



W.P. Sandin celebrates class of 2020



Dallas Galloway and Meghan Person rode together, and weren't shy about playing it up for the crowd.

It may not have been the graduation that W.P. Sandin High School's class of 2020 had imagined at the outset of the school year, but it was certainly a day to remember.

On Friday, June 26, after months of wondering whether the COVID-19 pandemic would allow them to celebrate at all, the school's 31 graduates were fêted by the community, their families, and their teachers, in a parade, an improvised in-person ceremony, and a digital presentation.

The afternoon began with the parade. Escorted by the Shellbrook Volunteer Fire

Department and the RCMP, the procession of decorated cars (both new and classic), trucks, dirt bikes, quads, boats, and even one horse made its way around town, starting from the Shellbrook Sports Grounds.

The circuit took the graduates, some riding solo, and others riding with family members or classmates, around town, making sure to stop at the grads' homes and swing by the homes of family members or friends for the students who live out of town.

The parade drew a large crowd, as folks

sat out on their lawns to cheer for the grads as they passed by, and line-ups of vehicles formed in the parking lot of the Shellbrook Recreation Complex, and in other vacant lots along Main Street.

Once the circuit of the town was complete, the parade procession made its way back to the Shellbrook Sports Grounds, where an intimate outdoor celebration was held with the grads, W.P. Sandin staff, and a few family members.

W.P. Sandin principal Karisa Klaassen kicked off the formal affair, welcoming the

guests to the celebration, and encouraging them to abide by physical distancing guidelines.

"This isn't exactly what we'd imagined this day would look like, but it's turned out perfect in its own way," she said.

With the opening remarks out of the way, Klaassen turned the microphone over to class of 2020 valedictorian Alexis Banda, who used her speech to express gratitude to her classmates, school staff, and her parents.

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Men's and Ladies' Nights back in the summer line up at Spiritwood Golf Course

Golf courses were allowed to re-open following phase one of the Government of Saskatchewan's "Re-open Saskatchewan" plan with a variety of restrictions that limited gathering sizes, club house use, and certain services. With phase four of

the plan being put into effect in stages, many of these restrictions are being lifted and events like the weekly Men's and Ladies Nights are back.

Spiritwood Golf Course was able to start up the popular events the week of June 15 and

the turnouts have been great according to clubhouse manager Glennalda Saam. "We have been sold out every time with 30 people for supper," she said.

Ladies Nights are hosted on Mondays while Men's Nights are hosted on Thursdays. Those wishing to participate have to call ahead to book their spot for the evening of fun.

Men's and Ladies' Nights have a weekly sponsor who provides prizes for the evening.

The event consists of nine holes of golf and supper with prizes being handed out for closest to pin, longest drive, longest putt, and closest to an item from the sponsor.

The June 25 Men's Night was sponsored by Papa Rene's, who kept

things fun, providing a pizza box for golfers to aim at and prizes to be won.

Phase three and four of the Re-open Saskatchewan plan have allowed for dine-in options at licenced food and drink establishments and for increased gathering sizes. The clubhouse can seat 15 people indoors, which is half of their capacity, while 30 people can be seated on the deck.

These events have always been popular in the area and usually have a good turnout. They provide a close to home opportunity for people to get out for a little recreation and reunite with friends, all while being able to following ongoing restrictions as a result of the pandemic.



Clubhouse manager Glennalda Saam (left) and Clubhouse attendant Sarah Anderson (right) are keeping the clubhouse clean and disinfected for public health. Photo by Shyhorses Photography.



Tera Fisher teeing off on the 10th on opening weekend. Photo by Shyhorses Photography.



The Spiritwood Golf Course owners were out on the green for opening weekend. Pictured from left: Lloyd Fisher, Harold Fast, Jim Bedi, Ron Schira, and Bevra Fee. Photo by Shyhorses Photography.

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The Saskatchewan Weekly Newspapers Association, in partnership with Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty and SaskPower, is pleased to announce the names of the Junior Citizen of the Year Award recipients.

Telia Lafontaine, Regina, Age 14
 Anteneb Miller, Melville, Age 17
 Aarsh Shab, Regina, Age 16
 Alejandra Van Dusen, Regina, Age 17

Each of these four deserving youth will receive a \$3000 bursary from SaskPower for their future postsecondary education.

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Debden School hosts virtual grad ceremony

École Debden Public School held a virtual graduation ceremony on Friday, June 12. The video included the announcement of awards, scholarships and the future plans of each graduate.

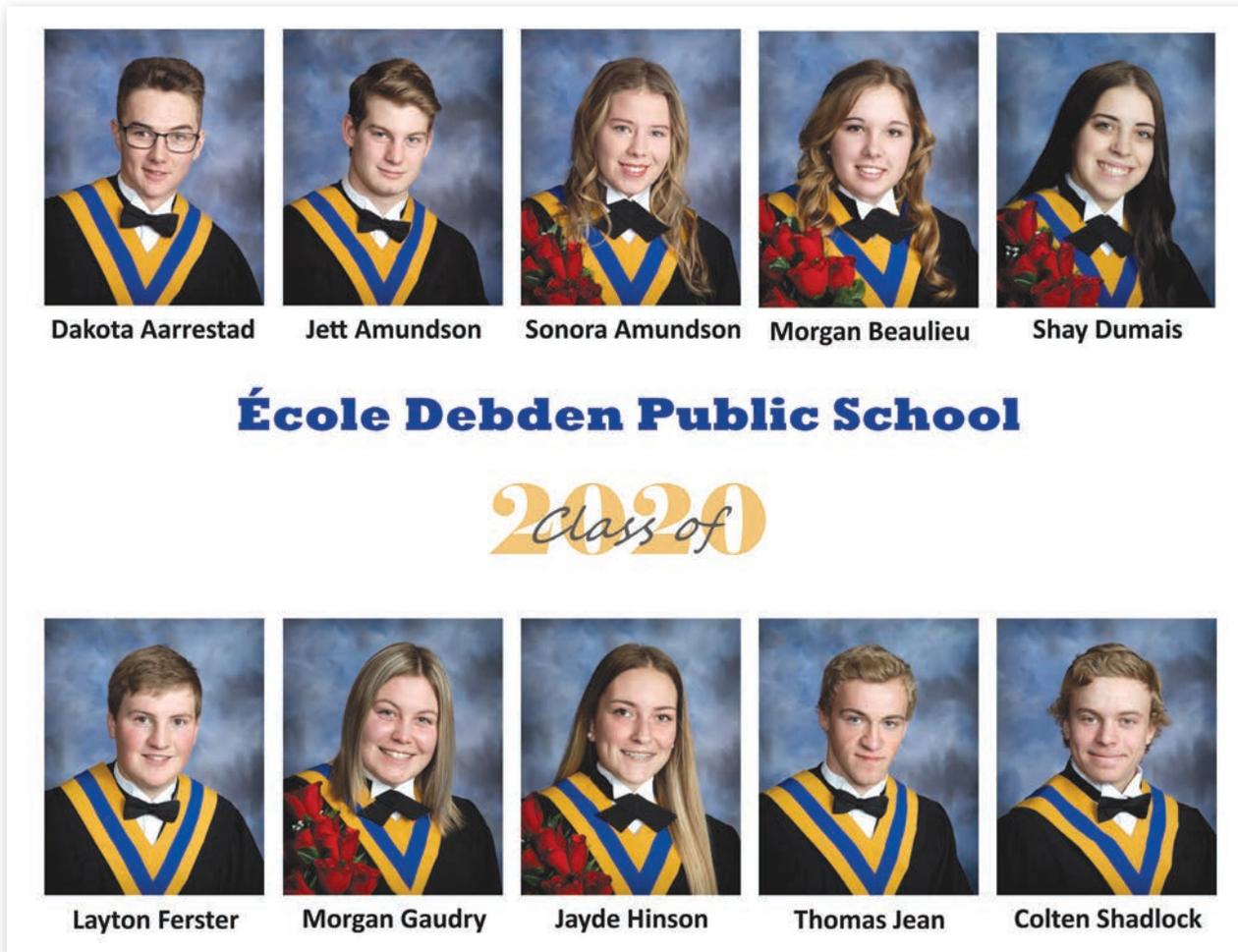
Heart-felt speeches were made by the Grade 12 class to honour their teachers and parents.

Debden School has only 10 graduates this year, so this virtual ceremony was very personal and it included a short video of each student in their formal grad outfit as well as a light-hearted prediction of each graduate made by their classmates. A beautiful slideshow concluded the ceremony, honouring all our graduates and highlighting their memories at Debden School.

Appreciation goes to our graduation committee, who delivered a special grad box keepsake to each of our graduates the day before the ceremony. The grad box contained a copy of the ceremony video, diplomas, awards and a few special gifts from Debden Public School.

Students received the following awards:

- Dakota Aarrestad graduated with honours



and received the Biology award.

- Jett Amundson graduated with high honours and received the Calculus, Chemistry, Physics, Congeniality, Drama, Physical Education, Sportsmanship, Best All Around and Most Proficient awards. Jett was also the class

valedictorian.

- Sonora Amundson graduated with honours.
- Morgan Beaulieu received the Greatest Improvement award.
- Shay Dumais graduated with honours and received the Diamond North Credit Union Scholarship and the Prince Albert and

Area Teachers Association Scholarship.

- Layton Ferster received the Outstand-

ing School Involvement award and the Broken Paddle award.

- Morgan Gaudry grad-

uated with honours.

- Jayde Hinson graduated with high honours and received the English and Français awards.

- Thomas Jean graduated with high honours and received the Attendance, Calculus, History, Industrial Arts, Mathematics, Physical Education, Broken Paddle and Best All Around awards. Thomas also received the Shaye Amundson Cheering You On Scholarship and the Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship Industry Scholarship.

- Colten Shadlock also received the Broken Paddle award.

We are very proud of our students' accomplishments and the staff at École Debden Public School would like to wish the Class of 2020 the very best as they embark on the next chapter of their lives. Congratulations to each of you on your outstanding achievements!

- École Debden Public School staff

Happy Retirement

to these **AWESOME** Living Sky employees:

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 Susan Fox, *Payroll Officer*, Central Office
 Ken Mason, *Journeyman Carpenter*, Central Office
 Fran Link, *Teacher*, Hafford Central School
 Ivania Choma, *Teacher*, Hartley Clark Elementary School (Spiritwood)
 Maureen MacDonald, *Teacher*, Hillsvale Colony School
 Cathie Millard, *Educational Assistant*, Lawrence Elementary School
 Adele Craswell, *Library Technician*, Leoville Central School
 Ron Craswell, *Bus Driver*, Leoville Central School
 Donald Walker, *Bus Driver*, Macklin School
 Twyla Stott, *Teacher*, Maymont Central School
 Candace Koziski, *Counsellor*, McLurg High School (Wilkie)
 Eveline Gareau, *Journeyman Cook*, North Battleford Comprehensive High School
 Tracy McKenzie, *Secretary*, Norman Carter Elementary School (Wilkie)
 Don Buglas, *Principal*, St. Vital Catholic School (Battleford)
 Deon Nordstrom, *Teacher*, Spiritwood High School
 Larry Johnstone, *Bus Driver*, Unity

Thank you for your passion, leadership, dedication, commitment and many meaningful contributions you have made to Living Sky SD.

You will be missed!



Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan

The province is continuing to gradually re-open businesses and services.

To support our ability to re-open Saskatchewan, we need to keep the curve flat. It's important that Saskatchewan residents continue practising the following:

-  Physical distancing of 2 metres.
-  30 or fewer people for indoor & outdoor gatherings (with appropriate physical distancing).
-  Frequent handwashing and cleaning of surfaces.
-  Stay home if you're sick and call HealthLine 811 if you have COVID-19 symptoms.
-  Keep household contacts to a consistent group of family or friends.

<p>June 26, 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 100 per cent capacity at parks and campgrounds 	<p>June 29, 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-opening libraries, museums, movie theatres and galleries
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Conservative leadership race exposes dearth of strong leadership

With half of 2020 already in the books (really, where has the time gone?), only a very lucky few of us could honestly say this year has been a good one.

Between the wildfires that scorched Australia, the COVID-19 pandemic that has shut down much of the world and claimed nearly 500,000 lives, and the arrival of murder hornets in North America (luckily, these seem to have disappeared), it's been feeling downright apocalyptic over the past six months.

But, lost amongst all of this chaos, has been the utter disaster that the Conservative Party of Canada has become since coming up just short in the 2019 federal election.

Now, this isn't a problem of agreeing or disagreeing with the party's political platform



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— though, the Conservative Party does urgently need to rediscover its identity from a policy standpoint.

Rather, it's a problem of a lack of strong leadership within the party establishment.

Lest you doubt this, take a look at the ongoing contest to take the reins of the party from former leader Andrew Scheer. Can you honestly say you

believe that any of the four candidates vying for the leadership have any hope of garnering as many votes as Mr. Scheer did?

Correction. Can you honestly say you believe that either of the two presumptive frontrunners, Peter MacKay and Erin O'Toole, have any real chance of swaying the Canadian electorate enough to form even a minority government?

Truthfully, the Conservative Party's leadership quandary goes back to the 2015 federal election, which saw then-Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government ousted from office by Justin Trudeau's Liberals.

For as much as he was lampooned for his lack of American-style political charisma, Mr. Harper was a strong leader.

It was his type of

strength and commanding presence that was lacking in Mr. Scheer, who, throughout his tenure as leader, couldn't find the courage to clearly state or stand by his personal values.

Looking at the ongoing leadership tête-à-tête between Messrs. MacKay and O'Toole (let's be honest, as different and refreshing as they may be, neither Leslyn Lewis or Derek Sloan have much hope of winning), it's hard to see anything resembling leadership.

Indeed, it's pretty telling that the major headlines we're seeing out of the race at the moment have nothing to do with what any of the candidates would bring to the party or the Canadian electorate.

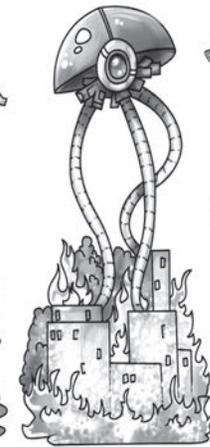
Instead, the focus over the past week has been on a 19-year-old intern



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who allegedly stole information from Mr. O'Toole and fed it to Mr. Mackay's campaign manager.

When an anonymous individual is receiving more attention than either of the two frontrunners vying for a chance to occupy the highest public office in the nation, your party has a serious problem.

And, when the two supposed frontrunners are at each other's throats as Messrs. MacKay and O'Toole have been thus far, the party's problems only become that much worse.

In 2017, Mr. Scheer's nomination as leader splintered the party and resulted in the formation of Maxime Bernier's People's Party of Canada.

Would the 300,000 or so votes stolen from Mr. Scheer by Mr. Bernier's People's Party have propelled a united Conservative Party to victory in the 2019 election? Probably not.

But, as Conservative strategist Tim Powers suggests, there's only one

winner when the party is so bitterly divided.

"There are no long-term winners when the apparent second-place candidate in the race calls the cops on the first-place candidate's team," he said. "The only one with a smile is Justin Trudeau."

Taking it one step further, former Conservative staffer and strategist Jamie Ellerton adds that the feud between Messrs. MacKay and O'Toole could even turn voters away from the party.

"Conservatives want to be seen as different and when you hear criminal investigations being tied to the activity of a leadership campaign — whether that was rogue volunteer or coordinated senior operative — no one wants to be involved with that," he said.

With the leadership election a little over a month away, the situation is looking dire for the Conservative Party.

Whoever emerges victorious from the leadership race, will have their work cut out for them.

NDP calls for real plan for school re-opening

The Saskatchewan NDP is calling on the Sask. Party government to go back to the chalkboard and come up with a real plan to guide school re-opening in September.

"Families and teachers all want our kids to return to school safely this fall, but they also want to see a real plan," said NDP Leader Ryan Meili. "For parents and teachers concerned about how

schools will respond and adapt, what the Premier has put forward deserves a failing grade."

Specifically, the Saskatchewan NDP is calling on the government to release a plan that contains dedicated funding, as well as contingencies for more than one scenario, such as:

- Low case transmissions such as the current guidelines envision;

- Increased case transmissions that would trigger new public health orders — such as a reduction in class sizes to 15 students maximum; and

- High caseloads, which would require a return to learning from home for most students.

"What we are calling for is the kind of work that is already being done in other provinces, including our neigh-

bours in Manitoba and Alberta," said NDP Education Critic Carla Beck. "With the frustration we have heard from teachers and parents over the government's vague and unfunded guidelines, it is crucial that this government get back to work and provide families with a real plan that meets our shared goal: the safe return to school for our kids in September."

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Report from the Legislature

Despite economic turmoil, Saskatchewan has remained on track to recover from the affects of the COVID-19 pandemic. S&P Global Ratings has affirmed Saskatchewan's AA credit rating, proving that despite the effects of COVID-19, Saskatchewan is well-positioned for growth as we re-open our economy and recover from the pandemic.

Re-Open Saskatchewan

Soon our province will begin the second part of Phase 4 of Re-Open Saskatchewan, allowing libraries, museums, galleries, movie theatres and live theatres to re-open. Plans to re-open indoor pools, indoor rinks, indoor sports and activities, casinos and bingo halls will be announced over the coming weeks. Event theatres may operate at 30 per cent capacity, and up to 150 people.

Over the weekend, parks and campgrounds will be able to open to 100 per cent capacity for overnight stays and limited-term campsites. Access can now be provided to washroom and shower facilities. Please be patient as there will be increased cleaning and disinfection protocols and expectations.

We understand that many residents are getting excited to be back outside and be active.



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In this phase, outdoor sports can continue to resume with some revisions. Outdoor sporting events where physical distancing can be maintained can resume. For sports that include full contact play, mini-leagues with modified player participation should be formed to allow teams to safely return to playing games, while helping mitigate the risk of spreading COVID-19.

Education Infrastructure

The 2020-21 Budget provides record investment into our schools. It will provide \$2.6 billion for the Ministry of Education, an increase of \$123.3 million to support Prekindergarten to Grade 12 classrooms,

early learning and childcare, libraries and literacy.

As part of our \$7.5 billion two-year capital plan to build a strong Saskatchewan and stimulate our economic recovery, the Minister of Education will receive \$110.5 million for six new school projects to support our growing population.

The new projects include:

- A new Francophone elementary school in Regina;
- A new elementary school to replace Durcharme Elementary School in La Loche;
- A new K-12 school to replace Blaine Lake Composite School;
- A new K-12 school to consolidate the elementary school and high school in Lanigan;
- Renovations and addition to Holy Rosary High School in Lloydminster; and
- Renovations and addition to Lloydminster Comprehensive High School.

These projects are in addition to the funding announced as part of the Budget 2020-21 to build seven new schools and renovate three existing schools. Since 2008, 85 projects have been ap-



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proved including 57 new schools, and 28 major renovation projects.

Our Education Minister also announced a \$25.9 million stimulus funding for school maintenance projects in 15 communities. These projects are part of our government's \$7.5 billion two-year capital plan.

Clare's Law
On June 29, Clare's Law will come into force, enabling Saskatchewan residents to apply to police for information regarding their partner's past behaviour. If applicable, police will be able to disclose of their partners information which may help protect

potential victims of interpersonal violence. We believe an individual has the right to ask and the right to know if they are in danger.

Our government has consulted with municipal police services and the Provincial Association of Transition Houses to provide necessary training for police to process Clare's Law applications in accordance with the legislation.

All municipal police services will be participating in this new protocol. The RCMP has indicated they will not participate. We will continue to reach out to our Prime Minister's cabinet members and ask for this decision to be reconsidered.

Municipal Economic Program

55 projects with more than \$7.4 million of provincial investment have been approved and are moving forward under the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program. This investment will be significant in our economics recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Each project and its



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schedule will be managed by the municipality who received the funding. We look forward to seeing Saskatchewan people get back to work this summer with these projects.

As our government moves into the remaining days of this session, we will continue our work in being transparent and accountable to our constituents. We will pass our 2020-21 Budget and continue to build a strong Saskatchewan. I wish everyone a Happy Canada Day, and remind you all to continue to socially-distance and respect the direction of our health professionals.

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

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

INTENT The proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment is to amend the Zoning District Map referred to in Section 4.1 of Bylaw 2003-7, to rezone from LD – Lakeshore Development District to AR – Agricultural Residential District for the land described below.

AFFECTED LAND The affected land is legally described as all that portion of Parcels 10-12, Plan 102113143 Ext 0 and Parcels 38-40, Plan 102113143 Ext 0, as shown within the bold line on the map which appears as part of this notice.

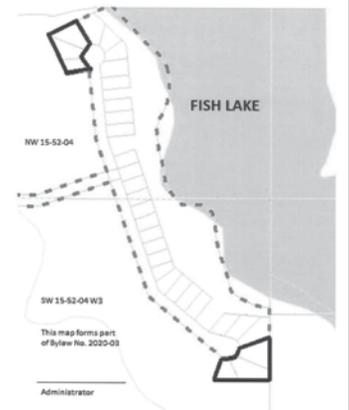
REASON The reason for the amendment is to consolidate the land currently zoned as lakeshore to agricultural.

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

PUBLIC HEARING Council will hold a public hearing for the bylaw on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at the R.M. of Canwood No. 494 office in Canwood. **COVID-19 restrictions are in place. Please contact the office for confirmation of public hearing details prior to attending.** The purpose of the public hearing is to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing (or delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office before the hearing).

Issued at the R.M. of Canwood No. 494 on June 25, 2020.

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Shellbrook grad earns Kin Canada Bursary

W.P. Sandin High School graduate Alexis Banda recently joined the esteemed company of 55 other students from across Canada, after being selected as one of the recipients of a \$1,000 Kin Canada Bursary.

Kin Canada Bursaries is a program of the Hal Rogers Endowment Fund (HREF). The fund was established following Rogers' death in 1994, in recognition of his role in founding Kin Canada, and of his life-long dedication to education.

HREF is sustained through Kinsmen, Kinette, and Kin Clubs, as well as public donations, and, each year, the Kin Canada Bursary program hands out up to 10 bursaries to students pursuing post-secondary education at a recognized university, community college, technical institute and other schools for ad-

vanced education.

However, with this year marking the 100th anniversary of Kin Canada, the organization chose to handout up to 100 bursaries

(though, after receiving 186 applications for the 2019-2020 school year, the board of trustees awarded bursaries to 56 students).

To be eligible for the

bursary, students must first apply to their local Kinsmen, Kinette, or Kin organization. The organization then chooses one application to endorse, and forwards it onto the board of trustees for the final decision.

According to Shellbrook Kinette Tasha Cyr, the Shellbrook Ki-

nettes received two applications from local students "both of whom are outstanding and very involved members of our community."

"These two young ladies are both wonderful and contribute to our community in every way they can," Cyr said, noting that it was a hard decision, and adding

that the Kinettes eventually chose to endorse Banda's application.

"This is so great for Alexis. She is off to University in the fall, in the college of Agriculture."

Since its inception in 1994, the Kin Canada Bursary program has awarded \$1,096,000 to 1,096 students across Canada.



W.P. Sandin High School graduate Alexis Banda (middle) receives the \$1,000 Kin Canada Bursary from Kinettes Tasha Cyr (left) and Kat Smith.

Shellbrook Swimming Pool opens with COVID rules

Though Saskatchewan is still far from back to pre-COVID-19 normal, Shellbrook and area residents will at least have a place to cool off and make a splash this summer.

As of Monday, June 29, the Shellbrook Swimming Pool is officially open for business, operating daily from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

These operating hours may change as COVID-19 regulations are eased, and announcements regarding regular pool programming, such as swimming lessons and the Aquafit program, are also expected at some point in the future (registration for swimming lessons is open at www.townofshellbrook.ca).

In the meantime, the Shellbrook Swimming Pool will be subject to special rules that it has announced on its Facebook page.

In accordance with provincial and other regulations, the capacity at the facility has been set at 30 people.

Customers will be allowed entry on a first-come-first-serve basis, and

patrons are asked to wait outside when the pool is at capacity, as well as when the facility isn't open to the public, to avoid congestion within the pool building.

Additionally, children aged 10 and under will not be permitted in the facility without supervision of a parent or guardian. While, in the past, parents could watch from the bleachers outside of the pool, they must now be inside the facility with their children at all times.

In other special rules, swimmers are asked to wear their swimsuit to the pool, bring as few items as possible to the facility, and avoid using the change rooms.

Once in the facility, swimmers are encouraged to keep at least six feet apart, even while in the pool, and only one person will be allowed in the change room and bathroom area at a time.

Finally, patrons are urged to obey all signage at the pool and obey life-guards. And, of course, those experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, or who

have been in contact with anyone experience symptoms, are asked to not enter the facility.

"We are confident that we can open safely and provide our services to our community within the provincial and affiliation restrictions," the Shellbrook Swimming Pool wrote in its Facebook announcement. "Let's stay safe, and have fun!"

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Regular services, Sunday school and special services will be listed.

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Re-opening delayed until further notice. Follow us on Facebook at St. John's Lutheran Church, Shellbrook/Zion Lutheran Church, Canwood. Live-stream worship service Sundays - 9:00 a.m. Rev. Emmanuel Aristide

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Canwood
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
Pastor Glenn Blazosek
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Science will provide answers to ag problems

Unlike a seemingly growing portion of the population I remain a firm believer in science.

It's not that every discovery made by science is ultimately proven safe. That is what happens: as the research data grows, discoveries are made which can change the initial conclusions. But without science the world will stagnate, and risks regressing into what would be a modern dark ages.

The naysayers of science in favour of any other perceived source of human advancement

is viewed from this perspective as one of the biggest threats to our future as a species.

There are of course many problems we face as a species, most created by ourselves, often because we have ignored a combination of best science and some common sense.

To overcome the problems though, we will need more science.

That is particularly true when it comes to food production.

We cannot afford to regress in terms of food production considering there is not even a hint



CALVIN DANIELS

that the world is ready to entertain any sort of plan to limit population growth.

As it stands some will suggest there are too many mouths to feed given the number of people

who go to bed hungry, if not starving in our world. Sadly, that is not a food shortage problem.

It is instead a problem of wealth distribution with the poorest people and poorest countries unable to afford food while many others spends thousands on wristwatches, handbags and shoes.

But, that is another issue.

In terms of science it is always fascinating to see where it might take us.

Take the hog sector, where dealing with waste is an issue, in particular the phosphorus in ma-

nure.

Solugen is a Quebec new company with a system that is utilizing some exciting science and technology to come at the problem. The system they are testing extracts 85 percent of phosphorus found in pig slurry, which in itself is a pretty big step in addressing a perceived issue with large scale hog production.

But, the same process also extracts 84 percent of the water from slurry leaving it so pure it can be drank.

No one is going to jump on bottled recycled wa-

ter from pig manure, but there is every possibility of it being put back through the barn to other pigs.

Given that water will become a key resource, even more so than it is today, this too is exciting science.

It is an advancement like this that shows just what science may come up with in terms of helping farmers continuing to produce food in the future using technologies that are better for the world as a whole. It is why science must be promoted, our future demands it.

Annual polycrop compared to barley in USask research study

By Lana Haight

Growing an annual polycrop for beef cattle isn't a silver bullet to extend grazing, but producers may still see some benefits when the crop is managed properly, according to research conducted at the Livestock and Forage Centre of Excellence.

There has been a lot of "buzz" in the beef cattle industry surrounding the benefits of polycrops, says Jacqueline Toews, a Master of Science candidate at the University of Saskatchewan's College of Agriculture and Bioresources. She is co-supervised by animal scientist and professor Dr. Bart Lardner (PhD) and soil scientist and professor Dr. Jeff Schoenau (PhD).

"Producers are being told that annual polycrops can lead to increased yields and overall lower feeding costs than traditional monocrop cereal swath grazing. Polycrops are being marketed as the next best thing for cattle producers to be incorporating into their operations, but there wasn't a lot of scientific ground-truthing behind the claims," said Toews, who is in the process of writing her master's thesis.

In the spring of 2017 and again in 2018, half of a 33-acre (13.2 ha) field at Termuende Ranch located near Lanigan, Sask, was seeded with a polycrop that included forage peas, hairy vetch, crimson clover, Italian ryegrass, sorghum and three types of brassicas. Each year, the other half was seeded to barley.

The fields were swathed in the fall and each was divided into three paddocks where groups of cattle grazed into the winter. Throughout the grazing period, the animals were weighed regularly to monitor the weight they gained based on their diet, comparing the cattle grazing on barley swaths to those grazing on the annual polycrop swaths.

Toews looked at the benefits beyond weight gain. She also compared crop yield and forage quality as well as soil organic

carbon and nitrogen. Finally, Toews compared how much each crop cost to seed and how long the animals grazed in the two fields.

"We were able to look at the annual polycrop with a systems approach, rather than individual pieces. My project was able to evaluate everything from forage quality, soil health parameters, and cattle performance to how much these systems cost. At the end of the day, a producer is going to use grazing and feed systems that make sense financially," said Toews.

Crude protein (average):
 Polycrop 14 per cent
 Barley 10 per cent
 Calcium to phosphorus (ratio should be greater than 2 to 1)
 Polycrop 4.4 to 1
 Barley 1 to 1.2
 Yield (average):
 Barley 9.8 T ha-1
 Polycrop 7.1 T ha-1
 Grazing days:
 Barley 64.8
 Polycrop 37.0

Toews attributes the lower polycrop yield to high weed pressure, including pigweed and kochia, that couldn't be sprayed in the field. The barley field was sprayed. She identified weather, in addition to the weeds, for the reduced number of grazing days in the polycrop. When freezing and thawing in December 2017 led to ice crusting on the polycrop swaths, the cattle were moved off the field, but cattle were still able to feed off the bulky barley swaths that didn't have the same ice build-up.

The bottom line for producers showed the annual polycrop cost more because the seed was more expensive than barley, the crop was seeded in two stages and the animals had fewer grazing days. In the end, it cost \$1.35 per day more for each animal that was grazing on the polycrop.

Beyond the immediate dollars and cents,

growing polycrops in a rotation is good for soil health: improving soil organic matter, forage biomass yield, and water quality; increasing nutrient turnover; and maintaining soil structure. All of this has the potential to increase future crop yields.

Management is key when seeding polycrops, says Toews. She recommends selecting a field that is relatively weed free, seeding at a high seeding rate, testing the feed to ensure it meets the nutritional requirements of the cattle, and have a plan B in case the weather interferes with the winter grazing season.

Jacqueline Toews is a business agrono-

mist with Cavalier Agrow/G-Mac's Ag-Team, based in Spiritwood, Sask.

This research was funded by Saskatchewan's Agriculture Development Fund and National Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada.

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Academic achievement takes spotlight at W.P. Sandin

Capping off what has been an unusual school year, the staff of W.P. Sandin High School met digitally via Zoom conference to announce the winners of the school's academic awards and scholarships.

The celebration of the academic (as well as some athletic, and artistic) achievements of the Grades 6 through 12 students was MCed by Rhonda Berezowski, and the program included nearly 100 awards and scholarships.

In a fitting addition to a school year that was made more difficult by the COVID-19 pandemic, principal Karisa Klaassen explained that new awards were added to the program this year, including Heart and Grit awards for each grade level, as well as an academic achievement award for each subject, and junior and senior Aardvark awards.

The Heart awards, Klaassen explained, were awarded to students who demonstrated kindness, respect, and empathy for their peers and teachers. Meanwhile, the Grit awards were given to students who showed perseverance and determination, and approached school with a positive attitude, and the Aardvark awards were given to the students who best embodied school spirit and pride.

On the scholarship side, the Rotary Scholarship was introduced and presented to the student who participated in the Model United Nations debates in Prince Albert.

Before the academic awards were presented, Klaassen had a few remarks to share to kick the digital ceremony off.

"Although we regret that we can't be there in person to shake your hand, take pictures, and present your certificates and plaques to

you, please know that we are cheering you on virtually, and we are so incredibly proud of the hard work that all of our students have put into the school year," she said.

With this out of the way, it was time for the recipients of the plaques and certificates to be revealed. This year's award winners were as follows:

Grade 6 Heart: Brooklyn Klaassen, Aiden Tait

Grade 6 Grit: Hayley Van Hereweghe

Grade 6 Academic Achievement: Marcail Philp

Grade 7 Heart: Jack Sharon

Grade 7 Grit: Emily Bruce

Grade 7 Academic Achievement: Taylor Henderson

Grade 8 Heart: Allison LaMotte

Grade 8 Grit: Cohen Tait

Grade 8 Academic Achievement: Abi Kyliuk, Payten Keyowski

ELA 9: Megan Cameron

Mathematics 9: Megan Cameron

Science 9: Kassie Ferster

Social Studies 9: Mason Mamchur

Art 9: Jessica Sharon

Physical Education 9: Kassie Ferster, Adam Schatkoske

PAA 9: Megan Cameron

PAA 9: Carson Ledding

Grade 9 Heart: Jessica Sharron

Grade 9 Grit: Justin Collins, Noah Verbonac

Grade 9 Academic Achievement: Megan Cameron

Junior Aardvark Award: Ava Ledding

Kinette Marie Nesdoly Memorial Award (Junior Student of the Year): Rebecca Grimard

ELA A 10: Alex Chuback, Jade Keyowski

ELA B 10: Amy Larsen

Math Workplace 10: Mason Gallant



W.P. Sandin staff gathered on Zoom to present the academic awards to W.P. Sandin's students.

Math Foundations 10: Amy Larsen

Science 10: Amy Larsen

History 10: Ben Lafond

Visual Arts 10: EmmaLynn LaMotte

Robotics 10: Raika Suzuki

Guitar 10: Jonathon Musgrave

Wellness 10: Jade Keyowski

ELA 20: Hunter Tremblay

Math Workplace 20: Damaris Wolfe

Math Foundations 20: Amy Larsen

Pre-Calculus 20: Hunter Tremblay

Financial Literacy 20: Chase Ross

Physical Science 20: Hunter Tremblay

Health Science 20: McKenna Kyliuk

Environmental Science 20: Claire Dupuis, Lance Paton

Computer Science 20: Emmalynn LaMotte

History 20: Hunter Tremblay

Mental Health 20: Meghan Person

Psychology 20: Hunter Tremblay

Media Studies 20: Emmalynn LaMotte

Photography 20: Tyson Crawford

Automotive 20: Hannah Remus

Home Improvement 20: Ty-

son Crawford

Construction 20: McKenna Kyliuk

Physical Education 20: Erika Stene

Grade 11 Heart: McKenna Kyliuk

Graded 11 Grit: Mitch Muller

Grade 11 Academic Achievement: Hunter Tremblay

ELA A 30: Alexis Banda

ELA B 30: Alexis Banda

Math Workplace 30: Johnathon Fonos

Math Foundations 30: Hunter Tremblay

Pre-Calculus 30: Alexis Banda

Physics 30: Taylor Ferster

History 30: Alexis Banda

Kinesiology 30: Hunter Tremblay

Leadership 30: Amy Larsen

Cosmetology 30: Claire Dupuis

Commercial Cooking 30: Savannah Naber

Outdoor Education 30: Savannah Naber

PAA Woodworking/Fabrication: Jacob Feige

PAA 30: Spencer Fox

Physical Education 30: Tyson Crawford

Grade 12 Heart: Johnathon Fonos

Grade 12 Grit: Johnathon Fonos

Grade 12 Academic Achieve-

ment (Marie Nesdoly Memorial Trophy): Alexis Banda

Aside from the academic awards presented by the school, W.P. Sandin's Grade 12 students were also the recipients of scholarship and bursaries. Those awards were presented as follows:

Prince Albert Rotary Scholarship: Chase Ross

Shellbrook Legion Scholarship: Mya Boettcher

Shellbrook Legion Bursary: Alexis Banda, Mya Boettcher, Chase Ross, Ethan Schmidt

George Laberge Scholarship: Cameron Stene

PAATA Scholarship: Alexis Banda

Elwood Harvey Scholarship: Alexis Banda

MyAccess Communications Scholarship: Alexis Banda

Mr. Brian "Mr. T" Tremblay Scholarship: Alexis Banda

Governor General Award 2019: Leah Mennie

Lake Country Cooperative Scholarship: Savannah Naber

Shellbrook #102 Royal Purple Scholarship: Riley Crawford

Bourgeault & Associates Scholarship (2): Riley Crawford

Bourgeault & Associates Scholarship (1): Alexis Banda

Billy Simington Memorial Scholarship: Tyson Crawford

Vance Tait Memorial Scholarship: Alexis Banda

Finishing off the festivities, principal Klaassen recognized the staff of W.P. Sandin for their hard work during the truncated school year.

She also bid a fond farewell to Roxanne Martell, who has announced her retirement, and welcomed Pam Boettcher to the team ahead of the upcoming school year.

Boettcher taught Grade 4/5 at Shellbrook Elementary School up until this year, and will be teaching Grade 8 at W.P. Sandin.

Minutes of an RM of Spiritwood NO. 496 Meeting

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

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 was held on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at the municipal office located at 218 Main Street in Spiritwood, SK. In attendance were Reeve, Shirley Dauvin, Division 1, Doug Johnson (Deputy Reeve), Division 2,

Alan Steinhilber, Division 3, Terry Wingerter, Division 4, Dennis Laventure, Division 5, Jerome Tetreault and Division 6, Bevra Fee, Administrator, Colette Bussiere and Foreman, Darcy Laventure.

A quorum present, Shirley Dauvin called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM.

Doug Johnson: That council members, Doug Johnson, Al Steinhilber, Jerome Tetreault, Terry Wingerter,

Shirley Dauvin and Administrator, Colette Bussiere attend the NCTPC Governance Workshop on February 25, 2020 in Edam, Sk. Carried.

Doug Johnson: That employee salary reviews be approved as recommended by the HR Committee & attached hereto forming part of the minutes. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That we purchase the Pubworks asset management standard software extension in the

amount of \$3,000.00 plus applicable taxes. Carried.

Doug Johnson: Whereas, gravel exploration has been completed on NW 26-50-08-W3 and no gravel resource was found that we hereby agree to the sale of lease land described as NW 02-50-08-W3. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That the request to brush the road allowance adjacent to NE 02-49-12-W3 be approved. The trees, brush, rocks & debris

cleared from the right of way shall be stockpiled on NE 02-49-12-W3 for future disposal by the property owner. Carried.

Jerome Tetreault: That the application to remove dead & dying trees from the Environmental Reserve (ER) in front of Lot 18/Blk 1 in The Cove be approved under the condition the work be conducted in accordance with WSA regulations. Carried.

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Minutes of an RM of Spiritwood NO. 496 Meeting

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Bevra Fee: That we request the cancellation of lease agreements for the following described lands for non-payment of property taxes: 2873000 PT NW 19-52-12-W, 32910000 PT NE 30-52-12-W, 32911000 PT NW 30-52-12-W, 32912000 SE 30-52-12-W, 32913000 PT SW 30-52-12-W, 32915000 PT NW 31-52-12-W, 32917000 PT SW 31-52-12-W, 33948000 SW 06-54-12-W, 34032000 PT SE 01-54-13-W,

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W, 33182000 PT NW 23-53-10-W, 33184000 PT SE 23-53-10-W, 33185000 PT SW 23-53-10-W, 36003000 PT NE 22-53-10-W3. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That we enter into a road maintenance agreement with Tolko Industries –Meadow Lake Branch to haul 10,000 tonnes of logs from E ½ 17-49-12-W3 & E ½ 11-49-11-W3. Carried.

Doug Johnson: That the meeting be adjourned at 12:15 PM. Carried.

Minutes of a Town of Spiritwood Regular Meeting

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

The regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Spiritwood was held in the Council Chambers at the Town Office located at 212 Main Street on January 28, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

In attendance were Deputy Mayor James Bedi, Councillor Brad Nemish, Councillor Debbie Allan, Councillor Bryan Wingerter, Councillor George Pretli, Councillor Shannon Beulac, and CAO Rhonda Saam. Absent was Mayor Gary von Holwede.

A quorum being present, Deputy Mayor Bedi called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Shannon Beulac: That the Accounts for Approval, Cheque No. 30523 to

30540 in the amount of \$19,235.92 be approved as presented. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

Brad Nemish: That we submit bid solicitations through Sask Tenders for residential and commercial waste disposal and recycling collection services, as required per the Section 184(2.1) of the Municipalities Act, and Part II Article 14(1c) of the New West Partnership Trade Agreement. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Debbie Allan: That we approve Policy No. 14 Harrassment Policy as amended. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

Debbie Allan: That we approve the request to use the Civic Centre for the Kids in the Kitchen cooking club program once a week for three weeks within the months of March and April

at no charge with the condition that they clean the Civic Centre after usage. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we purchase two sets of double door panic hardware for the Spiritwood Rec Facility (adjoining structure entrance doors) from Lake Country Cooperative as quoted for \$2,500 plus tax. Seconded by Debbie Allan. Carried.

Debbie Allan: That we approve sending Neil Gaboury to the Landscape Pesticide Applicator Course in Warman on April 14-17, 2020. Seconded by Shannon Beulac. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we approve Form 1 Listing of Lands with Arrears of taxes as presented to council at this meeting; and, that we advertise Form

2 in the Spiritwood Herald for one week with the exception that we do not include in the list, land in respect of which the amount of taxes in arrears does not exceed one half of the immediately preceding year's tax levy with respect to that land, as per Section 3(3) of the Tax Enforcement Act. Seconded by Shannon Beulac. Carried.

Debbie Allan: That we submit an application for the Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program for the project of two new sewage lift stations and that we have Associated Engineering assist with completing the grant application. Seconded by Shannon Beulac. Carried.

Shannon Beulac: That this meeting be adjourned at 7:48 PM. Seconded by Debbie Allan. Carried.

Diversified supply chain needed for COVID-19 recovery

By Randy Hoback, MP, Prince Albert

COVID-19 has ushered in a paradigm shift in the world of international trade. As borders closed to contain the pandemic, and supply chains for personal protective equipment became ultra-competitive, many countries began to look inward to find a stable and safe supply for these important items. As the world begins to recover from the coronavirus' first wave and its economies start to reopen, it is important that Canada finds a firm footing in the new international trade dynamic as a champion of reliable and secure global supply chains. Our importers and exporters need to be able to do what they do best - keep Canadians supplied with what we need to live our daily lives.

While the Liberals and

the NDP agreed to keep Parliament shut down, Conservative Members of the International Trade Committee have been busy meeting with businesses and organizations across many economic sectors. Not surprisingly, we have heard the same thing over and over again - the need for diversified supply chains, secure supply chains, and new markets. These are three straightforward policy directions that Justin Trudeau's Liberal government couldn't get right before the pandemic, which doesn't give me much hope for their chances in the present.

Diversified supply chains are going to be key in a post-COVID world. We have seen that countries around the globe have fared differently in terms of containing the virus. Canada must prevent something

like our pharmaceutical supply chain from grinding to a halt as a result of a second outbreak in one particular country. The Liberal government needs to work with Canada's business community to ensure that we have multiple sources for vital equipment, medicines and supplies that can withstand second and third waves of COVID-19, or a whole new virus altogether.

Just as diversified supply chains are a must for the future, secure supply chains are equally as critical. Canada needs to build supply chains with our allies - like-minded countries who will have our back no matter what. To be clear - China is not our ally. Conservatives are not advocating for stopping our trade with China. Rather, Canada must be smart about it. It is in our nation's best interest to ensure that

critical supply chains are built with our traditional allies so that in times of crisis we don't have to worry about our supply of PPE. Some countries have already begun this work via the "Economic Prosperity Network". It is comprised of the United States, Australia, India, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea and Vietnam with the sole aim of optimizing critical supply chains amongst themselves to reduce their reliance on others, particularly China.

It's disheartening to know that Canada does not sit at this table, especially when we have free trade agreements with all but one of these partners. This is an opportunity that Canada could have capitalized on; but either the Liberal government was not invited or declined to join. Additionally, as the United States continues

to pull away from the World Trade Organization (WTO) and chooses to not engage in reforming the WTO appellate body, we must continually seek alternate opportunities to engage with our neighbour to the south in discussing and partnering on global supply chains.

Lastly, Justin Trudeau's Liberal government has managed to stall every single bilateral negotiation that Canada is presently engaged in. We all remember how Justin Trudeau's last engagement with India ended,

and the Prime Minister will not even commit to free trade talks with the United Kingdom. While Justin Trudeau will try to take credit for Canada's free trade agreements with the European Union and our Asia-Pacific partners, the reality is that both of these deals were already negotiated with agreements-in-principle prior to the Liberal government coming into office. Even with that, Justin Trudeau still managed to undo both agreements just enough to jeopardize them at the last minute.

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W.P. Sandin honours athletic achievement

Following a 2019-2020 school year in which the academic and athletic seasons were cut short by COVID-19, the staff of W.P. Sandin High School celebrated the athletic feats of its students via a Zoom conference.

Up until three years ago, these athletic awards were typically handed out alongside the school's academic achievement awards. But the athletics awards were moved to a separate day, both to shorten the length of the ceremonies, and to give the student athletes their turn to stand alone in the spotlight.

This year's athletics awards ceremony, MCed by Rhonda Berzowski, saw 38 awards and recognitions handed out to students across six different sporting categories, including golf, volleyball, cross-country, basketball, curling, and football.

The golf awards were up first.

The lone award, for the senior golf MVP, was presented to Hunter Tremblay.

Up next was volleyball.

The Grade 6/7 girls volleyball MVP was Maddison Nelson. Meanwhile, Josee Schatkoske and Aiden Tait were named the junior girls and boys MVPs, respectively.

At the senior B level, Amy Larsen was named senior B girls MVP, while Jade Keyowski earned strongest leadership honours and Megan Cameron was dubbed the most dedicated player.

On the A side, Savannah Naber and Hunter Tremblay shared the MVP award, Ashley Skavlebo was recognized for strongest leadership, and Alexis Banda won the most dedicated player award.

Once the MVP certificates were handed out, the 7/8 girls

volleyball team received a special recognition of their strong season, which saw them claim a championship title.

Shifting gears to cross-country, there were four awards to hand out. This year, Emmersyn Nahorniak earned junior girls MVP honours, while Ethan Klaassen and Talon Sandry shared the junior boys MVP title. Alexis Banda, meanwhile, took home the senior girls MVP award, and the whole cross-country team was recognized for its strong season.

Moving onto basketball, the Grade 6 and 7 girls and boys MVP awards were handed out to Leah Naumann and Jaxon Boettcher, respectively, while Abby Klein and Dezirae Stieb shared junior girls MVP honours, and Jesse Nyberg brought home the junior boys MVP award.

Rounding out the individual

honours, Isaiah Fox was named the junior boys MVP, Tyson Crawford and Zack Bernath split the senior boys MVP award, and Marissa Skavlebo received senior girls MVP honours.

Finally, the senior girls team was recognized after claiming the Prince Albert & Area league title.

Keeping the morning rolling, the attention was turned to curling, where Payten Keyowski was named Junior Girls MVP for the third consecutive year, and Carson Ledding earned junior boys MVP honours.

In the senior category, Hannah Remus was named the girls' MVP, and Brennan Stochmanski earned MVP honours for the boys for the second year in a row.

Rounding out the curling awards, the senior boy's curling team was recognized for a fourth place finish at provincials.

Wrapping up the athletic awards for specific sports were the football awards.

This year, Ethan Bell earned most versatile player honours, while Riley Crawford was named the team's lineman of the year. Elsewhere, Canwood imports Dominic Sten and Johnathon Holmes earned rookie of the year honours, Dallas Galloway earned the heart and soul award, and Tyson Crawford was named the team's MVP.

Concluding the awards ceremony, honours were presented to the athletes of the year. Brooke Cadrain and Carson Ledding shared the junior female and male athlete awards, while Tyson Crawford and Hunter Tremblay were senior male and female athlete awards recipients.

Finally, Austin Larsen received the Grand Sommerfeld Memorial Award for Sportsmanship.

Low water, low maintenance gardening

By Bernadette Vangool

A xeriscape landscape does not necessarily mean a desert of rocks with the occasional shrub thrown in to soften the austere effect. It does mean the reduction of lawn area. Lawns are notorious for being water hogs. To maintain a lawn to perfection requires deep watering about twice a week. Other plant material will thrive with considerably less water.

What is the purpose of your lawn? Is it a showpiece, to make neighbours green with envy? A soft area on which to play, sit and relax with your grandchildren? A sports field for your growing children? A backdrop from which to showcase perennials, annuals, trees and shrubs? All of these should be considered if a change in landscape is required to meet your current needs (not those of your neighbours).

If, indeed, your lawn is

a priority, you can save on water by planting the appropriate grass mix for your purpose. Ensure that your sprinklers work properly and are watering your lawn, not the sidewalk. If your sprinkler system is on a timer, add a shut-off valve to ensure it turns off when it rains. Don't cut your lawn during a drought. Set the cutting height at around two to three inches during hot weather. The longer grass blades will shade the soil, conserving moisture.

If you decide to reduce your lawn area, replacing it with a more sustainable option, consider installing drip irrigation. You'll conserve water by reducing evaporation and directing the water where it is actually needed, the plants' root systems.

Before you start your renovation, consider your soil. Make sure it has plenty of organic matter that can

sop up and retain the water, making it available to your perennials over a longer period of time. Amend the soil using compost. If your soil is very sandy or a heavy clay, add lots of peat moss as well. I'm a gardener on a budget. So I tend to amend the individual planting holes, rather than the soil in the entire bed.

When purchasing plants, follow the guidelines on the tag or the in the nursery catalogue. Placing a shade plant in the sun will result in disappointment. Hostas thrive in both shade and sun, but will require a lot more moisture when planted in full sun. One of the most important pointers I can offer is to group plants together by their needs: their preferences are generally dry shade, moist shade, dry sun or moist sun. Those that are drought tolerant will do better if watered diligently their first year. Once they are established, they should be able to fend for themselves, except during periods of extreme drought. Plants that are grouped together according to their needs can be watered at the same time according to their needs. If you have a very large yard, place the plants needing the most water closest to the water source if at all possible.

Avoid planting moisture-loving perennials under spruce trees or other large trees with shallow, wide-

spreading root systems and dense canopies. These trees are very efficient at robbing perennials of the available moisture. Shade-loving annuals like coleus, begonia and impatiens planted in pots on a bed of natural mulch can look lovely in this situation.

After planting new garden beds, apply four inches of a good organic mulch such as

post peelings, cedar chips, straw or other materials which will decompose over time and release needed nutrients to your plants. I like to top dress my mulch yearly for a uniform look. Mulch retains soil moisture and prevents annual weeds from germinating, cutting down on weeding time.

And remember, folks, there is no such thing as a

no maintenance landscape. Even rockscapes require maintenance, especially if situated next to a neighbor's elm or maple tree.

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Shandra Epp receives Lions Graduate Scholarship



Mulched perennial border. Photo credit: Sara Williams.



Spiritwood Lions President Bryan Ferguson (left) presenting Shandra Epp (right) with the 2020 Spiritwood & District Lions Club Graduate Scholarship.

Hopes high for Trout's Angels

For long-suffering Los Angeles Angels' fans, this might be the year. If baseball is ever played, that is.

Major League Baseball may or may not survive the political battles between owners and players, or the COVID-19 pandemic, but it appears as if an abbreviated schedule comprising 60 or 70 games might eventually be agreed upon, with games played in empty stadiums. But watching on TV will be just as fun for Angels' fans, who have many reasons for optimism. In fact, this might be the year that the Angels make it back to the World Series for the first time since 2002, finally giving Fall Classic exposure to Mike Trout, the best player in the game today.

Trout is 29 years old; baseball historians point to decades worth of statistics to indicate that a player's prime generally occurs during his 29th year. Already a lock for the Hall of Fame, Trout is not only in the prime

of his career, but the Angels' much improved batting order seems destined to give Trout more opportunity than ever for a sensational offensive season.

After finishing 35 games out of first place in the American League West in 2019 with a 72-90 record, the Angels made a huge acquisition in the off-season, signing free-agent third baseman Anthony Rendon from the World Series champion Washington Nationals. Rendon, who finished third in MVP voting in the National League, batted .319 last year, with 34 homers and an OPS figure (on-base percentage plus slugging average) of 1.010. Put Rendon in the lineup behind Trout, and opposing pitchers, fearing Rendon's explosive bat, will suddenly start offering Trout more hittable pitches. Two men don't make a team, though, and that's where dual threat Shohei Ohtani comes in. The slugging and pitching Japanese star, the



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A.L. rookie of the year in 2018, missed more than one-third of last season due to injuries, but he's healthy again, ready to lead the pitching staff and join Trout, Rendon, Justin Upton and aging veteran Albert Pujols in one of the most potentially explosive lineups in the game.

Trout is generally acknowledged as today's best player. He is a two-time American League MVP, has bashed 285 home runs in nine seasons and carries a career slash of .305/.419/.581, with 903 runs-batted-in. But missing from his resumé is a World Series title. While that omis-

sion won't keep him out of Cooperstown, it would be a shame if Trout doesn't at least once get to show the world his skills in October. This could be the year.

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg on Twitter: "Dallas Cowboy Ezekiel Elliott has contracted the coronavirus. Which is surprising because Elliott usually holds out on contracts."

• Comedy guy Brad Dickson of Omaha: "A driver is retiring because NASCAR is banning Confederate flags. I only hope this news doesn't harm the image of NASCAR as a sport of sophisticated, worldly, intellectual free thinkers."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Three teams — the Astros, Red Sox and Mets — fired their managers in the aftermath of Houston's sign-stealing trash-bangers. Or, more precisely, they canned them."

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "Former Dodger Shawn Green

holds the MLB single-game mark of 19 total bases—four homers, a double and a single. The last guy to get past first base so often in one night was Tiger Woods."

• Another one from Currie: "Reuters reports an elephant in the Washington, DC, zoo took up playing the harmonica. Zookeepers nicknamed her CFL because she plays for peanuts."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "As hotels are announced for NBA teams at Disney World, I think I speak for all comedy writers in saying it's a real shame the Knicks aren't part of this. The jokes just write themselves with 'Mickey Mouse Organization.'"

• Dwight Perry again: "PGA Tour player Harold Varner III took advantage of his time at home during the coronavirus quarantine to install ... a septic tank. There wasn't a dry eye in sight when a fan showed up just as it was being lowered to yell 'Get in the hole!'"

• Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton,

Va.): "Social distancing will not interrupt the gluttony and star-spangled grossness of Nathan's July 4th Hot Dog Eating Contest. Contestants will be at least six foot-longs apart as they set out to determine who will be this year's winner."

• Brad Dickson again: "Yesterday (Nebraska coach) Scott Frost said his players are not afraid of coronavirus and that it's brought the team closer together. Hey, if this pandemic means that Nebraska goes 5-7 instead of 4-8 it will have all been worth it."

• RJ Currie again: "Canadian Jolene Van Vugt set a speed record in Australia by driving 75 km/h on a motorized toilet. The lady wasn't kidding — she really had to go."

• Headline in TheOnion.com: "Red Sox ask fans to switch from racial to homophobic slurs when taunting opposing players"

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

GOOD NEWS

A TIME FOR EVERYTHING

**By Dave Whalley, DLM,
First United Church,
Big River**

I found Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 to be so true for me in the past 3 weeks. I have been dealing with something that I never dreamed possible in my lifetime. As a child I grew up not really knowing I had a mother until I was six and also not knowing anything about my extended family. In fact I didn't know how much of an extended family until years later. I knew of one family in England but that was really all. I had feelings of loneliness and an emptiness in my heart because everyone around me had so many family members. These feelings profoundly affected me. As I got older I did ask about family but no one would say anything. I even turned away from God because

I felt abandoned. These feelings led me to drug and alcohol addictions for a number of years and when I had no where else to turn I said this simple prayer to God, "Help me!" and he did. He had been there all the time just waiting for me to ask. I have been free of alcohol and drugs for 20 years now, so verse one of chapter 3 tells me God is always watching, waiting. I was told that life is like an onion. You peel off one layer and another one appears. God will only reveal to you what you can handle at that time.

God decided 3 weeks ago it was time to give me some answers. I was able to get an email address for someone who was supposed to be my cousin in England. When I wrote, she answered back and the floodgates were opened. They had

been looking for me! I received emails from at least 5 cousins and they signed their emails "with love". That had such an impact on me. I have my immediate family, who of course have said they loved me, but to hear these cousins say it was so emotional for me. It started to fill that hole of emptiness in my heart. For me to find out that I have more family tells me that the past doesn't really matter, it is the present and future that count. I have discovered that I have extended family in England, Wales, and Tasmania.

And so, the verses in Ecclesiastes have taken on a deeper meaning for me. I am using the words from the "New Living Translation" version of the Bible. Verse three talks about a time to kill and a time to heal. Not knowing about all of my family did in a sense

"kill" the feelings of a loving larger family. Now I can start to heal. Verse four says there is a time to cry and a time to laugh. I have cried many times and now I am laughing and dancing with joy for the family I've found. Verse six says a time to search and a time to lose. I searched in all the wrong places to find peace in my heart and God gave me the will to lose my addictions. Verse seven says a time to tear and a time to mend. I have felt resentments for years because no one would tell me about my extended family and now I can begin to mend those resentments. Verse eight says a time to love and a time to hate. I am learning how to forgive those who kept information about my extended family from me and now I have so many more cousins to love.

Ecclesiastes tells us God will reveal things to us at the appropriate time. Some of you may have unanswered questions or issues in your life. The verses in Ecclesiastes gave me hope and God has chosen to reveal to me things I may not have been ready to accept before. They gave me hope that God has a plan for my life and it will unfold the way it is meant to. I pray that God will be with those of you who are looking for answers. I have waited all my life but God has been with me and guided me through the mountains and valleys of life to the discovery of these wonderful relatives. We are trading pictures, old and new, putting names to faces. We are trading stories. We are discovering each other. So, for those of you still waiting for your answers; there is a time for everything!

OBITUARIES

*Stuart Ferdinand Breker*

Stuart Ferdinand Breker was born February 27, 1927 in Englefeld Saskatchewan and passed away April 19, 2020. His mom and dad, John and

Catherine Breker decided to move their family; Louis, Ella, Stuart and Edna to Big River, Sask.

It was the fall of 1938; Stuart was 11 years old. They arrived October 31st. Stuart and his dad came by steam engine locomotive loaded in a box car was a milk cow, some chickens, a dog and two cats. The rest of the family came by car.

The homestead was close to Ness Creek and actually at the site of the now famous Ness Creek Jamboree. Life on the farm was hard, very busy, and all hands on deck.

By Christmas they had cleared some land and built a log house.

In 1959 Stuart married Martha Gillett. He bought land west of Big River. They had four boys and one girl; Terry, Milton, Kevin, Darryl and Alison. Now besides a busy family life and farming, Stuart worked at the sawmill down at Cowan Lake. The mill was later moved east of town, later when Weyerhaeuser took over the mill was moved to Bodmin, south of town. He retired in 1991. Stuart loved the Lord. Martha and Stuart took

their children regularly to church. He was so proud that his children accepted the Lord Jesus as their saviour. Some words of wisdom he gave to them were, don't be afraid of hard work, help your neighbours, save your money, don't smoke or drink, and love the Lord. He enjoyed his 14 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. He loved to tease them and hand out candies, chips and gum! In 1991 Stuart and Martha moved out to the Big River Bible Camp as caretakers for four years. The camp was always

close to his heart and he was on the board for many years. And now the camp work goes on touching children's lives for eternity. In the spring of 1995, they moved into Big River. He loved helping the boys with farm work, gardening, travelling, the seniors group activities, playing cards specially Kaiser. He loved to laugh and enjoyed life to the fullest. We will miss you!

Stuart was laid to rest in the Big River Cemetery with just a few in attendance due to the COVID-19 restrictions. His Service was broadcast

live through facebook so family and friends could be a part of it. Thank You to Beau "Lac" Funeral Home for their wonderful help and support!

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 Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Lori Saam of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Big River, Sask. (306) 469-2277.

Nora Gerein

GEREIN - Nora
July 19, 1954 - June 23, 2020

It is with great sadness to announce the passing of Nora Lorraine Gerein, nee McComas, on June 23, 2020. Nora passed away peacefully at home with her husband and children by her side. Nora was born in Shellbrook, SK to Earl and Phyllis McComas; she is the third

out of five children. Nora was married to Gary Gerein in 1974, and in 1988 they settled back in Nora's hometown of Shellbrook. Nora had three daughters that she often referred to as her 'dimple darlings' and the only other thing that brought her greater joy than her children were her five grandchildren.

Nora was an involved member of her community and volunteered her time wherever she could. Nora worked her entire career in the health care field, starting as a volunteer candy striper and after completing her formal education, she worked as a Lab and X-ray Technician. She then switched careers and became a Homecare Scheduler at the Shellbrook hospital. Nora retired in 2017 and was enjoying the time she got to spend with her fam-

ily and friends. She loved to have coffee and lunch dates, spending time at her cabin at Emma Lake, yoga, shopping, and she was her children and grandchildren's number 1 fan. Nora had a zest for life and truly lived life to the fullest. She was compassionate, gave selflessly to others, and had a great sense of humour.

Nora is survived by her husband of 45 years Gary Gerein; daughter Paula Gerein (Joris Butzelaar) and grandchildren Evie and Rosie; daughter Stefanie Gerein (Mathew Balicki) and grandchildren Emmet, Hunter, and Aubree; daughter Courtney Gerein (Ryan Swaby); brother Jim McComas (Susan), sister Linda Rask (Harvey), brother Ken McComas (Bati), brother Roger McComas (Shelley). Nora is also survived

by numerous nieces and nephews. Nora was predeceased by her father Earl McComas and mother Phyllis McComas.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions a private family funeral service will be held on Saturday July 4, 2020 in Shellbrook, SK. Those unable to attend will be able to view the service on the Facebook page of St. John's Lutheran Church of Shellbrook live at 2pm or afterwards on a recorded version.

In lieu of other tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Nora to the Canadian Cancer Society. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Shellbrook, SK. (306-747-2828).

Dorothy Lynn

LYNN - Dorothy

It is with immense sadness, but a ton of cherished memories that we say goodbye to Dorothy Lynn. She passed at a young 61 years of age on June 23rd. Dorothy leaves behind her husband of 40 years Marcel Lamontagne, 3 daughters, 2 sons-in-law, 3 cherished grandchildren, and numerous siblings, in-laws, nieces and

nephews.

Dorothy lived a very active lifestyle and had passion for everything her family was involved with. She chose to live her best life by living at the cabin at Emerald Lake in the summer, and Arizona in the winter, making countless friends along the way. Her love for her family was endless, and she extended that love to all those who entered her home.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be a private service and interment at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. We ask that you visit www.martenswarman.ca to further celebrate with us the memory of Dorothy.


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W.P. Sandin celebrates class of 2020

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"I feel so proud to be graduating with such an amazing group of classmates, and I cannot wait to see what each and every one of us will achieve in the future," she said. "I have so many people to thank for making my high school career not only a successful one, but also a memorable one."

Starting with W.P.'s staff, Banda conceded that she and her classmates weren't always the easiest group to handle, but added that the school always felt like a family environment, "where help and support is available wherever you may seek it."

Turning to her parents, Banda gave them much of the credit for helping her through her school career.

"Behind each and every one of my tests, essays, and assignments I've completed successfully, have been my parents pushing me to do my absolute best," she said.

Finally, speaking to her classmates, Banda fondly recalled their time together. And, touching on the class's graduation theme, "What seems like the end is often the begin-

ning," she offered them final words of inspiration.

"If we can make it through the challenges that this year has brought to each of us, there's nothing standing in the way of our future," she finished.

After a round of applause, Banda's speech was followed by a toast to the school staff from classmate Tyson Crawford, and by the special guest address from teacher Stephanie Kennedy.

Mixing humour and sage advice, Kennedy urged the graduates to learn to see things from other's perspectives, and to never forget where they came from, the support systems behind them, and the lessons they've learned from one another.

After sharing a memory with each of the graduates, she concluded with a warm send-off for the grads.

"There's a big, bold world out there for you to discover, and although the way we do that has changed, it is still possible. Go into this world knowing that you are loved, and you will always have a home here."

With the speeches finished, the graduates were invited up on stage one-by-one to receive their diplomas, while still observing physical distancing practices.

With diplomas in hand, each of the grads then shared a special moment with their family members in attendance, and collected graduation boxes filled with keepsakes.

Once that was complete, the ceremony concluded to allow the grads to return home and view the graduation video presentation that had been put together.

W.P. Sandin's Class of 2020 is: Nathan Anderson, Alexis Banda, Ashton Barden, Zachary Bernath, Mya Boettcher, Darla Bruneau, Tyson Crawford, Riley Crawford-Beauchesne, Jacob Feige, Austin Ferster, Johnathon Fonos, Spencer Fox, Dallas Galloway, Burk Gosselin, Brady Kelly, Mason Kelly, Logan Lajeunesse, Nicholas Lanovaz, Austin Larsen, Kerrington Long, Savannah Naber, Thi My Duyen Nguyen, Meghan Person, Hannah Remus, Chase Ross, Ethan Schmidt, Ethan Skauge, Ashley Skavlebo, Cameron Stene, Ashlee Wolfe, and Tasje Wolfe.



Valedictorian Alexis Banda paraded in style atop her horse.



The parade procession was led by the Shellbrook Volunteer Fire Department.



Ashley Skavlebo and Savannah Naber chat during the parade.



Kerrington Long opted for nautical transportation.



Valedictorian Alexis Banda gives her speech during an intimate outdoor graduation ceremony held at the Shellbrook Sports Grounds.



Tyson Crawford was tasked with giving a toast to the staff of W.P. Sandin.



Mya Boettcher and Ethan Schmidt shared a ride for the parade.



Cameron Stene hitched a ride in the back of a convertible.



Johnathon Fonos gives the crowd a wave from his parade vehicle.