well remember carrying bags of potatoes from the garden into the cellar on a frosty October evening.

Then there was helping to wrap carrots to store, shell peas, cut

beans, or weed the garden patch. You were connected to your food in a very personal way.

Similarly, there is nothing that quite connects you to your food like the aromas that come with filling the larder.

I have read that scents often fire very strong memories, and in the case of food I fully understand that.

The smell of making pickles has stuck with me for decades, although it has been at least 25-years since anyone made homemade pickles in my home.

And then there is the

smell of mom making homemade buns and bread. The range of smells goes from the yeasty scent of the dough rising, to the smells of baking, to that special scent of butter being basted over the crust of hot bread fresh from the oven. The memories are fresh, the connection to our food better understood because of it.

But for most, they are as far from home preparation of food as they are from milking cows, or driving a combine, and that is part of the disconnect often not considered.

## Sask. Wheat calls for quick end to rail blockades

The Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission (Sask Wheat) is calling on the federal and provincial governments to take quick action that will see the rail blockades removed so western Canadian grain shipments can move to port.

"Farmers are already feeling the impacts of the rail blockades across the

country," said Sask Wheat Chair Brett Halstead. "This is getting worse every day, with farmers experiencing delivery delays and missing marketing opportunities with their local elevators, which is putting us in a tough financial situation. If the blockade lasts much longer, it could create a huge crisis for grain farmers."

The blockades have exacerbated an already difficult crop year for grain farmers, who faced poor harvest conditions in 2019 and a railway stoppage in November. Overall, exports of all wheat for the current crop year were down almost six percent at the beginning of February relative to at the same time last year, and the rail blockades will likely impact exports further.

"Ships are lining up at Prince Rupert

and Vancouver, and even if this is situation is solved quickly, it will mean delays that will last for several weeks," said Halstead. "This will have a major impact on Canada's reputation as a reliable provider of grain to our export customers, pushing our major customers to look elsewhere. The longer these blockades are in place, the more likely this will impact export movement and prices, potentially into the next growing season."

## Shellbrook Legion meeting highlights

The meeting began with singing O Canada. We had a minute of silence.

President Helen Dagenais introduced three new members and welcomed them into the Shellbrook Legion Branch 111.

President Helen Dagenais chaired the meeting. It was mentioned that a crib tournament will be held in Meadow Lake on Saturday Feb. 22. Those interested were encouraged to participate.

Shellbrook Legion will host the zone golfing tournament on June 6, 2020 @ Kachur's Golf Course.

Henri Dagenais provided a treasurer's report of what is in the general account and in the poppy fund.

It was mentioned that the Legion will rent out a room down stairs for a college's course. This will provide more funds to the Legion. The course will run until the end of May.

The date was set for the annual Legion Garage sale. The date is Satur-

day April 25 @ 10:00 am.

Tables are \$10 and people are encouraged to rent one.

Homer Bator provided a membership report.

We had a special guest with us, deputy zone commander Fay Bruyninckx. She provided some insight into the Legion. She offered a report on the poster & literary winners at zone level. Here are some of the results.

Essay: Marcail Philp, Junior 1st  
Color poster: Gwyn Phan, Primary 1st

Color poster: Reese Galloway, Junior 1st

Black & White poster: Reese Galloway, Junior 1st

At the meeting David Bodvarson volunteered to be the Shellbrook Legion Branch Secretary.

The meeting was adjourned.

We concluded by singing God save the Queen.

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# Watering houseplants on vacation

By Jackie Bantle

Keeping your houseplants alive while on vacation can be a challenge. Although houseplants generally don't need the daily care that pets demand, they do require some basic maintenance to stay alive.

Avoid worrying about watering your plants while on vacation and throughout the year by setting up an automatic drip irrigation system for your plants. Using timers, pressure regulators, hoses and drip emitters, indoor automatic watering systems can be as simple or complicated as required. Contact a local garden center or irrigation store for assistance with setting up your own personal system.

If a friend is taking over your houseplant responsibilities while you are away, ensure that they have careful and detailed instructions regarding how much and how often each plant requires water.

Following are some rela-



Plastic juice bottle filled with water acts as water globe self-watering houseplants. **Photo credit: Jackie Bantle**

tively simple self-watering systems that you can set up for your plants while you are on vacation. Prior to setting up any self-watering system,

water your houseplants thoroughly, ensuring that the potting soil is moist but well drained.

Water Bath Method: Fill

a bathtub, kitchen sink or a large container with a couple inches of water and set your plants in the container. The plants will soak up water through their drainage holes in the bottom of the plant pot. This method works best for tropical plants in well-drained media that prefer moist soil and require little light; especially if they are kept in a dark bathroom during your holidays. Suitable plants can survive under these conditions for 7-10 days.

Water-Wicking Method: This method is recommended for plants that do not tolerate saturated soil for long periods of time. Secure one end of a cotton string to the bottom of a water supply container such as a pail or used water bottle. The other end of the cotton string should be buried 3-5cm under the soil surface, near the plant. Cotton absorbs water. As the media in the plant pot dries out, water will be drawn from the concentration of high moisture (the water source) to the area of lower water concentration (the drying plant pot). This movement of water will keep the plant moist for as long as there is water in the water supply: depending on

the size of the container, it can be several weeks.

Self-Watering Plant Pots: Whether you purchase or make your own self-watering plant pot, the principle is the same. A self-watering pot has a growing bed made up of potting media at the top of the pot, a water reservoir (at the base of the pot) and a wicking system between the growing bed and the base of the pot. The wicking system may be 2 or 3 absorbent wicks made of cotton, wool, felt, nylon, polyurethane or microfiber placed midway into the media of the potted plant. For long term use, use a wicking material that is rot resistant such as the fiberglass wicking that is used in oil lamps. Ensure that the wicks hang out the drainage holes at the bottom of the potted plant and into the bottom of the water reservoir. As the media surrounding the plant dries out, the wicks will suck up water into the plant pot, keeping the media around the plants moist.

Self-watering Glass Globes: Watering globes can be purchased at local garden centers. The globe is filled with water while the long narrow attached glass tube slowly allows water to seep out once

turned upside down and placed in potting soil. The long pointy end should be inserted at least 1/2 to 3/4 of the way into the plant pot. An inexpensive self-watering 'globe' can be created from an upside down empty wine bottle whose plastic or metal cap contains five mini-holes made by a tiny nail and hammer.

Mini Plastic Greenhouse: Insert a plastic or wooden stake in each of 4 corners of the plant pot. Place a plastic bag over the plant, making sure that the bag is supported by the stakes and not touching the plant foliage. The mini greenhouse will capture water as it evaporates and the water droplets will fall back down into the plant. Do not place the mini greenhouse in direct sunlight: plant foliage will burn.

May these suggestions help you have a worry-free houseplant vacation.

*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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## Former R.M. of Buckland administrator faces theft charge

A former administrator for the Rural Municipality of Buckland, and beloved figure in Shellbrook's hockey community, is facing a serious accusation.

Tara Kerber, who served as administrator for the R.M. of Buckland from 2012 to 2019, has been charged with theft over \$5,000.

She was not present when the matter was discussed last Thursday at Prince Albert Provincial Court. And the case was ad-

journed to April 2.

The circumstances surrounding the charge have not yet been publicly released, and representatives from the R.M. have declined comment on the matter while it's before the court.

The charges against Kerber have yet to be tested by the courts.

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# Minutes of an R.M. of Blaine Lake council meeting

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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blaine Lake #434 which was held in the RM's Municipal Office on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Chalmers at 8:01 a.m.

Present were Reeve William Chalmers, Acting Administrator Jennifer Gutknecht and the following Council Members: Walter Kabaroff – Division No 1; John Serhienko – Division No 2.; Wayne Ratzlaff – Division No 3; Alan Lavoie – Division No 4; John Priestley – Division No 5; and Robert Dagenais – Division No 6.

**Council:** That Council accepts the Nov. 7, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes as presented (Councilor Ratzlaff entered Council Chambers at 8:13 a.m.; abstained from voting). Carried

**Chalmers:** That Council accepts the Nov. 15, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes with the following amendment:

That Res#4524/19 add to the list of parties to be served 2020 Road Haul and/or Maintenance Agreement Notices: Trinity, Johnson Enterprises, Mo-Con, RM of Laird, Green Leaf, MJB Trucking. Carried

**Serhienko:** That the Union Negotiation Committee request a meeting with the Union, to continue negotiations of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, to be held on Jan. 7, 2020 at 9 a.m. Carried

**Ratzlaff:** That the RM pay out the grievance dated Oct. 03, 2019 that is currently presented to council by the Union. Defeated

**Council:** That the RM offer the grieving employee ten (10) hours of work in lieu of the mistake made by the RM Foreman, with respect to a proper call-in procedure. Carried

**Ratzlaff:** That the RM of Blaine Lake #434 put a Package Policy on the GMC Sierra shop truck. Carried

**Ratzlaff:** To cancel cheque #4339, regarding SGI Insurance for the shop truck. Carried

**Ratzlaff:** I move that we have Shop Truck GMC Sierra moved to PBR Auto Auction as soon as possible for dispersal. Carried

**Kabaroff:** That the List of Accounts for Approval including cheque numbers 4294 to 4352 be approved for payment; less cheque #4339 being rescinded. Carried

**Lavoie:** That we pay the Additional Accounts as presented by the Acting Administrator, totaling \$1,807.46, including:

- \$14.42 Haug Liquor & Variety
- \$203.28 Regional News Optimist
- \$421.80 Schultz Electric
- \$207.96 Success Office Systems
- \$960.00 Keith Woytiuk (upon submission of beaver tails). Carried

**Dagenais:** That the RM of Blaine Lake pay the Snake Lake Contracting invoice #429699 in the amount of \$73,992.60. Carried

**Serhienko:** That Council approves and releases cheque #4218 to the Town of Blaine Lake in the amount of \$991.96. Carried

**Lavoie:** That Council approves and releases cheque #4099 to the Town of Blaine Lake in the amount of \$3076.70. Carried

**Councilor Serhienko** declared a pecuniary conflict of interest and left the room at 11:23 a.m.

**Dagenais:** That the RM pay the \$3,100.00 indemnity to the Division 2 Councilor. Defeated

**Council:** That Council Indemnities be approved as presented for payment. Carried

**Chalmers:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 award the contract for Crushing 10,000 cubic yards of type 106 or better road gravel at the South pit, land location SE-11-42-07-W3rd for 2019-2020 for the price listed in the September 2019 tender of \$5.55/m3 or \$4.24/yd3, to Snake Lake Contracting. Carried

**Council:** That the RM of Blaine Lake #434 hereby appoints the following as Building Inspectors:

1. Chris Gates, BOL3
2. Terry Rolleston, BOL1
3. Karly Heatcoat, BOL3. Carried

**Council:** That the RM of Blaine Lake #434 enter into an agreement with BuildTech, as presented by BuildTech, and the Reeve and Administrator be authorized to sign the contract. Carried

**Delegation:** Lee Dolezal

**To discuss:** Request for Renewal of Lease

**Arrived:** 1:10 p.m.

**Departed:** 1:25 p.m.

**Council:** That the RM of Blaine Lake #434 intends to close the road allowance/right-of-way at the South of SE-08, SW-16 and SE-16 of 43-06-W3rd and that this Bylaw be now read a 1st time (Councilor Serhienko abstained). Carried

**Council:** That the November 2019 Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliations be rejected by Council, for Administration to correct and be introduced to Council at the next meeting. Carried

**Chalmers:** That until such time as a Public Works Superintendent is hired; the Administrator of the RM of Blaine Lake is responsible for all hiring, termination and disciplinary issues with any employees of the RM of Blaine Lake #434. Carried

**Chalmers:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake adopt a preliminary Best Practice of the 3rd Version Organiza-

tional Structure, with the addition of a Public Works Superintendent answering to the Administrator and to Council. Carried

**Lavoie:** That Council accepts the Dec. 6, 2019 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Carried

**Serhienko:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 create a policy for contracted roads, regarding the maintenance of haul roads. Carried

**Dagenais:** That Council carries forward with the current SARM benefits set for 2020. Carried

**Dagenais:** That Council directs Administration to begin preparation of the Municipal Revenue Sharing Declaration. Carried

**Priestley:** That the RM of Blaine Lake #434 make the first reading of a Bylaw To Repeal The Designation Of The Heritage Property and remove the heritage interest off the title at SW-35-45-06-W3rd. (Appropriate public notice was given; no objections were received.) Carried

**Council:** That the RM of Blaine Lake #434 make a second reading of Bylaw 2019-09 Bylaw To Repeal The Designation Of The Heritage Property. Carried

**Council:** That, with all of Council present, the Council of the RM unanimously agrees to make a third reading of Bylaw 2019-09 at this council meeting.

Carried unanimously

**Council:** That Bylaw 2019-09 be now read a third time by unanimous consent, and that the Reeve and Administrator are authorized to sign and seal said bylaw.

Furthermore, that Bylaw 84/2004 be repealed. Carried unanimously

**Council:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 introduce a new Council Procedures Bylaw 2019-10 and that Bylaw be now read a first time. (Appropriate public notice was given; no objections were received.) Carried

**Council:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 introduce a new Building Bylaw 2019-11 and that Bylaw be now read a first time. Carried

**Council:** That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 approves and adopts the proposed Winter Maintenance Policy for implementation. Carried

**Chalmers:** That the RM of Blaine Lake #434 have a second reading of Bylaw 2019-06 Closing the Short Road at the SouthEast corner of SE-06-43-06-W3rd. (Appropriate public notice was given; no objections were received.) Carried

**Ratzlaff:** That Bylaw 2019-07 be now read a third time, a Servicing Agreement at NW31-42-06-W3rd, and that the Reeve and Administrator

are authorized to sign and seal this bylaw. Carried

**Council:** That Council grants initial approval for the potential SaskTel Wireless expansion location WNWOSK01 at NE-03-45-05-W3rd. Carried

**Serhienko:** That Council table items 9.4.g Purchasing Policy, and, 9.4.h Council Remuneration Policy until the next regular meeting. (Appropriate public notice was given for both of these items; no objections were received.) Carried

**Chalmers:** That Council authorizes the Reeve and Acting Administrator to sign the Clearing the Path Incremental Maintenance Statutory Declaration for the Clearing the Path Primary Weight Road Corridor located at the 7½ miles of the SuperGrid #781. Carried

**Kabaroff:** That Council call a Special Meeting for Dec. 18, 2019 at 8 a.m. to cover the rest of the agenda items outstanding from the Dec. 10 2019 meeting. Carried

**Council:** That Council approves and adopts the presented Weed Management Plan for implementation, and that the Reeve and Acting Administrator be authorized to sign the Plan. Carried

**Kabaroff:** That we adjourn, the time being 4:35 p.m.

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# How to help loved ones handle sundowning

A diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease can catch families off guard. When such a diagnosis is made, patients and their families typically have a host of questions, including how far the disease has progressed and what to expect as it advances.

One potential side effect of Alzheimer's disease that can catch

families off guard is sundowning. The National Institute on Aging notes that sundowning refers to the restlessness, agitation, irritability, or confusion that can begin or worsen as daylight begins to fade. Sundowning is difficult for Alzheimer's sufferers, but also can be especially hard on their care-

givers. As day turns to night, people serving as caregivers to Alzheimer's patients tend to wear down, only to suddenly realize that the people they're caring for are becoming increasingly difficult to handle. The NIA notes that sundowning can continue well into the night, compromising patients' ability to fall

asleep and stay in bed.

Sundowning will not affect every Alzheimer's patient, but caregivers should prepare themselves to handle such a situation should it arise. Learning more about sundowning can be part of that preparation.

Why does sundowning occur?

The exact cause of sundowning, which is sometimes referred to as "late-day confusion," is unknown. However, the Mayo Clinic notes that certain factors may aggravate the feelings of confusion felt by Alzheimer's patients who experience sundowning. Those factors include:

- fatigue
- low lighting
- increased shadows
- disruption of the body's internal clock
- the presence of an infection, such as a urinary tract infection

The NIA notes that one theory suggests Al-

zheimer's-related changes in the brain can disrupt a person's internal clock, confusing their sleep-wake cycles as a result. That can confuse Alzheimer's patients and contribute to the feelings of agitation and irritability that are common among people who experience sundowning.

What can be done to combat sundowning?

The NIA recommends looking for signs of sundowning in late afternoon and early evening and trying to determine what might be causing these behaviors. Try to avoid anything that appears to trigger these behaviors, if possible.

Reducing noise, clutter or the number of people in the room when sundowning symptoms typically appear may help reduce the confusion Alzheimer's patients feel during this time of the day. In addition, scheduling a favorite activity

or providing a favorite snack at this time of day can give Alzheimer's patients something to focus on, potentially cutting off the confusion before it surfaces.

The NIA also recommends making early evening a quiet time of day reserved for playing soothing music, reading or going for a walk. Caregivers who also have children to look after can explain the importance of this quiet time to youngsters and ask for their cooperation.

Closing curtains or blinds and turning on the lights at dusk can minimize shadows in the house, potentially making this time of day less confusing for Alzheimer's sufferers.

Sundowning is a symptom of Alzheimer's disease that can be difficult for caregivers to manage. More information about sundowning is available at [www.nia.nih.gov](http://www.nia.nih.gov).

## GOOD NEWS

### LESSONS TO GLEAN FROM NOAH

I love the story of Noah, I love even more how someone could glean the following lessons from the life of Noah. You likely read them before, if you have I hope you enjoy them a second time as much as you did the first. If you have never seen them before may they be your inspiration in 2020.

Lessons from Noah

1. Plan ahead it wasn't raining when Noah built

the Ark.

2. Don't miss the boat.

3. We are all in the same boat.

4. Stay fit. When you are 600 years old someone may ask you to do something big.

5. Don't listen to critics; just do the job that needs to be done.

6. Build your future on high ground.

7. For safety's sake travel in pairs.

8. Speed is not always

an advantage, snails were on board with the cheetahs.

9. When you are stressed float awhile.

10. Remember the ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

11. No matter the storm when you are with God, there is always a rainbow waiting.

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

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

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

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**CANWOOD:** Canwood Regional Park Supper & Auction, Canwood Elks Community Centre, Saturday, March 14, 2020. Happy Hour 5 pm; Supper 6 pm; Auction to follow. Adults \$15; 6-12 yrs \$8; 5 & under free. For information call Bob 306-468-7942 or Terry 306-468-4425. Proceeds to Canwood Regional Park & community improvements.

**SHELLBROOK:** Shellbrook Theatre Movie Night, Fri., Mar. 6, A Beautiful Day in the Neighbourhood; Fri., Mar. 20, Norm of the North; Fri., Apr. 3, Dolittle; Fri., Apr. 17, Abominable; Doors Open 7 p.m. Showtime 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$5

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## Oh, so delicious: Flames-Oilers playoff a possibility

If an Oilers-Flames regular-season game in, say, mid-January is billed as the Battle of Alberta, what explosive description could be given to a seven-game series between two of the National Hockey League's most bitter rivals?

There are still close to 20 games to play for every NHL team, but both the Flames and Oilers are in solid playoff position and if one of them finishes first in the Pacific Division (a very real possibility) and the other one finishes as the second wildcard team (another real possibility), or if they finish 2-3 in the Pacific Division, then the first round of the playoffs could feature this hockey war to end all wars.

Could Canadian hockey fans stomach a Matthew Tkachuk-Zack Kassian clash night after night for seven games? Would there be enough St. John Ambulance personnel to staff a seven-game series with Milan Lucic running at everything wearing an Oilers' jersey? Maybe they can arrange for the two starting goalies to do battle at centre ice during the pregame warmup just to get it out of the way. Would

Mayor Naheed Nenshi skip the traditional good-humoured 'wager' with Edmonton mayor Don Iveson and go for the throat? Would the end-of-series congratulatory handshake line turn into a full-scale brawl? Would there be space in the bowels of Rogers Place and Scotiabank Saddledome for the fleet of ambulances such a series would require?

The provincial rivals haven't met in a playoff series since 1991 — 29 years ago, back when Wayne Gretzky, by then no longer an Oiler, was only 30 years old. Only a handful of players on the current Edmonton and Calgary rosters were even alive when that ancient series, won by the Oilers, took place. The two teams didn't hate each other as much as they do today and while that 1991 affair took on a higher level of interest because it was two provincial rivals competing, a recurrence in April of 2020 would attract international attention.

This would be such an epic battle, more than merely advancing to the second round should be at stake. How about this? Loser has to leave Alberta



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and become part of Saskatchewan.

- Janice Hough of [leftcoastsportsbabe.com](http://leftcoastsportsbabe.com), on former Stampeder cornerback Tre Roberson considering nine offers before signing with the Chicago Bears: "Because Chicago is most likely to give him that sub-zero game-day weather he's gotten used to in Calgary."

- Greg Cote of The Miami Herald, on Derek Jeter's near-unanimous election to the Baseball Hall of Fame: "Jeter is best known of course as the Miami Marlins president, although reportedly also played several years with the Yankees."

- Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Madison Bumgarner's former

housekeeper — who pleaded guilty to possession of stolen property after she sold one of the pitcher's wife's \$45,000 diamond earrings to a jeweller — was sentenced to 100 hours of community service and 30 months of probation. Not to mention MLB's first 'caught stealing' of 2020."

- Norman Chad of the Washington Post, analyzing the work of analyst Greg McElroy, during the opening day of the XFL season: "McElroy was intent on emphasizing that these players were THIS CLOSE to being in the NFL, much as I am THIS CLOSE to writing for the New York Times."

- Patti Dawn Swansson, the River City Renegade, referring to the news blackout over the Dustin Byfuglien/Winnipeg Jets situation: "Byfuglien takes his right to remain silent more seriously than a guy

handcuffed in the back seat of a cop car."

- Michael Rosenberg in Sports Illustrated, reviewing sports over the past decade: "The 2010s were a wild decade in sports — nobody knew what was coming, except the Astros."

- Bob Molinaro of [pilotonline.com](http://pilotonline.com) (Hampton, Va.): "Tampa Bay Bucs quarterback Jameis Winston recently underwent Lasik surgery to fix his nearsightedness. Seeing as how he led the league with 30 interceptions, maybe he's also colour-blind."

- @AdamRank, on Twitter: "Jameis Winston got LASIK surgery and now has perfect 30/30 vision."

- Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "I'm not saying Antonio Brown is going overboard with apologies, but I think he just said, 'I'm sorry,' to Major League Baseball for the

Houston Astros stealing signs."

- Dwight Perry again: "San Francisco has been named the healthiest city in the U.S., according to WalletHub number-crunchers. At least it was until the final nine minutes of Super Bowl LIV."

- Another one from Perry: Red-faced Target officials apologized after four Twin Cities stores offered 'Minnesota Badgers' onesies for sale. No word on how the fresh shipment of 'Green Bay Vikings' kiddie shirts is selling in Milwaukee."

- RJ Currie of [Sportsdeke.com](http://Sportsdeke.com), among his list of unlikely sponsorship deals: "Alex Ovechkin: American Dental Association. ... Tiger Woods: Fidelity Investments. ... Michael Vick: Fido."

Care to comment? Email [brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca](mailto:brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca)

### CALL FOR DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

The Elections Committee of Diamond North Credit Union will receive written nominations for the position of Director of Diamond North Credit Union.

In 2020 three (3) director terms are open for nomination. All three positions are three year terms.

Interested persons must attest to director qualification requirements in writing by the nomination deadline. Information is available from any member of the Elections Committee or at our branches.

**Nominations must be received by the credit union no later than the close of business on Friday, March 13, 2020.**

Elections will be held during normal business hours from **Thursday, March 26 to Friday, April 3, 2020**. Members have one vote which they can cast by paper ballot at any branch of Diamond North Credit Union or online by accessing the credit union's website at [diamondnorthcu.com](http://diamondnorthcu.com).

For further information, please contact one of the Elections Committee members listed below:



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John Raymond Stieb



John Raymond Stieb  
January 14, 1938 -  
February 4, 2020

John Raymond Stieb, known to his brothers & sister as Johnny, was born January 14, 1938 the first child to Raymond & Helen Stieb. John attended Yankee Valley School. After completing grade 8 he started farming with his dad. In 1957 he bought the land he was born on from the Frank Hunefelt estate & In 1960 he bought 3 quarters from his grandparents John & Julia Kartes.

On October 10, 1964 he married Joan Brown. John & Joan were blessed with three children: Cathy, Darryl, &

Shelley. Besides farming John & his brother Leo built & operated a sawmill. John loved the bush and would spend many hours amongst the trees. He enjoyed every part of the process from choosing the tree to the finished board. He built almost every structure that exists on the farm today, including a small elevator.

John was truly a man of all trades. He was a mechanic, welder, plumber & electrician. He was also willing to help anyone who called for assistance. John had a very unique ability to detect water...witching. He drilled many a successful sand point based on that ability.

John was a very community-minded individual. He was part of the Yankee Valley snowplow club & in 1968 was a member of a committee to organize the Bright-holme Grazing Co-op. He was the secretary/treasurer of the co-op since the beginning until 1998. John was a great lover of sports- especially hockey. He was one

of the hockey-playing, farm loving Stieb boys. John played a few years with the Leask Flyers & Shellbrook Elks. He went on to be involved in a lengthy coaching career for both minor & senior hockey in Leask. He really enjoyed coaching, the fellowship of the players, parents, fans & the multiple road trips. Also, during this time he spent some years on the "rink committee" & held numerous positions on the Leask Minor hockey board.

He was a dedicated & active member of the Leask Lions club for 37 years, holding numerous executive positions, & participating in all functions & activities of the Lions club. John was Chairman of the Board of Wheatland Lodge during planning & construction until the building was completed (1985-1990).

Also, in 1989 he received a Saskatchewan Volunteer recognition award, for all his community involvement. John & Joan moved to town 2010. We wondered how the country

boy would do in town. He transitioned well. He became a regular at coffee row in the mornings & would head out to the farm most afternoons. In 2012 John received the Family Farm Heritage Award for owning & operating the family farm for 100 years.

Our dad was a true farmer. He farmed for over 60 years. He was truly committed & dedicated to whatever he took on. He laid a foundation of love & strong morals. He liked to feel busy & worthwhile. He knew he was very fortunate for the life he had. He was chopping wood regularly & filled his last wheelbarrow the day before he passed away. Our dad wouldn't have wanted it any other way. He was happy.

John is lovingly remembered by his wife,

Joan; his children, Cathy (Dan) Nelson of Leask, SK and their family, Beth (Dylan) Schmidt and their children - Ethan, William & Reid; Gord Nelson; Darryl Stieb of Leask, SK; Shelley (Doug) Forbes of Battl-eford, SK and their family Dillon (Mikayla De-tillieux) Forbes; Brooke Forbes; His siblings, Leo and Donna Stieb; Robert Stieb; Caroline and Myron Schmalz, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. John was predeceased by his parents, Raymond and Helen Stieb; his brother, Roy Stieb; his sisters-in-law, Opal Stieb and Vivian Stieb; his parents-in-law, Thomas and Pauline Brown; and his niece Teresa Klein (nee: Stieb).

The Celebration of Life for John was held on Saturday February 15, 2020

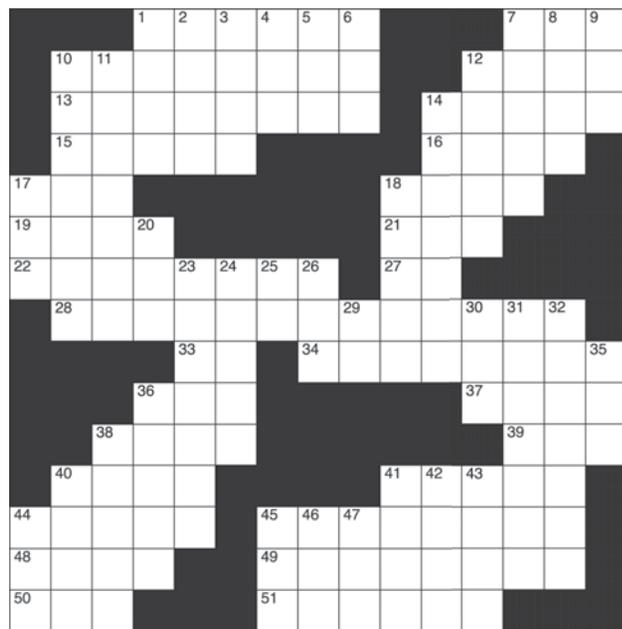
at 2:00 PM at the Leask Community Hall with Lorne Valuck officiating. Music was provided by Gerald Lanes. Readings were by Beth Nelson, Eric Schmalz, and Brooke Forbes. The eulogy was by his children Cathy, Darryl & Shelley. Urn bearers were Gordon Nelson & Dillon Forbes. Donations can be made in memory of John to the Wheatland Lodge Foundation (Box 130 Leask, SK S0J 1M0). Interment will be at a later date.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Lynn Anderson, Tammy Smart - Funeral Director, Leask, SK 306-466-4822.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Stain one's hands
- 7. Subdivision
- 10. A passage to be performed slow
- 12. Invests in little enterprises
- 13. Medians
- 14. Member of the giraffe family
- 15. Makes official
- 16. Choose in an election
- 17. Hill or rocky peak
- 18. Member of an ancient Iranian people
- 19. Crest of a hill
- 21. Small, faint constellation
- 22. Cultivated from crops that yield oil
- 27. The ancient Egyptian sun god
- 28. Hollywood tough guy
- 33. Chinese drums
- 34. Merits
- 36. Indicates center
- 37. Increases motor speed
- 38. Mentally fit
- 39. BBQ favorite
- 40. Wings



- 41. Female parents
- 44. Marks left from wounds
- 45. Soften by soaking in liquid
- 48. They resist authority (slang)
- 49. Formats
- 50. Many subconsciousnesses
- 51. Vogues

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mental object
- 2. Blackbird
- 3. Undergarments
- 4. Old cloth
- 5. One from Utah
- 6. Greek goddess of the dawn
- 7. Become less intense
- 8. Developed to readiness
- 9. Defunct phone company
- 10. About Freemason
- 11. Taking everything into account
- 12. Famed Czech engineer
- 14. Impress into silence
- 17. Boxing term
- 18. Marketplaces
- 20. Pounds per square inch
- 23. Locomotives
- 24. Short musical composition
- 25. Football position (abbr.)
- 26. Heavyhearted
- 29. Denotes particular region
- 30. Famed NHLer
- 31. Ingested too much
- 32. Formulates
- 35. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
- 36. Broad, shallow craters
- 38. Thick cuts
- 40. Breezed through
- 41. Breakfast is one
- 42. "Rule, Britannia" composer
- 43. Periodicals (slang)
- 44. Indian title of respect
- 45. More (Spanish)
- 46. Creation
- 47. A loud utterance

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Thank you to Lorne Valuck for officiating the celebration of life. Gerald Lanes for providing the music. We would like to give a special thanks to those individuals who shared their thoughts and memories during the open mic; you gave us a special memory.

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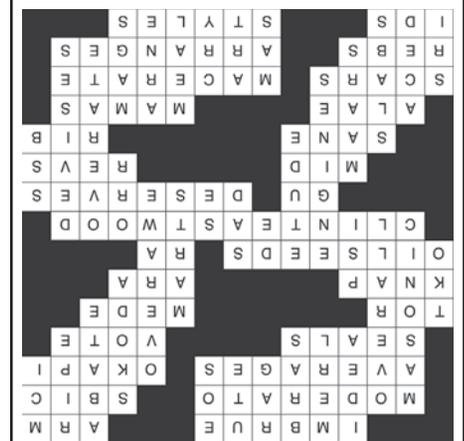
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# NDP calls for procurement policy that puts Sask. people first

NDP Leader Ryan Meili was recently in Moose Jaw to raise concerns about the Sask. Party's flawed procurement process, which risks leaving Saskatchewan workers out in the cold once again when it comes to large projects such as the SaskPower natural gas plant in Moose Jaw. SaskPower announced

last week that two US-based companies have been selected to compete for the bid.

"Whether it's the Regina Bypass or Chinook Power Station, the Sask. Party's track record has been to favour large, out-of-province companies at the expense of Saskatchewan workers," Meili said. "By not putting Sas-

katchewan workers first, the Sask. Party is failing to build and maintain a healthy economy in the province."

Burns and McDonnell, which has its headquarters located in Kansas City, MO, and the Kiewit Corporation, which is based out of Omaha, NE, were the two companies shortlisted to construct

the Moose Jaw power station.

Meili said the construction industry is struggling as a result of the Sask. Party's failure to put Saskatchewan workers first, with the value of building permits dropping 57 per cent year over year, the greatest drop among all the provinces. The lat-

est jobs numbers from Statistics Canada show that there were 6,300 fewer construction jobs in January compared to last year, and a drop of 6,800 construction jobs compared to 2018.

"When we're building our schools and hospitals, highways and power stations, with our money, it should be our workers and our companies on

the jobsite," Meili said.

"There are plenty of Saskatchewan people who are out of work who didn't even get a chance to work on the Chinook Power Station. We can't afford to repeat that mistake — that's why we need a procurement policy that works for Saskatchewan people, and keeps Saskatchewan people working."



## Pinehouse inquiry report released

Government Relations Minister Lori Carr has released the formal inquiry report and related findings into the Northern Village of Pinehouse.

"I would like to thank former Justice William Vancise and his team for their work on this very important matter," Carr said. "This report has helped provide considerable clarity into the complex situation within the village and the many challenges it faces. Mr. Vancise recommends that members of council should not be removed from office. The Government of Saskatchewan accepts this recommendation."

The former Justice noted in his report that in some instances the village council was not meeting their legislative responsibilities in the areas of access to information requests and some municipal operations, but determined this was not as a result of a deliberate disregard for the law. He also noted that the village had taken steps to resolve these issues.

"This report is not an exoneration, nor will the province accept a 'business as usual' approach from the village," Carr said. "Clearly there is more work to do within the community. That is why I am immediately ordering officials within the ministry to arrange for temporary administration support-staff to provide hands-on assistance to the local council."

These positions will remain in Pinehouse for up to six months and are part of

a series of actions the community must carry out to help ensure the community is meeting its obligations under the related legislation.

For a full list of inquiry report recommendations, as well as future expectations for the village, please review the attached background information.

The Government of Saskatchewan initially ordered an inspection into the Northern Village of Pinehouse in December 2018, after citations from the Provincial Privacy Commissioner for failing to properly respond to freedom of information requests. The inspection was expanded into a formal inquiry after an interim report was submitted to government in the spring of 2019.

At that time, the provincial government appointed a temporary "supervisor" to the village to provide advice and guidance to the local council and called for a special audit to be carried out. The official inquiry ended in late November 2019. The final report has been under review by officials in both the ministries of Government Relations and Justice since it was received on December 23, 2019.

Throughout this process, the Government of Saskatchewan has remained committed to releasing both reports publicly.

The inspection, inquiry and special audit reports can be found at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/municipal-administration/municipal-inquiries>.

## BILL 194 MAKES LOCAL GOVERNMENT LESS OPEN

Bill 194, the Miscellaneous Municipal Statutes Amendment Act, was recently given second reading in the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly and could soon become law. It recommends amendments to several Acts relating to the publication of official notices by city, town and rural municipalities.

In short, Bill 194 removes the requirement for city, town and rural municipalities to provide 'public notice' of valuable information that affects our daily lives, in exchange for 'public access' to that information.

It gives local government the option to post information only on its own website rather than using independent media to inform citizens of its actions.

If this bill is passed, it will be up to you to have to go and find out yourself if any land is being rezoned, or if your municipality has hired people without advertising that a position was available, or if there is a notice of an upcoming election.

Local government has said that the sections in Bill 194 that affect mandatory publishing of public notices in newspapers will be at the discretion of the council or municipality as to whether they will do that.

Bill 194 must be amended to keep public notice in independent media and to protect openness and transparency of local government.

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