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Looking back on the year that was 2018



The La Ronge Ice Wolves and Spiritwood kids pose for a group shot following the game. The players spent about a half hour skating with the Spiritwood kids before getting ready for their return trip to La Ronge.

JANUARY

Hartley Clark Elementary School held their bi-annual Family Fun Night on Dec. 20, with raffles, games, and just plain fun for the entire family.

Hartley Clark holds Family Fun Nights every other year, alternating it with a Christmas concert.

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The students of Rivier Elementary

School held their 2017 Christmas Concert on Dec. 20, presenting a Christmas play called "Eyewitness News: Live From Jerusalem".

The evening began with individual classes singing Christmas songs. They weren't carols, either, but rather songs laced with humour. ("Please bring me a reindeer. If not, an iPod will have to do").

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Sometime after Friday afternoon until its discovery Monday morning, the three floodlights shining on the nativity scene over the Christmas season had been smashed. There's nothing there but broken glass and some footprints.

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The annual Grey Goose Funspiel was held Saturday, Jan. 13 with 13 rinks taking part. There was a large number

of young curlers in the spiel, giving the event a great cross section of the curling public.

Teams played three four-end games held over five draws, and apart from bragging rights for an hour or two, there were no prizes based on winning and losing. Everyone received a prize, drawn at random.

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Wishing you and your family good health, happiness, success and prosperity in the coming year. Happy New Year!



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Val Crowe (Saydee Lehouillier) and Bobbi Pinn (Emeri Simonar) are about to go live on camera.

JANUARY Continued

The Spiritwood Timberwolves climbed into fourth place in the North Sask Female Hockey League on the strength of a great weekend, when they won two of their three games and tied another. Now, with 15 points on a record of 6-3-3, they are currently a point ahead of the Saskatoon Rush and three behind Debden. They are still seven and nine behind the Saskatoon Predators and the Diefenbaker Thunder, but they have three games in hand over both those teams.

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The Spiritwood and District Horticultural Society held a meeting Jan. 10 to see if its flagging fortunes could be salvaged. At the end of the night, the small group of people who attended felt there was a glimmer of hope, but the jury was still out.

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The ranks of the Spiritwood and District Lions Club increased by three on Thursday Jan. 18 with the induction of Shelley Allard,

Megan Allard and Jillian Mayo into the Club.

The induction ceremony was led by Lion George Pretli, Zone Chairman, with participation from Lion Margret Pretli and Lion Bevra Fee.

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Spiritwood's Female Timberwolves lost Saturday's home game 1-0 to the Saskatoon Rush, but it was a result they had every right to feel good about. Missing about six players – including their top scorers and most experienced – leaving them with a very short bench, they came up with a Herculean effort that fell just short of a miracle on ice.

FEBRUARY

Rosthern-Shellbrook MLA and former environment minister Scott Moe was selected leader of the Saskatchewan Party at the leadership convention in Saskatoon. As leader of the Sask Party, Moe becomes the new Premier of Saskatchewan.

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The Spiritwood Timberwolves are off to the semi-

finals in their North Sask Female Hockey League playoff drive, thanks to a come-from-behind home ice victory secured in double overtime Tuesday night. The final score in the two-game total-goal series was 7-6.

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The Spiritwood Knights of Columbus Council #5353 recently handed out prizes in their "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest at Rivier Elementary School. As well, they held their annual Foul-Shooting competition, with local winners moving on to District competitions in Debden.

Winners at each grade level received \$20 in prize money, as were the top two in each of three age categories.

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The Witchekan Wildlife Federation held their 46th annual Awards Banquet and dance on Saturday, Jan. 27 at the Spiritwood Civic Centre, with a crowd of about 250 enjoying the meal of various wild game dishes prepared by Bob and Marion and staff of Marion's Burger Bar. Those dishes included such taste treats as: moose chili, deer Polish sausage, moose farmer sausage, moose roast with mushroom gravy, sweet and sour moose meatballs, deer roast in BBQ sauce, teriyaki stir fry bear, deep fried breaded northern pike, and yak roast au jus.

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The 2nd Annual Spirit of the North School Curling Classic was held at the Spiritwood Curling Rink on Feb. 2 and 3, with six-

teen teams participating. This was an open spiel, with no connection to any school division or region. As a result, teams from Meadow Lake to Meath Park and points in between took part.

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With help from the Spiritwood Literacy Partnership and a board game kit from Wapiti, the Spiritwood Library hosted a board game after-school program. Some 21 children participated, all seeming to have a lot of fun. They would move from one game to the next so they all had a chance to play each game. There were six games going on at once, either on a table or the floor, as the case may be.

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There were many winners on the night of Jan. 27. There were awards next door at the Wildlife Federation banquet, but there were many winners at the Spiritwood Arena as well.

For starters, there was the North Battleford North Stars, who skated off with an 8-1 victory in their SJHL contest against the La Ronge Ice Wolves. Spiritwood Minor Hockey was a winner, making a few dollars on the event for their coffers. The Arena was a winner, thanks to the large crowd taking advantage of the concessions. The lady who won the 50-50 was a winner, too, taking home a cool \$1,500 as her share of the sales, and the Ice Wolves were winners, too, taking home a cheque much larger than their gate at a home game back in their rink.

And about 600 hockey fans were winners, too, getting an opportunity to see some top quality junior hockey action provided by the two teams. True, the game wasn't a nailbiter, but it was highly entertaining.

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The Spiritwood Curling Club Closed Bonspiel was held Jan. 29-31 with eight rinks participating. Teams were made up by random draw.

The team of Terry Thompson, Laurie Mayo, Karstin Booth, and Jaron Beaulac won the "A" Side, beating Garrett Reddekopp in the final.

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The Spiritwood Timber-

wolves captured a total of five points out of a possible six in their three weekend games, pulling themselves to within two points of the third place Debden Jets and just three behind second place Saskatoon Predators. What's more, Debden has played all 20 games on their schedule and the Predators have just one remaining. The Timberwolves have three games left, with a great opportunity to climb in the standings as they close out the regular part of the draw this coming weekend.

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Shell Lake-area artist Rigmor Clarke was on hand Friday evening, Feb. 9 for the opening of the display of her art at the Main Street Gallery in Spiritwood. Her display is called "The Untamed Landscape", and features scenes from areas in the northern part of the province.

The display opened at 7 p.m., and Rigmor spoke about her art for a while beginning about 7:30 after people had an opportunity to browse and visit. She began her talk by explaining how she creates her art. She said she goes "up north" on a camping trip for about a week to ten days each year, finding an area that she finds intriguing.

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Owen Beaulac, 13, son of Edward and Brenda Beaulac, was one of 64 junior curlers from across the province named a "SaskEnergy Future Star" in a competition sponsored by the 2018 Tim Hortons

Brier and SaskEnergy.

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The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper put on by Partners in Faith on Feb. 13 was a huge success, with people dropping in throughout the hour-and-a-half of the event. The supper is held on the day prior to Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent.

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Spiritwood High School curlers won the gold medals in Senior Mixed and Senior Girls, while the Senior Boys won silver at the Battle West District Play-downs Feb. 8 and 9. SHS hosted the two-day event.

The three teams now go on to the Regional Play-downs – Boys and Mixed in Blaine Lake and the Girls in Allan – March 2 and 3. At stake there is an opportunity to represent the region, the District, and Spiritwood High School at the Provincial Championships March 9 and 10. The top two teams from each region will go on to the Provincial.

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It took the final game of the season to do it, but the Spiritwood Timberwolves pulled into second place in the North Sask Female Hockey League on Sunday with a 6-1 victory over the Melfort Mustangs in Melfort.

The win gives the Timberwolves 26 points on the season, made up of eleven wins and four ties, just one point ahead of the Saskatoon Predators and two ahead of the Debden Jets. All three teams had eleven wins.



The last rock of the final end. Derryk Franston sweeps Garrett Reddekopp's red rock. The Spiritwood foursome needed – and got – a takeout on the yellow at the top of the eight foot to score two and win.

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MARCH

The team representing Lakeland in Girls Curling at the Saskatchewan Winter Games held in North Battleford last week won the bronze medals. Spiritwood's Emma Beaulac is the second on that bronze medal team.

Brooklyn Fahl was the skip of the Prince Albert-based team, with Alexis Stochmanski throwing third stones and Kelsey Deptuck playing lead.

Two teams, one of them from Spiritwood and the other a "hybrid" have qualified for the next level of play in the CurlSask U18 provincial play-downs. The Provincials, to be held in Swift Current March 23-25, will have the Garrett Reddekopp foursome from Spiritwood and the Makayla Bakken rink.

Bakken, from Unity, has Aleah McNabb of Rabbit Lake throwing third rocks, Sydney Winterholt of North Battleford playing second, and Emily Gatzke of Medstead lead.

The Spiritwood Spirited Players wowed crowds on three successive nights with performances of "A Salute to: The Carol Burnett Show" at the Spiritwood Civic Center Feb. 22-24. As has become the practice, the Thursday performance was before a general seating audience, while Friday and Saturday featured a dinner theatre, with the meal prepared and presented by Ronnie's Catering.

Spiritwood Victim Services was the recipient of cheques totalling \$1,800 at the first meeting of 100 Who Care - Spiritwood on March 6. Victim Services received the most votes out of the three groups making presentations

at the inaugural meeting of 100 Who Care, which came into being in 2017.

Three such meetings were held in 2017, with close to \$9,000 being donated to three different groups.

Spiritwood High School curlers had a very successful few days, with three teams bringing home the hardware from the Battle West Junior Districts and two of three senior teams advancing to SHSAA Provincials.

Both the Senior Boys and the Senior Mixed will be provincials-bound this weekend, with the Mixed team heading to Rosetown and the Senior Boys at home in Spiritwood.

The Fur Traders won the "A" Event in the 16th Annual Blair Dietz Memorial Rec Hockey Tournament, played March 2-4 at the Spiritwood Arena. They defeated the Dukes of Hazzard 6-4 in the final Sunday afternoon to repeat as tournament champions and hang onto the bragging rights they earned with their victory last year.

The Spiritwood Timberwolves have advanced to the final of the North Sask Female Hockey League, by virtue of a 6-3 two-game total-goal victory over the Saskatoon Predators. The girls came home from the first game tied 2-2, and then skated to the win on the strength of a 4-1 win in the second game, played before a large partisan crowd in Medstead.

Warren and Alma Latus were feted on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner held at Marion's Burger Bar Jan. 13, with about 50 relatives and friends

on hand to congratulate them and wish them well.

Spiritwood's two teams competing in the SHSAA Provincial Curling each came home with medals following play March 9 and 10.

The Senior Boys team, consisting of Garrett Reddekopp at skip, Devyn Thompson third, Derryk Franson second and Rian Caffet lead, won the silver in a tight match with a score resembling a hockey game.

The Senior Mixed team, with Dalton Wasden at skip, Emma Beaulac third, Jordan Tuttroen second and Payge Galambos, exacted a measure of revenge in the bronze medal game, beating the team from Kipling, which had been the only team to beat them in the round robin.

The Spiritwood Skating Club on Sunday, March 11, hosted the 2018 Saskatchewan Stars on Ice Road Show, featuring some of the top skaters in the province. Included in the show were performances by the members of the Skating Club and by the Maidstone Ice Maidens Synchro Team.

The team of Craig Thompson, Dyllan Franson, Derryk Franson and Devyn Thompson captured the Championship of the Spiritwood Curling Club in the club playdowns March 5-7.

The Debden Jets picked the right time to fire up the afterburners, as the fourth-place team came from a game behind to beat the Spiritwood Timberwolves two games to one to claim the North Saskatchewan Female Hockey League championship for



A successful three-night performance of "A Salute to: The Carol Burnett Show" by the Spiritwood Spirited Players. Curtain call; Cari Iverson (director), Grant Lavoie, Michy Brule, Tanner Gaboury, Alison Sullivan, Kelly Egert, Jennifer Epp, Jackey Wise, Ginelle Olson, Mary Lynn Cross, and Ryan Steinhilber.

2017-2018.

Brent Brewer and his team of son Kyle, Karstin Booth and Dustin Gartner won the Spiritwood Open Bonspiel, which was held March 23-25 at the Spiritwood Curling Rink.

Team Cavalier Agrow won the Draft Tournament this year defeating team Hart Electric 7-4 in the final.

The team skipped by Laurie Mayo has won the Spiritwood Ladies Open Bonspiel for the third straight year, this time with the exact same rink with which she won the event last year. Granddaughters Abby and Emily Fiala and good family friend Taylor Kroeker were in the winning position last year. For the year previous, it was a three-generation team, with Laurie's daughter Karen Fiala in the spot occu-

ried later by Taylor.

The original venue for a Town Hall meeting in Spiritwood hosted by the RCMP was advertised to be the Pioneer Centre. However, a widely-shared social media post and recent events in the RM of Spiritwood prompted the hosts to book the Civic Center instead. This proved to be a wise choice, as more than 170 people were in attendance on March 22 for the much-anticipated information night led by Spiritwood RCMP and supported by Staff Sergeant Barry Thomas, along with Cory Lerat from the provincial Ministry of Policing & Corrections.

Garrett Reddekopp and his team of Devyn Thompson, Derryk Franson and Dalton Wasden have to be wondering just what the heck they have

to do differently in order to reach the top, after capturing their fourth silver medal in two years in major provincial competition.

APRIL

The 15th annual Spiritwood Lions Cordwood Bonspiel was held Saturday, March 31 with a record 105 curlers taking part. Registrations had been up to 112 prior to the event, but stormy weather in Alberta prevented several would-be curlers from taking part as the travel plans of their families were modified.

The Spiritwood Literary Partnership had another successful day March 31 as they held their annual Literacy Olympics. The Olympics were held in the mezzanine of the Rec Centre while downstairs, the attraction was the Lions Cordwood Bonspiel.

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The Fur Traders, repeat winners of the Blair Dietz Memorial Co-ed Tourney.

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JANUARY

The thing about my grandson, Bump, is that he is not a romantic. Upon coming up from his basement bedroom to see what the fuss was about, he found his two sisters – Bounce and The Boss, if you recall – teary-eyed, bawling actually, and cuddling with a tiny furball.

“So, what’s with the dog?” It didn’t immediately register that this creature that had reduced his sisters to a blithering sobbing mess was actually the newest member of the family, a gift from the parents to the kids following the discovery that they were not, indeed, allergic to such animals.

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Recent news that North Korea will be sending athletes to the upcoming winter Olympics indicates somewhat of a thaw in the icy relations that have existed since 1950 between the two Koreas. Officially of course, there is still only one Korea, and the war between the two factions isn’t officially over.

Oddly, perhaps Mr. Trump can be given some credit for the recent development – although we are reluctant to say too many nice things about this president – in that his consistent thumbing of his nose at the North Korean leader has maybe helped lead that man to the realization that it just may be beneficial to find a few friends in the world, even if it is the other Korea.

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“Pandora is out of the box, and Pandora is pissed.”

That was the assessment of a panel of four women on a television program last month. They were talking about the fury unleashed worldwide over the sexual assault allegations against Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein, the fury that led women to level their charges against a number of others, and the fury that has led to the #MeToo and #TimesUp movements.

It may have started with revelations of sexual assault and inappropriate behaviour, and the charges keep coming as more and more women are emboldened to come forward with their stories, but it has become more than that.

So, men, if you know what’s good for you, you’ll pay attention and be willing to support your wives and daughters as much as possible with their demands.

FEBRUARY

Football season can’t be over! I still have salsa and nachos!

Actually, with the end of the Super Bowl last Sunday, the season came to an end with the amazing victory of the Philadelphia Eagles over the New England Patriots. We’ll be seeing the touchdown catch by Nick Noles, Eagles quarterback, for years on highlight shows of various kinds.

But what I found astonishing is that there are people out there who don’t like football. And some don’t because, they claim, they don’t understand it. It’s impossible to drag your kids around the province to every sporting event they are involved in and not have the capacity to understand a game that on the surface seems complicated but is, in fact, relatively

simple.

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Never ones to be far behind as the modern world pumps out its inventions and re-inventions, we have joined the teeming masses of people who have jumped onto the newest cookery bandwagon and purchased an “Instant Pot”.

Supper in no time at all! The neighbor lady, in extolling the virtues of the Instant Pot, exclaimed, “you can even make yogurt!”

Hmmm, yes, excitement indeed. Yogurt is readily available at any supermarket or grocery store, for under a dollar a tub.

But the thought of cooking a roast in forty-five minutes was intriguing, particularly for people who don’t wish to spend the better part of their day organizing a meal.

MARCH

Downsizing is a painful exercise, but we are determined to do it. Not for the reason that some people think, that we are getting rid of stuff in preparation for a move. Well, that may happen some day, but this downsizing is just reducing the extraneous stuff so that when the inevitable happens and our kids are left with the task of disposing of our earthly possessions..

Well, you get my drift.

It started with the filing cabinets, and after letting go of most of my memorabilia – aka scraps of stuff that I had been saving for some reason long lost in the mists of time. But having thought I was finished, I discovered that I had barely started.

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It seems we go through stretches where “you can’t get anyone to do anything”. And then along comes an event like the Saskatchewan Stars on Ice Road Show and you find that there are a whole bunch of people who went above and beyond to make sure it was a first class event.

Nobody likes to single out people for fear of missing someone who ought to have been noticed, but we can’t help it. Cal Robinson spent hours preparing the ice for these high performance skaters, and by all accounts, their reaction was that the ice was absolutely great.

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I saw a picture recently on Facebook in which a young elementary school student in Lloydminster had written a sentence “we built mini snowpeople outside today”, and the comment that went with it suggested that if the kids used “snowman” it was corrected by the teacher.

In my view, that shows just how far into the abyss of gender-blending we, as a society, have allowed ourselves to fall. Being male, I recognize that terminology we’ve used since the beginning of time has tended towards the male and I’ve been totally comfortable with that.

I’m not sure if society as a whole has advanced to the point where more gender-neutral terminology is needed, but I am sure we have passed the point of reasonableness and have descended well into ridiculousness.

APRIL

There is a case before the British Columbia Labor Relations Board in which a restaurant server is appealing his employer’s decision to fire him after it received several complaints from fellow staff who claimed the fellow had been rude and aggressive toward them, to the point that he had created a toxic work environment for all.

The server’s defence is that he’s not rude and

aggressive, he’s French, and that’s just the way French people are. We’ll be interested in seeing how the Board rules on this one.

On one level, of course, the whole issue is laughable, but it does lead one to wonder if the world is, indeed, going nuts.

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Here’s part of a comment by a friend, who posted his thoughts on Facebook:

“Maybe as the world is watching us in Saskatchewan we can all be a bit better. Maybe we can come together for these kids, these families, and this community. Maybe we can all be a little bit better and be the best example so that these young men who died won’t be just another sad news story. Maybe this can be the thing that moves us enough to change

As we continue to look for answers in the days ahead maybe one way to honour these boys is to try to be better. They need to be honoured. We need to try.

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You know what really gets me? I keep getting eMails from some outfit purporting to make me healthier, admonishing me at every turn how this is bad for me, that will kill me, and this will leave me crippled or riddled with dementia. Or worse.

The latest, the one that is responsible for this tirade, is one that tried to tell me that a certain product, available at any grocery store, is silently destroying my innards, and if I keep it up, I could die, or get dementia, or have constant crippling pain, or worse.

I’ll tell you what it is, but first, why is it that when you get eMails like this, they never tell you upfront what it is? They force you to read through all kinds of pseudo-scientific evidence, testimonials, telling you it’s worse for you than something else, and then they tell you all about the something else.

MAY

We’re so busy worrying about whether our lives are perfect, and complaining when the inconsequential leave us a bit short of perfection, that we tend to forget that not everyone shares the same concerns we do. While we may wonder which of several choices we are going to have for supper, there are millions elsewhere who are wondering whether there will be supper. Or, will have quit wondering because there never is.

I think sometimes we need to put our worries into perspective.

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I have believed for a long time that we live on the right side of the world, where, although things get a little crazy at times, common sense is more often the norm.

We can get stupid, from time to time, like falling for the pretty face and the pedigree and elevating him to the highest position in the land. But at least we have the means to correct it, in time.

What constitutes “stupid” has changed, though. In our society, it used to be OK to whistle at a young lady if you thought she looked nice. She might have been uncomfortable with it, but she put up with it.

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Never had I seen so many boats in one location at the same time, except in movies, like in the invasion of Normandy or the Dunkirk evacuation. In the case of Normandy, it was all about military boats of several descriptions, while with Dunkirk it was every floating device the British could muster on short notice to cross the English Channel and participate

in the rescue of the failed invasion.

This was more like that one. There were boats of every description. Houseboats, pontoon boats, speedboats, runabouts, Seadoos, all jockeying for a chance to get close enough to hear the music.

The occasion was a concert, featuring the great Canadian rock band Trooper, who first entertained the masses in 1975 and have been doing so since then. They’re a little different now, as most people who are 43 years older are different.

JUNE

We have just returned from a weekend in Grande Prairie, AB, attending the graduation of our eldest grandchild, our only grandson, Bump, who is one month away from having jumped through all the hoops a high school student must jump through in order to achieve his Grade 12 diploma. Well, almost. There’s a little leftover stuff called final exams he and his classmates still have to go through before it’s official and final.

You don’t have to get hit by a truck to realize the importance of keeping one’s nose to the grindstone and shoulder to the wheel with such a critical outcome at stake, and we only hope he can do the nose and wheel stuff for a little less than a month.

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Things you think about when you get behind a semi on a 1,000 km drive, with little hope of getting ahead of it:

Why is it that the people who draw on the side of boxcars think they are clever and artistic Taggers, I think they call themselves, which is not the name I would use to describe them or their work. Most of what’s on them is an unsightly mess. On the other hand, at least they are for the most part colorful. Contrast that with the amateurs who deface buildings with a single color – usually black. In my view, their “work” screams of something, like, “Help! I’m a wannabe artist but I have zero talent for it.”

I have had A&W burgers from many different locations, and while their burgers are my favourite out of all the burger chains in the country, I still find those made and served by the folks at Martensville A&W to be the best.

It’s nice to see some wildlife on our trips. So far, we’ve seen three. One was dead, though, an unfortunate result of a tangle with a motor vehicle. While they do inflict significant damage on the vehicles that run into them, it’s pretty much a fight they’re not going to win.

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In the event you haven’t noticed, most of the world, civilized and otherwise, is caught up in the throes of the once-every-four-years-madness called the World Cup, in which national teams from 32 countries take to the field in search of the pinnacle of soccer success. Unlike the World Series, this is truly an event encompassing the entire world.

The four years leading up to the major event are taken up with regional tournaments to determine just who those 32 teams are going to be. Canada, a soccer neophyte, has never reached the world stage. Maybe someday we will, but not for a while yet. Perhaps 2026, when some of the World Cup of that year will be hosted in North America, but even then, only if we get an entry due to being a host. Since the U.S. is expected to hold 50 games and both Canada and Mexico get the other ten, I wouldn’t hold my breath.

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HYNDMAN
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News Editor

2018 digest in review

Fernie is a community overwhelmed by bicycles, dogs, and kids. It is not uncommon to see someone riding a bike with a child in a trailer and a dog running beside it. On a leash. All dogs are leashed.

Consequently, driving around Fernie is a bit of an adventure, given that one may be sneaking up on a cyclist, and ever mindful that in a battle between car and cyclist, car usually wins, one takes a bit more care in going by them.

However, for as wonderful the view is in this part of the world, and truly, it is a part of the Canadian world that everyone ought to experience, there is much to be said for that part of the trip homeward when you emerge from the hills and curves, where the road tends to straighten out and the opportunity to pass slower vehicles becomes more frequent, and longer, where the horizon isn't blocked by a majestic chunk of rock on all sides, and where looking around, all you can see is miles and miles of miles and miles.

Yep, the prairies. Home.

JULY

So, this great experiment we call Canada has reached 151 years, and if I may be so bold, there's no end in sight. I am sure I am not alone when I thank my lucky stars that I was born into this great country.

Whether by accident or design, most of us can trace our lineage back to some other spot in the world, from which our predecessors decided in their infinite wisdom that there was a better life awaiting them somewhere else. In my case, my family came here from Ireland before Canada was little more than a collection of colonies the British government harboured in its menagerie of spots from which it obtained goods to keep their economies going and markets for the stuff they produced.

It was said back then that "the sun never sets on the empire", meaning that the British Empire was so far flung that at any time in a twenty-four hour period, some part of the Empire would be enjoying sunshine. Some wag suggested that the reason the sun never set on the empire was that "even God doesn't trust the English in the dark."

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If you take a look at the pictures from this year's Spiritwood High graduation, you'll probably notice that they are somewhat better than usual. The reason for that could be that someone else took them this year.

I was trying to recall just how long it has been since I have missed a Spiritwood High grad, and I think this was the second one in forty-five years. So, we owe a great debt of thanks to Robin Lafond and Shyhorses Photography for stepping in and doing the picture-taking this year while we were away attending to a family medical situation.

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There is a small group of people in Spiritwood who have seen the old television show – Mission Impossible—and gave casual disregard to the premise and planned and organized a summer event in hopes of raising some funds and providing a weekend of entertainment for music fans.

They succeeded on one level. Those who had purchased tickets to attend the Wolf Country Festival were vocal in their enthusiasm and praise for the event.

However, there just weren't enough of them. Ticket sales fell far too short of the

goal.

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This whole idea of confronting prejudices came home to roost for me one Friday while I was in a hospital cafeteria, slowly ingesting a cup of coffee while I waited. At a different table was a group of three or four people, all of them employees of the hospital, and the big guy was complaining about being called at home and asked to come to work on a particular day. He had wanted the day off, or something, and he was grouching because his employer wanted him to work.

As I looked at him I found reasons other than his whining to take an instant dislike to the person. He had a longish, straggly beard, a tattoo on his neck, and jewelry stuck in his lips. That's three things right there that I find unattractive in a person, and he had all three.

I don't know who it was who decided that sticking jewelry in their lips and nose and cheek and eyebrow and tongue was a good idea. It's not.

AUGUST

I was definitely oversocked for that vacation. I took my socks off when I got there and put them on when I left. Why I had all those extras in my suitcase is a mystery to me. Had I been in a third-world country I could have given them away to needy people who might have appreciated them. As it turns out, I had tonnes of socks that went right from my suitcase to the sock drawer when I unpacked.

T-shirts, too. After all, who needs a whole pile of t-shirts when the temperatures are sneaking up close to 40 and the sun is shining and the name of the game anyway is to catch some rays and get a bit of a tan. Besides, if you're going to be in the boat or in the water or just lying on the grass in sight of the beach, t-shirts are just excess baggage.

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When the current president of the Excited States claims that a story in the media is nothing but fake news, most of us have a handle on what, exactly, he means by it. Of course, our handles are sometimes different, leading to all sorts of interpretations.

What we're used to, of course, is politicians who choose their words very carefully in answering a question that is being recorded by or written down by a reporter holding a tape recorder or a notepad. It's a tough skill, trying to find the satisfactory answer, and at the same time find the appropriate language in which to give it. Mr. Trump doesn't have that problem. Or gift.

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People in the area have been reminded for several weeks now that there are many wildfires burning in British Columbia. Smoke from those fires has been a constant companion in this part of the world, so it's not hard to visualize just what the people of many communities in that province are coping with at the moment. Evacuation alerts have been issued for a number of communities, and residents are ready to leave on a moment's notice.

We noticed it here last Wednesday, when the skies darkened for part of the afternoon, giving the area an eclipse-like look.

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There's an interesting bit of news coming from one of the Excited States. A woman was called to account by both the police and Child and Family Services after a neighbor

reported her for child abandonment.

The child was seven, out walking her dog with permission from her mother to do so, but not with the mother's supervision. As the mother explained to all who attended to investigate, one of the stipulations about getting a dog was that each of the kids had to take their turn walking it. As it turned out, it was the turn of the youngest one on this morning. As well, she was trying to allow her kids to achieve some measure of independence, and walking the dog without Mom at her elbow was must that.

She was able to convince the police and CFS that all was well, but it does raise an interesting question.

SEPTEMBER

September. That time of year when everyone's thoughts turn to hockey. Or football. Or baseball. Or any other televised or live action sport, even Premier League Soccer, Australian Rules Football, or even cricket, if we could understand it.

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As if the world hasn't gone crazy with guys like Trump, Trudeau, Putin, Duterte, Assad and others, there is now another loose cannon on the block. New Ontario premier Doug Ford is the most recent to join the list of wannabe strongmen who think they can do whatever the heck they please, regardless of the legality or morality behind their choices.

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Well, it had to happen. Air Canada becomes the latest multi-conglomerate corporate entity to join the 21st century. (There are those among you who feel I might be next). Following a couple of carefully-conducted studies, the airline has determined that pilots may now have beards.

Until these studies were done, it was always felt that oxygen masks would not fit properly over facial hair, and therefore, in the interests of safety, pilots had to be clean-shaven. However, the studies have shown that this is no longer the case. Two models of mask were tested, and the discovery was that beards made not a whit of difference.

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Sometimes it's great to be a part of a weekly community newspaper, but there are times when one gets the feeling that life is not fair. I had intended to comment on a couple of issues in the news, but I got scooped.

Getting scooped is an occupational hazard that we weekly reporters and columnists have to put up with. Those who scoop us have next-day deadlines, whereas anything we submit must be done a few days in advance of publication, so, for anything happening on a Wednesday, our readers don't see it until the following Friday. Anything significant by that time is no longer news, but history.

OCTOBER

Oct 1-7 is National Newspaper Week in Canada. It is a time to reflect on the importance of newspapers in our daily lives. It is a medium that gives us the latest news and information, opinion, and entertainment, and it gives it to us in a manner that allows us to absorb it at our own pace.

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As agriculture goes, so goes the nation. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to know that when things are going tickety-boo on the farm, the entire economy is running well. When it's not, well, everybody feels the pinch

in one way or another.

To say that this year's harvest has been a challenge thus far is a major understatement. Our farmers need some good weather – warmish winds, sunny days, and many of them.

So, we're keeping our fingers crossed in hopes that we can get what we need in order for the harvest to be successfully completed.

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As soon as we had made the turn onto 2nd Street, I could see her sitting on the tailgate of her truck in the driveway. Our daughter, Crash, had been waiting several weeks for just this moment. She got up, closed the tailgate and approached the spot where we would soon be pulling in to park. The smile on her face stretched wide, failing to hide the excitement of our arrival.

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If you were somewhat frustrated after reading last week's column and found yourself hanging in the middle of nowhere, you can imagine what was going through our minds as we were parked at the top of the hill.

NOVEMBER

When we began this adventure, the first image we gave you was of our daughter, Crash, sitting on the tailgate of the family truck awaiting our arrival. She knew we were coming, and she knew what our cargo was. We were taking a puppy to our granddaughters in Fernie, a gift from their Mom and Dad. What we didn't realize at the time was that the puppy was as much a gift for her and her husband as it was for the girls.

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By the time this issue hits the streets, the midterm elections in the Excited States will be over, and the speculation about what happened and what's likely to happen will have been the subject of the news outlets from Tuesday night onwards.

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I would have a lot less trouble accepting Islam as a religion of peace if I were to be presented with more examples of it. True enough, a large number of Muslims formed a ring of peace around a Jewish synagogue in the wake of the attack in Pittsburgh, but those are the examples we don't hear about often enough, and besides, those examples are here and not in the part of the world where they really need to be.

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This week, North American retailers will celebrate – if that is the correct term for it – "Black Friday". It's the day after U.S. Thanksgiving, which happens on the fourth Thursday of November.

The Americans do Thanksgiving better than we do in Canada. We have ours on a Monday. That means we have the big turkey dinner with family and friends on Monday, get stuffed, and then we have to go to work on Tuesday.

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I use my phone for so much that I'm serious when I say I'd be lost without it. Probably the most used application – hey, we call these things apps -- is the text message function, which allows you to send instant messages to anyone on your contact list. Combined with the camera, it's the quickest way to receive messages and photos showing what your grandchildren 1,100 km away are doing right now.

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Emil Lamontagne, the oldest performer in the Opry, has been playing “for 70-some years,” since he was 12. He played “Happy Acres Two-Step” and “Murray River Jig”.

APRIL Continued

Nine teams took part in the Spiritwood Seniors Bonspiel March 26-28, with Guy Cyr's team coming out on top in the First Event.

The Spiritwood Grand Ole Opry Committee held its 16th annual country music extravaganza April 6 and 7, with two dozen performers entertaining two packed houses. The lineup featured featuring well-known favorites plus newcomers, striking just the right balance between new and old, and even young and old.

The 50-50 has been seen in the past as an indicator of the size of the crowd. Based on that, the crowds were large. Les Szabo, Friday's winner took home \$720, while Merv Volk won Saturday's draw of \$885. Volk immediate-

ly turned over half his winnings to the Opry.

Lion President Wayne Pauls presented Lion Sonja Nielsen with a Gold Centennial Membership Award on behalf of Lions International at the April 5 meeting of the Spiritwood Lions Club. The award recognizes membership growth during the Centennial year of Lions International. The Spiritwood Club also received a Premier Centennial Banner patch.

The 27th Annual Spiritwood & District Music Festival was held March 15 & 16, 2018 at the Spiritwood Civic Center, with Lynn Ewing of Saskatoon adjudicating. Some 99 participants took part in the Festival, with many of them showcasing their talents at the Awards Program on the Friday evening.

Awards and scholarships were presented.

“We need a country music festival in Spiritwood.”

That unsolicited comment from Kyle Soderberg rattled around in the room all by itself while the other two attendees struggled to think of a downside.

“We came up with nothing, so we had to say ‘okay,’” informs Ed Szasz. The fact that these two were the inspiration and backbone that brought Spiritwood two very successful BRC Bull Riding events in a row has to carry some weight, so together with Northern Lakes Economic Development Corp.'s Bevra Fee, the steering committee laid the groundwork for a country music festival.

Spiritwood's “Chase the Ace” project will not generate the excitement of the one in The Pas, MB, where a Flin Flon man chose the right card of the three remaining to take home a cool \$1,009,000 last weekend.

But there is excitement all the same, as the progressive pot, which stood at just over \$3,100 after the draw on April 13, has to be won either April 20 or 27. The reason is that the permit issued to SARCS by the Sask Lotteries Commission runs out on the 27th, and that means that regardless of how long it takes,

the pot will be won that night.

The Spiritwood and District Museum Committee held a very successful Easter bake sale at Hujbers Market on Main on March 29.

The sale is an annual event of the Museum Committee as they try to raise some funds and prepare for the upcoming season at the museum.

Prairie Community Endeavours officially opened their expanded facilities with a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 13, with Premier Scott Moe in his capacity as MLA for Rosthern-Shellbrook cutting the ribbon.

Robin Langford, author of “The Cowboy in Me” was the guest speaker at the Spiritwood Library on April 11, where he told a large audience about his life's journey and the writing of his book.

“It's a family book,” he said. “It's about how you handle things in your life. I wrote the book for my grandchildren.”

Since the release of the book in the fall of 2017, it has sold 800 copies.

“I was told to expect sales of 200-300 copies,” he said.

Spiritwood High School has hosted yet another major event. Earlier, it was the SHSAA Provincial Senior Boys curling playdowns. This past weekend, it was the Regional Drama Festival, with thespians and crews from close to a dozen schools taking part.

Drama clubs from across the region presented plays at afternoon and evening sessions on Thursday and Friday, and an afternoon session on Saturday. All the while, workshops were being held, where actors and crews were receiving valuable feedback and training.

Thursday, April 12 saw three volunteers

from the Spiritwood Bull Riding competition travel to Regina for the 29th Annual Saskatchewan Tourism Awards of Excellence.

Athletes and others representing Agency Chiefs Tribal Council celebrated their recent championship win at the Saskatchewan Indigenous Winter Games earlier in April. They began the celebration with a parade down Main Street in Spiritwood, finishing at the Civic Center, where they participated in a program celebrating their achievement.

Colette Bussiere didn't pull the card she wanted, but she was able to go home happy anyway. As the winner of the 50-50 at the Chase the Ace gathering last Friday she received \$758, which was half the \$1,516 sales for the week.

MAY

While many parts of the province are experiencing major problems with roads and highways being flooded, Spiritwood and area have had “minor issues” to deal with, and the end appears to be in sight.

Chase the Ace, a project conducted to raise a bit of cash for SARCS, and also to have a little fun, has ended for this year. The permit from Sask Lotteries was due to run out on April 27, and the money in the progressive pot had to be given away.

And it was. With an amount of the pot at about \$3,400 following the draw on April 20,

sales for the final draw helped push the total to \$5,007 for the final draw on the 27th.

The Sabres Offer Service (SOS) group at Spiritwood High claimed yet another successful venture. In order to gather a meaningful contribution to the Food Bank in North Battleford, the students held a fundraiser in which seven volunteers would kiss an animal.

The kissing was held at noon on April 30. The animals were brought in by several owners. Todd Sanders brought in a calf, Chrissy Buscholl brought a sheep and a dog, Shanda Epp brought a cat, and Clint Balaszi brought the donkey and the duck named Donald Trump.

There may be three weeks left in the month of May, but the Spiritwood Lions Club will be getting the most out of it. The final activity, taking place on the last Sunday of the month, is the annual Walk For Dog Guides. Before then, though, there is much going on.

A Fire Advisory for the Town of Spiritwood has been announced, effective May 7. That shouldn't be too surprising, since municipalities all through North Central Saskatchewan have been following suit. The R.M. of Spiritwood and Witchehan Lake First Nation are other municipalities in the area that have announced fire bans, and there will be others.



Brooklyn Orange (former Main Street Co-ordinator) and Gary von Holwede (Spiritwood Mayor) were presented with the ‘Community Project Award’ in the under 10,000 population category at the Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance's annual Intersections For Growth Conference in Saskatoon on May 2 & 3.



Athletes and others held a parade down Main Street in Spiritwood on April 21 in celebration of the ACTC Championship victory at the recent Tony Cote Winter Games (formerly known as the Saskatchewan Indigenous Winter Games).

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The Saskatchewan Economic Development Alliance hosted their annual Intersections For Growth conference in Saskatoon on May 2 & 3 in Saskatoon. In attendance for the awards segment of the proceedings was Spiritwood's Mayor Gary Von Holwede and the town's former Main Street Coordinator, Brooklyn Orange. Spiritwood's Main Street Program was recognized as the winner of SEDA's 'Community Project Award' in the under 10,000 population category.

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It's spring, and the consummate proof of that is in the frost boils that have reared their ugly heads and cracked more of Spiritwood's dwindling pavement, but there's nothing on Town Council's books regarding a permanent fix.

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Joseph Naytowhow, renowned story-teller, actor, musician, cultural leader, and speaker visited students of Hartley Clark Elementary on Friday, May 4.

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Representatives of the Spiritwood Lions Club were on hand at Spiritwood's two elementary schools last week to award prizes in the annual Mother's Day contest. Prizes for first and second in each grade were given. Each winning entry was read, most of them by the young author who created it. The children were each given certificates, plus a potted arrangement of mums to present to their moms.

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Some 80 guests enjoyed an English Afternoon Tea put on by the Spiritwood Lions Club on Saturday, May 12. This was the second such Tea, and if the enthusiasm was any indication, there will be more.

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When the Haus of Stitches in Humboldt decided to make quilts for the families of the victims of the Humboldt Broncos bus crash, billet families, and the many first responders that attended, they had no idea of what their quest would result



Grand Champion Steer - Tyson Tuck. The banner was presented by Grant Cadieu. Also in the photo is Beef Judge Tara King.

in. Neither did the Cross Country Quilters, the Spiritwood quilting club, that decided to donate. A group took a quilt plus a cheque for \$500 to help defray expenses the Humboldt quilt group might have, but had no idea they would be coming back to town with enough material to make 25 quilts.

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Kyle Soderberg is the 2018 Reserve Champion livestock auctioneer. He won that distinction this past weekend at the annual convention of the Livestock Marketers Association of Canada (LMAC) by placing second in the auctioneering competition. The convention was held in Whitewood May 10-12.

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After a one year absence, the Spiritwood High School Student Auction is back on the agenda. Approximately 80% of the student body signed up to take part in the event, and the lively auction session was held May 16 in the gym.

Over forty groups of students, presented in groups of from two to four, were up for auction, with auctioneer Charles Schira doing the honours.

JUNE

The Spiritwood Walk For Dog Guides took in \$2,209 in pledges from eleven registered walkers on Sunday, May 27. There

were five dogs in the walk, which was a 2.6 km route beginning and ending at the Spiritwood Pioneer Centre. Last year's walk featured seven dogs and twenty walkers, but a slightly lower total in pledges.

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The regular meeting of the library board was held on May 22, 2018. Present were Rhonda Clark, Kathleen Gatzke, Shannon Beaulac, Laurie Knot, chairperson and Joyce Carriere, librarian.

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There were a few hiccups, but the relocated Spiritwood Pharmacy was open for business as promised on Tuesday morning, after a hectic weekend of moving from the old store and setting up in the new.

Shoppers arriving Tuesday morning could find the usual products they

were accustomed to purchasing, such as cards, makeup, school and office supplies and over the counter medicines and related items. But they were also able to browse through aisles of grocery items, featuring two coolers - labelled "Cold" and "Colder" - for refrigerated and frozen items.

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Those who paid big bucks for groups of students for tasks involving cleaning, painting, yard work, and whatever else there might be, got their money's worth, as the student work force dove into their jobs on May 31.

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Richard Nelson was cooking and serving pancakes on Friday, June 1, at a "Meet and Greet" at the Farmer's Market in Spiritwood. Several dozen local people dropped in to chat with Nelson and

enjoy pancakes, fruit and hot Tim Hortons coffee.

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The annual Dirty Pitches slo-pitch tournament was played in less-than-ideal conditions, June 1-3, with rains in the days preceding the tourney turning the playing surface into something more suitable to mud bog racing than softball.

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Representatives of the Spiritwood and District Lions Club presented Canadian flags and pins to the Grade 1/2 classes at Rivier Elementary and Hartley Clark Elementary Schools on Monday, June 4.

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The Northern Spirit, Leoville, Big River and Medstead 4-H Clubs held their 73rd annual Regional 4-H Show and Sale in Spiritwood on June 3 and 4. The Show took place at the Ag Barns on Sunday and Monday, and the sale was held at the Spiritwood Auction Mart on Monday. Prior to the sale, a beef on a bun super was held, also at the Auction Mart.

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Two Spiritwood Lions were presented with Life Memberships in the Saskatchewan Lions Eye Bank at the June 7 meeting of the club. Lions Marg and George Pretli were chosen to receive this award, which comes from the Eye Bank and is made to recognize contri-

butions to that body.

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Rivier School had a fun filled wonderful carnival on Thursday, June 14. The day included three bouncy houses, Don & Carolyn Voss's Opa Don's Kinder Train, Ken Anklovitch's tightrope walking and unicycling skills, Spruce Row Stables petting zoo, Rhonda Saam and High School students facepainting, cotton candy, and various games.

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The Spiritwood High girls won the team competition at the Battle West Junior Golf Championships played at the Spiritwood Golf Course June 12. Three of their number swept the medals, with Brooklin Fry taking gold with a 9-hole score of 46. Sara Francouer won silver with a 63 and Vanetta Tipewan won bronze with a 66.

On the Boys side, the Sabres finished fourth out of 7 teams, with Cal-ey Lehouillier claiming bronze after shooting a 52, tied with two others.

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Thirty Grade 1-3 students at Rivier Elementary School took part in an outdoor club from May 10 to May 31. The group met once per week and participated in outdoor related learning activities.

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Some 420 names were in the drum - some participants entered on more than one team - and each waited with bated breath Monday night, hoping to last the week and be the last name chosen from the drum on Saturday, June 9, and be declared "Wine Survivor".

That distinction eventually fell to Debbie Rose, and she and her "We Don't Give a Sip" teammates - Larissa Swityk-Conacher, Susan Siegel, Alicia Amendt, Kendra Sanders, and Jennie Knudsen - laid claim to the first prize of 180 bottles of wine.

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Participation was down in this year's Spirit of the North Match Play Classic, but the thirty-two who took part had an amazing weekend of golf, food and fellowship June 15-17.

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Where My Pitches At, winners of the "A" event at the Dirty Pitches slo-pitch tournament.

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Pastor Bob Leslie and his "choir" – Giselle Booth, Colette Cooper, Claire Schira, Patty Heisler, and Monica Kitching.

JUNE Continued

The Spiritwood and District Lions Club inducted a new member at their spring windup June 18. Sherry Muir is the newest member to be inducted into the Club. Although she has been active in the past few months, taking part in Lions projects, her induction was held at the windup. Incoming Lion District Governor Tom Schwab of North Battleford presided over the induction ceremony. Lion George Pretli is Lion Sherry's sponsor.

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An appreciation supper for all the volunteers who work at Nu2U was held at Partners In Faith, Spiritwood, on May 24, 2018, hosted by the church council members. The meal was beautifully prepared by Sonja Nielsen, Carolyn Voss, Lynnda Berg, Amy Wright, Jana Paton, and served by Torben Nielsen and Alan Steinhilber.

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The SARCS Third Annual Bull Riding has launched for another year with a hugely successful table auction. VIP tables were auctioned with a social at the Mezzanine on Friday, June 15. Around 40 people were in attendance, all with the intention of making sure their seats are floor/bull-snot level. The VIP tables each accommodate eight guests who enjoy table service and up-close action for the BRC-sanctioned event that will take place in Spiritwood Rec Centre on Oct. 6 this year.

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The Saskatchewan State Annual Golf Tournament was held June 23-24 at Spiritwood Golf

Course, with the local Knights of Columbus Council 5353 in charge of hosting the event.

Close to sixty golfers took part in the two-day event. Saturday's 18-hole play determined the flights for Sunday's final round.

Lloyd Fisher topped the field, winning the Championship Flight with a round of 84.

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As we are entering a season of well-deserved weather, our museum staff is trying to take advantage of it. Throughout the past month, we have hosted two events at the museum.

The first, which we hosted at the beginning of this month, was the church service held at our Bissel Memorial United Church.

The other was the Amundson Family Concert and burger sale on June 15.

JULY

Twenty of 28 gradu-

ates of Spiritwood High School Class of 1973 met in Spiritwood on the long weekend to celebrate their 45-year anniversary of graduation.

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About 100 members of the Witchekan Lake First Nation (WLFN) took part in a walk Thursday, June 28, to raise awareness of the drug and alcohol abuse problem that is playing havoc in their community.

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Rivier Elementary School in Spiritwood presented year end academic awards to its students on June 27.

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The 2018 Graduation exercises were held at Spiritwood High School on Friday afternoon, June 29, with a class of 24 graduands taking part.

The theme of this year's graduation was from a quote by Ashleigh Brilliant: "Nothing we do changes the Past – Ev-

erything we do changes the Future."

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Awards and recognition were presented to deserving SHS grads at their Graduation Exercises June 29, including the Governor General's Bronze Medallion, presented to 2017 graduate Alexander MacFarlane. Mr. MacFarlane had the highest standing in Spiritwood High in the 2016-2017 school year. The Governor General of Canada continues this tradition of encouraging scholarship across the nation and recognizing outstanding students.

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Several local softball players have come home from Provincial Championships with medals after weekend action around the province.

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The Spiritwood and District Museum held an afternoon tea on Friday, July 6, giving people an opportunity to browse the museum and enjoy refreshments on the large front veranda.

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The Spiritwood Knights of Columbus Council 5353 had two winners at the State (or provincial) level in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest for 2017-2018.

Ciara Conacher and Abigail Swistun were each winners of first place in their respective



Participants in the fourth annual Pink Caddie Cup: Back row: Mary Sukkau, Penny Dixon, Laurie Mayo, Bevra Fee, Tayna Ballantyne, Doris Colson. Middle: Drew Ballantyne, Lori Empey, Yvonne Combres, Renee Tipewan, Brenda Fry, Peggy Warren, Betty Free, Dona Bedi, Ruby Whitefish, Lorri Wardley, Twylla Sutton, Donna Trapp. Front: Helene Fisher, Joyce Willick, Laura Beauchesne, Val Willick, Gaye Smulan, Elisa Tipewan, Lorraine Diehl, Shirley Dauvin, Angie Wright, Terri Krushelniski, Marilyn Kristoff, Randi Ditto, Marilyn Mochoruk.

age categories, Ciara for ages 5-7 and Abigail for ages 8-10. They each received \$75 and first-place certificates.

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Astounding! Outstanding! Those and other superlatives from those in attendance described the 1st Annual Wolf Country Festival, held in Spiritwood July 6-8.

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The Spiritwood and District Lions Club have made two \$800 cheque presentations to local organizations to help them with specific projects for which they were looking for funding.

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Brooklin Fry of Shell Lake has won the Golf Saskatchewan Junior Girls Golf Championship and as a result will represent the province at the National Championships to be held near Vancouver later this month.

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A reunion of the Latus family was held June 29 to July 2 to celebrate the centennial of the Latus homestead in the Baupaume-Belbutte vicinity. The theme was "Better Latus Than Never".

About 70 people attended, coming from B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Quebec.

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Danica Lorer is a storyteller, specializing in entertaining children with interactive stories. She paid a visit to Spiritwood July 20, entertaining about three dozen children at the Rec Centre Mezzanine.

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A crew from Provincial Pothole and Paving will be in Spiritwood soon to repair potholes on Main Street that have crept up. As well, they will be putting down new pavement at the intersections where the streets meet up with #3 Highway, and they will be re-doing areas where Main Street has been dug up due to water issues.

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Residents of Spiritwood and much of the immediate area surrounding it were busy cleaning up Sunday following a thunderstorm that lashed the region and left up to five inches of water – and some hail – in a short period of time.



Spiritwood High School Class of 2018. Back row: Jonathon Ardagh, Dallas Joseph, Luc Prefontaine, Derryk Franson, Devyn Thompson, Garrett Reddekopp, Brock Simonar, Colin Buban; Middle Row: Angelo Maglabe, Kody Franson, Brayden Tipewan, Jared Jim, Warren Salisbury, Clayton Patton, Carter Salisbury; Front Row: Jacelyn Wingerter, Charlene Brettle, Kaylee Salisbury, Lorrena Fineday, Jacie Purdy, Jadelyn Tiringer, Abigail Mundell, Shynell Watson; Missing from photo: Elija Jim. Photo by Robin Lafond

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AUGUST

Who knows what goes through the mind of a dog that leads it to leave the comfort and safety of its humans. Regardless of the reason, one little dog's adventure caused some tense and stressful moments for Lynn (Nee: Neurauter) and Darryl Read of Leduc, AB on Monday morning.

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Close to three dozen people learned a bit about the people and culture of several foreign countries on July 25 as several speakers gave presentations one evening at the Spiritwood Library.

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The Gun and Hobby Show held by the Witchekan Wildlife Federation at the Spiritwood Arena on Aug. 11 and 12 was considered by organizers to be yet another success.

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The Spiritwood Horticulture and Home Craft Show was held Aug. 10 at the Spiritwood Civic Center. The judges evaluated some 377 entries, up significantly from last year, as was the number of memberships sold and those entering exhibits.

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Given the warm sunny weather the province has been experiencing lately, one would expect there would have been many planes arriving to take part in the annual Fast Fly-In Breakfast Aug. 12.

However, the weather turned nasty overnight and all who had planned to attend called to report that due to smoke and rain in their areas, they wouldn't be coming.

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Glen Caffet was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his many years of contributions to the Spiritwood Horticultural Society. Glen retired from the Society after serving as president for a number of years. However, retirement can be fleeting. He came back this year not as a contributor, but as a judge. His years of experience are appreciated.

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The top four teams in the Spiritwood Senior Golf Tournament Aug. 15 were separated by a single stroke, requiring chip-offs to determine final placements.

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Construction has begun on what will be the new home of Guy's Furniture and Appliances Ltd. The facility, when complete, will offer shoppers nearly 11,000 square feet of retail space, similar to the Guy's store in Kindersley. One significant difference is that the new store won't have a huge display window right next to a Tim Horton's Drive-through window, like they do in Kindersley.

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The Spiritwood Museum held a tea on Fri-

day, Aug. 24. It would have been nice to have held it on the veranda out front, but weather conditions dictated that the event would be held indoors.

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Team Blue needed a storybook finish to this year's Pink Caddie Cup ladies golf match if they were to have any chance to unseat Team Green. Trailing 13-3 after Friday's alternate shot and Saturday's scramble, they needed a near sweep of the fifteen singles matches in order to accomplish that.

However, storybook endings only happen in storybooks. On the golf course, the Team Green ladies took the singles 10-5 for an overall 23-8 victory.

SEPTEMBER

Vacation Bible School at Partners in Faith Church this summer was yet one more successful event. Some 21 children attended, and had a whale of a week.

The theme of this year's VBS was "Rolling River Rampage: Experience the ride of a lifetime with God" led by an energetic group of young people affiliated with the United Church.

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The School Community Council of Hartley Clark Elementary School held a barbecue at Farmer's Market on Sept. 7 to raise funds for the Brain Boogie, which was an event of Sept. 8 in Prince Albert.

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Spiritwood Ryder Cup. "Team Sam" in white, "Team Donny" in black. Three days of match play golf in the rubber match between these two teams. Back row: Tyler Fisher, Brad Nemish, Lanny Fisher, B.J. Brataschuk, Brad Brataschuk, Ryan Willick, Kyle Brataschuk, Tyson Turgeon, Dallas Schira, Colin Heppner. Front: Greg Rogers, Dustin Smolinski, Todd Turgeon, Warren Schira, Lloyd Fisher, Don Turgeon, Sheridan Lehouillier, Ryan Turgeon, Jeff Hujber, Tyson Walter.

Putting all clichés aside for the moment, it can be described as "a win for the ages." Team Donny outlasted a spirited comeback attempt by Team Sam to win the rubber match in the 2018 version of the Ryder Cup, played Sept. 7-9.

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Students in both the Living Sky and Light of Christ School Divisions headed back to class Sept. 4 to begin the 2018-2019 school year. Teachers and support staff began their year the previous Wednesday, with several days of inservice and planning sessions.

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The SHS Drama Club was one of two organizations that made presentations to the 100 Who Care group on Sept. 4, and in the end, they were voted to receive the \$1,900 in funding from the members.

**

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**

The Idylwild Lodge Auxiliary held a successful BBQ on Sept. 14. Although it was somewhat cool, the public

support was excellent. The sale was held at the Co-op, with Co-op staff assisting the Auxiliary members with the sale.

**

After spending two years fundraising, Spiritwood High School has finally built their outdoor basketball court! On Sept. 19, the Student Leadership Council (SLC) hosted a grand opening for the space.

**

"There were a lot of games of pool played in there." The words came from Terry Thompson, whose Thompson Agencies business was next door to the building affectionately known as Ferster's Poolroom.

The building was demolished on Monday, Sept. 24, after sitting empty for a number of years and falling into disrepair. As a poolroom, it had been closed many years earlier. For a time, it housed the Bumper to Bumper store, until it, too moved across the street.

**

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**

Rivier Elementary School students and families were invited to mass Sept. 9 for a "Backpack Blessing"

OCTOBER

The Board of Directors of the Spiritwood Housing Authority held a supper at Ming's Wok on Sept. 26 to pay tribute to two of their number who have recently retired.

Grant Goller retired from the Board after serving for 17 years as a member, while Glenda Hyndman retired at the end of May after 27 years as manager of the local Housing Authority.

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Grand opening of SHS basketball court: A free throw competition was held, with students and staff taking part. The prize? A chocolate bar for every free throw made.



Curling pumpkin explosion project: The moment of impact. The pumpkin had been stuffed with about four pounds of teneite, and Craig Thompson hit the bullseye on his second shot.

Looking back on the year that was 2018

OCTOBER continued

The annual Community Garage Sale was another unqualified success. The event, hosted this year by Spiritwood Minor Ball, attracted many donations of items from people, and many shoppers looking for bargains or treasures they have been eager to locate.

**

Reese Hujber was the lucky reader who had her name drawn in the Wapiti Region Summer Reading draw. She won a variety of books and other goodies.

**

Students from Spiritwood High School took to the streets Sept. 27 in the annual Terry Fox Run. They started at the High School, proceeded down 3rd Ave W, up 1st St to 1st Ave and then back to the school, continuing the route for the 40-minute duration.

Students from Hartley Clark and Rivier held a joint run the previous day, raising an announced sum of well over \$2,000 for the cause.

**

Oct 1-7 is National Newspaper Week. We all have different opinions about newspapers and the importance they have to our lives. We asked Spiritwood's elementary students what they thought was important, and what they liked to look for, and boy, did we get some different views.

**

The theme of this year's Culture Days celebration was to try to do something you've never done before.

The Spiritwood Museum Committee on Sept. 28 put together an activity at the Pioneer Centre that fit well. Not only did the participants make their own soap for the first time, it's unlikely that many will take it on as a full-time hobby.

**

A 400-lb pumpkin was blown to smithereens on Saturday, Oct. 6, netting \$1,160 for the Spiritwood Curling Club and the same amount split among three winners.

**

Ratepayers in two Divisions in the R.M. of Spiritwood will be going to the polls Oct. 24 to elect a member to Council.

The odd-numbered Divisions are up for re-election this year.

**

The Bull Riding Competition held at the Spiritwood Arena was a highly-entertaining event, with a near sellout crowd enjoying the action provided by 25 bullriders, all intent on walking away with a beautiful trophy buckle. The buckle, some cash and valuable points leading to the Bull Riders Canada (BRC)



The opening ceremonies for the 2A Girls Provincial Volleyball Championships was held in the Medstead gym before a full house.

championship for 2018.

**

The 29th Annual Ducks Unlimited Fundraising Dinner was held at the Spiritwood Civic Center Saturday Oct. 20, with over 100 people enjoying a meal provided by Lori Saam and staff and an evening of bidding and entertainment.

**

The Spiritwood Public Library partnered with the Links to Learning Spiritwood Literacy Partnership to have a Lego program for children.

**

On the surface it may be somewhat unconventional, but when presented with the logic, it all makes sense. A great deal of sense.

"We chose these breeds because of our climate," said Tyler Rendek. He and Dianne Manegre have Lazy Plum Farm, located northeast of Shell Lake, where they raise yaks. Yaks and Icelandic lambs and Tamworth pigs.

All three are well-suited to the harsh climate.

NOVEMBER

Doug Johnson of Windmill Stockfarm of Shell Lake had the Grand Champion pen of five bred heifers at the 28th Edam Fall Fair Oct. 27.

Wasden Cattle Company (Claude and Adele Wasden) had the Grand Champion Prospect Steer Calf.

**

An undetermined number of children, almost all of them in costume, had a whale of a time at the Family Halloween Dance on Friday, Oct. 26. For many, it would be a dress

rehearsal for the big day Wednesday, when they'd get to put their costumes on again and hit the streets in search of treats.

**

Prairie Community Endeavours (PCE) held a very unique fund-raising dinner on Friday Oct. 26, with about 60 guests taking part in a very unusual meal.

Well, it wasn't the food that was unusual – teriyaki fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, cole slaw, veggies and pickles – but rather the manner in which the food was served. Chances were good that a guest would be eating the mashed potatoes with a knife or a toothpick.

**

Team Scotia recently presented the Bull Riding Committee with a cheque for \$3,000 in conjunction with the event.

**

The Martodam Motors team captained by Lloyd Fisher won the Back Breaker tournament – check that, Ice Breaker, although maybe the former term fits for many of those who took part in it, their first time on skates since March.

**

The staff of the Spiritwood Branch of Prairie Centre Credit Union (PCCU) presented a cheque for \$2,500 to the Spiritwood Fire Dept. on Oct. 18, which was Credit Union Day. All fire departments with a PCCU Branch received a similar cheque, celebrating the 25th anniversary of PCCU.

**

Weather conditions were ideal for Halloween festivities Oct. 31, with children of all sizes

hitting the streets in search of treats.

**

With the 100th anniversary of the armistice of Nov. 11, 1918, it is well to remember just why we wear the red poppy and remember the sacrifice made by so many in armed conflicts. Few Canadian families have been untouched in some way, and most have their own remembrances of personal loss.

The Wasden family of Mildred is one of those, having lost a loved one from each of three generations.

**

The annual Seniors Appreciation Supper was held Saturday, Nov. 10, with 124 seniors and guests signing the guest book.

This was the 38th annual supper, sponsored by the Spiritwood Lions, Town of Spiritwood, R.M. of Spiritwood, and the Spiritwood Chamber of Commerce.

**

The Remembrance Day Service was held at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Spiritwood on Sunday, Nov. 11, with an inter-denominational program. Spiritwood High School and Hartley Clark held a joint service on Friday.

**

The Rocanville Rara Avis won the 2A Girls Provincial Volleyball Championships hosted by Medstead Central School and Spiritwood High School Nov. 16-17. They defeated the McClurg Broncs from Wilkie 2-0 in the gold medal final before a packed house in Medstead.

**

The art of Heather Beauchesne is now on display at the Main Street Gallery. The exhibit, titled "Farm Fresh locally sourced" is a unique display of works done in charcoal on wood, featuring local livestock, wildlife and flora.

Her exhibit begins on the one-year anniversary of Main Street Gallery, a concept that she helped found. Her works will be on display until the end of February.

**

There were just five vehicles parked in the first block of Main Street at 10:30 Saturday morning. By contrast, the parking lot at the Arena/Civic Centre was jam-packed, and space was at a premium. Between an Atom hockey tournament at the Arena and the Lions Craft Sale at the Civic Center, there was little room to manoeuvre. The same could be said for the parking lot at the Legion.

**

The Spiritwood Public Library partnered on Wednesday Nov. 21 with the Links to Learning Spiritwood Literacy Partnership for a 3D pen program.

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JANUARY

Medstead Leisure Life held their annual Christmas party Dec. 4. They enjoyed a pot luck supper followed by entertainment.

**

Medstead Central School held their annual Christmas dinner on Dec. 21.

**

Marlene Martens was elected to the RM Council in a by-election to fill the Division 4 seat vacated by the resignation of Eric Kuffert.

The Hoffnungsfelder Mennonite Ladies Aid organized a New Year's supper at the Senior Sunrise center, with 35 people attending.

**

The Medstead Mustangs Senior Boys volleyball team was presented with the SHSAA Sportsmanship banner, earned during last fall's 1-A championships.

FEBRUARY

The Shell Lake 50+ Seniors celebrated birthdays for December and Janu-

ary. Ten were honoured.

**

Shell Lake-area artist Rigmor Clarke was on hand Friday evening, Feb. 9 for the opening of the display of her art at the Main Street Gallery in Spiritwood. Her display is called "The Untamed Landscape", and features scenes from areas in the northern part of the province.

The display opened at 7 p.m., and Rigmor spoke about her art for a while beginning about 7:30 after people had

an opportunity to browse and visit. She began her talk by explaining how she creates her art. She said she goes "up north" on a camping trip for about a week to ten days each year, finding an area that she finds intriguing.

**

The Rabbit Lake Community Hall Board sponsored the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper at the hall.

**

The Medstead Ladies Bonspiel was held Feb. 10.

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Pelican Lake grads, From left to right: Jermone Partridge, Skylar Wolfe, Charmaine Thomas, Edward Wolfe, Kirsten Burns, Kelsey Rabbitskin, Gary Bird, Triston Bill, and Shayleen Bill.

MARCH

Medstead Central School hosted native storyteller Darwin Atcheynum Feb. 14.

**

A donation of \$1,215 was made to the Evergreen Health Center as a result of the hockey tournament held in memory of Gordon Scott.

**

The Rabbit Lake snowmobile rally attracted 281 riders, many of whom faced white-

out conditions for part of their ride. Ed Szasz won the \$5,000 first prize.

**

Leoville Health Care Auxiliary held their spring fundraiser bake sale at the Golden Ring Center on March 16.

**

Sylvia Jensen and Joyce Skarpinsky have been reappointed to the Shell Lake Housing Authority Board of Directors.

**

Sally Salisbury and Ellyn Scotton have been reappointed to the Mayfair Housing Authority board of Directors.

APRIL

Thirty-six players took part in the Kaiser tournament hosted by Rose Gill Lodge.

The Rabbit Lake Library held their annual general meeting on March 14. Donna German remains chairperson. The Library sponsored an ink painting class on March 10.

**

The Rabbit Lake Sunrise Circle held their annual general meeting March 21. Jim Tompkins was re-elected chairperson.

**

The annual Cater Lake Wild Game and Awards Night was held April 7 at the Medstead Hall. Over 170 attended.

**

MADRA hosted a pancake breakfast fundraiser at the Medstead Hall to raise funds for both the Humboldt Bron-

cos and STARS Ambulance in the wake of the bus crash that killed 16 members of the Broncos. Approximately 175 attended.

MAY

Medstead Central School presented their elementary drama night on April 18.

**

Medstead Central School held a carnival and literary promotion night on April 19, hosted by the School Community Council and coinciding with the Council's AGM.

**

Medstead School was evacuated May 2 after an alarm indicating a gas leak was sounded. After investigation, it was determined that a school employee had entered the wrong code. Instead of accessing the intercom, the employee accidentally triggered the alarm.

**

The Shell Lake Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion held Decoration Day, after which everyone enjoyed a nice lunch at the Legion Hall.

**

St. Rita's Parish in Medstead held a pancake breakfast on Mothers Day to celebrate the mothers of Medstead and area.

**

Patrick Laughlin has been reappointed to the Rabbit Lake Housing Authority Board of Directors.

**

The Rabbit Lake Community Hall Board hosted the annual spring supper on May 5.

JUNE

The story time children at

Leoville Library took their show "on the road" and performed for the residents of Evergreen Health Center.

**

Medstead Kindergarten graduation was held June 7.

Medstead also hosted the elementary track meet June 7.

**

Marlene Martens has been reappointed to the Board of the Rabbit Lake Housing Authority.



Leoville grads, L to R back row: Renee Pouliot, Keyanna Allison, Janel Bonneau, Rayna Judge, Danika Poirier, Denay Chalifour, Delaney Lehouillier, Darci McAdam, Ashley Fee, Serena Sawatsky Front row L to R: Keanau Moccasin, Dalton Bill, Bryden Lepage. Photo by Behind the Lens Photography by Natasha



Medstead grads, Back - L to R: Rhian Sherman, Dawson Hill, Ayden McClean, Jackson Hundt, Kyle Knot, Burke Sherman; Front - L to R: Mercedes Swiftwolfe, Karen Rosendahl, Charm Henderson. Photo by Amanda Klassen Photography



Glaslyn grads in no particular order: Rebecca Davies, Kory Dorval, Caylee Halliwell, Andrew Hicks, Shayla Landrie, Ashten Pambrun, Jamie Sayers, Presley Senger, and Jacy Taylor.



Best School Chorus - Medstead Central School Glee Club, directed by Marjory Klassen and Cheryl Jansen.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPIRITWOOD: Wapiti Regional Library - Tuesday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm, Wednesday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm & Friday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
LEOVILLE: Wapiti Regional Library - Wednesday 10 am - 4 pm; Thurs. 10 am - 3 pm (Storytime from 10:30 am to 11:30 am)
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Matthew Pouliot of the Leoville Travel Club hands back change to a customer while his mom (Angela Pouliot) and his aunt (Laura Andres) make up a plate of pancakes, ham and sausages. The Leoville Travel Club is fundraising for their 2020 trip to the UK.

JULY

About 100 members of the Witchekan Lake First Nation (WLFN) took part in a walk Thursday, June 28, to raise awareness of the drug and alcohol abuse problem that is playing havoc in their community.

**

MADRA held a very successful Canada Day celebration over the weekend of June 30-

July 2. Activities included a demolition derby, barbecue and softball tournament.

**

Rabbit Lake and District Museum Committee hosted the annual church service in the museum church on June 10, followed by a barbecue lunch at the Sunrise Center.

**

The annual Rhubarb Fest was held June 30,

sponsored by the Rabbit Lake Museum and the Sunrise Circle. Margaret Siegel was crowned "Rhubarb Ruby".

**

The Shell Lake Lions Club made a donation of \$10,000 to the fund for the acquisition of a specialized piece of equipment for the Retinopathy of Prematurity Program at the Children's Hospital in Saskatoon. The equip-

ment and incidentals are expected to cost \$200,000, with Saskatchewan Lions Clubs contributing \$100,000.

**

Kalli Franson, Emeri Simonar and Jaici Woytiuk, who played with the U-12 Shellbrook Heat, won gold at the C-North Championships in Rosetown.

**

Dorothy Shellington won the \$1,000 jackpot at the Shell Lake Lions bingo July 4.

**

The Medstead playground barbecue fundraiser was highly successful July 11, raising \$1,613 towards the \$2,600 goal. A number of donations moved the tally closer to the goal, and the 50-50 draw is expected to put the Committee over the top.

**

Brooklin Fry of Shell Lake has won the Golf Saskatchewan Junior Girls Golf Championship and as a result will represent the province at the National Championships to be held near Vancouver later this month.

**

The Shell Lake Lions Club presented a cheque for \$2,500 for electrical upgrades at Memorial Park.

**

The annual Shell Lake Hey Days Jam Session sponsored by the Shell Lake Lions Club, drew a large crowd on July 20.

AUGUST

The 36th Annual Shell Lake Hey Days was held July 20-22, presented by the Shell Lake events Committee. It was a fun-packed three days that attracted large crowds to view and take part in the many events.

**

The 15th annual Northern Horizons Arts Tour was held Aug. 4-5.

**

Eighteen teams took part in the 2nd annual Slow Pitch tournament sponsored by the Rabbit Lake and District Agricultural Association.

**

Some two dozen or so woodcarvers and whittlers from various parts of the province – and at least one from Alberta – met at the Gazebo in Shell Lake Aug. 10-12 for the 16th annual Shell Lake Carve-In. In recent years, the Carve-In has been held in conjunction with the Thickwood Hills Studio Trail, adding to the attraction of both events.

**

For a fleeting moment during the telephone call, Danni Kohl had a thought that perhaps she was involved in a

scam. The voice on the other end was telling her that she had won a scholarship and was explaining some of the hoops that both sides would have to jump through before she could receive the funds.

**

The Village of Leoville is nearing completion of a more than \$180,000 Main Street paving project, financed largely from the Canada Gas Tax Fund.

SEPTEMBER

It was decided that the family descendants of Pete and Mary Krushelniski should gather together on the August long weekend of 2018. Some family members began arriving Thursday night in preparation for the weekend activities.

**

The Bud Dicus Memorial Golf Tournament was held Aug. 23 with 99 golfers taking part, hosted by the Shell Lake 50-Plus Club.

**

The 35th Men's Invitational Tournament was held Aug. 24-26 at Memorial Lake Golf Course. Mike Smith won the Championship Flight, while Shawn Strelau, runner-up, was the low qualifier with a 71.

**

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Regular services, Sunday school and special services will be listed.

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Pastor Celeste Wright

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Pastor David Jensen
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Sun., 10:30 am - Worship
Pastor Bill Klumpenhower

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Sun., 11 am - Worship
Service & Sunday School
Pastor Gerry Zak

BELBUTTE FULL GOSPEL

11 am Worship Service
1st Sun., 7:30 pm
- Hymn Sing
Pastor Floyd Berg



Lion Gilles Ouellette presented the Spiritwood Lions Grand Aggregate trophy to Doug Doucette.

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** The last regular bingo of the Shell Lake Lions Club was held Sept. 12. The Lions decided to retire bingo, citing declining attendance, slim profit margins,

and burnout among volunteers as reasons for ending the project after a 37-year run.

** Over 160 members of the Willick family gathered July 14 at the Willoughby Community Centre for the 15th annual Willick Family Reunion.

** The annual quilting retreat was held at the Rabbit Lake Community Hall Aug. 24-26, with 25 ladies working on various projects.

The fall meeting of Medstead Leisure Life was held Sept. 10.

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ers of Pelican Lake First Nation School visited the Spiritwood Museum on Sept. 19. The 27 students, accompanied by three teachers, enjoyed the scavenger hunt and activity sheets that helped guide them through the museum's many displays.



Memorial Lake Invitational Golf Tournament winners, Top left to right: Zoltan Pataki, Wayne Ringdahl, Blaine Unger, Owen Johnson, John Morrow, Brad Brataschuk, John Bernier, and Steve Warren. Bottom left to right: Tyson Walter, Darren Lehmann, Shawn Strelau, Mike Smith, Tyler Fisher, and Aaron Baier. Missing: Mark Mrazek

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OCTOBER

On the surface it may be somewhat unconventional, but when presented with the logic, it all makes sense. A great deal of sense.

"We chose these breeds because of our climate," said Tyler Rendek. He and Dianne Manegre have Lazy Plum Farm, located north-east of Shell Lake, where they raise yaks. Yaks and Icelandic lambs and Tamworth pigs. All three are well-suited to the harsh climate."

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A man from Pelican Lake First Nation is facing second degree murder charges following the death of a family member over the Thanksgiving long weekend.

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Cornie Martens of Rabbit Lake was presented with the "Lifetime Achievement Award" at the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism at a gala in Regina presided over by Lieutenant Governor Thomas Malloy.

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The Leoville Health Care Auxiliary held their annual pie sale Oct. 5. The Auxiliary had earlier given bursaries to Ashley Fee and Denay Chalifour, both of whom are attending the College of Kinesiology at the U of S.

NOVEMBER

Sylvia Jensen has been appointed to the Shell Lake Housing Authority Board of Directors, of which she will be chairperson.

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Fern Kroeker has been appointed to the Medstead Housing Authority Board of Directors. Christine Dunk and Helen Cherwoniak were re-appointed.

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Chitek Lake Sunshine Group hosted their annual fall potluck supper with 30 area residents attending.



Five generations of girls: Dorothy Haroldson, Agnes Fusick, Kim Fusick, Paige Spriggs and Charlie Smith.

Leoville Library hosted a spooky Halloween fundraiser.

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Cameron MacDonald was elected to the Round Lake RM Council Oct. 24, unseating incumbent Marlene Martens.

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The cabin at Meeting Lake Regional Park belonging to the Lloyd Stacey family of Saskatoon was destroyed by fire Nov. 2.

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The Shell Lake Events Committee sponsored the first-ever community Halloween party Oct. 31 at the Lions Hall.

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Kennadi Brewer of Shell Lake has been presented with a \$500 bursary from the Shell Lake Legion. Miss Brewer is a third-year education student at the U of S.

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Doug Johnson of Windmill Stockfarm of Shell Lake had the Grand Champion pen of five bred heifers at the 28th Edam Fall Fair Oct. 27.

Wasden Cattle Company (Claude and Adele Wasden) had the Grand Champion Prospect Steer Calf.

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The Rocanville Rara Avis won the 2A Girls Provincial Volleyball Championships hosted by Medstead Central school and Spiritwood High School Nov. 16-17. They defeated the McClurg Broncs from Wilkie 2-0 in the gold medal final before a packed house in Medstead.

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The Chitek Lake Seniors Sunshine Group held their annual fall potluck supper. Kerri Boyes of Saskatoon and Fern Weal won the quilts in the quilt raffle.

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The Shell Lake Legion was kept very busy with Remembrance Day celebrations. Members attended school assemblies at Debden, Spiritwood and Ahtakakoop Cree Nation on the 8th and 9th, and participated in Shell Lake's service on the 11th. At sunset, they took part in the "Bells of Peace" at the Cenotaph, tolling the bell once for each of the 100 years since the armistice of 1918 and to honor the 57 local armed forces personnel who served in WWI.

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The Brewer siblings – Kaitlyn, Kennadi and Kyle – tolled the bell 100 times at Scandia Church Nov. 11, once for each of the 100 years since the armistice of 1918. Two great grandfathers, Sid Brewer and William Reed, served in WWI.

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The Buckingham House was burned to the ground to eliminate the potential for

public danger, due to the stage of advanced decay of the building.

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The Rabbit Lake and District Museum Committee organized a program of Remembrance on Nov. 11. The bell at

the church was tolled 100 times, beginning at 5:00.

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Hoffnungsfelder Mennonite Church Ladies Aid organized a games night at Rose Gill Lodge Nov. 15.



Be careful!! Joyce Skarpinsky is being very cautious, gently pouring the lye into the water. Participants were told that lye had to be added to the water. Adding water to the lye would create a "volcano effect".



The DU Committee made two very significant presentations at the Fund-raising dinner Oct. 20. Jim Bedi (l) was presented with a plaque recognizing his 30 years of service to the local DU Committee and terms on the Provincial Committee. Local DU president George Pretli made the presentation. Next to them is Lacey Schroeder (Ducks Unlimited Saskatoon office), and Gary and Heather von Holwede, who were presented with a Lifetime Award for Spiritwood Pharmacy's longtime sponsorship of the local dinner.



Spiritwood Staff with members of the Spiritwood Fire Department. PCCU donated \$2,500 to each Fire Department in communities with a PCCU Branch, celebrating their 25th anniversary.