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Craswell wins Spiritwood Closed Bonspiel



Spiritwood Closed Bonspiel, "A" Winners: left to right: Courtney Caffet (lead), Lindsay Dauvin (second), Emma Beulac (third), and Ron Craswell (skip).

The Ron Craswell team, with Emma Beulac, Lindsey Dauvin and Courtney Caffet, staved off a late charge by Glen Caffet to capture the Spiritwood Closed Bonspiel Wednesday night. In the driver's seat with a two-point lead coming home, Craswell had to hold his breath on Caffet's final shot, which, had it been successful, would have given Caffet a deuce to force a playoff.

Caffet needed a delicate bump on one of his own stones to promote it to a piece of the button, but the raised rock slid

about two inches too far, leaving him a single point short.

It had been a titanic struggle between the two veteran skips, with Caffet leading 2-0 after two on a pair of singles, only to cough up a triple to Craswell in the third.

A steal of two gave Craswell a 5-2 lead, but wait a minute, Caffet pulled back into the fray with three of his own in the fifth to tie the game at 5-5. Craswell took a single in the sixth and stole one in the seventh for his two-point lead coming home.

The "B" event, over about an hour earlier, featured Terry Thompson up against his son, Craig, in a game in which both teams had agreed to play just six ends. The elder Thompson made it to the final by pulling off a miraculous comeback against James Caffet on the early draw. Thompson had scored a five-ender, but still needed a delicate takeout coming home to force a tie.

The playoff was a draw to the button between skips, with Thompson coming closer to score the point and the victory.

It didn't go that well for Terry against his son.

The younger Thompson scored a big three in the fifth end to lead by a pair coming home. Terry needed something like a double takeout and roll, and never stood a chance. At least, that was the assessment of the wizards behind the glass.

Ten teams took part in the three-evening spiel, with one draw each Monday and Tuesday, and the semi-finals and finals in both events played Wednesday.

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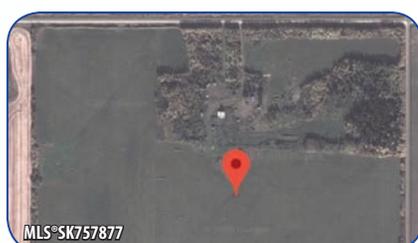


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Spiritwood Closed Bonspiel, "B" Winners: Shannon Laventure (third), Colton Balaszi (second), Craig Thompson (skip), and Jaiden Dauvin (lead).



Glen Caffet with third-man Devyn Thompson discussing what to do about that red rock on the button. Emma Beaulac, third for Ron Craswell, cranes to see what her opponents are looking at doing.

New van for PCE

The folks at Prairie Community Endeavours (PCE) anxiously awaited their new van, which was due to arrive in Spiritwood on Tuesday, Jan. 29. Shortly after it arrived in Spiritwood, a few electrical issues required attention, so it was taken to Martodam Motors.

The van is a 2018 Dodge Caravan which has been modified by Move-Mobility of Winnipeg to allow for up to two wheelchairs to be lifted into the van. Current vehicles owned

by PCE are not wheelchair compatible, which means that those clients in wheelchairs are often unable to attend trips and outings.

Some transportation is currently conducted through employee-owned vehicles, but PCE is not able to recover expenses from SARC.

Staff are often using their own vehicles to take clients to appointments and such, and are reimbursed by PCE for the use of their vehicles.

Since the two current PCE-owned vehicles – a 15-passenger van and a Ford Winstar mini-van – are owned by PCE, they're unable to obtain compensation from SARC for expenses.

However, with the new van, PCE will be paying an \$800 per month lease fee, which may be picked up by SARC under the new contract. The terms of the lease allow for a \$1 buyout at its end.

"SARC won't pay for vehicles you own," said PCE Board member Ernie Gilliard, "but they will pay for vehicles you lease. There's a good possibility that it will be added to the next contract."

What's more, PCE will



The long-awaited van leased by PCE has arrived, but was taken soon after to Martodam Motors to have a few minor electrical issues addressed.

be able to bill for transportation costs.

The Ford Winstar mini-van has been sold,

pending arrival of the new van.

PCE has an ambitious list of activities on their calendar, many of them designed to raise funds or supplies for the Day Program, maintenance of the residence, and transportation costs.

They are planning a come and go tea for mid-February and they've begun selling raffle

tickets on a sweetheart basket. They'll have a St. Patrick's Day supper in March, a turkey bingo in April and a yard sale in May.

They're also hoping to put on an amateur variety show for early summer. For this, they'll be looking for skits, standup comedy, tricks, magicians, singers, musicians, groups, etc.

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Report from the Legislature

Saskatchewan is a national leader in manufacturing sales and wholesale trade growth. This is an encouraging sign of our economic resilience. Coupled with strong job numbers, we can be optimistic that our economy will continue to grow and create opportunity for Saskatchewan people.

Agriculture is a key driver of our economy and plays an essential role on a global scale. Continued investments in research are vital to ensuring producers are growing what the world needs in the most efficient and sustainable way possible.

At the recent CropSphere conference in Saskatoon, in partnership with producers and the Government of Canada, the Government of Saskatchewan announced support for dozens of new crop and livestock and forage-related research projects.



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These investments help to cement Saskatchewan's status as a leader in agriculture research and create even more opportunities for our producers and agribusinesses, which in turn increases the competitiveness of our industry.

These investments also help to grow our reputation as an internationally recog-

nized leader in the biosciences. Continued investment also helps to attract more world leaders in the field to our province, fostering continued innovation.

Innovation and technology play a critical role in growing our economy.

Our province is home to a thriving technology sector, and our government is encouraging its growth through the Made in Saskatchewan Technology (MIST) Program. The program is designed to find solutions from the province's technology-based companies whose products may improve public service delivery. Innovation Saskatchewan has now started accepting applications. To learn more about the MIST Program and how to apply, visit innovationsask.ca.

Our technology sector continues to punch above its weight, and we want to keep



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it growing into the future. If you have a tech startup idea, you can also check out our Saskatchewan Technology Start-up Incentive.

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Modernizing regulations

and cutting the red tape is a priority of the Government of Saskatchewan. Unnecessary regulation and red tape costs business, residents and the governments millions of dollars and thousands of hours in lost time every year.

The Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB) recently recognized Saskatchewan for its ongoing leadership in red tape reduction by setting clear targets as well as measuring and reporting the regulatory burden. In 2017-18, regulatory modernization efforts were forecast to achieve \$132.9 million in savings over the next 10 years—across government and Crown corporations.

The Government of Saskatchewan has also introduced the 'Help Cut Red Tape' web page, which is an easy, practical way for entrepreneurs to submit their

red tape headaches directly to the government and have them addressed.

Saskatchewan's efforts to modernize regulations and reduce red tape have earned our province the CFIB's highest A grade in its 2019 Red Tape Report Card.

Effective red tape reduction also means addressing inter-provincial regulatory irritants. Saskatchewan actively participates as a member of the Regulatory Reconciliation and Cooperation Table, as part of the Canada Free Trade Agreement.

Saskatchewan and Ontario are also working with industry to identify opportunities to remove red tape for businesses selling goods or services across Canada.

For more information on how to Help Saskatchewan Cut Red Tape, visit <http://saskatchewan.ca/help-cut-red-tape>.

Chase the Ace pot nears \$7,000



"Hello Marg! You won the 50-50." George Pretli called wife Margret to get her instructions. She won \$1,795 Friday, which was 50 per cent of the week's sales. Unfortunately, George didn't pull the Ace of Spades, so the Ace-pot will grow for another week.

The Ace-Pot stood at \$6,994 on Friday, Feb. 1, following the sales leading up to the draw. Marg Pretli's name was drawn, and in her absence, hubby George made the draw hoping for the big win. Unfortunately, he drew the three of clubs, meaning the pot will be available for a while longer.

George did pocket \$1,795, though, with instructions to get it to Marg without delay.

The three of clubs was the 17th card drawn since the new series of Chase the Ace tickets have been sold. In those weekly draws, a total of \$9,990 has been paid out to the

weekly winners, and the size of the remaining deck has decreased by one card each week.

Chase the Ace is a simple concept. A winning ticket is drawn. That person immediately wins half the proceeds of sales since the previous week's draw. Thirty percent of sales are added to the progressive pot, and 20% goes to SARCS.

In addition to winning half the sales, the winner gets to cut the deck.

If he cuts the Ace of Spades, he wins the progressive pot. If not, the card is removed from the deck and the sales begin for the next week's draw.

From week to week, if not won, the size of the pot grows with the addition of more sales, and the number of cards in the deck is reduced, until, finally, someone draws the Ace of Spades and claims the grand prize.

The Ace-pot is expected to be over \$8,000 for the Feb. 8 draw.



Junior Citizen of the Year Scholarship

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“Lonely politicians”

I bet Francois Legault, the premier of Quebec is one of the loneliest politicians on the planet. Probably many others are pretty lonely, too, but none are in the same position as he is in.

For starters, he probably used up his last I-Love-You with the West with his pronouncement that “there was no social acceptability in Quebec for a pipeline.”

His stance pretty much put the boots to the idea of the Energy East pipeline, which would have taken western oil and gas to eastern markets.

I have difficulty understanding anyone’s opposition to a pipeline. It’s not like they are new inventions designed to run roughshod over the terrain, displacing everything and everyone in their path. For most pipelines, if you didn’t know it was there, you wouldn’t know it was there. Once buried and covered with vegetation that grows naturally, the pipeline is hidden, apart from a few monitoring stations along the way.



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News Editor

Canada has the most stringent environmental requirements in the world, and while denying projects – such as TransMountain – that have been thwarted due to these requirements, we seem to

have no difficulty allowing oil into the country from places that lack serious environmental controls.

Oh, did I say Saudi Arabia? Not really, but if the shoe fits....

The other issue that Premier Legault has recently been involved with is his claim that “there’s no need for a day devoted to action against Islamophobia because it’s not a problem in [Quebec].”

That stance touched off a vociferous anti-Legault response, particularly from one segment of the population, many of whom felt that a day was indeed necessary, and it ought to be Jan. 29, the anniversary of the tragedy of the Quebec mosque, in which six people were killed.

Legault was able to squirm to safety by explaining that he didn’t really mean it the way it came out.

In both cases, I feel Legault was trying to express ideas in a language with which he isn’t totally comfortable. The guy is French, and he was seeking an explanation in English, and his intent was lost in translation.

In both cases, you wonder if he was wishing he had kept his mouth shut, but if you’re wondering why politicians so often don’t give a full and insightful answer to questions they are asked, consider just how tough it is to come up with an answer that someone isn’t going to misinterpret or be offended by.

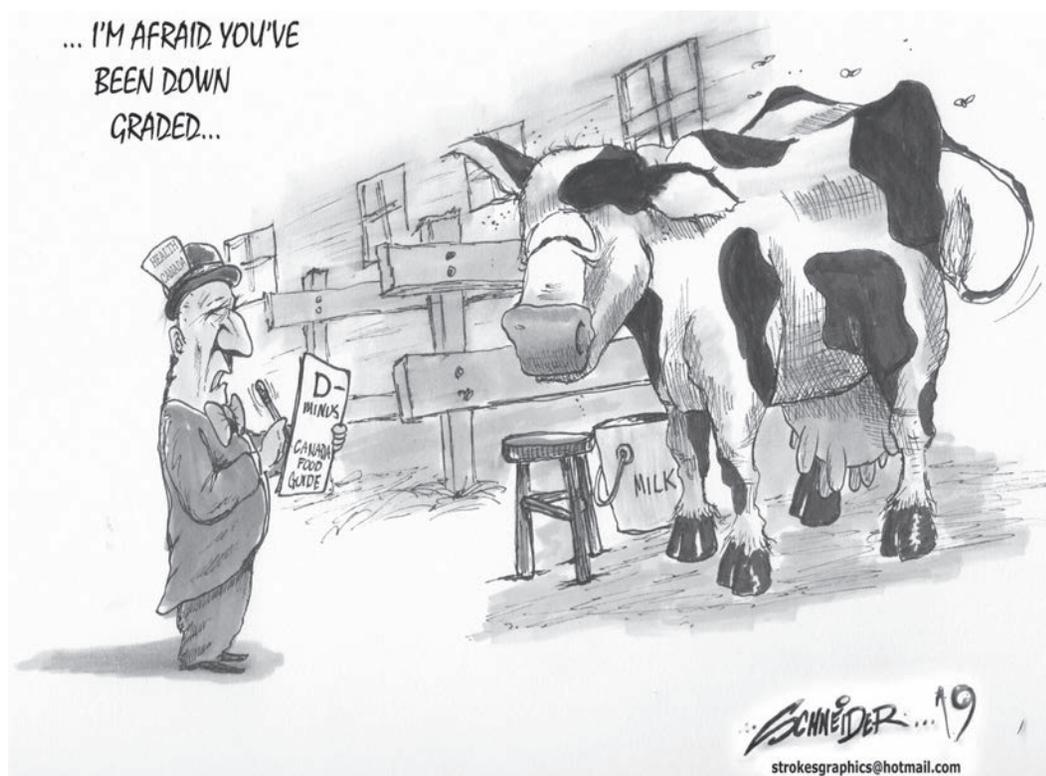
Misinterpretation? Does that happen? Well, I give you this. There is a Facebook meme that suggests that an Ontario MLA has called for the assassination of Premier Doug Ford.

“We should whack the premier,” the MLA said.

However, the statement came at the end of his assessment of Ford’s problem-solving, which he likened to the kids game “whack a mole”.

Context is everything, folks. Failing to consider context leads us into the realm of fake news, where a partial truth taken without the full meaning ends up being something else.

At any rate, it must led to a lot of lonely politicians.



Broncos bus crash trial raises new questions

When Jaskirat Sidhu, the architect of the Humboldt Broncos bus crash, pled guilty to taking 16 lives and irreparably changing 13 others at a court hearing on Jan. 8, it was likely the first time the families affected by his actions had breathed a sigh of relief since April 6, 2018.

In pleading guilty, Mr. Sidhu was mercifully sparing the families a lengthy trial in which his defence lawyers would protest his innocence, or at the very least make arguments as to why his sentence should be reduced.

Moreover, Mr. Sidhu was granting swifter closure to the families of his victims, and the entire community of Humboldt – or, at least, as much closure as is possible when a tragedy of this magnitude occurs.

If not for the seemingly glacial pace of Canada’s court system, Mr. Sidhu would already be serving a deservedly lengthy sentence, and be remembered only as a regrettable part of Saskatchewan’s history.

But here we are, nearly a month after his guilty plea, and, somehow, there are still so many unanswered questions about what transpired on that fateful day 10 months ago.

When news of Mr. Sidhu’s guilty plea first broke on social media, the response was mostly jubilant, with some even expressing gratitude for his small act of mercy towards the families of his victims.

Others, however, weren’t so convinced, and viewed his show of contrition as a ploy. Remorseful killers, after all, are generally treated more leniently than their cold-blooded, unrepentant counterparts, and Mr. Sidhu had nothing to gain by pleading not guilty.

Initially, it was simple enough to dismiss the latter comments as being posted by those who were refusing to let go of their anger over the tragedy – even if there was likely some truth in their words.

But, though Mr. Sidhu is the sole bearer of guilt in this tragedy and has formally apologized to the families of his victims, the revelations that have come out of the court proceedings since his guilty plea raise some brand new questions, and leave all of us (the families of his victims, especially) with more reasons to be angry.

At a sentencing hearing last Tuesday, the proceedings included a report from the Saskatchewan government outlining 70 provincial and federal log book violations committed by Mr. Sidhu in the 12 days leading up to the crash.



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Columnist

Mr. Sidhu was never penalized for these violations, nor was he penalized for failing to produce a log for the day of the crash, or for the 14 days prior.

Had he been stopped and inspected before the crash, and penalized for these violations, Mr. Sidhu could have been suspended from driving for at least 72 hours.

More importantly, if Mr. Sidhu had been penalized as he deserved to be, he might not even have been on the road on the day of the deadly crash, and 16 lives might not have been prematurely ended.

So, why exactly was Mr. Sidhu still on the road when he managed to rack up such a staggering list of violations in the span of just two weeks?

It’s unlikely we’ll ever get a satisfactory answer to these and the many other questions surrounding this tragedy, beyond the explanation that Mr. Sidhu was an inexperienced driver who was in over his head – in his own way, a victim of the crash, as well.

And the fact that so many questions linger 10 months after the accident, suggests that there needs to be a change in how the trucking industry is regulated.

In her victim impact statement last week, Celeste Leray-Leicht, whose son Jacob Leicht died in the crash, put it best when she argued that more energy must be given to changing the laws.

“There are excellent truck drivers on the road, who we rely on, who are taking a bad rap for all those who are inexperienced, untrained and allowed to drive,” she said at the makeshift courtroom in Melfort’s Kerry Vickar Centre.

“It is time for change, and change doesn’t happen on its own. I choose to fight for change.”

To its credit, the provincial government has introduced more stringent regulations on the trucking industry. They require Class 1 commercial drivers to undergo 121.5 hours of training.

But although this will hopefully lead to safer, more experienced truckers driving on Saskatchewan’s roads, it doesn’t give the families of the victims of the Humboldt Broncos bus crash the peace of mind that drivers who violate the rules will be punished.

In the wake of the revelations from last week’s court proceedings, and in the lead-up to Mr. Sidhu’s sentencing hearing on March 22, that reassurance is what the families need, and deserve, more than anything.

Huawei role in rural Sask. shows complex relationship

As a province dependent on trade, we learned long ago how that we are affected by what goes on elsewhere in the world.

When our cattle industry was finally showing signs of strength, a cow with bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) shows up and we suddenly lose our foreign beef markets.

The U.S. elects a protectionist president and we suddenly have trouble selling our pipeline steel into American markets.

And we are all too familiar with tariffs on our wheat or potash or the problem with getting our crude oil to tidewater because of a lack of pipelines.

But sometimes it goes beyond international commodity trade. In a world where technology crosses borders faster than any commodity ever could, we are increasingly

see foreign communication giants integrated into every aspect of our lives.

In fact, we often don't know how integrated until there is a controversy, which very seems the case with SaskTel's decade-long relationship with China's Huawei Technologies Co. Ltd.

The U.S. Department of Justice last week levied charges against Huawei chief financial officer Meng Wanzhou, who had been detained in Vancouver for extradition.

Meng, her company, and its U.S. and Hong Kong subsidiaries, have been charged by the Americans with 13 counts that include conspiracy, bank fraud, obstruction of justice and money laundering.

This all came three days after Canadian Ambassador to China, former federal Liberal cabinet minister John McCallum, was



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fired for suggesting Meng might have a good case against her extradition to the U.S. Allegations, so far, suggests otherwise.

The whole affair became a significant international incident with the Chinese accusing the Canadians of racism and detaining Canadian businessmen in what many see as a retaliatory measures.

However, it isn't the first time concerns have been raised about Huawei's business practices.

Richard Fadden, former national security adviser to the prime minister, suggested in recent Globe and Mail article that "the evidence for banning Huawei from 5G continues to pile up."

The article noted previous charges against Huawei in Poland while New Zealand, Australia and Britain were all experiencing reluctance at Huawei's participation in either next-generation mobile data or core operations.

In Saskatchewan, SaskTel and Huawei have had significant business relations since 2010, when then-SaskTel president Ron Styles and then-premier Brad Wall travelled to China to sign an initial \$28-million deal.

That deal has led to a seven-year deal for the testing of next-generation wireless broadband technology in rural Saskatch-

ewan.

In fact, the Chinese company has done approximately \$200 million with SaskTel and the province since 2010, including a signed 2016 deal with the University of Regina to use the telecom's technology.

SaskTel chief technology officer Darryl Godfrey has described the relationship as a positive one and argues that ending the business relationship would create a "significant competitive disadvantage" in rolling out SaskTel's 5G networks.

This hasn't placated the concerns of many – including NDP Opposition leader Ryan Meili.

Meili last month wrote to Premier Scott Moe demanding a review of Huawei dealings with SaskTel.

"We (don't) have enough scrutiny being paid to

what's happening right here in Saskatchewan," Meili said. "It's important that we ask for a higher level of scrutiny on that relationship."

Although political opposition is making hay off the Huawei concerns, it won't be all that easy for SaskTel to simply cut ties.

As a small teleco in the highly competition world of telecommunication, SaskTel's decade-long relationship with Huawei emerged out of a need to find a competitive advantage. It helped provide services in an area like rural Saskatchewan where others wouldn't be eager to provide services.

What SaskTel is now left with is a complex mess.

Sometimes, this is simply the reality. We may seem isolated here in Saskatchewan, but it's difficult to escape messy international trade and business relations.

YOUR TWO CENTS

There's another way to fight for Canada's energy sector

Dear Editor,

A letter in my mailbox asserts that Canada's Conservatives are fighting for our energy sector. It lists pipelines that have been "killed" or "stalled". MP Hoback asks, "Am I on the right track by fighting for Canadian energy workers?" There seems to be an assumption that fossil fuel is the energy sector.

What would happen if all parties fought to expand the clean energy sector? If they insisted the tax money spent to support pipelines and fossil fuels be redirected to renewables? It could be win-win and bonus. Fossil fuel workers would be

able to transfer skills and live where they choose, not where the jobs are. Leaving the oil in the soil reduces greenhouse gas emissions mitigating climate change. Clean energy honours reconciliation. The bonus is more taxpayers could become producers reducing their energy bill.

If we are going to fight for anything, let's make it for a just transition to renewables. Ask your federal candidates for their energy transition strategy and how it will avoid costly stranded assets like pipelines.

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Timberwolves finish tough but good season

The Spiritwood Timberwolves finished the 2018-2019 season with a much better record than they did last year, but they still finished out of the playoffs again.

In a way, that's not necessarily a bad thing. They would have gone up against the Battleford Beaver Blues in a best-of-five series which would most likely have gone 3-0 for Battleford, with some pretty nasty lickings en route.

As it is, that will be the opponent the Radisson Wheatkings will face in the first round. That was the team the Timberwolves were chasing, and all they needed was a single point in their remaining two games to put them ahead of the Wheaties.

And it would have put them ahead of the Perdue Pirates, as well, who also finished the season with eight points. They did it on four wins, whereas the Timberwolves had three plus



Close but no cigar. The Timberwolves had all kinds of trouble getting one by the Shellbrook goaltender. They didn't score here.

a couple of overtime losses. A bounce one way or the other and we could be telling a different story.

As it turned out, the Timberwolves were 1-1 against both Perdue and Radisson, but both teams had a better goals for and against record in head-to-

head games.

Perdue got the nod for seventh place due to a pair of wins over Radisson, and will therefore face second-place Edam in the first round.

In the other series, Meota will host Maymont and Shellbrook hosts Glaslyn.

The final gasp for the Timberwolves came Saturday night, when they hosted the Shellbrook Silvertips. The 'Tips had nothing to either gain or lose, since a win wouldn't pull them up into a higher spot in the standings, and a loss wouldn't have cost them fourth place.

And, for two periods, the Timberwolves looked like they were on a path to avenge the 12-2 shellacking they took in Shellbrook a couple of weeks ago. Down 3-1 after two periods, there was reason for optimism.

However, two goals within the first two minutes of the third put Shellbrook up 5-1, and thoughts of victory turned to thoughts of survival. The 'Tips added three more, and the best the Timberwolves could do was add a powerplay marker in the final seconds for an 8-2 end.

It wasn't the way they wanted it to go.

SUMMARIES

Edam 14 Timberwolves 1

Goal: Tristan Kroeker.

Assist: Dalton Bill

Shellbrook 8 Timberwolves 2

Goals: Anthony Radke, Nick Jarvis.

Assists: Tyler Cross 2, Patrick Robinson, Jeff Caffet.

Sask. Health Authority volunteer opportunities

The Volunteer Service Department is in need of caring, compassionate and committed volunteers to fill the following service positions:

Parent-Tot Program – Spiritwood and District Health Complex (306) 883-4432

Mothers and/or fathers along with their young children may visit residents on a one-to-one basis or in small groups. Parents are responsible for their children at all times.

Shifts: Flexible, once or twice per week.

Entertainment – Evergreen Health Centre, Leoville (306) 984-2136

Volunteer performers (Musicians, magicians, actors, etc.) share their talents with residents in long-term care. Other volunteers assist by inviting residents to a specific area for entertainment, parties, sing-a-longs, etc. Assist with snacks, lunches, etc.

“On Call” Volunteers – Hafford Special Care Home (306) 549-2108

Extra volunteers are often needed for the long term care residents on an “on-call” basis, to assist with outings, parties, social gatherings, shopping

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- » Report to Board and Administration

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Manitoba eyeing Canada's potato crown

Even though I have covered agriculture as a significant part of my job for the past three decades, I am still at times surprised by the level of diversity in the sector in this country.

A case in point is the developing story of potatoes in Manitoba.

Like many, I have always thought of Prince Edward Island as the primary place in terms of the production of spuds in this country.

And, for years and years that has been the case.

But like wheat, long the primary crop on the Cana-

dian Prairies giving way to canola in recent years, it appears the potato crown is about to be moved from PEI to Manitoba.

Two things are converging to signal the change.

The first has Simplot spending \$400 million to expand its french fry processing plant in Portage la Prairie. The larger factory, double the size of the existing plant, will be operational in early 2020, and that will signal a need for Manitoba producers to plant some 16,000 more acres of potatoes.



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The additional acres won't quite bring the overall Manitoba acreage to that on PEI, where about 85,000 acres are planted, but since yields are generally better in Man-

itoba the production crown will shift.

While the passing of the torch in terms of potato production is probably not hugely impactful in term of overall Canadian farm production, it does again help to illustrate how crop production can change over time.

Such change is usually driven by advancements in crop genetics which allow crops to move into none traditional areas and be grown successfully.

That evolution of a crop is perhaps most dramatically seen in Western Canada

in terms of canola, once thought of as a crop confined to northern areas of the Prairies, new varieties have expanded its potential growing area across almost all areas of the region, and into the northern United States.

While genetics has pushed canola south, the same type of crop development efforts have expanded corn and soybeans north, the latter finding success into the area of eastern Saskatchewan up to the Yellowhead Highway.

At present, the crop ex-

pansion merely opens doors to greater crop diversification, but longer term, maybe not as long as most hope or imagine, it will be critical as the effects of climate change become more pronounced.

There are those who might want to argue the cause of climate change, and might even suggest it is natural as opposed to manmade, but the reasons won't alter the impact of the changes as they occur. Only changes in how we manage the new climate and what we grow where will matter.

Cereals Corner: Friends with trade benefits

By Cam Dahl,
President, Cereals Canada

Canadians and Italians like each other. Italian culture has formed a deep part of the Canadian fabric and Canadians buy hundreds of millions of dollars of goods from Italy every year.

However, there have been some hiccups recently in the trade relationship between Canada and Italy, highlighted by the protectionist measures being used to block Canadian durum exports.

I often think that the few times when differences between our countries arise, governments should just get out of the way and let ordinary people resolve the issue.

Canadian and Italian farmers met face-to-face this past December in Altamura when a team from Canada's durum wheat value chain came to Italy to talk about the high quality of the 2018 crop. Italian farmers had the opportunity to directly interact with Saskatchewan farmer, Scott Hepworth, who was a key part of the delegation. And guess what? Farmers in Canada and Italy have much more in common than differences. Those in attendance in Altamura saw that the quality of Canadian durum is the highest it has ever been. To quote Mr. Hepworth, "this is the most beautiful durum we have ever grown."

Farmers, from both Italy and Canada saw that by working together Italian pasta producers can make the highest quality pasta in the world, using durum from both Canadian and Italian farms. This was a great example of the positive dialog that happens when farmers from different countries meet face-to-

face, rather than trying to talk through lobbyists and special interest groups that have their own agenda.

Italy and Canada are friends who benefit from increased bilateral trade. Since the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) came into effect in September of 2017, trade between Canada and Italy has increased by almost fourteen percent. Italian exports to Canada have increased by over eleven percent. All parts of the Italian economy, including farmers, are benefiting from trade with Canada.

Yet during the same time we have seen access to the Italian market for some key Canadian products become restricted. Exports of durum wheat, the primary Canadian agricultural export to Italy, has fallen by over sixty percent since CETA has come into effect. This is a result of protectionist country of origin labelling regulations in Italy and an active social media campaign disparaging of the quality of Canadian durum production. These

attacks have come from special interest groups who are focused on protectionism and not healthy two-way trade.

Both Canada and Italy benefit from trade and commerce that is based on sound science. How do consumers differentiate between science facts and the latest meme on the internet? We depend on science-based regulations from the European Food Safety Authority and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. Italian consumers can be confident that Canadian exports, which meet the strict regulatory requirements for importation into Italy are safe to enjoy with family and friends. Conversely, farmers in Italy know that

their high-quality food products, such as Parmigiano Reggiano or Parma Ham will be accepted by Canadian consumers because of regulations that are based on sound science and not influenced by politics or the latest internet trend.

I am confident that open dialog between the people of our two great countries can resolve any differences that arise. Farmers from Italy and Canada have recently shown this to be true. Canada and Italy have both prospered economically and culturally because of the friendship between us. It is in the national interest of both countries that this relationship continues to grow and flourish.

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North High School Curling Classic cancelled

"Neither rain, nor sleet, nor..."
No, wait. That's for mail delivery. In the case of the Spirit of the North High School Curling Classic, it was bad weather and bad roads that forced cancellation of the two-day event, just as teams were preparing to make the trek to Spiritwood for Day 2.

As it was, one of the teams from Carpenter High was "about halfway" to Spiritwood when they received the call telling them the spiel was cancelled. Rather than turn back, though, they soldiered on and made it to the curling rink, where they were given a couple of six-end games against a pair of teams from Spiritwood High.

One of the Prince Albert teams was on its way, as well, when it was involved in a minor incident. They were reportedly rear-ended and pushed into the ditch. Following that, they turned around and headed



Payge Galambos and Aleah McNabb line up a shot during a Saturday match-up against a team from Meadow Lake. Although the Saturday portion of the Spirit of the North Curling Classic was cancelled due to weather and road conditions, the Meadow Lake team made it to Spiritwood and took part in a couple of games against teams from SHS.

home.

Initially, there were fourteen teams in the Classic. Four were from SHS, including the Senior Boys, Senior Girls and Senior Mixed teams, plus a Junior Boys

team. There were three each from Meadow Lake and Prince Albert St. Mary's, two from Shellbrook, and one each from John Paul II and Leoville.

The Spirit of the North High

School Curling Classic was added to the calendar to give high school teams an opportunity for some competition prior to any division or regional playoffs, all of which are looming on the

SHSAA calendar.

A full slate of games was held Friday, Feb. 1, with both the first and second events determining the semi-finalists that would have met in the early draw Saturday. The six Third Event teams had also been determined.

It would have been a day of great curling on Saturday had the weather co-operated.

District Curling is quickly approaching, at which time Spiritwood's senior teams will be seeking berths in the Regional Playdowns, scheduled for Meadow Lake on March 1 and 2.

Provincials fall the next weekend. Boys Provincials will be held in Humboldt, while the Girls and Mixed teams will battle it out in Nipawin.

Spiritwood's Senior Boys teams earned silver medals in Provincial play the past two years, while the Mixed team brought home bronze last year.

Children with a mental illness deserve access to the new hospital

**By Danielle Chartier
MLA, Saskatoon-Riversdale**

Growing up with a mental illness is a struggle not only for the child directly impacted, but also for families who try to provide their children with the best care possible. These vulnerable young people face stigma and judgement; they often feel isolated from their peers, and insecure about having an illness others don't understand. Families, doctors and other mental health professionals know how important it is these children have access to a dedicated children's health facility, but the Sask. Party government did not fulfill their wish.

This year, the doors of the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital will open to serve sick children from across our province, but those same doors will be closed to children with acute mental health conditions, and that is shameful.

There is no acute mental health unit in the new hospital. The only sick children and youth not served by the beautiful, state-of-the-art, much-bragged-about facility will be those who already face the stigma of living with a mental health concern.

All sick children in Saskatchewan should benefit from the specialized facility tailored to care for the unique needs of children and families, no matter if their health concern is physical or mental. Mental health care is health care.

We may talk about mental health more these days, but the stigma is still very much a reality for those living with a mental illness. Ensuring there was space at the new hospital for all children, including those with mental illness, would have gone a long way to help reduce the stigma. Instead, the Sask.

Party has chosen to entrench it from a young age.

There is a 10-bed child and adolescent unit in the Irene and Leslie Dube Mental Health Centre, along with 54 beds in the adult unit. For the past three years, the adult area of the Dube Centre has consistently been overcapacity. Adult mental health patients often stay in less than ideal conditions, including in the basement of the Dube Centre in the Electroconvulsive Therapy suite where they are shuffled around during the day so others can get treatment; or they stay wherever there is space in the Royal University Hospital. This is incredibly disruptive to the patients who desperately need a quiet place to heal.

Had there been space allocated in the new children's hospital for children's acute mental health, these child and youth beds at the Dube Centre could have been con-

verted to adult beds to create better conditions. Or the extra beds could have been dedicated to geriatric patients. We have an ageing population but no real recognition of the needs of older adults with mental illness.

Creating space for children with acute mental health concerns in the new Jim Pattison Children's Hospital could have been a win-win situation – good for the children who would benefit from all the new hospital has to offer, and good for others who need a mental health hospital stay who could have been better accommodated at the Dube Centre with more adult beds. The Sask. Party ignored this key opportunity and missed their chance to do the right thing for patients with mental health needs.

Danielle Chartier is the NDP Critic for Mental Health and Addictions.

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SPIRITWOOD: Spiritwood Spirited Players Presents 'Daddy's Girl' by Gary Ray Stapp. Dinner Theatre: March 8 & 9, 2019. Tickets \$40 each. Tickets available at: Martodam's Family Retail until March 7 @ 5 pm. Catered by Ronnie's Catering. Doors open @ 6, Supper @ 7, Performances to follow. Spiritwood Civic Centre. Performance Only: Thursday, March 7 @ 7 pm. \$10 admission at the door, doors open @ 6:30. Spiritwood Civic Centre.

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Revenue sharing receives boost for 2019-2020

With municipal leaders from across the province gathered at TCU Place in Saskatoon for the 2019 Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) Convention, Premier Scott Moe announced Monday morning that the province's revenue sharing program will be receiving a noticeable boost.

For the 2019-2020 fiscal year, municipalities will split a pot of \$251

million, an increase of \$10 million (or four per cent) over 2018-2019.

The announcement comes following the review and consultations with municipalities regarding the program, which currently sees municipalities share the proceeds from one percentage point of the province's 6 per cent PST collected in the fiscal year two years prior to the current fiscal year.

"Municipalities across Saskatchewan will continue to have a consistent source of unconditional provincial revenue to invest in their local priorities," Premier Moe said. "The adjusted revenue sharing formula recognizes our current fiscal reality, evolves this key provincial program, and retains the fundamental qualities of predictability, sustainability and transparency."

While municipalities will undoubtedly be happy for the boost to their coffers, the announcement also comes with a change to the formula that will see municipalities split three-quarters of one percentage point of the PST.

Though this could undoubtedly mean a much smaller pot for municipalities to share in years in which the economy underperforms, SUMA

president Gordon Barnhart welcomed the announcement.

"Through extensive consultation with the government, we believe the adjustments to this program will be a benefit to all of our members. We are also happy to see the continued commitment to stable and predictable funding, something that our municipalities appreciate and count on," he said.

Barnhart's feelings were shared by Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) president Ray Orb.

"We appreciated the opportunity to provide input around revenue sharing consultations," he said. "Having predictable funding on an annual basis only benefits our members when it comes to planning for the future."

Apart from the funds being split by municipi-

ties, the program will also see \$1.5 million from the total municipal revenue sharing amount co-managed with municipal partners to invest in initiatives that support good governance, capacity building and regional planning.

"It just makes sense to cultivate potential innovative ideas that can help improve services at the local level that are so important to everyone's quality of life," Government Relations Minister Warren Kaeding said.

From 2007-08 to the current fiscal year, Saskatchewan municipalities overall have received more than \$2.6 billion in provincial funding through the revenue sharing program.

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“Walk With Friends”: ice-free exercise

A new program designed to give people an opportunity to get some exercise through walking got its start on Monday. It's called “Walk With Friends”, and a dozen walkers came out Monday for the inaugural session.

Walk With Friends, sponsored by SARCS and Sask Health, is an indoor walking program that takes place in the mezzanine at the Rec Centre. It provides indoor space for people to get their exercise through walking without having to worry about slipping on ice or braving the cold.

It's a free program, and everyone is welcome.

Sessions will run from 2

p.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, at least for the next couple of months. Once the snow has gone, the weather has warmed up, and the ice has melted, the indoor program will end.

There's no set course to walk, or designed program, for that matter. Walkers are free to choose their own pace and manner of walking. Equipment needs are easy, too. Each person is asked to have a good pair of walking shoes and a water bottle, and that's about it.

One “lap” around the perimeter of the mezzanine is approximately .07 miles, working out to roughly a kilometre for ten laps.



“Walk With Friends” started Monday, with about a dozen people taking part. The program is designed to provide an indoor space for exercise through walking, without having to worry about cold weather or ice.

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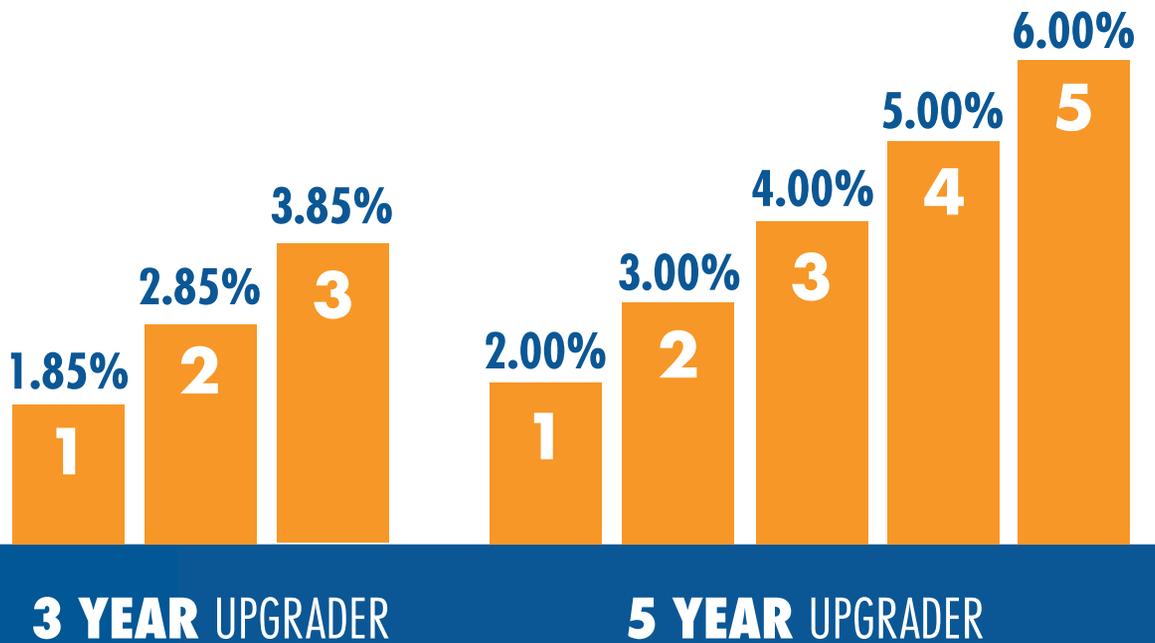
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University of Saskatchewan fruit breeders receive award (Part I)

By Sara Williams

Bob Bors and Rick Sawatzky, fruit breeders with the Department of Plant Sciences, University of Saskatchewan, are the joint recipients of the prestigious Stevenson Award for their development of hardy sour cherries and

haskaps.

Inaugurated by the Manitoba Horticultural Association in 1932, it honours individuals who have "made a conspicuous achievement in the field of practical horticulture." Named in memory of A. P. Stevenson, a pioneer Man-

itoba horticulturist who arrived from Scotland in 1874, it has been given only 21 times in 83 years.

As gardeners, we seldom give much thought to their origins as we eat haskaps fresh off the bush or take a cherry pie out of the oven. But it took more than 50

years of breeding and selection work at the University of Saskatchewan before you planted your prairie-hardy cherries and over 20 years went into the development of those haskaps.

Sour Cherries

The first sour cherries planted in the University experimental plots were from seeds from the Central Siberian Botanic Garden in Novosibirsk. These were just beginning to fruit when Rick began work as a technician in 1971. They had low productivity and lacked winter hardiness. Asked to discard them, Rick took two home which he tried (unsuccessfully) to cross with sweet cherries. His goal: to develop a hardy, large shrub with large, high quality fruit.

Rick's next crosses involved a collection of sour cherries, mainly from Europe, received from Les Kerr (who had worked on them for at least 20 years). All these were controlled crosses in the greenhouse with help from Rick's kids on weekends. "It was a great botany lesson for them."

Rick crossed the best of these, 'Kerr's Easy Pick', with 'North Star', a sour cherry tree introduced from Minnesota. The result was 'SK Carmine Jewel', the first hardy sour cherry introduced by the University of Saskatchewan in 1999.

Bob arrived at the Uni-

versity of Saskatchewan in 1999 when a new generation of Rick's seedlings were coming into production. He tasted them, began taking data and thought, "These cherries are exciting!" Bob jokingly says, "Rick was their Dad and I became their Godfather."

Bob tested them, further selected the best and developed a protocol for their tissue culture propagation. He gathered additional cherries from local growers and Ontario and made more crosses. When making selections he looked at flavour, size, pitting ease and the possibility of mechanical harvesting.

Bob introduced the Romance series of cherries in 2003: 'Crimson Passion', 'Cupid', 'Juliet', 'Romeo' and 'Valentine.' Rick's favourite is still 'Carmine Jewel' while Bob's favourites are 'Romeo' and 'Juliet'.

Marketing

The next step was introducing the new dwarf sour cherries and haskaps to commercial fruit growers and the nursery trades. Thousands of open-pollinated plants were sold through Western Producer ads and dozens of clones propagated selections were distributed free to carefully chosen co-operators.

Bob became the consummate marketer and publicist of both cher-

ries (and later the haskaps), writing a growers manual (with Linda Matthews), giving many talks and courses, leading plot tours, posting articles on the Fruit Program's web site (www.fruit.usask.ca) which gets 2 million hits per year, and taking cherries and haskaps with him for folks to taste wherever he went. Once people became aware of their existence, both fruits became very popular.

Rick's advice on the care of sour cherries: "Grow them as a shrub with multiple stems rather than in tree form." Bob concurs and adds: "Keep the soil around cherries weed-free."

[Next week – Giving birth to a new Industry – Prairie haskaps]

Sara Williams is the author of many books including Gardening Naturally with Hugh Skinner, Creating the Prairie Xeriscape, and with Bob Bors, Growing Fruit in Northern Gardens. She continues to give workshops on a wide range of gardening topics throughout the prairies.

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



'Cupid' is part of the Romance series of hardy sour cherries released by the University of Saskatchewan in 2003. Image credit: Bob Bors

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Simple ways to extend the life of your laptop

Computers were once sizable investments. But much like the cost of high-definition televisions and entertainment systems has dropped considerably over the last decade, so, too, has the cost of desktop and laptop computers.

According to the Statistics Portal, which gathers statistics from more than 22,500 sources, by 2022, sales figures for laptops are expected to outnumber desktop computer sales by a margin of nearly two to one. Many working professionals prefer laptops, now widely referred to as notebooks, to desktop computers be-

cause of their flexibility. Laptops can be taken on the go, but also used at home or in an office, where they can be plugged into relatively inexpensive monitors to provide the same user experience as desktops.

Laptop prices vary, but the tech resource CNET.com notes that various reliable budget laptops can be purchased for less than \$1,000, with some, such as some models of the Samsung Chromebook Pro, available for around \$500. But just because a laptop might not break the bank, that does not mean users won't want to get several years out of them. The

following are some simple ways laptop users can extend the life of their machines.

- Add more RAM. Low amounts of RAM on a laptop can adversely affect its performance. According to Laptopmag.com, adding more RAM can help a laptop overcome sluggishness and maintain its performance when users have several internet tabs open. RAM is the physical memory on a computer, and when there's not enough physical memory, which is often the case with older laptops, performance will suffer. Upgrading from four GB of RAM to eight GB can cost as little as \$30 and provide a lot of bang for the buck.

- Replace an old battery. An old battery likely won't affect performance, but it can affect hardware that can shorten the laptop's lifespan. Batteries that don't charge well or discharge too quickly, which can happen with aging batteries, can threaten the hardware on a laptop. That's because, to operate effectively, hardware must draw a specific amount of amps from the battery. However, when the battery is old or operating inefficiently or ineffectively, the hardware will overheat because the fans do not have enough power to cool them down. Over time, such overheating causes damage to the hardware, shortening the life expectancy of the laptop as

a result. A new battery won't break the bank, making this another inexpensive way to extend the life of a laptop.

- Switch to a solid-state drive. A solid-state drive, or SSD, is now included in many new laptops. But users relying on older laptops may still be using hard-disk drives, or HDDs. HDDs contain a lot of moving parts that can wear out over time, affecting the performance of the laptop. SSDs contain no such moving parts, allowing them to deliver much better performance, including fast boot speeds and improved app speed.

Laptop users whose have noticed a dip in the performance of their machines can try several simple strategies to revitalize their laptops.



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Our Beloved Mother - Adell Vandale passed away peacefully on January 12-2019 in her home in Chitek Lake with her

Family all with her. We her children- know that she is now with our Dad - Doug Vandale - The Love of her life! Dad predeceased Mom on Oct 3/2017. Adell was Blessed with 9 children and their spouses - 23 grandchildren & 23 Great Grandchildren. Her Celebration of Life was held in Chitek Lake on Jan. 19/2019 her resting place is at Peaceful Pines Cemetery in Chitek Lake.

We would like to Thank all the Homecare Nurses for all their TLC - Thank You to Dr. Harrington of Saskatoon - Bev Dougan - for her kind heart - all our Family & Friends who

cared so much for Mom - especially the community of Chitek Lake - Thank You to the Beau "Lac" Funeral home for their gentle kindness in all they do.

Friends so wishing may make memorial contributions to the Sunshine Club, Chitek Lake, SK in memory of Adell Vandale as tokens of remembrance. Family and friends wishing to send private online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Mark Muir, Funeral Director, Spiritwood (306-883-3500).

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Red-hot Flames eyeing cup chase

How dominant would the Calgary Flames be if James Neal wasn't playing like Neal James, the 54-year-old overweight right-winger on an old-timers hockey team in Saskatoon who sometimes goes over on his ankles and has trouble raising the puck?

The Flames' Neal was signed last summer to a five-year contract worth more than \$5 million a year, decent money for a proven — at least 20 goals in each of the past 10 seasons — sniper.

Guided by a new coach, Bill Peters, and led by Johnny Gaudreau, who has blossomed into an NHL superstar, the Flames are running away with the Western Conference and could be destined to bring a Stanley Cup to the Stampede City for the first time since 1989.

The Grey Cup already resides in Calgary; there's room on the city's trophy shelf for Stanley, too.

The Flames have been on fire all year, with 33 wins in 51 games at the all-star break. They were the only team to

have five players with 50 or more points; the only one with four players with 20 or more goals. And if Neal was scoring at a standard James Neal pace instead of his pathetic five in 49 games, those team numbers would be even more impressive.

Calgary's wide lead in the Western Conference standings has been led by the second-best offence in the league and a solid defence led by Norris Trophy contender Mark Giordano.

When Neal signed in the off-season, many assumed he would flank the wing with Calgary's top line of Gaudreau and Sean Monahan. Instead, Peters has linked those two stars with Elias Lindholm, a player Peters coached last year in Carolina. That Flames trio had 192 points at the all-star break, second only to Colorado's red-hot Nathan McKinnon, Mikko Rantanen and Gabriel Landeskog, who had 199. Neal, coming off last year's 25-goal season with Vegas Golden Knights, may be pouting about being taken off the Flames' big

line, and getting only secondary power play minutes. Or maybe at age 31 he's just slowing down, content to collect his U.S. \$28.75 million through 2023 as he goes through the motions.

Perhaps Neal will pick up the pace in the second half of the season. Or maybe he's saving himself for a long playoff run, which the Flames are almost certain to have.

When the Stampeders begin defence of their grey Cup in June, the Flames might just be winding down their chase for Lord Stanley's mug. It would be quite the Cowtown double play.

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "U.S. gymnastics star Aly Ra-



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isman broke her right elbow in a fall down the stairs. Needless to say, she didn't stick the landing."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "Phillip Rivers and his wife, Tiffany, are expecting their ninth child. Apparently, Phillip has decided, since there are no Chargers fans in L.A., he is going to manufacture them."

• Patti Dawn Swanson of the River City Renegade: "I really don't believe CBS football gab guy Tony Romo can see the future, but if he tells me it isn't safe to get on an airplane I'm taking a bus."

• TC in BC: "Trumpy called his buddy Robert Kraft and congratulated him and The Patriots for making it to The Super Bowl. He did not do the same for The Rams. So make that two non-calls involving the Rams last Sunday."

• Greg Cote of the Miami Herald on rumours that running back Le'Veon Bell might sign with the Dolphins: "The Dolphins and new personnel boss Chris Grier owe it to themselves to imagine it could be Miami for whom this Bell toils."

• Norman Chad on Twitter: "The Patriots just lost a replay review. Robert Kraft has asked Roger Goodell to shut down the replay centre in NY."

• Chad, on the plethora of three-point attempts in the NBA this season: "The other night, I believe Steph Curry even took a shot from the locker room — it would've gone in, but it was blocked by Draymond Green's ego."

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "An ESPN tennis expert said Maria Sharapova was looking good at the baseline. With an annual

income of \$21 million, I'm thinking she looks even better at the bottom line."

• Dwight Perry again: "Pitcher Adam Ottavino will become the first player in Yankee history to wear jersey number 0. Manny Machado and Bryce Harper, not to be outdone, are holding out for the symbol \$."

• Perry again: "CBS has rejected a Super Bowl ad for medicinal marijuana. But if you thought the pot moguls were upset about the news, you should've seen the folks at Frito-Lay."

• Jack Finarelli of SportsCurmudgeon.com, on being required to wear loose-fitting clothing to an exercise class he signed up for: "If I HAD any loose-fitting clothing I wouldn't need the bleepin' class!"
Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Minor hockey playoffs looming

Playoffs in the S.T.E.P. League are on the horizon, and teams are feverishly trying to finish in as high a position as possible.

The playoff formats for all divisions have been set, and are available on

the League's website.

The first round for all divisions is scheduled to begin Feb. 22. With the exception of Novice and Atom, all series are best-of-three. Those two are two-game total-goal series.



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Money Matters

How to maximize your retirement savings

(NC) In today's economy jobs have changed and many of us work outside the nine-to-five model as freelancers, gig workers, job jumpers and post-

poned professionals. But if you're part of this flexible workforce, how can you plan and save for a healthy retirement?

According to a recent TD survey, 55 per cent of working Canadians who are part of the "flexforce" say they are not able to save as much as they need to each year to meet their retirement goals.

As job statuses fluctuate, your retirement goals may naturally evolve too. To keep up with these changes, it's important to have a plan, review it regularly and see it through in order to maximize your saving and investing potential.

Jennifer Diplock, associate vice president of personal savings and investing at TD Canada Trust, offers these quick tips to help navigate retirement planning:

Educate yourself. Spend time learning about retirement savings options and what your ideal retirement would look like. Once you've determined your goals, establish a plan to help you stay on track.

Contribute early. Remember to start planning early to maximize the benefits that time provides. For example, long-term investing gives you a longer period of potential investment growth and can help mitigate shorter-term fluctuations in the market.

Work and save your way. With challenges associated with flexforce employment – such as the unpredictability of an untraditional job and a potentially inconsistent cash flow – many people find making smaller weekly, bi-weekly or monthly contributions easier than making large lump-sum contributions. Setting up a pre-authorized purchase plan can help with finding the right timing and amount that works for you.

Plan regular check-ins with your financial advisor. Given the number of variables you may experience as a freelancer, it's important to speak to a financial advisor on a regular basis. Receiving financial advice early and regularly will allow you to evolve your plan to help keep your financial goals in check.



Tips as the tax deadline approaches

(NC) With your taxes due soon, keep in mind these top tips for a smooth experience.

Keep your receipts in a safe spot. If you make one-time donations to charities throughout the year, make sure you keep your tax receipts in a safe spot that you remember – either electronically or filed away. This way, you won't be left scrambling at the April filing deadline last minute.

Get help from a professional. Tax season can be overwhelming, and the last thing you want to do is make a mistake. If you're confused, don't be afraid to seek professional help. Many accounting firms will take walk-ins right up

until the deadline.

Keep track of donations throughout the year. Be sure to keep track of your gifts if you've donating to multiple charities throughout the year. This way, you know what receipts to look for and can file an accurate and up-to-date return. If you are a monthly donor, charities are required to send you a cumulated tax receipt early in 2019. Be sure you know how to follow up with charities if you haven't received a receipt.

File on time. Even if you don't have all the paperwork in order, it's important to file your taxes on time. It's better to request an adjustment after the deadline than to miss it.



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Protect yourself from new banking risks

(NC) Financial technology is constantly evolving, and the nonstop influx of new digital banking options is proof of that.

Financial technology, or fintech, refers to any kind of technological innovation used to support or provide financial services, such as online transactions through you tablets or smartphone. These innovations are bringing about major changes in the financial industry and giving rise to a range of new business models, applications, processes and products.

Although fintech apps can give you easy access to your personal finances, there are also some risks involved. For instance, your banking information — such as your debit or credit card number, user name, or personal

identification number (PIN) — could be stolen.

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

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

Here are a few tips to help you protect your personal, banking and credit card information when using fintech apps:

- Check your bank's user agreement before you share

your personal, banking or credit card information.

- Check your financial institution's fraud protection policy to confirm who is responsible for any unauthorized transactions.

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

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

If you suspect that your information has been compromised, change your passwords immediately. Review your bank account

and credit card statements and look for anomalies, and immediately report any un-

authorized transactions to your financial institution. You should also order and

review your credit report.

Find more information at Canada.ca/money

Top 3 money lessons to teach your kids

(NC) We all want our kids to be safe, happy, healthy and successful. One critical way to help them have a great future is to teach them about finances and how to take care of their money and savings. Here are three lessons experts recommend sharing with your kids.

1. Protect your information. Bank accounts and credit cards are vulnerable to hacking and identity theft, especially in our digital age. In fact, every year, thousands of Canadians lose millions of dollars to fraudsters. Teach your children to never provide their personal or financial information over the phone, via text message, email or the internet when someone asks for it unsolicited.

2. Shop online securely. Depending on their age, your child may already be doing some shopping online, even if it's just buying a new character or setting in an app or video game.

Educate them on the importance of using a secure connection — like their home Wi-Fi or cellphone data — as well as setting strong passwords and checking with a trusted adult to make sure it's safe.

3. Trust your instincts. Part of understanding the value of money is being able to spot a great deal. But shocking offers, unbelievable discounts and unreal rates may signal that the offer isn't quite what it seems. Ridiculously low prices usually equal cheap products or counterfeit goods. Free offers may require providing your credit card for shipping. Small tactics like these can lead to big profits for scammers, so it pays to trust your instincts — anything that sounds too good to be true usually is.

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The evolution of global positioning systems

Global positioning systems can now be found in many devices and have transformed the way that people interact with their environments. Navigation tools have evolved over the years, and the world has long been on the precipice of something more accurate and intuitive.

Many people believe GPS started with the launch of the Russian satellite Sputnik. Scientists at MIT noticed that the frequency of the radio signals transmitted by the satellite increased as it approached Earth and decreased when it moved away. Satellites could be tracked by measuring the frequency of these radio signals, and thus the locations of receivers on the ground could be tracked by their distance from the satellites. This is essentially the basis behind GPS technology. The United States Navy built the first real satellite navigation system in 1959. Known as TRANSIT, the system was designed to



locate submarines and would pave the way for the GPS systems that today are used in vehicles, aircraft, phones, and more.

Satellites are necessary for all GPS systems to work. The

Federal Aviation Administration says the baseline satellite constellation in space consists of 24 satellites positioned in six earth-centered orbital planes with four operation satellites and a spare

satellite slot in each orbital plane. The system can support up to 30 satellites in orbit. The exact number of satellites operating at any one particular time varies depending on the number of

satellite outages and operational spares in orbit. Due to this constellation, the basic GPS signal is accurate at the worst to within approximately 100 meters lateral and 140 meters vertical everywhere on Earth.

People may be surprised at just how far-reaching GPS technology is today. GPS sensors are used on objects to track them, as is the case for fleet vehicle management or finding missing persons. Sensors deliver real-time data on horse races and military missiles. However, navigation GPS in vehicles is where GPS may be much more pervasive on the consumer level. These systems can not only provide step-by-step directions and mapping, but also they can alert us to traffic jams, provide alternate routes, help people avoid accidents, and even find others you know on the roads nearby.

GPS continues to evolve and be a valuable navigation tool for people around the world.

Tips and tricks for winter travel with your furry friends

(NC) Many of us are looking forward to a ski trip getaway, or maybe even a warmer weather refuge. Whether it's going south for some sun or taking a weekend drive to enjoy the snow, there are a few things to keep in mind if you're bringing your dog along.

1. Do your research: Travelling can be stressful and filled with a variety of variables, especially when trips include a furry friend. If you're going on a road trip, research your route and plan stops ahead of time to ensure your pet gets bathroom breaks and a chance to burn off some energy. Travelling by plane or crossing the border may also require certain documentation, so look into policies ahead of time to avoid any confusion.

2. Make your pup as comfortable as possible. Between carriers, bedding and even specialty seatbelts, there are a variety of products designed to keep your pets comfortable and safe while travelling. It's important to bring plenty of water, food and treats to maximize comfort and keep them nourished.

3. Bring a little piece of home with you. To ease the travel period, bring along a favourite toy or a blanket with a familiar smell. Little items like these will help make your fur baby feel right at home and reduce any anxiety they may feel while travelling.

4. Consider a pet sitter. While we want to spend as much time with our four-legged friends as possible, sometimes it doesn't make sense to bring them along for the trip. If your pet finds travelling to be overly stressful, consider using a service like Rover.com to find a local pet-sitter. This way, your pet can relax and feel comfortable in their own home and give you a tail-wag as soon as you return.



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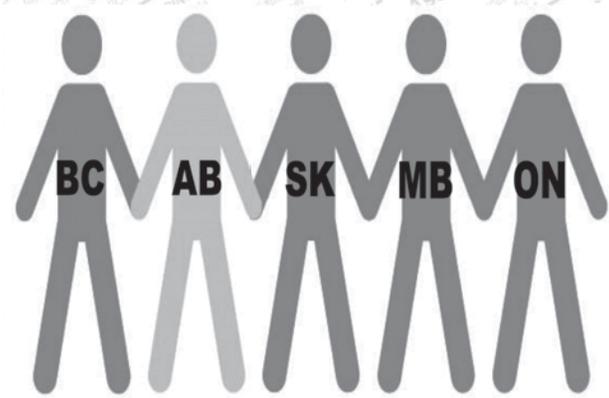
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