

Fun and festivity at the Family Skate

Hot chocolate, festive cookies, and a bit of warmth were available free of charge in the lobby of the Spiritwood Recreation Centre on what turned out to be a rather chilly Sunday, Dec. 8.

With the temperatures outside dropping close to -20° C many opted to take their kids for a spin on the ice at the local rink for the Family Christmas Skate put on by SARCS.

Between 50-60 adults and children of all ages were out ripping around the ice and having a blast. Some were just learning, while others were showing off some fancy spins they picked up at figure skating or rocketing down the ice to show off their speed.

(Right) All ages were out for the Family Christmas Skate put on by SARCS.



Constituency dinner sets stage for 2020 election

By Jordan Twiss

The Shellbrook Community Hall was filled to capacity and decked in green and yellow on Saturday evening, when Premier Scott Moe and a handful of Saskatchewan Party MLAs were in attendance for a special constituency dinner.

Put on by the Rosthern-Shellbrook Saskatchewan Party Constituency Association, the soiree included a meal catered by Neighbourhood Caterers, and featured an intimate fireside chat with Moe, Deputy Premier Gordon Wyant, and Minister of Agriculture Lyle Stewart.

As the first such gathering in the con-

stituency since the 2016 provincial election, the event also served as an unofficial kick-off to the campaigning that will take place throughout 2020 in the lead-up to the Nov. 2 general election.

Speaking to the audience following dinner, Moe said he was encouraged by the turnout and the support from his constituents.

"It's so great for us to bear witness to so many people choosing to come out and engage with us on an evening like this. We're getting close to the Christmas season, and there's a lot to do with your time," he said.

"It gives me confidence as we go through this Christmas season and get into the next year that we are on the right track in this province."

That "right track", Moe elaborated, follows the Sask. Party's recipe for growth and success in the province: growing the economy, creating investment that provides jobs in communities, and attracting people to move to, and stay in, the province.

Citing the province's unprecedented population growth over the past decade, Moe said that this creates more opportunities in the province, and allows dollars

to be invested in the services that people expect from their provincial government, such as healthcare, education, and infrastructure.

Further emphasizing the province's growth since the Sask. Party took power in 2007, Moe said that the value of the province's exports has grown to \$30 billion from \$16 billion in just ten years.

He added that the goal over the next decade is to grow that value to \$35 or \$40 or \$45 billion, so that the province can reach an ambitious goal of growing the population to 1.4 million people.

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While the agri-food industry is undeniably a key piece of the province's strategy to continue the growth that's been seen over the past decade, Moe says the province's energy sector also has an important role to play and touted it as "one of the most sustainable industries in the world."

"We can be very proud of what we do in our industries here in this province. We do it better, cleaner, and as affordable as anybody else can on earth," he said, promising to continue delivering this message on the national and

global stages.

"If you care about climate change and how we're treating the environment, it would do you well to buy your next boat load from the province of Saskatchewan because of how it's produced. That is the message I bring to your customers, whatever industry you're in."

Following his opening remarks, Moe invited Wyant and Stewart up on stage for a fireside chat. With Wyant posing the questions, Moe and Stewart shared their thoughts on a wide range of topics that were both serious and light-hearted.

In discussing what made him decide to run as an MLA in 2011, Moe said he was inspired by his years spent volunteering locally and in the region, and by the very things that make the communities in this area strong.

"Our rural communities don't succeed in spite of anyone. We succeed or fail together," he said. "I could very quickly see that if we were going to have a strong community where I live, we needed strong communities in the region, and we needed to work together to do that."

Though the past two years have seen Moe

stand in stark opposition to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberal Federal government, Moe said that taking such a combative stance isn't his "go-to place."

Instead, he says he prefers to collaborate, to get everyone in the room to share their opinions and hopefully arrive at a direction. He added that he hopes that a more collaborative approach with Ottawa will be feasible now that Chrystia Freeland has been named Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Speaking of directions, Moe, when asked about whether he'd made any decisions he regretted since taking office, stopped short of naming a mistake.

However, he did admit that all governments are imperfect in their own ways, and that his Sask. Party government is no different.

"We're just a bunch of people in a room trying to make the best decisions that we can with the experience that we have, and the information that we have," he said. "We don't get it right all the time. We need to be reasonable enough so that when we don't get it right, we change it."



Premier Scott Moe talks to the crowd at a constituency dinner held in Shellbrook on Saturday.



The Shellbrook Community Hall was full Saturday evening, when Premier Scott Moe hosted a constituency dinner.



Premier Scott Moe (right) talks to Lyle Banda and Trevor Boettcher ahead of his fireside chat.

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Pretli receives Lions Gold Centennial Award for member recruitment and retention



Lion George Pretli (left) being awarded the Gold Centennial Award by Spiritwood and District Lions President Bryan Ferguson (right).

Twardzik takes first professional bout with technical knock out



Stuart Twardzik wins his first professional boxing bout.

Local boxer Stuart Twardzik made his professional boxing debut in Edmonton this past weekend where he won in a technical knock out. His opponent Johnathan Gonzalez Alanis did not return to the ring for the third round.

He was joined in Edmonton by his cutman Chad Selkirk, second corner man Jordan Bittner, coach Johnny Devison, and his manager and wife Candace Twardzik.

Stuart grew up in Big River and has been boxing since the age of 10 when he was coached by his father Clayton Twardzik.

He has an extensive list of amateur boxing accomplishments including being

named provincial champion seven times. He and

his wife Candace currently reside in Spiritwood.



Twardzik's team from left: Chad Selkirk, Jordan Bittner, Stuart Twardzik, and Johnny Devison.

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SMRs a diversion from Sask. Party inaction

In early 2015, I wrote one of my first feature articles for the *Shellbrook Chronicle*: an in-depth examination of the Sask. Party government's strategy (or lack thereof) for renewable energy.

Looking back, it was far from my best piece of writing, and certainly not an exemplar of the objective approach that any half-decent journalist should take to crafting a story.

Nonetheless, the story has stuck with me over the years. And I've found myself thinking of it more frequently of late, given the renewable energy-themed headlines that have been coming out of the province in the past couple of months.

It's not so much the story I'm reminded of, but one of the government spokespeople I spoke to while I was conducting my research. In response to a question about the government's lack of investment in solar energy, the spokesperson almost scoffed, as though the question were the dumbest thing he'd ever been asked.

Then, in the patronizing tone that an over-taxed parent might employ with a five-year-old, he said that the Sask. Party government hadn't made major investments in solar because Saskatchewan's winters are cold and snowy — and, obviously, snow-covered solar panels don't do anyone any good.

He was right, of course, that Saskatchewan's winters are cold and snowy. But he was also conveniently ignoring the facts that make Saskatchewan one of the best jurisdictions for solar energy in the country — namely, the fact that,



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on average, Saskatoon and Regina receive the most sunlight of any Canadian city.

Over the past nearly five years, the Sask. Party has taken some steps forward when it comes to reducing the province's emissions footprint, including the carbon capture and storage facility at Boundary Dam 3, and the first and second iterations of its net-metering program for solar energy.

Despite this, the comments made by the spokesperson I spoke to in 2015 (or perhaps even late 2014) still seem, in so many ways, to be an accurate reflection of this government's attitude towards renewable energy.

Take the province's approach to the net-metering program, which was temporarily suspended after reaching its 16 mW cap and relaunched with almost none of the incentives that made it feasible (the 20 per cent rebate on installation and equipment was eliminated, and the credits for excess energy put back into the were cut roughly in half).

This was done, SaskPower Minister Dustin Duncan said, because the cost of the program was set to rise to \$54 million by 2030, and because most Saskatchewan residents would have been saddled with power bill increases of as much as 7 per cent.

With the cost of living always on the rise, saving Saskatchewan residents money is never a bad thing.

And yet, if the Sask. Party government can't find \$54 million per year to help more Saskatch-



ewan homeowners transition to solar power, one can't help but wonder where it thinks it's going to find the funds to convert a large portion the province's grid to nuclear energy with small modular reactors (SMRs).

That seems to be its plan. If the recent memorandum of understanding (MOU) it signed with its Ontario and New Brunswick counterparts is anything to go by, that is.

The MOU will see the three governments collaborate to develop the technology for SMRs, and encourage the federal government to support it. However, the earliest projections are that nothing would be operational until at least the 2030s — well after the province's goal to reach 50 per cent renewable energy production, and reduce emissions to 40 per cent below 2005's levels by 2030.

Though this essentially makes SMRs the

stuff of dreams, Duncan says the reactors could allow Saskatchewan to set a more ambitious long-term goal of eliminating all emissions from power generation by 2050.

And yet, as SaskPower is fresh off celebrating the grand opening of the Chinook natural gas-fired power plant near Swift Current, a question remains.

Where is the Sask. Party's pie-in-the-sky ambition in the present, when it comes to proven renewable energy sources that are already viable?

It's great that the Sask. Party wants to look into new and emerging technologies that could help with fight against climate change. Innovation is the key to ensuring that we have a future.

But it's hard not to view this focus on SMRs as a strategy to divert the world's attention while it kicks the can a little farther down the road.

Gormley: Patrick Moore, Greta and the Watermelons

"After all, the climate crisis is not just about the environment. It is a crisis of human rights, of justice, and of political will. Colonial, racist, and patriarchal systems of oppression have created and fueled it. We need to dismantle them all." — Greta Thunberg, climate activist, November 29, 2019

Canadian environmental scientist Patrick Moore—respected or reviled but never neutral in the climate change culture wars -- has an odd ally to thank: Greta Thunberg the child climate campaigner, famous for student climate strikes and her "how dare you" admonition directed toward those who don't share her apocalyptic view of the world.

In a statement issued in

late November, Greta finally said what has often been implied in the subtext of climate change activism — even if it is possible to meet unrealistic carbon dioxide emissions targets, it will not be enough. Society also has to be broken down, the market-oriented, capitalist economy dismantled and the "haves" in society brought to heel.

Some have coined this "Watermelon Environmentalism" -- green on the outside and communist red on the inside.

Patrick Moore's role in this comes from his history. As a nervous young journalist in the late 1970s, I first met Pat Moore as he rolled into a radio studio. Introduced as a founder of Greenpeace and resplendent in big rock star hair, jeans, corduroy

jacket and Wallabies he had the respectful and earnest demeanor of a young college professor. He was affable and really bright.

He then checked off the list of Saskatchewan's environmental sins. The two most noteworthy were farmers "polluting" the soil with chemicals and our province's complicity in providing the uranium for nuclear weapons that were about to obliterate humanity. It all sounded a bit over the top for me, but his sales job was mesmerizing.

Fast forward a lifetime and Patrick Moore, who now consults for the nuclear and forest industries — and is an outspoken critic of climate change activism -- is still persuasive and smart. And he has become such a thorn in

the side of Greenpeace that its own history has been revised to remove all mentions of him and, in particular, any reference as a founder.

In 2007, as a rebuttal to Al Gore's Oscar winning "An Inconvenient Truth," a British producer created "The Great Global Warming Swindle". The documentary included Moore suggesting that the collapse of international communism with the fall of the Soviet Union, saw "a lot of peaceniks and political activists move into the environmental movement, bringing their Neo-Marxism with them and they use green language to cloak agendas that have more to do with anti-capitalism than with ecology or science".

While Moore's take might

have seemed a tad conspiratorial for some at the time, it has been confirmed by Greta Thunberg's latest call for school children the world over to join her climate "strikes" when she makes it clear that climate activism "is not just about the environment".

Like her earlier comment at the United Nations deriding society because "all you can talk about is money and fairy tales of eternal economic growth" her latest apocalyptic and urgent warnings about the "destructive effects of the climate crises", include the need to dismantle a system based on oppression. Of course, with Marxism's obsession with class struggle, she traces it back to racism, colonialism, and the patriarchy.

Just as a passionate 16-year-old can lecture people on climate change, it also now seems that Greta Thunberg can direct the world to re-discover Marxism, if indeed it was her and not Socialist International doing some ghostwriting.

Like all societies, we are destined to revisit forgotten lessons of the past. And one of them will be socialism's failed and often murderous history. The watermelon debate is now on in climate. And it's going to get real.

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Report from the Legislature

Our government's plan for a strong and growing province highlighted the fall session of the Saskatchewan Legislature. Our plan for the next decade of growth will serve as our roadmap to growing a strong economy, strong communities and strong families.

Saskatchewan's Growth Plan includes 20 actions for the 2020s and 30 goals for 2030, which include a population of 1.4 million people, 100,000 new jobs, increasing our exports by 50 per cent and increasing agriculture value-added revenue to \$10 billion.

During the fall session, our government also outlined steps we are taking to advance our economic future, and to assert provincial autonomy over our own affairs. This includes an announcement that we will be aggressively advancing our own trade interests by establishing trade offices in Japan, India and Singapore.



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We will continue to look for ways to assert more autonomy over Saskatchewan's interests, including examining increased autonomy over areas like taxation, immigration, trade and climate change policy.

The government's legislative agenda in the fall session included a number of measures that will strengthen Saskatchewan:

- Bill 182 - The Tobacco Control Amendment Act,

2019, which brings vaping products in line with existing tobacco legislation.

- Bill 199 - The Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act, giving Saskatchewan the ability to have direct action against opioid manufacturers and distributors.

- Bill 203 - The Financial Planners and Financial Advisors Act, regulating who can use the titles of "financial planner" and "financial advisor."

- Bill 174 - The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Amendment Act, 2019, amending The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Act, 1997 and clarifying that the Maintenance Enforcement Office can collect financial information, including banking information.

- Bill 183 - The Fisheries (Saskatchewan) Act, 2019, improving the province's ability to respond to threats posed by prohibited and aquatic invasive species and



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- Bill 200 - The Saskatchewan Employment Amendment Act, 2019, increasing parental leave by eight weeks to ensure that employees who are entitled to the new shared parental Employment Insurance benefit have job protection while accessing benefits, and expanding candidate-public office leave to include

employees who are running for election to a Band Council.

- Bill 175 - The Marriage Amendment Act, 2019, allowing for an interested person, such as a family member, to ask the court to have a marriage nullified in situations where the person getting married did not have the capacity to consent to the marriage.

- Bill 195 - The Lobbyists Amendment Act, 2019, promoting transparency and enhancing accountability among provincially-elected officials.

Our government took action during the fall legislative sitting to deliver on key commitments including the opening of the Regina Bypass, a project that is enhancing safety on our roads, while enhancing the flow of goods in and out of our capital city.

The mid-year financial report, released prior to the conclusion of the fall legis-

lative session, shows that Saskatchewan remains on track with a balanced budget.

The 2019-20 provincial budget continues to be the right balance for Saskatchewan. There are no new taxes or tax increases and we continue to invest in important social programs, while continuing to keep the budget balanced.

Meanwhile, the NDP continues to demonstrate weak leadership with no commitment to balance the budget. In fact, their Finance critic recently admitted that the NDP would run deficit budgets if they were in government.

As we look toward the next year and the next decade, our government will continue working to strengthen our economy, communities and families. This starts with balanced budgets and lower taxes to ensure Saskatchewan remains strong for many years to come.

New \$2.4 million CT scanner at St. Paul's Hospital

Saskatchewan residents are benefiting from improved access to specialized medical imaging, thanks to a new computed tomography (CT) scanner at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon.

The Government of Saskatchewan contributed \$1.2 million toward the replacement of the CT scanner, while the St. Paul's Hospital (SPH) Foundation raised the remaining \$1.2 million.

"In partnership with the SPH Foundation, we are pleased to cost-share funding for this new CT scanner that will enhance health care services available in hospital," Saskatoon Westview MLA David Buckingham said on behalf of Health Minister Jim Reiter. "By replacing this equipment, we are following through on our commitment

to invest in infrastructure and improve patients' access to specialized medical imaging services."

The new scanner's advanced technologies will allow health care professionals to provide more scans for additional patients in less time, increasing efficiencies and providing clearer scans for better diagnoses and treatment options.

"We wish to thank the Ministry of Health, the St. Paul's Hospital Foundation and all the many generous donors who made this possible," SHA Executive Director for Diagnostic Imaging Bryan Witt said. "This new scanner will help us improve the quality and timeliness of our services and will contribute to making the patient health care experience better for everyone. Every day."

"We are deeply grateful to our community who saw the need and provided an astounding \$1.2 million in support of a new CT scanner that will have a tremendous positive impact on patient care at St. Paul's Hospital," SPH Foundation Board Chair Neil Weber said. "We deeply appreciate all of our generous donors including Orme and Shirley Asher, our Give and Grow Radiothon sponsors Ron and Carol Schira, Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority and Furniture World, our media partners 650 CKOM, C95 and Rock 102, and the 2017 Hospital Home Lottery Ticket purchasers."

"When the Grey Nuns started this hospital, they had a vision of community working together to better the health of the people of this province," CEO of Emmanuel

Health and St. Paul's Hospital CEO Jean Morrison said. "Today, that vision has been achieved as our province, our health care practitioners, and our community have all come together to bring a state-of-the-art CT scanner to St. Paul's Hospital, significantly advancing patient care, and helping to ensure a community of health, hope and compassion for all."

A CT scan combines X-ray images taken from different angles around a patient's body, and uses computer processing to create images of bones, blood vessels and soft tissues. Saskatoon's four CT scanners serve more than 39,000 patients each year. The number of patients receiving CT scans in Saskatchewan has increased by almost 50 per cent since 2007-08.

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Lion Brooklyn Orange (left) presenting winner Reuben Sarrazin (center) and his wife Linda Sarrazin (right) with the \$1,000 cash prize. The Spiritwood Lions Club sold out tickets for their annual \$1,000 Cash Draw fundraiser again this year.

Former Spiritwood resident causing excitement in Lethbridge

There is a feeling of excitement these days on the campus of the University of Lethbridge following the signing of Drew Dortman, the first player from the Pronghorn Elite Preparation Academy to commit to the U of L Pronghorns soccer program.

Drew is the daughter of former Spiritwood residents Kelsey Dortman and Stephanie Fisher-Dortman. She is also the granddaughter of Lloyd and Helene Fisher of Spiritwood and Roger

Dortman and Laura Anderson, former residents of Spiritwood.

The Pronghorns issued the following release to announce the signing:

Following a return to the Canada West playoff picture this past season, the Lethbridge Pronghorn women's soccer program looks towards next season with the first signing of the 2020 recruiting class and is excited to announce the signing of local product Drew Dortman.

Dortman becomes the

first product of the Pronghorn Elite Preparation (PEP) Academy program to commit to the Pronghorns.

"The Pronghorn Women's Soccer program is thrilled to announce that Drew Dortman has officially committed to the program," said Pronghorn co-head coach Ilsa Wong. "As the first PEP Academy graduate to commit to the program, Drew has been preparing for this transition for three years now."

"A skilled midfielder, Drew has an incredible work ethic that will fit in very well with our current roster. She should be able to seamlessly transition into the U SPORTS level and we look forward to the addition of her smart decision-making, ball distribution, and athletic ability."

Originally from Spiritwood, Saskatchewan, Dortman is a product of the Lethbridge Football Club and joins the program as a central midfielder. She has played the last two seasons in the Alberta Major Soccer League with LFC, making 23 appearances over those two seasons with the AMSL team.

Starting with LFC at the U12 age group, Dortman was a member of two outdoor provincial bronze medal winning teams and was captain of LFC U16 and U17 teams.

A multi-sport athlete, Dortman has also excelled in volleyball, playing in both the high school and club systems. During her time with Catholic Central High School she was part of two league championships and in 2018 was part of the CCH team that finished fifth at 4A provincials.

In addition to her prowess in sports she has been an exceptional student being on the honour roll in both Grades 10 and 11 and is contemplating pursuing a degree in neuroscience, nursing or medicine.

The Pronghorn women's soccer program will be hosting a spring identification camp Jan. 31 and Feb. 1.



Drew Dortman, formerly of Spiritwood, has signed with the University of Lethbridge Pronghorns soccer program. She is the first graduate of the Pronghorn Elite Preparation Academy to join the university soccer team.

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Hemp's potential offers needed dose of good news

When it comes to agriculture there always seems a mix of good news and bad news floating around the sector.

Certainly there has been a swirl of concern regarding the impact of the federal carbon tax on the cost farmers are incurring this year drying grain that was taken off in less than ideal condition due to weather.

That situation was made more tenuous for a day, or two as propane

supplies looked threatened by a rail strike, but that cloud has seemed to pass.

At the same time the grain drying concerns swirled a story in the Western Producer about Canadian wheat selling to China caught my eye.

To start with it was not a story of doom in terms of trade with China, and that is a key in trade based on population which of late has had some political level beefs with this country



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which have disrupted trade.

By contrast this was a huge good news story, at least in terms of the wheat trade. It reported

how Canadian wheat sales to China jumped to 1.75 million tonnes last year from a more typical 500,000 to 700,000 tonnes in previous years.

A one-year upswing is good, but often is an anomaly based in any number of factors.

In this case the article suggests the higher import volumes might become the more the normal level of trade if China changes the way it administers the tariff rate quota to be in line with its World Trade Organization obligations, a situation that apparently is under way.

That is big news for Canada because there is a need for a crop other than canola to become valuable enough in terms of trade that it entices farmers to grow it. Canola has carried the day for several years now but the reliance on the crop tends to push crop rotations and that can ultimately lead to greater issues in terms of weeds, bugs and disease.

Similarly, there was

also a story at the Western Producer online edition that looked at hemp as a crop that could provide an alternative to canola.

It is good that the sector continues to look at alternate crops, and with hemp there does seem to be a huge potential market developing. However, years following the sector recall a lot of new crops that were going to become

important cash crops as markets developed. In many cases the markets never quite came into play, or were decidedly small making the crops too niche in nature to fully impact the sector.

Still, as it stands, hemp holds a great deal of potential as we move toward a greener future, and the agriculture sector needs its good news stories right now.

Saskatchewan Agriculture Scholarship announced

The 2020 Saskatchewan Agriculture Student Scholarship Program is now accepting applications from students entering an agriculture-related post-secondary program.

"Canada's youth play a critical role in the continued growth and prosperity of the agriculture sector," said federal Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau. "Our government is proud to support initiatives such as the Saskatchewan Agriculture Student Scholarship that provide young student leaders with the boost they need to succeed in the agriculture sector."

"Our industry offers unique and exciting opportunities for our province's youth," Agriculture Minister David Marit said. "Careers in agriculture are rewarding and challenging as we continue down a path of technological advancement and environmental sustainability."

The scholarship encourages constructive conversations about where our food comes from and how everyone along the value-chain, from the field to table, shares a role in shaping food pro-

duction.

"Agriculture is my passion," winner of the 2019 scholarship Caylee Dorval said. "The scholarship was an opportunity to kick-start my career in the ag industry. I'm excited to continue my education and to learn more about agriculture and food production in Saskatchewan."

Students are invited to submit a creative three-minute video or 1,000-word essay sharing their food story. One winning scholarship of \$4,000 and three runner-up scholarships of \$2,000 will be awarded to students in Grade 12 and/or recent graduates entering agriculture-related post-secondary studies in 2020.

The deadline for applications is March 1, 2020. For more information on the Saskatchewan Agriculture Student Scholarship, visit www.Saskatchewan.ca/ag-scholarship.

This award is funded through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a five-year \$388 million investment in strategic initiatives by the federal and provincial governments.



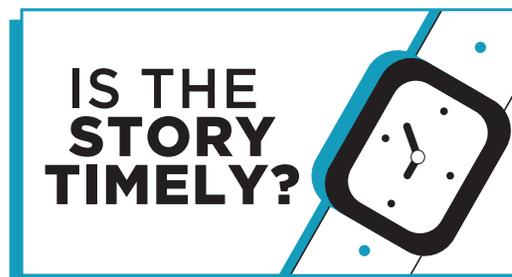
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\$2,300 raised in PCE silent auction

Prairie Community Endeavors (PCE) wrapped up their annual silent auction on Friday, Nov. 29 bringing in \$2,300 to go towards outings for the members and supplies for the daily programs.

63 items were donated this year for

the auction and 69 bidding numbers were registered.

Funds brought in were slightly down from last year, however PCE plans to hold the event again next year as it is one of their major fundraisers.



Some of the many beautiful items donated for the Prairie Community Endeavors Silent Auction.

Medstead Leisure Life Club hosts Christmas party

On Dec. 2, 2019 our Medstead Leisure Life Club celebrated our annual Christmas party.

This year we had the meeting at 1 p.m., followed by games and pool games, followed by an excellent variety of food

for our pot luck supper.

Birthday cake of the month followed the meal, with two birthday recipients: Pauline Schwartz and Gerald Tomlinson. The delicious cake was made by Fern Moen.

Our next meeting will

be held on Jan. 6, 2020 at 1 p.m. Our next jam session will be on Jan. 26, 2020.

We hope to see young and old out for an afternoon of entertainment of music, dancing and socializing.



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Shellbrook Dairy Queen opens to warm welcome

By Jordan Twiss

A little more than a year after it was first teased to the community, Shellbrook's Dairy Queen location finally opened its doors over the weekend.

The restaurant held its official opening on Saturday morning, offering the first 100 customers to purchase an 8-inch or larger DQ Cake or Blizzard Cake a free small Blizzard every week for a year. And though it was a less-than-balmy -9 degrees on Saturday morning, the promise of free ice cream still brought out a sizeable crowd.

Indeed, the line-up began to form outside the restaurant's doors well before the restaurant's opening time of 10 a.m. (one especially eager customer even said she had been waiting since 7:30 a.m.), and the parking lot was filled to capacity with vehicles.

Explaining that the restaurant sold 100 cakes in the span of 45 minutes, and kept selling them throughout opening day, franchisee Christina Hawkins says it was a great start for the restaurant.

"We're so excited to be

opened. Everyone was so excited, so happy, and so welcoming," she said.

"It's been really great. It was just great to meet everyone and feel the excitement in the air."

At opening, Shellbrook Dairy Queen had 36 employees working a mix of full-time and part-time hours.

Hawkins is quick to emphasize that the employees, including general manager Teri Smith and assistant store manager Shelley Collins, are all local, and says that hiring local was an important piece of ensuring the restaurant's success.

"I think it's important in any business that, in addition to serving the community with a restaurant, we make sure that we're helping the community economically, and helping people find work," she said.

Though opening day ran smoothly for the Shellbrook Dairy Queen, Hawkins says quite a bit of work went into making that happen.

Starting about two weeks before opening, staff were brought in to go through the Dairy Queen Training pro-



The line outside the Shellbrook Dairy Queen began to form early on Saturday morning, ahead of the restaurant's opening day. The restaurant was offering one heck of a deal to get customers in the door.

gram, and began working three-hour shifts in the area of the store that they'd been assigned to work in.

This process included dry runs, where the staff run a mock restaurant for two hours and go through open-

ing, daily operation, and closing to get a taste of what a typical day of work will offer at the restaurant.

Finally, the restaurant held a family night on the Thursday before opening morning, during which employees got

to invite two family members, then serve and prepare their orders.

Throughout this process, and through opening day, Hawkins had nothing but praise to offer her staff.

"We were really happy to find a great group of staff locally," she said.

Calling Shellbrook a "great community" Hawkins says it was an ideal location for a Dairy Queen franchise because it's growing, and because its location along Highway 3 sees a lot of traffic going by. This, she adds, makes it a good option for folks to stop, have a quick bite to eat, and continue on their way.

However, she says she also has hopes that the restaurant will become a local gathering place of sorts.

"I like to think of a Dairy Queen as a community hall almost. I like the Dairy Queen to be a place where people can come, meet, visit, and share," she said.

"We have a full coffee pot on all the time, and a bottomless cup. It's just a great place to have a good family meal or meet a friend. It's a community of its own."



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Mervin was born in Mont Nebo in 1920. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and served as a Leading Aircraftman in Canada during WWII. He joined the Shell

Lake Legion Branch #15 in 1954.

Mervin held several executive positions and served as President for many years with our Legion. He played on the Legion curling, golf and hockey teams representing the Shell Lake Legion locally and across the province. In 2013, Mervin was presented with one of the Legionnaire of the Year awards for Saskatchewan.

The presentation was followed with a time of lunch and fellowship.



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Decade in review: Tiger falls, Jets rise in Winnipeg

The '10s' decade is winding to a close, with less than a month to go until we hit the year of terrific vision — 2020. The good, bad and ugly in sports have happened in the past 10 years, and this column has been on top of things throughout.

For the next two weeks, we'll take a look back at the decade that's ending, with random selections of headlines from columns written through the years.

This week, the first five years — 2010 through 2014.

Jan. 4/10 — Scandalized Tiger Woods the newsmaker of 2009 (Fire hydrants, bimbos and worldwide shame stopped the world's best golfer in his tracks.)

July 5/10 — Bombers' coaches have 'green' tint (Three former Saskatchewan Roughriders coaches signed with rival Winnipeg.)

Dec. 27/10 — No kidding! Sid the Kid is No. 1 (One man's opinion: Sidney Crosby is the best

player in the NHL.)

July 4/11 — McIlroy now 'the man' in pro golf (Tiger knocked from his pedestal by this Northern Irishman.)

May 30/11 — NHL dream coming true in Winnipeg (Hockey fans in Manitoba can't believe their good fortune as the Atlanta Thrashers hightail it from Georgia and set up shop on Portage Avenue.)

March 12/12 — Mickelson's career one of the best ever (Ranked No. 8 all-time in one man's opinion.)

Oct. 8/12 — Don't feel sorry for NHL players (A discussion about the contentious lockout.)

April 29/13 — Heat warming up for another title (With LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh, how could they miss?)

Sept. 23/13 — Marlins' rookie making a name for himself (Pitcher Jose Fernandez starting to dominate, later killed in a boat crash before potential achieved.)

Feb. 17/14 — DeLaet's



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pro golf stock on the rise (The Weyburn, Sask., golfer moved into the top 20 in the world rankings, but back problems later curtailed his rise.)

Aug. 25/14 — Big three in tennis usually leave no doubt (It seems to be either Federer, Nadal or Djokovic on the trophy presentation stage. And that continues to this day.)

Next week: Some random headlines from columns written in the latter half of this decade.

• Comedy writer Jim Barach: "Tom Brady's trainer says the quarterback now says he wants to play to 46 or 47. But

before making that call he should watch Adam Vinatieri kick like he's playing pin the tail on the donkey."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "In the latest MLB cheating update, now there's reports that Houston players wore realistic-looking electronic bandages that buzzed in real time to relay signs stolen from the opposing catcher. Astros GM Maxwell Smart declined comment."

• Saskatchewan sports fan Emily Kroeker, on Twitter: "Time traveller goes back to June, in Regina: 'Guys, I have good news and bad news. Zach Collaros is going to win the Grey Cup.'"

• Vancouver's Steve Burgess, on Twitter, following the Bombers' Grey Cup win: "Crowds of fans are gathering at Portage and Main. But remember, if anybody sets any cars on fire it's not a riot — they're just trying to stay warm."

• Patti Dawn Swanson, aka the River City Renegade, during the

Grey Cup game when TV cameras showed Ti-Cats owner Bob Young, who prefers to be called the 'caretaker', not 'owner': "In that case, he should grab a broom and sweep up the gawdawful mess his club is leaving on the McMahon Stadium carpet."

• David Larwood of Porcupine Plain, Sask., on his volunteer work at the Sentry Tournament of Champions at the Kapalua course in Maui: "Dustin Johnson couldn't tee off on hole six until the guy from Saskatchewan who had never read a rule book or shot under 100 said he could."

• Ron Green, Sr., in the Charlotte Observer, among the dozens of things for which he's thankful: "Punt returners. When their football days are over, maybe they could get safer work riding bulls."

• From Faux John Madden on Twitter, on the first televised Thanksgiving Day NFL game: "Bears-Lions is a

wonderful way for football fans to give thanks that they're not fans of either team."

• NOTSportsCentre, on Twitter, following the Cowboys' Thanksgiving Day loss to Buffalo: "REPORT: Jason Garrett has been put up for sale for \$5 as part of a Black Friday special at a Dallas WalMart. So far, no takers."

• Another one from Barach: "A Babe Ruth rookie card sold for \$110,000. Although the buyer says the gum that came with it was really stale."

• Dwight Perry again: "Ole Miss receiver Elijah Moore drew a costly unsportsmanlike-conduct penalty after a TD catch when he celebrated by getting down on all fours and lifting his leg like a dog at a hydrant. The official who threw the flag certainly puts a whole new spin on 'Looking out for No. 1.'"

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Minutes of a Town of Spiritwood regular meeting

(Where necessary, the following minutes may have been edited for clarity or brevity)

The regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Spiritwood was called to order at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Town Office located at 212 Main Street on Oct. 22, 2019. Present were Mayor Gay von Holwede, Councillors Shannon Beaulac, Bryan Wingerter, James Bedi, Brad Nemish, George Pretli, Debbie Allan, and CAO Rhonda Saam.

Shannon Beaulac: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Seconded by Debbie Allan. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That the minutes of the regular meeting on Oct. 8, 2019 be approved as presented. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

Debbie Allan: That we file the correspondence as presented. Correspondence included SAMA 2019 Primary Audit Report and Spiritwood Librarian 40th Anniversary on Nov. 1, 2019. Seconded by Bryan

Wingerter. Carried.

Jim Bedi: That the Accounts for Ratification, Cheque NO. 30232 to 3243 in the amount of \$16,825.06 be approved as presented. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Brad Nemish: That the Accounts for Approval, Cheque No. 30244 to 30261 in the amount of \$38,005.03 be approved as presented. Seconded by Jim Bedi. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That the Town of Spiritwood (hereinafter the "corporation") hereby solidarily stands as surety for Collabria Financial Services Inc. (hereinafter "Collabria") in respect of all present or future debts and obligations that Spiritwood Area, Recreation, Culture, and Sport Inc (hereinafter "the primary debtor") owes or may owe to Collabria from time to time, including i) all debts and obligations arising from the use of the credit cards that the primary debtor holds with Collabria, including the obligation to repay the amounts that may exceed the credit lim-

its granted and any amendment thereof, in principal and interest, ii) an charges and interest on the amounts due at the same rate as may be charged to the primary debtor, effective from the request for payment that will be made by Collabria. This suretyship will be a continuing guarantee that will remain valid notwithstanding the occasional, full or partial repayment of the debts of the primary debtor and will bind the solidary surety unless it gives Collabria twenty (20) days' written notice expressing its desire to terminate this suretyship. This notice will have effect and release the undersigned from liability only for the debts contracted by the primary debtor after guarantee expiry of the twenty (20) days stipulated above. This suretyship does not replace, but is in addition to, any other guarantee that Collabria holds or may hold to guarantee performance of the primary debtor's obligations. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

George Pretli: That the reports, Chief Administrative Officer Verbal Report and Council Verbal Reports, be filed as presented. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Jim Bedi: That we donate the Civic Center rental fee to the Spiritwood Lions Club for the Senior's Appreciation Supper on November 9th, 2019, and Councillor Bryan Wingerter will attend and bring greetings as the town council representative. Seconded by Brad Nemish. Carried.

Brad Nemish: That we approve Policy No. 24 Rec Director Policy as amended. Seconded by Jim Bedi. Carried.

Jim Bedi: That we cancel the council meeting for November 12, 2019 and the council meeting set for November 26, 2019 will be the only meeting for November 2019. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

Debbie Allan: That we approve forwarding the attached outstand-

ing utility accounts past due 90 days as of Oct. 31, 2019 to the Tax Roll. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we approve purchasing two Michelin xtra (front) tires for John Deere Loader from Lake Country Co-operative as quoted for \$5170 plus taxes. Seconded by Debbie Allan. Carried.

Brad Nemish: That we provide funds to SARCS for the balance of the November 2019 Rec Facility mortgage payment in the amount of \$17,500.00. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Jim Bedi: That we agree to continue participating in the Municipal Gas Tax Fund Program and submit a signed document of the MGTFAs Amending Agreement No.1 to the Ministry of Government Relations. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

Shannon Beaulac: That this meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Debbie Allan. Carried.

Ode to the Poinsettia – Part I

By Patricia Hanbidge

As the holiday season approaches, the garden centres and other retail outlets are ablaze with holiday plants.

The most traditional holiday plant is of course the poinsettia. It is simply amazing to see these plants we associate with Christmas merrily blooming in climates known for their sand and sun. In their natural form they are a large, leggy shrub that is adorned with the lovely red “blooms” on the ends of the branches.

The Christmas poinsettia is a member of the large group of plants known as Euphorbias. The group displays extreme variability in growth habit, from succulent types so cactus-like in appearance that one member of the group was given the botanical name *Euphorbia pseudocactus* to leafy spurge (*Euphorbia esula*) which is a noxious weed in Saskatchewan.

However, the Christmas poinsettia (*Euphorbia pulcherrima*) is the most famous member of this diverse group of relatives. The spe-

cies name *pulcherrima* means “most beautiful” and market sales support that we as consumers agree. Poinsettias say Christmas everywhere and 70% of the poinsettias grown are sold in regions that never get snow.

Poinsettias are native to southern Mexico and Central America. Although red is still the best-selling poinsettia, plant breeders have produced many different cultivars that are a variety of shapes and colours.

Joel R. Poinsett is the man given credit for introducing this plant into the United States when he was the first ambassador to Mexico from 1825 to 1829. As he was a scientist and a botanist, he noticed these shrubs growing wild in the hills around Taxco and sent a few of these plants home to South Carolina for his personal collection.

He began propagating them in his greenhouse and giving them to friends and to botanical gardens. It was only a few years later that poinsettias were being sold at Christmas time in and



around New York and Philadelphia.

It is the Ecke family whose name is most often associated with growing poinsettias as they did much selection and breeding work to produce smaller plants that were longer-lasting and vigorous in growth.

The ‘Oak Leaf’ cultivar was the first of the poinsettias to retain some of its leaves while in bloom as earlier cultivars would have colourful bracts on leggy, leafless stems. Since the 1960s most of our poinsettias are hybrids and the result of even more improved selections.

The common feature linking all these plants together is their very distinct flowers. The red “flowers” of a poinset-

tia plant are not actually flowers at all, but merely bright red leaves arranged in star-like clusters at the ends of the branches.

The bright bracts are designed to draw pollinating insects toward the inconspicuous but true flowers of yellowish hue in their centre. The word “bract” is a botanical term for any leaf that

has lost its normal photosynthetic role to take on a more specialised role.

If you observe of any poinsettia “flower” carefully, you’ll find at least a couple of leaves that are partially green and partially coloured. These were caught mid-way when the plant switched into “flowering mode” and began changing new developing leaves into coloured bracts.

As short-day plants, poinsettias initiate flowering after exposure to an eight-week period where nights are at least 14 hours long. Commercial growers bringing them into flower for Christmas are therefore careful to assure the plants experience nights of at least this length —

hardly difficult during a Saskatchewan winter!

This Ode to the Poinsettia will continue for two more pieces that are devoted to this amazing plant. We hope that you are enjoying a poinsettia in your home and that perhaps you will gift a plant to some of the special people in your life.

Each Christmas, I gift a beautiful red poinsettia to my mom – what a great tradition!

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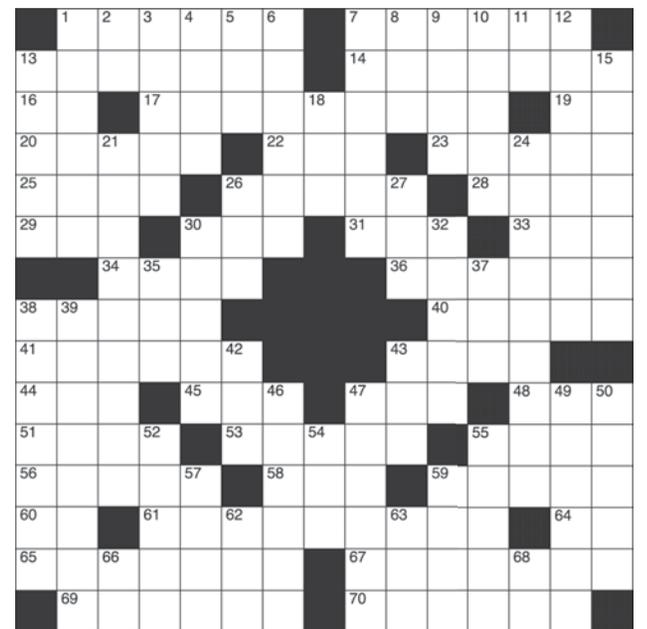
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7. Belgian urban center
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9. Deploys
10. Ballplayers can legally do it
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13. Type of pole
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Minutes of a RM of Spiritwood No. 496 meeting

(Where necessary, the following minutes may have been edited for clarity or brevity)

The Regular Meeting of the council of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 was called to order by Reeve Shirley Dauvin at 8:05 AM on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019 at the municipality office located at 218 Main Street in Spiritwood, SK. In attendance were Reeve Shirley Dauvin, Division 1 (Deputy Reeve) Doug Johnson, Division 2 Alan Steinhilber, Division 3 Terry Wingerter, Division 6 Bevra Fee, Administrator Colette Bussiere, and Forman Darcy Laventure.

Absent were Division 4 (currently vacant) and Division 5 Jerome Tetreault.

Doug Johnson: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the minutes of the Sept. 10, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the SARCS board vacancy be tabled and the Council place a request for public interest on the RM Facebook page. Carried.

Bevra Fee: That Council members attend a meeting with Premier Scott Moe and Highways & Infrastructure Minister Greg Ottenbreit on Nov. 13, 2019 during the SARM Midterm Convention in Regina to discuss Hwy #24 and Hwy #3. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That the Administrator's Report having been read now be filed. Carried.

Bevra Fee: That we place a tender notice for the 2020 gravel haul and that the gravel haul be split in half and awarded to two separate bidders. Carried.

Doug Johnson: That we change

out all yield signs and replace with stop signs where a class 5, 6, or 7 municipal grid intersects with a class 4 primary grid. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That seasonal operators, Johnny Lehoullier, Michael Heisler, Clinton Roth, and Arnie Laroque be laid off on or about Oct. 31, 2019 and that the seasonal positions be reposted in 2020. Carried.

Doug Johnson: That Foreman, Darcy Laventure attend the Bridge Summit held in Regina on Nov. 12, 2019. Carried.

Doug Johnson: That the Foreman's Report having been read now be filed. Carried.

Wanda Keen (Spruce Bay Board Member), Bob Keen, Tristan Koroscil, and Glen Cherry (Spruce Bay Property Owners) joined the council meeting at 10:45 a.m. to discuss the application for the construction of a mini berm on Municipal Reserve (MR) to provide flood protection for Lot 5, Lot 6, and Lot 7/Blk 4 in the OH of Spruce Bay.

Wanda Keen, Bob Keen, Tristan Koroscil, and Glen Cherry left the council meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Terry Wingerter: Whereas, the application to construct a mini berm on Municipal Reserve, to protect residential property located on Lot 5, Lot 6, and Lot 7 of Blk 4 in the OH of Spruce Bay from flooding, does not meet the standard specifications of WSA for flood protection, that the application be declined. That the RM will approve the construction of a berm on Municipal Reserve, which meets the standard specifications and design of WSA for flood protection. The berm shall be constructed as much as possible on private property. Carried.

Colleen Fenning (PHO) joined the Council meeting at 11:15 a.m. to dis-

cuss clubroot and other SARM CAP programming. Colleen Fenning left the Council meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Marlene Swityk (Junor Cemetery Sub-Committee Member) joined the Council meeting at 11:38 a.m. to discuss unauthorized work and signage at the Junor Cemetery.

Al Steinhilber: That Council adjourn for lunch (12:01 PM) and reconvene at 1:00 p.m. Carried.

The Regular Meeting of Council was called back to order at 1:09 p.m. Foreman, Darcy Laventure and Marlene Swityk did not return to Council meeting.

Doug Johnson: Pursuant to Bylaw 5-2016, being the Cemetery Bylaw, that the RM appointed cemetery committee act as a liaison between the Junor Cemetery sub-committee and the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 and bring back a recommendation to Council in the matter of the Junor Cemetery. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the bank reconciliation for the month ending Sept. 30, 2019 be approved as presented. Carried.

Bevra Fee: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month ending Sept. 30, 2019 be approved as presented. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That the "List of Accounts" as listed on the attached Schedule "A" forming part of these minutes be passed for payment. Cheque No. 12011-12078. Payroll File No. 0263 & 0265. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the Statement of Defense prepared by Michael P. Morris, Q. C., Solicitor for the RM of Spiritwood No. 496, be accepted as presented and filed with the Court of Queen's Bench in the matter of Mill Creek II Land Inc. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the proposed

subdivision application for a single, non-farm residential parcel located on NW 19-50-09-W3 be approved. The Subdivision application complies with the District Plan and the RM Zoning Bylaw. The applicants will be required to upgrade the field access to the remainder of the agriculture parcel. There are no land uses in the vicinity that are incompatible with the intended use. Infrastructure is existing and servicing agreement will not be required. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That the revised subdivision application for the creation of an additional parcel on SQ 01-50-08-W3 be declined at this time. Carried.

Doug Johnson: That we consent to the removal of dead trees and the creation of an access path within the Environmental Reserve in front of Lot 3/Blk 1 in South Shore Ridge. The access path shall not be greater than 2 metres in width. The removal of the dead trees and the creation of the access path shall be in accordance with the same regulations as the Water Security Agency Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That we consent to the removal of dead trees within the Environmental Reserve in front of Lot 4/Blk 1 in The Cove. The removal of the dead trees shall be in accordance with the same regulations as the Water Security Agency Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit. Carried.

Bevra Fee: That we accept the quote from Meridian Surveys in the amount of \$2,500 and proceed with a geodetic survey on Witchekan Lake. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That Development Permit No. 19-12 be revised to accommodate commercial storage of chattels outside as per the RM of

Spiritwood Zoning Bylaw regulation. Appropriate landscaping and screening will be required to bugger adjacent land and property. Carried.

Doug Johnson: That the financial audit tenders be tabled. Carried.

Bevra Fee: That a by-election for Division 4 Councillor be held on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2019 and that nomination day be Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 4 p.m. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the rec grant funding in the amount of \$100,000 be allocated as follows: SARCS (Spiritwood) \$68,000, Leoville \$17,000, Shell Lake \$15,000. Carried.

Doug Johnson: The RM of Spiritwood has no knowledge of water lines in the area of planned construction and has no plans to widen the existing road allowance adjacent to the construction site for a proposed power line to service SW 21-54-12-W3. Carried.

Bevra Fee: That the regular meeting of Council be adjourned at 3:46 PM to move into an in-camera session to discuss HR concerns. Carried.

The Regular Meeting of Council was reconvened at 4:01 p.m.

Terry Wingerter: That the following correspondence having been read now be filed: SARM updates and emails, SARM weekly policy bulletins, PARCS updated No. 104 (September 2019), Wapiti Regional Library September 2019 Newsletter, farm and food agriculture month kickoff, SARCS meeting minutes (January 2019-August 2019). Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the Nov. 12, 2019 meeting of Council convene at 8 a.m. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

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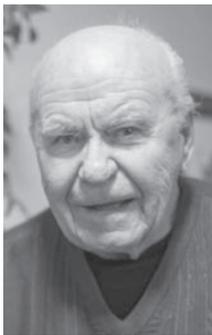
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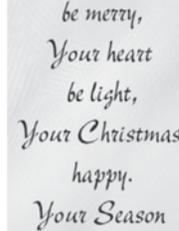
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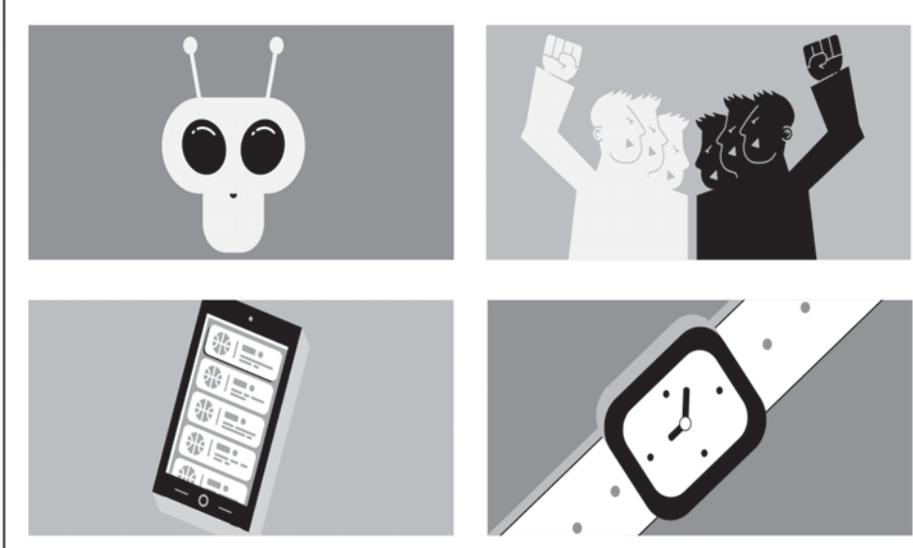
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