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## SARCS Family Halloween Dance fun for kids

SARCS's 2nd Annual Family Halloween Dance was another rousing great time for the many children who attended, almost all of whom were in costume. With the actual "big day" just around the corner, it was an opportunity to make sure the costumes fit and looked like they were supposed to. However, with cooler temperatures on the horizon for the hunt for treats, many of those costumes will need to be worn over warmer gear.

No matter. They were there to have a good time Saturday night, and a good time they had.

The event was organized and staged for SARCS by Leanne Jewitt and a small army of friends and volunteers. Students from Spiritwood High also took part, presiding over the games and the Haunted House.

Games were on the agenda for the first hour or so, with kids moving from station to station taking part in such activities as Apple on a String, Fish Pond, Candy Guess, Photo Wall and Ring Toss.

Winners in the contests were presented with prizes. Three separate jars of candy in the Candy Guess produced three separate winners, each of whom were "oh, so close" to the actual number. Winners were Doran Beaulac, Norie Beauchesne and Mikayla Jewitt.

Ring Toss prizes were awarded in three age categories. Jude Turgeon won for 4 and under, Anna Nemish for 5-8, and a three-way tie for 9+ meant a draw needed to be made. In the end, Corbin Wingerter was drawn and declared the winner.

Winners in the Apple on a String contest received the



**Best Costume prizes were awarded to: Caleb Turgeon, Nixon Patoine, Brady Hujber, Matthew Tkachuk, and Beau Doucette.**

apple they were attempting to bite. It meant, in actual fact, that almost everyone received an apple.

A costume parade followed, and after two trips round the mezzanine, all the kids piled in front of the Photo Wall for a group picture.

Prizes for the Best Costumes went to: Beau Doucette, Brady Hujber, Nixon Patoine, Caleb Turgeon and Matthew Tkachuk.

Lunch was served and the dancing continued.

The Haunted House, or Scare Room, was opened and kids in

groups of two and three went in to get the living daylights frightened out of them by costumed Ghoulies (aka high school students).

All in all, it was a great evening for the kids.

Sponsors for the event included SARCS, Spiritwood Li-

ons Club, Hujbers Market on Main, Spiritwood Pharmacy, Papa Rene's Pizzeria, Spiritwood Confectionery and Subway.

All the kids were given a bag of chips as they left the mezzanine for home.

*More photos on page 2*

**Spiritwood Herald welcomes Alison Sullivan as our new reporter, taking over for Dave Hyndman!**

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The Candy Guess. Three jars, three winners.



Most children, and many of their parents, came in costume, including these two little guys.



The ring toss was a popular game at the Family Halloween Dance. At this point, though, "The Joker" was lamenting the fact that no one wanted to play. That quickly changed.



Many of the children enjoyed bouncing balloons back and forth, but to this little guy, collecting them was more important, though challenging.



The kids all banded together for a group photo at the SARCS Family Halloween Dance, held Saturday, Oct. 26 in the Mezzanine.

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Two trips around the mezzanine in the Costume Tour, then everyone lined up for a group photo.



Apple on a string, a variation on the popular "bobbing for apples". Perhaps just as difficult, but not as messy. Everyone who tried was given the elusive apple.

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# Alison Sullivan: an introduction

My name is Alison Sullivan, I am 26 years old, and I am currently employed as a geneticist and research technician for Fast Genetics in Spiritwood. I grew up in the town of Metcalfe, Ontario (population 1,800) located in the heart of our nation's capital region. My four siblings and I grew up with two parents who worked full-time but only one who got paid.

My mother has for many years worked tirelessly as a volunteer in our small community, committing her time to the local fair board, school and sports councils, and 4-H. Her involvement in our community at home is undoubtedly where I get my enthusiasm for local events and volunteering.

My siblings and I grew up in a world where living at the Metcalfe Fair one weekend every year, being involved in half a dozen 4-H projects each summer and pitching in at school and sports fundraising events was normal.

After 18 years of loving life in Eastern Ontario, I shipped off to the southwestern part of the province for school

and found a home for a few years in Guelph, Ont. I obtained a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in the spring of 2015 from the University of Guelph and began a Master of Animal and Poultry Science focused on Animal Breeding and Quantitative Genetics that fall. I completed that degree in the fall of 2018.

My father, who also works in the field of swine genetics, had known Dr. Harold Fast and Murray Duggan (Manager of Genetics, Research, and Development for Fast Genetics) for a long time. I was introduced to Mr. Duggan at a meeting where we ended up discussing my schooling path. He offered up some data for me to use for my research on one condition, I come out to Spiritwood for the summer to collect it.

The summer of 2016 was my first encounter with the Town of Spiritwood. Clearly it wouldn't be my last. I came back in the winter of 2017 and finally moved back in the fall of the same year.

I have been living and working full time in Spir-



Alison Sullivan pictured with her family. From back left: Alison, Patrick, and Philip. From front left: Brianna, Lisa, Cheryl, and Brian.

itwood for a little over two years now and I am loving it. I have gotten involved in a variety of volunteer or-

ganizations since arriving here, including the Spiritwood Horticulture Society, the Spiritwood and District

Lion's Club, and the Spiritwood Spirited Players. It is wonderful to live and work in such a vibrant and active community.

I was pleased to have been offered the once-in-forty-year opportunity of becoming the news reporter for the *Spiritwood Herald*. I look forward to working with the communities in Spiritwood and the surrounding area to bring you the news each week.

## Pictures from the past



Does anyone remember skating in the Curling Rink? This photo was taken in 1965, or thereabouts. At least, that's what Terry Thompson remembers. He found this photo while going through some family files, and he had fond memories of skating in the Curling Rink way back when. The rink was built in 1962, and the Arena in 1967, so skating in the Curling Rink before curling started for the season was popular.



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## “The Last One”

When someone starts something, he never really thinks about how or when it will end. That's where we are today. When I started as the reporter and agent for the *Spiritwood Herald* back in August, 1979, I had not one thought about this moment.

So, if you haven't figured it out yet, the end has come. This is my last column. Oct. 31 is my last day with the Herald. I owe a lot of thanks to a lot of people, beginning with the management and staff of the *Chronicle* and *Herald* who treated me as one of the family over those years, even though for the most part I was on my own and out of sight.

“Out of sight, out of mind.” No way. Everyone in the Shellbrook office in charge of putting together both papers were conscious and interested in the contributions

I was making. And though Shellbrook was considered by some to be a bit like Wollerton, the *Chronicle* staff were interested in Spiritwood, interested in what was going on and who was doing it.

I owe a lot of thanks as well to the people of Spiritwood and area who saw the value of a local newspaper and who were supportive of my role in it, and especially those who felt that their activities should be publicized and written about in their local paper and who made great effort to provide me with whatever I needed to do it.

For the past forty years, it hasn't been a job so much as it was an opportunity to contribute to the community by writing articles that showed how active and vibrant we were as a small Saskatchewan town.

Do I have favourites? It's so hard to pick the projects, the activities, the groups that provided me with the most enjoyment over the years. As I mentioned previously, I must have written over 20,000 articles on just about anything and everything that has gone on in this town. They add up.

It hasn't been forty years for this column, though, which has only in the past few years been included in the *Chronicle* as well, but right from the get-go I was free to write whatever I wanted to. I made the decision almost immediately to try to keep it light and entertaining, and occasionally make a point. I'd like to think I was successful.

And while I'm on the subject of my column, I really need to thank my family, most of whom were the butt of many stories and who had to put up with the ridicule I put them through. Well, it wasn't serious ridicule, and I love them dearly.

Special thanks is due to my darling wife, referred to in my columns as the Sheriff of this or that, depending on the issue under discussion. Without her unquestioning support and her willingness to do without me while a banquet is going on, or awards are being handed out, or I'm frantically trying to write a column in my basement office, things wouldn't get done as well as they do.

It's hard to imagine my life without the weekly deadline, but I'm willing to live it. Actually, before I was on staff, I submitted anonymous articles. That may happen again.

In the meantime, welcome Ali Sullivan, who I'm sure won't need much time before people wonder “Dave who?” She writes well, and she has been getting involved in the community. I wish her well.

So, this is goodbye. As I ride off into the sunset... no, wait, that's way too schmaltzy, and I hate schmaltz.

As they say in the newspaper biz: “30”



## Finding optimism in minority land



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Canadians have had a little over a week to digest the unpalatable results of the 2019 federal election. But, for many, the reality that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberal government managed to eke out a minority mandate is still sinking in.

Though the results might suggest otherwise, it was actually the tightest race since former Prime Minister Stephen Harper led his Conservative Party to its first minority government in 2006 — just as the polls leading up to election night predicted it would be.

However, it also highlights the very thing that makes our first-past-the-post electoral system so... wonky... for lack of a better descriptor.

Taking a deep dive into last Monday's results, one can't help but note that Andrew Scheer's Conservative Party earned nearly 240,000 more votes than Mr. Trudeau's Liberals. By this metric alone, Mr. Scheer's party was technically the victor.

Yet somehow, despite finishing in second place, Mr. Trudeau's Liberal Party claimed 36 more seats in the House of Commons than the Conservatives (157 seats to the Conservatives' 121), and earned the right to try to form a functional government.

It's enough to make one wonder if Mr. Trudeau wasn't looking into some secret crystal ball when he chose to abandon his promise to deliver electoral reform. For that promise, if kept, could have actually paved the way for his downfall in this election, potentially resulting in a Conservative minority government instead.

Would that have been a more just outcome to last Monday's election? Absolutely, seeing as people's votes would have genuinely counted for something.

Would it have necessarily been a better outcome? Well, that's a little more difficult to answer.

Even if the percentage of the vote received by a party determined how many seats said party earned in the House of Commons, Mr. Scheer's Conservative party would have only claimed 1.4 per cent more seats than Mr. Trudeau's Liberals (or roughly 116 seats to the Liberals' 112).

This still would have left Mr. Trudeau's Liberals with a minority mandate, but it at least would have given Mr. Scheer's Conservatives a much stronger voice in parliament, and forced Mr. Trudeau's Liberals to work with all parties to pass policy.

Conversely, even if Mr. Scheer's Conservatives had been granted the right to try from a functioning minority government, the divisive nature of the campaign would have made it difficult for Mr. Scheer to forge political alliances.

Perhaps it could have found an ally in Maxime Bernier's People's Party of Canada, which would have earned five seats with the 1.6 per cent of the vote that it managed to claim. But, in all likelihood, the end result would have been a vote of non-confidence, and another trip to the polls for Canadians.

Maybe this scenario would have been preferable to Saskatchewan and Alberta voters, who justifiably feel left out in the cold by Mr. Trudeau's government and last Monday evening's outcome

On the other hand, going through yet another election would have been an immense waste of money, and it could very well have delivered a result that was even less desirable.

At the end of the day, then, perhaps a Liberal minority government isn't the worst possible outcome after all.

If nothing else, the fact that Mr. Trudeau must now look to Jagmeet Singh's NDP to prop it up, means that the voices of more Canadians (almost 50 per cent) will be represented in the federal government's decisions.

We may not like or agree with all (or even any) of those decisions. But we should all want a federal government that is made up of people who are willing to put aside petty political differences and childish mudslinging to represent as many Canadians as possible.

As another positive to last Monday evening's results, Mr. Trudeau's comments just days after election night suggest that he's received the message that Canadians aren't altogether pleased with the course that his government has been charting.

Striking a far more conciliatory tone, Mr. Trudeau extended an olive branch to alienated western Canadians by promising to forge ahead with the twinning of the Trans Mountain pipeline. This will likely receive support from Mr. Scheer's Conservatives, and perhaps even Mr. Singh, who said just before the election that he would wait for all the facts before finalizing his position on the project.

Citing affordability as a common theme from the campaign trail, Mr. Trudeau also pledged that his government's first act would be to introduce a “broad income tax cut” for Canadians. The details of that likely won't come out until Mr. Trudeau appoints his cabinet on Nov. 20, but it should be a policy that all parties can get behind.

If these are the top two priorities of Mr. Trudeau's minority government, perhaps the next four years won't be as bad as we fear.

Perhaps...

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## Report from the Legislature

Over the past 12 years, Saskatchewan has enjoyed a remarkable period of strong and sustained growth we hadn't seen in a long time. As we prepare to enter the 2020s, our goal is to keep growing so all Saskatchewan people continue to benefit.

In the coming weeks, we will release a new Growth Plan with specific targets and a road map of how we will achieve them. These targets include 1.4 million people living in Saskatchewan and 100,000 more people working in Saskatchewan by 2030.

The fall sitting of the legislature is now underway and our government has introduced our vision for a new decade of growth. We have outlined a number of measures the government will be taking during the upcoming legislative session, including:

- Creating a fund of up to \$10 million to assist



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Estevan, Coronach and surrounding areas transition to new economic development opportunities for workers affected by the federally-mandated phase out of coal-fired electricity by 2030;

- Introducing and funding a plan to reduce surgical wait times;
- Introducing legislation for the regulation of vaping and vaping products;
- Taking measures to improve the safety and well-being of First Na-

tions children and reduce the number of children that need to come under the province's care;

- Opening the new Regina Bypass;
- Introducing tougher penalties for cell phone usage while driving;
- Continuing the constitutional challenge to the federal carbon tax in the Supreme Court;
- Continuing to explore the potential for small modular reactors to produce emissions-free electricity using Saskatchewan uranium;
- Implementing Clare's Law, which allows police to disclose information that could help protect potential victims of interpersonal violence;
- Introducing a new Fisheries Act to provide greater protection against invasive aquatic species;
- Amending The Lobbyists Act to address recommendations made by the Registrar of Lobbyists in his recent annual reports;
- Strengthening the



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enforcement of maintenance orders for child support payments; and

- Amending The Saskatchewan Employment Act to increase parental leave by eight weeks to ensure that employees who are entitled to the new shared parental Employment Insurance benefit have job protection while using the new leave benefit and to extend employment leave to individuals who are running for election to a First Nations Band Council.

The government plans to introduce about 30 pieces of legislation during the fall sitting and will table a budget during the spring sitting that is expected to make significant investments in infrastructure.

Our government will continue to plan for a growing province by keeping our economy strong, investing in important government services and ensuring everyone in Saskatchewan continues to enjoy the benefits of growth.

The recent federal election results show that the path and policies of the federal government these past few years has divided our nation. The growing sense of frustration and western alienation is now undeniable.

Canada now has a Liberal minority government that did not receive the popular vote, has no clear mandate and will be supported by either a 4th place party that has nev-

er governed, or a party that does not want to be part of this nation. This government also has no representation from Saskatchewan or Alberta.

In his election night address, Prime Minister Trudeau stated to Saskatchewan and Alberta: "I've heard your frustration. I want to be there to support you."

Saskatchewan has made it clear: if the Prime Minister is serious about acting on his words, he can cancel the federal carbon tax, commit to negotiating a new equalization formula that is fair to Saskatchewan and Alberta, and commit to developing a plan to build pipelines and get our exports to international markets.

It's time for a new deal with Canada.

The Prime Minister says he's heard our frustration and wants to support us – Saskatchewan stands ready to meet with him so he can prove it.

## Big River RCMP arrest four individuals for dangerous driving, possession of firearms

While officers were driving to the Big River Detachment area on Oct. 19, 2019, they noticed a red-coloured Chevrolet Monte Carlo driving at a low rate of speed and swerving all over the road.

Officers attempted to stop the vehicle when it began accelerating at a high rate of speed away from the officers. The vehicle fled the area. No pursuit was attempted.

Police observed marks on the roadway just a short distance down the road, which were consistent with a vehicle turning at high rate of speed. Officers fol-

lowed the marks which led to a dirt road and located the Monte Carlo. Four individuals were still in the vehicle. One person fled the area and was arrested a short time later by the North Battleford Police Dog Service.

Some of the items were located and seized from the vehicle include a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun with 20-gauge ammunition, a .308 calibre ammunition, one machete, multiple knives and masks, a baton, zip ties, four cell phones, and \$2895.00 cash in Canadian currency.

Henry Ratt (DOB: 1996-11-26), Jerry Stewart Netmaker (DOB: 1980-05-16), Larry Durocher (DOB: 1983-10-30), and Kelsey Lee Lachance (DOB: 1996-01-06) have been arrested and are facing charges relating to the possession of multiple firearms, failure to comply and dangerous driving.

Ratt, Netmaker, Durocher and Lachance were scheduled to make their first Provincial Court in Prince Albert on Oct. 29, 2019.

Police are still on the lookout for the final occupant of the vehicle.

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# A Dog's Breakfast coming to Main Street Gallery

**By Heather Beauchesne**

Ali Sullivan grew up in a family of seven in a small town called Metcalfe located in the Nation's Capital region. She obtained a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and a Master of Science in Animal and Poultry Science from the University of Guelph in 2015 and 2018, respectively.

While still in school, she found work in Spiritwood, Saskatchewan working for Fast Genetics. She moved out west permanently in 2017 and has been living and working

full time in Spiritwood for two years.

She began working in pencil, watercolour, and acrylic between the ages of nine and thirteen. She learned how to oil paint while taking a class at University and has been keeping it up ever since.

She likes the vibrancy and life of the colours that persist long after the paint is dry and the flexibility of the medium while the work is in progress. From the way the light catches the paint to the buildable nature of the medium, she believes it to be a testa-

ment to the subjects she often portrays.

While she still dabbles a little with other mediums, oil paints have found a special place on her palette for the life and light they provide.

Growing up in rural Ontario is a great way to develop a lengthy reference of expressions that make everyone who didn't grow up there turn their head to the side a bit and bat their eyelashes.

This show, A Dog's Breakfast, is just that, as rural Ontario residents would say. A thrown together, loosely related body of work.

Having only lived in the west for a couple of years, Ali hasn't had much time between work and volunteering to develop a very cohesive body of work. So, a dog's breakfast it is.

Within this show, there are a variety of mediums, a variety of stages of work, and a variety of subject matter. Despite the overwhelming variety, a common theme can be found among this pieced together work. Life, in all its forms is intriguing and complex. It is also the most common subject Ali chooses to depict and is asked to depict.

She sincerely hopes you enjoy this haphazard show. If nothing else, there is a little something for everyone.

Main Street Gallery, 218 Main St Spiritwood, Sask., is proud to present A Dog's Breakfast, a collection of work by artist Ali Sullivan. Show opens Friday, Nov. 8, 2019, and will run until Friday, Feb. 7, 2020.



**Artist Ali Sullivan**

Please join the Main Street Gallery to celebrate the opening of Ali Sullivan's show the evening of Friday, Nov. 8, doors will open at 7 p.m., artist talk will take place at 7:30 p.m., celebration will run until 9 p.m.

For more information about the upcoming show or the Main Street Gallery, please contact Bevra Fee at 1-306-883-2426 or [bevra.nledc@sasktel.net](mailto:bevra.nledc@sasktel.net). Follow Main Street Gallery on Facebook ([spiritwood-mainstreetgallery](#)) or on Instagram ([mainstreetgalleryspwd](#)).



## Keeping people warm this winter

Everyone needs a warm and safe place to sleep during our cold Saskatchewan winters. That is why the Government of Saskatchewan, along with its community partners, is once again launching its Cold Weather Strategy.

"Saskatchewan winters can be dangerous for people

who don't have a home or funds to pay for their needs," Social Services Minister Paul Merriman said. "Regardless of whether someone is a current income assistance client, or what income assistance program they're on, the ministry will work closely with its community partners to ensure everyone

has access to shelter during cold weather."

"If you are homeless, couch surfing, evicted or fleeing an unsafe living arrangement, Mobile Crisis Services will help connect you to community partners to ensure you are not out in the cold," Regina Mobile Crisis Executive Director John

McFadyen said.

"Saskatchewan winters can be difficult and challenging at the best of times, but for those who may be experiencing homelessness, those challenges are magnified," Salvation Army Major Mike Hoeft said. "The Cold Weather Strategy creates a process whereby no one

should be without a safe, warm place to stay. We encourage people who are at risk to make contact with our shelter offices at any time of the day or night so we can help ensure no one is left out in the cold."

If ongoing supports are required, residents can apply for Saskatchewan Income Support (SIS) or Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID) benefits. In Regina, Mobile Crisis Services provides services and referrals 24 hours a day, seven days a week and can be reached at 306-757-0127. People will be connected with the appropriate shelter supports in Regina that will meet their needs. During weekday business hours, people can drop in to the Ministry of Social Services' Regina Service Centre at 2045 Broad Street for assistance.

In Saskatoon, the Salvation Army can be contacted by calling 306-244-6280. They provide emergency services and referrals 24 hours a day, seven days a week. People will be directed to appropriate shelter supports

in Saskatoon that will meet their needs. During weekday business hours, people may visit the Ministry of Social Services' Saskatoon Service Centre at 160 - 2nd Avenue South for assistance.

In Prince Albert, Prince Albert Mobile Crisis is available after hours at 306-764-1011 and will connect callers with shelter supports. YWCA after-hours emergency services for men and women at Our House (15th Street Location) are available by calling 306-922-6162.

People in other communities across the province should contact their nearest Ministry of Social Services Centre. A list of service centres is available at [www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/family-and-social-support/find-a-social-services-office](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/family-and-social-support/find-a-social-services-office).

They can also contact an emergency shelter, Mobile Crisis Services (if available in their community) or the police. Members of the public are encouraged to call 911 if they see someone in immediate danger.

A list of shelters and services for people in need is available at [www.sk.211.ca](http://www.sk.211.ca).

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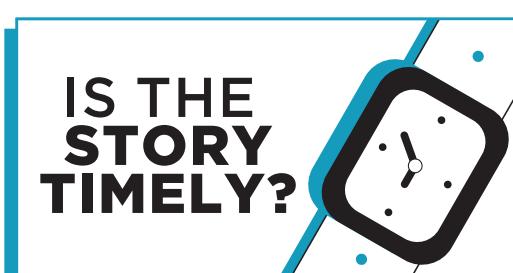


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## Moe's Asian trade trip full of positives

In terms of Canadian agriculture trade is paramount to success for producers.

It is well understood that Canadian producers can do one thing very well, and that is grow crops and livestock. Producers here are generally eager adopters of new technologies and ideas when it comes to production, a trait that goes back to the earliest farmers willing to try new varieties and ideas.

The result is that farmers in this country have always produced far more than can be consumed domestically in a broad range of crops and livestock.

When supply is far in

excess of domestic demand the excess must be sold to export markets.

Canada has generally done a good job of accessing foreign markets, but that is becoming a more difficult thing today.

There are more countries in an export position in terms of agricultural products.

There are new trade agreements and pacts that now must be manoeuvred through.

And, while governments have always meddled in trade with sanctions made for political gain and nothing more, that interference had seemed in decline for a



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period. The emergence of Donald Trump as president in the United States has certainly re-ignited national protectionism in the States, and that has rippled through the world with other countries flexing their political muscle with tariffs and trade barriers.

So Canada needs to be more diligent than ever in keeping trade flowing as freely as possible to key foreign markets.

Generally, trade is best achieved seller to buyer on some direct level, but one should not discount the occasional influential hand of politicians.

It is after all, politicians who often muddy the waters of trade with sanctions, so having another politician sitting down to discuss freer access to trade is not a bad idea.

In that respect it's hard to see a downside, at least agriculturally speaking, to Saskatchewan Premier Scott

Moe's trade mission to Japan, South Korea, and Hong Kong, his first trade mission to these markets.

According to a government release, "the Premier's focus was on expanding and diversifying access in the Asian markets for Saskatchewan's food, fuel and fertilizer."

Accepting that a release from government might be a touch biased, promoting those things Saskatchewan has to trade was exactly what Moe's job was in taking the mission.

The mission involved more than 25 meetings and events, including the signing of

10 Memorandums of Understanding by Saskatchewan based organizations to expand and extend the relationships that Saskatchewan has abroad.

An MOU is not a trade deal, but it is a solid foot-in-the-door.

"Japan and South Korea represent key growth markets for our food, fuel and fertilizer, but also serve as launch points into developing markets in the Asian region," Moe said in the release.

It is to be hoped the initiative becomes the foundation for more trade, because that is what the farm sector relies on.

## Prairie farm groups release results of seed royalty survey

Canadian agricultural producers do not support the two seed royalty models under consideration by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

The Alberta Federation of Agriculture, the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan and Keystone Agricultural Producers of Manitoba have been surveying producers online on the proposed changes

since July. More than 1000 producers contributed their comments.

"We look forward to working with the federal government now that the election is complete to ensure that any new seed royalty structure is ultimately fair for farmers and producers as it would ultimately impact their bottom line the most," KAP President Bill Campbell said. "Plant breeding needs to be funded in a manner

that is fair and driven by the interests of farmers."

"What we heard from producers is that they are not in a position to absorb extra costs," said Todd Lewis, president of the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan. "As price-takers, farmers have little room in their margins for added expenditures. So there is little support for yet another expense to add our

bottom lines."

"Producers are telling us loud and clear that they are not happy with either of the proposed models," said Lynn Jacobson, president of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture. "Our outreach confirms that they

don't feel they've been sufficiently engaged in consultations to date. It's our hope that AAFC will work to rectify this before any further decisions are made."

Consultations on the two proposed seed royalty structures are cur-

rently on hold. The farm groups were unhappy with the lack of producer input in the consultations and decided to survey producers themselves. The survey results will be presented to the new federal agriculture minister.

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# Last-minute autumn chores

**By Patricia Hanbidge**

Almost everywhere on the prairies, we can now consider that autumn is done. Although it seems chilly outside, these warmer days will feel like summer in another month.

If you are like me, I still want to be spending time outside but of course now am wearing flannel and fleece – the new norm each day when we dress!

There are a few things that still should be done prior to the deep snow and frost that stays. Decorative clay pots, concrete ornaments and wooden furniture should be protected from the ravages of our long winter.

Some items can easily be tucked into a corner and covered with tarps to protect them from the sun and keep off the snow and rain.

As I find that it is difficult to find adequate storage for all the garden things we seem to acquire, some of it becomes part of our living space.

Wicker or cedar garden fur-

niture looks great with bright cushions, iron tables and bird baths look spiffy when adorned with glass tops and houseplants can be arranged attractively in outdoor pots with the odd frog ornament nestled in amongst the foliage.

It is a much better investment to use those seasonal items for longer than a few months each year. Now if only we could find a use for the combine off-season!

Perennials are I am sure finished for the year and those that little winter aesthetic value can be cut back anytime. Remember that seed heads, grasses and other perennials can be quite attractive during those long winter months.

Another consideration is whether or not you wish to trap a little bit more snow in your border. Anything vertical will help to keep the snow on your beds providing much needed moisture for early next spring.

Roses are always one of those plants that might warrant some extra protection for the winter. Hardy shrub roses that are established don't really need any extra help but if you like to grow tea roses or other roses that are less hardy here, it is good to prepare those for the upcoming winter.

Those tender grafted roses need to be mulched over the crown with soil, mulch or other insulative material. A few inches of mulch can raise the temperature as much as 5 or 10 C. One word of caution if you have a rodent problem, mulch once the ground has frozen. In the spring, remove the mulch as early as possible once the snow melts.

What is so important to do for any newly established woody ornamentals and perennials is to give them one last big drink so they go into winter surrounded by damp soil. Watering in anything tender or newly planted will keep that soil temperature more constant thus keeping them happier while they rest.

As we likely are not going to get warm enough temperatures to have to water later, it is now relatively safe to drain those hoses and put them away for the winter!

Last but not least ensure that all your tender summer bulbs are tucked away for winter storage. Check and label plants as needed, set your trap line for rodents, dig your root crops and add compost everywhere it is needed! Enjoy the last days of mild temperatures prior to the big freeze!

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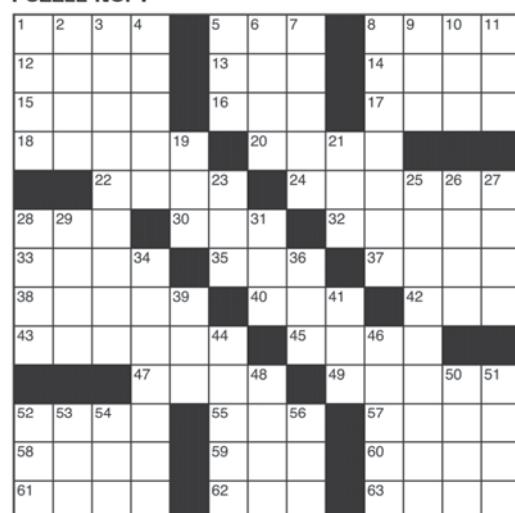
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- 13. Tree chopper
- 14. "\_\_\_\_ Nanette"
- 15. Mortgage, e.g.
- 16. Job for a musician
- 17. Husk
- 18. Inaccuracy
- 20. Oompah horn
- 22. Largest continent
- 24. Lump of gold
- 28. Soap cake
- 30. Interfere
- 32. Wait on
- 33. Opera melody
- 35. Road covering
- 37. Elk
- 38. Prepared
- 40. Saloon
- 42. Elbow site
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- 45. Surpass 21, in blackjack
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- 49. Swiss call
- 52. School groups: abbr.
- 55. Perched
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- 60. "The Man Who \_\_\_\_\_ Too Much"
- 61. Acorn bearers
- 62. Nope's opposite
- 63. Transmit
- 65. "Give up"
- 66. Done
- 67. Book minder
- 68. Low female voices
- 69. Move to and fro

- 6. Door sign
- 7. Started
- 8. Angered
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- 10. "Holiday \_\_\_\_\_"
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- 21. Commuter vehicle
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- 26. At all times
- 27. Word
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## Goodbye Bryce Harper, thanks for leaving

This was all part of Washington Nationals' grand plan: Win a World Series (or more than one) during the Bryce Harper era.

The only glitch is that the franchise's first World Series appearance is taking place the first year that Harper — the second coming of Babe Ruth, it was proclaimed during Harper's teen years — was no longer with the team after signing as a free agent with Philadelphia Phillies.

Harper might have been prescient in his opening press conference as a free-agent Phillie when he told reporters he wanted to "bring a title back to D.C." Whoops! He meant Philadelphia, of course, but he had Washington, the Nationals, and D.C. on his brain and the verbal blunder slipped out.

Anyway, the Nationals (néé the Montreal Expos, who moved to Washington in 2005) did quite well without Harper, who graced the cover of Sports Illustrated at age 17 with the headline "The Chosen One." Harper has had a decent career, winning the National

League's Most Valuable Player award in 2015 after a 42-homer season, averaging .276 for eight seasons and slamming 219 home runs over that period, but the Harper-led Nats always came up short in the playoffs.

The Harperless Nationals went into a deep funk to start the 2019 season, and many observers connected the dots and said Harper's absence was the reason why. The Nats were 19-31 at one point, and manager Dave Martinez's job was reportedly in jeopardy. But in the year of the home run (a record 6,776 were hit this year), it was Washington's pitching that brought them back into contention and, eventually, to the World Series.

A starting rotation featuring Max Scherzer, Stephen Strasburg and Patrick Corbin has the potential to shut down any team in a short series, and that's exactly what happened in this year's post-season. The Nationals, who gained entry to the playoffs by winning one of two wildcard spots, defeated Milwaukee 4-3 in the one-game wildcard showdown behind the



BRUCE  
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~

pitching of Strasburg and a three-run rally in the eighth inning. That trio of pitchers then guided the Nats past the heavily favoured Los Angeles Dodgers in a five-game series that went the limit and then was on fire against St. Louis in the NL championship series, winning four straight.

Now, of course, it's the Houston Astros providing the opposition for all the marbles and a favourite phrase around D.C. this fall is: "Thanks, Bryce, we couldn't have done it with you."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: Rams receiver, Cooper Kupp wears a light, malleable, pink-orange metal alloy groin-guard. That's right, Cooper Kupp, who copped

some key catches, wears a copper cup."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Just wondering: Does Arkansas linebacker Bumper Pool have a brother named Gene?"

• Patti Dawn Swanson, aka the River City Renegade, on Winnipeg naming a road in honour of two-time world curling champion Don Duguid: "I only hope city workers ... fill all and any potholes before the official unveiling. I'd hate like heck for the little guy to get lost in one of them."

• Vancouver's Steve Burgess, on Twitter: "I'm having a hard time transitioning to on-ice hockey as opposed to contract negotiation hockey."

• Norman Chad of the Washington Post, on Twitter: "John Harbaugh would challenge a traffic light."

• Chad again, on Twitter: "Aaron Boone's bullpen mantra: If you do poorly, I will take you out. If you do well, I will take you out. Aaron Boone would've pulled Michelangelo halfway through the Sistine Chapel ceiling job."

• Comedy writer Jim

Barach: "Astros outfielder Josh Reddick called Yankee fans 'disrespectful.' What he doesn't realize is that Yankee supporters are the people who are too nice to be Mets fans."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "The Los Angeles Chargers lost to the Pittsburgh Steelers 24-17. But it was awfully thoughtful how the Chargers scored one point for each one of their fans in attendance at home."

• Kaseberg again: "The Chargers have fewer fans in the stands than the IRS softball team."

• Dwight Perry again: "QB Baker Mayfield has coughed up 11 interceptions and a lost fumble in the Browns' first six games. Probably not the Baker's dozen his coaches had in mind."

• Michael Grey, via

Twitter, on the offensively inept Broncos: "John Elway is a great example of why you should never trust a great pilot to build your plane."

• One more from Perry: "Ice discovered in craters at the moon's south pole could be more than a billion years old, Brown University scientists say. Canada's first lunar mission, we assume, will include a Zamboni."

• Another one from Patti Dawn Swanson, considering some of the rejected names for the upcoming Tiger Woods' book, the definitive story of his life: "1. Birdies, Boogies, Bunkers & Bimbos; 2. Tiger Woods: My Pants Were Always Lower Than My Score."

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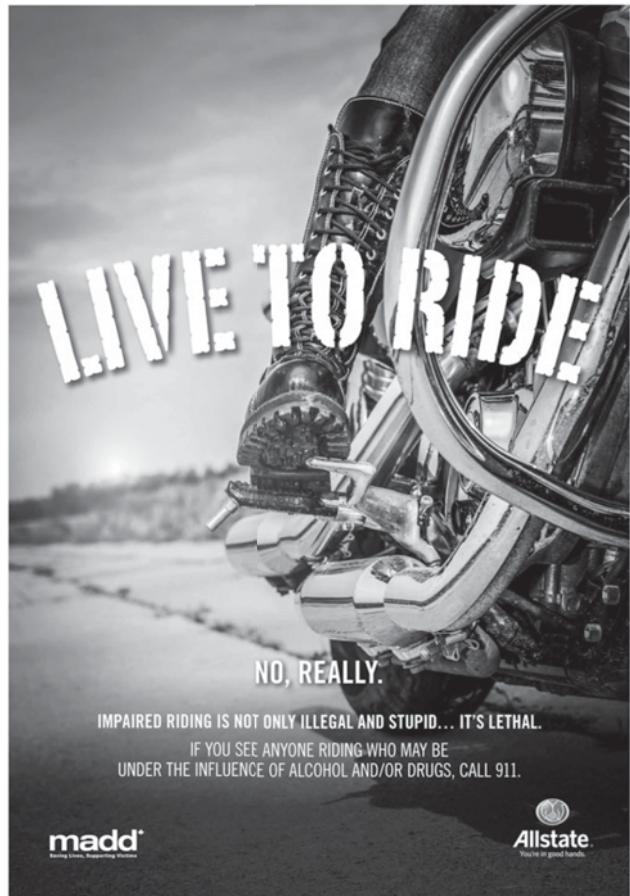
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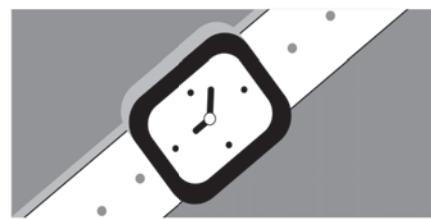
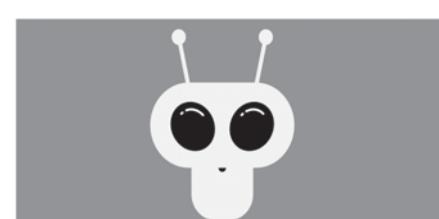
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# Electronics recycling seeing growth in Saskatchewan

What do a microwave and an Olympic medal have in common?

If the upcoming 2020 Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo are anything to go by, it might soon be more than you would initially think.

As Gayleen Creelman, program director for the Electronic Products Recycling Association (EPRA), explains, the medals put around athletes necks at those games will be made entirely from materials recovered from recycled electronics, be they cell phones, televisions, or microwaves.

However, she adds as a point of pride that the act of using recycled electronics for Olympic medals actually began at least 10 years ago with the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver. (Though, she also notes that, at that time, only 1.5 per cent of the materials used came from recycled electronics.)

As a representative of the manufacturers and distributors of electronic products that are sold in nine provinces in Canada, this is exactly what the EPRA has been encouraging for more than a decade through its Recycle My Electronics program.

Interestingly enough, industry-led electronics recycling programs can credit their origins to Saskatch-

ewan, where the first such program launched in 2007.

That program has only grown over the last 12 years, and now there are more than 90 Recycle My Electronics locations across the province.

"Since the beginning of the program in Saskatchewan — and numbers aren't audited for this year — Saskatchewan residents have recycled over 32,000 metric tonnes of material and diverted that from landfills," Creelman said, noting that the program has been aided along by having new items added to the list of what can be recycled.

In recent years, some of the big ticket items to make the list include microwaves, floor-standing printers and copiers, gaming consoles and peripherals, GPS devices, and ebook readers.

But Creelman notes that the EPRA is always working with the Ministry of Environment to update and improve the program, and reminds consumers that it's not just the device itself that can be recycled, but all the accompanying cords as well.

And, though the EPRA's recent polling suggests that 89 per cent of Saskatchewan residents are aware of Recycle My Electronics, Creelman says there's always more to be done.



"I always throw out the challenge that about 85 per cent of households have at least one end of life electronic sitting around," she said. "We try to increase awareness or encourage people to take them in when they're at their end of life, because they don't do any good stuck away in the closet."

With the environment top of mind for so many Canadians, Creelman says that recycling electronics is one easy way for people to reduce their environmental impact.

Recycling electronics, she explains, prevents the devices from being shipped off to landfills, where they don't typically breakdown — or, when they do breakdown, they leak harmful materials like lead or mer-

cury into the environment.

Creelman adds that, apart from benefitting the environment, the recycling of electronics also ensures that the materials that are extracted from the earth or produced to manufacture them are used to the fullest extent.

"It just gets broken down to the commodity level, like little pellets of plastic, or granules of copper and gold. That gets sold back into the marketplace, and the manufacturing supply chain, and new products can be made," she said.

"It may not go into electronics. It can go into your desk chair, or a table, or a picture frame."

While there's no telling what a recycled electronic device will one day

become, Creelman reassures anyone with concerns about their personal data that their recycled devices won't put any sensitive information in strangers' hands.

The first step after a device is dropped off at a Recycle My Electronics location, sees the device shipped off to a processor to be shredded.

And Creelman says that no recycled devices are taken, either in full or in part, and reused.

Still, for those who may be uncertain, she has a few pieces of advice.

"If people are concerned about data, they should wipe their drives, remove SIM cards, that kind of stuff. But if it doesn't power on, not a big deal. The next step is it's going to be shredded and destroyed."

Recycle my Electronics drop-off points are located in Prince Albert, Spiritwood, and, most recently, at Highway 55 Waste Management Corporation near Canwood.

Additionally, the town of Shellbrook has been known to run an electronics recycling program every few years.

For more information on the program, and which electronic devices are recyclable, visit: <https://www.recyclemyelectronics.ca/sk>

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