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Spirits merry and bright at Resolute Christmas potluck

The Resolute community group had the wood furnace burning away for their annual Christmas Potluck Supper on Dec. 15 at the Resolute School Hall. Around 66 people were in attendance for the event and each were serving up something delicious and special. It is safe to say that between the homemade sausage, biscuits, soup, and many salads no one went home hungry.

Santa Claus joined the party to the tune "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" led by Claire Schira who was just finishing up the traditional post-supper carolling. Santa, played by Don Clark, lent a listening ear to hear the wishes of the children and put on a smile for some nice photographs. He also handed out a few goodie bags brought along by Sharon Goller.

The evening was filled with chatter and laughter from young and old. The supper was attended again by the lovely Mrs. Pott who used to teach at the Resolute School, instructing some town staples like Dr. Harold Fast and Fred Walter in their earlier years. A bit of money to go towards the hall's utility bills was collected from raffle ticket sales. The raffle items were won by Eleanor Pallo and Tanya Nielsen.



Santa joined the Resolute Party to entertain the children.



Claire Schira led the Christmas carolling after supper.



The teacher from the Resolute School, Mrs. Pott, joined in on the fun.

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Wine Survivor

Cari Cross and crew hosted the fourth installment of Wine Survivor this past weekend.

Team attendance was lower than other editions of the popular recreation centre fundraiser, but this was likely due to the length of time it took to obtain the liquor licence this time around, according to Cross.

Thirty-eight teams put on their thinking caps to come

up with some creative names this go around. Some gems worth mentioning were “Liver Let Die”, “Colour Between the Wines”, and “Alcohol You Later”.

Draws took place over two days, Dec. 14 through 15, with half the names being drawn each day.

The organizing committee broadcast the draws live on Facebook and had set out some light snacks and wines



The organizing committee setting up for the live draws.



A small crowd came out each day to watch the draws live and socialize over some refreshments.

to sample for those who attended the draws at the Mezzanine.

The first team out followed by every sixth team out after that received six bottles of wine until the final four. Teams that received six bottles of wine were “Cork Soak-

ers”, “Call 9 Wine Wine”, “Uncork and Unwind”, “Sassy Sippers”, “Stop Bustin My Grapes”, and “Colour Between the Wines”. The fourth-place team, “Scrappy Spirits” took home twenty-four bottles of wine, the third place team, “Wineter

Wine-derland” took home 36 bottles of wine, the second place team, “Jingle Bells Drinking Gals” took home 60 bottles of wine, and the big winners “Alcohol You Later” took home 78 bottles of wine. The event raised over \$4,000 for SARCS.

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Rabbit Lake news

By Alan Laughlin

In spite of less than ideal fall and a harvest that seemed to drag on for ever, and in many cases did not get finished, activities have picked up in Rabbit Lake. Now the Christmas lights are up on the light poles and we are all a bustle again!

The rink has been flooded and is ready to go. The first burger and bunnock night is to be held on January 8, 2020. A lot of volunteer time goes into leveling

the surface, and flooding and flooding. A big round of gratitude goes to Curtis McNabb and Randy McMurtry for their work. Also, appreciation to Sheldon Buckley from Leoville who did the leveling.

The Rabbit Lake Library has its fall and winter programming well is full swing. Monday night quilting group has begun as has kid's art classes. Earlier in the fall the library offered a couple of pour

painting classes. This was a unique art form that everyone was able to be successful with and many people participating.

The dessert of the month draws are still happening with the November winner being Dave Kowerchuk.

Life is in full swing with at the Rabbit Lake Senior Sunrise Circle. In September Sylvia Schira and Kerri English performed at the monthly music night, in October

it was Patrick Laughlin. In November Will Ballendine and his band entertained.

All three shows provided a variety of music genres and each followed a great meal provided by the Rabbit Lake Community Hall Board.

On Dec. 15, Sylvia Schira entertained after the annual Seniors' Christmas Supper. The Seniors' Hall was about filled, the food was delicious and the entertainment great.

The Seniors group are planning a Valentines Dance with Will Ballendine providing the music.

On Dec. 1, the Rabbit Lake Seniors held its annual turkey shoot at the community hall. I have no idea how long this event has happened in the community but I can attest that it has been at least 50 years!

A good crowd came out to shoot for turkeys and those who did not want to shoot were able to go the seniors' hall to play bingo that was sponsored by the "White Hat" splurge group.

This is a group of women (Isabelle McLennan, Elaine Tomkins, Delores Buckingham, Bev Kowerchuk, Jeanette Krelow, Joan Dzi-alo, Dorreen Lamb and

Bobbi Smith) who meet regularly just to have fun. The bingo raised over \$900 and the sale of goodies raised over \$75.00. This money was then donated to the Rose Gill Lodge.

The Rabbit Lake Community Hall Board has been busy as well catering to music suppers and holding the annual harvest supper and the annual Christmas supper

About 150 people enjoyed the harvest meal and around 80 people took in the Christmas one.

It seems like the most popular form of enter-

tainment in Rabbit Lake is eating!

Cowboy Church continues to meet at the Rabbit Lake Community Hall on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month.

You might want to circle March 7, 2020 on your calendar as this is the date of the Rabbit Lake and District Agricultural Association annual snowmobile rally.

And now the important part... To each person in our community, and from each person in our community, we wish a Merry Christmas and a world filled with peace and goodwill.

Dessert of the month

A scrumptious collection of Christmas baking made by members of the Library Board was won as the prize for Dessert of

the Month by Shandra Walter. This was the last draw for the 2019 installment of this Spiritwood Public Library fundraiser.



Shandra Walter was the lucky winner of the Spiritwood Public Library's December Dessert of the Month.

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When transporting oil, safety must come first

Is there anything more satisfying than a good “I told you so” moment?

A Dec. 9 train derailment near Guernsey, Sask., which saw an estimated 1.5 million litres of oil leak out of 34 blazing CP rail cars, has become just that for western Canadians who remain incensed over Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s failure to get pipelines built.

Indeed, just two days after the conflagration, the incident was being leveraged by Tom Lukiwski, the Conservative MP for the Moose Jaw-Lake Centre-Lanigan riding, as political ammunition to further stoke the east-west divide.

“This could have been a tragedy on the scale of the Lac Megantic derailment in Quebec,” Mr. Lukiwski said in a statement, referring to the 2013 train disaster in which 47 people died.

Mr. Lukiwski added that the Liberal government’s “failure to build pipelines... [is] affecting the quality of life and safety of real people right here in Saskatchewan.”

As distasteful as it was for Mr. Lukiwski to use the deadliest non-passenger train incident in Canadian history to score political points, it’s hard to argue against the point he was trying to make. Had the derailment occurred just a few miles down the road in either direction, the headlines regarding the incident could have read much differently.

This latest derailment, Mr. Lukiwski later added, further illustrates a point that



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Columnist

Conservatives (and even the Saskatchewan NDP) have been arguing for years: pipelines are the safest way to transport oil.

“How many more incidents like this do we need to prove that rail is the most dangerous way to transport oil?” Mr. Lukiwski asked. “How many more environmental disasters? How many more lives put at risk?”

Of course, in making his point, Mr. Lukiwski conveniently ignores the less-than-sterling record of gas and oil pipelines in this province in recent years.

First, there was the Husky pipeline spill in 2016, which saw 225,000 litres of heavy crude leak (with about 40 per cent making its way into the North Saskatchewan River). Then, a few months later, there was the Tundra Energy pipeline leak in which 200,000 litres spilled onto Ocean Man First Nation farmland.

The volume of both pipeline incidents obviously pales in comparison to the volume spilled in the Dec. 9 derailment near Guernsey. But those were arguably just as ecologically harmful, if not more so (it’s hard to know for certain, given that governments and industry players tend to be opaque when it comes to the impacts of spills).

Nonetheless, history does suggest that transporting oil via pipeline is generally safer than transporting it via rail car. But this doesn’t mean that we should pretend, for even a second, that pipelines are anything less than imperfect.

Not to mention, if Mr. Lukiwski and



those who share his mindset were truly concerned about public safety or the environment, would they not be pushing for all governments to accelerate their timelines for transitioning Canada’s grid to renewable energy?

When was the last time you heard of a deadly or environmentally catastrophic solar panel accident?

How about a fatal wind turbine disaster (aside from some dubious claims that industrial wind turbines cause headaches, nausea and dizziness in those who reside near them)?

What’s that I hear? The chirping of crickets?

Clearly, it’s not about safety or the environment. Not entirely, at least.

Regardless, for as long as oil and gas remain a key piece of our economy and energy sector (and, make no mistake about it,

they’re not going anywhere until Canada’s renewable infrastructure is developed), pipelines remain the best of the imperfect options for transport.

For this reason, and to free up our railways for the transport of agricultural and other key exports, pipelines like the Trans Mountain expansion should be a priority for Mr. Trudeau and his federal government.

But, in the same breath that we call for more pipelines to be built, we should also be demanding that the oil and gas industry step up to the plate and do the work to improve their safety.

The same ought to be said of railway companies, who have seen an uptick in railcar incidents (there were 1,170 accidents in 2018, up seven per cent from 1,091).

Improved safety needs to come first. More pipelines come second.

A walk around town: Super League

By Alison Sullivan

If my memory serves me correctly, it was the 2015 Scotties won by Team Homan that got me intrigued with the sport of curling. I had grown up enjoying playing a wide variety of sports from lacrosse to ringette, hockey to softball, but I had never much been one for watching those sports televised. Curling changed my perspective on televised sports. Intriguing for its strategy and exciting for the execution, I was ringed into the game you might say.

I started curling myself a few seasons later in some fun bonspiels and normally get out to a few a year now. I don’t watch a whole lot of

curling anymore, mainly because my living room lacks a TV. I haven’t had one in the house since I left my parent’s home around 8 years ago and have never cared much to obtain one. This makes it a bit difficult to enjoy all the best that televised curling has to offer.

Spiritwood has managed to offer a bit of a respite from my situation, however. Having previously worked at the recreation centre in town, my knowledge of the leagues in town has grown. A league that was previously intended to get teams ready for provincial play, before the boom of professional curlers who practiced year-round, still carries on in this town. Super league

runs from the first week of November until just before Christmas and has a few cash prizes after the playoff evenings. The participants of Super League say they carry on with the league because it is a great way to socialize over a little more competitive curling for all ages. The Spiritwood group this year ranged in age from 16 to 70.

As for me, I have been able to sit down for the past few weeks and enjoy watching strategy play out on the ice which is almost nicer than seeing it on TV. By the time this paper comes out, the league will have wrapped up for the season but I look forward to getting out to watch next year again.



A little sweeping action at the Spiritwood Super League.

Spiritwood Knights 'kick off' 2019-2020

By: Brad Iverson

The Spiritwood Knights have started the fraternal year off and running.

The first program to finish this fall was the Provincial Charity Appeal Draw. The club met their quota of tickets for the year. This is one of the Knight's most valuable fundraisers

with 70% of tickets sales being returned to the club. Miss Tesa Tipton won the big \$500 prize from tickets sold in Spiritwood.

This fall, the Knights decided to offer the Soccer Challenge to elementary students, for the first time. Committee Chair, Brother Michael

Manoj, and Noah Dauvin were category winners. Three students from Rivier: Matthew Tkachuk, Niveditha Manoj, and Quinn Williams won their divisions in Leoville and they will be invited to shoot in the regional competition in Spiritwood. Appreciation to Mrs. Olson and the Rivier staff for their help and support with this program.

In October, the Knights "kicked off" their annual Grey Cup Raffle. The tickets are a 'pull your score' type, which provides a lot of randomness to the event. Winners were: 1st quarter, Jerry Houle, halftime, Russel Kahl, 3rd quarter, Lauren Iverson, and final score to Brother Rex Cordero. Thanks to all who participated.

This year, the Knights have volunteered to work the kitchen for Senior Hockey games. The Knights decided to help SARCS and Minor Hockey families, as many members have all had to help in the arena kitchen over the years. Please stop by and visit



School kids who won prizes in the Soccer Challenge.



Tesa Tipton (left) receiving the Provincial Charity Appeal Draw prize from Brother Armand Smith (right).

son, at Rivier Elementary, to see if they were interested. Mrs. Olson agreed to participate and organized the challenge. Students from ages 9 to 12 were asked to kick penalty shots at a soccer net. Each area of the net was worth different points and the students with the most points were invited to a district contest in Leoville. Matthew Tkachuk, London Gamble, Ethan Gaboury, Olivia Haggerty, Niveditha

with members at the games.

Our Global Wheelchair Mission and "Coats For Kids Program" are ongoing services that are still available to the community. For inquiries or requests with regards to these services, contact Father Peter or a

Knights member.

The Knights are also offering catering and bartending services. Ask a member for details.

We are grateful for all the community support that has been given to Council 5353.



Brother Armand Smith awarding prizes to the winners of the Grey Cup Raffle.

YOUR TWO CENTS

Canada must continue fight against polio

The world has been fighting polio for almost 70 years, beating it back to tiny final reservoirs in Pakistan and Afghanistan. The goal is to at last eradicate this terrible, incurable disease as we did smallpox, and it's within our reach.

Canadians tend to be complacent about infectious diseases "over there", believing borders will protect them. Yet AIDS, SARS, and numerous other diseases

show this to be a false sense of security.

And despite decades-long efforts, new polio cases suddenly appeared this fall in the Philippines and just now in Malaysia, a huge distance away from known sources. As long as it exists the disease can suddenly erupt and spread anywhere, even to countries like Canada where so many increasingly refuse vaccinations.

Our grandparents will remember the dread of polio, perhaps even knew a victim. Unlike them, we have a choice: the agencies responsible are heading a massive push to destroy this virus once and for all, but need money. It's critical that Mr. Trudeau pledges Canada's share of funding to complete this critical task.

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Ode to the Poinsettia – Part II

By Patricia Hanbidge

Last week was the first in a series of three articles devoted to the poinsettia. A bit about the history and breeding of the poinsettia will shift this week to some of the folklore surrounding this plant and how to ensure your poinsettia survives well past the holiday season.

One of the most famous legends of the poinsettia originates in Mexico. A poor girl named Maria and her little brother Pablo were looking forward to the Christmas festival at their local church. The celebration always included a manger scene and it was customary to place gifts to the church around the manger. In spite of the children loving the days leading up to the festival, they had no money to give to the church. On their way to church on Christmas Eve, they stopped to pick weeds growing by the roadside so they would not arrive empty-handed. The other children taunted them but Maria and Pablo continued to place the weeds they had picked around the manger scene. Miraculously, according to the legend, the green top leaves began to turn into bright red petals and soon the manger was surrounded by the beautiful star-like flowers of the poinsettia we recognize and know today.

Now that we all have smiles on our faces, here is some other good news about the poinsettia. As we learned from the article published last week, the poinsettia is a member of the Euphorbia family. Many of the plants that are part of this family have a milky sap which is often quite toxic. However, in spite of having a milky sap, the poinsettia is not poisonous at all. Stud-



ies have shown that a small child would have to consume over 500 leaves before showing any harmful affect by consuming this plant. Read on to learn how to keep your poinsettia beautiful!

It seems that when we purchase plants, they look stunning but then we take them home and it is just a downhill slide! Well the secret to success is beginning with a healthy plant to start. Ensure it has large well-coloured bracts and that the small true flowers in the middle of the coloured bracts are still present. If the small yellow flowers are missing, the plant is not fresh. It should be properly wrapped and taken directly home to avoid excess chilling which can cause sudden leaf drop. If the temperature is more than a few degrees below 0° C, your plant will need to be wrapped in paper and then in plastic. If you take a poinsettia outside with just that thin film of plastic, you will end up with a plant that has no leaves!

Keep the plant at normal room temperature, away from drafts in bright filtered light. Direct sunlight from an east or west window is not too bright, but a sheer curtain should filter the light from a direct southern exposure.

Water thoroughly when the potting soil has dried slightly. Most poinsettias are sold with a plastic sleeve to hide the pot and protect furniture from dripping water. Within a half-hour after watering the sleeve should be removed

and emptied so that the plant is not left standing in water. There is little need for fertiliser during the Christmas season since most growers will have included a slow-release fertiliser in the growing medium. Provided with bright light and even moisture, most poinsettia plants should remain attractive for months.

Giving a poinsettia is truly a gift that grows and if your recipient is willing to take on the challenge of getting their poinsettia to rebloom then be sure you do not miss next week's article! All the best to you and yours throughout the holiday season.

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Home isn't a place, it's a feeling

By Norma Galambos

With the festival season upon us, thoughts of Christmas' past come flooding back to me. Taking a moment to remember those Christmas celebrations on the farm in Saskatchewan gives me a warm, peaceful feeling.

The holiday season at our house began with a trip to the woods to chop down a tree. This was in the late sixties and early seventies when everyone had a real tree. Some years Dad would take my brother and I along on the hunt. I recall drudging through the bush in waist deep snow in the pursuit of the perfect tree. We only got the tree a few days before Christmas, but hounded Dad about it for weeks in advance.

When we arrived back home with our find, Dad

gently carried the snowy tree into the kitchen, then through the dining room and into the sitting room leaving a trail of wet needles. The tree would assume its rightful spot in the corner sitting in a red and green tree stand with screws that held the trunk in place. The stand had a dip in it that held water to keep the tree from drying out too quickly.

The smell of a natural tree in your house at Christmas time is something you never forget. Mom would decorate it with lights of assorted colors, garland and delicate frosted and handmade ornaments. A layer of long silver tinsel was carefully placed strand by strand on each branch and an angel graced the top of the tree.

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Farm safety nets serve important role

There is nothing quite as discouraging in agriculture as a headline suggesting farm incomes have risen, but not because of prices.

That was the situation recently at www.producer.com, where a headline read: "U.S. farm income expected to rise in 2019, but only because of government aid."

Most farmers have generally maintained they would be happiest if governments would just get out of the way so that supply and demand could determine farm commodity prices, allowing farmers to then respond to the sig-

nals of the marketplace.

Of course governments are never completely out of the picture. We have seen markets dominated through the years by subsidies from the United States and the European Union.

We have seen beef markets blocked by questionable government decisions surrounding the safety of meat, following the first confirmed case of Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE).

We have seen trade disrupted when China used market access as a hammer in a purely political dispute over the Decem-



CALVIN DANIELS

ber 2018 arrest in Vancouver of Huawei CFO Meng Wanzhou on behalf of the United States.

None of the above has anything to do with supply or demand economics.

Of course agriculture, like a lot of industries,

would like less government intervention in trade up until the point markets short incomes too much, and then government support is often quickly sought.

The headline noted above has the United States Department of Agriculture increasing its net farm income forecast for 2019 by more than 10 per cent, to \$92.5 billion, driven largely by the Trump administration's trade aid payments to farmers and federal insurance indemnities from extreme weather events, states the article.

It has become largely

the norm that governments backfill shortfalls of farm income in various ways.

In Canada, crop insurance is a first line of defence against issues with production that can cause income loss. While farmers pay for the insurance, the cost is shared by the coffers of the federal and provincial governments as well.

Crop insurance is of course only one of a number of income stabilizing programs government has cost-shared with farmers through the years.

It might seem such programs run counter to

the idea of government getting out of the way of strictly market-driven farm commodity pricing, but it shows that there is an appreciation still that farming is a unique business in as much as it ultimately does feed the people.

It would be folly to let the sector flounder too greatly because of weather conditions or the meddling of other governments. It is a sector that might work best left to market signals and demand but is all too important not to have some safety nets in place for those times incomes need bolstered.

Home isn't a place, it's a feeling

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Mom had her Christmas Day dinner at one o'clock sharp every year. She never deviated from her plan. The in-laws had to plan their schedule around it. Rich creamy eggnog was served with a splash of rum. She roasted a turkey and stuffed it with the most amazing dressing that she made by grinding up a pork roast and adding bread, onions, butter and spices.

The image of the silver metal meat grinder clamped to the seat of a wooden chair in Mom's kitchen is stuck in my mind. We would take turns turning the crank. She also served ham, cranberries, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade buns, salads, and vegetables. Christmas pudding covered in hot maple sauce and topped with a generous serving of cream finished the meal off in fine style.

Each year there was a different group of my siblings, their spouses and children that made it out to the farm for Christmas. A few years all five of us and our families were there, those were special times. For over fifty years, Dad's sister, Martha and her husband Otto, came to

the farm to spend the day with us.

Some of the family would disperse in the afternoon to feast again with their in-laws and some stayed at the farm for supper.

In the afternoon we snacked on hard candy, oranges and the sound of nut crackers could be heard after people rummaged through the wooden nut bowl for the best nut to crack.

My sister-in-law brought many amazing homemade goodies to the farm from their home in Alberta including fudge, baking of all kinds, punch and chocolates. My brother-in-law made the best poppycock I have ever tasted.

Before the new year arrived, the tree was once again drug through the house, this time being much more generous with the shedding of its' needles. It was unceremoniously thrown in a snowbank for later disposal. A few strands of tinsel, now considered retro, still clinging to its dry branches. The tree was carried into the house like a king in a sedan chair but was thrown out like a pauper.

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OBITUARY

Kay Smith



Kay Smith
Nov. 11, 1936 – Nov. 20, 2019

83 beautiful years. Kay was born Nov. 11, 1936 in Stewart Valley, Saskatchewan. She passed away peacefully in her sleep on Nov. 20, 2019 after a courageous battle with stage 4 colon cancer.

Kay was predeceased by her husband Don Smith, her son Herbert Smith (in infancy), her parents Herbert and Hilda Manthey and her brother Herman Manthey. She is forever missed by her children Pauline (Ron) Hyde of Saskatoon, SK, Brent Smith of North Battleford, SK, Karen (Dale) Schmidt of Saskatoon, SK.

Her Grandchildren Vicky Hyde (Cory Roy) of Saskatoon, SK, Trevor Hyde of Saskatoon, SK, Krystina Schmidt of Saskatoon, SK. She also leaves a number of other family members and friends to cherish her beautiful life. Kay's Moto was live one day at a time.

Kay and Don were married on Sept. 1, 1962 in Swift Current. They moved to Chitek Lake in 1965. She did the books for the Chitek Lake General store for a 50 year span. Kay was known around Chitek for her immense community involvement and her kind soul. Most days she was either at the Seniors centre working on her quilting, in her garden, fishing, or picking berries. Yoga was passionate to her, and even while she was sick she still started her day with yoga in her bed. Some of her other joys were watching Wheel of Fortune & Jeopardy, doing sudoku and puzzles, watching curling and the 6:00 news, keeping track of the deer outside her kitchen window, scratch tickets (which she referred to as scratchers), and mak-

ing all kinds of goodies, donuts, and homemade bread and buns. She kept herself busy visiting seniors at Evergreen, running errands in Spiritwood and Leoville. One of her errands was picking up the Spiritwood Herald in Leoville for the citizens of Chitek. Kay was recognized on numerous occasions for her volunteer efforts. In 1992 & 1993 she was a Volunteer Recognition Award recipient with her work as part of the Chitek Lake Recreation Club. She contributed to raise funding for expansion of the Chitek hall and the Seniors Activity Centre. She was a key person in the beach development by the Chitek campgrounds, including playground equipment, new bathrooms, fish filleting shed, and landscaping. Kay was also awarded a Certificate of Appreciation from the PA Parkland Health region in 2017 for 5 years of volunteer services. The one article truly states, "when she steps down from her present position, it will take up to three people to replace her". There is no

one like Kay and, no one will ever be able to fill the space she had in our lives. Kay had an overwhelming heart, that had the capacity to love every person she came across. It seemed as though as soon as she met you, she wanted to express compassion for you or to you. Kay was a woman who was always positive and in the best of spirits. She never seemed to be having a bad day or took to complaining. Even with the arthritis in her hands, she never let it discourage her or tell others of the discomfort she may have felt from it. Her strong will, pushed her to not let it get in the way of things she enjoyed doing like, quilting, puzzling, ice fishing, making fabric hangers. We are grateful for the traits Kay has passed on to her children and grandchildren, the moments of compassion

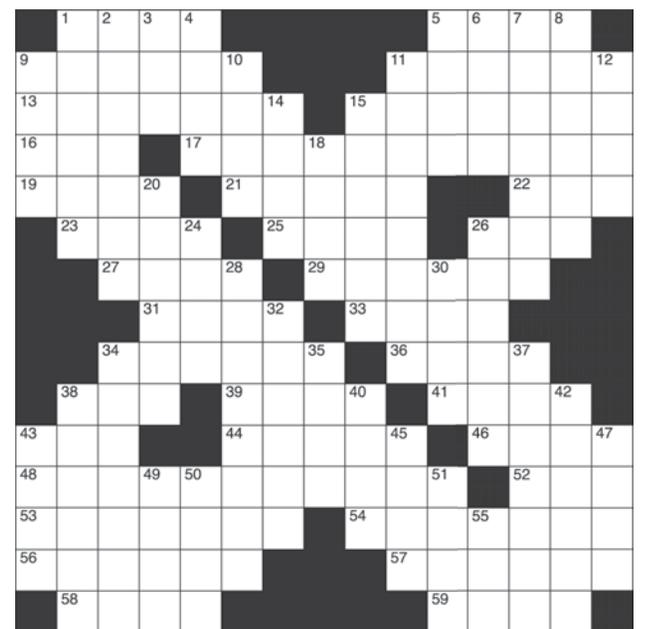
we all as a group can recall with her, and the fact that our lives will continue to be inspired by her character. It is all these things about her that we ask you to remember as we celebrate the life of Kay. We all know that she is looking down on us right now with a big smile, because as much as she meant to us, we know that we meant even more to her. So, whether you are a friend or a family member, Kay loved you all. She would not want us to mourn too long, but to remember the laughs and memories you have shared. So today have a cup of red rose tea and share your memories with Kay with one another. Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 1:00 pm from the Chitek Lake Community Hall, Chitek Lake, SK with Delores Beaulac officiating. Kay's granddaughter's

Vicky Hyde and Krystina Schmidt shared memories of their grandma, Vicky Hyde, Cory Roy, Trevor Hyde and Krystina Schmidt served as Urn Bearers. The Sunshine Group were considered Honorary Pallbearers. Interment took place in the Peaceful Pines Cemetery, Chitek Lake, SK. Immediately following the services, all were invited to a time for lunch and fellowship in the Chitek Lake Community Hall. Memorial Donations may be made to STARS Air Ambulance in memory of Kay Schmidt as tokens of remembrance. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Mark Muir, Funeral Director, Spiritwood (306-883-3500).

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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. No longer on the market
- 5. W. African language
- 9. A way to open
- 11. A type of pigeon
- 13. Japanese warrior
- 15. Pelvic areas
- 16. No seats available
- 17. Not working
- 19. In a way, soaks
- 21. Growing outward
- 22. Ritzy local ___ Air
- 23. Telegraphic signals
- 25. Metric units
- 26. Large wine cask
- 27. Fiber from the husk of a coconut
- 29. Gets up
- 31. French river
- 33. Witnesses
- 34. They make great neighbors
- 36. The sun does it
- 38. Used to store ashes
- 39. First Chinese dynasty
- 41. Network of nerves
- 43. Word element meaning ear
- 44. Metric unit of length (Brit.)



- 46. Tributary of the Danube
- 48. Off-limits
- 52. Appeal earnestly
- 53. It's good to have them
- 54. Commercial flying company
- 56. Acted out in protest
- 57. Took to the sea
- 58. Cuckoos
- 59. Drove fast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Trapped
- 2. About osmosis
- 3. Romanian monetary unit
- 4. Form of Persian
- 5. Cold wind
- 6. Leave out
- 7. Small vehicle
- 8. A little off
- 9. Soviet Union
- 10. A narrow path or road
- 11. Contrary beliefs
- 12. One who speaks Gaelic
- 14. Private school in New York
- 15. Jackson and Townshend are two
- 18. Soldier in an airborne unit
- 20. Taken illegally
- 24. Capital of Valais
- 26. Male reproductive organs
- 28. State capital
- 30. One with supernatural insight
- 32. Starts all over again
- 34. Jai alai arena
- 35. Star Wars antagonist
- 37. Freestanding structure
- 38. The ideal place
- 40. The extended location of something
- 42. Made level
- 43. Distinctive smell
- 45. Greek goddess of discord
- 47. Got older
- 49. Type of monkey
- 50. Travels to
- 51. Geological times
- 55. Edge

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Random sports headlines from the last half of the decade that's winding to an end:

Feb. 16/15 — The 'B' in Bevell also stands for bonehead (Seahawks offensive co-ordinator called for a pass play in the dying seconds of Super Bowl 49 that was intercepted and gave New England the crown. Critics lamented: "Should have given the ball to Marshawn Lynch.")

Aug. 24/15 — 'Let's make a deal' propels Blue Jays (Toronto GM Alex Anthopoulos acquired shortstop Troy Tulowitzki and pitcher David Price to cement the Jays' playoff chances.)

March 7/16 — Votto among baseball's top 10 (In one man's opinion, the Toronto native who plays first base for Cincinnati Reds is the sixth-best major leaguer.)

Oct. 25/16 — Matthews has a debut to remember (No. 1 draft pick Auston Matthews, already hyped to the sky by the Toronto media, put that hysteria into overdrive by scoring four goals in his NHL debut. Alas, the Leafs lost 5-4 to Ottawa and Matthews has evolved into a solid, but hardly a superstar, forward.

April 24/17 — Hitting marvel Ichiro still amazing at 43. (The Japanese star was truly baseball's hit king, with more than 4,300, including 3,000-plus during a 16-year MLB career that was still going. Those other hits came in pro ball in Japan, where he played until age 27.)

Dec. 4/17 — Gushue, Jones best bets for curling trials' wins. (Canada was choosing its Olympic curling reps during a competition in Ottawa, eventually won by Kevin Koe and Rachel Homan.)

March 12/18 — It's showtime at a Golden Knights home game. (The NHL's newest team doesn't just put on a hockey game for its fans; it's Vegas, baby, so the peripheral entertainment is widespread, and magnificent.)

July 23/18 — More NBA power in the West after James joins Lakers. (LeBron James's trip around the NBA takes him to Los Angeles, where he joins the Lakers in a power-packed Western Conference also featuring three-time champion Golden State Warriors and perennial contender Houston Rockets.)

March 4/19 — Super



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sniper Ovechkin not slowing down. (Future Hall of Famer Alex Ovechkin seems to be getting better with age. At 34, he's still among the hottest goal scorers in the NHL.)

July 1/19 — Henderson at peak of Canada's pro golf mountain. (Ontario professional Brooke Henderson, only 21, captured her ninth professional tournament title, most by a Canadian, breaking a tie with Mike Weir, Sandra Post and George Knudson — the three others on Canada's Mount Rushmore of golf.

• Comedy writer Jim Barach: "Bernie Sanders blasted Major League Baseball for 'greed' over a plan to cut minor league teams. Although he said the same thing to the kid who tried to

sell him a \$5 hotdog at one of those games."

• Barach again: "NHL player Keith Yandle lost nine teeth after being hit in the mouth by a puck. What do you call an NHL player who still has nine teeth? 'Rookie.'"

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Boy king Tutankhamun, 19, died more than 3,000 years ago from infection that set in after he broke his leg in a chariot crash, claimed Dr. Zahi Hawass, a leading Egyptian archaeologist. Adding further insult, his chariot's suspension failed the post-race chassis inspection."

• Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va.), on scuttlebutt that Urban Meyer will be Jerry Jones's next coach: "Can we look forward to the Urban Cowboy? The headline is too good to go to waste."

• Norman Chad of the Washington Post: "The NFL

still retains a pervasive hold on much of the sporting public. Heck, the NFL could've sold DirecTV Sunday ticket packages to passengers on the Titanic."

• NOT SportsCentre, on Twitter: "REPORT: The NBA has instructed its officials to only call LeBron for travelling if he literally takes the ball on vacation to another country."

• Norman Chad again: "(Lions) Jeff Driskel is under centre again, the result of an unusual Ross Dress for Less 'Be the Lions QB for a Month' contest."

• Comedy writer Alex Kasberg: "Johnny 'Football' Manziel's wife, Bre Tiesi, is seeking a divorce. Bre is seeking her share of the money Johnny made while they were married. Including his Starbucks tips."

• Headline in the onion.com: "Antonio Brown Proves He's Changed Man By Breaking Into Robert

Kraft's House In Middle Of Night To Apologize"

• Another one from Dwight Perry: "A Las Vegas hospital billed the parents \$2,659 to pull a tiny doll's shoe from their child's nostril. Imagine what it would cost to extract Antonio Brown's foot from his mouth."

• Tim Hunter of KRKO Radio (Everett, Wash.), on a study's claims that drinking two glasses of wine or beer a day is more likely than exercise to help you live past 90: "I like studies."

• Rams coach Sean McVay, to reporters, on why running back Todd Gurley has been getting more touches in recent games: "Me not being an idiot."

• @Bruanalytics, when the San Jose Mercury News asked its readers to name the Pac-12's most heated football rivalry: "Fans-Refs."

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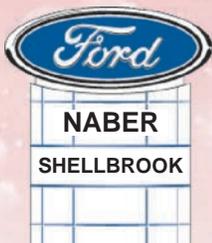
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