



## A look into ingredient sourcing at Northern Feeds



An aerial view of Northern Feeds.

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## *Saskatchewan releases plan to re-open province*

Barring a sudden resurgence of COVID-19 cases, golfers in Shellbrook, Spiritwood, Canwood, and Shell Lake could be allowed to hit the links as early as the middle of May.

The government of Saskatchewan, and Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Saqib Shahab, have officially announced the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan, a five-phase strategy to gradually lift COVID-19 restrictions and get businesses open and employees back to work.

"Over the next several weeks, restric-

tions will be gradually lifted by adding more types of businesses to the allowable businesses list, meaning that they can re-open if they so choose," Premier Scott Moe said in a statement.

"All businesses and public venues will be required to continue following physical distancing and cleaning and disinfection practices to protect both employees and customers. Members of the public will be expected to follow physical distancing rules and to stay home if they are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms."

Phase one of the plan is slated to commence May 4, and entails the re-opening of medical services restricted under the current public health order, including dentistry, optometry, physical therapy, opticians, podiatry, occupational therapy and chiropractic treatment.

Low-risk outdoor recreational activities, such as fishing and boat launches, will also be allowed starting May 4, while golf courses will be permitted to open starting May 15, and parks and campgrounds have been given an

opening date of June 1.

The province cautions that this first phase, and all subsequent phases, could be subject to change depending on how the pandemic plays out in Saskatchewan in the coming weeks.

Throughout all phases, Saskatchewan residents are urged to maintain proper physical distancing and hand-washing practices, continue to wear masks and gloves, work from home where possible, and stay home when sick.

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# Saskatchewan releases plan to re-open province

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Re-opening businesses, meanwhile, must ensure that proper physical distancing can be maintained for staff and customers, and are advised to continue enhanced cleaning and disinfecting practices.

In phase two, which is slated to commence May 19, retail businesses that were previously deemed non-allowable and select personal services will be permitted to re-open.

To help keep COVID-19 in check, public and private gatherings will still be restricted to a maximum of 10 people through the first two phases of the plan. However, this limit will be lifted to 15 people starting with phase three.

Though phase three of the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan doesn't yet have a fixed date, it includes the re-opening of remaining personal services, along with the re-opening of restaurant-type facilities, gyms and fitness facilities, licensed establishments, and childcare facilities.

Restaurants and licensed

facilities will be subject to capacity limits of 50 per cent of their regular capacity.

Starting with phase four, which will be implemented "following an evaluation of transmission patterns of COVID-19," indoor and outdoor recreation and entertainment facilities will be permitted to re-open. Additionally, the limit on public gatherings will increase to a maximum of 30 people.

Similar to phases three and four, phase five of the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan doesn't have a fixed date and will be implemented after a period of monitoring transmission patterns for COVID-19. The fifth phase will see the province consider lifting long-term restrictions.

Until those are lifted, the province will maintain its state of emergency, continue to discourage interprovincial and international travel, require a 14-day self-isolation period following travel, exposure to COVID-19, or a positive COVID-19 test, and restrict visits at long-term care homes, hospitals,

personal care homes, and group homes to compassionate reasons.

According to Dr. Shahab, the pace at which restrictions are lifted (or put back in place, if required) will depend upon a number of factors, including control of transmission of the virus, and the healthcare system's capacity to test, isolate and treat every case, and trace every contact, to name just a few.

Though the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan sends a largely optimistic signal about the COVID-19 pandemic, there are some who want more clarity on the government's strategy.

"This plan was clearly designed with business interest in mind, and it does not address the concerns facing working families," said Judy Henley, president of CUPE Saskatchewan, in a statement. "There is no solution for parents who require childcare to return to work, no solution for workers who have exhausted their sick leave benefits, and there is no solution for protecting front-line workers."

CUPE Saskatchewan also has concerns regarding the

province's supply of personal protective equipment, and WorkSafe Saskatchewan's capacity to ensure that businesses comply with public health orders.

"With more businesses opening, how is the Government of Saskatchewan going to ensure that workers are protected and have access to the PPE they need?" Henley asked.

Echoing CUPE Saskatchewan's concerns, Sask. NDP Ryan Meili raised four key questions regarding the government's plan.

Meili is also calling for the legislature to resume meeting with proper physical distancing practices.

The full Re-Open Saskatchewan plan can be read on [www.saskatchewan.ca/COVID19](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/COVID19).

As of Monday afternoon, Saskatchewan had recorded its fifth COVID-related death. The number of cases climbed by 12, bringing the provincial total to 365 cases, while recoveries remained at 288. Of the 72 active cases, seven people are in hospital, with five people receiving inpatient care and two people in intensive care.

## PIHC receives new TV



**Before (top) and after (bottom): Thanks to a generous anonymous donation, residents of Parkland Integrated Health Centre's long-term care facility will now be able to watch TV from anywhere in the room.**

### TOWN OF SHELLBROOK PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Shellbrook intends to adopt a bylaw under the *Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw 2018-01, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

#### INTENT

##### 1. The proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment will:

- Allow "Cannabis Production Facilities" to erect fences up to 2.0 metres in height in any zoning district provided the fences do not obstruct views to the site from the street or adjacent properties (e.g. chain link fence); and
- Exempt fences for "Cannabis Production Facilities" from the height restrictions in a Sight Triangle.

#### REASON

##### 1. The reasons for the Zoning Bylaw amendments are to:

- Facilitate the development of fences for "Cannabis Production Facilities" and
- Bring regulations for "Cannabis Production Facilities" in compliance with federal regulations related to site security.

#### PUBLIC INSPECTION

A copy of the proposed bylaw is posted on the Town's website: [www.townofshellbrook.ca](http://www.townofshellbrook.ca). A copy of the proposed bylaw will be posted on the front door of the municipal office (which is closed to the public) or can also be obtained by sending an email request to: [cao@townofshellbrook.ca](mailto:cao@townofshellbrook.ca).

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:00 PM at the Town Office to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, written submissions to Council pertaining to this bylaw are strongly encouraged. Written submissions must be received by May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 by 2:00 PM either by email or deposited into the mail slot at the Town Office. Anyone wishing to make a verbal submission to Council must do so by phone. Please contact the Town Office before May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 2:00 PM to schedule a time slot in which Council will phone you directly to hear your concerns or suggestions.

Issued at the Town of Shellbrook this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.  
Kelly Hoare, Chief Administrative Officer

### NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF TIME

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll of the Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555 being open for inspection has been extended, for an additional 30 days in 2020, by a Ministers Order, dated April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Any person may contact the Assessor by phone or email during regular office hours to discuss any assessment.

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal, accompanied by the applicable assessment appeal fee with The Assessor, RM of Big River, No. 555, Box 219, 606 First Street North, Big River, SK S0J 0E0, by the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

Dated at Big River, Saskatchewan this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

Donna Tymiak  
Assessor

### Town of Blaine Lake Assessment Roll Notice

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Town of Blaine Lake for the year of 2020 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the Assessor **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.

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 Blaine Lake, Box 10, Blaine Lake, SK S0J 0J0 by the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2020.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2020

Brenda Lockhart, Assessor

### NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF TIME TOWN OF BIG RIVER

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Town of Big River being open for inspection has been extended, for an additional 30 days in 2020, by a Ministers Order, dated April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Any person may contact the Assessor by phone or email during regular office hours to discuss any assessment.

Any person who wishes to appeal against her or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal, accompanied by the applicable assessment appeal fee with:

The Assessor  
Town of Big River  
Box 220, Big River, Saskatchewan S0J 0E0, by the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

Noreen Olsen  
Assessor

### NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL R.M. of Medstead No. 497

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the R.M. of Medstead No. 497 for the year 2020 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 4:00 p.m. on the following days: Monday to Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 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, accompanied by a \$50.00 appeal fee which will be returned if the appeal is successful with: The Assessor, Rural Municipality of Medstead No. 497, P.O. Box 12, Medstead, Saskatchewan, S0M 1W0, by the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

Due to COVID-19, the RM Office is closed to the public. Communications regarding Assessment Appeals may be made by phone call or email. Should in person interaction be required, it will be done in accordance with Public Health.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

Christin Egeland  
Assessor

# No tax increase in Shellbrook budget

Though COVID-19 has given Shellbrook ratepayers plenty to worry about over the past month and a half, an increase in property taxes won't be added to those concerns.

Shellbrook's town council tabled the 2020-2021 municipal budget on April 20. The budget projects that revenues and expenses will be dead even at \$3,815,263 — an increase of just \$5,000 over the 2019-2020 budget, which was higher than normal due to infrastructure work being held over from 2018.

The budget also holds the mill rate steady at 3.98, after ratepayers saw a 3 per cent increase in last year's budget.

"It's a zero increase budget. Council felt that was important with what's going on," Shellbrook Mayor George Tomporowski said, adding that council had been considering no increase prior to COVID-19, after the province's oil sector collapsed.

Noting that the town has refined its budgeting process over the last few years, Tomporowski says this year's budget came together in a single meeting thanks to a lot of upfront legwork by municipal staff.

While COVID-19 continues to cast a shadow over the globe, Tomporowski says council both did and didn't factor the pandemic into its budgeting because there's no way to know how things will play out.

One of the largest questions for the town, for instance, is whether or not the pool will be able to open for the summer.

"There will be a drop dead date. If it can't open by this date, it won't open," Tomporowski said, explaining that all pool staff have been hired just in case.

"If it doesn't open, the expenditures will be less. We'll have to circulate water, we just won't have to heat it."

With the provincial government having released its Re-Open Saskatchewan plan, Tomporowski says the main municipal facility affected by that will be the campground.

Noting that the campground is never a "huge revenue generator" for the town, he adds that he doesn't anticipate it having

a large impact on the town's budget.

Meanwhile, where COVID-19 resulted in larger urban centres allowing tax or utility payment deferrals, Tomporowski says Shellbrook's town council is taking the wait and see ap-

proach.

"In places like the city of Saskatoon, their taxes are due in June. That's why they're talking about delaying payments. For us, the penalties don't start until after Dec. 31," he explained.

Looking at the major ex-

penditures called for in the 2020-2021 budget, Tomporowski says the town has some major work it would like to get done, starting with the Water Treatment Plant.

Due to changing provincial regulations, the town is planning to undertake a massive renovation project that will see it increase the plant's storage capacity in case of disaster, switch to the province's preferred method of gas chlorination, add a third greensand filter, and convert the town's water supply to a blended reverse osmosis system.

All that work carries an estimated price tag of \$6.5 million. But Tomporowski says that it's at least partially on hold until the town receives a delayed verdict on a major grant application.

"We're still hopeful we'll qualify. Even if we don't, we know we need to do some fairly major work there because we're reaching capacity," he said, noting that the town is getting some engineering work completed in advance so it will be ready to go if the grant application is approved.

On the known infrastructure expenses side, the repayment of the loan for the Wastewater Treatment

Plant is still eating up about \$250,000 of the budget.

Elsewhere, the town is continuing to budget about \$200,000 for its sewer re-lining project, and planning to spend about \$60,000 on pavement patching, and Tomporowski says there's also work to be done on a lift station and public works equipment to be replaced.

The budget also sets aside \$100,000 for paving, but Tomporowski says that maybe be held over for next year.

"One of the issues with paving is that the mobilization is so high. So whatever we've budgeted we'd hold over for another year and do a bigger contract the next year."

## Schmitz, Taylor named to Skate Canada's NextGen Team

After a successful 2019-2020 season in Novice Pairs where they became silver medallists at North American Cup, gold medallists at Skate Canada Challenge and silver medallists at the Canadian Tire National Skating Championships, Ashlyn Schmitz of the Shellbrook Skating Club and Tristan Taylor of Skate Regina were selected to Skate Canada national's NextGen Team. Their place on this team signifies that they have been identified as part of the next wave of our country's aspiring international, world and Olympic competitors.



### RM of Medstead No. 497 2020 Gravel – Load & Haul Tender

The RM of Medstead No. 497 is accepting tenders for the loading/hauling of approximately 17,500 yards of crushed gravel from two different pits located within this RM to various roads in the municipality.

Tenders must include:

\$ per yard/mile for hauling gravel, \$ per yard<sup>3</sup> for loading gravel, any additional surcharges or mobilization charges, equipment listing, expected start and completion dates, Sask. WCB current letter of good standing, and proof of current liability insurance.

There will be no public opening.

The lowest or any tender may not necessarily be accepted and the Municipality reserves the right to reject any and all tenders. Tenders will be accepted until May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. and reviewed at the regular council meeting on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Incomplete tenders will not be accepted. Tenders must clearly state "RM 497 – 2020 Gravel Hauling Tender" and be submitted to:

RM of Medstead No. 497 – Box 12,  
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Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the RM of Big River, No. 555 intends to adopt a bylaw pursuant to Section 207 of the *Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 1/19 known as the Zoning Bylaw.

### INTENT

The proposed zoning bylaw amendment will rezone land from the A – Agriculture to CR1 – Low Density Country Residential District to accommodate a residential site and Rezone an existing parcel from A – Agriculture to CR2 – Medium Density Country Residential to reflect the existing use and compliment the use of the neighboring property.

### AFFECTED LANDS

Part of NW-16-55-07-W3 shown in the sketch below as proposed Parcel D with a dashed line and Parcel C shown in the thatched area.

### REASON

The reason for the amendment is to accommodate a new residential subdivision and to reflect the actual use of an existing parcel of land.

### PUBLIC INSPECTION

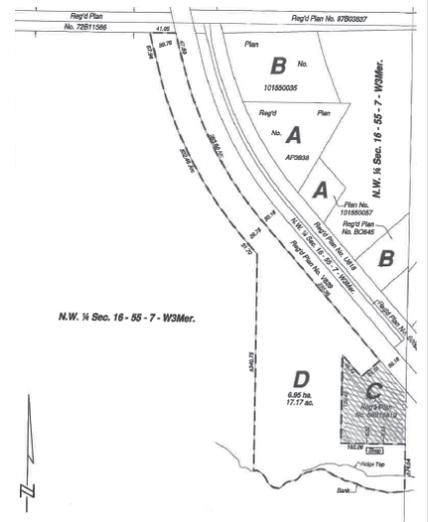
Any person may inspect the bylaw by contacting the RM Office by phone 306-469-2323 or email [rm555@sasktel.net](mailto:rm555@sasktel.net) on any judicial day between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy will be sent to you at no cost.

### PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at the Big River Community Centre at 606 First Street North, Big River, SK at 10:00 am. Public interested in attending must contact the RM Office in advance of the hearing date to confirm how they can participate. If on the day of the hearing the Big River Community Centre is still closed to the public, any person wishing to participate may request the participant pass code, so they can dial into public hearing by conference call. Due to the restrictions on public access to public buildings, Council requests written submissions be submitted by mail to RM of Big River, No. 555, Box 219, Big River, SK, S0J 0E0 or email [rm555@sasktel.net](mailto:rm555@sasktel.net) in advance of the hearing date.

Issued at Big River this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2020.

Donna Tymiak  
Rural Municipal Administrator



## Beware COVID-19 shortcuts

How do you beat COVID-19 and get Canada back to normal as soon as possible?

According to one Toronto doctor, you infect as many people as you can with the virus.

Dr. Eleftherios Diamandis, a biochemist who heads up Mt. Sinai Hospital's Advanced Centre for the Detection of Cancer, admits that some may think his idea is "crazy." But he also contends that it isn't entirely without scientific merit.

Of course, Dr. Diamandis' idea isn't as simple as deliberately spreading COVID-19 to unwitting Canadians against their will.

Instead, Dr. Diamandis proposes that willing volunteers be given a low dose of the virus — enough to trigger an immunological response and develop immunity, but not enough to result in a serious or life-threatening illness.

With the contributions of these volunteers, Dr. Diamandis says, Canada would quickly build up herd immunity without waiting the



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estimated 12 to 18 months for a viable vaccine to be developed.

"Isolation leaves billions of people without immunity, and at the end of the day we must achieve immunity one way or another," Dr. Diamandis told the *National Post*.

The notion isn't without support.

Québec Premier François Legault cited the concept of building herd immunity last week, while arguing that it would be a mistake to keep the province locked down for months to come.

Elsewhere, an American organization called 1Day-Sooner has already signed up more than 6,000 volunteers from 52 countries to be infected with the virus and help build global herd immunity.

As a concept, it's far from new and original. Variolation, or the practice of deliberately infecting people with small pox by blowing dried scabs up their noses, originated in Asia prior to the 1700s and eventually made its way around the globe via the African slave trade.

According to the United States' National Library of Medicine, the practice of variolation resulted in mortality rates of 1 to 2 per cent, compared to the 30 per cent who died when they contracted small pox normally.

Even if it would prove effective, some medical professionals question the morality of deliberately infecting people — even if they volunteer.

"Infecting people to build herd immunity is wrong — you do that with a vaccine, not with the virus," said Mi-

chael Houghton, a University of Alberta virologist developing a coronavirus vaccine under a federal government grant.

While conceding that Dr. Diamandis' proposal would expedite the process of getting a vaccine approved, Houghton adds that such "challenge trials" are only responsible and ethical when there's an effective treatment for the virus or disease.

Despite United States President Donald Trump's wholly unscientific claims about hydroxychloroquine, no such COVID-19 treatment exists.

And, beyond the moral and ethical quandaries that would need to be resolved before Dr. Diamandis' plan could be carried out, there's also the very practical problem that the scenario is premised upon the belief that any virus, COVID-19 or otherwise, can be fully controlled.

Even in an ideal laboratory setting, all it would take is one little slip up for the virus to breach containment,



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infect people outside of the volunteer group, and start a whole new outbreak.

What's more, there's still so much we don't know about COVID-19, such as its origins, how it spreads, how long immunity lasts, and whether people can catch it twice.

It behoves us to answer these questions before we even consider taking any action that could end up making the pandemic worse.

As has been posited in this space before, the battle against COVID-19 isn't a

race. There are no cheat codes, shortcuts or easy outs that will expedite the pandemic, and, in truth, trying to develop workarounds could leave us all worse off.

For this reason, we should all focus on the clear, simple and effective practices we've been employing thus far to get Saskatchewan back to business as usual.

As Premier Scott Moe said last week when he unveiled his plan to re-open the province, what we're doing is working.

## Meili asks questions about Re-Open Sask. plan

NDP Leader Ryan Meili raised serious questions about the Sask. Party's plan to open the economy, and called on the government to restore democratic oversight by reconvening the Legislature in some form, to ensure the best possible management of the pandemic.

"It is one thing to release a plan on opening businesses, but the people who operate and work at those businesses need a plan that works for them," Meili said. "Those workers are also parents, but the government's plan says nothing about how we'll manage child care through a reopening. The government's failure to announce a plan to support

parents and small businesses as workplaces begin to open again is exactly why we need time and space to ask the government these questions."

**Healthcare readiness:** How ready is our healthcare system for a possible surge? Do we have sufficient ventilators, intensive care units and protective equipment, particularly as some businesses will need access to protective equipment? What is the government's plan for expanded testing, aggressive contact tracing and the capacity to isolate positive cases?

**Child care:** How can people who have kids home from school or who can't access

child care be expected to return to work? Will this put more pressure to send children to grandparents for care, for parents who have that option, exposing seniors to higher risk?

**Business supports:** Many businesses are expecting to see decreased sales and increased costs as they reopen. How does early opening impact eligibility for federal programs? How will Saskatchewan businesses be supported to succeed in this time?

**Guidelines for family visits:** The Premier told CBC Morning Edition today that people can immediately start visiting friends and family. The province's plan of-

fers no clear guidelines for how to do this safely, including how it applies to seniors. Can the province provide clear direction to people on how they are expected to maintain physical distancing?

"We have good reason to be optimistic, given how well Saskatchewan people have managed the restrictions that were asked of them," Meili said. "But the pandemic is not over. The questions we're asking about the province's plan need serious answers if we're to avoid serious problems in our handling of this pandemic. It is time for the Premier to face the legislature and start answering these questions."

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# Homeschool offers career project-based learning

**Submitted by Nancy Carswell**

Normally the Easter Break is a week off school. These are not normal times and, as I had the week off of work, I invited my grandsons to a week of home schooling. The goal was to learn how to apply for a job.

The inspiration to focus on careers was this quote by Albert Schweitzer, "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve."

As careers are service, they are potential sources of happiness as well as livelihood.

Project-based learning is a powerful teaching strategy. While engaging students, the learning experiences develop problem solving and critical and creative thinking skills.

Well designed project-based learning covers all subjects and gives context in a way that separate subjects cannot. For example, in one grandson's project, there was an opportunity to introduce logarithms in the context of radio waves. The subject math generally teaches logarithms and other concepts with algorithms, rules to solve problems. Without context, algorithms are meaningless. (I passed university differential calculus because I was proficient at algorithms, not because I understood calculus. If we replaced high school calculus with

statistics, it would be easier to create context as we are immersed in statistics.)

Another advantage of project-based learning is that it is scalable. There is a six-year difference between my grandsons, but both could work in their zone of proximal development—the area where they can achieve growth with help.

Core online resources for the career project were the Relevance Magazine, an annual career magazine for Saskatchewan youth, the National Occupational Classification (NOC) system, and the University of Saskatchewan Student Career Guides.

The first part was "Describe your career." Each grandson picked a career (police officer and chef) from the chart in Relevance. They started a Know, Want to Know, and Learned (KWL) chart and added to it periodically. They watched career related videos.

For the STEMs (science, technology, engineering, and math), one researched fingerprinting and the other researched how microwave ovens work. The microwave oven research became an animation combining science and art.

For language arts each wrote a story using the Ands, But, Therefore (ABT) formula. This formula provides more guidance than the "beginning, middle, then end" formula. The Ands



**Deklan Dumais explores the science of fingerprinting during his career project-based learning experience.**

setup the ordinary world, the But overturns it, then the Therefore uncovers the resolution. Each grandson drafted the Ands, But, and Therefore then wrote a story.

This is one grandson's ABT story:

"One day Gerald Humdinger finished high school. For years, Gerald knew he wanted to become a cop. Sadly, Prince Albert didn't need more police officers.

Gerald believed that if he became physically and mentally fit, that eventually he would be a police officer. Every day, he exercised at his gym or at home. He ate healthy and never ate treats, especially donuts. He read books on policing and he meditated. Gerald got his paperwork ready. He had a resume and references.

Every day, he checked the job ads to see if there is an opening for a police officer in Prince Albert. Finally, the ad appeared. A police officer had been fired because all he did was eat donuts. He never arrested a single criminal.

Gerald applied for the job and got it!"

The second part was "Organize a job search; resume, cover letter, and interview." Each grandson studied a mock job ad and reviewed NOC employment requirements. They completed resume and cover letter templates. They then wrote and rehearsed answers to interview questions as well as memorizing two questions to ask the interviewer. To make the interview realistic, I arranged for my husband to be the interviewer as he has experience. The boys wore shirt and tie and the interviews were videotaped.

We fell into a routine of a half hour on careers alternated with other activities like touch typing or outside play. At the end of our home school week, we had a showcase for their parents.



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As well, the Business Response Team is available to help. Call: 1-844-800-8688 or email: [supportforbusiness@gov.sk.ca](mailto:supportforbusiness@gov.sk.ca)

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# Safety and containment are the focus at the SDHC

The Spiritwood and District Health Complex (SDHC) has been taking every precaution to help contain the spread of the COVID-19 illness by following restrictions set out by the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA). Information provided here is current as of April 23, 2020 as restrictions are constantly being updated by the SHA. All public gatherings that normally take place in SHA facilities are postponed until further notice and volunteer

services in non-essential areas by those 65 years of age and older have been suspended.

In person visitations are currently not being permitted in any SHA-operated hospitals, clinics, community, and continuing care facilities in an effort to protect patients and health care workers. Visitations for compassionate reasons such as patients receiving end-of-life care or major surgery are the only exception.

Visitors who are permitted are screened prior to entering the facility. A temperature check and questionnaire are performed before the visitor is allowed in the facility. Hand washing or sanitizing is mandatory when entering or leaving the facility and a patient's room. Visitors must wear a mask while inside as well as additional personal protective equipment where it is deemed necessary. Waiting in common areas or waiting rooms is not permitted.

The SHA is encouraging family members and friends of patients to explore ways to visit virtually. Phone calls, FaceTime, Skype, and WhatsApp chats are all ways to stay connected without needing to visit in person. SHA facilities are working to help make phones and tablets available to long-term care residents so they will be able to connect with the important people in their life.

Numbers of visitors allowed at a time for compassionate reasons is determined by the type of patient. One healthy visitor is permitted at a time for patients receiving end-of-life care, palliative care, and hospice care. One visitor at a time is also permitted for patients with a high risk for loss of life as determined by the attending physician. Outpatient, emergency department patients, urgent care patients and inpatients who have specific mobility, hearing, visual, or memory impairment challenges are also allowed one healthy visitor at a time.

Patients in the maternal and postpartum units and



Workers of the Spiritwood and District Health Complex posed for a photo before the Essential Workers Parade, while maintaining social distance.



The Spiritwood RCMP, Spiritwood Fire Department, Spiritwood Conservation Officers, and Spiritwood Paramedics shined up their vehicles and drove around town as a way to thank essential workers for their diligence during the COVID-19 pandemic.



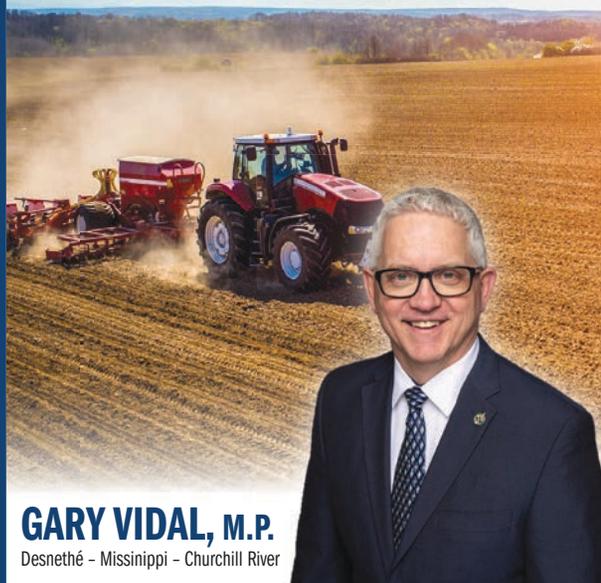
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the PICU are permitted one visitor or support person but the person must remain the same throughout the entire length of admission.

Patients in the pediatric units and the NICU may have two visitors, however they must be the same two primary parents or caregivers for the whole admission period.

Long-term care residents and special-care home residents determined to have needs that the care team cannot meet are permitted two healthy visitors or support people. They must remain the same and only one is permitted to be present at a time.

Personal items, food, and beverages are not allowed to be dropped off at the facility for patients. Permitted visitors may bring these items, if approval is given by the facility.

The SDHC is currently offering virtual health care appointments with in-person appointments only being performed when the provider deems it necessary.

Those requiring regular appointments should call (306) 883-4400 to set up a phone visit where the provider will determine if there are further needs.

The Collaborative Emergency Centre (CEC) remains open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for urgent care. Individuals requiring urgent care should first call 811 or visit Saskatchewan.ca to complete the COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool before visiting the CEC. Anyone experiencing a major medical emergency should call 911.

Any individual experiencing COVID-19 symptoms like coughing, fever, or a shortness of breath should call 811 or complete the online COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool. Those experiencing symptoms who also have an urgent care need may be referred to a COVID-19 Assessment Centre, seen in their vehicle, or placing in an isolation room dependant on the situation.

The SDHC has departments operating as virtually as possible. Home Care,

Physiotherapy, Mental Health Counselling, Addictions Support, and Public Health have all made adjustments to continue providing services while maintaining safety for clients and staff. If someone requires one of these services, they should call as they normally would.

Lab service restrictions are dependent on the test and patient receiving the test. Those requiring tests should call (306) 883-4400 to inquire whether their tests can be performed at this time.

"If you do need to present to Spiritwood & District Health Complex, keep in mind that you will be questioned on your health and risks for COVID-19 by every department you encounter. Staff are required to ask these questions themselves, and while that may seem to be unnecessary, please be patient and remember that it's for your health and the health of those who are working to take care of you and your loved ones," says Cari Cross, office coordinator for Spiritwood Primary Care.

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## COVID-19 changes unlikely to last

There is no doubt that COVID-19, and the need to isolate for the common good in the face of the bug, has changed how we eat.

While many restaurants have stayed open to take out and delivery, being shut in our homes, many laid off from work, has afforded time to home cook meals more than has been normal.

In my case, I just turned 60, and having grown up on a Saskatchewan farm in an era where my mother did not work off-farm, I was

used to home cooking being on the table for three squares a day as they say.

That has not been the norm in the latter half-plus of my 60-years of course.

Evenings when my son had Scouts or baseball, my daughter Girl Guides, or myself and newspaper assignments often meant a trip through a drive-thru for a burger, or pizza. If not a restaurant offering, it would be something quick from the grocery store, a lasagna that could be heated in the oven in short order.



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My grandmother and mother would have generally looked at a heat and eat meal from a grocery store as a shirking of their duties.

The difference is of course the time we have for something often seen as mundane as cooking food.

There are a lot of demands on our time today, with parents almost always working, and the need to chase children to a wide array of athletic and cultural endeavours as we try to offer our kids to greatest range of opportunities possible.

Now, suddenly because of COVID-19, families have the time to return to home cooking. There is little in this world that is better

than the aroma of home-made bread baking in the kitchen. It is frankly a purely joyous thing.

And the meals my better half is making, from ham and bean soup to a curry meatloaf with a handful of sweet raisins mixed in, have me not missing restaurants, although a take out burger occasionally is thought about.

It is a good thing that people enjoy the family time a homemade meal can offer a family.

It is a situation that has

shifted food needs, flour is often sold out at stores, and that is creating different opportunities for farmers.

The question is what happens post-isolation? Will we maintain an increased interest in home cooking?

The short-answer is probably not. The demands on our time will mean mixing flour and yeast, kneading dough, and watching bread rise will fall off the list of things we have time for, even though fresh bread smells fantastic and tastes that way too.

## It's gardening season...do you need a plot?

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- Pregnant women
- All families
- After school/summer programs

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# A look into ingredient sourcing at Northern Feeds

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Six barns, twenty-seven diets, and one truck keep the five staff of Northern Feeds busy year-round. Built in 2003 by Fast Genetics and DDR Farms, the mill just west of Spiritwood has served two purposes over the years, reducing input costs and improving farm biosecurity.

An early 4 a.m. start time Monday through Friday keeps the pigs in the Fast Genetics barns and DDR eating and growing. Milling over 30,000 tonnes of feed in a year with approximately 25,000 tonnes being local feed grains, the mill provides a market for area farmers to sell their grain. At 45 bushels per tonne and 60 bushels per acre, this would be the equivalent of 18,000 acres of local grain sourced by the mill, says Fast Genetics CEO Shannon Meyers. Following the closure of many grain elevators in the Spiritwood area, Northern Feeds is one of the few local options that farmers have left.

It takes the mill about 15 minutes to mill one tonne of feed and their one feed truck can carry up to 10 different diets and 28 tonnes of feed at a time. Overcoming challenges is just part of the job for the dedicated crew at the mill, but mill manager, Doug Dyck, describes that as his favourite part.

Deliveries can be slowed down by a multitude of factors which can lengthen the working day and sometimes the week for mill operators and truck drivers. Breakdowns and repairs really bog things up as



Just west of the Town of Spiritwood, the Northern Feed sign can be seen at the front of the mill.

there is no back up truck to keep the feed moving. The weather and seasonal changes bring their own set of challenges. Doug says that springtime is the busiest season for the mill as road bans reduce the weight they can haul to a barn and the cold climate throughout the winter can cause slow downs.

Feed normally accounts for around 60-70 per cent of production cost in swine,

making ingredient sourcing one of the most important factors in determining profits in hog production. While Northern Feeds sources the majority of their main components, wheat, barley, and peas, from within a fifty-mile radius of the mill, there are still other ingredients that need to be brought in from out of province or out of country.

Ingredient quality, country of origin, cost, and availability are all factors that need to be considered when sourcing ingredients for feed production.

Quality feed ingredients are very important to ensure optimal pig health and performance. Humidity, shipping and handling, and storage are all factors that can affect the quality of feed ingredients. Contaminants in feed can create health challenges in pigs which in turn have negative impacts on their growth and production. Obtaining optimal animal performance is crucial in genetic improvement programs. Selection programs rely on environmental factors being held as constant as possible so the contribution of an animal's genetic makeup to their performance can be accurately estimated. Growing pigs at peak performance also provides parameters on which to market the genetic lines.

Disease pressure in the swine popula-

tions of an ingredient's country of origin need to be considered when sourcing. Global trade markets have resulted in easy global transfer of both human and animal disease. Some pathogens are transferable through direct contact and can survive for lengthy periods of time on surfaces and in feed ingredients before infecting the animals on the receiving end. For example, African Swine Fever is currently running rampant in pig populations throughout many Asian countries. The virus responsible can survive for months without a host. This creates a disease related barrier to ingredient imports from these countries.

The cost and availability of ingredients present additional challenges to sourcing ingredients. The ever-fluctuating currency exchange rate, tariffs, and supply all impact the cost of ingredients. Low Canadian dollar values mean higher prices for inputs coming from the United States and other countries whose goods are priced in USD. Additionally, poor weather conditions for growing and harvesting crops can create shortages of some agricultural commodities driving the price up.

Doug says that Northern Feeds has yet to experience a situation where they were unable to get a necessary ingredient for milling feed. Changing suppliers or finding a suitable alternative has ensured that there is always feed to be milled.

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Victoire  
Sat., 7:30 p.m. - Mass.  
Fr. Michael Fahlman  
Eucharist Celebrations  
Muskeg  
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Mass - Sunday 11 a.m.  
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# Haskaps and honeybees, cattle and crops: Life on the Buban farm

It's an early 5 a.m. start at the Buban farm as the dairy cattle are anxious to be milked and fed. The Buban family, originally from Alberta, made their way to Spiritwood in 2001 with a few beef animals after purchasing the old Horn farm. Nearly two decades later, in 2019, they would start up a dairy, something Steve had wanted to get back into since his younger days of milking cattle.

Steve's younger daughter Jessica took an interest in the family farm at an early age and now works full time alongside her dad at their multi-faceted farm. Currently, the Bubans milk 40 cows, maintain and process honey from 50 beehives, grow feed for their dairy cattle, cash crop grains, and Jessica has started up a haskap operation with 1,000 trees.

While the dairy is the main focus at the Buban farm, diversity is an important factor for them to increase their financial stability. Having multiple forms of income

acts as a cushion in case one area of the farm has a bad year.

Jessica chose to invest in an education in welding from Saskatchewan Polytechnic after attending a short class at the college when she was in high school. The skills she learned come in handy on the farm as machinery often needs fixing up.

Barn chores consume a large portion of Steve and Jessica's day throughout the year. The growing season is busy with the bees, seeding and harrowing in the spring, making hay throughout the summer and combining in the fall.

Jessica says she enjoys working alongside her dad who she described as her mentor. "He brought us all the way from Alberta raising a few beef cows to a dairy farm with honeybees and grain. He inspired me to think outside the box. That's why I wanted to grow haskaps," she said.

After talking to another grower who had brought a

piece of a haskap harvester into Lavoie's Welding and Machining while she worked there, Jessica became very interested in the berries. "I had no idea that those berries could grow in a Saskatchewan climate," she said. She would later learn that haskaps are very hardy. Having the earliest flowers of the season, haskaps can tolerate frost down to -7 °C.

She quickly went to work talking to other growers from the area and planning for her own orchard. Attending Haskap Days at the University of Saskatchewan with Dr. Bob Bors was also a priority for Jessica so she could learn more about varieties and cultivation. The first 1,000 haskap trees went in the ground May 6, 2019 and another 1,000 will go in the ground this coming May.

Forward planning made start up relatively problem free. Haskaps being a niche market crop will allow her to operate on a smaller scale while still having a profit margin. Jessica said she

expects it to take 3-4 more years before the trees will be large enough and producing enough fruit to sell. Reaching heights of 6-8 feet, a mature haskap tree can produce up to 7lbs of fruit in one growing season.

Jessica has intentions to start out as a U-Pick with some sales at local farmers markets and eventually start looking for a buyer to process the berries into other products like jams and syrups. If she can develop a good relationship with a buyer and a steady market for her product, she would consider expansion and looking into a mechanical harvester.

As it goes with every start up venture, there are always challenges. Financially, there is a big up-front input cost and the returns on investment can take years. Protection against pests adds to the cost as fences to keep out bears and deer, nets to keep out birds, and deterrents to steer off the mice may be added to reduce losses on the crop. Irrigation lines to



Jessica Buban's young haskap trees in their first year of cultivation.

reduce labour and ensure the crop gets enough water even in dry years contribute to cost as well as landscaping fabric to help keep the weeds down. While these inputs and protection can help reduce labour and increase yields, they don't eliminate labour or losses. Weeding at the base of the trees and between row lawn maintenance is required on a weekly basis and hail during harvest season can damage berries and knock them off trees.

The project keeps Jessica busy, but she is optimistic for the future. Along with her

tree expansion this spring, she says her next steps are to put up a fence and continue with lawn maintenance and rock removal as she looks forward to one day mechanically harvesting her crop.

Looking forward, Jessica says that she would love to be able to continue operating all four components of the farm at their current capacity. "I take pride in the fact that our farm is all connected," she said. "We need honeybees to pollinate the haskaps. The cow manure we use to fertilize the land and we grow all of our own feed off that land."



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## OBITUARIES

## Jenny Lueken



Jenny was the second youngest of five children born to Stefan and Katherine Wicinski. She was born April 23, 1934, in Ladder Valley, SK, where her parents had started a homestead after immigrating from Ukraine. She lived there with her Brother Walter and three Sisters: Olga (Swanson), Ann (Neely) and Mary (Johnson).

Jenny went to school at Ladder Valley and Big River and later took a secretarial course at Park City Business Col-

lege, in Prince Albert. She worked for Fayerman Bros, in Prince Albert, before she got married. She also worked for Dr. Crux, in Big River, for a short time.

Jenny married Anthony (Tony) Lueken on June 22, 1955, at the Big River Roman Catholic Church. She had five children: Brian (Joanne), Paul (Cindy), Cameron (Linda), Cheryl (John) Chester and Ian (Tammy). Her family grew with grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was a secretary for the rural telephone company while it was in existence. In 1978 she took on a part-time job with Canada Post where she worked for 21 years.

Jenny retired in July of 1999.

She served on the local school board and had been an active member of her church, Our Lady of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, in Big River. She was a member of the Catholic Women's League for 30 years.

Jenny loved living on the farm West of Big River, where she had been since she was married. She took pride in her house, farmyard, garden and many flowers. She worked very hard to keep everything looking neat and beautiful. This couldn't have been easy for her after Tony's passing but it helped to keep her busy and active. She was not one to sit in the house, as she was always walking around the yard doing various jobs such as cutting grass, raking, hauling water to the garden, weeding and plant-

ing potatoes for everyone.

Jenny was a homemaker first and foremost. She loved to make buns, bake, cook amazing meals and harvest her garden. Church was an important part of her life. Jenny always kept up with current affairs and enjoyed talking to her friends on the phone. She loved to watch the birds at the bird feeder and listen to old-time music and especially the Old Tyme Dance Party on the radio that reminded her of the dances she attended with Tony.

Jenny was predeceased by her Husband Tony – March, 1999; her Sister Olga – April, 2017; her parents Stefan and Katherine Wicinski; Brothers-in-law, Sisters-in-law and other family members.

She is survived by: Brian (Joanne), Paul

(Cindy), Cameron (Linda), Cheryl (John) Chester and Ian (Tammy), her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her Brother and Sisters: Walter (Shirley) Wicinski and Ann Neely, Mary Johnson and many Nieces, Nephews and friends.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Jenny to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, in Big River or the Canadian Cancer Society.

There will be a service for Jenny that will be announced when it is safe to gather.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com) Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Tammy Smart, Funeral Director, Big River, SK. 306-469-2277.

## Stuart Ferdinand Breker



age of 93 years. Stuart is survived by his wife, Martha, his children; Terry (Brenda) Breker and their family; Jody (Kim) Breker and children, Mikela, Ethan and Katie; Valerie (Sheldon) Dean and children Kyrren, Taylor and Sophia; Corey (Janell) Breker and children, Kolby, Seth and Liam; Daniel (Crystal) Breker and children, Brooke, Macyn, Jade and Leo; Milton (Debbie) Breker and their family; Ryan (Noel) Breker and children, Margaux, Maxwell and Elias, Tyler (Kayla) Breker and child Eleanor, Janaye Breker; Kevin (Colleen) Breker and their family; Jake Breker, Kellie (Evan) Whitmin; Darryl (Wendy) Breker and their family; Stephen Breker (Anastasia Graham), Melissa Breker and Elizabeth Breker;

Alison Breker (Rohan Langlois) and their family; Xavier and Alicia. Stuart was predeceased by his parents; John and Catherine Breker and his siblings; Louis, Lucille, Carter, Ella and Edna.

Stuarts family is having a private Funeral and will have a Memorial Service at a later date. Stuart will be interred in the Big River Cemetery.

Friends so wishing, may make donations in memory of Stuart Breker to the Big River Bible Camp as tokens of remembrance.

Those wishing to send online condolences are invited to visit [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com) Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Lori Saam of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Big River, Sask. (306) 469-2277.



With deep sorrow and broken hearts, the family of Pauline Malanowich wish to announce her passing on Sunday, April 19th, 2020 at

## Pauline Malanowich

the age of 90.

Due to COVID-19 crisis and her last wishes, no funeral service will be held. A private family interment of her ashes will be completed at a later date in the Peaceful Pines Cemetery at Chitek Lake, and we as family will celebrate her life.

Our loss recognizes that God called her home. Grandma leaves a legacy of love and caring, her many quilts will surround all of us for generations to come.

Pauline leaves to cherish her memory; her husband John, her son David (Judy)

Malanovich of Chitek Lake, her daughters; Kathryn Malanovich of Saskatoon, Karen (David) Story of Spiritwood, and Judy (Lonny) Bogner of Saskatoon.

Friends so wishing, may make donations in memory of Pauline to the Canadian Cancer Society as tokens of remembrance.

Those wishing to send online condolences are invited to visit [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com), funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Lori Saam of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Spiritwood, Sask. (306) 883-3500.

## Beatrice Turgeon



Beatrice Turgeon  
June 21, 1927 - March 15, 2020

Beatrice Irene Marie Turgeon was born June 21,

1927, to Philius and Exilia (Laventure) Boucher on the Boucher homestead 3 miles north of Laventure. She was the youngest of 5 girls. As a child, she was greatly influenced by her grandmother, Celina Laventure, who spent many hours singing songs and imparting French folklore. Bea developed a love for singing and did not hesitate to sing whenever there was a gathering. Quite often, a word or phrase would trigger a memory and she would sing in both French and English.

Bea attended school at the Witchekan School 2 miles

west of the homestead until 1937 when her parents sold the homestead to a family member and moved to Leoville. She graduated from high school in 1946, and attended Normal School (Teacher's College) in Saskatoon. After graduation, she returned to the homestead and taught at the Witchekan School, a single room school house with grades 1 to 9, for the next two years. She would travel back and forth with a horse and buggy or sleigh. During this time, she met a number of Turgeon brothers from a large family and one who played musical instruments, sang and danced caught her eye and a friendship developed.

Bea moved back to Leo-

ville and, for four years, taught at the Leoville School. Her friendship with Bert Turgeon blossomed and they married in 1952. In 1958 when they moved to the current Turgeon farmyard, ½ mile south of Laventure. Bea taught from 1956 to 1958, at the Regent school next to the church in Laventure. She also taught at the Spiritwood Catholic School, full time and part time.

In 1988, Bea and Bert moved to Spiritwood. They started taking trips to Mesa, Arizona, in the winter months and purchased a trailer, which they enjoyed for 26 years. Both Bea and Bert loved to dance, and sing, too. Their home was

often full of friends and relatives.

In January, 2014, Bea lost her lifelong partner and husband to a heart attack, a difficult time in her life which affected her health. In June, 2014, she moved to the Rose Gill Lodge, but her health became more fragile, and in June, 2017, she moved to the Spiritwood Lodge.

In 2020, her health deteriorated but it did not affect her ability to sing. At the very end, she'd hear a song on the TV and she'd sing along, not missing a word. On the afternoon of March 15th, she passed away peacefully with her family by her side.

Bea is lovingly remembered by her children: Alain (Elaine), Claire (Lydia

Gledhill), and Marc (Lori); her grandchildren: Alaina (Donald Dunn), Mitchel, Lauren (Tyler Long), and Cassandra; her great grandchildren: Cole and Rachel; and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, it is requested donations be made to the Idylwild Lodge Ladies Auxiliary. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com).

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Mark Muir, Funeral Director, Spiritwood, SK (306-883-3500).

## NFL's QB situation still up in the air

The old adage of not being able to tell the players without a program might be true for National Football League quarterbacks if and when the 2020 season gets going.

Never before has there been such a tumultuous shakeup at the QB position during an NFL off-season and with the coronavirus putting a huge question mark above the NFL logo, teams haven't felt an urgent need to settle their roster at the most important position on the team.

Would you believe a quarterback who's only 30 years old and was the NFL's most valuable player in 2015 still hasn't found a job? Would you believe a quarterback who led the NFL in passing yards last season is still on the unemployment line? Those two 'would-you-believes' are: 1. Cam Newton, released by the Carolina Panthers, who picked up Teddy Bridgewater from New Orleans and handed him the starting job; and 2. Jameis Winston, whose more than 5,000 passing yards for Tampa Bay Buccaneers were tops in the NFL last year. He also tossed 30 TD passes but had 30 interceptions. Some writer smarter than me said Bucs' coach Bruce Arians wouldn't commit to Winston for 2020 until he "looked behind Door No. 2" and when he

did that he found No. 12 — legendary 42-year-old Tom Brady. See ya' later, Jameis.

Newton and Winston will likely wind up on NFL rosters this summer, while a handful of other QBs will be introducing themselves to new team-mates. No. 1 draft pick Joe Burrow, the Heisman Trophy winner from LSU, will be the starting QB for Cincinnati Bengals, meaning veteran Andy Dalton will either serve as backup or change his zip code. Philip Rivers, forever a Charger in his 16-year NFL career, will now be guiding Indianapolis Colts, meaning Jacoby Brissett, who held down the starting job for Indy last year after Andrew Luck's surprising retirement, will be relegated to No. 2, or sent packing. Another star college quarterback, albeit with health question marks surrounding him, Tua Tagovailoa, is expected to be a high draft pick, possibly by Miami, which might send Ryan Fitzpatrick onto the 'for sale' heap.

Teams without a clear No.1 starting QB include the Chargers, who are moving on from Rivers, and the Patriots, who will give a couple of unproven youngsters a chance to be the new Brady. Jacksonville Jaguars are putting their complete faith in Gardner Minshew, who took



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over from the injured Nick Foles last year. Foles has since been traded to Chicago, where he will compete with Mitch Trubisky for the No. 1 job.

Quarterback in the NFL is a well-paying job, but as is clear from this off-season, there are few guarantees of steady, uninterrupted employment. Except if you're 42, a legend, and married to a supermodel.

• Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va.): "The Taiwan Chinese Professional Baseball League is beginning play without people in the seats. The Rakuten Monkeys, however, have dressed up 500 robot mannequins as fans and placed them around their stadium. I wonder, can they do the wave?"

• Headline at TheOnion.com: "Quarantined umpire cleans his entire home with tiny brush."

• Texas pro Mancil Davis, who has 51 career holes-in-one but has gaps in other parts of his

game, especially off the tee: "I hit my irons like Doug Sanders, and my driver like Colonel Sanders."

• Bob Molinaro again: "I began social distancing years ago when somebody would approach and try to tell me about his fantasy football team."

• Late-night funny guy Conan O'Brien, lamenting New York's new mask policy: "Yeah, everyone has to wear a mask. The players on the New York Jets said, 'That's OK, we're used to hiding our identity.'"

• Omaha comedian Brad Dickson: "There may not be football this fall but if you'd like to

move to Florida WWE wrestling is considered essential."

• Dickson again: "The Tour de France has been postponed. Apparently due to supply chain issues the riders have been unable to get their performance enhancing drugs."

• Greg Cote of the Miami Herald: "Oklahoma State football coach Mike Gundy, a coronavirus denier who wants his players back at work May 1, shows every sign of being what psychologists call 'a flaming idiot.'"

• Headline at TheOnion.com: "Olympic torchbearer has been jogging in place on street corner for past two weeks."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Jazz guard Mike Conley beat Bulls guard Zach LaVine 'H-O-R-S-E' to 'H-O' to win the first NBA HORSE competition. In other words, he won by three lengths."

• Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun, on why the Astros will emerge as big winners from the baseball shutdown: "No one has the time or energy to hate them anymore."

• @HeelsBasket, via Twitter, on news that flying coronavirus particles can travel up to 13 feet: "Got a ways to go to catch James Harden."

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	March 1 <sup>st</sup> – May 8 <sup>th</sup> 2020	\$45-100	\$100 / \$125 CAA: P Zero Family \$70 / \$95 CAA: Scorpion Family \$60 / \$85 CAA: Cinturato Family \$45 / \$70 CAA: P6/P4 Four Seasons Family <small>* CAA Offer is not available in the Atlantic region (NB, NS, NL, PEI)</small>
	March 16 <sup>th</sup> – June 30 <sup>th</sup> 2020	\$50-100	\$100: Assurance WeatherReady, Eagle Exhilarate, Wrangler A/T Adventure w/ Kevlar \$75: Assurance MaxLife, ComforTred Touring, Eagle F1 Family, Wrangler Fortitude HT \$50: Assurance All-Season, Eagle Sport All-Season, Wrangler TrailRunner AT
	March 20 <sup>th</sup> – May 15 <sup>th</sup> 2020	\$50-\$100	\$100: UHP and PilotFamily (Excluding Winter) Passenger or Light Truck Tires \$70: All other Michelin Passenger or Light Truck Tires (Excluding Defender/Defender T + H) \$50: All Michelin Defender and Defender T + H Passenger or Light Truck Tires
	March 20 <sup>th</sup> – May 15 <sup>th</sup> 2020	\$50-\$70	\$70: Advantage T/A Sport, Advantage T/A Sport LT, Winter T/A KSI, G-Force Comp-2 A/S, and G-Force Sport Comp-2 \$50: All other Passenger or Light Truck Tires
	March 20 <sup>th</sup> – May 15 <sup>th</sup> 2020	\$40	\$40: All Passenger and Light Truck Tires
	March 30 <sup>th</sup> – May 10 <sup>th</sup> 2020	\$25-75	\$75: Firehawk Indy 500, AS \$50: Destination A/T2, M/T2, X/T, LE3 \$25: Champion Fuel Fighter
	April 1 <sup>st</sup> – May 31 <sup>st</sup> 2020	\$40	\$40: Passenger or Light Truck tires (excluding Evertrek RTX and Grabber STX)
	April 1 <sup>st</sup> – May 31 <sup>st</sup> 2020	\$65-100	\$100: purchase of 4 tires PremiumContact 6, ExtremeContact Sport, SportContact 2,3,5,5P, and 6. \$65: purchase of 4 tires (all other Continental tires, excluding TrueContact and TrueContact Tour)
	May 4 <sup>th</sup> – June 14 <sup>th</sup> 2020	\$50-100	\$100: purchase of 4 Potenza RE050, Potenza RE71R, Potenza S04 Pole Position \$75: purchase of 4 Potenza Dueler A/T Revo 3, Dueler H/L Alenza Plus, Dueler HP Sport, Dueler HP Sport AS \$50: purchase of 4 Potenza DriveGuard, Potenza RE97AS, Potenza RE980AS, Turanza QuietTrack



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