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Strong start to Timberwolves 2019-2020 season

The hockey rink at the Spiritwood Recreation Centre was packed on Nov. 16 for the Senior Timberwolves Home Opener against the Glaslyn Stars. It was Sponsor Appreciation Night and the team had hosted all 37 of this year's sponsors for a supper catered by Marion's Burger Bar prior to the game.

The team of 22 players, captained by Jeff Caffet, Tyson Poulin, Anthony Radke, and Tyler Cross organized the chicken supper, which was attended by about 160 people. Following the supper, the crowd migrated from the mezzanine over to the rink for the start of the game. Payten Caffet and Charli Caffet had the honour of participating as little Timberwolves in the pre-game skate and the line up for the national anthem performed by Shantia Poulin.

The game started strong for the home team with Tyson Turgeon getting on the board early in the first. A strong performance by starting goaltender JR Bussiere early on helped keep the team's lead with the first period ending off 2-0 for the Timberwolves.

The team continued their offensive pressure netting two more goals in the second, unanswered by the Stars, putting them at a 4-0 lead by the end of the period. The Stars managed to get three goals in past Bussiere in the third, but it wasn't enough as the



Little Timberwolves Payten and Charli Caffet lined up with the team for the O' Canada.

home team finished off the game with four more goals to put the final score at 8-3.

Team Captain, Jeff Caffet took home

a hattrick while Anthony Radke had a strong performance with one goal and three assists in the game.

Patrick Robinson got his first goal of the season and new additions Tyron Bill and affiliate player Dallan Saam each scored their first SPHL goal as a Timberwolf.

The Timberwolves will be back in Spiritwood on Nov. 22, ice time 8:30 p.m., to face off against the Perdue Pirates.



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The mezzanine filling up with team sponsors for the Sponsor's Appreciation Supper.

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Spirits light at Resolute School Dance

The music was lively and the feet were gliding down at the Resolute School Hall on Nov. 16. John Roth's bow was flying across the strings accompanied by Margery Toman on guitar, Aline Allard on guitar, Levi Toman on fiddle, and Brian McGown on keyboard. Margery and Aline provided



John Roth's fiddle was singing all night at the Resolute School Dance.

some vocals throughout the evening with Bryan Heigh, Wayne Derkson, Anita Guimond, Yvette McGowan, and Sherry Roth joining in on the fun. 57 people were in attendance for the old-tyme dancing event.

While some out on the floor have been dancing for as long as they have been able to walk, there were some beginner dancers out as well.

Andy Zary is one such dancer. He was convinced to attend the John Arcand Fiddle Festival in Saskatoon in 2014 by Eleanor Pallo, one of the event's main organizers, and has been loving the tunes ever since. It wasn't long before she coaxed him out on the dance floor and he is proud to say he now knows how to foxtrot and waltz.

"I know more people here than I ever knew when I lived in Saskatoon" says Zary, who thinks these events are a great way to get out and meet people.

Classes ended at the Resolute School around 1963, and the building has been kept up as a community hall ever since.

According to members of the current community group, activity at the hall has risen and fallen over the years with some of the more active years hosting events such as the "Box Lunch Auction", pie socials, holiday dances, and weekly winter dance classes. Some were even reminiscing about dances years ago where nearly 60 people were up trying to dance in the tiny schoolhouse at the same time.

The group tries to host their Christmas Potluck and Outdoor Movie Night every year along with a fundraiser to help pay the bills for the hall.

They hope to have more dances at the hall in the new year as well as a re-installation of their Crib-



A crowd of 57 came out to enjoy the music of John Roth and Friends at the Resolute School Hall.

bage nights.

A silent auction was held as part of the event and brought in \$490. The community group, consisting of Eleanor Pallo, Fred and Marlene Walter, Sheldon and Sharon Goller, Harold

and Elaine Norbury, Tyler and Daune Dewhurst, and Diane Allchurch, wished to express gratitude to everyone who attended for their participation and generosity.

They hope to see everyone out again.



The lively music kept most on their feet all night.



One couple up for a dance means the rest will follow.



People enjoying the music while they took a break from dancing.



A five-piece band played for three hours at the Resolute School Dance.

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Twelve turkeys handed out at PCE Bingo

Prairie Community Endeavors has been busy this fall hosting events such as the Mystery Supper, Pumpkin Carving, and most recently, Turkey Bingo, held on Nov. 17.

This is the second Turkey BINGO fundraiser held by PCE. Proceeds go towards maintenance and bills at both the Main Street location and the house and towards some outings for the residents.

Jennifer Peters, one of the event organizers

says it is nice to be able to provide some entertainment for residents like trips to see the lights at the Forestry Farm, the Festival of Trees, or even just going swimming.

Turkey Bingo was organized and run by members of the board and some staff. 32 people came out for twelve rounds of regular Bingo for turkeys as well as a Share the Wealth round called by the lovely Barb Szasz.

Turkey winners were

Megan Allard, Louis Marion, Joe Horn, Marilyn Simonar, Shannon Beaulac, Helen Mack, Sal Tipton, Sherry Colhoun who won twice, Betty Duhaime, Dot Gaboury and Betty Mykietiak. Lorraine Lavoie took home \$48 from Share the Wealth.

There were a variety of pies and beverages

for sale in the kitchen. Lemon meringue was the choice flavour of the day. The PCE board and staff wished to thank everyone who came out.

(Right) Megan Allard was the first winner of a turkey at Turkey Bingo. She is looking forward to turkey dinner for Christmas.



The food was excellent and the PCE mystery supper.



Residents of PCE showing off their carved pumpkins for Halloween.



The table was almost full at the fall Turkey Bingo.



Residents of PCE enjoying this year's mystery supper.



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Opportunity wasted in Moe-Trudeau meeting

While some may disagree with the way he goes about it, no one can genuinely fault Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe for standing up for the people of his province (or, for the oil and agriculture sectors, at least).

It is his job to do so, of course. But few premiers — save, perhaps, for the relatively newly minted Alberta Premier Jason Kenney — have been as vocally defiant as Mr. Moe has been in the face of federal policies that he vehemently disagrees with.

Mr. Moe took this defiance with him to Ottawa last week, when he met with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to discuss many things — not the least of which was the growing sense of alienation in the west, and the prairie provinces' rising interest in a so-called "Wexit."

Mr. Moe also brought with him his three key wish list items for Mr. Trudeau.

First, he's seeking a one-year moratorium on the federal carbon tax so that the province's home-grown solution can be reviewed and, ideally, recognized by Ottawa as an adequate alternative.



JORDAN TWISS

~
Columnist

Second, Mr. Moe was asking for a renegotiation of the equalization formula that will take into account the trying economic times that Saskatchewan and Alberta are facing, and the fact that the wealth of the two provinces has made them oversized contributors to the program since it was introduced in 1957.

Last, but not less important, Mr. Moe wanted assurances that Saskatchewan exports would be given more routes to tidewater, and that Mr. Trudeau's government would see the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion through to completion.

Separate from this list, Moe was also hoping that Mr. Trudeau's government

might revisit Bill C-69, which has been dubbed the "no more pipelines bill" by its critics, and offer relief to farmers who have had to use excess fuel to dry wet crops this harvest.

All of these sound perfectly reasonable on the surface. Worthy, at least, of some consideration from Mr. Trudeau's government. And yet, seemingly minutes after his meeting with Mr. Trudeau ended last Tuesday, Mr. Moe made it clear that he felt he'd been ignored.

"I came here today to hear about what he was going to do differently to support the industries and the people in the province," he said. "I heard more of the same."

Not shy about voicing his disappointment with the outcome of the discussions, Mr. Moe also said that he had come to Ottawa "in good faith" to hear Mr. Trudeau out.

But it's hard to have negotiations "in good faith" with someone, when you enter said negotiations with the mindset that anything less than getting everything you're asking for is unacceptable.

That seems to be what Mr.



Moe did in this instance. And now, he seems content to stoke the divisions between Saskatchewan and Ottawa to score political points at home, oblivious or indifferent to the reality that he squandered an opportunity to move forward collaboratively with Mr. Trudeau's government.

What's more, the readout of the closed door meeting released by the PMO a day later suggests that Mr. Moe took part in an entirely different discussion.

Apart from reaffirming his government's commitment to complete the Tans Mountain expansion, Mr. Trudeau also made clear his government's full support for the Keystone XL, Line 3, LNG Canada, and Manitoba-Minnesota Transmission Line projects.

The Trans Mountain pipeline alone carries a

price tag of \$4.5 billion, and that's just the purchase price, almost entirely for the benefit of Saskatchewan and Alberta. And the Ottawa will likely have to put no small amount of money into the other four projects — again, almost exclusively to the benefit of the prairies.

Mr. Trudeau also reportedly invited suggestions for improvements to Bill C-69, and expressed openness to reviewing the equalization program. He later encouraged Mr. Moe to work with his fellow premiers, in his capacity as chair of the Council of the Federation, to gain consensus on potential changes to the formula.

The only thing Mr. Trudeau seemed unwilling to budge on was the carbon tax. But, even there, he said he'd work with the province if it was truly serious about meeting the federal bench-

mark. All in all, the PMO's readout of Mr. Moe's conversation with Mr. Trudeau makes it seem that Mr. Moe was given plenty of room to work with.

Mr. Moe, for whatever reason, appears to have chosen not to seize the opportunity.

Granted, there's ample reason to be sceptical whenever Mr. Trudeau promises to work collaboratively with the provinces. After all, his legacy as prime minister thus far has been a case study in doing the polar opposite.

But the divisions between the west and Ottawa won't be bridged by refusing to work with the federal government when opportunities arise, and Mr. Moe must understand that compromises must occasionally be made.

A walk around town: Spiritwood's English Conversation Circle

By Alison Sullivan

On the evening of Nov. 13, I wandered down to the Fast Genetics office to visit with the Spiritwood English Conversation Circle. It's a group of about ten people who have come to Canada to work that get together every Wednesday evening to learn about opportunities in the community, and practice their conversational English with instructor Tammy Burak.

Each year, Tammy surveys the group to see what topics would be of interest for them to cover to create the structure for the year. These topics have included a variety of things, from recreation, to immigration, to the weather.

Each month, they try to host one guest speaker and do one ac-



The Spiritwood English Conversation Circle.

tivity that fit with the topic. This month they were covering employment and income, so they had Bevra Fee from Northern Lakes Economic Development Corpora-

tion to talk about businesses and fundraising for community projects in Spiritwood.

They decided to organize a bake sale to be held at Hujber's Market

on Nov. 22 with the proceeds going towards other activities such as a trip to the Western Development Museum.

Those present last Wednesday described the class as a fun and creative way to connect with the community, to learn about culture, history, and opportunities in Canada, and improve their conversational English. They all said that Tammy does an awesome job with the class and is very approachable.

"I get up at 4 a.m. to go to the barn for work and you know I'm tired but even though I'm tired I think, its English Class, I've got to be there" said Ronnie Baton, when describing how much he enjoyed the class.

The classes are fun and informative, and the activities push them to try new things they may otherwise be afraid to try. Some are even considering entering a team in this year's Grey Goose Bonspiel.

North West College has been offering this opportunity for several years in Spiritwood and is currently using the Fast Genetics boardroom as their main meeting space.

The class is open to people with all levels of English, from all backgrounds, and all professions.

The class is free for those who wish to participate although fees are sometimes required for certain trips or outings where activities require payment.

Saskatchewan's Tobacco Control Act to limit vaping to protect youth

Today, Health Minister Jim Reiter introduced proposed amendments to The Tobacco Control Act to bring vaping products in line with existing tobacco legislation.

"The Government of Saskatchewan takes the health of our citizens very seriously and this legislation is an important step in protecting Saskatchewan youth in particular from the harms of vaping products," Reiter said. "If you don't smoke there is no need to vape."

"On behalf of The Lung Association and its Youth4Change chapter, I applaud the Government of Saskatchewan for introducing vaping legislation aimed at protecting Saskatchewan kids," The Lung Association of Saskatchewan Vice President of Community Engagement Jennifer May said. "We have worked closely with the government on this issue and have advocated for these changes. It is fitting that the government is introduc-

ing this legislation in November, which is proclaimed as Lung Month. By reducing access to vape products and eliminating advertising the residents of Saskatchewan can breathe easier knowing that the government is taking this issue seriously."

The proposed amendments will be consistent with the majority of provinces that have vaping legislation and will follow existing Saskatchewan tobacco legislation restrictions.

The amendments outlined in Bill 133 will:

- restrict the sale of vapour/e-cigarette devices and products to individuals 18 years of age and older;
- prohibit the display of vapour/e-cigarette products in a retail business where young persons have access;
- restrict the use of vapour/e-cigarette products in and around public buildings, including schools and school grounds, in the same manner as our pro-

vincial tobacco legislation;

- prohibit the sale of vapour/e-cigarette products from specified facilities such as amusement parks, arcades, and theatres where youth frequent;

- restrict advertising of vapour/e-cigarette products in the same manner as tobacco products by prohibiting advertising signs and promotional signs in areas where young persons can enter;

- provide the ability to restrict the sale of flavoured tobacco and vapour products by regulation; and

- expand the authority of tobacco enforcement officers to include enforcement of vapour/e-cigarette product restrictions.

The Government of Saskatchewan believes that the proposed amendments will help decrease the number of Saskatchewan youth accessing or using vaping products.

If passed, the amendments will come into effect next spring.

Remembrance Day at Shell Lake

Submitted by,
**Gwen Stringer-Klassen, Poppy Chairman
Shell Lake Legion Branch #15**

Our Remembrance Day service was held at the Partners in Worship church with a very good attendance. Our President, Christine Wollms, conducted the service with our Legion Padre, David Jensen, delivering the message. We were very pleased to have a reading about the history of "In Flanders Fields" by Elijah Pott, and Desiree Pott read her composition reflecting on some of the important dates of Remembrance. Following the readings we had the laying of the wreaths and honourable mention to others who had purchased wreaths. We are very happy to see our young people continuing the tradition of Remembrance both in reading and laying wreaths. We marched back to the Cenotaph for the laying of the three final wreaths, then adjourned to the Legion Hall for a scrumptious lunch and fellowship.



YOUR TWO CENTS

Natural gas plant no better than coal

Dear editor,

Do you recall learning about hydrocarbons in chemistry? Natural gas is largely methane, a hydrocarbon. Burning natural gas (NG) produces less carbon dioxide (CO₂) than other hydrocarbons like coal and oil. So, switching to NG appears to be environmentally friendly; something conscientious people could do. However, delving into the science, switching to NG would be jumping from the proverbial frying pan into the fire.

Methane is a greenhouse gas (GHG). Like CO₂ in the atmosphere, methane absorbs and emits heat. Scientists describe methane as "carbon dioxide on steroids." Methane leaks from natural gas wells and its distribution system. When this fugitive methane

is included in using NG as a fuel, it is as bad as using coal.

New NG plants not only fail to reduce emissions, they are doubly harmful. They lock in GHG emissions for decades plus they rob renewable energy initiatives; initiatives like the Deep Earth Energy Production (DEEP) borehole plant in Estevan that will produce baseload power.

We need to switch to renewables now to be net zero emissions by 2050. Contact your MLA, Minister Dustin Duncan, and Premier Scott Moe (<https://www.legassembly.sk.ca/mlas/>) telling them to redirect the resources and funding from the planned Moose Jaw NG power station towards renewable energy. They may argue economics and baseload power. If they do, explain that renewables employ more workers than fossil fuels and if we don't invest now in renewable baseload power solutions like DEEP, NG will be just another fuel for the climate change conflagration.

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Wild Rose 4-H Beef Club News

By Alea Beaulac

The first meeting of the 2019-2020 4-H year for the Wild Rose 4-H Beef Club was held on Nov. 12.

There are 24 members aged 6 through 20 that will be showing steers, heifers and cow calves this year.

The election of officers resulted in Jacob Feige being named President, Olivia Woytiuk and

Makenna Bloom being named Vice Presidents, Shelby Woytiuk being named Secretary, Allison Oleksyn being named Treasurer, Alea Beaulac and Owen Beaulac being named Reporters.

The General Leader is Brenda Beaulac, the Assistant General Leader is Angie Feige, and project leaders are Jody Woy-

tiuk, Kelly Feige, Sara and Ryan Archdekin, Terry Oleksyn, and Todd Skaug.

The decision to hold the Sweetheart Supper in February as a fundraiser was made.

Weigh day for steers will be coming up soon. Achievement day and plans for the rest of the 4-H year were also discussed.

Dessert of the Month

Kay Willson was the big November winner for the mouth-watering dessert of the month provided by Shannon Beaulac. There will be one more draw this year for Christmas baking.



Kay Willson pictured with the dessert of the month made by Shannon Beaulac.



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Hardship is just a part of doing business

While there is much that is positive about social media in terms of staying connected with friends, or being in touch with like-minded people in terms of hobbies and interests, it is far from an ideal medium for news about happenings in our world.

Far too quickly discussion can become little more than rhetoric, hyperbole, and outright nonsense. Wading through the straw to find the kernels of truth and fact can be a tiring process that frankly is often not worth the effort.

We may live in a time that affords us the greatest access to infor-

mation ever, but it does not assure us of its accuracy.

In that regard we need to be particularly vigilant in assessing what we take in terms of background and fact on issues, if we are to have an informed position.

That is where I feel we are today in terms of western alienation. The squeaky wheel of those suggesting separation are getting play, but whether they should be is another question.

They rail against the transfer payments that go to Quebec, which in the short context of the last decade look extreme. But, the grey hairs in my moustache



CALVIN DANIELS

mean I have lived long enough to remember Saskatchewan happily cashing transfer cheques headed this way for years too. Every province has received payments at one point. That is the essence of being part of a confederation where a mechanism to spread wealth

exists.

And of course equalization payments do not involve wealthy provinces making direct payments to poor provinces. The money comes from the federal treasury.

Then there is the current downturn in the Canadian oil sector, and the displeasure with the inability to get pipelines, now seen as the sector's salvation, built.

Of course when oil was \$100 a barrel a decade or so ago, pipelines were not exactly on the front burner for anyone, even if the industry was flush with funds to get them started then.

That is not to suggest

the oil sector in the west is not hurting.

However, having a sector hurting is not suddenly a new thing.

Farmers with a few grey hairs will remember farm gate stands to stop foreclosures when bank interest rates exploded to 20 per cent and gutted the farm sector.

People might recall Uranium City, a mining community of some 5,000 that today is home to less than 100, after a mine closure gutted the community.

The Maritimes is littered with closed fish processing plants, closed when cod numbers declined and a

moratorium on the fishery was instituted in 1992.

Oshawa faces issues with an announced auto plant closure.

And the supply-managed dairy and poultry sectors have basically been played as bargaining chips in international trade.

Sectors face hardships – perhaps too often – but it is not new, not even to the oil sector.

Pipelines may be part of the answer, but ultimately hardships are part of business, obstacles that must be overcome to emerge stronger, or be lost as has happened across Canada before.

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Leoville Health Care Auxiliary

Submitted by Phil Marion

We started the Fall Season with our annual Pie Sale fundraiser on Oct. 11, 2019. There was a lot of socializing over coffee and pie and we so appreciate those who supported us so that we can in turn support the Leoville Evergreen Center with donations to purchase items needed for staff and resident care and comfort. The winners from our pie sale draws are as follows:

50/50 of \$42.00: Tom Beebe; Door prize of \$10.00: Ed Kulpa; Pie raffle winners: Barb Beebe, Sheila Laventure, Debbie Percival, Lorraine Uebell, Sylvia Doryk (x2), Paulette Chicoine, Adele Laventure, Terri Krushelniski and Aline Marion.

We thought you might like

to know the kind of donations we make to the Evergreen Center. We gave \$2,500 in September 2018 for the purchase of a much needed Clothes Labeller. This amount included \$535 that had been donated to us in memory of 'Vern Cote', 'Helen Riel', 'Diane Samson' and 'Therese Crossland'.

Since the clothes labeller is in the laundry room and not visible to the public, we made the decision to put a plaque on the plaque board located at the West entrance of the Evergreen Center stating these donations and purchase.

A few years ago a piano was purchased in the same way, by the Health Care Auxiliary and in memory of 'Gordon Turnbull', 'Roland Soucy',

'Elsie Franson' and 'Vern Cote'.

We donated \$2,500 to the Evergreen Center in September 2019 for the purchase of new curtains and rods for the residents rooms and new sheepskins for their comfort.

We give up to three \$200 bursaries a year to students, who have graduated from the Leoville School and are going on to secondary education in the health field. We have given two bursaries so far, this year. One to Mallie Poulin Vandale and one to Serena Sawatsky. Good luck in your studies, girls.

We've also donated \$400 to the Evergreen Center toward Christmas presents for the residents. Our auxiliary becomes a team for the fundraisers where everyone works together in harmony.

We are grateful to Marilyn Morley who capably organized the Remembrance Day Service at the Evergreen Centre, again, on Nov. 11.

It was attended by the residents, staff and some members of the auxiliary as well as visitors. Some people would not have had the opportunity to attend a service anywhere else.

A table was very nicely set with photos of three soldiers that fought for our country. Mr. McDaid (Linda's father), Marilyn's uncle and Corporal Dustin Wasden. Marilyn welcomed everyone and was very happy to have volunteers



Mary Krushelniski, Myrtle Moore and Olive Christopherson



Mary Krushelniski, Cecilia Doryk and Olive Christopherson



Linda McDaid

for: Music: Phil Marion and Leanne Menke who played and sang the O Canada and two other hymns. First reading: Linda McDaid. Psalm: Verna Krushelniski. Second reading: Anne Marie Laventure.

Gospel: Leanne Menke. Prayers and Intentions: Olive Christopherson.

Lord's Prayer: Denise Kuzyk. The Last Post and Reveille were played on CD. In Flanders Fields was read by Marilyn Morley.

We appreciate all of the donations and support that you, people from Leoville and area, give to the Health Care Auxiliary. In turn we can purchase much needed items to aid the residents and staff at the Evergreen Centre, and we can offer bursaries for graduating students from Leoville High School who are going into the health field.

Our next functions will be our yearly Bake Sale fundraiser in March and Strawberry Tea held in the Evergreen Centre in May.

Meanwhile, Merry Christmas and stay well everyone!

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Spiritwood Curling Club hosts first youth curling clinic

By Colleen Reddekopp

Spiritwood Curling Club hosted a youth curling clinic Nov. 15 through 16. Brian Champion, Curlsask High Performance Consultant, came to Spiritwood and spent two days with 27 youth curlers.

Friday night kicked off with 3 hours of expert curling knowledge for participants in grade 7 through 12. These curlers were exposed to drills and practise that improved their slide, rock delivery and consistency.

Saturday morning hosted the grade 3

through 6 participants. The focus was on fun and learning. Safety was the first order of business with the kids being taught how to “fall” so they wouldn’t get hurt. This was followed by tips and instruction on everything from getting into the hack to delivering a rock to sweeping.

On Saturday afternoon, the 7 through 12 graders regrouped at the rink. This session covered rock weight, consistency in throwing weight, and sweeping techniques. Did you know there is an open sweeping technique and a closed sweeping technique? Go ahead and ask one of the kids that was out at the session. They would be happy to tell you all about it.

Brian teamed up with Folks Curling Center and provided a raffle draw for the participants. Callie Franson was the lucky winner of a pair of curling gloves. Appreciation to Brian and folks!

The Spiritwood Curling Club wishes to express special gratitude to the following curling coaches for assisting Brian with the clinic: Terry Thompson, Shannon Caffet, Jason Reddekopp, Craig Thompson, Brett Reddekopp and Kaeli Larson. As well, a very special round of appreciation to Viterra and Curlsask for providing the grant that made this clinic possible. They hope to bring the event back again next year.

If you are interested in checking out the curling facility or want to get involved, leagues run Monday and Wednesday nights from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Brian Champion demonstrating sweeping techniques.



The Grade 7 through 12 participants at the youth curling clinic.



The Grade 3 through 6 participants at the youth curling clinic.

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Josh, Ryan, Allen ... Who are these guys?

Unless you're an avid fan of the National Football League, follow the likes of Peter King, Adam Scheffer and Pro Football Focus on Twitter, and know obscure things like sack leaders and the NFL's best at yards-after-catch, it might be a little testy to keep track of some of the newer stars in the league.

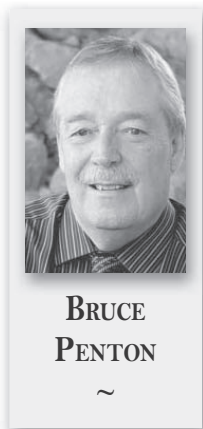
Between the Allens and the Joshes, not to mention the occasional Ryan, it's hard to keep track of the name of the latest star of your favourite team.

We can start with the most famous of all for this name-game exercise, Matt Ryan, the

all-pro quarterback of the Atlanta Falcons who led his team to the infamous '28-3' Super Bowl game in 2017 where the Falcons blew that big lead and suffered a 34-28 setback at the hands of the New England Patriots.

Another 'Ryan' of note at the QB position is Tannehill, a former first-round draft choice of Miami Dolphins who has now assumed the starting role with Tennessee Titans.

Buffalo's quarterback is a sophomore named Josh Allen, who is getting great acclaim for bringing the Bills back to respectability and a potential playoff spot



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this year. He is not to be confused with the Josh Allen who is a defensive end with Jacksonville Jaguars. When those two teams play, Josh Allen the defender has his sights set on sacking his namesake at QB.

Kyle Allen is no relation to the Josh Allens mentioned above, but he is the new quarterback hopeful for Carolina Panthers, who lost their starter, Cam Newton, to a shoulder injury earlier this year. The Panthers won five of the first six games started by Allen in Newton's stead and fans wonder if the former NFL MVP will regain his job when he regains his health.

Denver Broncos added to the name-game confusion midway through this season by starting Brandon Allen at quarterback after Joe Flacco went down with an injury.

So, if you're keeping track, there are three Allens at QB — Josh, Kyle and Brandon — plus an Allen at defensive end. There are three Joshes — two Allens and a Rosen. And two QB Ryans.

Thankfully, there's only one QB Lamar (Jackson) of note and only one Deshaun (Watson).

And Patriot fans will be quick to remind you there's only one Tom Brady.

• A flashback note from Scott Ostler of the San Francisco Chronicle: "A flight attendant asks then-heavyweight champ Muhammad Ali to fasten his seat-belt. Ali: 'Superman don't need no seat belt.' Flight attendant: 'Superman don't need no airplane.'"

• Patti Dawn Swanson, aka the River City Renegade, on Randy Carlyle's clean living: "The sole blot on Kitty's file was a pee test that proved faulty at the world hockey championships. The only way Kitty could have possibly failed a drug test is if the squints were looking for residue from a glazed donut."

• Florida Atlantic football coach Lane Kiffin, to ESPN, after Conference USA fined him \$5,000 for tweeting that depicted on-field officials as being blind: "We have freedom of speech, but I guess around here there's no such thing as freedom to tweet."

• Swanson again: "The only sure thing in sports is that TSN and Sportsnet will talk about Auston Matthews more than the Pope talks about Jesus."

• Vancouver comedian Torben Rolfson: "A good SNL sketch would be Bill Belichick interacting with little kids as a mall Santa."

• Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hamp-

ton, Va.): "In a year, the Golden State Warriors' lineup has gone from a Who's Who to 'who's that?'"

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "The Golden State Warriors, in barely six months, have gone from being the Beatles of basketball to ... The Who?"

• Norman Chad of the Washington Post on Twitter: "(Jets coach) Adam Gase always puts a play chart over his mouth. Uh, you don't have to do that, Coach — no one cares what you are going to call."

• Comedy writer Brad Dickson, on an unnamed college football team being so sad that "the school fight song is by Sarah McLachlan."

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "The world's largest bra was recently unveiled in London to promote breast cancer awareness — size 1222B! And Calgary thinks on Nov. 24 they're hosting a big Cup?"

• Another one from Perry: "Scientists are experimenting with psychedelic drugs in an effort to erase bad memories and thus prevent the triggering of depression. Rumour has it they plan to test it out on Bengals fans."

• Chad again via Twitter, on the spectre of Lions QB Matthew Stafford amassing 60,000 career passing yards without ever winning a playoff game: "This recalls Marco Polo, who travelled nearly 75,000 miles without ever using frequent-flyer points."

• Another one from Chad: "IOC is short for International Olympic Committee, NCAA is short for National Collegiate Athletic Association and FIFA is short for Corrupt to the Core."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Spiritwood Curling Club hosts first youth curling clinic



Safety on the ice was the top priority for curlers in grades 3 through 6. Learning to fall safely was the first order of business.



Brian Champion helping the senior group with their throwing form.



Brian Champion instructing the junior group.



The group practicing their sweeping.

Forcing bulbs for winter

By Patricia Hanbidge

One way to ensure that your winter on the prairies is more enjoyable is to pot up a selection of spring bulbs to be enjoyed inside while the temperatures drop dismally outside.

This is an annual autumn chore for me that is truly worth all the effort it entails...especially when I did not get all the spring flowering bulbs planted in the garden!

However, if you too have been caught with some extra bulbs – do not fret - many of the hardy spring-blooming bulbs can be coaxed to bloom by a process called “forcing”. Tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, crocus, scilla and miniature iris are all easily convinced to bloom as long as a simple process is followed.

Today, I received some more Liberation75 tulips so I guess I will be forcing them, as it is now officially too late to plant them outside. So if you have not yet ordered your Liberation75 tulips then you can join me in forcing some of these lovely tulips with a purpose!

When choosing bulbs to “force” bigger is truly

better. Ensure that large, healthy bulbs, free of blemishes are chosen.

I prefer to use selections that will not grow very tall to ensure that little or no staking is required during growth.

Use any clean container with good drainage for potting up your treasures. Allow about 5 centimetres or 2 inches of soil below the bulb. The top of the bulb should be placed approximately even with the rim of the container.

Use a loose potting mix that will drain easily. (Bulbs whether inside or out do not like “wet feet”.) Position the bulbs with the pointed end facing up.

If you are planting tulips, place the flattened side of the bulb towards the outside of the pot. It is not necessary to add fertilizer as the nutrition needed for bulbs to grow typically comes from the bulb itself.

Bulbs should be planted very closely together for forcing in order to give a more attractive display. Add enough soil to fill the pot, leaving the very tips of the bulbs exposed if you are planting daffodils or the smaller bulbs like



iris, scilla or crocus.

Plant tulips deep in the pot as they seem to push up in the pot quite strongly. Water thoroughly. Label the pot with the type of bulb planted and the planting date.

The next step in the process is to give these hardy bulbs a period of exposure to cold or stratification. This is an essential step to ensure your bulbs will bloom.

A root cellar is ideal for this purpose, but any area that remains just above freezing works very well. If you do not have any area suitable for this cold period, a

refrigerator will also work. Ensure you do not store bulbs in the crisper with fruits or vegetables, as they produce ethylene gas that will damage the immature flower buds.

You'll need to maintain a temperature between 2 and 10 degrees C (35-48F) for approximately

12 to 15 weeks depending on the type of bulb planted.

Each type of bulb will have different requirements for both the cooling period and the growing period. A good rule of thumb is that the growing period is shorter for the smaller, shorter bulbs.

Crocus, hyacinth and daffodils all require about a 12 to 14-week chilling period. Tulips and miniature iris need about 15 weeks of chilling. The single, early flowering, short stature tulips will show the most success.

Once removed from the cold, place your containers in a cool, sunny location away from heating vents and drafts. When the stem tips begin to colour, they should be moved out of direct light and placed wherever they

are to be displayed.

Prolong the bloom period by moving pots to a cool location each night, even into the refrigerator if space permits.

Best yet, when the bulbs have finished blooming, cut off the blooming stems and move the containers to an unused basement corner to let the foliage die back naturally and “feed the bulb”.

These can then be planted outside to enhance your outdoor landscape next year.

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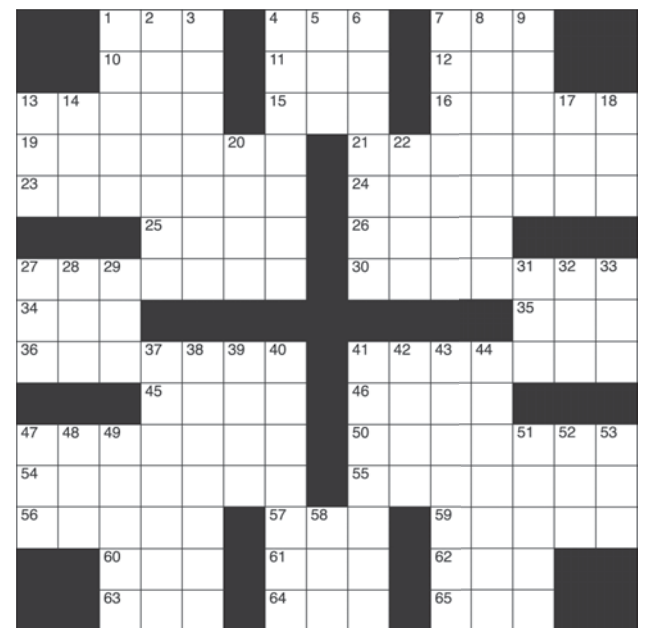
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4. Some are covert
7. A waiver of liability (abbr.)
10. Speak out
11. Retirement plan
12. Small dog
13. City in Iraq
15. Car mechanics group
16. Shrimp-like creature
19. Majestic
21. TV detective
23. Central Canadian province
24. Causing to wind around
25. Wise man
26. Knicks legend Willis
27. Muscular weaknesses
30. John Stockton compiled them
34. South American plant
35. To some extent
36. Where manners are displayed
41. Showy
45. Fall down
46. Shoelaces are often this
47. Disease-causing bacterium
50. Egg-shaped wind instrument

CLUES DOWN

1. Something useful
2. It goes great with peppers and onions
3. Orifice
4. Turned into bone
5. The Princess could detect it
6. Bands of colors
7. Makes use of
8. Central African country
9. Lake in the Kalahari Desert
13. He was a “Chairman”
14. Legally possess
17. One point north of due west
18. Small peg of wood



54. Sufferings
55. One who noisily enjoys
56. About blood
57. Transaction verification system (abbr.)
59. Related through female family members
60. Low velocity grenade
61. “In Living Color” comedian
62. Veterans battleground
63. Expression of creative skill
64. Midway between northeast and east
65. Patti Hearst’s captors

20. Stretch of swampy ground
22. Is indebted to
27. Where you were born (abbr.)
28. A team’s best pitcher
29. Cool!
31. Female sibling
32. This stimulates the thyroid (abbr.)
33. Reserved
37. More prickled
38. Forbidden by law
39. One-time presidential candidate
40. A TV show has more than one
41. A place to stash things
42. Defunct currency in India
43. Causes to ferment
44. A type of gland
47. ___ Humbug!
48. Everyone has one
49. Punctuation
51. Central American fruit
52. Brooklyn hoopster
53. 100 square meters
58. Local area network

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Medstead Girls take bronze in Provincial Volleyball Championships

By Kelly Schneider

The Medstead Mustangs Sr. Girls brought back a bronze medal from the SHSAA 1A Provincial Championships held in Muenster Nov. 15 through 16. The team had three wins and one loss after round robin play to take first place in their pool. They won their first playoff game against

Fox Valley then faced off against the three-time defending gold medalists, Rose Valley. Medstead had defeated Rose Valley earlier in the day, but in the semi-final game Rose Valley came out ahead. Medstead then defeated the host Muenster Cougars to claim the bronze medal. Rose Valley defeated LeRoy to sort out the gold and silver medal.

It was a great year for the Mustangs. Congratulations to the girls who represented their school with great sportsmanship all year.



The Medstead Girls at the opening ceremony of the Provincial 1A Volleyball Championships.



The medal ceremonies at the Provincial 1A Volleyball Championships.



The Medstead Girls took home bronze at the Provincial 1A Volleyball Championships.



The team playing a game while they waited for the start of their final game.

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App will connect rural landowners with land users

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Currently in the prototype stage, SaskLander is a mobile and desktop app that is being developed by Saskatoon-based Western Heritage. The app was selected as the winner of the Innovation Saskatchewan Challenge, which was launched in March of this year with the goal of addressing changes to the province's Trespass to Property Act, and making it easier for landowners and land users to communicate.

"When you log in, it depends on whether you're a land owner or a land user. As a land owner, you'll see a map view with the ability to go down and see a parcel layer," explained Aldo Scribante, SaskLander's co-founder and project manager.

"You can add property to this layer, set the permissions for each parcel, and then that will be displayed to the recreational users when they log in."

While this sounds simple enough, Scribante and fellow co-founder Sauvelm McClean say there will

be a little more nuance to it, and that there are more features still in the works. Among those, says McClean, is a messaging page, which will allow landowners and land users seeking access to land to communicate and arrange bookings.

To lend additional credibility and accountability to the app, Scribante says that there will also be a user rating system implemented, similar to apps like Airbnb and Uber.

"Both sides will be able to rate the interaction. By going through the app, there's credibility based on previous actions, so you know that the people that you're letting onto your land are in good standing," Scribante said.

Scribante adds that the hope is that the app will make it easier for landowners to manage access to their property, and allow both landowners and land users to avoid the tense encounters that have been in the headlines in recent years.

While knowing who is accessing their land, why they're accessing it, and when they're going to be on it, may help put landowners at ease, the app also makes it easier for land users to avoid trespassing and follow best practices for land use. It also respects both parties' privacy — both landowners and land users will be able to control how much



personal information the provide in-app.

"When talking with land owners and hunters, the biggest concern that they seemed to have was not knowing who was on their land, and why they were there," Scribante said.

"We hope to give landowners the tools necessary to make these interactions smooth and seamless and easier for them, with the greater goal of improving rural access in Saskatchewan — making sure that everyone can go out and enjoy the outdoors, and everything rural Saskatchewan has to offer, and hopefully strengthen bonds in rural communities."

While some media outlets have reported that the app is already being field tested in the Shellbrook area, McClean clarified that SaskLander was just presented to the Saskatchewan Association or Rural Municipalities two weeks ago, and is still in the prototype phase.

That said, he added that the app's core functionality is all in place, and that a field test will likely be coming to the area in the spring of 2020.

As for why the Shellbrook area has been selected as the site for the first field test, McClean says that it simply ticked a lot of the boxes they were looking for.

"There are a lot of farm opera-

tions, and varying sizes of farm operations, and there's also proximity to forest land and the Prince Albert National Park, so there's a lot of recreational hunting, hiking, and a lot of recreational uses," he said.

"There's also the Sturgeon Lake First Nation band, and traditional land use is an important part of this as well."

With accountability and credibility being at the core of SaskLander's mission, users will be expected to follow the terms of use and user agreement, meaning they can't claim to own land that they don't actually own.

To provide an additionally layer of security, McClean says the plan is to work with ISC so that it can check and verify that title records match users' claims of land ownership.

McClean says that the R.M. of Shellbrook will be given more information about SaskLander in the new year.

Shortly after that, he says they'll be looking to sign up landowners in the area, and visiting the area at some point to field questions and provide a demonstration of the app.

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