



Wine Survivor III underway



“Safety First – Drink With a Nurse”. The team made up of Public Health Nurses. They were in town for a meeting, so the organizers were able to arrange for a photo and present them with their winnings. The six, in no particular order, are: Arlene Drieschner (captain), Colleen Honig, Jelaine Kennedy, Rhonda Miller, Tracy Dupuis and Shannon Laventure.

Teams are already organizing for Wine Survivor III, which seems to have become a semi-annual fun event with the goal of raising money for Spiritwood Recreation. The first Wine Survivor featured 420 entries on 70 teams, held in June 2018.

Wine Survivor II was bigger, with 456 entries on 76 teams taking part.

Entries are being limited to 100 teams, and organizers are hoping the

third Wine Survivor attracts close to that number. Elimination draws will be made on May 29 and 30, with the final draws on May 31.

There's an added wrinkle to the SARCS lineup this summer, with a Beer Survivor also taking place, giving non-wine drinkers an option. Or, giving everyone two great entertaining games to take part in.

Beer Survivor's final draws will be

held June 8.

The object of Wine Survivor and Beer Survivor is simple. Teams of six people, each team featuring a creative and fun name, are entered. As each individual name is drawn, that person is eliminated, but as long as there is at least one name remaining, the team is still eligible to win.

Each offers prizes leading up to the grand prize.

The beauty of both Survivor games is that entrants do not have to live in Spiritwood to take part. It's a good opportunity for out-of-town friends and family to get in on the action.

There's no limit to the number of teams an individual signs up with, as long as the fee is paid for each entry. The Wine Survivor fee is \$35 per entry, and for Beer Survivor it's \$50.

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Lions preparing for dog walk

The Spiritwood and District Lions Club will be joining hundreds of other Canadian Lions Clubs in conducting the annual Walk For Dog Guides. The Dog Walk has raised over \$17 million since its inception, and the Spiritwood Lions have been part of that for many years, holding their first walk in 2004. Over those fifteen years, community support for the Lions Dog Walk has been outstanding, and the club is hoping that support continues this year.

Here, then, is a description of just what is accomplished in the Lions Foundation of Canada Guide Dog Program:

About the Foundation

(Lions Foundation of Canada)

Lions Foundation of Canada is a federally incorporated charitable foundation funded by the Lions Clubs of Canada.

Its mission is to provide service to physically challenged Canadians in the areas of mobility, safety and independence and to assist other charitable endeavours as appropriate. Lions Foundation of Canada was incorporated on Feb. 20, 1983, and provides Dog Guides to Canadians through six on-going programs... Canine Vision Canada, Hearing Ear Dog Guides, Special Skills Dog Guides, Seizure Response Dog Guides, and Autism Assistance Dog Guides. Training has begun for a sixth Dog Guide program, Diabetic Alert Dog Guides.

Our Programs

Lions Foundation is the only Dog Guide School of its kind in North America. In addition to training Dog Guides for the blind, the Foundation is unique in that it also trains Dog Guides to meet the needs of Canadians with hearing and other medically and physically limiting disabilities. All programs are funded through many sources

of private donations, and are offered at no charge to clients.

Training and Skills

Between 10 and 14 months of age, the candidate dog is introduced to a professional Dog Guide trainer. Dedicated trainers spend six to eight rigorous months training the dog for its ultimate role as a working companion. Specialized one-to-one training is provided so that the dog learns the specific skills needed to help a client. The cost of raising and training each of these dogs is \$20,000 to \$25,000 depending on what specialized training they need.

Qualified legally blind Canadians can receive a Canine Vision (CVC) Dog Guide. These dogs increase the blind person's mobility and self-confidence by enabling their handlers to travel safely through crowded areas, through traffic, and around obstacles. Providing a Dog Guide to a person who is blind or visually impaired, brings comfort in knowing they'll never walk alone.

Hearing Ear (HED) Dog Guides are trained to alert deaf or hard of hearing handlers to sounds they cannot detect. Commonly, these dogs alert clients to sounds such as a ringing telephone, the door bell, a child or baby crying, the calling of the client's name and the sound of an activated fire alarm or smoke detector. For the hard of hearing, these dogs become a link to the sounds of the world around them.

The training of Special Skills (SSD) Dog Guides includes teaching the dog to turn a light switch on or off, open and close doors and drawers, retrieve items dropped such as a pencil or key, and get help should the client be in potential danger. The constant companionship of a trusted canine partner



The Spiritwood Lions Club has been part of the Canada-wide "Walk For Dog Guides, a program of the lions foundation of Canada. Here is a group of walkers from the 2012 walk.

brings independence and comfort to the lives of disabled Canadians.

Three years ago, the first class of Seizure Response (SRD) Dog Guides graduated. This is a new program for the Foundation and long looked forward to. There are seizure dogs placed throughout Canada and a waiting list is maintained for future placements.

A few years ago, another class of Dog Guides graduated, Autism Assistance Dog Guides. These dogs are trained to be a companion to an Autistic child keeping them calm in stressful situations.

The waiting list for these dogs is fairly

long and there is a tremendous need for these dogs. Training has begun for a sixth dog guide, Diabetic Alert Dog Guides. As with the other dog guides there is a tremendous need for this guide dog and here also there is a waiting list.

With the six programs going on at the Lions Foundation, the need for fundraising is a growing concern. There is a growing list of clients waiting for their own canine companion in all areas of the Dog Guide program. All funds raised from the Dog Walks go directly to training programs, none of the money raised is used for administration.

Sask. Health Authority volunteer opportunities

The Volunteer Service Department is in need of caring, compassionate and committed volunteers to fill the following service positions:

Parent-Tot Program – Spiritwood and District Health

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

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING Council will hold a public hearing on May 22, 2019, at 1:15 p.m. at the R.M. of Canwood No. 494 office in Canwood. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing (or delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office before the hearing).

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

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Shell Lake Fifty-Plus Club awards three honorary life memberships

Submitted by David Jensen

It is well known that people are now living longer than in past years. In Shell Lake this has its benefits. In researching the situation our treasurer Janice Delisle discovered that the Saskatchewan Seniors Association Inc. members who have achieved the age of ninety years are eligible for honorary life memberships.

At the Shell Lake Fifty-Plus regular meeting held on Monday, April 29, three long-time members were awarded

their honorary life memberships. This year's recipients of this prestigious honour were; Marj Simonar who already marked her birthday on March 10, Aida West, who will celebrated hers on Aug. 25, and last but not forgotten on Sept. 14 Phyllis Johnson will join them.

These three ladies continue to be very busy members of our club and our community, rarely missing any events held in Shell Lake or surrounding communities. They are very active members of the church.

They attend weekly Bible studies, make and serve after service lunch regularly, and contribute significantly to special fundraisers.

Marj crafts intricate Norwegian haranger pieces requiring a steady hand and a keen eye. She is an avid gardener whose yard is the envy of many.

Aida has the energy of a teenager, golfing many rounds of golf each year and often multiple 18-hole rounds a day. Each Christmas finds her in Prince Albert working

tirelessly preparing and serving turkey supper to over 2000 people.

Phyllis is a quilter extraordinaire – they are as functional as they are beautiful. Many are pieces of art to display on the wall. Her works most often are gifts to family... to hospitals... or for fund raising projects. These three ladies have certainly done much more over their years.

These honorary memberships in the Fifty-Plus are only miniscule tokens of our appreciation. Well done ladies!



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

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

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“Spring has sprung...”

“Spring has sprung, the grass is riz. I wonder where the birdies is.” I’m not sure who could have predicted the May snowfalls, cold wind, and blustery conditions, but regardless how the precipitation comes, we’ll take it.

I don’t know about your place, but at the height of it all, or should I say, the third time my deck got covered with snow, there was a good four inches of the white stuff blanketing the barbecue, deck chair and railings, not to mention the floor.

Fortunately, we got no snow on Saturday and it looked from there as though spring might officially be here.

Is it? It’s possibly too early to tell. If you believe the Weather Network – and who doesn’t, pray tell – we were to have received a tiny bit overnight Monday and again on Wednesday with temperatures climbing into the mid-teens by the weekend.

Temperatures for the coming two weeks aren’t going to be wonderful, but the daytime highs are in the double digits, and there is no snow predicted (knock wood).

However, the early thaw and the heady days of warmth we received in March led many to hope that the crops would soon be planted and the growing season would be underway. The snow has provided valuable moisture to an area that was becoming very dry, but it hasn’t been

followed by very warm weather of the kind needed to dry out the land to allow machinery on it and seeds to germinate within it.

Shifting gears a bit, we’re all wondering how much canola is going to be planted this year. It has always been a good income crop, but given that our best customer is claiming it’s full of pests, it’s hard to say just how – and when – the issue is going to be settled. What is distressing at this point is that we hear and read no news that suggests that either side is looking at things seriously, whether it’s the Chinese offering proof of the Canadians guaranteeing quality.

We all know how quickly things go south when politics interferes with economics. And by going south, I’m not referring to POTUS, the doofus at the head of the Excited States, who seems to be trying to bully every other nation into doing things the American Way. He is bullying China, and it is Canada that is caught in the headgate.

Not surprisingly, we have a doofus at the head of our own nation, who has ditched his advisors, it would seem, and is attempting to govern the country in a fashion reminiscent of the monarchs of old of England and France. The Divine Right of Kings, it was called, wherein the monarch claimed his authority to rule came from God, and his only true responsibility was to God.

I’m not suggesting that is the way he thinks. I’m just saying that from what we know about him, that’s who he reminds us of.

He certainly doesn’t seem to be taking advice from his advisors. On the other hand, maybe he is, and therein lies the problem. It’s hard to fathom anyone saying something like “let’s levy a tax on carbon, and to make it more palatable, let’s give it back to the people who end up paying it.”

I could see it if the carbon tax was there to subsidize and encourage research into alternate energy sources, but it doesn’t seem to be. It’s just there to encourage people to use less fuel. Trade in your vehicle on something that uses less fuel. Don’t drive as much. Turn your thermostats down. Turn the lights off.

Not easily done, for sure. Most people have to drive their vehicles to get to where they need to go, especially out here. And while it may be good advice to trade in the vehicle in favor of an electric car, that’s not always possible, either.

No easy solutions, for sure, but a carbon tax? Whose idea was that?



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Buckle up, we’re in for a wild ride

Band-aid for a gunshot wound.

That’s how one Alberta-based producer describes the Liberal federal government’s recently unveiled financial aid package for canola growers who have been adversely impacted by China’s ban on all Canadian canola seed imports.

And the description is certainly fitting.

Announced on May 1 by federal Agriculture Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau, the financial aid package includes an increase to the limits of an existing federal loan program, called the Advanced Payment Program.

Now, all farmers will be able to borrow as much as \$1 million through the program, up from \$400,000. Meanwhile, Canola producers, in particular, can now borrow up to \$500,000 of their loans interest free, an increase on the prior \$100,000 limit.

Additionally, the federal government has also extended the deadline to apply for the federal-provincial Agristability program, which is designed to help farm operations facing large margin declines caused by production loss, increased costs or market conditions, to July 2.

Looking at long-term solutions, International Trade Diversification Minister Jim Carr simultaneously announced that he will lead trade missions to Japan and South Korea in June, and will engage with other countries in a search for new markets for Canadian canola, among other key exports.

“It’s critical that Canadian exporters have other readily available markets when faced with trade disruptions,” he said at the announcement.

Back in early March, China blocked Canadian canola from Richardson International and Viterra, two of Canada’s biggest exporters, on the grounds that shipments were contaminated with pests.

However, Canadian politicians and other industry insiders insist that there is no basis for that claim, and argue instead that China’s ban was retaliation for Canada’s detention of Huawei CFO Meng Wanzhou at the request of the United States.

Ms. Wanzhou’s detention certainly introduced a chill into the already strained diplomatic relations between the two countries. And further friction has followed, with China’s arrest of two Canadians, the firing of Canada’s ambassador to China, and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s infrequent, yet no less dangerous, public shaming of the Chinese government over its questionable human rights record.

In short, these past few months have seen a perfect storm of diplomatic blunders and haughtiness on the part of both the Ca-



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nadian and Chinese governments. And, when governments refuse to set aside their pride and see eye to eye, there’s always going to be collateral damage.

As one of the world’s largest economies, China is looking none the worse for wear in this diplomatic fracas. That’s because Canada is, to quote a trade policy expert, “a flea on China’s shoulder”, and any trade retaliation that our government could conceive of would be met with a response ten times more economically crippling.

Still, it’s been disappointing to see Mr. Trudeau’s tepid response to a two-month-long matter that has effectively knee-capped Canada’s canola industry – an industry that, according to the Canola Council of Canada, contributes \$26.7 billion to the Canadian economy and creates more than 250,000 jobs.

It’s more disappointing, still, that last week’s measures to offset the impact of China’s canola ban amount to little more than a means for canola producers to become debtors to the federal government.

That might work in the short term, and finding new markets for canola might help in the very long term, but Canada’s Canola producers need some certainty that the federal government is using every tool in its arsenal to have the Chinese canola ban lifted.

And they need that certainty well before the upcoming federal election, which will halt any progress that’s been made on lifting the ban – or, if a government other than Mr. Trudeau’s seizes power in October, it could even mean restarting negotiations from square one.

What’s more, it’s not just canola producers that need to know that the federal government is in their corner.

Last Monday, news broke that China is imposing unusual trade barriers on other key Canadian exports, including soybeans, peas, and pork. According to the report, soybean export inspections that typically took only a few days are now seemingly taking up to three weeks, and peas are facing similarly heightened scrutiny in inspections.

Then, last Thursday, the federal government announced that China had suspended the permits of two Canadian pork exporters. This soft ban, at least, boils down to a simple labelling issue that should be quickly remedied, but it is nonetheless another example of how easily the Chinese government can put the screws to the Canadian economy.

Unless the federal government can rebuild its burned diplomatic bridges with China, other key sectors of the Canadian economy will undoubtedly be in for a bumpy a ride.

Report from the Legislature

The Spring Sitting of the Saskatchewan Legislature continues with debate and legislation, as well as enhanced programs and services as part of a balanced budget. Your Saskatchewan Party government also continues to stand up for Saskatchewan.

The Senate committee on Bill C-48, the federal government's Oil Tanker Ban, came to Regina and heard our government's position on this proposed legislation, the double standard it creates between East & West, and why it is bad policy. The Oil Tanker Ban is part of a broader issue of not getting Canadian oil to tidewater, which hurts Saskatchewan's economy and social investments. Senators have an opportunity to prevent this legislation from passing, and we



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encourage them to do just that.

In light of trade restrictions in China, we were pleased to see the federal government has largely adopted our plan to provide relief for Canada's canola producers. This includes access to an expanded Advanced Payment Program and an extended AgriStability deadline. These are steps in the

right direction.

While we look forward to participating in trade missions to Japan and South Korea to secure new markets for our world-class canola, we need to regain certainty in China. The federal government must continue to actively engage on scientific and diplomatic levels to find a resolution and restore access to one of our largest markets.

Saskatchewan is now one step closer to becoming the first province in Canada to implement "Clare's Law." The Interpersonal Violence Disclosure Protocol (Clare's Law) Act has received third reading in the legislature. The Act will come into force after the disclosure protocol and regulations are established.

The Act will allow police to release informa-



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tion about someone's violent or abusive past to intimate partners whose safety may be threatened.

We are working hard to get this legislation in place to help people who may be at risk in an intimate relationship. Over the summer, our government will collaborate with partners in law enforcement and the shelter community

to develop the protocol and regulations.

It creates a framework and standard process for the disclosure of information to applicants who believe they may be at risk from an intimate partner ("right to ask"), and to persons identified by police to be at risk ("right to know").

"Clare's Law" was implemented across England and Wales in March 2014. It is named in honour of Clare Wood, who was murdered by her partner and unaware of his violent past.

May is Speech and Hearing Awareness Month, and fittingly, our government has announced that the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program will be expanding. Newborn babies will now be screened for early signs of hearing loss in all 18

Saskatchewan hospitals that regularly deliver babies.

Communities that offer the newborn hearing screening program now include: Estevan, Fort Qu'Appelle, Humboldt, Kindersley, La Ronge, Lloydminster, Meadow Lake, Melfort, Moose Jaw, Moosomin, Nipawin, North Battleford, Regina, Rose town, Saskatoon, Swift Current, Yorkton, and Prince Albert.

Our government's investment in the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening Program will ensure that children born in Saskatchewan with hearing loss are identified early. This is crucial in eliminating linguistic delays, and will help us make sure that the proper supports can be put into place to help those children succeed.

YOUR TWO CENTS

Where, when and why did they bury their moral compasses?

The following is part one of a four-part letter to the editor series, that will appear in the Herald over the next four weeks.

Dear editor,

A few weeks ago one of our HighwayRobbery.org contributors forwarded this article to us; and we decided to have it printed in order to remind readers of the Sask. Party's desperate and deliberate efforts to stifle the freedom of speech rights of their toe-the-line elected members:

On Thursday, April 4th, a vote was conducted within the Saskatchewan Legislature regarding whether or not a Public Inquiry would be launched into the epically mismanaged Global Transportation Hub (GTH) venture. A venture that is to date, more than \$40 Million Dollars in

debt. Predictably, all 13 members of the NDP caucus voted for a Public Inquiry; and, eventually, all 48 members of the Sask. Party caucus voted against a Public Inquiry.

Initially, Sask. Party MLA Tina Beaudry-Mellor blurted out "Yes" when it was her turn to verbally register her vote. Her affirmative response instantly shocked and surprised every attending MLA. Mere seconds later, once Ms. Beaudry-Mellor stated she had meant to say "No" and had apologized for her gaff, the collective gasps of disbelief were replaced with light-hearted teasing from both sides of the aisle. (Side Note: Perhaps our elected legislators should limit their Question Period levity whenever serious matters, which have contributed to recessionary hardships, are being addressed.)

Obviously, during that particular session, Ms. Beaudry-Mellor wasn't 100% focused on her solemn responsibility to continue to keep the provincial government's many secretive, and some might even say deceitful "special" arrangements with their close private enterprise 'supporters', from being unearthed and exposed to the citizens of Saskatchewan.

Did a split-second pang of guilt lead to a Freudian slip of her tongue? Perhaps she experienced a flashback to her days on the campaign trail, when in an attempt to win the party's leadership race after the unexpected resignation of Premier Brad Wall.

Sincerely,
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Federal Carbon tax constitutional, says Sask. Court

Saskatchewan – and Premier Scott Moe’s – challenge of the Liberal federal government’s carbon tax have hit a major setback, after Saskatchewan’s Court of Appeal ruled that the tax is constitutional.

The ruling, a 3-2 decision, was released Friday, and almost instantly, Premier Moe said that his government would appeal the decision to the Supreme Court of Canada, acting as an intervenor in other court challenges against the carbon tax.

“I remain hopeful for a different outcome,” Moe said following the decision’s release. “No one in this nation should confuse climate action with a carbon tax.”

Lawyers representing the

provincial government had argued that the carbon tax was both unfair and unconstitutional, but succeeded in swaying only two of the five Appeals Court judges.

In their dissenting opinions, Justices Ralph Ottenbreit and Neal Caldwell wrote that Part 1 of The Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act, which imposes a charge on greenhouse gas-producing fuels and waste, is and “invalid and an unconstitutional delegation of Parliament’s law-making power.”

While promising to continue the province’s fight against the carbon tax, Premier Moe also noted that the whole of Canada will be able to have their say on the issue, when the fall

federal election rolls around. He expressed confidence that the tax would be a major issue in October.

“It was forced on the provinces across the nation ... by the prime minister of Canada,” Moe said of the carbon tax. “The only effectiveness this tax has is ultimately moving jobs out of our jurisdiction into other areas of the world, and we won’t stand for that.”

Saskatchewan has introduced its own carbon plan, dubbed Prairie Resilience, but did not place a price on carbon, and, thus, did not meet the federal guidelines to spare the province from the federal carbon tax. The federal government’s carbon price starts at a minimum of \$20 a tonne

and will rise \$10 each year until 2022.

Federal Environment and Climate Change Minister Catherine McKenna praised the court’s decision to uphold Ottawa’s jurisdiction.

“It confirms that putting a price on carbon pollution and returning the revenues to Canadians through the Climate Action Incentive rebate is not only constitutional, it is an effective and essential part of any serious response to the global challenge of climate change,” she said in Ottawa on Friday.

McKenna challenged opponents of the carbon tax to “stop the partisan games and join in on serious and effective climate action.” She re-em-

phasized the court’s findings that a price on carbon is “an essential aspect or element of the global effort to limit GHG emissions.”

Saskatchewan is far from alone in its carbon tax battle. Ontario, under Premier Doug Ford, has launched its own court challenge, and the newly elected Alberta government, under Premier Jason Kenney, has promised to join the fight.

Meanwhile, Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister has said that his province will also be launching its own court challenge, and the New Brunswick government of Premier Blaine Higgs says it is consulting its attorney general to “determine the most effective means to continue our opposition.”

Be emergency ready – plan, prepare and be aware

Government Relations Minister Warren Kaeding is proclaiming May 5-11, as Emergency Preparedness Week in Saskatchewan.

“Over the past several years, Saskatchewan residents have faced emergencies such as floods, tornadoes, wildfires and grassfires,” Kaeding said. “For this reason, community preparedness is a focus in Saskatchewan’s Prairie Resilience climate change strategy and resilience framework, which includes increased floodplain mapping, expansion of the FireSmart program, and training to help local governments and communities plan and respond to emergencies.”

Public Safety Division Assistant Deputy Minister Duane McKay noted that it is not if an emergency will happen, but when it will happen.

“That’s why being emergency ready – to plan, prepare and be aware – is so important,” McKay said. “Take a few minutes to plan who you would call and what you would do if you needed to evacuate. Then prepare a basic emergency kit containing water, non-perishable foods, a flashlight, batteries, a radio, a first-aid kit, prescription medications, money and copies of your

family’s personal identification documents.”

The Saskatchewan Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) highlighted the need to think about your pet’s needs in an emergency.

“A bit of preparation now to gather items your pet will need can make a world of difference during an emergency,” Saskatchewan SPCA’s Community Relations Co-ordinator Josh Hourie said. “It’s a perfect activity to do with your children so they understand the importance of being emergency ready and can pack items for your pet’s emergency kit in case you need to evacuate.”

Hourie suggested including the following supplies in your pet’s emergency kit:

- three days of non-perishable food for each pet;
- three days of water for each pet (allow four litres/day for each dog; one litre/day for each cat);
- food and water dishes and a manual can opener;
- medical records and medicines for your pet;
- an extra leash and collar;

- plastic garbage bags and paper towels;
- disinfectant;
- newspapers, pet litter and a litter box;
- a pet first aid kit;
- pet crate or carrier lined with blankets or towels;
- pet toys;
- for birds: a catch net, blanket or sheet to cover the cage, and a cage liner; and
- for small pets such as gerbils and hamsters: a salt lick, an extra water bottle, a small box or tube for the pet to hide in, and a week’s worth of bedding.

Being emergency ready also means you need to be aware if an emergency is happening near you.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) works with all provinces and territories to test the national emergency alerting system: Alert Ready.

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For additional tips about emergency planning for your family and your pets, visit:

- Disaster Prevention and Preparedness section on the province’s website at www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/environment-public-health-and-safety/disaster-prevention
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Despite challenges, farming is still a way of life

Agriculture has always been a business that by its nature tends to merge with being a way of life.

As such it can be a highly stressful vocation because the farmer never really gets away from their place of business. Sitting at the kitchen table, or on the chessterfield trying to watch a hockey playoff game, they need only look out the nearest window to see their place of business.

In the past I have written about how farmers can control many things in terms of their opera-

tion: the inputs used, the equipment used, the purchases made, but in the end they have zero control over two key elements of farming, weather and prices.

Those two elements are so critical it was always something of a wonder to me that people become so dedicated to the farming business, my father included decades ago.

And then along would come spring, and I would better understand why farming was one of those businesses that simply gets into the



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bloodstream like few others.

When spring arrives for all of us, we tend to emerge from a sort of torpor brought on by months of short days, cold weather and a

blanket of snow. As our housebound hibernation ends we marvel at the haunting sound of a flock of geese flying northward, or a sighting of a first robin, or an early season wildflower in bloom.

For farmers it goes deeper. They become aware that they will soon be planting a new crop. Weather might impact the crop before it is harvested, and prices are unpredictable for varied reasons, but there remains an optimism that comes with planting anew.

And when the crop emerges from the ground, lines of green breaking into the spring sunshine, there is inevitably a feeling of renewal.

That feeling comes to life even more dramatically for those with livestock.

Recently I ventured to a farm just outside Yorkton for an opportunity to take pictures of a number of Clydesdale foals. Nothing brings forth the uniqueness of farming, or the hope that comes with spring, more than newborn livestock;

foals, calves, or lambs.

You might be having a lousy day, there might be pressures on the business side of farming, but such things do tend to evaporate, at least for a little while, when dealing with newborn livestock, the renewal of the season on four wobbly legs.

It might sound a tad overly idyllic, but when a certain Clydesdale foal came to me as I shot pictures, happily accepting being petted, the reason people farm in spite of the challenges was once again crystal clear to me.

Canada has lost credibility and grain customer trust thanks to deregulation

By Ken Larsen

Prairie farmers have seldom faced such a barrage of bad news. The three giant agro-chemical-seed companies are campaigning to take control of all seed genetics away from farmers and charge more for the pedigreed seed that is the foundation of Canada's quality assurance system. At the same time, our major customers for grains, oil seeds, and pulses are turning their backs on our products. In spite of what some in the private trade loudly proclaim about recent events, running through all these issues is the common thread of credibility and trust.

Without the Canadian Wheat Board, the marketing for prairie grain has defaulted to the three or four giant grain companies dominating the world market. The two Canadian-based companies, Parrish and Heimbecker and J. I. Richardson International, have tried to fill the marketing gap left by the CWB, but on the world stage they are, to put it kindly, only mom-and-pop operations. They have little influence on either domestic policy or international events, as the recent problems with the

Chinese canola market demonstrate.

The goal of the prairie grain export system, whether it was Board grains or non-board grains, was to have potential customer tenders specify "source: Canadian." Most of the time this was achieved by using the Canadian Wheat Board and three interlocked government agencies - Agriculture Canada, the Canadian Grain Commission, and the Canadian International Grains Institute.

First is Agriculture Canada plant breeding and research stations across Canada. They provide impartial seed breeding done in the interests of farmers and our international customers.

Second and most important is the Canadian Grain Commission. It provided an independent and impartial third-party verification of the quality of grain loaded into export ships. The CGC's "Certificate Final" carried the prestige and authority of the Government of Canada and was respected around the world. Customers could rely on the fact that a Canadian grain shipment contained exactly what the CGC's inspectors specified and nothing else. The Certifi-

cate Final made buyers trust the quality of Canadian grain.

Third is the Canadian International Grains Institute. Each fall CIGI gathered representative samples of the principle grains grown on the prairie to provide information to potential customers. If a noodle maker in Asia was interested in wheat, the CWB would often fly them to the prairies to meet some farmers who had grown the grain they were interested in purchasing. Then at the CIGI offices in Winnipeg this potential buyer would see a sample of the grain milled and processed in the demonstration-scale flour mills, pasta machines, or, in the case of malt barley, a brewery. So our customer left Canada with the specifications for how to set their factory to obtain the best quality product using the specific Canadian grain they purchased and with the confidence it would be delivered as promised.

For Board grains the Canadian Wheat Board provided marketing, financing, and customer follow up. Prairie farmers grained all the advantages of having the beneficial ownership of their grain from farm gate to the customer's terminal. Offices

in Japan, China, and Europe allowed the CWB to have on-site staff familiar with customers and their cultures. It should be remembered that CWB staff often assisted other Canadian grain exporters in navigating the labyrinth of the international grain trade.

If something went amiss in that long chain, CWB staff were nearby to the destination and had

the authority and ability to rectify any shortcomings. This interconnected efficient system gave Canada the credibility to boast our farmers were "feeding the world" and gave international customers the incentive to specify "source: Canadian" for grain purchases.

One of the policy achievements of the Harper Government was putting in motion the

privatization of Canada's agricultural export system - a process the Ottawa Liberals have been continuing. Now the consequences of that privatization policy are coming home to prairie farmers as crashing prices for canola, pulses, and durum wheat. If present trends continue, can hard red spring wheat be far behind?

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Federal government announces aid for canola growers

A measure of relief is on the way for canola growers who have been negatively impacted by China's ongoing ban of Canadian canola seed imports.

Announced on May 1 by federal Agriculture Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau, the relief measures, which come after two months of relative silence from the federal government, will include an increase to the limits of an existing federal loan program, called the Advanced Payment Program.

Now, all farmers will be able to borrow as much as \$1 million through the program, up from \$400,000. Meanwhile, canola producers, in particular, can now borrow up to \$500,000 of their loans interest free, an

increase on the prior \$100,000 limit.

"We stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Canada's canola producers and farm families across the country and we will continue to listen to their needs," Bibeau said.

"Canada has the best canola in the world as well as a very robust inspection system."

In addition to increased financial aid, the federal government has also extended the deadline to apply for the federal-provincial Agristability program, which is designed to help farm operations facing large margin declines caused by production loss, increased costs or market conditions, to July 2 – a move that the Agricultural Producers Asso-

ciation of Saskatchewan (APAS), among other agriculture organizations, had been pushing for since China's canola ban was imposed more than two months ago.

Looking at long-term solutions, federal International Trade Diversification Minister Jim Carr simultaneously announced that he will lead trade missions to Japan and South Korea in June, and will engage with other countries in a search for new markets for Canadian canola, among other key exports.

"It's critical that Canadian exporters have other readily available markets when faced with trade disruptions," he said at the announcement.

The federal government's aid efforts have

been met with mixed reviews by producers, with some calling them "a good first step", and others arguing that they're "too little, too late."

China blocked Canadian canola from Richardson International and Viterra, two of Canada's biggest exporters, back in March on the grounds that shipments were contaminated with pests.

However, Canadian politicians and other industry insiders insist that there is no basis for the claims, and have been working with the Chinese government to prove that this is the case.

Others, meanwhile,

argue that China's canola ban was retaliation for Canada's detention of Huawei CFO Meng Wanzhou at the request of the United States, as well as a number of other incidents that have chilled relations between the two countries.

According to the Canola Council of Canada, 40 per cent of Canadian canola is exported to China and \$2.7 billion worth of the product went to the country last year, making China's decision to ban canola exports altogether a significant blow to the producers.

But if relations between the two countries aren't patched up sooner

rather than later, it may not just be canola producers who are hit hard.

Last Monday, news broke that China is imposing unusual trade barriers on other key Canadian exports, including soybeans, peas, and pork. According to the report, soybean export inspections that typically took only a few days are now seemingly taking up to three weeks, and peas are facing similarly heightened scrutiny in inspections.

Then, last Thursday, the federal government announced that China had suspended the permits of two Canadian pork exporters, over what it referred to as a "labelling issue."

Canada has lost credibility and grain customer trust thanks to deregulation

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It is so bad on the prairies even the urban media notices China no longer wants to buy prairie canola. Sadly, the media cannot remember three years ago the Chinese complained about too much dockage (stems, chaff and other foreign material) in canola shipments. A customer wanting a cleaner product is apparently not sexy enough for some of the media. Instead, they opted for a narrative based on a byzantine spy thriller involving the arrest of a Chinese executive years after the dirty canola issue was raised.

Two years ago, India stopped buying Canadian lentils and other pulses for much the same reason (not clean enough). Between India and China, the problem of too much dockage has effectively crippled almost all those prairie exports. The 80% world market share Canada often enjoyed for its high-quality durum (pasta) wheat is also effectively lost for much the same reasons.

The disastrous loss of these markets boils down to the fact Canada has lost its credibility in the international grain market. Canada is no longer seen as a trusted supplier of high-quality grains. The reason for this is very simple: aside from a couple of mom-and-pop operations, Canada doesn't market its own grain anymore. That has been out-sourced to the giant multinational grain companies.

Why would these giants not want to keep the Canadian quality assurance system? After succeeding in killing the CWB, why are their friends and representatives pushing to merge CIGI with the private trade dominated Cereals Canada, and why are they working to undermine the Canadian Grain Commission?

The answer is clear. They have no desire to service any customer tenders that specify "source: Canadian." It enhances their profits to have all tenders specify "source: optional." This is because it allows them to fill tenders based on

where in the world's grain growing areas they can purchase grain from farmers at the cheapest price and then flip it to the customer for the biggest corporate profit. This is their business model and for the past 120 years it has been very successful for their owners and shareholders. With the end of the Canadian Wheat Board, grain companies are now in a position to take huge profits out of the Canadian prairies. Both the Harper and Trudeau administrations have played right into their hands by destroying Canada's international credibility that made customers specify "source: Canadian."

For prairie farmers this means a lot less income and being forced to realize, as canola producers are learning, that there are many sources of oil seeds and other grains around the world. Without a trusted quality assurance system, Canada cannot bully or humiliate potential customers into specifying "source: Canadian."

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How to instill a love of reading in youngsters

Reading is a rewarding activity that can benefit people throughout their lives. A great way to pass time on a summer day at the beach, reading also can provide a host health benefits, some of which may surprise even the most avid reader.

According to a review from the Cochrane Library, a scientific review board in the United Kingdom, mentally challenging tasks may be beneficial for people with mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease. Mental stimulation improved scores on memory and thinking tests for people with dementia.

But the benefits of reading are perhaps even more profound for children. The University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital notes that reading and writing skills can help

children perform better in the classroom and even benefit them down the road in their professional lives. When children read, they develop skills such as phonemic awareness, which is the ability to hear, identify and play with individual sounds in spoken words. Reading also can help kids develop their vocabulary and reading comprehension skills.

As much as parents promote reading to their youngsters, getting kids to embrace reading can be difficult. That may be especially true today, when children have distractions like tablets, phones and social media competing for their attention. Parents who want to make reading part of their family lifestyle can try these tips, courtesy of the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital.



· Turn off your devices. The AAP says children younger than 18 months should be discouraged from using screen media other than video chatting. Children between 18 and 24 months of age should only use digital devices

together with their parents. For children older than two years of age, screen use should be limited to no more than one hour per day. Turning off these devices and promoting reading limits kids' exposure to digital media while pro-

viding a perfect opportunity to read.

· Set an example. Children mimic their parents' behavior. Kids who see their parents reading books, magazines and newspapers may be more likely to embrace reading than youngsters

who do not see their parents reading.

· Read as a family. The C.S. Mott Children's Hospital notes that reading together with children is a wonderful way for parents to foster a language-rich environment in their families. Reading can open lines of communication between parents and children, providing a chance for them to discuss books and their themes.

· Visit the library. A trip to the library can help children discover books that align with their interests. Such books may serve as a catalyst for a love of reading in youngsters.

A love of reading can benefit youngsters in numerous ways. Parents can try various strategies to instill a love of reading in their children.

Do you own a boat? Learn new obligations starting summer 2019

(NC) If you own a commercial vessel or a fishing or recreational boat, there are certain rules to follow, such as obtaining your boating licence or registering your vessel. This season, you also need to be aware of new prohibitions and responsibilities.

In the summer of 2019, the Wrecked, Abandoned or Hazardous Vessels Act comes into force, under the Government of Canada's Oceans Protection

Plan. It's designed to address the growing problem of wrecked, abandoned or hazardous boats that are posing hazards to our waters and creating safety risks for people and the environment. It's currently estimated hundreds of these vessels exist in Canadian waters, ranging from small pleasure craft to large commercial ships.

The Act prohibits boat abandon-

ment and irresponsible boat management, strengthening owner accountability and liability for the end-of-life management of their watercraft. Under the new rules, you could be fined for abandoning your boat; leaving it adrift for over 48 hours; or causing it to become a wreck by sinking, stranding or grounding it. You're also prohibited from leaving your boat in poor condition or in a dilapidated state in the same area for more than 60 days without prior authorization. You are also prohibited from leaving your dilapidated boat on federal

crown property, such as a small craft harbour, without permission.

Remember that as an owner, you are responsible for using your boat safely, keeping it in good working order and properly disposing of it when it reaches the end of its life. You are also responsible for any hazard-related costs, including clean-up and repairs.

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Derby definitely a 'bucket list' event

Now that the 145th running of the Kentucky Derby is in the books, it's time to bemoan the fact that Louisville's Churchill Downs on the first Saturday in May remains unvisited by your weekly sports columnist.

If you're a real sports fan — and you must have at least a passing interest or you probably wouldn't be reading these words — then drinking mint juleps, joining more than 150,000 people outdoors on a Saturday afternoon in Kentucky — many of them wearing colourfully weird hats — and watching the horses parade in the paddock prior to the run for the roses is probably on your sports bucket list.

If money were no object, and family and work commitments were low, I'd purchase one of those open-ended plane tickets and fly around the globe catching some of the best the sports world has to offer. Getting tickets to a UFC main event wouldn't be on the list, but just about everything else where they keep score would be up for consideration.

How long is your list?

Here's mine, in no particular order:

— The aforementioned Churchill Downs for the Kentucky Derby.

— The Brickyard in Indianapolis for the Indy 500. Not that I'm a big auto racing fan, but there's something to be said for iconic events in famous locations, and that certainly ranks.

— Augusta National Golf Course in April when the Masters is played. If you have enough cash, and you know 'some people' you can probably get tickets. Many of my friends and relatives have ticked this one off their bucket list, but it remains merely a dream for me.

— A Premier League soccer game in Wembley Stadium, preferably featuring Man U.

— Courtside seats at Wimbledon in July.

— A Stanley Cup final series.

— Every game in a World Series, preferably played in Atlanta and Boston, because the Braves have been my team for more than 60 years and Fenway Park is ... well, it's Fenway Park. Yankee Stadium is in my

'been there, done that'



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category.

— One more: The hillside beside the island green at TPC Sawgrass, where the Players Championship is held in March. The trickiest and scariest 9-iron or wedge shot in golf.

What would be on your list?

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "Johnny Manziel has split up with Bre Tiesi after just one year of marriage. The guy has spent more time in detox than he did in wedlock."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "Tight end Benjamin Watson, who said he would retire after 2018 with Saints, now is considering returning to NFL for 16th season. 'The first time is the hardest,' said

Brett Favre."

• Patti Dawn Swansson in the River City Renegade, on the future of Jets' Nikoli Ehlers: "He's paid to score. Instead, he's doing triple salchows and sit spins, like he's auditioning for Ice Capades."

• Norman Chad of the Washington Post, on Twitter: "I just watched third period of Golden Knights-Sharks game. Knights got a terrible, terrible call — uh, it happens — then allowed four power-play goals in four minutes. I think they robbed themselves."

• RJ Currie again: "Manitoba curlers Reid Carruthers and Mike McEwen said they didn't team up years ago, because they were on successful squads. Now they've joined forces to form a highly unsuccessful team."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Oregon is producing more marijuana than it can legally sell, as in a surplus of 1 million pounds. In a related story, demands to be traded to the Portland Trail Blazers just shot through the roof."

• Perry again: "An Arizona woman was jailed

after sending 159,000 texts to a man after just one date. Thus breaking the record previously set by overzealous Alabama fans to a five-star recruit.

• Comedy writer Jim Barach, on the Babe Ruth jersey expected to fetch \$4.5 million at auction: "It was ruled authentic after researchers found traces of three mustard and two beer stains."

• Comedian Argus Hamilton, after a bobcat attacked a Connecticut golfer who ventured into the rough: "The USGA immediately put the course in the U.S. Open rotation."

• Bob Molinaro, of pilotonline.com after the Hampton Roads (Va.) market finished No. 1 this season for percentage of TVs tuned into NBA games on ESPN and

ABC: "We like our sports around here. As long as it doesn't require buying tickets."

• Patti Dawn Swansson again, on Winnipeg Jets' off-season challenges: "Thirty-goal men Kyle Connor and Patrik Laine, along with top-pair defender Jacob Trouba, will line up like oinkers at a feed trough. Snort, snort snort...munch, munch, munch. There goes the salary cap."

• Another one from Dwight Perry: "Colts owner Jim Irsay forked over \$718,750 to buy John Lennon's famed piano. Hey, Jim, when the player-personnel people said they wanted Peppers, they meant Julius, not Sgt."

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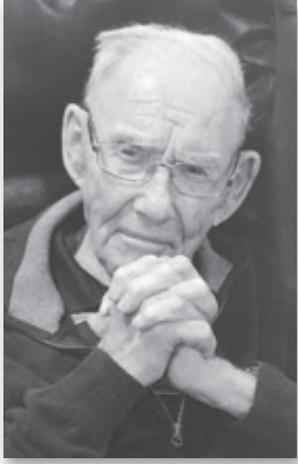
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The family of Axel Haroldson sadly announce his passing on April 24, 2019 at the age of 93 years. It was always his request that he not have a funeral, so the family is honouring his wishes.

Axel is survived by his two daughters Linda (Dave) Caswell and their children Brennan

(Stephanie), Tessi & Jovie; Kristin (Brad) & Parker; Jason (Lareina). Karen (Jerry)

Houle and their children Amanda (Seneka) Hippola, Piper & Tucker; Jeff (Colby) & Gabe. His sister Esther Strate, sister-in-law Dorothy Haroldson also numerous nieces and nephews.

Axel was predeceased by his wife Alvema, companion Hazel Cowley, parents Axel & Jonette, brothers Henry, William, & Alfred, sisters-in-law Muriel, Vi, Lois and brother-in-law Garnet

Strate.

Axel was born December 28, 1925 and was raised on a farm in the Paddling Lake District. He married Alverna Weidendorfin 1949 and they spent many happy years farming in the Big Shell Lake area. Through the years he worked at northern sawmills, on the Diefenbaker Dam, as a pest control officer, in the Alberta oilfields with his water truck and had a small gravel hauling business. When he retired they built a new home on Big Shell Lake which they enjoyed for many years. They loved to travel, especially to their winter home in

Arizona, and enjoyed spending time with the many friends that they had made over the years. They had been married forty nine years when Alverna passed away. He later found a companion in Hazel Cowley and they moved into Shell Lake to be closer to the golf course. His last years were spent at Deben Heritage Manor and Spiritwood Long Term Care Facility.

Axel was an avid ski jumper. He started when he was 10 years old and at the age of 14 he won the title of Northern Sask. Junior Jumping Champion. He competed in many tournaments over

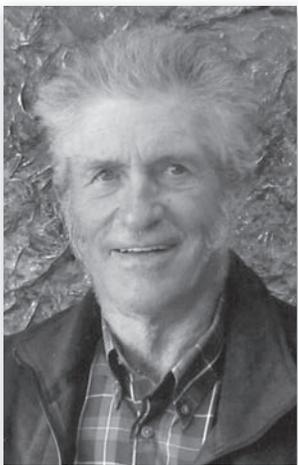
the years, taught several people how to ski jump and was instrumental in building three ski jumps in the Shell Lake area. He enjoyed water skiing, fishing, golfing and curling. He loved music, dancing and playing his organ. Many people on Big Shell will remember hearing him playing the organ as his music drifted across the lake. There wasn't anything Axel couldn't build or fix. He made many pairs of skis and water skis, his first rock picker, a ski boat and a house boat to name a few.

Axel will always be remembered as being a daredevil and a prac-

tical joker. There was nothing he enjoyed more than pulling a joke on someone and teasing his grandchildren and great grandchildren. You were never really sure if he was joking or not until you saw that twinkle in his eye.

Axel's final resting place will be at Scandia Cemetery, where a private family service will be held at a later date. Those wishing to send online condolences are invited to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com, Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Mark Muir of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Spiritwood, Sask. (306) 883-3500.

James (Jim) Oster



OSTER - James (Jim) Michael

Jim was born May 21, 1937 in Rabbit Lake, Sk., the first child of Joe and Bessie Oster. He passed away, age 81, at his farm home in the Medstead area on April 11, 2019.

Jim lived in the Carrollton School District, east of Medstead, all his life, attending school there until the end of grade eight, at which point farming became his passion. Black Aberdeen Angus were his cattle. Barley, oats, hay, and later canola, were his field crops. Tinkering in the farm shop and inventing farm-help equipment were his forte. In the early 1960s he joined two 8N Ford tractors together: two engines, four tires, and lots of hand controls turned the Fords into a little power-

house.

From feeding horses for the threshing crews to GPS-compatible combines, Jim experienced a wide range of farming innovations. When he was 15, after a summer of fixing the old Massey combine, his dad told him: "You fixed it, you drive it." That was the first of 66 years of combine driving. His most recent comment on the newer combines was that they had "too many buttons and not enough levers".

Jim married Wanda Kozloski in August 1967. They had three sons: Greg, Doug and Stephen. Jim was an active member of St. Rita Roman Catholic Church, Medstead. A rare event for him and his family to miss a Sunday Mass. Faith, family, and farm were his three priorities in life. Jim's favorite Beatitude was "Blessed are they who go around in circles, for they shall be called wheels".

In 1977 Jim became a councillor for the Rural Municipality of Medstead. He served the community as Division 3 councillor for 28 years.

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gethers at their farm.

Jim is survived by his loving family: wife Wanda; sons Greg (Albina), Jim experienced a wide range of farming innovations. When he was 15, after a summer of fixing the old Massey combine, his dad told him: "You fixed it, you drive it." That was the first of 66 years of combine driving. His most recent comment on the newer combines was that they had "too many buttons and not enough levers".

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WILLICK - Florida Marie Elsie (nee: Desrosiers) January 1st, 1937 - April 22, 2019.

It is with deep sadness the family of Florida Willick announce her passing at the age of 82 in Prince Albert Victoria Hospital on April 22nd, 2019 with family by her side.

Florida was born January 1st, 1937 to Aldia (nee: Tremblay) and Donat Desrosiers in Pre Ste. Marie, SK. Florida was the middle child of 13 children and grew up on a farm in Pre Ste. Marie, SK. When she was 17 she assisted her mom with cooking for a logging crew at Hudson Bay. That is where she met the love of her life, Leon Willick. A year later they started their farm and family together near Mildred. Leon and Florida has seven children. Along with assisting in the operations of the dairy farm,

Florida Willick

Florida also had a number of jobs in Spiritwood. She worked for a number of years as cook at the hospital and later at the Sears order office. In later years, many patrons enjoyed Florida's pies, bread, buns and soups at various restaurants in town. In 2000, Leon and Florida retired and moved to Spiritwood. In addition to being a great cook, Florida had many artistic talents, from liquid embroidery, cross stitching, crochet, ceramics and quilting. Florida will be fondly remembered by her children; Donald (Lis) Willick of Mildred, SK and family: Loney (Kim) and children, Kane & Reed; Rudy (Janelle); Joel (Sarah) and children, Isaac & Leah; Val Willick of Spiritwood, SK and family: Ryan (Jill) and children, Mason & Cooper; Bryce (Janessa); Faye (Heather) Willick of Oliver, BC; Denise (daughter in law) of Spiritwood, SK and Terry's and her family: Brandon, Adam, Benjamin and Clayton (Sarah); Brenda Willick of Spiritwood, SK and family: Brandie (Ryan) Turgeon and children, Drey, Meaya & Daks; Dylan (Jodi) Hepner and children, Carter, Ryder & Jax; Kyle Hepner and son, Samuel; Allen (Michelle) Willick of Meadow Lake, SK and family: Jen (Brady), Keeley and Jake; Maureen (Scott) Hayter of

Penticton, BC and family: Maddy and Brooklyn, her siblings: Sylvia Fredsberg and Leona (Glen) Seafoot, her siblings-in-law: Leona, Evelyn, and Marcella Desrosiers, Joe (Alice) Willick, Irene (George) Lovell, Catherine (Maurice) Doucette, Deb (Rick) Kotowich, Emma Willick, and Joyce Willick, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Florida is joining her son Terry and husband Leon in Heaven and is also predeceased by her parents, Aldia and Donat Desrosiers, her siblings Lionel, Edward, Joe, Raymond, Rolland, Roger, Florence, Elsie and Twin baby girls, her sibling in-laws, Anna (Leroy) Forshner, George and Louis Willick. A Celebration of Life was held on Sunday April 28, 2019 at 2:00 pm. from Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Spiritwood, SK with Delores Beaulac officiating. Interment followed in the Mildred South Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Mildred South Cemetery in memory of Florida Willick as tokens of remembrance. Those wishing to send online condolences are invited to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Mark Muir of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Spiritwood, Sask. (306) 883-3500.

Do a digital detox

“Cleanse” diets are designed to help people clear their bodies of foods that might have an adverse effect on their health. Many people find such diets effective, prompting others to wonder if a digital cleanse, particularly while on vacation, might produce equally beneficial results.

Advances in technology make it possible for people to essentially be on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Free Wi-Fi is available at restaurants, rest stops and hotels and beckoning people to stay connected. In fact, according to information from Hotels.com, free hotel Wi-Fi has become the most sought after amenity at resorts and places to stay. But is there a price to pay by remaining so available to work and other outside influences while traveling for recreation?

Studies have shown that unplugging while on vacation – or at other times – can boost meaningful conversations and more. The study, “Can you connect with me now? How the presence of mobile communication technology influences face-to-face conversation quality,” indicates devices can negatively impact closeness, connection

and conversation quality, essentially interfering with human relationships.

Phones and other digital devices also force people to multitask. Evidence suggests that multitasking isn't all it's cracked up to be, leading to preventable errors and actually delaying the completion of tasks.

A 2010 study from researchers in France found that the human brain can handle two complicated tasks relatively easily because it has two lobes that can divide responsibility equally between the two. Add a third task, however, and it can overwhelm the frontal cortex and increase mistakes. Trying to multitask on vacation can lead to stressful feelings and not being fully immersed

in the experience.

Being connected while on vacation may leave a person dealing with stresses they normally would avoid until returning home. A study published in the journal Applied Research in Quality of Life indicates that stress accrued on vacation can cause people to feel like they had lower energy at work after returning from a relaxing vacation.

Taking a step back from their phones, tablets and laptops while vacationing can help people make the most of their getaways. Such a break can promote mindfulness, encourage people to try new things and lead to more meaningful conversations with travel companions.



Save the phone for fun selfies on vacation rather than for keeping connected to stresses from back home.

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Half-conscious states
- 8. Strange
- 13. Deep regret
- 14. Rogue
- 15. Took without permission
- 19. An alternative
- 20. Performer ___ -Lo
- 21. Partner to flowed
- 22. Best day of the week (abbr.)
- 23. Body part
- 24. Famed river
- 25. Lake ____, one of the Great
- 26. Make free from bacteria
- 30. People native to Canada
- 31. Japanese seaport
- 32. Least clothed
- 33. Horse of small breed

- 34. Italian doctor and poet
- 35. Moving away from land
- 38. One who parks cars
- 39. Some are front and some are back
- 40. Views
- 44. Ancient Greek shield (alt. sp.)
- 45. Spanish seaport
- 46. New England college (abbr.)
- 47. The woman
- 48. Belgian province
- 49. Danish krone
- 50. Excessive dose (abbr.)
- 51. In great shape
- 55. 7th month of Islamic calendar
- 57. Shaped
- 58. Icelandic poems
- 59. Swollen area within tissue

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Small amounts
- 2. Duplicate
- 3. Current unit
- 4. Neither
- 5. Chromium(II) oxide
- 6. Second sight
- 7. The absence of mental stress or anxiety
- 8. Supplemented with difficulty
- 9. Not the beginning
- 10. Dorm employee
- 11. Hard, white substances
- 12. Scariest
- 16. Spanish island
- 17. Having sufficient skill
- 18. Where golfers start
- 22. No charge
- 25. Print errors
- 27. Where rafters ply their trade
- 28. Paintings of holy figures
- 29. CNN host Lisa
- 30. Gives whippings
- 32. Type of tie
- 34. Unbroken view
- 35. Blemish
- 36. National capital
- 37. “Captain Marvel” actress Larson
- 38. Tenth pair of cranial nerves

- 40. Arizona native peoples
- 41. Confuse
- 42. Body parts
- 43. Plays a fast guitar
- 45. Tub
- 48. Pen parts
- 51. Supervises flying
- 52. Cars come with one
- 53. Some are fake
- 54. Calendar month
- 56. American whiskey (abbr.)

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Growing heirlooms and the best tomatoes

By Patricia Hanbidge

This column continues to expand on our focus on saving seeds and growing heirlooms. You learned over the past couple of weeks about some of the peppers that we are currently growing and this week let's really talk about the stars of the garden - the tomato!

We never really know what the weather will be like over the growing season. If this spring is any indication of the weather we might get you may need some of the old open pollinated tomatoes in order to get a crop. A number of years ago, we had a cool summer and the only tomatoes I harvested were my heirlooms! Having the history that heirlooms have will often allow a harvest when conditions are less than perfect for a specific crop. Tomatoes like to see hot weather and the hybrids we often will grow may not perform well if conditions are not so perfect.

I can almost taste my harvest this year as in my opinion the flavour of heirloom tomatoes is far superior to hybrid plants. Read on to find out more about what we are growing right now!

There are a few cherry tomatoes that we are growing. Acadian



Cherry is compact and perfect for growing in smaller spaces as it is determinant. The Black Cherry tomato is beautiful to look at and even more delicious to taste in salads or right off the vine. Gray's Sweet Cherry is an enormous plant that I like to grow over my back fence. The fruit is plentiful and delicious.

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mato as it is also good for fresh eating. It matures 85 days from transplanting.

Black Krim is a medium tomato that will colour up even better if we have hot weather. It adds an exotic flair to your salads and is also great sliced on a sandwich. Cherry chocolate is another tomato with great colour and delicious flavour. Cherokee Purple

is more than 100 years old and is originally from Tennessee. It is said that it was first grown by the Cherokee First Nations. Copia produces a large tomato that is yellow with red striping and a mottled interior. It is simply beautiful. Ferris Wheel dates back to 1898 and is considered to be very rare. Feuerwerk tomato is originally from Germany and

is breathtaking with yellow mottling and stripes on a red background. Peak of Perfection is one of the tastiest slicing tomatoes you can grow! Purple Calabash is an excellent deep purple, ruffled tomato that is also very drought tolerant.

These are just a few of the great heirlooms you can grow in your garden and only a sampling of what we have available for sale. Please watch our website and facebook page @schoolofhort if you are interested in purchasing some of these great selections. Our sale runs from May 13th to 18th but as we have limited numbers they are also available for presale. I know that I have been enjoying the process of growing these plants. They were planted at the end of February and already some are in bloom. What a pleasure it is to grow plants that will be enjoyed throughout the growing season and beyond.

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