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Local archers do well at provincial meets



Bad to the Bow Archery Club. Back: Colten Haryung, Matthew Poliout, Kali McKellep-Scott & Jayla McKellep-Scott . Front: Bob Hudson (coach).



Robert Parent (left), Timberland Bowbenders Archery Club, Senior Male Barebow.

Archers from clubs within the Spiritwood area came home with medals from provincial meets held recently.

At the JOP Provincials Archery Shoot on Saturday, April 13, LeeRoy Forbes placed First in Olympian 240, while Colten Haryung placed third in Master Archer.

LeeRoy is a member of the Spiritwood Spirited Arrows club, while Colton is with the Leoville-based Bad to the Bow club.

Bob Hudson is the coach of the Leoville Bad to the Bow Archery Club, receiving support from Melanie Bradley Baynes, Jackie Mckellep, Real Pouliot, Blaine Scott, Sabrina Sproxton Parenteau, Andrew Richard Azarie Parenteau, and Lisa Halko.

Next was the 2019 Indoor Target Shoot Provincial Championship, held Sunday, April 14.

LeeRoy came home with a Silver Medal with a score of 551 (only 3 off of Gold) for his Pre-Cub age group.

Colten scored a 469 in the Cub age group.

"He was shooting at an 18m distance," said Mom, Angel Haryung, "which is not bad for him, since he has been shooting at 15m until we got there."

Both competitions were hosted by the Timberland Bowbenders Archery Club of Prince Albert, and held at the Alfred Jenkins Fieldhouse.

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LeeRoy Forbes (Gold, Olympic 240) and Colten Haryung (Bronze, Master Archer).



Dalton Sanders, Spiritwood Spirited Arrows, Silver in Junior Bowman.

Improvements to continue at ball diamonds

Last summer's major project at the Ball Diamonds at SAD SAAC Park appears to be bearing fruit. The snow has recently disappeared and the grounds are nearly dry. Drainage was the issue addressed last year.

Spiritwood could have several usable diamonds in the near future, and they could be playable very soon after a rain, which hasn't been the case for quite a

few years.

Plans for this spring include putting up dugouts and backstops on two diamonds and planting grass in the common areas.

And more shale is needed.

How much more gets done will depend on how much money can be obtained. The Dirty Pitches Slo-Pitch team has earmarked the proceeds of their 2019 tournament to Minor Ball for continued upgrades to the facility. That tournament takes place May 31 to June 2.



Posts are in the ground for a new backstop, which will be installed when work commences at the Ball Diamond at SAD SAAC Park.



This diamond, used almost exclusively by Minor Ball, is almost ready for use. Before improvements last year, volunteers used pumps to clear water off the diamond. That won't be necessary this year.

Spiritwood High School Community Council's ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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Kindergarten: Children who are five years old as of December 31, 2019.

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Report from the Legislature

Saskatchewan is pleased to have another ally at the table fighting for pipelines and standing against the Trudeau carbon tax. Less than a year ago, our province was the only one in Canada standing up against the carbon tax. Today, with the election of a new government in Alberta, five provinces representing 60 per cent of Canada's population are fighting the federal government's carbon tax grab.

When Ontario announced it would challenge the Trudeau carbon tax, they stood with Saskatchewan in our court challenge. This week Saskatchewan stood with Ontario in their fight at the Ontario Court of Appeal. Saskatchewan made it clear that the imposition of the carbon tax is unconstitutional and should be scrapped.

The Trudeau carbon tax is a poor environmental policy that doesn't reduce emissions. It will hurt Saskatchewan families that need to drive their kids to hockey practice, heat their homes in the winter, and feed and clothe their families. It will reduce jobs and move those jobs to other areas of the world that aren't charging a carbon tax, and that, in many cases, are emitting more than we are here in this province in those industries.

On the issue of a carbon

tax, Ryan Meili and the NDP are out of touch with Saskatchewan. While nearly 90 per cent of Saskatchewan people have expressed that they do not support a carbon tax, the NDP Leader has said he applauds the policy.

Meili recently confirmed he's out of touch on taxation in general when he shared an article entitled "Low Taxes are Nothing to Brag About". The article actually condemns Saskatchewan for not raising taxes. It said we shouldn't be proud of having such low tax rates and should look to Quebec and their much higher tax rate as the way to go.

Upon sharing the article, Meili could have said we should be proud of our low tax regime because lower taxes attract investment, which leads to more jobs, which leads to a better quality of life for everyone. He even could have said we want hard-

working people to keep more of their money. Instead, he offered that this was an important reflection on how taxes play a role in sustaining a healthy society.

On Budget Day, the NDP leader said that it was too early to discuss their plan for increased spending, lower debt, and how they would actually pay for things. However, thanks to Twitter, we're starting to see the NDP's true colours. They would raise your taxes, just like they did 21 times while serving in government.

In contrast, our government has always worked hard to keep taxes low and affordable. This spring, our government presented a balanced budget with record spending on education and health with no new taxes and no tax increases.

Your Saskatchewan Party government remains focused on important policy issues. Unfortunately, we are forced to contend with federal proposals that would damage the strong economy that allows us to provide services to the people of our province.

Federal policies such as Bill C-48, Bill C-69, and the carbon tax will weaken our economic strengths which is why we will continue to stand against them.

Bill C-48 is a good example of bad policy. The



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Oil Tanker Ban selectively targets oil coming into the west coast, making it harder to get pipelines built and disproportionately hurting provinces that need to get oil to international markets. Yet, importing large tankers of foreign oil off the St. Lawrence in Quebec is OK.

Bill C-69 will not accomplish its stated goals of streamlining or efficiency in getting resource projects built. The current project approval system isn't broken. The only thing that is broken is the political will to see our energy sector flourish and move forward. We cannot afford to submit these sectors to further uncertainty and delay.

Good news for our economy came this week when it was announced that the Port Raymond

Border Crossing will be restoring its 24-hour schedule as of April 23.

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection previously made the decision to cut the hours of operation to four border crossings at Port Raymond, Morgan, Scobey and Ophim.

The Port Raymond Border Crossing is utilized, not only by Montana residents, but Saskatchewan residents on a daily basis.

The Government of Saskatchewan sent strong representation to four town hall meetings in Plentywood, Scobey, Glasgow, and Malta in support for both Saskatchewan and Montana residents who rely on Port Raymond, for commerce and trade.

The province of Sas-

katchewan exports more goods and services to the U.S. than to any other country. In 2018 alone, Saskatchewan exported \$1.3 billion dollars of product to Montana out of the \$17.3 billion Saskatchewan exported to the United States.

Cutting access to the international border, by any amount, would have had substantial impact on our trade activity, which is why we are pleased with this announcement.

Our government will continue to stand up for Saskatchewan to grow our economy, sustain needed supports for individuals and families, and to provide opportunity so that Saskatchewan people can stay in our province, start their careers, and build a life.

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 for the year 2019 has been prepared and is open to inspection at the Office of the Assessor from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the following days: Monday to Friday, April 26, 2019, to Monday, May 27, 2019.

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

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$300.00 appeal fee per roll number which will be returned if the appeal is successful, with the Assessor at R.M. of Canwood No. 494, Box 10, Canwood, Saskatchewan, S0J 0K0, by the 27th day of May, 2019.

Dated at Canwood, Saskatchewan, this 25th day of April, 2019.

Lorna Benson, Assessor

Entire board reappointed to Leoville Housing Authority

Donald Doryk, Valerie Laventure, Karen Chalifour and Ron Blocka have been reappointed to the Leoville Housing Authority Board of Directors. Blocka is chairperson.

The Leoville Housing Authority is a community-based organization that provides daily management of 23 housing units constructed and operated under the terms of a federal provincial municipal cost sharing agreement.

Social Services Minister, Paul Meriman, paid tribute to the volunteers who manage the social housing projects in their community. "This local hands-on approach ensures that the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation

responds effectively to the needs of each community."

Saskatchewan has a network of 260 housing authorities and more than 1,400 volunteer members who assist with management of housing units throughout the province for seniors, low income families and persons with disabilities.

Persons interested in volunteering to serve on the board of directors for the Leoville Housing Authority are encouraged to contact the mayor of Leoville. A local nominating committee recommends board members.

Applications for accommodation are available from the manager of the Leoville Housing Authority.

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“It’s Just a Game”

Dee doo, duh-da-da dee doo DUH-da-da DEE DOO...

If the above didn’t immediately have you humming this highly recognizable tune, then it’s safe to say that you are no fan of the most anxiously awaited television show of the times.

It’s the opening theme music to *Game of Thrones*, of course. Fans and aficionados have been waiting since the final episode of Season 7 – which aired Aug. 27, 2017 – for the premiere of the 8th and final season. Some 17 million viewers are estimated to have watched the first episode of the new season on Sunday, April 14.

By the time this issue hits the streets, the second episode will have aired, with a good news-bad news feel to it all. The good news is that most of the storylines are playing themselves out and working toward some kind of resolution. The bad news is that there are only four episodes left.

Most GoT fans cringe at the thought of no longer having a new episode of the show to feast on, yet they want resolution to a number of outstanding issues, not the least of which is just who is going to win the Game and sit on the Iron Throne, unchallenged.

There was a post on Facebook not long ago that really annoyed me. Somebody said that they had never seen a single episode of *Game of Thrones*, and there were others in the comments who had said the same thing. I can see people not watching it, as it is the kind of show that won’t

appeal to everyone, but the post and comments had the feel that these people were proud of the fact they hadn’t seen the show, and by implication, anyone who had was a dummy.

Maybe I just overreacted to it because I am a big fan of the show.

To be honest, one of the things I’m reacting to now is the dumb online comments from people who are supposedly fans of the show.

Maybe I just need to take a step back and not get so caught up in it. It’s just a show, after all.

It’s not unusual for people to get engrossed in their favorite TV shows. I put out a call on Facebook for an answer to a question: Who shot J.R.? Within five minutes I had three answers, including one from a person who told me exactly where she was when she watched the episode where the killer was revealed. Only a fan would know that.

There are many loose ends to wrap up in *Game of Thrones* within the final five episodes. Now that Jon Snow knows that the love of his life is actually his aunt, will that knowledge affect their relationship? Will the armies assembled by Snow defeat the Night King and his army of the dead? Will they get enough dragonglass made into weapons to use against the Night King? Will Dany’s dragons overwhelm the Night King’s army? Will Arya be able to kill all the people on her list?

Ah, these and so many more.

There’s a “*Walking Dead*” feel to the show, too, given that the Night King’s entire army is made up of dead people, who awaken after every time they are supposedly killed. We’re all hoping the author has a happier ending to his story, but given the number of beloved characters who have been killed off in the previous seven seasons, no one is confident that we’ll be given a satisfactory wrap-up to the story.

I suppose we could read the books to see how he ended it. However, the show’s producers have deviated from the author’s story before, and there’s no guarantee that they won’t this time, either.

Ah, four more weeks. And then what?

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Local matters, now more than ever

Recently, you may have seen an ad in the *Shellbrook Chronicle* and *Spiritwood Herald* posing the question “What happens when you don’t advertise in your local newspaper?”

The answer, “Very little”, is truer than some might initially believe, and it’s true in a number of ways (though, as hyperbolic as this may seem, the answer could just as easily be “Nothing at all”).

First and foremost, when local businesses and organizations don’t advertise in their local newspapers, a large cross-section of their community doesn’t learn about their products, services and events, and is unable to show their support for them.

And, when local businesses aren’t supported by their community, they shut their doors or perhaps even move elsewhere, taking with them a vital piece of the small-town economy, and the community’s overall sense of, well, community.

Similarly, when local organizations don’t receive support from the broader community, they can no longer host events that help build up community spirit and fund important local initiatives – or, worse, they fold altogether, and, once again, an important piece of the community is lost forever.

Now, it’s true that, in the age of 140-character-or-less, social media is emerging as a convenient advertising vehicle for a lot of folks. It’s also true that the fact that it’s free to advertise on these platforms makes them incredibly attractive (especially to small-town organizations and non-profits with even smaller budgets).

But, as the old saying goes, you get what you pay for. And, in this case, Totum research from March 2018 shows that advertising through social media in small-town Saskatchewan means you’re missing at least 22.7 per cent of your potential support or customer base (the percentage of rural folks in the province who don’t have any internet service).

Aside from not getting eyeballs on your advertisements, and the resulting business and community support that comes from advertising locally, not advertising in your community newspaper means that “very little” happens because, to be quite blunt, community newspapers can’t exist without support from their communities.

No community newspaper means no news for the community – aside from the latest gossip down on coffee row, that is. And no news for the community means that folks don’t know when their town or R.M. councils, or provincial and federal governments, make important decisions that could impact their daily lives.



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Columnist

In the face of declining advertising revenues, some community newspapers have opted to go the route of charging their readers for access to these stories. But here at the *Shellbrook Chronicle* and the *Spiritwood Herald*, we don’t believe that these stories, and other important local news items, should come with a fee for entry.

That said, award-winning journalism and commentary isn’t free. And it’s the advertising revenues from local businesses that pay salaries and allow us to provide it to you, free of charge.

It all goes back to something that we all know in our hearts, but that we sometimes struggle to put into practice: buying and supporting local matters. And, in an age when small towns are getting smaller and big cities are getting bigger, it matters more than it ever has, if we want to maintain our small-town way of life.

Buying at a local business, or asking the shop to order in a product rather than going to the city to buy a product, allows that business to pay its employees and keep its doors open, and it also brings money to the local economy.

When businesses are able to keep their doors open, they can sponsor local events, donate to charitable causes in the community, and advertise in their community newspapers. And, when local organizations have businesses to support them, they’re able to keep doing what they do for the community (and the newspaper is able to cover them), and the community as a whole thrives.

It’s like a chain, or a web. Each link or strand reinforces every other link or strand, creating a strong, vibrant community. But, in a small town like Shellbrook or Spiritwood, we mustn’t forget that the weakening or breaking of even a single chain or strand reverberates through the entire community.

Fortunately, we here at the *Shellbrook Chronicle* and the *Spiritwood Herald* are beneficiaries of a whole group of very strong communities.

In recognition of that, and in hopes that you will continue to support the businesses and organizations that support us, we’re taking part in a “Proud Advertiser” campaign through News Media Canada. It’s our way of honouring those local businesses and organizations that not only allow us to deliver the news to you, but also contribute so much more to their communities.

On pages 10 through 13 of this week’s paper, you’ll see just how numerous those businesses and organizations are. And we hope that this will inspire you to support them in the same way that they support us.

Rural and urban schools need new funding approach

It can be argued the Saskatchewan Party government hasn't yet got school funding right, but it can also be argued no previous government has, either.

Sask. Party supporters likely have a point when they suggest it's galling for today's New Democrats to complain about school overcrowding when it was their predecessor's government that closed 176 schools between 1992 and August 2007.

Moreover, the Sask. Party further argues that with population stagnation during most of the NDP government years, the NDP should be blamed for creating a situation where new schools in Saskatchewan were not needed.

It's good political rhetoric, but, as is often the case with political rhetoric, it doesn't perfectly

reflect all of the reality.

More importantly, none of this political back and forth is doing much to address the new and old problems in both rural and urban Saskatchewan when it comes to addressing our schools' needs.

Since the days the one-room rural schoolhouses ended more than 50 years ago (yes, I am old enough to have attended one), it's been a slow march towards closing schools in small towns.

That's simply all part of the reality of larger, mechanized farms affecting not only farm populations but also small rural town and even small city populations.

So while it's true that 176 Saskatchewan schools were closed during the NDP government's 16-year tenure,



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it's also true that schools have been closing during the past 80 years under the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation/NDP, Liberal, Progressive Conservative and, yes, even during the Sask. Party government years.

It should be noted that in the 11-year tenure of this Sask. Party government, there are 31 schools that have been closed.

However, even that number badly needs to

be put in some context.

First, let us acknowledge that under the Sask. Party government, we saw the opening 46 new schools (a few of them replacements for the schools that have closed).

This government has also renovated or expanded 23 schools, and has provided 172 portable classrooms since 2013 alone.

But it's highly significant that most of those schools are in the cities that have enjoyed the lion's share of Saskatchewan's 160,000-person increase since the Sask. Party government came to power in 2007.

The problem, however, is we now have 70 Saskatchewan schools that exceed 100 per cent capacity – 20 are at more than 120 per cent overcapacity.

Again, this is mostly

a city problem, but that doesn't mean that we don't have big school problems in rural Saskatchewan, as well.

It was revealed by the *Regina Leader-Post's* Arthur White-Crummey that rural school divisions are being underfunded.

The Chinook School Division in the southwest is running a \$4.8-million deficit this year – its fifth consecutive year of deficit budgeting. Meanwhile, the Prairie Valley School Division is expecting a \$1.1-million deficit, and the North East School says it will have to dip into its reserves to make up for a \$2.5-million shortfall.

Part of this can surely be attributed to not collecting as much in education property tax on farmland since the Sask. Party came to power.

And while rural school enrolment may be declining, there are added expenses for rural divisions like bussing costs (which may get even more costly because of the carbon tax).

Moreover, because education funding is doled out on a per-student basis, 60 per cent of the \$26-million education funding increase in 2019-20 provincial budget is being swallowed up by Regina and Saskatoon.

This now has some rural divisions pushing back, asking the government to change to the funding formula.

But to do so would worsen the situation for city schools that are struggling with growth problems.

The Sask. Party government needs to find a way to get education funding right.

Big River area sees two major accidents in the span of a week

On April 20, 2019, at approximately 12:50 a.m., Big River RCMP received a report of a single vehicle rollover on a grid road about 30 kilometres west of Big River.

When members arrived at the scene, they located a 47 year-old female in the front passenger seat of the vehicle, unable to get out. The Jaws of Life were used to remove her. STARS Air Ambulance airlifted her to hospital in Saskatoon with undetermined injuries.

Big River Fire Department were also present; they located an adult male who had been fatally injured during the collision. The 24 year-old was declared deceased at the scene.

An RCMP Traffic Analyst was brought in to assist. Through investigation, it was determined that there was a third occupant in the vehicle at the time

of the collision who was not immediately located at the scene.

North Battleford Police Dog Services attended to assist with the search for the third occupant. The search was negative.

In the early afternoon on April 20, RCMP were notified that the third occupant of the vehicle, a 17 year-old male, had been picked up along a gravel road by a passerby somewhere between where the collision occurred and a nearby community. He suffered what were described as minor injuries as a result of the collision.

The investigation is ongoing.

On April 16, at approximately 5:30 p.m., Big River RCMP, with the assistance from Ahtahkakoop RCMP, responded to a motor vehicle collision involving two vehicles on the 793 highway east of Vic-

toire, Sask.

Police arrived on scene and determined there were three occupants in one vehicle and four occupants in the second vehicle. All occupants sustained non-life threatening injuries and were transported to hospital by ambulance for treatment.

One passenger sustained more serious, believed to be non-life threatening, injuries and was flown to a Saskatoon hospital by STARS Air Ambulance.

EMS from Big River and Spiritwood attended the scene to assist with medical treatment of the occupants.

An RCMP Forensic Collision Analyst attended the scene to investigate.

Alcohol is believed to be a factor in this collision. No charges have been laid and the investigation is ongoing.

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Leoville Library hosts Easter Bunny

Every year that silly bunny sneaks into the Leoville Library ... okay we actually write a letter and invite him. It's so much fun, and since we have Story time on both Wednesday and Thursdays it was double the fun. See you next year, Easter Bunny!



Spiritwood Pioneer Centre activities

The Pioneer Centre has seen cribbage played every Friday night.

Here are the winners from March 22:

In first place was Marj Mandtler, second place Louis Marion with third going to Armand Smith

Louis Marion had the first 24 hand, winning the five dollar bill.

Donna Storozuk won the 50/50.

The March 29 winners were: First Linda Newton, second Peggy Dafoe while Narcisse Caffet placed third.

The first 24 hand was won by Dave Salisbury

Linda Newton won the 50/50.

Both nights saw six tables playing

On April 12, we had a good crowd again with Hugh

Jenner winning first, Marilyn Simonar second with a tie for third shared by Mavis Crosland & Peggy Jenner.

The first 24 hand was won by Marilyn Simonar.

Narcisse Caffet won the 50/50.

Four tables played April 19, with Donna Storozuk placing first while Sally Huchkowsky won second. Dave Salisbury placed third.

Dave Salisbury won the 50/50.

The centre also hosts bingo every Thursday. Due to Easter Sunday, the centre will host Kaiser on the fourth Sunday for this month only.

The members are also busy preparing for the Strawberry Tea, which will be held on May 10.

On May 1, all seniors are invited to a free driving refresher course sponsored by the Saskatoon & District Safety Council & SGI.

We as seniors have probably forgotten some of the "to do's" and "not to do's" when it comes to driving so here's a free chance get these skills back just sitting and listening to instructors, no driving test involved.

JOIN THE AUCTION-ACTION TEAM

April 27th – 3rd Annual Coin & Currency Sale, 356 lots up for auction – Pioneer Centre, 410 Main Street, Spiritwood

May 4th – Shop, Yard, JD Riding Mower 48" cut, 16 ft Lund Boat/Motor/Trailer, 24 ft Camper, 2007 GMC Truck, Vintage Tractor, Household, Antiques & Collectables Sale for Marlene Boechler – Mildred

May 11th – Huge Collectable Toy, Antiques/Collectables Auction Sale for Ron Holmes – Main Street, Blaine Lake

May 25th – Estate of Lloyd Pirot - Shop, Yard, Kubota Tractor FEL/tiller, Honda Cruiser Motorbike, 350 Yamaha Quad, Store Inventory & Household – Cochin

June 1st – Household, Shop, Yard, Recreational - Moving Sale for Donna Lovberg – Canwood

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Swine issues show importance of biosecurity

It was in February that I wrote about the swine sector appearing to be under the threat of what would be its version of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), at least in terms of it having the same effect on markets.

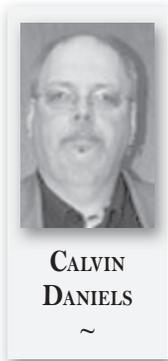
African swine fever is a disease in hogs which currently has the world market for pigs and pork on edge. It spreads through close contact with infected animals or their excretions, or through feeding uncooked contaminated meat to susceptible pigs. African swine fever affects only pigs and presents no human health or food safety risks.

The disease is definitely sending a shudder through the swine sector of a world-wide basis.

According to a January story from Reuters, "China has culled 916,000 pigs after around 100 outbreaks of African swine fever in the country", and "the disease continues to spread to new regions and larger farms."

Not surprisingly efforts are under way to strengthen biosecurity to prevent the disease getting a foothold on this continent.

Protection from ASF received some additional "support from Canada's Federal government when Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, announced new funding of up to \$31 million to increase the number of detector dogs at Canadian airports to help prevent illegally imported meat products



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from entering into Canada. This funding will allow for the addition of 24 detector dog teams over five years, bringing the total number to 39 Food, Plant, and Animal Detector Dog Service (DDS) teams," wrote Harry Siemens in Prairie Hog Country magazine.

"Importing illegal meat and meat products from countries affected by ASF present one of the most significant

risks for introducing this animal disease to Canada. Detector dogs are the best available method to intercept meat products, making them the most effective tool in protecting Canada's swine population from ASF as well as other animal diseases."

Stateside, The National Pork Producers Council's board of directors have announced its decision to cancel World Pork Expo 2019 "out of an abundance of caution as African swine fever (ASF) continues to spread in China and other parts of Asia," detailed a recent release. "World Pork Expo, held each June at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines, hosts approximately 20,000 visitors over three days, including individuals and exhibitors from ASF-positive regions.

"While an evaluation by veterinarians and other third-party experts concluded negligible risk associated with holding the event, we have decided to exercise extreme caution,"

said David Herring, NPPC president and a producer from Lillington, North Carolina in the release. "The health of the U.S. swine herd is paramount; the livelihoods of our producers depend on it. Prevention is our only defense against ASF and NPPC will continue to do all it can to prevent its spread to the United States."

Here in Canada plans are in place to host the first international ASF forum in Ottawa from April 30 to May 1. "This forum will provide an opportunity to strengthen international

cooperation further to stop the spread of ASF. Although Canada has never had a case of ASF, the disease continues to spread in parts of Asia and Europe. ASF poses no risk to human health, but it could disrupt Canada's pork industry, which includes over 100,000 direct and indirect Canadian jobs," wrote Siemens.

Certainly protecting the export oriented sector in Canada is paramount and it is to be hoped the caution being exhibited bares out for the future on the swine business.

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Christin Egeland
Assessor

Rec centre figures released

Figures on the finances of the Spiritwood Recreation Centre were released Saturday, with handouts left on each table at the Community Auction providing details.

For starters, the remaining mortgage on the facility stands at \$2,232,967.15, with payments of \$89,756.25 due May 1 and Nov. 1.

Mortgage payment initiatives income for 2017-2018 include \$50,393.18 from Bull Riding, \$27,974.49 from the Mega 50-50 and \$24,281.65 from the Rink Crop project.

General Operations initiatives, such as Chase the Ace, Wine Survivor and Texas Hold'em/Bingo since 2018 were \$8,613.35, \$8,984.80 and \$6,508.31,

respectively.

However, revenues are down in each of the three areas of use of the facility. Arena revenues for 2018-2019 were \$54,351.75, compared to \$64,946.36 in 2017-2018. Similarly, Curling income was down to \$14,622.95 from \$17,283.43 and Bowling was down from \$19,976.01 to \$16,741.84.

The average daily cost per year for utilities is \$285.38.

So far, \$20,529.21 has been spent on maintenance.

Income for the facility for 2018 came from the following: User Groups (27%), Fundraising (24%), Town of Spiritwood (24%), R.M. of Spiritwood (14%), Grants (11%).



Just over \$2.2 million remains on the mortgage on the Spiritwood Recreation Centre. Semi-annual payments are due in May and November.

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\$22,700 raised at first Leoville lobster feast

The Leoville Minor Hockey Board along with Ronnie and Roxy Sawatsky hosted their first Leoville Lobster Feast on Saturday April 6. The evening included a wonderful six course meal, entertainment throughout the evening, silent auction items, an elimination draw, 50/50 draw and a very exciting live auction event. Our grand total of funds raised to go to-

wards arena lighting improvements (specifically over the ice surface) and plumbing and heating upgrades was \$22,700. In addition, Innovation Credit Union has donated the funds for the new furnace and installation.

The outpouring of support from local businesses and citizens donating items and cash prizes for the live and silent auctions was a huge reason the night was such a success. The winner of our 50/50 draw was Gale Peter, winner of the elimination draw was Mr. Blain Scott, but the biggest winner of the night is everyone who uses the arena facility in Leoville.



Eagerly awaiting another course. The First annual Lobster Feast was a sell-out, raising \$22,700 for improvements to Leoville Arena.



Ashley and Bobbi Beuker with their big purchase of the night, an Edmonton Oilers dream team Jersey purchased by cash donations.



VIP table before being auctioned off. The winning bid went to Roger Laventure.



Dawn Paquette with Blain Scott after his win in the elimination draw.



Bidding was strong on the many silent auction items.

Sask. affordable housing receives \$450 million boost

The governments of Saskatchewan and Canada have announced a new 10-year, \$450 million partnership that will invest in affordable housing in the province and ensure that housing remains available to those who need it.

Part of the federal government's National Housing Strategy (NHS), the deal will protect, renew and expand social and community housing across the province.

"This agreement is an outstanding

example of how governments have more impact when they co-operate and work together," said Paul Merriman, social services minister and minister responsible for the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation, in a release.

"Together, we can help to open doors to many more opportunities and, most importantly, support those in greatest housing need. Our government remains committed to representing the housing needs of

Saskatchewan people as we work collaboratively with the federal government to deliver the initiatives under the National Housing Strategy," he added.

Additionally, officials say that the new agreement, which will see the province and the federal government share equal portions of the costs, will support the province's priorities related to housing repair, construction and affordability.

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Playoff hockey offers no guarantees

Last week you may have read in this space a whimsical suggestion that Tampa Bay Lightning couldn't possibly be beaten in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

There are no such guarantees, of course, no matter how many regular-season records a team might set or tie (most wins in an NHL season, for one).

The reality is that games are won on the ice, not in newspaper columns, and this season's two-month run to the June conclusion has a number of interesting sidebars.

Like, who doesn't like the St. Louis Blues to win the West? The hottest team in the league during the second half of the season, the Blues were dead last in the league when they replaced coach Mike Yeo with Craig Berube and suddenly turned things around. How can

the Calgary Flames not be favoured to win the West? They racked up more points than anyone in the conference (107) and got there by a solidly balanced offensive attack — five players each with more than 20 goals and 60 points. Mark Giordano is expected to win the Norris trophy as the league's best defenceman and if the Flames had a reliable goalie like St. Louis does in Jordan Binnington, they might coast to the West title. But neither Mike Smith nor David Rittich inspires a great deal of confidence, and goaltending could be their Achilles heel.

Who isn't secretly rooting for Canada's team, the Toronto Maple Leafs, to win their first Stanley Cup since 1967? With the addition of free-agent John Tavares, who lived



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up to the hype with a 47-goal season, the Leafs are at least a contender, but they're sloppy defensively and defence wins in the post-season. Speaking of Canadian teams, who doesn't feel a bit sorry for Montreal Canadiens, the only non-playoff team to have a positive goal differential this year? The Habs and their 94 points would have easily qualified for the playoffs in the West,

but there is more power in the East and 94 points just didn't cut it.

So who other than Tampa, St. Louis or Calgary could possibly win the Cup? Never count out the defending champs, so there's a vote for Washington. Sidney Crosby and the Penguins had a so-so year but playoffs are a different deal. Boston is healthy and the Bruins had as many points as Calgary, so why not? Nashville and Winnipeg have playoff experience and could pull off an upset. Vegas got a taste of late-season play last year, and they're flying under the radar this year. The veteran-laden San Jose Sharks have loads of playoff experience.

The rest? It would be a real shock if Dallas, Colorado, Islanders, Carolina, Columbus or Toronto stood tallest in mid-June. They're probably all in next-year country.

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "The New York Jets unveiled their new uniforms and they are not getting good reviews. The worst part? They still say New York Jets on them."

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "The NY Times

reports scientists want more study into a rare genetic mutation that keeps Jo Cameron, 71, from feeling any pain or anxiety. Her next big test — Knicks season tickets."

• Comedy writer Brad Dickson: "A sign you're too into football: you've been in a downward emotional spiral ever since the AAF folded."

• Another one from RJ Currie: "How about the Alliance of American Football folding just eight weeks into its inaugural season? Just like that, they went from an alternative to an AAFterthought."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Ryan Fitzpatrick has now been employed by 25 per cent of the NFL's 32 franchises after signing with his eighth team, the Dolphins, last week. Which certainly makes him a quarterback in more ways than one."

• RJ Currie again: "Canadian tennis star Briana Andreescu threw the opening pitch at a Toronto-Baltimore game — a perfect strike. The Jays gave her the ball, a commemorative photo and a contract offer."

• Headline at Fark.com:

"Hapless Mariners can't even get a rebuilding year right."

• Headline at theonline.com: "Bryce Harper informs Phillies GM of 2-week vacation In August he'd planned before getting job."

• Comedy writer Tim Hunter, after a rhino poacher was trampled to death by elephants and eaten by lions in South Africa: "Just outside the village of Karma."

• Brad Rock of Salt Lake City's Deseret News, on the Miami Marlins drawing just 5,900 fans for a game against the Mets: "The crowd was so small that Sonny Crockett and Rico Tubbs personally frisked every fan who entered the stadium."

• B.C. comic Torben Rolfsen, on the Lakers' presidential vacancy: "Magic lived up to his name — by disappearing."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com, on the soap-opera Lakers: "I'm so old I remember when the Clippers were Los Angeles's dysfunctional NBA franchise."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Sask. affordable housing receives \$450 million boost

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And the governments of Canada and Saskatchewan will also work together on the design and implementation of a new Canada Housing Benefit for the province, to provide affordability support directly to families and individuals in housing need.

"The Government of Canada is committed to ensuring that every Canadian has a safe and affordable place to call home," said Ralph Goodale, minister of public safety and emergency preparedness in a statement.

"Long-term, predictable funding for housing has been needed for more than a decade. Today, with the Saskatchewan government, we have taken a significant step toward our goal of building strong communities where Canadian families can prosper and thrive, now and for the future."

Calling the partnership a "progressive housing agreement", both governments say that the agreement commits them to "new and higher standards of transparency, public engagement, and housing quality, including improved energy efficiency and accessibility."

The agreement will also prioritize those most in need, "incorporating a human rights-based approach to housing, and applying a gender lens to

all investments." The provincial government, meanwhile, says it will publish three-year action plans, beginning this fiscal year, setting targets and outlining how the agreement dollars are being spent to achieve them.

These investments are in addition to more than \$593.6 million previously planned federal housing investments in Saskatchewan through the Social Housing Agreement (SHA) over the next 10 years, as well as nearly \$2.5 million in targeted spending on five affordable housing projects in Saskatchewan communities that was announced in October 2018.

In addition to new construction, combined investments under the NHS bilateral agreement and the SHA will target the preservation of at least 16,448 existing community housing units in Saskatchewan.

The NHS, meanwhile, is a 10-year \$55 billion plan that the federal government says will help 530,000 families escape from housing need across Canada, create 125,000 new housing units, as well as repair and renew more than 300,000 housing units and reduce chronic homelessness by 50 per cent.

To learn more about Canada's National Housing Strategy, visit www.placetocallhome.ca.

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Reed reappointed to Shell Lake Housing Authority

Colleen Reed has been reappointed to the Shell Lake Housing Authority Board of Directors. Other members of the board of directors are Joyce Skarpinsky, Heather Sarrazin, Lana Chuchaniuk and Sylvia Jensen. Jensen is chairperson.

The Shell Lake Housing Authority is a community-based organization that provides daily management of 19 housing units constructed and operated under the terms of a federal provincial municipal cost sharing agreement.

Social Services Minister, Paul Meriman, paid tribute to the volunteers who manage the social housing projects in their community. "This local hands-on approach ensures that the

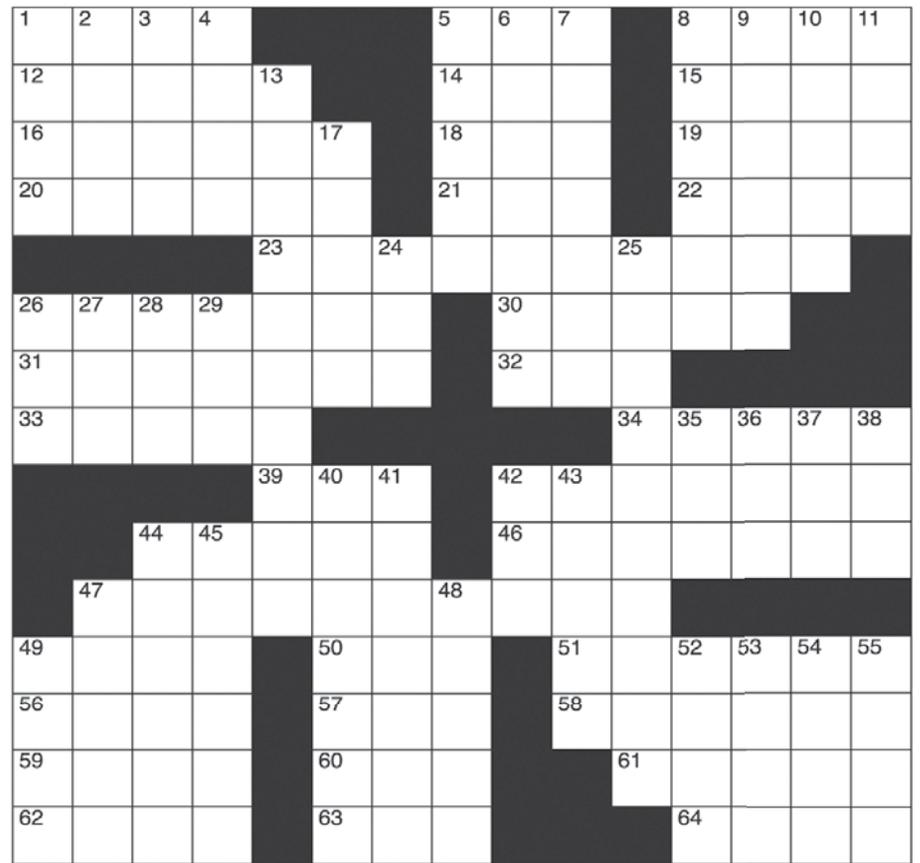
Saskatchewan Housing Corporation responds effectively to the needs of each community."

Saskatchewan has a network of 260 housing authorities and more than 1,400 volunteer members who assist with management of housing units throughout the province for seniors, low income families and persons with disabilities.

Persons interested in volunteering to serve on the board of directors for the Shell Lake Housing Authority are encouraged to contact the mayor of Shell Lake. A local nominating committee recommends board members.

Applications for accommodation are available from the manager of the Shell Lake Housing Authority.

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A gardener's guide to saving seeds

By Patricia Hanbidge

The ancient practice of saving seeds has in recent years become a feasible and in some cases encouraged practice. There is a science to saving seeds; one that requires patience, vigilance and dedication but the rewards and satisfaction outweigh the labour costs.

There is far more to saving seed than going out into the garden and selecting one or two plants from each vegetable variety you grow to serve as seed producers. The ancient people, who began to save seed, observed the plants and paid special attention to how the plants grew, when they flowered and the quality and quantity of fruit produced. Seed was selected from plants that showed natural disease resistance, high yields, good to excellent quality and growth that suited the growing environment. The home gardener can take a similar approach. Plants that show these qualities have the potential to be excellent seed sources.

Although the ancient seed savers had no knowledge of plant biology, the home gardener will benefit from a little of this knowledge. The concept that is most important to know is pollination. Pollination differs with each plant family. Some require wind while others are mainly pollinated by insects and still others utilize a combination of the two. Pollina-



tion occurs when the pollen from either male flowers or male flower parts (called stamens) is transferred to female flowers or female flower parts (called pistils). The pollen may be from the flower of related plant or it may be from a flower of a plant in the same family. For example cucumbers and zucchini are part of the squash family. They have monoecious flowers which means they have both male and female flowers on the same plant. Some plants are dioecious which have male and female flowers on different plants. Some of the most common plants that come to mind are poplar and ash trees. Dioecious plants are extremely important as there might be strong preferences to one sex or another due to aller-

gies or other landscape concerns like poplar fuzz! Still other plants contain perfect flowers which contain both the male and female parts in each flower itself. For example our dwarf sour cherries have perfect flowers so there is no cross-pollination with another cherry to produce fruit which means that gardeners will only require one plant for fruit production.

There is one thing that the ancient seed gatherers did not have to contend with and that modern seed gatherers do: hybridization. Many plants that we grow are hybrids meaning the flowers of two related species have been cross-pollinated to produce a new flower or vegetable selection. The seed from hybrid varieties will

likely be sterile, however, if it does germinate, it is unlikely that the flowers or vegetables will be like the parent plant. In fact, the plants may be sterile and not produce flowers at all.

We have covered the basics of pollination but there is still more to know about seed saving. Pollination is the key to either having fruit or not but it is also the key to whether or not the fruit will be like the fruit of the parents. When a seed is described as "coming true", it will grow, flower, and produce fruit that looks exactly like the parent plants. Seed that does not 'come true' will often be seed that has two different parents from the same plant family. For example, green beans will cross-pollinate with yellow

beans resulting in beans that can be either green or yellow. When planting a garden to use for seed production, remember that it is important to plant single varieties of those plants you plan to save seed from. Planting only heritage or heirloom (non-hybrid) green beans will mean that you will have green bean seeds that will produce true green beans the following year. Keep in mind that if your neighbour is growing vegetables, there can also be cross-pollination between their varieties of vegetables and yours. Maybe you can go together and each grow different types of vegetables but then share the produce. You'll have double the garden space, more vegetables and new friends for life.

The theme for the next few articles revolves all about growing heirloom or heritage plants. We, at the School of Horticulture have grown a plethora of heritage tomatoes and peppers that will be ready for sale in May. Watch our facebook page @ schoolofhort for more information!

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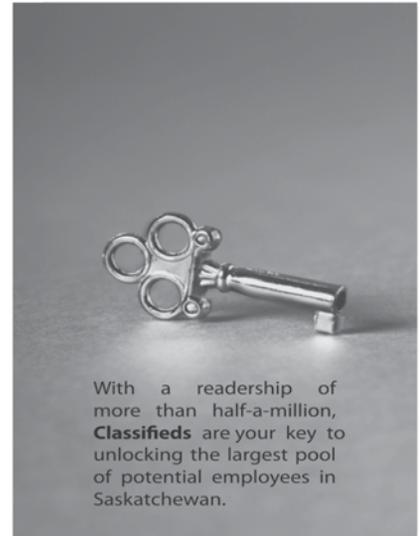


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Over the winter, the frozen surface was traffic-friendly, but that all came to an end with the spring

thaw. With the thaw, the town works crew had to wait until it dried up enough so it could be dug out, and filled and packed properly.

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