

## Spiritwood Curling Club hosts CurlSASK Men's Masters North Qualifiers

"This is the biggest caliber event we have had so far at the recreation centre," said Bevra Fee of the CurlSASK Men's Masters North Qualifier that took place this past weekend at the Spiritwood Recreation Centre. The event drew 11 teams with players from all over Northern Saskatchewan, including Carrot River, North Battleford, Humboldt, Kerrobert, LaLoche, Prince Albert, Loon Lake, and Spiritwood.

The viewing areas were packed with spectators who came out to cheer on the local teams and were excited to see a couple of Saskatchewan curling legends out on the ice. Brad Heidt of Kerrobert has attended the Brier twice, finishing second place once, has won six world curling tours, a provincial mixed championship, and a provincial seniors title (50+) in his career. Eugene Hritzuk of Saskatoon has attended two Briers making it to the round robin both times and finishing second once. He has represented Saskatchewan at the Canadian Senior Curling Championships six times, winning once, represented Canada at the World Senior Curling Championships once where he won, and he has represented Saskatchewan six times at the Canadian Masters Curling Championships (60+), winning once. Heidt and Hritzuk took the top two qualifying spots for the Joint Provincial Championship to be held in Estevan March 12 through 15.

There were seven qualifying spots available throughout the weekend. The remaining five spots went to Archer, Wilson, Scheible, Desjardais, and Baranieski. Local Team Thompson, which had Lloyd Fisher playing lead, Wayne Pauls playing second, Dennis Simonar playing third, and Terry Thompson skipping, played five games throughout the weekend. They won their first

draw against Desjardais before getting matched against Hritzuk where they lost and were sent over to the B pool. Their third draw was on Saturday against Gartner where they came out ahead and moved on to play a fourth draw against Wilson on Saturday night. They came up short in the Saturday night game and went on to the C pool on Sunday morning for their final draw where they ended up playing Desjardais again. A poor first end where they gave up four points to Desjardais would leave them trying to come back most of the game, but it was unfortunately not enough. Nonetheless, locals enjoyed coming out to the rink to watch the local team in action.

Lloyd Fisher described the event as a "great thing for the community" referring to the local business that would have been generated as a result of necessary accommodations. Multiple people recounted positive comments from the visiting rinks about the quality of the ice, which was made by Jason Reddekopp and Craig Thompson, and how fortunate Spiritwood was to have such a nice facility and a great curling program. Spiritwood Lion Sonja Nielsen wondered during the Saturday night draws if the visiting rinks had asked about the Cordwood rings in the middle of the sheets (the Lions Cordwood Bonspiel teaches young kids how to curl on a half sheet with wooden rocks) to which Colleen Reddekopp replied that she had "explained it to at least a dozen people. They were all very excited about it."

Apart from the volunteer ice makers, there were many other community members who worked hard to make sure that the event ran smoothly. Colleen Reddekopp served as the CurlSASK liaison while Shannon Caffet was the head of the



**Team Thompson were cheered on my many members of the community, including some of their biggest fans, all weekend long.**

Host Committee, working alongside Dianne Wingerter, Debbie Stienhilber, Shannon Beaulac, Glennalda Samm (facilities manager), and many other kitchen and bar volunteers to make sure the facility was in top shape. Jeanne Dauvin and Wayland Purdy from Innovation Credit

Union looked after the daily 50/50 draws and did the live score updating on the website. Earl Henderson was the ice official for the weekend. Major sponsors of the event were CurlSASK SGI, and Sasktel while local businesses, Thompson Agencies SGI, Spiritwood Good Health

Pharmacy, and Prairie Centre Credit Union pitched in as well.

50/50s were won by Heather Von Holwede, Debbie Stienhilber, and Tim Kuffert, while visiting curler Iggy Baranieski won the metal curling print raffle.

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There were exciting draws going on all weekend at the Spiritwood Curling Rink.



Iggie Baranieski was the winner of the metal curling print raffle.



Teams from all over Northern Saskatchewan came out for the Men's Masters Qualifiers held in Spiritwood.

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The Spiritwood Public Library hosts a monthly fundraiser called "Dessert of the Month". The first dessert of the year was made by Olha Voloshchuk and was won by Carol Lindsay.



Carol Lindsay (left) receiving a beautiful cake made by Olha Voloshchuk (right) for the Library's Dessert of the Month.

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# A Journey Through My Eyes

**By Heather Beauchesne**

Monica Kitching, born and raised in Saskatoon, Sask., currently resides in Spiritwood, Sask. Her years prior to retiring hosted a plethora of personal, geographical and social experiences, particularly those of an entrepreneur, northern Saskatchewan fishing camps, and equine culture and connection. It is the observation of these social and



Artist Monica Kitching

geographical landscapes surrounding her that she pulls to her canvas.

A self-taught artist, Kitching started sketching in pencil in 2003, sparking her visual journey, which was soon to include a variety of mediums. Her work enables her to revision the world around her as she sees it. Over the years and to date, Kitching has had the opportunity to commission and sell her art work.

A Journey Through My Eyes is a compilation of Kitching's earliest pencil sketches, later years' charcoal portraits, and more recent landscapes and animals composed in oils, acrylic, and watercolor. To date, Kitching continues her journey as she explores self-expression through the freedom of her brush on canvas.

Main Street Gallery, 216 Main St. Spiritwood, Sask., is proud to host Monica Kitching's, A Journey Through My Eyes. Show opening reception will take place Friday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m., artist talk at 7:30 p.m., doors will remain open un-



til 9 p.m.. A Journey Through My Eyes will run until May 29.

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## Will Trudeau's plastic ban pass the good policy test?

When it comes to government, particularly the current federal government of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, the wisest of Canadians have learned not to expect too much.

However, generally speaking, there are two things that all of us would like to see from any government of any level: good policies and good intentions.

The policy part comes first, of course, because we're all familiar with an old saying about good intentions, and we know that very few politicians get into politics to do bad things that will get them kicked out of office. But good intentions do still matter from a government, even if they aren't the most important thing.

The trouble, these days, is that we tend to see a whole lot of good intentions from our elected leaders. And yet, for all these good intentions, there's a startling dearth of good policy decisions being made.

Case in point, Mr. Trudeau's pledge to ban harmful single-use plastics by as early as 2021.

Following the lead of European Union, which is forcing all member states to outlaw single-use plastic cutlery, straws, stir-sticks and cotton swabs by 2021, Mr. Trudeau announced his government's intention to enact a similar policy last summer.

There are undoubtedly some who will snigger at the idea that we can save the environment by trading in our plastic grocery bags for reusable ones, or by ditching plastic straws and forks.



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Ending our dependence on disposable plastics may seem, on the surface, like a small thing in the grand scheme of environmental protection. But even a small gesture, if made by enough people, can add up to a big difference.

Consider, for instance, the damning statistic that less than 10 per cent of plastic used in Canada gets recycled, and that Canadians are on pace to throw away an estimated \$11 billion worth of plastic materials each year by 2030.

Now, imagine how our world will look if we continue to tacitly accept the culture of the disposable.

None of us wants to live on a landfill. But that is the world that each of us is leaving behind for future generations, and this reality is made all the more upsetting by the fact that it could easily be avoided with a few lifestyle changes that are neither inconvenient nor especially costly.

In short, no one can say that the Trudeau government's proposed single-use plastics ban isn't filled with good intentions.

But is it actually good policy?

Well, we're now eight months on from the announcement, and just over ten months away from 2021, and Mr. Trudeau's government has yet to unveil any details about which single-use plastics will fall under the purview of the ban, so that makes it hard to say.

But there are some who will lambast the policy as useless feel-good drivel, despite not knowing any of its finer details, just because Canada isn't the worst offender when



it comes to plastic pollution. And why should we take action, when others are not?

If the argument sounds familiar, it's because it's the exact same argument used to decry any action taken to combat climate change. It's tired, and old, and beneath Canadians, who are fortunate enough to be in a position to be global leaders for good, if they so choose.

That said, a study of Mr. Trudeau's proposed plastic ban, undertaken by political management students from Carleton University, does poke some holes in the feasibility of the policy. And if a policy isn't feasible, then it can't exactly be called good.

The students spent three weeks examining the policy from every angle, and concluded that it will be a tall order to implement it by 2021, and that a single blanket policy won't be adequate to deal with the complexities of transitioning away from single-use plastics.

For starters, the ban will have a disproportionate impact on small, isolated communities and Indigenous communities, where access to a wide range of affordable goods is limited, as well as on the homeless.

On the market and economic side, 2021 is a tight turnaround for companies to revamp their entire production lines and processes, especially when there won't necessarily be adequate consumer demand.

Most importantly, Mr. Trudeau's government needs to figure out what will be done to mitigate any job losses caused by the ban.

Then, of course, there are regulatory questions, like how will the government stop consumers from turning to Amazon to purchase cheap plastic garbage?

They're tough questions to answer by 2021. If Mr. Trudeau is serious about creating good policy, his government needs to get to work.

## Gormley: Coop Refinery labour challenges the rule of law

Even though the premier was commenting on illegal pipeline protests this week that blocked Canadian railways, ports and even a Legislature, the parallel to the Regina Co-op Refinery ("CCRL") labour dispute is undeniable.

Over 700 refinery employees, members of Unifor, gave notice in early December that they were going on strike. As the law permits, the company locked them out.

Unlike public sector strikes involving taxpayers' money and often essential services, most of us don't have a dog in the hunt when a private dispute breaks out between an oil refinery and its staff. Pay, benefits, pensions, working conditions and the number of union jobs in play are not our concern.

Labour law is clear on the rights of picketers. They can commun-

icate their position to the public -- which might involve briefly detaining vehicles and pedestrians -- but they cannot obstruct access to people and property or prevent an employer from protecting or operating its business.

Just days after the dispute began, Queens Bench Justice McMurtry found that the union's picketing "was unlawful as the apparent purpose of some of the picketing was not to disseminate information to the public, or to solicit support of the public, but to intimidate replacement workers and others from entering CCRL facilities."

She issued an order that the union could not block access to the refinery but could briefly delay trucks trying to enter and leave. The Justice also noted -- quite presciently (and incorrectly as it turned out) -- "that, in any event,

the police are responsible for enforcing breaches of the criminal law."

A few weeks later, Queens Bench Justice Keene found seven deliberate violations by the union of the court order -- during five days in December -- and fined Unifor \$100,000 for contempt of court.

All of this happened before Unifor set up barricades around some Co-op gasbars, cardlocks, even a home center and other properties. Then, between January 20th and February 7th, the union completely shut down access to the refinery by erecting barricades of fencing, vehicles, trailers and trash, along with hundreds of Unifor activists shipped in from around the country.

Beyond some arrests the night of the refinery barricading, the Regina Police Service publicly re-

fused to remove the barricades, enforce either the criminal laws of mischief or Justice McMurtry's court order, which the police chief repeatedly called "a civil matter".

From a huge economic hit on innocent fuel truck drivers, to gas shortages and the world's worst public relations campaign, Unifor's 315,000 Canadian members have been no match for Western Canada's 2 million co-op members. The only thing that would have upped the ante on this clown circus would have been for Unifor to go after Gainer the Gopher.

For a third time, the Court intervened when Queens Bench Justice Robertson reviewed 24 affidavits detailing over 100 separate allegations of deliberate contempt of the court's earlier order and found that the original \$100,000 fine "had no apparent effect in restoring respect for the court's

authority". He levied a new contempt of court fine of \$250,000 and amended the original court order to permit the refinery to remove any obstructions, with the police "authorized to assist".

Federated Coop and Unifor will eventually negotiate an agreement; they'll now be assisted by the redoubtable Vince Ready as a special mediator. But the harm to this union's image will not be remedied so fast; nor will the reputational hit to the Regina police service be so easily cured, after the RPS refused, as the old British adage goes, to be a "servant of the law".

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## Report from the Legislature

Saskatchewan has seen steady job growth for 18 consecutive months – growth that shows our economy is resilient and providing opportunities in a province that continues to enjoy the longest and strongest sustained population growth since the 1920s.

Last year, my colleagues and I canvassed our constituents for ideas on how we can keep Saskatchewan moving in the right direction. In November, we officially unveiled Saskatchewan's Growth Plan for The Next Decade of Growth 2020-2030.

We've got work to do to ensure we have a strong economy to support strong communities and strong families, and that's the essence of our



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new plan which aims to create 100,000 jobs and grow our population to 1.4 million people.

The past decade provides plenty of examples of how a growing Saskatchewan is a strong Saskatchewan. Our population has grown by more than 170,000 people because our economy has grown with

nearly new 80,000 jobs and over \$180 billion in capital investment.

In spite of economic headwinds, there is momentum in our major and emerging industries. Production and exports continue to climb, increasing by more than 60 per cent, with Saskatchewan product shipping to more than 150 countries around the world. This growth has given us a greater ability to invest in our overall quality of life.

Our government has made the largest investment in infrastructure in the province's history – more than \$30 billion.

There is a new hospital in Moose Jaw, and new hospitals being planned for Weyburn and Prince Albert. We recently opened the new Saskatchewan Hospital



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in North Battleford and the new Jim Pattison Children's Hospital in Saskatoon.

There are 42 new schools in communities across the province with new elementary schools on the way in Regina, Saskatoon and Moose Jaw.

More than 14,000 kilometres of road have

been built or upgraded while major projects, like the Regina Bypass, have greatly improved public safety.

Hundreds of millions of dollars have been invested in water and waste water projects – treatment plants, lagoon expansions, reservoir expansions and lift stations. We have undertaken – collectively – the most significant upgrade of water and waste water infrastructure in the province's history, with more work to do.

We understand that significant capital investment is crucial to building strong communities. That is why in next month's budget, we will see one of the largest investments in provincial infrastructure in the history of our province. At the same

time, we will also see Saskatchewan's largest investment in municipal infrastructure.

In the upcoming fiscal year, Saskatchewan municipalities will receive record revenue sharing. Overall funding under the municipal revenue sharing program will increase to a record of \$278 million – nearly an 11 per cent increase in 2020-21 from the current fiscal year, and almost a 119 per cent increase from the 2007-08 fiscal year.

Municipal revenue sharing has provided municipalities a stable and predictable source of provincial revenue and our government is proud to continue supporting key local priorities that help lay the foundation for a growing Saskatchewan.

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### There's more than one path forward

Dear Editor,

In the first week of February, the Saskatchewan Government announced they would create a committee to "review and assess the viability of pipeline projects in Saskatchewan, and possible government involvement in investing, stimulating, or generally advancing these projects."

In justifying this committee, Minister of Trade and Export, Jeremy Harrison said, "One of the things we've heard over and over again from proponents is the challenge of securing financing in the open market because of political risk." Harrison

cited federal legislation and challenges from left-wing activist groups as examples.

If financial institutions consider a pipeline too high a risk to invest in... then perhaps our tax dollars shouldn't be gambled on such an investment either.

Expansion of the Trans Mountain pipeline will double the capacity to move oil. The United States recently became a net exporter of oil and maybe a pipeline south is just pipe dream. Industry and governments worldwide are looking at alternate energy sources.

The prevailing attitude in the Sask Party is that the oil industry is the only path forward. It is clear that other viewpoints are considered "challenges" instead of opportunities.

Perhaps if the government brought those left-wing activist groups into the discussion, and perhaps if they offered similar investment and stimulation to advance some alternate energy initiatives, then we wouldn't need to worry about litigation or disruptive protests similar to protests sparked by the Wet'suwet'en situation.

Maybe at the end of the day, it's

just all about giving back to those who have filled the coffers of the Sask Party.

Down the road, the Sask Party will say the government should not own assets in the industry and sell off the public's investment for pennies on the dollar.

Jeremy Harrison, already seems to be laying the groundwork for this sale when he says, "It's not ideal that you would have to have governments directly involved in this fashion in energy infrastructure projects...."

Evelyn Johnson,  
Spiritwood, Sask.

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# Sustainability and sharing emphasized in Aboriginal storytelling

Hartley Clark hosted an Aboriginal Storytelling by Chad Solomon for students from Hartley Clark and Rivier Elementary Schools on Feb. 11. Mr. Solomon brought along some Rabbit and Bear Paws puppets for children and adults to use to help tell the story about a treaty made as a promise to share the earth so that everyone would benefit from all animals. Solomon shared some words and information from Anishinaabe throughout the event. There was lots of laughter and enthusiastic participation from the children in attendance.

The event, which was sponsored by Saskatchewan Aboriginal Storytelling, the Wapiti Regional Library, and the Spiritwood Public Library, was a gentle and humorous approach to teach children about sharing and sustainability.



**Chad Solomon did a wonderful job teaching students about sustainability and sharing.**



**Students from Rivier and Hartley Clark were encouraged to participate in the Aboriginal Storytelling through use of puppets.**



**Teachers were encouraged to participate with puppets as well.**

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## WTO disruption has serious consequences for trade

There often seems to be a fly in the ointment when it comes to world trade in agriculture, and that fly often seems to originate in the United States.

It is safe to say that the United States are eager traders in farm products as long as they perceive they are getting the best of the deal.

While it is human nature to some degree to want to come out of a deal feeling like we have

'won' the day – a full tank of gas on a used car purchase for example – world trade has to be a bit more of a place of give and take in order to keep goods flowing both ways.

Canadian producers have always thought of themselves as growing the best hard spring wheat in the world. You have the best product then sales should be easy. But not everyone wants to the highest quality, or can afford it. Trade is not



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that black and white, so trade is about negotiation that includes give and take.

Trade rules over the years have been made a bit clearer for all involved by countries signing onto the World Trade Organization, which has included an appeal process to help resolve disputes which are going to pop up from time to time.

Having a process of resolution is critical to keeping trade on as even a keel as possible.

However, the increasingly protectionist USA, and its tendency to use its

position to bully others to get what it wants, have created a level of trade disaccord of late.

The WTO's appellate body ceased functioning on Dec. 10 because the United States blocked the appointment of appellate judges. The U.S. is using its veto on appointments to protest what it perceives as an anti-U.S. bias in the WTO's dispute settlement system, or in other words they aren't getting what they want at the table so they are willing to upset the table.

Without a functioning appellate body countries are no longer able to appeal WTO rulings, casting doubt on the entire dispute settlement process.

Some countries have

come up with a 'word around' but that is a band-aid to a rather serious problem.

There is enough issues facing trade at present, political uncertainty from Britain to Washington and of course the aura that is coronavirus, that the system does not need meddling from a disgruntled trade partner.

Of course therein lies the heart of things. Trade deals are partnership and both partners need to find a way to make a dollar in order to be around to make future deals. When arguments arise resolution is needed. It's too bad in this instance the USA is trying to bully the system and in the process disrupt trade.

## Sask. Wheat calls for quick end to rail blockades

The Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission (Sask Wheat) is calling on the federal and provincial governments to take quick action that will see the rail blockades removed so western Canadian grain shipments can move to port.

"Farmers are already feeling the impacts of the rail blockades across the country," said Sask Wheat Chair Brett Halstead. "This is getting worse every day, with farmers experiencing delivery delays and missing marketing opportunities with their lo-

cal elevators, which is putting us in a tough financial situation. If the blockade lasts much longer, it could create a huge crisis for grain farmers."

The blockades have exacerbated an already difficult crop year for grain farmers, who faced poor harvest conditions in 2019 and a railway stoppage in November. Overall, exports of all wheat for the current crop year were down almost six percent at the beginning of February relative to at the same time last year, and the rail blockades will likely impact ex-

ports further.

"Ships are lining up at Prince Rupert and Vancouver, and even if this situation is solved quickly, it will mean delays that will last for several weeks," said Halstead. "This will have a major impact on Canada's reputation as a reliable provider of grain to our export customers, pushing our major customers to look elsewhere. The longer these blockades are in place, the more likely this will impact export movement and prices, potentially into the next growing season."

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# Growing coneflowers in the prairie garden

**By Sara Williams**

Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) is a perennial that has experienced an explosion of new cultivars over the last decade, many of which were largely untested on the Prairies at the time of their release. Native to the North American Midwest, *Echineacea* is a nectar source for both butterflies and bees. The common name arises from the raised central cone of the flowers while the botanical name is from the Greek word *echinos*, meaning hedgehog, alluding to both the bristly seed head and the prickly scales at the base of the flower. *Purpurea*, of course, describes the purple flowers of the species.

Coneflowers form sturdy erect clumps 75-120 cm (30-48 in.) in height. The long, dark green leaves are simple, alternate and oval. While the large (7.5 cm/3 in.), daisy-like flowers of the species have purple petals and a raised orange-brown central cone, the colour range of the varieties has been greatly extended to include white, pink, green and

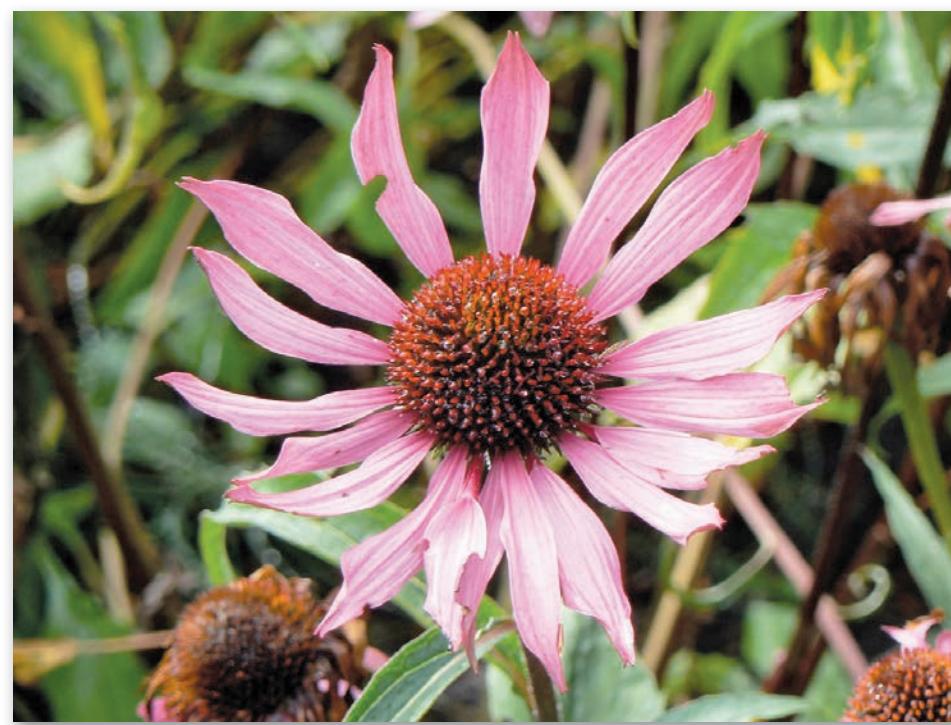
bi-colours. They bloom from mid-summer to early fall.

Plant coneflowers in full sun to partial shade in average, well-drained soil. They are drought tolerant once established but will perform better with more even moisture. Deadhead them to prolong bloom. They are ideal for the mid- to back perennial border, mass plantings and as cut flowers.

The species may be increased from seed. For the varieties, propagate by basal cuttings of young shoots in the spring, root cuttings or by spring division.

#### Varieties

Varieties with white, pink or purple flowers are generally hardy in northern gardens.



A pink coneflower to add colour to your late summer border. Photo credit: Sara Williams.

There are many recent introductions with yellow, green, orange and red shades. These have very showy flowers but have not been trialed for Prairie conditions.

Adventurous gardeners may want to try these varieties but should realize that they may not survive our winters. To give them the best chance, plant them in well-drained soil and

mulch the crowns with dry leaves or straw after the ground begins to freeze in the fall. The mulch should be removed once the snow melts in the spring to prevent rotting.

'Magnus' is an older variety with horizontal (rather than drooping) reddish-purple petals. It is a compact plant of about 75 cm (30 in.) in height.

'White Swan' has white flowers and is only

50 cm (20 in.) in height. 'Pink Double Delight'

is a two-tone pink of

about 60cm (2 ft).

'Prairie Splendor' is about 50 cm (20 in.) in height with pink flowers.

'PowWow Wild Berry'

is about 50 cm (20 in.) with pink flowers.

'PowWow White' is the same height but with white flowers.

'Green Jewel' has green flowers on plants of about 50 cm (20 in.).

'Coconut Lime' has double, lime-coloured flowers on 60 cm (24 in.) plants.

'Double Decker' has large magenta-pink petals with smaller flowers forming on top of the cone; 75 cm/30 in. tall plants.

'Ruby Star' has reddish-purple flowers on 100 cm (3 ft) plants.

*Sara Williams is the author of Creating the Prairie Xeriscape and with Bob Bors, Growing Fruit in Northern Gardens. She gives workshops on gardening topics throughout the Prairies.*

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1. Expression of disgust  
4. A place to unwind  
7. A type of cooking range  
8. Grasp tightly  
10. Sea eagles  
12. Carb dish  
13. Late-night host  
14. Revolutions per minute  
16. Indicates odd or erroneous  
17. FDR's military chief of staff  
19. Swiss river  
20. Norwegian district and river  
21. A form of motivation  
25. Car mechanics group  
26. Once a must-have home theater accessory  
27. Broken branch  
29. Apple and pumpkin are two  
30. Skeletal muscle  
31. Small Eurasian deer  
32. Tight-lipped fellow  
39. Comes after a cut  
41. A place one lives  
42. Cognizant of
43. Albanian monetary unit  
44. Carrot's partner  
45. Famed garden  
46. Chilean seaport  
48. Days (Spanish)

### CLUES DOWN

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| 1  | Spanish dish                 |     | territory (abbr.)              |
| 2  | Concurs                      | 19. | Consumed                       |
| 3  | — and her sisters            | 20. | Falters                        |
| 4  | Patti Hearst's captors       | 22. | Radioactive form of an element |
| 5  | Used to refer to cited works | 23. | Catch a wrongdoer              |
| 6  | A state of excited movement  | 24. | Breeze through                 |
| 8  | Advertising term (abbr.)     | 27. | Thick piece of something       |
| 9  | Nocturnal S. American rodent | 28. | Yellowish-brown color          |
| 11 | New York art district        | 29. | "The Raven" poet               |
| 14 | Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!         | 31. | Rural free delivery (abbr.)    |
| 15 | Pre-release viewing          | 32. | Creating                       |
| 18 | Northwestern Canadian        | 33. | Supervises flying              |
|    |                              | 34. | Northwestern state             |
|    |                              | 35. | Was obligated to repay         |
36. Diverging in lines from a common center  
37. Bleak  
38. We all have them  
39. Hit with the palm of one's hand  
40. Sea that's part of the western Pacific  
44. Political action committee  
47. Famed Spanish soldier El —

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## There's always hope in Leaf Nation

It's like Groundhog Day in mid-February around headquarters at Canada's two major sports networks: Every Feb. 15, Sportscaster Sam wakes up, look at the National Hockey League standings, and says to his disappointed Toronto-centric audience: 'Sportscaster Sam is predicting another dismal finish to the season for the Leafs.'

Of course, a different iteration of the Groundhog Day theme occurs Oct. 1 every year, when those same sportscasters look at the Leafs' roster, analyze their brilliant off-season moves, say the prerequisite prayers and proclaim that 'This could be the Leafs' year.'

The Leafs are not out of the running, not like Montreal Canadiens are out of the running, and not like the Senators from Ottawa are out of the running. The Leafs have reasonable playoff hopes, if they can outsell Florida Panthers for third in the Atlantic Division. Toronto's post-season hopes took a hit when No. 1 goalie Frederik Andersen went on the injured list with a 'lower-body' injury. (Could be a toe, an ankle,

a calf, a bone spur, an achy knee or a hip, which is at the top of the human's 'lower body'.)

Desperate Leafs management, after watching backup Michael Hutchinson flop around like a drunk on a high wire, made a deal to acquire Los Angeles Kings' backup goalie Jack Campbell (along with forward Kyle Clifford) in a trade that cost them underachieving forward Trevor Moore and a couple of draft picks. Campbell could be the answer to the Leafs' prayers, but fans have to ask themselves: How much of a saviour will Campbell be if he had been serving as No. 2 goalie on the second-worst team in the entire league?

Just like with Groundhog Days, where there's a groundhog sticking his nose into the air and sniffing the future, there's always hope when a new body arrives. Unfortunately, Jack Campbell will discover that the players on the ice in front of him are the same ones who had been performing defensive duties in front of the drunk high-wire artist and his predecessor. Only three teams in the entire



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NHL, New Jersey, Ottawa and Detroit, have given up more goals than the Leafs.

But armed with a new coach (Sheldon Keefe) and a new goalie (Campbell), the Leafs could have a new approach moving into the final 20 per cent of the season. St. Louis came from the depths of last place last year to win the Stanley Cup. So anything's possible. Those living in Leaf Nation always believe nothing's impossible. Year after year after year.

• @Jonathan\_Dunphy, on Twitter: "BREAKING: Harry and Meghan have reached out to the Winnipeg Jets and Vancouver Canucks for advice on living in Canada without a title."

• Torben Rolfsen (@

vanguy) on Twitter after the Super Bowl: "World Champions"?!? What about the Winnipeg Blue Bombers? Let's settle this two Sundays from now on Baffin Island."

- @Ned2pointo, on Twitter: "I think the only logical way to handle the Pete Rose situation is to let him manage the Astros."

- Jay Hart of yahoo.com, suggesting Cleveland Browns might be a team considered by Tom Brady next year: "They did have Belichick before he was great, so it would be perfectly Cleveland to get Brady after he was great."

- Comedy writer Marc Ragozin, after the Democrats primary problems in Iowa: "This just in: 1957 Rose Bowl final: Iowa 35/Oregon State 19."

- Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "So did Dodgers get David Price to make Clayton Kershaw feel better about his history in the postseason?"

- Funny guy Brad Dickson of Omaha: "My concern is that Patrick Mahomes, who was already in 50 per cent of all TV commercials, will now

star in 90 per cent of all TV commercials."

- Dickson again, on Twitter, as the Super Bowl game ended: "Now comes the hard part — carrying Andy Reid off the field."

- Comedy writer Jim Barach: "Some Chiefs fans were furious that players showed up at the Super Bowl parade drunk. That's supposed to be the fans' job."

- Headline at Fark.com: "Dodgers taking Betts, getting good Price."

- Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel, on speculation Tom Brady could sign with Tampa Bay: "Not to be mean, but putting Tom Brady on the Bucs would be like putting the Mona Lisa in Room

217 of the Red Roof Inn."

- Retired Newark Star-Ledger writer Jerry Izenberg, 89, to the Las Vegas Review-Journal, recalling the answer when he asked the late Chiefs great E.J. Holub why he was sweating so profusely before Super Bowl IV: "If we win this game, we get a \$15,000 bonus. My wife has already spent mine."

- Snipped from Dwight Perry's 'From the Sidelines': "Spotted on the readerboarrd of the El Arroyo restaurant in Austin, Texas: 'Did anyone catch the football game at the J-Lo and Shakira concert?'"

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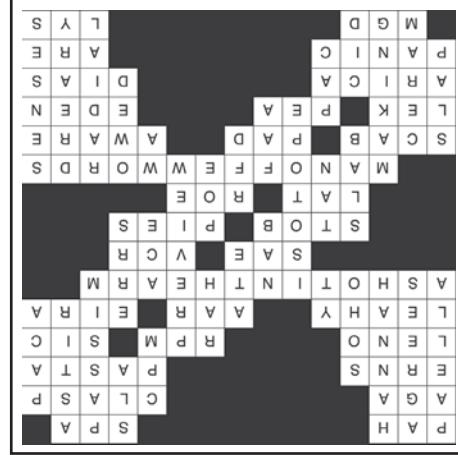
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# NDP calls on Sask. Party to reduce wait times, halt use of out-of-province contractors

NDP Leader Ryan Meili slammed the Sask. Party for expanding the use of private MRIs by contracting with an out-of-province corporate donor that will send the work out of province, letting the wealthy pay to jump the queue instead of developing strategies that retain local talent and actually reduce wait times.

"The Sask. Party is dou-

bling down on a failed experiment that adds pressure to our healthcare system and our Emergency Rooms," said Meili.

"For most people, who can't afford to pay to jump the queue, this means longer wait times and more strain on the whole healthcare system."

According to the Sask Tenders website

(RQRHA20180611), the \$14 million contract for a long-promised MRI clinic in Saskatoon has been awarded to Mayfair Diagnostics, a Calgary-based company that has donated thousands of dollars to the Sask. Party under a previous name, and that has lobbied the province extensively.

As with the private MRI clinic in Regina, Meili says

the majority of the scans will be sent to Calgary to be read by Calgary radiologists, contrary to medical best practice.

And as with the bid process that led to a private clinic in Regina, Meili says the Sask. Party passed over a bid from a group of local radiologists to go with an out-of-province company that donated and lobbied

but that won't do the work right here in Saskatchewan."

"The government is putting our public health care system at risk, shutting out local talent, and outsourcing the crucial work of interpreting these scans to out-of-province radiologists who don't pay taxes here," said Meili.

"That's not just bad for the Saskatchewan economy, it's bad medicine. Just like when it comes to building our schools, roads and hospitals, the work of keeping Saskatchewan people healthy should be done

right here in Saskatchewan."

## Background

- Mayfair Diagnostics and RCA Diagnostics are owned by Radiology Consultants Associated. The name Mayfair Diagnostics reflected private MRI and CT services and RCA Diagnostics was used for public services. In 2016, they united as Mayfair for all services.

- Mayfair has not donated to the Sask. Party, but Radiology Consultants Associated and RCA donated \$5,720.40 to the party between 2013 and 2017.

## *Know the risks of financial apps*

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That's why it's important to be very careful about sharing your personal and banking information online. In fact, did you know that by providing your banking or credit card information, you may risk violating your financial institution's user agreement?

This means that no matter what security features an app has in place, your financial institution may hold you responsible if your personal information is stolen and used without your knowledge or approval.

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- Make sure you understand what security measures are in place and how your personal information may be used.

- Check your credit report regularly for any applications for credit or transactions you did not make. You can have a fraud alert placed on your credit report file to tell lenders to contact you and confirm your identity before they approve any applications for credit.

If you suspect that your information has been compromised, change your passwords immediately. Review your bank account and credit card statements and look for anomalies, and immediately report any unauthorized transactions to your financial institution.

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## BILL 194 MAKES LOCAL GOVERNMENT LESS OPEN

Bill 194, the Miscellaneous Municipal Statutes Amendment Act, was recently given second reading in the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly and could soon become law. It recommends amendments to several Acts relating to the publication of official notices by city, town and rural municipalities.

In short, Bill 194 removes the requirement for city, town and rural municipalities to provide 'public notice' of valuable information that affects our daily lives, in exchange for 'public access' to that information.

It gives local government the option to post information only on its own website rather than using independent media to inform citizens of its actions.

If this bill is passed, it will be up to you to have to go and find out yourself if any land is being rezoned, or if your municipality has hired people without advertising that a position was available, or if there is a notice of an upcoming election.

Local government has said that the sections in Bill 194 that affect mandatory publishing of public notices in newspapers will be at the discretion of the council or municipality as to whether they will do that.

Bill 194 must be amended to keep public notice in independent media and to protect openness and transparency of local government.

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