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Shellbrook budgeting for status quo amid COVID-19

While headlines these days seem to be filled with people who refuse to accept the reality of COVID-19, Town of Shellbrook Mayor George Tomporowski certainly isn't one of those people.

Speaking to the *Chronicle* from home on Friday morning, Tomporowski said that he and his wife have been making sure to adhere to the medical community's guidelines around physical distancing and hand-washing.

From a town operations perspective, he says that measures have been implemented to keep municipal employees safe and facilities operating.

He adds that the business community and local healthcare workers have played a vital role in keeping the town going.

"The business community has certainly stepped up, and the essential services are providing those services not only to our community but to the surrounding area," he said.

"The healthcare folks, it has to be a scary time for them, and I think they've done a lot of proactive planning and coordination to flatten the curve and minimize the spread of the virus."

For Shellbrook's town council, however, COVID-19 arrived in Saskatchewan just as it was beginning its budget deliberations. While COVID-19 creates a lot of unknowns, Tomporowski says that council still managed to finalize the budget.

He adds that council decided to treat things as though they'll be business as usual.

"It's going to be status quo, but there are a number of things in there that, at this point, you don't really know. Things like, is the pool going



Pool season is still a few months away, and the COVID-19 pandemic is making the future uncertain, but the Town of Shellbrook is still budgeting for business as usual this summer.

to open? We don't know, but we're still going to budget for that," he said.

"There's still some major work that will go on, or we believe it will. We will continue with our sewer relining and that kind of work," he added.

Though the budget has yet to be formally adopted, Tomporowski says council's plan is for no tax increase this year. And, with COVID-19 resulting in layoffs across the country and leaving people worried

about how they're going to pay their bills, this will no doubt come as a relief to ratepayers.

"It's going to be a really difficult time," he said. "It's going to take a long time to recover from this, because it's such a huge impact on the economy."

While some might wonder what more the town can do to limit or prevent the spread of COVID-19, Tomporowski says it doesn't have any authority to order businesses closed.

Instead, the town must fol-

low the lead of the province.

Tomporowski says the town will "certainly comply" with provincial regulations as they're introduced, and be sure to share up-to-date information through the Town of Shellbrook's website.

He adds that he's personally satisfied with what's been put in place so far.

"So far, because we're on it early, we've been able to at least slow down the spread and our numbers aren't huge,"

he said. "Part of that is geography, too. We're not as densely populated, so social distancing is easier."

Looking forward to the uncertain future, Tomporowski advises residents to continue following the rules. However, he also has a message of hope to offer.

"We will get through this," he said. "We're not sure when yet, but we will get through it and we will come out on the other side."

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The trip of a lifetime for three Canadians helped provide a lifeline for many others

The Spiritwood Public Library was due to host Dr. Harold Fast, founder of Fast Genetics and recreational pilot on March 24.

However, due to the closure of all non-essential services amid the COVID-19 Pandemic, the library has had to forgo all programming until further notice.

The program titled "Learn at Lunch" was to feature a lunch time presentation by Fast about his fundraising flight expedition with Give Hope Wings that would travel around South America to raise money for Hope Air. While social distancing measures may be limiting in person interaction, they don't need to limit learning.



Flying over a volcano on the South American expedition.

Fast took off on the expedition with fellow pilots Dave McElroy and Russ Alrey on Jan. 2, 2018 after months of raising money for their cause.

Their main objective was to raise at least \$500,000 to donate to Hope Air. Fast attributed the seemingly lofty goal to McElroy who he described as being 'goal oriented'. The crew was pleasantly surprised to have surpassed their goal, bringing in a total of \$517,000 for Hope Air.

"It was better than what we expected," said Fast. This would be equivalent to 2,100 flights provided by Hope Air.

Founded in 1986, Hope Air is a Canadian organization dedicated to providing flights to low-income Canadians

who require vital medical care at facilities far from their own homes. Since their start up, Hope Air has been able to provide more than 152,244 flights. Flight demand more than doubled between 2012 and 2017 when the Give Hope Wings crew started fundraising to meet their goal.

Hope Air generates airfare through three avenues, airlines donating seats, volunteer pilots offering the use of their personal aircrafts, and purchases made from donor support. Donor Support amounts to 70% of the flights that Hope Air is able to provide.

Fast, McElroy, and Alrey's two-month expedition began in Kelowna, BC and visited 20 countries in 66 days. It was a total of 88 flights, 156 hours, and 39,000 km. Apart from their financial goal, the crew also aimed to raise awareness for Hope Air and general aviation while inspiring young people to help make a change.

Fast, a Spiritwood local known by many as the founder of one of the town's largest employers, Fast Genetics, got involved with the project after being put in contact with McElroy and Alrey via Jason Ranger, a farmer and pilot from Leask.

The trio was joined intermittently by some volunteer pilots, three of whom were from Saskatchewan, who were given the opportunity to ride along in response to a very generous donation made to the cause. While the majority were private pilots, some were 'newly minted pilots,' as Fast put it, while others were not pilots at all but



Volunteer pilots joined the crew for different legs of the route making some interesting flying formations.

chose simply to ride along.

The route taken was not a simple feat, it aimed to cross the Andes Mountains in South America which Fast described as very difficult.

"That is without oxygen. The coast is very scenic and easier," said Fast.

The crew encountered some expected challenges during their journey, one being climate-related and the other political. Fast described the moist and humid climate as being a difficult one to fly in. Peru presented a different challenge as they don't have "the warm and fuzzies for general aviation," Fast described.

When asked about a most memorable moment during the expedition, Fast said there were lots. The first item on his list was the leg through Paraguay with his wife Marjorie to visit some old friends and view the history and agriculture. In all the countries they visited, Harold was interested with the agriculture.

"In Brazil they are harvesting soybeans and planting corn at the same time. That's so typical through much of Brazil. That is unique as we sit here at look out through three feet of snow," explained Fast.

The second item was doing flying aerobatics with the Brazilian Air team. The third was the Carnival Event that they were able to attend courtesy of the close bond the general aviation community

has.

When asked if he would ever do a similar expedition again, Fast said he would like to go to Paraguay for a longer time and take a route down the East side as opposed to the West.

The Amazon River seemed to be of particular interest. Fast described it as "phenomenal."

"We were 100 miles in from the Atlantic Ocean and the tide was still 7 feet."



Fast enjoyed viewing the tropical agriculture systems especially the pastured farming.

VILLAGE OF DEBDEN ASSESSMENT ROLL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll of the Village of Debden for the Year 2020 has been prepared and is now open for inspection in the office of the Assessor **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, April 2, 2020 to May 4, 2020 the following days: Tuesday to Thursday inclusive.

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

Any person who wishes to appeal his/her assessment is required to file his/her notice of appeal with: The Assessor, Village of Debden, P.O. Box 400, Debden, Saskatchewan S0J 0S0, by May 4, 2020.

Dated at Debden, Saskatchewan this 31st Day of March, 2020.

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Assessor

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

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her Notice of Appeal with: **The Assessor, RM of Spiritwood No. 496, Box 340, Spiritwood, SK, S0J 2M0 by the 30th day of April, 2020.** An appeal fee of \$75.00 per property must accompany the appeal.

For questions regarding your assessment please contact the municipal office at 306-883-2034.

Dated at Spiritwood, Saskatchewan, this 31st day of March, 2020.
Colette Bussiere, Assessor

Ingram inks three-year deal with Predators

A hot goaltending prospect with familial ties to Shellbrook could find himself wearing a Nashville Predators jersey when the NHL gets back up and running.

Twenty-three-year-old Connor Ingram, the son of Brent and Joni Ingram, and nephew of Brent Miller, recently inked a three-year con-

tract with the Predators worth \$700,000 at the NHL level and \$120,000 at the AHL level in 2020-21, \$750,000 at the NHL level and \$125,000 at the AHL level in 2021-22, and \$750,000 in 2022-23.

Prior to COVID-19 causing the cancellation of all sports, Ingram

had been posting up the best statistical season of his professional career with the Predators' farm team, the AHL's Milwaukee Admirals.

He had appeared in 33 games throughout the 2019-2020 hockey season, racking up a record of 21-5-5.

During that time, he found himself amongst

the AHL's goaltending leaders in multiple categories, ranking third in both save percentage (.933) and goals-against average (1.92), and tying for third in wins with his career-best 21 Ws — all of these were personal bests.

Ingram had also earned an opportunity to represent the Admirals at the 2020 AHL All-Star Classic in January, his second appearance in the game in just three years of pro hockey.

Offering praise to both Nashville and Milwaukee as underrated hockey cities, Ingram said it was a no-brainer to resign with the predators.

"It's been awesome. Nashville is a super fun place to play and that building really gets amped up during games. Then Milwaukee, it's a really underrated city. I know it's not a spot a lot of people think of for taking a vacation, but it's probably one of the best cities in the American Hockey League and I can't ask for much more."

Over the past three hockey seasons, Ingram has suited up in 90 career AHL games - 57 with Syracuse and 33 with Milwaukee - and

has recorded a 55-23-7 record, a 2.16 goals-against average, a .923 save percentage and 11 shutouts.

Ingram was originally drafted by the Tampa Bay Lightning in the third round (88th overall) of the 2016 NHL Draft, and spent three seasons with the WHL's Kamloops Blazers from 2014-17 before joining the pro ranks.

He was selected as the Blazers' MVP in his final two seasons with the club, which included a WHL-leading .927 save

percentage and a spot on the league's second all-star team in 2016-17.

A native of Imperial, Sask., Ingram represented Canada at the 2017 World Junior Championship, posting a 2-1 record, a 2.57 goals-against average and one shutout en route to a silver medal.

Prior to all of that, he played much of his minor hockey in Humboldt, and ended his minor hockey career by backstopping the Telus Cup-winning Prince Albert Mintos in 2014.



Imperial, Sask. native Connor Ingram could spend a lot of time in a Nashville Predators jersey over the next three hockey seasons, after signing a three-year deal with the NHL team in late March.

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During COVID-19, let us remember the true heroes

Whether good or bad, everything we go through in life offers us valuable lessons if we just take the time to listen and learn.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic is among the most harrowing events many of us will live through.

Even still, it can impart valuable wisdom to us. And, again, if we're just willing to listen and learn, we might come out the other side of this pandemic with a new outlook on what truly matters in life, and what we need to maintain a functioning and vibrant society.

From the dawn of human civilization, money (and the acquisition of more of it) has been one of our primary motivators.

Those who have money will strive to keep it and multiply their fortunes. Meanwhile, those who don't have it are told that they, too, can join the ranks of the elites, if they just lower their noses to the grindstone and put in the work.

When this pandemic is over, it's



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unlikely that our relationship with money will have changed in any meaningful way. Money, after all, makes the world go round, and it would be no simple task to overhaul the global financial system.

That said, one can only hope that, as we look back at the pandemic, we will remember that we didn't weather the storms it brought by relying upon those who have the

most money.

Sure, there have been plenty of millionaires and celebrities who have been generous with their wealth to help fight the spread of COVID-19, and they deserve credit for that. But it's easy to throw money at a problem in the hope that it will go away, when you don't have to worry about it robbing you of your livelihood.

No, the true heroes of this pandemic, and the ones who have proven themselves to be an indispensable piece of the fabric of our society, are the ones who have been working on the frontlines to keep the wheels of

this country moving.

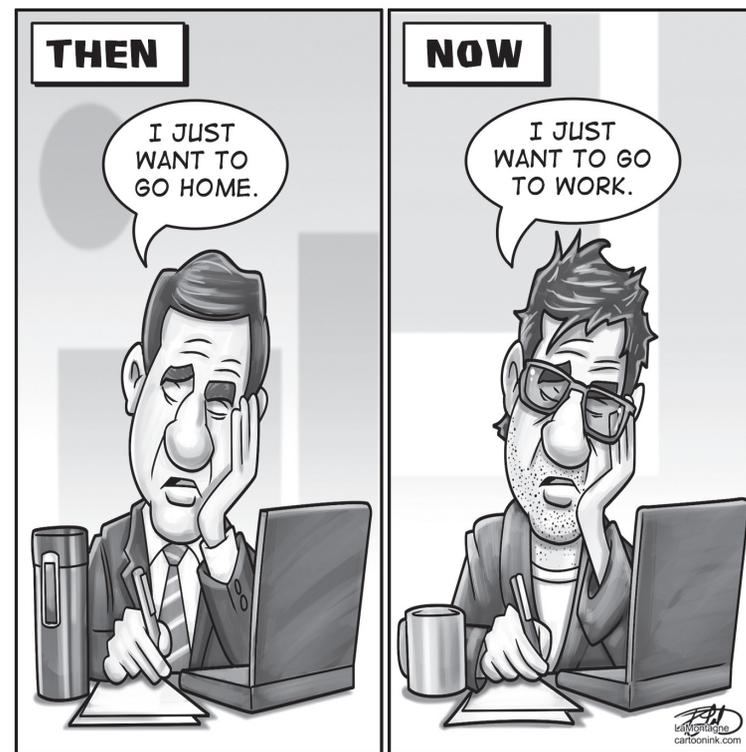
These people are, first and foremost, the healthcare and public health workers who are doing everything in their power to care for the sick and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Then, of course, there are those working in production, processing and manufacturing to keep the country's supply chains intact. And, on the other end of that chain are the grocery store, pharmacy, restaurant, and other retail employees who have continued working so that we aren't all forced to hoard a doomsday bunker's worth of supplies.

Connecting the producers and sellers, are those who work in transportation and logistics, including the truckers who transport the goods from the warehouse to the store. Without them, the store shelves would be empty.

And, finally, there are the artists of the world, including the writers, the musicians, the painters, and the film and video game makers.

We like to discount the work of artists. But who among us can honestly say they haven't turned to books, or songs, or TV shows and movies, or



video games to keep sane during this pandemic?

There are no doubt other important players who have been missed here, and hopefully they realize just how valued they are in our society.

However, as you may have noticed, very few of the people mentioned thus far could be counted among society's elites.

In fact, a large portion of them would be considered working class, and some of them probably earn minimum wage working the jobs we

typically denigrate as "not real jobs."

And so, if we remember nothing else from the COVID-19 pandemic, let us remember the people who keep our small towns, our province, our country, and our world running smoothly. For they are every bit as important in our normal day-to-day lives, as they are in times of crisis.

Then perhaps, when these people we cannot do without ask to earn a proper living wage, we can do them the favour of listening to them and honouring the work they do.

Thanking essential workers in Desnethé-Missinippi-Churchill River

Dear Editor,

These past few weeks have confirmed the world is now a different place. The coronavirus pandemic has changed the day-to-day routine for residents in Desnethé-Missinippi-Churchill River and for all Canadians.

I would like to take this opportunity to first thank the extraordinary doctors, nurses and other health care providers in our riding, as well as emergency services personnel who are doing exceptional work to

keep us all healthy and safe. I would also like to recognize the work of our local grocery store clerks, pharmacy and drug store staff, truck drivers, farmers and other essential services who are doing extremely important work in these times of uncertainty.

It has been a long few weeks, but now is not the time to be complacent. We have to remain vigilant in physical distancing to keep our most vulnerable citizens safe. That means no visits with extended family, no playdates, and no social gatherings. Please

stay home, except for essential grocery store or pharmacy runs. Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly for 20 seconds. Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth. And finally, keep home surfaces like counters, door knobs and electronics clean.

I would like to remind residents to visit canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan for the most up-to-date information on COVID-19, as well as the federal government's response to the crisis. With questions or concerns on this

information, please contact my office at 306-234-1264 or Gary.Vidal@parl.gc.ca. If you have any fears about your health or feel you have symptoms of COVID-19, contact your family physician or your local health unit. You may also contact your provincial COVID-19 hotline at 811 or 1-877-800-0002.

We're in this together, and together we'll get through.

Gary Vidal, MP, Desnethé-Missinippi-Churchill River

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Whitefish FN Provincial Court suspended until July

As Saskatchewan grapples with a state of emergency brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, not even the province's courts are immune to the shutdown of so much in the province.

On Friday (March 27), the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan sent out a notice advising that all proceedings scheduled to be heard at the White-

fish First Nation Provincial Court on Tuesday, April 14 had been postponed for three months.

The new court date for the court's proceedings is Tuesday, July 14 at 10 a.m.

However this could change, depending on how the coronavirus continues to spread through the province — over the weekend, there were 29 newly reported

cases, bringing the total number of cases in the province to 249.

In the meantime, defendants who have been impacted by the postponement, and who wish to be represented by a lawyer, are being urged to contact legal aid to arrange representation.

They're also being cautioned that failure to attend the July 14 pro-

ceedings will result in a bench warrant being issued.

The Whitefish First Nation Provincial Court isn't the only facility affected. All circuit point courts, including Shellbrook, Blaine Lake, Ah-tahkakoop First Nation, and Spiritwood, have been shuttered until after May 31, and the provincial Court of Queen's Bench has also suspended all non-urgent matters until further notice.

As an additional precaution to limit the

spread of COVID-19, access to all provincial court locations remaining open is restricted to only those persons necessary to the proceedings before the Court, which includes counsel, litigants, accused, witnesses, support workers, treatment court workers, and members of the media.

Those who are showing signs of illness, or

who have come into contact with someone who contracted COVID-19, are urged not to attend the court house. If they were expected to appear before the court, they are advised to contact the appropriate court house for further instruction.

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All we ask is that story submissions answer the five Ws (what, when, where, who, and why).

Meanwhile, photo submissions should be clear pictures with as high a resolution as possible (please note that action shots are more interesting than posed photos, but we're really not too picky), and include all the pertinent details for the captions.

Do you have an event that you want people to know about? Or do you know someone who's accomplished something amazing? Or are you just keeping busy in an interesting way while self-isolating?

If so, we'd love to hear from you or receive a submission through email, snail mail, fax, or whatever works best for you.

If you're in the Shellbrook area, contact Jordan at 306-747-2442, or email chnews@sbchron.com. Or, if you're in the Spiritwood area, contact Alison at 1-613-915-9317 or ali.sully81@gmail.com, and we'll go from there.

Dear readers,

The Shellbrook Chronicle and Spiritwood Herald need your help.

As your small-town newspapers, we take pride in bringing you the news from your communities each and every week.

But we cover a large area, and our ship is manned by a skeleton crew of just one full-time reporter based in Shellbrook and one part-time reporter based in Spiritwood. And, unfortunately, that means that important news sometimes slips through the cracks or simply doesn't make it onto our radar.

In an ideal world, we would have unlimited resources to attend and photograph every event that happens in every community we serve — all the way from Blaine Lake in the south to Big River in the north, and all the way from Crutwell in the east to Glaslyn in the west.

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Minutes of an RM of Spiritwood meeting

(The following is a portion of the minutes, the second half will appear next week. Where necessary, the following minutes may have been edited for clarity or brevity.)

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 was held on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019 at the municipal office located at 218 Main Street in Spiritwood, SK. In attendance were Reeve, Shirley Dauvin, Division 1, Doug Johnson (Deputy Reeve), Division 2, Alan Steinhilber, Division 3, Terry Wingerter, Division 4, Dennis Laventure, Administrator, Colette Busiere and Foreman, Darcy Laventure.

Absent were Division 5, Jerome Tetreault and Division 6, Bevra Fee. With quorum present, Shirley Dauvin called the meeting to order at 8:58 AM.

Al Steinhilber: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the minutes of the Nov. 12, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented. Carried.

Doug Johnson: That the NCTPC Workshop be tabled to the January meeting. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That we enter a team in the RMAA curling bonspiel to be held in Unity on Janu-

ary 10th, 2020. Carried.

Doug Johnson: That the January regular meeting of council be rescheduled to Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: That the Administrator's report having been read now be filed. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That the Foreman's report having been read now be filed. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the bank reconciliation for the month ending November 30, 2019 be approved as presented and that stale dated cheque #10808 & #11193 be cancelled. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month ending November 30, 2019 be approved as presented. Carried.

Doug Johnson: That the "List of Accounts" as listed on the attached Schedule "A" be passed for payment. Cheque No. 12128-12191 and Payroll File No. 0270, 0271 & 0273. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That we accept the MGTEA Amendment which incorporates administrative changes and establishes new dates over the next five years. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That the SARM Fidelity Bond for 2020 be approved as follows: Fidelity Bond Coverage, \$200,000; Reg-

istered Mail Coverage, \$50,000; Money & Securities Coverage, \$ 20,000. Carried.

Doug Johnson: Whereas, no changes are required, that the SARM Liability Self-Insurance Plan and the SARM Excess Liability Insurance in the amount of \$3,000,000 be renewed for 2020. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That we adjourn for lunch (12:05 PM) and reconvene at 1:00 PM. Carried.

The regular meeting of Council was reconvened at 1:07 PM.

Dennis Laventure: That the SARM Property Self Insurance Plan be accepted as revised. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the RM purchase group coverage in the amount of \$30,000.00 for elected & appointed officials. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: That we enter into a servicing agreement with Bernard Tetreault for the subdivision application located on NW 07-53-10-W3 and that the servicing agreement be attached hereto and form part of the minutes. Carried.

Doug Johnson: That we enter into a servicing agreement with Jegg Holdings Ltd. for the subdivision application located on NE 18-49-08-W3 and that the servic-

ing agreement be attached hereto and form part of the minutes. Carried.

Doug Johnson: That the application to remove dead & dying trees from the Environmental Reserve (ER) and stabilize the shoreline in front of Lot 11 in Sunset Rim Estates be approved under the condition the work be conducted as per WSA regulations. It is understood from the application that clay fill will be deposited to slope the shoreline where it has been undermined. Additionally, geotextile cloth and rip rap rock will be placed to prevent erosion. The clay fill must be free from contaminants and the rip rap rock shall be clean and sized to prevent erosion and with stand wave action. Machinery and heavy equipment must arrive at the project site clean and free of fluid leaks or accumulations of external contaminants. The applicant is solely responsible for all design, safety, and workmanship aspects of all works associated with this approval. Shoreline stabilization must be undertaken with no net increase loading of the existing slope or loss of soil support at the toe of the slope. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That we approve the brush clearing request and provide compensation to the land-

owner in the amount of \$500.00 per half mile for brush cleared from the right of way adjacent to N 1/2 36-50-10-W3 per RM policy. The trees, brush and debris removed from the right of way shall be stored on N 1/2 36-50-10-W3 for future disposal by the land owner. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That we approve the request from Thickwood Hills Snowmobile Assoc. to clear trees and brush from the following municipal right of ways: North side of the right of way (Echo Bay Road) adjacent to S 1/2 15, S 1/2 16 S 1/2 17 of 49-08-W3; Both sides of the right of way located between N 1/2 24 & S 1/2 25 of 49-10-W3 and between SW 25 & SE 26 of 49-10-W3 and W 1/2 36 & E 1/2 35 of 49-10-W3; North of Meeting Lake between W 1/2 16 & E 1/2 17, W 1/2 21 & E 1/2 20, N 1/2 20 & S 1/2 29 and N 1/2 19 & S 1/2 30 of 49-12-W3. The trees and brush shall be cleared by mulching and shall be the responsibility of the Thickwood Hills Snowmobile Club. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: That council remuneration remain as follows: Meetings -\$20.00 per hour, to a maximum of \$160.00 per day, Monthly Supervision -\$150.00 per month for council members, and \$500.00 per month for the Reeve. Carried.

Doug Johnson: That compensation for mileage to attend municipal business remain at \$0.55 per km. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the RM of Spiritwood hereby agrees to the sale of lease land described as SE 22-51-10-W3. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That we renew the road maintenance agreement between the RM and Fast Genetics for the 2020 calendar year. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: That we enter into a road maintenance agreement with Tolko Industries -Meadow Lake Branch to haul 6,000 tonnes of hardwood from Section 06 & 07 of 54-13-W3. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: That we enter into a road maintenance agreement with Mistik Management Ltd. to haul 5,000 tonnes of softwood from Section 06 & 07 of 54-13-W3. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That we enter into a road maintenance agreement with Mistik Management Ltd. to haul 7,000 tonnes of softwood from SE 20-54-11-W3 and SE 27 & SE 34 of 53-12-W3. Carried.

Doug Johnson: That the proposed subdivision application for a seventy (70) acre agricultural parcel located on SW 06-49-08-W3 be approved. Topographical limitations reduce the agriculture site size below 160 acres, which may be permitted at Council's discretion under Section 7.6.5 of the zoning bylaw. The placement of a residential dwelling will become an accessory use and will be at the discretion of Council. The applicant will be required to upgrade the approach access to the proposed parcel. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: That the request to purchase one (1) extra hour for the Spiritwood Library for 2020 be approved. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: The Farm & Food Care Program collaborates with farm and non-farm consumers to provide factual information about farming practices throughout the province, and that we support the Farm & Food Care Program as an affiliate member and remit the \$1,000 membership fee. Carried.

Doug Johnson: That Sensus, Chartered Professional Accountants, be appointed as Auditor for the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 to provide financial audit services for 2019, 2020 and 2021. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That Gord Krismer & Associates Ltd. be appointed as the Board of Revision for the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 for 2020. Board members are as follows: Clint Krismer -Chair, Gord Krismer -Vice-Chair, Jeff Hutton, Dave Lang, Gail Wartman, Christina Krismer, Kirby Bodnard, Cameron Duncan, Brenda Lauf, Charmaine Luscombe, Aileen Swenson - Secretary. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That Gord Krismer & Associates Ltd. be appointed as the Development Appeals Board for the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 for 2020. Carried.



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Clover lawns offer advantages over grass

This might be a little off topic in terms of pure agriculture, but I found an online article about clover being a great alternative to lawn grass too fascinating not to write about.

There is no doubt that the use of lawn grass in most front yards across North America is entirely a cultural thing, one where people simply feel they need to confirm to their neighbours with a sort of “collective mindset” as to what is acceptable and appropriate.

However, that vision is changing when it comes

to the familiar grass lawn.

To keep lawns shiny and bright requires many things that we are now coming to question the use of.

To start with in many climates, even here in Saskatchewan at times over the course of a summer, lawns only look green and pristine if they are watered regularly.

Increasingly we are coming to realize water is a resource that has limits, at least in terms of water that is safe to drink. When we turn on



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the garden sprinkler to water our lawns simply so they look the green we want to see, we use that water resource. In the grand scheme of water preservation our need for a green lawn

seems a very poor use of the resource.

Society is also showing growing concern over the use of herbicides, pesticides and fertilizer. Farmers are certainly aware of the growing pressure to limit the use of such products where it makes sense, because of concerns with the possible run-off to area water courses, and residue on what is being grown.

But, on a per acre basis the use of such products on our urban lawns can be far greater, after all it takes fertilizer to keep a

grass lawn lush, and no one wants a yellow dandelion growing in that sea of green grass, so pour on the herbicide.

Interestingly, clover is being suggested as an alternate to grass for lawns.

The plant simply offers advantages over grass.

As a nitrogen fixing legume, clover works symbiotically with bacteria to fix atmospheric nitrogen and make it available to both itself and neighbouring plants. A 100 per cent clover lawn would reasonably need little or no fertilizer.

Clover sends down deep roots, which allows it to find water in places grass cannot, which means in a time of drought you need to turn on the sprinkler less.

Clovers suitable for lawns grow close to the ground too, which means you need to rise early in days off far less often to mow the lawn.

And, the list of benefits clover offers goes on, suggesting with a shift in our thinking, there are better things than grass in our urban yards.

Cereals Canada applauds progress on CUSMA

On Friday, the Government of Canada announced that notification has been provided to the U.S. and Mexico indicating that the domestic process needed to ratify and implement the Canada-United States-Mexico (CUSMA) free trade agreement has been fully completed.

Cereals Canada applauds the Government of Canada for its efforts in advancing this important agreement.

“Canada’s leadership in finalizing CUSMA is taking place against the backdrop of significant uncertainty for Canadian citizens and businesses due to the impacts of COVID-19,” stated Cam Dahl, President of Cereals Canada.

“Canada is now the first CUSMA partner to provide formal notification of ratification. This is a key step towards enabling the agreement’s eventual entry into

force, and we look forward to similar notification by the U.S. and Mexico,” continued Dahl.

“CUSMA will support greater stability and opportunity in a time of significant social and economic strain across North America caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Resilience enabled by a strong and predictable trading environment is more important than ever,” said Dahl.

“The advancement of this agreement will support a predictable, progressive and modern framework for trade for the benefit of Canadian farmers and agri-food exporters. We are hopeful the agreement enters into force quickly, which will happen when the U.S. and Mexico provide formal notice of ratification. We call on these partners to move quickly in order to unlock the agreement’s benefits” said

Dahl. “Throughout CUSMA negotiations, considerable leadership was demonstrated by Canadian Ministers and the Canadian trade negotiating team. Cereals Canada acknowledges the efforts of Minister Chrystia Freeland and Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau, who played a central role in promoting strong outcomes for Canadian agriculture in this deal” he added.

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GOOD NEWS

WE ARE NEARING THE END OF LENT

By Jonathan Worrall, Student Minister, Knox United Church

A forty-day period in which Jesus wandered through the wilderness, fasting, and suffering the painful allure of temptation. On a positive note (for those who remember my last article), I have managed to navigate the minefield of temptation and honored my Lenten sacrifice; I have not eaten any junk food. It is a shock to me and my shrinking waistline.

This season of Lent has been interrupted by the outbreak of COVID-19. The only way to combat the pandemic is through isolation. As a result, we have been forced to give up so much. Indeed, it seems as if this Lenten season has been overwhelmed by the feeling of loss and mourning. We have lost the familiarity of our routine day-to-day existence. Schools are closed, libraries are closed, church services suspended, businesses have been forced to close their doors, thousands of people have been laid off, and the numbers of the sick is rising. The death toll is also rapidly rising - may we pray for those who have passed and that God is with their loved ones in this time of grief. It is certainly a time of loss.

Due to the enforced practice of isolation, clergy have resorted to posting their services online. In terms of pastoral care, all we can do is remain connected to our community of faith through email and phone. However, I am thankful for the resources that we do possess; we may be isolating but we are not isolated. We are all in this together. I have hope that things will get better. We can find comfort in Scripture.

We are approaching Easter.

After the torture, humiliation, and crucifixion of Christ, his followers were deflated; all hope was lost. Their teacher was gone. What were they going to do now? Yet, despite the seemingly undeniable and inescapable defeat of death, Mary Magdalene found the tomb of Jesus empty.

The Johannine Gospel beautifully connects the resurrection of Christ with the beginning of creation. The commentaries mark it as significant; both scenes originate in a garden. In the beginning, there was the Garden of Eden, where Adam and Eve were ultimately expelled as a result of their disobedience.

However, this scene is one of joy in John's Gospel. Mary is weeping outside the tomb of Jesus. She turns around and finds a man whom she believes to be a gardener, not recognizing that it is Jesus. She remains oblivious of his identity until Jesus speaks her name. "Mary." (John 20:16) Immediately, she realizes that this man, this gardener, was in fact, Jesus.

A seismic shift occurs; from tragedy to triumph and joy.

The commentaries tell us that this scene in John illustrates that Jesus has brought about a new creation; Christ, the Word made flesh, had been resurrected. Death no longer had the last word. In metaphorical terms, light cannot be swallowed by darkness. This is something in which we can find hope in, especially in times like this. I find hope in the United Church's "A New Creed," which beautifully states, "In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone." We will get through this.

How to clean when faced with a shortage of supplies

In light of concerns about COVID-19, various health organizations have issued specific instructions on how to maintain personal safety and cleanliness. These recommendations involve using common household products to sanitize homes, offices and public spaces. As people take such precautions, many are stocking up on extra essentials - resulting in shortages.

Everything from hand sanitizers to paper towels may be hard to find on grocery store shelves, leaving some to wonder what they can do to remain safe without sanitizers?

The Environmental Protection Agency states that coronaviruses are some of the easiest types of viruses to kill because they have an envelope around them that enables them to merge with other

cells and infect them. If that protective coating can be disrupted, the virus can't do its job. For those having trouble finding well-known cleaning agents, these alternatives may suffice.

Hot water and soap

The reason hand-washing is at the top of the list of sanitizing methods is because it is so effective at washing away viruses and bacteria. Friction from scrubbing with soap and water can help break the protective envelope, states the EPA. Soap and water can clean all surfaces in a home, especially when applying a little extra elbow grease.

Hydrogen peroxide

As people clear isopropyl (rubbing alcohol) off the shelves, do not discount hydrogen peroxide. The CDC says household hydrogen peroxide at 3 percent concentration

can deactivate rhinovirus, the virus that causes the common cold, within six to eight minutes of contact. Coronavirus is easier to destroy than rhinovirus, so hydrogen peroxide may be effective at combatting that virus as well.

Natural items can be used for general cleaning, but have not been endorsed for use on COVID-19 disinfection. In lieu of shortages, white vinegar, baking soda pastes and citrus oils and juices could fill the void of chemically-based cleansers for other home tasks.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPIRITWOOD: Wapiti Regional Library - Tuesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm, Wednesday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm & Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
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SHELL LAKE: Wapiti Regional Library - Tues. 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm; Wed. 1 pm - 4 pm.

BLAINE LAKE: Wapiti Library - Books, Movies, Magazines, Children's Section, Internet, Printing, Study/Meeting Space, Proctor Service, Community Programming. Hours: Wednesday 12 pm - 6 pm; Friday 1 pm - 5 pm; Saturday 12 pm - 4 pm. Contact us for more info 306-497-3130, www.wapitilibrary.ca.

CANWOOD: Canwood Branch of Wapiti Regional Library. Regular Library Hours - Tues. 10 am - 3 pm, Thurs. 10:00 am - 4 pm & Friday 1 - 5 pm. Storytime: Fridays 2 pm. Play cards the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2 pm. Crafter's Choice the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at 10 am.

DEBDEN: Wapiti Library hours: Monday 3 pm - 7 pm; Tuesday 11 am - 4 pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon

LEASK: Wapiti Library & Legacy Gallery Hours: Tuesday 10:30 am - 5 pm; Friday 10:30 am - 5 pm; Saturday 1 pm - 5 pm.

MARCELIN: Wapiti Library is open Tues. 2 pm - 7 pm; Thur. 2 pm - 8 pm; Sat. 9 am - 2 pm. For information on all your library needs, please contact 306-226-2110.

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 Muskeg
 Sunday, 3 p.m.
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Starting Seeds II: it's not too late to start tomatoes and annuals

By Sara Williams

Starting your own plants from seed is excellent horticultural therapy and immensely satisfying when self-isolating during these uncertain times. There are thousands of tomato varieties; from modern F1 hybrids to heirlooms that have been around for a hundred years or more. They range in size from small cherries to giant beefsteaks of up to 1 kg. Although we generally think of tomatoes as bright red, they're also available in pink, purple ("black") and yellow. Some have green or black tops while others are striped. Shape varies from round to plum through oxheart. Time of harvest, measured in "days" from transplanting outdoors, may range from 40 to 85. Keep in mind, plants that are larger when transplanted outdoors will have ripe fruit earlier however, ripeness will vary from year to year depending on weather conditions. Although not absolute, "days to harvest" are a means of comparison among varieties.

Tomato seeds usually keep for up to four years, but if you have older seed packets, why not try them? In order to germinate, tomato seeds require a soil temperature of 29°C: placing a heating mat under the seed trays works well. Cover the seeds lightly with media, put them under lights and keep them evenly moist but not overly wet. Germination should occur in 4 to 7 days. Once seedlings emerge, remove the heating mats. Tomato seedlings will require 12 to 14 hours of light (coinciding with daylight hours).

Once the "true leaves" (the ones that look like a typical tomato leaf) are fully emerged the young plants are ready for transplanting into individual 4 or 5-inch pots. Keep plants under artificial lights (which may require raising) until plants are moved outside. As plants grow, continue to raise lights so that they

are at least 30cm above the plant tops. Remember to apply a complete soluble fertilizer, mixed according to label directions, weekly as most soil-less media contains few nutrients.

There is still time to seed other vegetables indoors. You may wish to use biodegradable peat pots to make transplanting easier. The temperature refers to the soil media in which seeds should be sown.

April 15: Brussels sprouts, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage; ¼ inch seed depth; 21-12°C.

May 1: cucumbers, melons, pumpkin; ¼ inch seed depth; 24°C.

Early April is also a good time to start some of our annual flowers. Days are those required for germination to occur. Some annual flowers to try include:

Love-lies-bleeding: 21-17°C, 10-24 days; cover very lightly, transplant carefully.

Aster: 21°C, 4-10 days, depending on colour; transplant carefully.

Celosia: 21-27°C; light aids germination; 8-14 days; use lukewarm water to water; don't transplant too deeply.

Verbena: cover lightly and keep dark; germinates at 21-27°C, 10-20 days; keep well drained; do not over-water.

Seed the following about April 15:

African daisies: 13-16°C; 7 days; cover very lightly as seed needs some light to germinate.

Calendula: 18-24 °C; 10-14 days; needs total darkness to germinate.

Candytuft: 21°C; 5-14 days; once germinated, grow cool at 10°C.

Cosmos: 3-8 days at 21-19 °C; barely cover seeds as light aids germination.

Marigolds: 21-27°C; 3-7 days; barely cover seeds as light aids germination.

Seed the following May 1:

Coreopsis: 18-21°C; cover; seeds prefer darkness to germinate; 8-12 days.

Nasturtium: 18-21 °C in individual peat pots or directly outdoors if soil is



Pear tomatoes are excellent for paste or sauces and take about 75 days from transplant to harvest.

warm; 10-14 days.

Zinnia: 21-27°C; cover lightly; use warm water to water; or sow directly in garden; barely cover seeds as light improves germination.

Seed the following directly outdoors on May 15:

Alyssum: 24 °C; do not cover seeds as light aids germination; 7 to 14 days.

Cornflower: pre-chill seed for 5 days in fridge; then sow in biodegradable peat pots; or sow outdoors directly; germinates in 4-8 days.

Sara Williams is the author or coauthor of numerous books including Creating the Prairie Xeriscape, Growing Fruit in Northern Gardens, Gardening Naturally and Best Trees and Shrubs for the Prairies.

This column is provided courtesy of the Saskatchewan Perennial Society (SPS; saskperennial@hotmail.com). Check our website (www.saskperennial.ca) or Facebook page (www.facebook.com/saskperennial).

Sturgeon Lake FN holds online talent competition

As many people are stuck at home waiting for the COVID-19 pandemic to blow over, the band leaders of Sturgeon Lake First Nation have devised a novel way to bring the community together and keep it entertained.

After the virus forced the cancellation of the community's annual Winter Festival, the band began thinking of ideas to put on a different kind of show for the community. In the end, it landed on hosting an online talent competition.

"We've always looked at bringing people together," Chief Greg Ermine told *paNOW*. "If we can't do that in the physical sense then we figured we could look at a sort of online challenge."

The week-long competition launched Sunday, March 29, inviting band and community members to submit videos of their talent (whether it be singing, dancing, impersonations, or anything else under the sun) to the Sturgeon Lake First Nation Facebook page by 11:59 on Sunday, April 5.

Contestants were divided by age — 17 and under, and 18 and over — with the top performer in each category winning \$300, the second place finishers taking home \$200, and the third place contestants earning a prize of \$100.

In the interest of impartiality, the winners were to be determined by judges from outside the community. The results, meanwhile, were expected to be posted on the First Nation's Facebook page on Monday, April 6.

Ermine told *paNOW* that the aim of the competition was to create a sense of community, and also lift their spirits as they grapple with the pandemic.

"We just wish everybody well during these times," he said. "We will get through it together."

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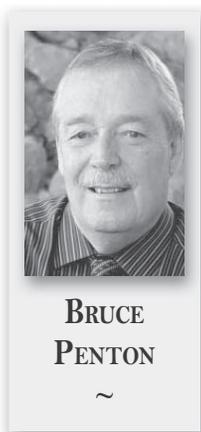
Improved jays eager for start to season

If or when the baseball season finally starts, what would make Blue Jays' fans happy in 2020? A 14-win improvement to 81-81? A team that contends for the American League East title against foes such as the powerhouse Yankees? Steady improvement while their young players develop? Would a 75-82 campaign do it?

Unrealistic Jays' fans are wishing for 162-0, of course, and while that's not possible (100-0 may be more like it), there are strong indications the Jays are in for a vastly improved 2020 over 2019's disappointing 67-win (.414) season.

To begin with, Toronto's starting rotation is packed with talent, and promise. Last year, it was held together by string, some Crazy Glue and crossed fingers, but this year it starts with Cy Young Award candidate Hyun-Jin Ryu, the South Korean lefty who signed with the Jays as

a free agent after a terrific 14-5, 2.32 ERA season with the Dodgers. Ryu struck out 162 and walked only 24 and is the undisputed ace of a rotation that will also count on right-hander Matt Shoemaker, who was 3-0 last year before suffering a season-ending torn ALC in April, but was solid in spring training this year. Another newby in the rotation is Tanner Roark, 10-10 last year with Cincinnati and Oakland, and a free-agent arrival in Toronto. A potential star in the rotation could be 32-year-old righty Shun Yamaguchi, who comes to North America after leading the Japanese Central League in strikeouts last year (188) and wins (15). And if you're a fan who wants to see some depth in the rotation, there's trade acquisition Chase Anderson, who had 38 wins in the last four years with Milwaukee. Trent Thornton, who won six games with the Jays last



BRUCE PENTON

season, and Anthony Kay, a first-round pick in 2016 with the Mets, who was acquired in the Marcus Stroman deal last season, could both contribute.

Kay will start the season in the minors, but in Ryu, Shoemaker, Roark, Yamaguchi, Anderson and Thornton, the Jays have a solid set of starters. Far better than last year's mound group.

Solid pitching is what the Jays' need to complement their young bats loaded with

potential. Bo Bichette (11 homers, .311 average in 46 games), Vladimir Guerrero, Jr. (15 homers, .272 average in 123 rookie-season games), Cavan Biggio (16 homers in 100 games), Lourdes Gurriel, Jr. (20 homers in 84 games) Teoscar Hernandez (26 homers) and Randal Grichuk (team-leading 31 homers) provide an offensive core that will not only give opposing teams fits, but will be around for a long time as the Jays grow into a contender.

Forget the coronavirus, if that's possible. Forget the scandals. Forget the trash cans. Forget the cheating. It'll eventually be time to play ball. Across Canada, Jays' fans have an exciting 2020 — and beyond — ahead.

Comedy writer Jim Barach, on reports that PGA pro Wyndham Clark was invited to be a contestant on

'The Bachelor': "Who fits the role of a bachelor more than a guy with a lot of money who just plays golf all day?"

From various Twitter sources: "Day 2 without sports. Found a young lady sitting on my couch yesterday. Apparently she's my wife. She seems nice."

Tom Brady: 'I Want To Thank All The Insufferable New England Fans For Giving Me A Reason To Get The Hell Out Of Here'

Reader Kirk Long of Spokane Valley, Wash., in a question to Norman Chad of the Washington Post: "I see Sean Payton has the coronavirus — can't he challenge that?"

Former Dodger broadcaster Vin Scully, in an interview with L.A. Times' Bill Plaschke, on the aftermath of his 2016 retirement: "If it wasn't for doctor appointments we wouldn't have a

social life at all."

Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com: "(MLB commissioner Rob) Manfred said that baseball is 'probably not gonna be able to do' a 162-game schedule. So what he's saying is, it's less likely that the Orioles will lose 100 games again."

Omaha comedy writer Brad Dickson: "There's disagreement over what age constitutes 'elderly'. My definition: if you can remember when Nebraska last won a conference football championship then you are elderly."

Another one from Perry: "Curly Neal, the Harlem Globetrotters' dribbling dervish, died Thursday at age 77. Something tells us Meadowlark Lemon was waiting at the Pearly Gates with a bucketful of confetti."

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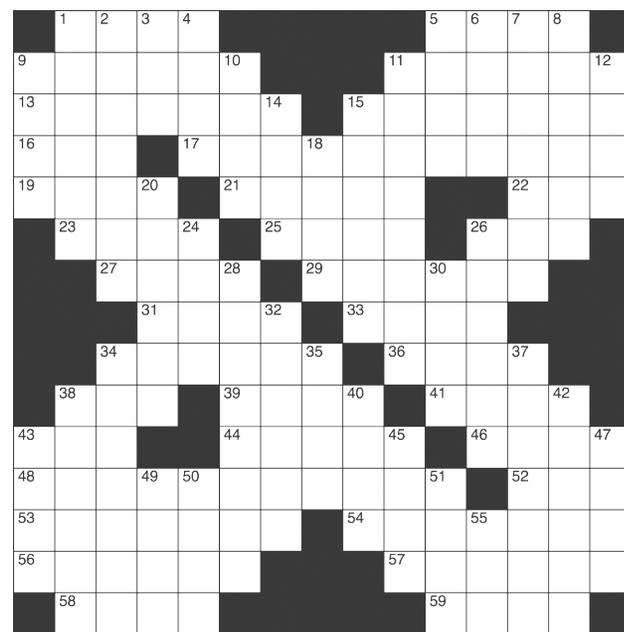
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5. Actor Idris
9. Cut or bruise
11. Vegetables
13. Aircraft delivery
15. To make obsolete
16. Things similar to those already noted
17. Columbus is a famous one
19. Age group
21. Denotes nature of sound
22. Klutz
23. Uninteresting
25. Computer manufacturer
26. 2,000 lbs.
27. Genus of seabirds
29. Emerges
31. Baseball stat
33. Witnesses
34. Observed
36. Satisfy
38. Former OSS
39. Small Eurasian deer
41. Wife of Sparta's king
43. Ballplayer accessory
44. Temporary cessation of breathing
46. Where construction workers ply their trade

CLUES DOWN

1. Churned
2. Seal bottles
3. Million barrels per day (abbr.)
4. Meat from a pig (French)
5. Within
6. Walk in a slow pace
7. Cries
8. About Andes
9. Fishermen use it
10. Expresses delight
11. Shouts
12. Feudal agricultural



48. Arguments that justify a religious doctrine
52. Thick cloud of tiny water droplets
53. Widens
54. Detection

56. Period of inactivity
57. Tomato and vodka are two
58. Greek war god
59. Urinates

- laborer
14. Sailboat
15. Small Eurasian willows
18. S. American native people
20. Extreme disgust
24. Nonsense (slang)
26. Produce male reproductive cells
28. Computes
30. Pop singer
32. Weds secretly
34. Having two poles
35. Yankee hero Bucky

37. Building
38. Per __, each
40. Six (Spanish)
42. Makes amends
43. Scoundrels
45. Baseball's best pitchers
47. Some are scrambled
49. Emit coherent radiation
50. Singer Redding
51. Break
55. Institute legal proceedings against

Answers on page 14

OBITUARIES

Richard "Rick" Kiszka

Rita Belair



Rita Belair
1927 - 2020

As of April 2, 2020, angels came to get their child, Rita Belair (nee: Grenier) of Debden, SK, beloved wife of Real Belair. Rita passed away peacefully in Whispering Pine Place in Canwood, Sk. with her loving husband and family by her side. There will be a Memorial Service held for Rita that will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Rita to either the Debden Heritage Manor (Box 608 Debden, SK. SoJ oSo) or to the Debden Cemetery Fund (Box 70 Debden, SK SoJ oSo).

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KISZKA – Richard "Rick"

Richard Lloyd Kiszka (known to all as Rick) of Parkside, SK passed away peacefully at Shellbrook Hospital on March 29, 2020 at the age of 63.

He was born in Shellbrook on January 5, 1957 to Joseph & Mary Kiszka and grew up on the family farm east of Leask. He attended school in Leask, was a good student and excellent athlete, especially on the basketball court, winning many championship games. In school, as throughout his life, he was popular, well-liked, and had many friends.

After finishing school, he began work with a construction road crew which quickly led to his career with Sask Highways where he was employed for 40 years. He initially started on road construction, highways maintenance and cleaning, then later in the Prince Albert office. For many years he spent much of his free time in winter clearing snow in Parkside and for friends and neighbors, having attached a blade to the front of his truck.

Rick met the love of his life Debbie Elles in 1974 and the teen sweetheart relationship soon blossomed and developed into a lifetime of love and marriage,

sharing their lives side by side as a team. They resided temporarily in the Shellbrook / Marchant Grove district before permanently settling in Parkside. Over the years they were blessed with two children – their daughter Angie and son Dale. Rick's family meant everything to him; they were the center of his whole life. He was always so proud of his wife, children, and grandsons and all their accomplishments. He spent countless hours watching his grandsons playing hockey and ball and his great-nephews playing football and cheering them on.

Rick's friendly good nature and sense of humor made him someone everyone wanted to be around. He appreciated a good joke and came up with quite a few himself, followed by his trademark chuckle. After retirement he was able to keep his coffee buddies well entertained.

A man with a big heart, he loved his family, friends, and the great outdoors. He was a true sportsman and outdoorsman who loved fishing, hunting, and camping. At a young age, he took a keen interest in hunting, walking through the fields with his dad's rifle in hand, and thus began a lifelong love of hunting and guns. He was a marksman with a sharp eye, steady hand, and sure shot. His knowledge and skill were recognized and respected by fellow hunters, many of whom brought their trophy antlers to him for mounting. He was even featured in an article in Big Buck magazine.

He was a sports enthusiast – hockey, ball, golf, car racing, and had a passion for M & M Motorcycles and Mustangs!

At home, Rick took special pride in his yard and garden growing all kinds of flowers and vegetables and a meticulous lawn. He spent many hours building

and caring for his backyard paradise which included a pond with carefully placed rocks, waterfall, and beach – a restful oasis that rivalled any park in the province.

An excellent cook, he could whip up a tasty loaf of bread and a perfect steak – a master of the barbeque all seasons including winter!

He enjoyed music and was a talented guitarist. Rick kept busy in his shop with meat-cutting and making bowls & plaques on his wood lathe.

He had a sensitive spiritual side which showed in his kindness, love for others, appreciation of nature, his lifestyle and character, and the way he handled challenges. With courage and determination, he battled illness time and time again with a spirit that would not give up – his doctor called him a walking miracle. Never one to complain only those closest to him knew how much he endured.

He enriched the lives of all who were fortunate to know him. Though we will miss him, we are so grateful to have shared his life.

At the end of the day – the sun has set, the hunt is over, and the hunter has gone Home.

Rick is survived by his wife Debbie (nee: Elles) of Parkside; his daughter Angie (Tim) Aug of Shellbrook and their sons Devin & Brendan; his son Dale Kiszka (Tina Shaw) of Shellbrook; his nephew Jason (Kim) Elles and their sons Brandon & Fenton of Prince Albert; his mother Mary Kiszka of Leask; his brother Joe Kiszka of Marcellin; his sister Lorraine Kiszka and niece Sheila Kiszka of Leask; his brothers-in-law Larry Elles of Shellbrook, and Dave Elles of Prince Albert; his sisters-in-law Betty Holmes of Prince Albert and Mary Ann Elles of Prince Albert, as well as numerous

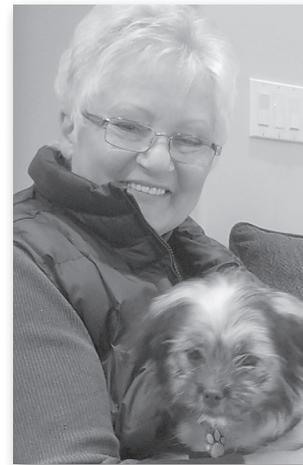
nieces, nephews and many friends.

Rick was predeceased by his father Joseph Kiszka; his brother John Kiszka; his father-in-law and mother-in-law Ernie & Molly Elles; and his brother-in-law Ken Holmes.

It was Rick's wish to have a private family service. Special thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff at Shellbrook Hospital for their care and compassion. In lieu

of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Rick to the Shellbrook & Districts Health Services Foundation. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Tammy Smart – Director, Shellbrook, SK 306-747-2828.

Rose Romanyshyn



Rose Romanyshyn
1952 - 2020

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Rose Marie Romanyshyn. On March 18, 2020, Rose lost her battle with stage 4 cancer at the age of 67 years. She is survived by her spouse Jim and three sons, Scott, Kevin and Craig.

Rose also had six grandchildren, Kyra and Eric, Kale and Quinn and Sam and Leonor. She is predeceased by her husband Nestor and

her parents Joseph and Florence Nawroski.

Rose was a loving mother and spouse and always put other people's feelings above her own. She will be remembered for her love of gardening, her excellent Easter breakfast, and her world-class perogies.

The family will have a service for Rose at a later date. In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Rose to either the Shellbrook & Districts Health Services Foundation - Long Term Care or to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the Saving Grace Animal Society (Box 852 Alix, Alberta ToC oBo).

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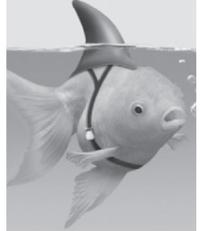
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HealthLine 811

The Government of Saskatchewan has acted on concerns regarding technical difficulties resulting from the high volume of calls received by HealthLine 811. On March 17, the HealthLine 811 system was replaced resulting in an immediate improvement in service.

Originally capable of handling 32 concurrent callers, the 811 system replacement expanded capacity to handle more than 900 concurrent callers, with an option for further expansion as needed, and added a convenient callback feature providing an unlimited number of callbacks. More than 250 additional staff have been trained to receive calls on the expanded system, which has received almost 50,000 calls since the system replacement.

Public Safety Agency Toll Free Line

The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency's (SPSA) toll free line, 1-855-

559-5502, is now being offered 24 hours, 7 days a week. The SPSA toll free line was established in order to answer non-health specific questions about the COVID-19 pandemic.

To ensure compliance with public health orders that are mandatory under the state of emergency, the SPSA toll free line is able to receive and coordinate alleged violations of the mandatory public health orders. Non-compliance concerns can also be submitted online. The form can be found under the Public Health Orders section at www.saskatchewan.ca/COVID19. SPSA operators will work with public health officials and policing agencies to follow up on compliance concerns to ensure compliance with public health orders.

Any non-health related questions regarding COVID-19, including concerns regarding compliance with public health orders, can be directed to the toll free line at 1-855-559-5502.

COVID-19 Health System Info

The www.saskatchewan.ca/COVID19 website is an online source for all COVID-19 information in Saskatchewan. Since being launched, the website has had more than 4 million visits.

The Saskatchewan Health Authority's Self-Assessment Tool has been used more than 350,000 times in March. This online resource helps

people determine whether they need a referral for COVID-19 testing.

The COVID-19 public inquiry email at COVID19@health.gov.sk.ca has responded to more than 4,200 email inquiries since it began operating on March 15. Members of the public with email inquiries can expect a response within 24 hours from the dedicated response team.

To make residents aware of actions they can take to help mitigate the effects of the pandemic, a COVID-19 public health advertising campaign has been running online and in print throughout March, and will continue to run in April. Public health advertising promotes messages of healthy infection control practices, and help educate people about practices such as social distancing and self-isolation. Further advertising will occur in the coming weeks.

Business Response Team

The Business Response Team, led by the Ministry of Trade and Export Development, has worked with businesses to identify program supports available to them both provincially and federally, and to answer questions regarding allowable businesses. Since its creation, the Business Response Team has assisted 1,613 clients over the phone and 690 clients via email for a total of 2,303.

Businesses can contact the Business Response Team by calling

1-844-800-8688, emailing supportforbusiness@gov.sk.ca or by visiting www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-businesses.

Single point of contact for donations and supplies

Government has encouraged individuals, businesses, manufacturers and organizations that are offering to donate or manufacture supplies to contact procurement@gov.sk.ca.

Since its inception, more than 800 emails have been received from individuals, businesses, manufacturers and organizations offering supplies, solutions and innovations. Staff are working to verify and contact all those who have submitted. Through the generosity and resources of Saskatchewan individuals, businesses and manufacturers, 57 donations of personal protective equipment (PPE) including N95 masks and other equipment and an additional 85 purchase opportunities have been identified.

Government is also pursuing a number of opportunities to repurpose production, technologies and accommodations for health and safety needs that have been identified through the single point of contact.

Over the weekend, the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the province rose to 249. Thus far, Saskatchewan has recorded three virus-related deaths.




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