



Tons of toys at Toy BINGO



Waiting patiently for BINGO.

The BINGO dabbers were dabbing away on Nov. 21 at the Spiritwood High School gym.

The graduating class at Spiritwood High School organizes the annual Toy BINGO as a fundraiser for graduation expenses. There were a variety of games to choose from and a lot of fun to be had.

Parents and students alike volunteered to run the canteen, sell and handout bingo cards and raffle tickets, and work the floor. Tommy Thomas, Dawson Beaulac, Laine Price, Dallan

Saam, and Sam Tipton worked the front table calling numbers and checking cards.

There were 10 rounds of BINGO won by Zeeva Metcalfe (2), Brooklyn Saam, Melissa Story, Monica Thomas, Lynna Buswell, Cheryl Smith, Kendra Sanders, Avery Duret, and Kaydence Doell.

The winner of the \$262.50 Share the Wealth was Pauline Gagne and the winner of the Nintendo Switchlight plus gift cards Bonanza was Ivania Choma. In the raffle, Tanis Franson was the winner of the Echo Dot and backpack

while Leeann Sawatsky won the food hamper valued at \$250. The food hamper assembled by the graduating class who each brought in \$10 worth of food.

Faculty organizers Mrs. MacFarlane and Mrs. Nemish along with the student organizing committee, Laine Price, Amy Lafond, Lane Anderson, Dawson Beaulac, Payton Sanders, Beatriz Cimafranca, Sam Tipton, and Ritchie Thomas, started canvassing for donations about a month ago in preparation for the event.

They wished to express their grati-

tude towards the businesses and individuals who generously donated this year: Hujber's Market on Main, Spiritwood Confectionery, Spiritwood Good Health Pharmacy, R&L Feeds, Beaulac Funeral Home, Beaulac Farms, Innovation Credit Union, Shyhorses Photography, Roy's Fix It, Tania Anderson, Franson Ranching, Grace Forbes, Laurel and Lee Price, and Brynn's Hair Studio.

The group managed to raise around \$3,000 to cover the cost of graduation.

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Spiritwood Lions host annual craft sale

The annual Lions craft sale was a success again this year, with 49 vendors and a kitchen run by Spiritwood Minor Ball. Spearheaded this year by Marlene Walter, the event took place on Nov. 23 at the Spiritwood Civic Centre and was bustling with people all day. Proceeds from the event go back into the community via Lions service projects put on throughout the year.

There were some repeat vendors and some new vendors sell-

ing everything from footwear to jewellery to sticks of flavoured honey. Many enjoyed new surprises, like the tree of air plants from Shorty's Greenhouse as well as old favourites such as the build-your-own assorted cookie box at the Partners in Faith table. It was a great opportunity for many to do some of their holiday shopping while others came out for the sole purpose of filling up on Filipino cuisine brought by Global Pinoy Spirit.

Lions Marlene Walter, Shelley Allard, Megan Allard, Brooklyn Orange, and Sonja Nielson sold tickets throughout the day for the 37-item raffle draw. Raffle items were donated by local businesses and vendors at the craft sale. Winners of raffle items were Danielle Orange (2), Sonja Nielson, Verna Friesen, Roberta Wasden, Gwen Moore, Lorraine Lavoie, Rae Lee Fillion, Dona Bedi (2), Megan Allard, Susanne Poulin (2), Suzanne Lavoie, Bev Witford, Reverend Nora, Shelly Schneider, Adele Wasden,

Jennifer Cooke, Marg Pretli, Sandra Lang, Shelley Pretli, Carolyn Voss, Linda Deibel, Marion Smolinski (2), Evelyn Dezic, Marcia King, Court Youst, Sandra Rings, Barn Olson, Mavis Crossland, Darcy Gatzke, Jack Boechler, Tammy Wink, Louise Matzner, and Tanya Allan.

The Spiritwood Minor Ball kitchen, organized by Tanis Fran-son, was serving up hamburger soup, homemade buns, hotdogs, and pies. Minor ball players and parents helped throughout the day to make sure everyone was well fed. All the proceeds from the kitchen will go towards continuing improvements to the SAD SAAC ball diamonds.



Dot Gaboury was excited about her box of cookies from the Partners in Faith table.



Lucinda Smolinski with her Aunt Donnell showing off their handmade pottery and jewellery.



Heather Gatzke was selling home baked goodies and handmade decorations.



Spiritwood Minor Ball ran the canteen to fundraise for ball diamond upgrades.



There were many beautiful handmade items for sale at the Lions craft sale.



There were many delightfully scented, hand-made soaps to choose from at this year's craft sale.



Succulents were for sale at more than one table this year.

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Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority

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MADRA hosts Dine and Dance

The Medstead Community Hall was all decked out in sparkles on Nov. 23 for MADRA's Dine and Dance. About 180 people headed out to Medstead for the pork and chicken supper served by Marion's Burger Bar, followed by a 14-item dessert auction auctioned off by Boyd Stuart.

The desserts table was host to a large variety of cakes and pies, handmade by community members, and they brought in quite a sum. Some desserts brought in over \$400 on their own with the total amount raised from desserts coming in at \$3,285.

Brooklyn Orange was

the winner of the big door prize basket that contained a variety of wines and goodies.

The Dirt Rich Band took the stage around 9 p.m. to a big dancing crowd. They played until the wee hours, and everyone had a great time.

The main organizer of the event was Shawna Schira-Kroeker.

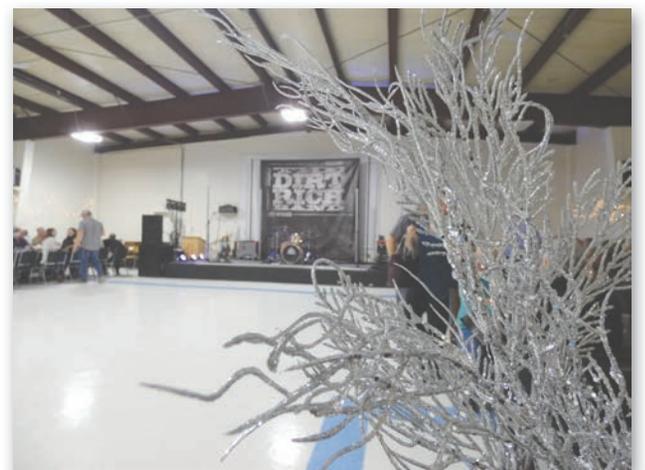
Everyone on the MADRA board, Mervyn, Rochelle Wiebe, Cheyenne Orange, Kirby Kroeker, Cody Drieschner, Jacqueline Toews, Miranda Egeland, Kristine Raess, Bryn Casson, and Al Roske, did their bit to pitch in and make the event a success.



A crowd of 180 came out for the MADRA Dine and Dance.



There were many beautiful cakes to place a bid on after dinner.



The hall was decorated with a good dose of sparkles for the MADRA Dine and Dance.



Brooklyn Orange was the winner of the door prize.



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CN strike Trudeau's opportunity to mend fences

It's been posited in this space before that nobody ever gets into the business of agriculture expecting to have an easy go of it.

This might come as a surprise to someone who thinks that growing food is as simple as planting seeds in soil, providing adequate exposure to sunlight, and periodically adding water.

But if it were truly that easy, everybody and his brother would be a farmer, wouldn't they?

In truth, seeding may be just about the only easy part of agriculture. But even this part of the business comes with some challenges, and requires one to consider a whole host of variables — environmental conditions, long-term soil health, and the market demand for specific crops, to name just a few.

Once these factors have been considered and the seeds have been sown, the rest is pretty much a crapshoot. And unfortunately for many prairie producers, the dice just seem to keep on coming up snake eyes this harvest season.

The misfortune began before spring operations had really gotten off the ground, with China dropping the ban hammer on Canadian canola and imposing a number of major restrictions on other agricultural exports.

That this happened during a federal election



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year only made matters worse, as it gave Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberal government only a limited amount of time to get the matter resolved before the dissolution of parliament. Despite promising some relief measures for affected producers (mostly enhanced loans and loss mitigation programs), Mr. Trudeau's government failed to get the bans lifted prior to the writ being dropped.

As if this weren't enough, producers have also had to contend with a wet and snowy fall. Some barely even managed to get their crops off the field, meaning their money is essentially stuck in the ground, if not lost altogether.

Other producers, in larger numbers than ever, have been burning through fuel to dry their crops. Thanks to the federal carbon tax, says the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS), this is increasing the costs of harvest operations by 36 cents to 89 cents per acre. And APAS say that's a modest estimate.

Finally, to put the cherry on top of the bad luck sundae, 3,200 CN workers are currently on strike.

CN estimates that it will be able to fill about 60 per cent of the lost conductor positions with office managers and other qualified

workers. But that's still at least a 40 per cent drop in rail movement, and given the ongoing issues with grain movement when CN is operating at full capacity, it's likely to be costly to producers.

What's more, it also comes at a terrible time. After receiving his minority mandate from Canadians in October, Mr. Trudeau said he won't be reconvening parliament until Dec. 5. That means Ottawa won't be working on any solutions to the labour dispute until at least that date.

Producers, industry organizations, and provincial governments have all called upon Mr. Trudeau to accelerate his timeline for getting the federal government back to work, and the striking CN employees along with them.

Mr. Trudeau would be wise to heed these calls.

After being shut out of Saskatchewan and Alberta in the election, Mr. Trudeau promised

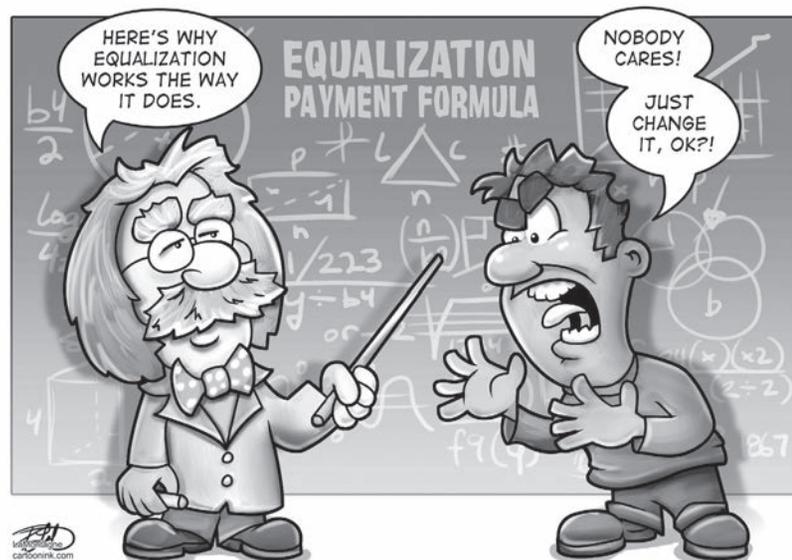
to move forward with the prairie provinces in a more collaborative manner, in hopes, no doubt, of quelling the rising tide of separatist sentiment.

Saskatchewanians can be certain that Mr. Trudeau won't yield on the much-detested federal carbon tax, and can only be cautiously optimistic that he will follow through on completing the Trans Mountain pipeline expansion.

While the latter might mollify some when (or if) it's finished, there's still plenty of ill will between the prairies and Ottawa. By taking swift and decisive action to end the CN strike, and helping out struggling prairie producers, Mr. Trudeau can prove himself a man of his word.

It's a win-win. A political no brainer.

Mr. Trudeau ignores this rare opportunity to score guaranteed political brownie points at his own peril.



Gormley: Calling all adults: cancel culture needs to stop

The timing is good for Douglas Murray's new book, "The Madness of Crowds: Gender, Race and Identity".

An elegant dismantling of what the British public intellectual calls "the astonishing new culture wars", Murray explains how the "interpretation of the world through the lens of 'social justice', 'identity group politics' and 'intersectionalism' is probably the most audacious and comprehensive effort since the end of the Cold War at creating a new ideology".

His critique includes post-modernism, cancel culture, Marxism, public shaming by the social media mob, and the inability of social justice activists to understand context and forgiveness.

The book is a helpful read alongside the debate over the firing of hockey icon Don Cherry from Rogers Sportsnet. Cherry, critical of people not wearing poppies at Remembrance Day, mentioned "you people that come here" which implied he was singling out immi-

grants.

In Cherry's words, he did not have the opportunity to "explain what I meant, to smooth it over." But none of it mattered anyway.

Like others accused and then summarily punished by today's weaponized social justice movement, it's not about finding a middle ground or clarification. It's about getting woke companies to dance fast and behave reactively. Then it's on to the next "thought criminal" to be brought down and cancelled by manufactured outrage.

After Don Cherry's firing, there was the contradictory spectacle of his defenders wanting the firing of CTV panellist Jessica Allen who used her "lived experience" in an obnoxious smear of hockey players and their families as affluent "white boy" bullies and bigots.

Beyond the understandable desire to use the rules of the judicial mob against itself, someone has to be the adult here. Why fire anyone?

The same free speech that is antiseptic in rooting out intolerance is the stuff that protects minority interests. It also permits thought to evolve in the public square, even thoughts we don't like.

Whatever happened to the principle that people may say incorrect things - clumsily, or even deliberately rude and insensitive things - and it is their right to do so? So, too, it is our right to object, correct, rebut, roundly criticize or ignore them.

But where do we get off demanding that everyone whose words annoy us or hurt our feelings be fired, stripped of recognition or be de-platformed? The examples are legion at universities, workplaces, and public spaces.

In Saskatchewan, the author of a book questioning the findings of the Stonechild Inquiry, into a young Indigenous man's death, was labelled a racist by U of R Gender Studies Professor Michelle Stewart, who then orchestrated a campaign to threaten stores and

hotels from hosting book signings by the author.

Recently, feminist Meghan Murphy has been targeted by trans activists, demanding she be refused any space to speak because of "offensive" anti-trans comments. These include objecting to the "menstruating male" phenomenon where trans activists say it's hurtful to suggest that people with ovaries and a uterus are women. Murphy has also said that personally choosing one's gender can disrupt the "rights of women and girls which are being pushed aside to accommodate a trend."

Labelling this "hate speech", activists and the Mayor of Toronto tried preventing Murphy from speaking at a library. Seemingly the last grown-up in Toronto, Librarian Vickery Bowles, resolutely defended free speech, saying that protesters were "asking us to censor someone because of the beliefs they hold and that was something a library simply could not do."

She said, "an open discussion on gender identity and its ramifications on women is part of a civil discourse and sometimes when you're defending free speech, you're in an uncomfortable position where you're defending perspectives and ideas and viewpoints that many in the community — or a few in the community — find offensive."

The librarian also had to explain the law; hate speech is determined in the Criminal Code and should not be permitted in the public sphere but "that bar is very high to allow free speech to flourish."

In this age of triggers, micro-aggressions, safe spaces and cancel culture, Douglas Murray's new book couldn't come at a better time.

John Gormley is a broadcaster, lawyer, author and former Progressive Conservative MP whose radio talk show is heard weekdays from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on 650 CKOM Saskatoon and 980 CJME Regina

Province cracking down on distracted drivers

Starting Feb. 1, 2020, drivers who are caught being inattentive behind the wheel will pay the price, thanks to harsher distracted driving fines and penalties being introduced by the province.

Under the new rules, the fine for a first offence will more than double to \$580 from \$280.

First-time offenders will also receive four demerits for their distracted driving habits.

For a second offence within a year of being convicted, the fine jumps to \$1,400, four demerits and a seven-day vehicle seizure.

In addition, vehicle owners will be responsible for the towing and impound fees. The province says that, depending

on mileage, second-time offenders can expect to pay at least \$400.

Should a driver not get the hint after the second offence, getting caught three times in the span of a year carries a penalty of \$2,100.

As with the second offence, the four demerits and seven-day vehicle seizure penalties will also be applied.

"Many people continue to risk their lives and the lives of others on Saskatchewan roads by being complacent and choosing to ignore the laws," Minister Responsible for SGI Joe Hargrave said at an announcement last Tuesday afternoon. "Enough is enough. People need to get the message."

"Fortunately it's easy to avoid getting one of these tickets. Just leave your

phone alone," added Hargrave, who expressed optimism that the fines will be an effective deterrent.

With the fines for distracted driving set to increase in just a couple of months, some drivers may be wondering just what constitutes distracted driving.

According to SGI's website, drivers can be penalized for any of the following:

- Texting while driving.
- Using a hand-held electronic device like a cellphone or smartphone.
- Eating and drinking.
- Talking to passengers.
- Grooming or applying make-up.
- Reading, including maps.
- Using a navigation system or GPS.

- Watching a video.
- Adjusting a radio, CD or MP3 player.
- Smoking.
- Having pets in the front seat.

The announcement comes on the heels of a record setting month for distracted driving in the province.

According to SGI statistics, 1,290 drivers were ticketed for distracted driving in October, mostly for using a cellphone while driving.

The previous record was 1,039. SGI says distracted driving is a leading cause of safety concerns on the province's roads and highways.

It was a factor in 22 fatalities in 2018, and 788 injuries, and played a role in over 6,000 collisions during the year.

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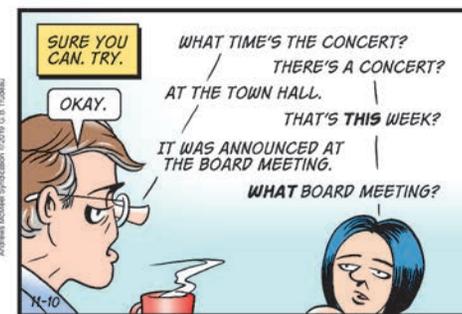
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Craft sale raises \$1,165 for Legion Hall

The Legion Hall craft sale was full of goodies on Nov. 23 and 24. The event organized by Roxie Cline and Sabrina Parenteau is a fundraiser for the Legion Hall in Spiritwood. All proceeds from

the raffle, 50/50, and table sales less the hall rental cost go towards upkeep of the hall.

There were numerous raffle items, some donated by local businesses (Spiritwood Co-op, Welcome Inn, Guy's Furniture, Ming's Wok, Beulac Funeral Home, Papa Rene's Pizzeria, and Spiritwood Confectionery), others donated by vendors, as well as items donated by the organizers and Carmen Tipton. The enormous handmade wreath from Roxie Cline was won by Arden Laventure while Aline Allard took home \$305 in the 50/50 draw.

The organizers are grateful to everyone for their generous donations and support as well as Betty Hall and Carrol Brisbane of the Legion for selling raffle and 50/50 tickets for the event. They hope to see everyone out again next year.

Betty and Carrol wished to express gratitude on behalf of the Legion for the support of the vendors and the general public for attending the craft sale this year. The contributions to the Legion Hall are greatly appreciated.



Arden Laventure won the big wreath made and donated by Roxie Cline.



Aline Allard took home \$305 in the 50/50 at the Legion Craft Sale.



From left: Betty Hall and Carrol Brisbane of the Royal Canadian Legion in Spiritwood are always happy to sell raffle and 50/50 tickets at this Legion fundraiser.

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Our future depends on trusting science

While I appreciate there are those who have begun to doubt science, I for one am a believer that our future as a planet lies solely with what science can create in the coming years to deal with whatever issues we face.

That will be particularly true in agriculture.

Unless some disaster arises to alter the course we know the population of earth continues to trend upward, and there is not even a whisper of discussion that the world needs to address that trend in some meaningful way. So there will be a growing number of mouths to feed. That means a continued need for

world food stocks to grow. Food production only occurs by the scientific development of better crop varieties and the development of better cropping systems to enhance yields at an affordable cost of production.

It's the same thing when it comes to our energy needs.

Science will open doors to producing energy in ways we can barely imagine.

We know, for example, that animal waste creates methane. It is a by-product of intensive production that has been red-flagged as a concern in terms of producing greenhouse gases, although whether a big dairy



CALVIN DANIELS

herd produces more than the millions of bison which once roamed North America, but that is another column all together. Clearly there is a need to deal with methane production from livestock today in the face of concerns

over climate change.

So it was with great interest that I read a recent Western Producer article of the methane from a 2,900 cow dairy herd in California being collected and ultimately used to power a fleet of trucks.

Using methane to power a truck is not new, but connecting its production to a cattle farm, is at least a rather innovative approach, and one that could reasonably be copied at other farms, or even municipal sewage plants, if the cost can reasonably be recouped.

Of course innovative energy production is popping

up all over the place.

There has been work incorporating solar panels into asphalt highways, an idea that on the surface is brilliant in the sense black asphalt attracts heat and the potential, if it works could be immense. Of course it only works if science works out the idea.

Then there is the idea of energy from flowing water in a place that is not exactly on the top of anyone's list.

Since 2015, the city of Portland has been partnering with LucidEnergy to install electricity-generating turbines in its gravity-fed water pipes.

Again, it's innovative and something which could be replicated across multiple municipalities.

Challenges will be many as we move forward and we need to be supportive of the scientific community in finding the answers.

Telling the story of Canadian Durum across the Atlantic Ocean

By Jake Leguee

Have you ever heard of new crop missions?

Probably not. Most farmers I've talked to over the past couple of months have never heard of them. But they are a critical component of our sales process to our overseas buyers, and this year, I have the privilege of being the farmer on the durum trip.

Every year, a few teams of people from the Canadian wheat value chain head off to numerous export markets, such as Latin America, the United Arab Emirates, Nigeria, parts of Asia, and, for my trip, some of our major durum markets in Southern Europe and North Africa. The trips are organized by Cereals Canada, the Canadian International Grains Institute (CIGI) and the Canadian Grain Commission (CGC). As a producer on the board for the Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission, I have the honour of being the farmer in the group. There will be an exporter with us as well. This diverse group will be able to present key information to our buyers on the 2019 crop.

I'm sure some of you are wondering – what's the benefit of a costly trip like this? To me, the benefits are clear. Think about your

relationship with your crop input retailer; do you just see them once a year when you buy products from them? Or do they grow a relationship with you over the years, trying to show you why you should do business with them? If they don't, the only tool they have to earn your business is price. In a world where wheat is grown almost anywhere, most of it much closer to market than we are in Canada, price is simply not a factor we can compete on.

What sets us apart in Canada is the quality of the product we produce, the incredible advances we have made over the last couple decades in improving sustainability, and the lengths we go to ensure our customers are satisfied with our products. When we meet with our buyers, they're eager to hear the presentation given by the farmer; they are incredibly interested in how we grow our crops, how we manage our risks, and the generational legacy we build in our businesses. Indeed, the producer presentation is a critical aspect of these missions.

We have some important issues to try and resolve. Italy has been an unwilling buyer of Canadian durum, driven by frustrating country of origin labelling laws

and a campaign against Canadian durum, created by a farm group called Col-diretti. Unlike 2018, we don't have a massive crop of largely #1 and #2 durum. We have a mix of all grades this year, which may create some interesting opportunities. Speaking directly to our buyers will help us understand what those are.

Something that many of us don't often take the time to ponder is that what we do as farmers matters to consumers. They are interested in how we make our cropping decisions, how we manage difficult harvest weather (case in point 2019), how we make pesticide application decisions, and, perhaps most importantly in today's environment, how we maximize sustainability. The fact that we try to improve our soils with the goal to pass our farms down to our children is a foreign concept for many parts of the world, and it is something to be celebrated.

I'll be speaking about all of these topics and more when I travel across the ocean in a little less than a month. I'll be away for nearly two weeks, which is a long time to be away from my young children; but when I think about their future, and how we will continue to drive success in growing Cana-

dian wheat and durum, the choice is easy. This isn't just about our crop in 2019 and servicing our customers for today; it's about building the future for Canadian agriculture and ensuring our product has a market, now and in the future. I'm excited for the remarkable privilege of representing Canadian durum producers.

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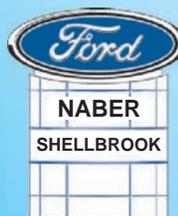


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If you like fast-paced hockey, the Spiritwood rink was the place to be on Friday, Nov. 22 as the Timberwolves faced off against the Perdue Pirates.

The Pirates came out strong in the first period, getting ahead early with two points before the 10-minute mark.

The Timberwolves picked up the pace through the second half of the period with Scott Haggerty managing to sneak one goal past the opposition's netminder right at the end of the period to narrow the gap.

The period ended 2-1 for the Pirates with both teams having served some time in the box.

The Pirates got one in past goaltender JR Bussiere early in the second. This was answered by two Timberwolves goals both scored by assistant captain Anthony Radke to tie up the game. Things began to get rough towards the end of the second period with the scored tied 3-3 and a few carry-over penalties on the clock.

The Pirates got ahead early in the third and fought hard to maintain their lead. Timberwolves' Scott Haggerty

netted his second of the game with 8:31 left to play. While play was dominated by the Timberwolves throughout this period, some found it difficult to stay out of the penalty box and the score was left 4-4 at the end of the period.

The overtime period was fast-paced and exciting and ended with a top shelf wrist shot from Perdue gliding in past Bussiere on his stick side. This leaves the Timberwolves with a 1-1 record this season. Come cheer them on Nov. 20 against Radisson in Spiritwood.



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Islanders, Coyotes turning heads in the NHL

How does an Islanders-Arizona Stanley Cup final sound?

OK, it's only late November and we still have a full winter and most of spring to go before the Cup finalists are determined, but there are trends developing through the first quarter of the National Hockey League season that offer up a few surprises.

For instance, in mid-November, the team with the fewest losses in the NHL was the Islanders, the disciplined squad coached by Barry Trotz, whose team had lost only three times in regulation and once in overtime through its first 18 games.

While most hockey fans are talking about the offensive exploits of Connor McDavid and Leon Draisaitl in Edmonton, or the six-week surgical absence for Sidney Crosby, the Coyotes are quietly becoming somewhat of a Western Conference contender.

Arizona, which has missed the playoffs in

13 of the last 16 years and has never sniffed the Stanley Cup (the closest they came was in 2011-12 when they lost in the conference final to L.A. Kings), sit second in their division and gave notice as to their playoff intentions on a recent road swing when they beat Washington and St. Louis on back-to-back nights. Nothing like winning two road games against the two most recent Stanley Cup champs to make people take note.

The Coyotes are the wizards of one-goal games. In a recent seven-game span in the first half of November, Arizona was involved in games resulting in the following scores: 3-2 (OT win), 4-3 (OT loss), 3-2 (L), 4-3 (L), 4-3 (shootout win), 3-2 (shootout win) and 3-2 (L). Led by fifth-year coach Rick Tocchet, the Coyotes have yet to give up more than four goals in a game, thanks in no small part to goalie Darcy Kuemper, who has played two-thirds of the Coyotes



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games and posted a sub-2.00 goals-against average and a .935 save percentage, and Tocchet's insistence that his team play a defensive-conscious game. The 'Yotes are also enjoying this success without the services of shut-down defenceman Niklas Hjalmarsson, out until January with a cracked fibula.

Dynasties are a thing of the past in the NHL. St. Louis went from last place in early January to the Stanley Cup last year, Washington won its first in 44 years of existence the year before and the multiple Cup winners since the turn of the century,

Chicago, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles and Detroit, are now middle-of-the-road or bottom-feeding teams.

Islanders and Arizona next June in the parity-crazy NHL? Why not?

• Norman Chad of the Washington Post, on the 2022 World Cup in Qatar: "Qatar, by the way, is the largest per-capita emitter of greenhouse gases in the world, three times as much as the United States and almost six times as much as Stephen A. Smith."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe, on Twitter: "Illinois trailed 31-10 entering fourth quarter against Michigan State. And the Illini won 37-34. On the brighter side for the Spartans, their players increased their chances of being drafted by the Atlanta Falcons."

• Another one from Hough, on the Myles Garrett helmet-swinging incident: "Right about now Browns fans have to look longingly

back at the days when their team only made the headlines for losing games."

• Greg Cote of the Miami Herald: "O.J. McDuffie, Roberto Luongo and Tamara James are newest inductees into the Broadward Sports Hall of Fame. If I have to explain who they are, they probably shouldn't be in."

• Comedy writer Brad Dickson: "The first-ever college football game – Princeton vs. Rutgers – was played 150 years ago this week. That was also the same day the Rutgers football program peaked."

• Comedy writer Jim Barach: "The Houston Astros are being investigated for using technology to steal opposing teams' signs. Not only that, one of the players is now being accused of trying to deflate the baseballs."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Giants RB Saquon Barkley rushed for a career-worst one yard on 13 carries in a loss to the

Jets. To put that in perspective, that's 2.9 per attempt – inches, not yards."

• Washington State football coach Mike Leach, to reporters, when asked if he'd ever had officials own up to a mistake – like the one that cost his team 57 yards in field position against Cal – during a game: "Hmm. I'm trying to think of the least-expensive way to answer that question."

• From @SportsPickle, on the Astros being accused of using a camera and dugout trash cans to cheat: "When I was a kid, they simply shot their bodies full of the finest Bulgarian cattle steroids."

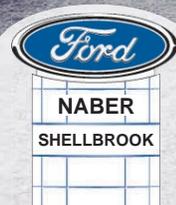
• Vancouver's Torben Rolfson: "Mike Trout won his third A.L. MVP, narrowly edging Houston's Alex Bregman. The Astros knew ahead of time, because they Watergated the Baseball Writer's Association of America offices."

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Most vendors carry a variety of handmade crafts.



There were all kinds of goodies down at the Pioneer Centre on the weekend.



The mystery gift table adds a bit of fun to this craft sale.

Years of business, years of friendship



Some of the area's pioneering businessmen had a small reunion at the Guy's Furniture Grand Opening and 61st Anniversary Sale on Wednesday, Nov. 20. From left: Vivian (Len) Martodam, Guy and Yolanda (YoYo) Houle, and Bea (Burt) Turgeon were the best of friends back in the day. The Martodams moved to the Spiritwood area and opened Martodam Motors just 18 months after the Houles had taken up residence here and started Guy's Furniture and Appliance. They along with Bea and Burt Turgeon became great friends through their years of doing business together. The Martodams and Houles even had neighbouring cabins up on Chitek Lake.

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*Marielle Bertha Bisson*

Marielle Bertha (nee: Jean) Bisson

April 4, 1931 - November 19, 2019

It is with great sadness that the family of Marielle Bisson announces her peaceful passing at the age of 88 years. She went to sleep with her family at her side to be welcomed to her heavenly home on November 19, 2019.

She will be lovingly remembered by her children Guy Lehouillier and family, Johnny (Carol Sue) Lehouillier and family, Priscilla (Robert) Charpentier and family, Real (Lorraine) Lehouillier and family, Claude (Melanie) Bisson and family, and Angele (Brian) Blocka and family; 9 granddaughters, 8 grandsons, 20 great-grandchildren; her brothers Gerard Jean and Raymond Jean.

She will also be forever

remembered by numerous extended family and dear friends.

Marielle is predeceased by her first husband Gerard Lehouillier; her second husband Dassise Bisson; her infant son Michael; and her daughter in law Suzanne (Grimard) Lehouillier.

Her parents Alphide & Jeanette Jean; her in-laws Alfred & Augustine Lehouillier; Arsene & Alberta Bisson; Her brothers Marcelin and Robert Jean; along with many other extended family.

The Memorial Service for Marielle took place on Monday, November 25, 2019, at 11:00 AM, at St. Jean Baptiste RC Church in Debden, with Fr. Michael Fahlman officiating.

Memorial donations in Marielle's memory may be directed to Whispering Pine Place Activities Department, Spiritwood Long Term Care, Alzheimer's Society, and Debden Heritage Manor.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Tammy Smart, Director, Shellbrook, SK 306-747-2828



DEMERS - Devin

It is with deep sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the sudden passing of Devin Philip Demers on November 2, 2019 at the age of 37 years. Devin was born January 26, 1982 at Prince Albert, SK. As a young boy he was active in sports. He played hockey and fastball but in his early teens he quickly discovered his real passion in life which was music. He received his first drum set at eleven years old and from then on drumming was a big part of his life. His musical talent didn't stop at his drum kit. He also taught himself to play the harmonica, guitar and bongos; all within the past few years. He even sang a little and especially enjoyed playing guitar and singing for his nephews. It was quite something to watch him

play guitar, harmonica and sing at the same time. He was currently the drummer for The Big River Boys and was thrilled to be a part of their live performances in front of crowds; but he also enjoyed jamming with just his bandmates. Devin was currently employed with Cowan Enterprises in Meadow Lake. He had completed his first year electrician in hopes to continue and eventually earn a journeyman's certificate. Although Devin's number one passion was playing music, he enjoyed many other hobbies including reading, especially books about history; strategy board games; and his favorite tv show, Real time with Bill Maher. Devin's friends were very special to him, some of his friendships spanned well over two decades and we know that he will be greatly missed not only by family but also many friends. When we think about Devin we

will remember above all his contagious laughter, his love for family and friends and his incredible musical talent. He is lovingly remembered by: his parents, Richard and Betty-Ann Demers, his siblings: Ryan Demers (Kaitlyn Bather) of Kamloops, BC, Jenna (Brett) Dumais of Saskatoon, SK, his nephews, Sullivan and Elliot Dumais and also numerous other relatives and friends. Devin was predeceased by: His maternal grandparents, Delbert and Patricia Price and His paternal grandparents Bruno and Lucille Demers. A Cel-

bration of Devin's Life was held Friday, November 8, 2019 at 2:00 pm at the Big River Community Hall. Friends so wishing may make memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, in memory of Devin's Grandma Price and Grandma Demers as tokens of remembrance. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are invited to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Mark Muir, Funeral Director, Debden, SK (306-724-4474).

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Ruth Marie Dobrowolski

Ruth Marie Dobrowolski

December 2, 1922 - November 3, 2019

Ruth Dobrowolski was born Dec. 2, 1922 at home and passed away

Nov. 3, 2019 at the Mont St. Joseph Home in Prince Albert, SK. Ruth was predeceased by her husband: Leon, her son: Tom, her sisters: Gertrude, Minnie and Olga, her brothers: Einner, Alfie and Lyle. She is survived by her sons: Tony and Don, daughter Denise Urbanski and all of Ruth's grandchildren. Ruth was a school teacher during her working years, she taught at many First Nations Communities through out Saskatchewan. When she retired she moved to Spiritwood, SK and lived a quiet life, Ruth often

volunteered for the church, hospital and the tourist industry. Service details will be updated on Beau "Lac" Funeral Home website when they become available. Donations may be made in Ruth's memory to Mont St. Joseph's Home, Prince Albert, SK as tokens of remembrance. Those wishing to send online condolences are invited to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Mark Muir of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Spiritwood, Sask. (306) 883-3500.



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Plants to consider this holiday season

By Patricia Hanbidge

During the holiday season we adorn our homes with beautiful living plants. What a wonderful way to help winter become more bearable. After all, when it is -40 C outside, what better thing to do than stay inside where it is warm and enjoy the splendor of beautiful plants.

One of the nicest plants to grow is the amaryllis. This bold and beautiful plant is so easy to grow that even those of us with the brownest thumbs can manage to be rewarded with spectacular blooms. Simply pot up the bulb, put it in a sunny spot and water and feed it as you would your other tropical plants. Once the bloom is finished you can even keep the plant for another year and again enjoy the bloom with little effort on your part. Please note that I have noticed a number of amaryllis that are happily waxed in festive colours. These bulbs are not to be potted up or watered as they are using the resources that are available in the bulb itself. Once these amaryllis have bloomed the bulb is discarded



Christmas Cactus

The Christmas Cactus is another plant that can grace your home during the holiday season with the first of many seasons of blooms. It is what is termed a "short-day" plant which simply means that it responds to decreased day length of our winter days by initiating bloom. This plant is another easy keeper that with a small amount of care will keep blooming for years to come. Water thoroughly when the service of the soil feels dry and keep it in bright light.

Ornamental peppers are fun and festive and bring another style of bloom to your home. The

plant will produce an abundance of peppers that are first green, turning white, purple, orange and finally a brilliant red. It is a great short-term plant as you often will get every colour of pepper on the plant at the same time. They take little care and don't mind being a little bit dry – an ideal thing when our humidity is at an all-time low. They are unfortunately not a plant to keep for years but are generally discarded once the peppers are finished.

Another short-term plant is the Bromeliad. These exotic looking plants are sure to bring

an impact to any holiday events you might be hosting in your home. They thrive in lower light environments and take very little care. They should be watered about once a week. There is one small difference in the care of bromeliads in compari-

son to other tropicals. The foliage forms a rosette in the centre of the plant which forms a funnel which should always be filled with water.

If you choose to grace your home with a real Christmas tree then here are a few tips that should help you to keep that tree as fresh as possible. Make sure that prior to putting your tree into water that it has a fresh cut in order to allow water to freely be absorbed by the tree. It is extremely important to keep the base of the trunk immersed in water in order to stop a resin film forming over the wood which impedes the absorption of water. You will find that for the first few days the tree is up, it will absorb a large amount of water. After the first few days

the amount of water absorbed will decrease.

We hope that these tips help you in keeping your home festive and fresh throughout the holidays. We hope that the end of year brings you health, happiness and all the greenery you can stand. Best wishes to you and yours through this holiday season and we hope next year continues to bring the joy of gardening into the lives of you and yours.

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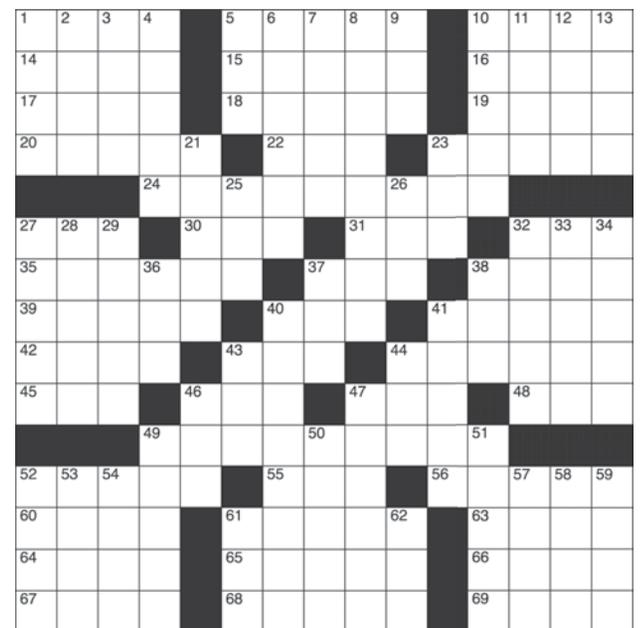
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CLUES ACROSS

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- 5. Adherent of Zoroastrianism
- 10. European river
- 14. Nonprofit public health group
- 15. Make law
- 16. Three-banded armadillo
- 17. Monetary unit
- 18. Sandwich-like dishes
- 19. Sicilian city
- 20. Finger millet
- 22. Of she
- 23. Bullfighting maneuvers
- 24. Lawyers
- 27. A place to relax
- 30. Often said after "Hee"
- 31. Supervises flying
- 32. Cheer of approval
- 35. Something spiders twirl
- 37. Aggressive dog
- 38. Long-legged gazelle
- 39. Mogul emperor
- 40. Baltic peninsula
- 41. Fencing sword
- 42. A reward (archaic)
- 43. Pigeon sound
- 44. Type of groove
- 45. Inquire too closely
- 46. Nine Inch Nails' debut (abbr.)
- 47. An often unwelcome guest

CLUES DOWN

- 1. German courtesy title
- 2. Samoan capital
- 3. A type of carpet
- 4. Upper bract of grass
- 5. Al Bundy's wife
- 6. In a careless way
- 7. More uncommon
- 8. Expressing contempt
- 9. Belonging to a thing
- 10. Adventure stories
- 11. Copycats
- 12. Farewell
- 13. Greek mythological builder
- 21. Colorless, volatile liquid
- 23. Monetary unit of Burma



- 48. Something you can draw
- 49. Songs to one's lover
- 52. Eastern Cairo mosque
- 55. A partner to cheese
- 56. Absorption unit
- 60. A type of sandwich
- 61. Herbaceous plant
- 63. Chinese temple classification
- 64. Native person of central Volga
- 65. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- 66. Some take them up
- 67. South American nation
- 68. Threaten persistently
- 69. Morningwear

- 25. Bar bill
- 26. Body part
- 27. Mischievous child
- 28. Popular card game
- 29. Building occupied by monks
- 32. Spiritual leader
- 33. Independent ruler
- 34. He wrote about the Gold Rush
- 36. Bundle of banknotes
- 37. Corporate honcho
- 38. Touch softly
- 40. Made by oneself
- 41. Satisfies
- 43. Subcompact Toyota crossover
- 44. Cool!
- 46. Popular vegetable
- 47. Flower cluster
- 49. Transylvanian city
- 50. Robert and Stephen are two
- 51. Philippine island
- 52. Canadian law enforcers
- 53. Wings
- 54. He played Perry Mason
- 57. Ballpoint pen
- 58. Metrical foot
- 59. It has nostrils
- 61. Confederate soldier
- 62. Take in solid food

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"The Saskatchewaner program brings attention to a range of industries and businesses in the province and highlights why Saskatchewan is a great place to operate a business, build a career and raise a family," Minister Responsible for Tourism Saskatchewan and Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Gene Makowsky said. "I am

pleased this program continues to be a successful and effective marketing tool, showcasing all our province offers."

Zane Buchanan, the 2019 Saskatchewaner, brought his gift of writing and storytelling to the position. As a born Saskatchewanian, who was living in Toronto, he jumped at the opportunity to return to the province to become the 2019 Saskatchewaner. Throughout the year, Zane showcased the province with fresh eyes, often commenting about how proud he was of his home province.

"My term as the Saskatchewaner is unlike anything I have done or will

do in my life," Zane said. "I saw and learned more than most people get to in a lifetime – and all within the confines of the province I (now more than ever) am proud to call home. Although I'm sad to be passing the torch, I'm looking forward to taking the perspective gained from this experience and applying it to whatever else comes my way."

In 2020, the program will be refreshed and will align with the Plan for Growth to build strong communities, families and a stronger Saskatchewan by focusing on small business, investment and entrepreneurs in the tourism industry.

Each applicant is required to shoot, edit and submit their own original video explaining why they should become the next Saskatchewaner.

Applications will be accepted until noon on Friday, Dec. 20, 2019 at www.saskatchewaner.ca/apply.

Questions about the application process can be emailed to saskatchewanerofficial@gmail.com.

For more information, contact: Brooke Lochbaum

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Government of Saskatchewan proclaims new Animal Health Act

Today, the Government of Saskatchewan proclaimed new legislation to help protect the health and welfare of the province's animals. The new Animal Health Act repeals and replaces The Diseases of Animals Act.

"Ensuring the health of Saskatchewan's animals is a top priority for the Government of Saskatchewan," Agriculture Minister David Marit said. "The new Animal Health Act is modernized to meet the needs of today and better positions us to protect Saskatchewan livestock from disease."

The Act expands the defini-

tion of "disease" to include non-infectious threats such as toxins and emerging issues, including antimicrobial resistance. The Act clearly sets out a veterinary inspector's authorities and responsibilities with regard to entering and inspecting a premises, establishing quarantines, disease surveillance and control zones, and euthanizing animals to prevent suffering or the spread of disease.

"Our membership is glad to see the Government of Saskatchewan update this piece of legislation," Saskatchewan Veterinary Medical Association

Council President Dr. Kent Weir said. "As new diseases emerge, it's important for legislation to be in place to ensure the right tools are available to respond quickly. This new Act will help make that possible."

Other changes include the addition of the provincial notifiable disease list and the creation of a provincial reportable animal disease list in the Act's regulations.

More information about animal health and welfare in Saskatchewan can be found at www.saskatchewan.ca/livestock.

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