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Credit Union holds grand opening ceremony



Mayor Gary von Holwede cut the ribbon to officially open the renovated Prairie Centre Credit Union. The ribbon was held by Spiritwood's Board Members Wayne Pauls and Jason Gaboury.

Prairie Centre Credit Union (PCCU) held a grand opening ceremony March 12 to unveil the renovated Spiritwood branch.

Spiritwood Mayor Gary von Holwede cut the ribbon held by PCCU Board members Wayne Pauls and Jason Gaboury.

Tim Askin, Chief Project Officer, said that when PCCU was looking at the merger with Spiritwood Credit Union, they did their due diligence, and top of the list was that they wanted Spiritwood to fit the PCCU model, which was to have everything operate out of one

building.

"So that was our challenge," he said, "How to get everyone into the same building. It's better for the staff group, and better for the members."

Shortly after the merger, management decided that they didn't want to wait on a renovation, so in January of 2019 they began looking at design options, coming up with four scenarios. They presented their proposal to the PCCU Board of Directors in June, and were given the go-ahead, along with a \$525,000 budget, to renovate the existing building to bring it into line with

the PCCU model.

Things moved quickly after that. Construction started in mid-September.

Askin had praise for staff and members for their patience and perseverance throughout the period.

"They (the staff) were trouper," he said, "but you (members) were too. If you needed the ATM, you had to go outside and come in the front door."

The staff members were back in their regular places in November, and the lending staff were moved over at the end of January.

Askin said the renovation features new modern MSR stations, better safety features, better cameras, and better security. As well, the night deposit was moved inside.

"It's under lights, under camera, a warm, safe environment," he said.

"The thing I'm most excited about," he added, "is that the project came in under budget and on time."

He said that there is space to expand in the future.

The lending building is being prepped for sale.

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Greg Hannay, PCCU Board Chair thanked members and staff for their patience and perseverance.

"Renovations are never easy. I certainly am impressed," he said.

The renovation "shows our com-

mitment to the community and our members in this area, and we are pleased you have supported us as much as you have," he said.

He said that he had been in Spiritwood the previous week as the coach of the Rosetown Senior Mixed Curling team at the SHSAA Provincials, and was impressed with the facility and with the hospitality and organization of the people of the community – and he thanked the local Credit Union for supplying the supper for the curlers and coaches.

"It reconfirmed our thoughts that this is the right community and you're just like us," he said.

Prior to cutting the ribbon, Mayor von Holwede, said that leaders help themselves and others to do the right thing.

"They get direction,



PCCU sponsored a lunch for members as part of the celebration.



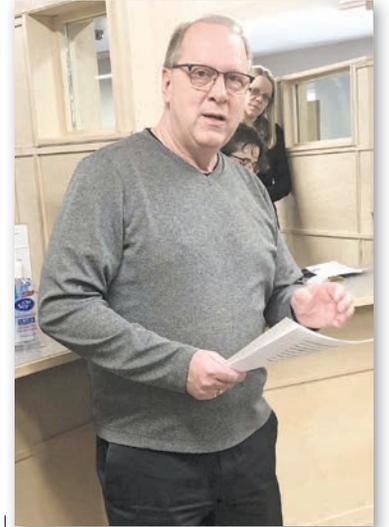
Greg Hannay, Chair of the PCCU Board of Directors. "The renovation shows our commitment to the community and our members in this area, and we are pleased you have supported us as much as you have."

inspiring vision to create something new," he said. "Our hometown Credit Union is a leader in our community. The philosophy of PCCU has been embraced by its members."

"But it's the experience and knowledge you possess to share that creates your strength. You create an opportunity for all to participate in your way of thinking."

"As a leader here in our community, we thank you for being involved. You pay attention to our community's needs and worthy causes, and you contribute."

"It's said that with great power comes great responsibility. You set the bar high. We've come to expect that. Congratulations on your achievement, and thank you for being part of us."



Tim Askin, Chief Project Officer for PCCU. "The thing I'm most excited about is that the project came in under budget and on time."

Before and after the ceremony, staff members took groups of people on tours of the building.

Everyone was treated to a lunch at the Civic Centre as part of the celebration.

Government shuts schools to slow COVID-19's spread

With five new presumptive cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) having popped up in the province over the weekend — bringing the total in the province to seven cases — the Saskatchewan government has announced new measures to combat the spread of the illness.

The province, working on the orders of Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Saqib Shahab, will be closing all pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 schools in the province indefinitely, effective Friday, March 20.

The announcement was made by Premier Scott Moe on Monday morning, less than 24 hours after the provincial government said schools would remain open until a number of factors were met.

Those factors, as determined by Dr. Shahab, include evidence of sustained transmission within the community, a rapid increase of local cases, and, transmission

without a known link to travel or confirmed cases.

As of Moe's announcement, all COVID-19 cases in the province were tied to recent travel and none of the other two criteria had been met. Nonetheless, the province has opted to take a proactive approach to slow the virus.

"A preventative approach of proactive school closures beginning March 20 means reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission," the government said in a statement.

From March 16 to 19, schools across the province wound down classes to give parents time to make childcare arrangements. During this window, parents who were able to keep their children at home were advised to do so and told that students would not be penalized for absences.

With the suspension of classes being indefinite — rather than the two week suspensions implemented by other

provinces — the government also outlined how grading will work.

"Every student will receive a final grade based on their current grade, and students will progress to their next grade level next year," the statement said. "Every student who is eligible to graduate from Grade 12 this year will graduate. The Ministry of Education and School Divisions will work with Saskatchewan Post-Secondary Institutions to adapt entry requirements for programs commencing in the next academic year."

Teachers, meanwhile, will be able to work from home or in schools during the suspensions. The government said the Ministry of Education will work with school divisions and teachers throughout the remainder of the school year to implement a supplemental curriculum program through distance and alternative learning methods.

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TOWN OF SPIRITWOOD PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Spiritwood intends to adopt a bylaw under the *Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw 486/13, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT

The proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment will:

- Add crematoriums and associated development standards as a discretionary use in the M1 – Industrial District in the Town of Spiritwood.

REASON

The reason for the amendment is to:

- Facilitate crematoriums in the Town of Spiritwood.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the Town Office, located at 212 Main Street, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM on Monday to Thursday, and 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Copies of the bylaw are available at the Town Office at a cost of \$5.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on April 14th, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the Spiritwood Civic Centre to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the Town Office before the hearing.

Issued at the Town of Spiritwood this 19th day of March, 2020.
Rhonda Saam, Chief Administrative Officer

Little Loon Regional Park Glaslyn, Saskatchewan

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The government added that these measures also apply to daycares that are co-located with schools, but do not apply to licensed daycare facilities outside of schools.

It further stated that measures regarding licensed daycare facilities are being considered and will be implemented at a later date, and that it is currently examining options to provide childcare services for individuals who are providing essential services during the COVID-19 response.

The closures bring schools in line with the Universities of Saskatchewan and Regina, which announced last week that classes would be moving online.

In addition to Monday's school closures, the Chief Health Medical Officer imposed further COVID-19 prevention measures, including a ban on all non-essential visits to long-term care homes, hospitals, personal care homes, and group homes. Essential visitors, it clarified, means immediate family visiting for compassionate reasons.

Elsewhere, faith based organizations are no longer exempted from the public

gathering restrictions implemented by the province last Friday. Under those restrictions, no public gathering of more than 250 people in any one room is permitted.

In cases where attendees have travelled internationally within the past 14 days, the public gathering restriction allows for no more than 50 people to gather in a single room.

With regards to travel, the province has updated its travel guidelines and is now joining the federal government in recommending that any residents currently travelling internationally return to the province while commercial options remain available.

All travellers returning from international destinations, including the United States, are urged to self-isolate and monitor their health for 14 days upon return.

Travellers returning from within Canada are also advised to self-monitor for 14 days upon return.

Finally, the government has launched a new COVID-19 self-assessment tool to determine whether Saskatchewan residents should be tested for COVID-19.

Residents can complete this assess-

ment for themselves or on behalf of someone else, if they are not able.

The self-assessment tool can be accessed at [https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-self-as-](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/health-care-administration-and-provider-resources/treatment-procedures-and-guidelines/emerging-public-health-issues/2019-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-self-assessment)

essment.

The government is advising those who have travelled internationally, and who are experiencing respiratory or flu-like symptoms, to call HealthLine 811.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit: www.saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus.

Dessert of the month

The Spiritwood Public Library runs a monthly fundraiser throughout the year where you

can buy tickets to win a home made dessert courtesy of a community volunteer. The winner

for the month of March was Grant Lavoie, who won a dessert made by Rhonda Clark.



Rhonda Clark presenting her home made dessert to Dessert of the Month winner Grant Lavoie.

Get ready to vote

A provincial election is coming in 2020. Review the list below to get ready to vote!

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- 2 Registered voters get a voter information card (choose to get it by text, email, or mail)



- 3 Make a plan for how to vote (election day, advance voting, or vote by mail)



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Cool heads needed to prevail over COVID-19

Close your eyes, take a few deep breaths, and count to ten.

Do you feel a little better now?

Good.

These past few weeks have been a real doozy – especially now that the coronavirus (COVID-19) has finally reared its ugly head in Saskatchewan – and, in truth, we're still in the beginning stages of whatever the virus has in store for us.

It's perfectly legitimate to feel fear and anxiety in a situation like this. But once we've allowed ourselves to panic just a little bit, it's vital that we take a moment to calm down and remind ourselves that everything will be okay.

That's right, folks. Contrary to what the 24/7 coverage of COVID-19 and the cancellation of the hockey season (and everything else) suggest, the end times are not nigh.

Will things get worse before they get better?

Yes, absolutely.

But they will get better.

One day we might even laugh about the sheer pandemonium that COVID-19 caused, and fondly recall that we lived through days in which "Toilet paper sold out at Regina Costco" was an actual headline on CTV.

Until that day, we should all face the threat of COVID-19 with commonsense.

COVID-19 is referred to as novel coronavirus to reflect the fact that it's a previously unidentified relative of a broad family of similar illnesses and diseases, and because it made the jump from animals to humans. But, though its newness means that we don't yet have a way to treat



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Columnist

it, we've seen it's like before – and actually a lot worse, with illnesses like Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).

As per the Saskatchewan Health Authority, COVID-19 is transmitted through coughing, sneezing, or by coming into contact with a surface that has the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose or eyes before washing your hands.

Most commonly, COVID-19 presents with symptoms that mirror the flu, including fever, coughing and sneezing, aches and pains, and shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.

In rare, more severe cases the virus can result in pneumonia, severe acute respiratory, kidney failure, and even death. But this typically only occurs in people who are already vulnerable, such as the elderly and people with pre-existing health conditions.

For some perspective, World Health Organization data from Tuesday put the total number of identified cases around 197,000, and the death toll around 8,000 people. That gives the virus a mortality rate of about 4 per cent to date, which translates to about half the fatality rate of SARS (9.6 per cent) and about one seventh of the mortality rate for MERS (30 to 40 per cent).

None of this discounts the very real suffering of those who have contracted the virus. Nor does it take away from the pain of those who have lost loved ones to it.

But it does tell us that, as far as pandemics go, COVID-19 isn't going to be the world-ender we



often see in popular dystopian fiction.

Indeed, one of the most troubling aspects of COVID-19 may be the simple fact that one can be a carrier for up to 14 days without displaying any symptoms. This means that people can spread the virus without even knowing they have it.

Fortunately, there are very simple protocols to reduce the likelihood of contracting COVID-19 – protocols that, in truth, should be regular daily practices even in the absence of a pandemic.

First and foremost, practice proper coughing and sneezing edit by coughing and sneezing into the crook of your elbow, and wash your hands often with soap and water (or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, assuming you can find it).

Next, avoid touching your eyes, nose and

mouth with unwashed hands, maintain safe food preparation practices, avoid close contact with people who are ill, and refrain from traveling to affected areas.

Finally, if you do contract symptoms of the virus, stay home.

Will doing all these things prevent everyone from catching COVID-19? Certainly not.

But they're simple enough practices to implement, and they're our best tool to combat the spread of the virus until researchers develop a vaccine.

Fortunately, Canadian scientists have already succeeded in isolating and replicating the virus, and they're not the only ones working on this. That means a vaccine could be on the horizon.

Until then, be smart, be safe, and, above all, be kind to each other.

Gormley: Coronavirus challenges the information age

Besides the inexplicable decision to stockpile toilet paper – an actual one-month apocalypse-style home lockdown would have TP as the least of our worries – the coronavirus outbreak, SARS-CoV-2 known as Covid-19, is a mystery not helped by the modern information age.

Like the connection paradox of the internet, where we've never been more connected, yet more lonely and with fewer authentic relationships, the information age was supposed to give us everything at the blink of a cursor. But it hasn't turned out that way.

In the same way that the digital world has witnessed the breakdown of trust in institutions, decision-making and authority, Covid-19 is an example of the more information we have, the less we trust.

As people dissect and process information, two unhelpful strains of thought emerge: one, we are being overhyped on coronavirus speculation in order to frighten us into

behaving certain ways or doing certain things. In this regard, sensationalistic media reporting doesn't help.

The converse argument is that we're not being told enough about Covid-19 because the horrifying truth would cause public panic and the breakdown of civil order. In other words, if we really knew "the truth" it would make a run on toilet paper look like child's play.

As usual there's a middle ground that you'll find if you look. Covid-19 is a zoonotic respiratory infection, meaning originally transmitted between animals and people, and is a novel virus not previously identified in humans. It can spread very quickly.

America's case numbers grew from 12 to over 1,000 in a month; China exploded with over 80,000 cases in 12 weeks. Canada has eclipsed 300 cases. The decision to declare a pandemic – which means infections have moved across

various regions – stems from the breadth of 197,000 cases and 8,000 deaths in 163 countries.

Those who fear the worst point to recent posts, purportedly from an Italian trauma physician, chronicling Italian hospitals, ERs, and intensive care wards overwhelmed like some terrifying dystopian movie. It is an uncomfortable read. On the other hand, some minimize the threat by pointing to Covid-19 cases that displayed few symptoms and, though spread from close contact, were more like a brief chest cold with a fever.

As a severe acute respiratory syndrome that can bring on pneumonia and severe lung distress, Covid-19 has killed 3.4% of infected patients and can seriously strain health care facilities. The most susceptible patients – but not all – tend to be elderly and with pre-existing high blood pressure, diabetes and heart disease.

Time Magazine observes that

the death rate ends up being much lower when a greater number of patients are tested, including mild and asymptomatic ones: "the mortality rate in South Korea, where more than 1,100 tests have been administered per million residents, comes out to just 0.6%, for example. In the U.S., where only seven tests have been administered per million residents, the mortality rate is above 5%."

Communication is critical, as it balances public awareness and promoting positive behaviour while, at the same time, trying not to induce panic. For authoritative detail, the true professionals have so far been impressive, from Canada's Chief Public Health Officer, the reassuring and professional Dr. Theresa Tam, to her Saskatchewan counterpart, the candid and calmly understated Dr. Saqib Shahab.

But even these public health experts, limited by the evolving knowledge of Covid-19, on one

hand assure us that social distancing, common sense and hand washing will suffice, yet on the other hand, support quarantining people who merely ended up on the same cruise ship as some who contracted the virus.

This leads to some of the public disconnect that psychologists identify as leading to panic: conflicting messages or lack of clear direction that results in people filling in their own blanks or over-reacting and over-compensating (hoarding toilet paper) to give themselves some feeling of control.

There is a lot of information around. And, like so much in our data-heavy modern world, check, double check and trust the credible authorities. But verify.

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.

Area MPS take precautions against COVID-19

With parliament suspended until April 20, but governments of all levels still operating mostly as usual, MPs representing the Shellbrook and Spiritwood regions have announced their own measures to limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

In a release issued last Thursday, March 12, Prince Albert MP Randy Hoback officially announced that he was temporarily suspending person-to-person services at his constituency

offices in Prince Albert and Nipawin.

"All constituency business with my staff and I starting today will be conducted via telephone, email, and videoconferencing," he said in a statement. "Mobile office hours held in local town halls will also be suspended."

Hoback added that his Parliament Hill and Constituency offices will continue to offer constituency services during regular business hours.

Concluding by stating that he and his team

remain "open for business", Hoback also said that he will reassess the change to constituency services as the situation with COVID-19 evolves.

On Friday morning MP for Desnethé-Missinippi-Churchill River, Gary Vidal, followed Hoback's lead, issuing a similar announcement.

"Going forward, I will be cutting down on public events and doing as much business over the phone as possible," he said in his statement. "I want to ensure I will not be a potential carrier of

the virus or put my constituents at risk via my travels across the riding.

Vidal added that his staff in Ottawa and in his Meadow Lake constituency office will still be available to assist constituents and communicate with the media.

"To promote everyone's health and safety, all constituency work will be done over the phone, or by email," he said. "I urge everyone to follow the precautions recommended by Health Canada to stay healthy and safe."

In a message sent to her constituents Kelly Block, MP for Carlton Trail, said that her constituency office in Martensville will remain open for the time being.

However, she added that any business that can be conducted over the phone or via email should be handled that way.

While her office remains open, Block decided to cancel her spring constituency tour, which was slated to run March 17 to 20, as a precaution.

She urged her con-

stituents to exercise the same caution.

"It is important to remain calm, look out for one another, and plan for the possibility of self-isolation," she said. "That plan should include having two weeks' worth of food, household supplies, and medication."

For more information or updates on COVID-19, visit the Health Canada website.

For the latest information specific to Saskatchewan, visit: saskatchewan.ca/coronavirus.

YOUR TWO CENTS

In decade of growth, Sask Party spending has grown most

Dear editor,

Recently the Sask Party Caucus sent out a glossy six page, pre-election brochure costing taxpayers approximately \$75,000. In it, the Sask Party claims that their investments prompted a decade of growth in Saskatchewan. If growth were measured by debt, we have indeed experienced a decade of growth. In the last decade, Saskatchewan's Public Debt grew from \$10 Billion to a record \$20 Billion.

The Sask Party managed to spend a resource revenue windfall and then some. The Fiscal Stabilization Fund left by the previous NDP administration is spent. Revenue from the sale of Crown assets also spent. The 2017 increase and expansion of the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) from 5% to 6% generated almost an additional billion dollars of revenue per year.... yet the province's debt grew steadily.

We saw growth in expenditures on consultants ...an increase of 228% between 2009 and 2014. Growth in infrastructure spending ... like \$2 billion handed to a French multinational corporation for the Regina bypass project. Growth in the number of MLAs at a cost of almost \$700,000 per year. Growth in salaries and benefits to the premier's political staff...a 74% increase since 2009. The Global Transportation Hub land scam wasted

millions in taxpayer's money while lining the pockets of a Sask Party donor and Alberta business associate of former minister Bill Boyd. Payouts to unsuccessful bidders on P3 project amounted to \$5.6 million. Penalty payouts to Cenovus Energy amounted to \$20 million when the new \$1.5 billion Boundary Dam carbon capture plant failed to capture enough carbon.

There has been growth that impacts the most vulnerable. The growth in waiting lists for health care, growth in classroom size, growth in student's post-secondary education debt, growth in personal debt, growth in the use of food banks, growth in crime and in homelessness. Home foreclosures in Saskatchewan tripled in the last decade.

The only real take away from the Sask Party's "Next Decade of Growth" plan is that they promise to continue to reduce taxes for large corporations. Right wing governments have tried that disastrous approach to growing the economy for decades..... fattening the pockets of the super wealthy who already have \$32 Trillion dollars hoarded away in tax havens.

Evelyn Johnson, Spiritwood, Sask.

Trump another victim of left-wing media's lies

Dear Editor,

Every day President Trump is very busy changing the world for the better.

I watch him speak on FOX. It's difficult to misunderstand his simple repetition. Yet, I turn to CNN

and listen to what they report, and it's unrecognizable! Then, I watch our own CBC and CTV simply regurgitate CNN's malicious misinformation.

Canadians are fed lies by our media on a daily basis. My heart aches. There is little wonder why we make such poor decisions in choosing a leader.

Lisa LaFlamme gets a thrill every time she mentions Trudeau in spite of the fact that his credentials don't qualify him to run a McDonald's restaurant never mind the tenth largest country in the world. It's embarrassing!

We think truth is valued in Canada and naively believe the media gives us truth. The fact is we don't get the truth and most of us are too busy making a living to know it.

Conduct an experiment for yourself. Watch Trump speak and then surf the channels and watch how the left wing media lie about what he said — and they have the audacity to call 'him' a liar.

We need to thank God for Trump because our country is teetering on the edge due to political correct stupidity, too much immigration, and limp wristed left wing naivety, where we had only one customer to sell oil, and waited until we had no customers before thinking perhaps we should build a pipeline.

The Maritimes import Middle East oil while western oil sits. Canada shuts down, and our chosen Prime Minister is too gutless to act. Our education system produces people who turf out a capable economist, Steven Harper, for an incompetent teacher simply because we recognize his name.

Hopefully Daffy Duck won't decide to run for Prime Minister next.

Earl Irvin Jones, Rabbit Lake, Sask.

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Spiritwood Curling Club wraps up regular season with club playdowns

The Spiritwood Curling Club wrapped up their regular season play last week just in the nick of time. The remainder of the

events to be held at the facility this season have been cancelled as the Town of Spiritwood opted to shut the recreation centre doors

to the public in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. All bonspiels, hockey tournaments, and bowling have been cancelled for

the rest of the season as a result.

Club playdowns started on Monday and wrapped up on Wednesday evening. The usual single loss elimination format was followed with teams from both Monday and Wednesday Leagues competing. There was a little bit of player mix and match going on throughout playdowns as many members of the club curl on two different teams each week.

A few teams got a bye through to the Tuesday evening draws and the playdowns were down to four teams by Wednesday evening. Matched up for the first draws of the evening

were Brad Nemish's team taking on Wayne Pauls' Wednesday crew and Terry Thompson's Wednesday team trying against Ron Craswell's group.

Both games were a close match up, going all the way to eight ends with tight scores, but coming out ahead were Pauls' team and Craswell's who took to the rings for the final game of the season.

Pauls went up early taking one point in the first end while he had the hammer. He stole a point in three out of the next five ends, with Craswell blanking two. With the game sitting at 4-0 it seemed like it may have been a done

deal. But a quick Snickers bar snack had Craswell's boys back in action in a flash and they managed to pick up 3, leaving Pauls coming home one point in the lead with the hammer.

Despite trying to keep the rings clear of rocks, Craswell still managed to sneak one onto the button behind one of his own guards leaving Pauls with a tricky angled raise to take the game.

Pauls made the shot and the score sat 5-3 at the end of the eighth end.

It was a late but exciting wrap up to a good curling season with a few spectators out to watch the regular season come to a close.



Wayne Pauls' Wednesday team took home the Spiritwood Curling Club Playdowns Title this year. The original team roster included Wayne Pauls (left), Laurie Mayo (centre left), Andy Marsollier (absent), and Bohdan Booth (right). Bohdan also played on Rob Craswell's team and had his brother Karstin Booth (centre right) filling in for him for playdowns. Marsollier was unable to play and Ali Sullivan was filling his spot for the final night.

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Wapiti previously suspended all programs and library events on March 16,

2020, in order to better protect the region's more vulnerable library users.

Due dates for physical materials will be extended, and fines on library materials will be waived retroactively from March 13, 2020. Wapiti encourages library patrons to hold onto borrowed material from Friday March 20 until we reopen.

Wapiti will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation as it unfolds, and will communicate and provide updates via Wapiti's website and social media.

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New day, similar problems for ag sector

John Barlow, federal Conservative Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Agri-Food visited Yorkton recently where he met with a small group of farmers.

Not surprisingly the message he was given was one of the farm sector needing help from the federal government, help they see as lacking under the current Liberal government of Justin Trudeau.

There is very little the Liberals could do that would be greeted with anything beyond derision in a region of the country that went strongly Conservative in the last

election so has been largely left without a voice at the inner circle of the ruling party.

There are of course issues facing farmers today, including rail blockades which have impacted rail car movement which are critical to move Prairie grain to port for export.

Of course blockades of any type are hardly new to the farm sector which used them to good effect to stop sheriff auctions when farm foreclosures were running rampant after the sector was hit with escalating interest rate increases.



CALVIN DANIELS

Farmers have also been known to slow highway traffic to a crawl with tractor caravans to get their message of needing help heard.

That said issues with rail

movements are not new. They may not have been caused by protestors blocking rail lines, but farmers have often lamented slow movement by the two rail lines in this country.

There is the issue of access to foreign markets, in particular to China, which has been impacted by political posturing by both countries over an issue having zero to do with grain sales and access.

Certainly, this one lies at the feet of the PM, but access to international markets has long been a volatile area which has impacted farmers

here. Whether Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) or the trade wars where the United States and European Union were buying sales share based on deeper federal coffers, markets have often been an issue for farmers.

Farmers at the meeting also worried about the declining number of producers, and questioned how young people can access the industry.

It is an issue, but not one related to anything current. Rural populations in dryland farming areas around the world; here, the U.S., or Australia, have been in general

decline since the end of the First World War.

The decline here was of course fed in more recent times by the business decision of grain handling companies to demolish the once iconic grain elevator in favour of concrete inland terminals, and the rail lines choice to tear up branch lines.

So the issues are many, but much of what Barlow heard was not new, only reoccurring in slight different forms, some at the feet of government, others owing to corporate choices and decades-long trends.

Unifying the national voice of cereals

By Cam Dahl, President of Cereals Canada & Dean Dias, CEO of Cigi

The Canadian International Grains Institute (Cigi) and Cereals Canada are moving forward towards an amalgamated organization. This is a positive development. If one were to start with a blank page in designing how the cereal grains sector were to be represented, we would not have started with two separate organizations. But that is not how the sector has developed. Moving operations into a single organization under the direction of a single Board of Directors is part of the ongoing evolution of the industry.

For the last 40 plus years, Cigi has built a reputation internationally for technical and functional quality analysis and support. Cigi has effectively helped to develop markets for Canadian wheat through training and information sessions with customers, held both in Canada and in-market. In addition to these roles, the international brand and relationships that Cigi has established will all continue under the amalgamated organization.

Cereals Canada grew out of the change in marketing for Canadian wheat and barley. The organization is designed to be the national umbrella for the cereal grain value chain, addressing policy issues both in Canada and internationally, tackling an increasing number of market access issues and providing a bridge between customers of Canadian cereal grains and Canadian farmers, exporters and research community. These functions are complementary to the work that Cigi has been carrying out.

Collaboration between Cereals Canada and Cigi started long before discussions began on unifying the two organizations. The cohesive Canadian voice provided through the annual New Crop Missions is one example of the benefits of collaboration. Working together has also benefited the industry as a whole, which is one of the key advantages of amalgamation. The coordinated approach to outreach from Canada that has resulted from our informal collaboration will be cemented in place under a single roof.

Throughout the discussions on amalgamation, which have taken place over the past three years, the Directors of the two organizations have been guided by a key question "what is in the best interest of the Canadian industry going forward." This has not been about protecting the turf of either of the two organizations but looking for a renewed governance model that will more efficiently and effectively deliver the services the industry needs around market development, policy, market access, research and communication. A coordinated value chain approach is becoming more and more important as the world enters into a new age of protectionism and trade barriers. Canadian farmers, exporters and processors also face growing competition from emerging exporters, like the rising competition from Black Sea countries.

While finances have not been the primary driver of change, the amalgamation also will see cost savings. For example, all of the Members of Cigi are also Members of Cereals Canada and moving to a single Board of Directors will reduce travel and meeting costs. Having leadership, administration and overhead under one organization will also result in cost savings.

Early on in the process, the membership of Cigi and Cereals Canada agreed to a set of principles that would guide the development of the new governance model. These are:

- The amalgamated organization will be national in scope;
- The full value chain will be represented within the organization;
- Representation at the Board table will have a linkage to financial contribution to the organization;
- All Members, regardless of representation on the Board of Directors, will have the opportunity to participate in the work of the organization through standing committees and ad hoc working groups; and
- The organization will strive for consensus decision making at both the Board and Member level.

This past June the Boards of both Cigi and Cereals Canada signed a formal letter of intent that charged us with the task of developing an amalgamation agreement, including bylaws, based on these key principles. This goal has been accomplished. Under the direction of both Boards a governance model and bylaws have been developed and are being taken to Members for review. Members are scheduled to vote on this package this spring with June as our target for integration.

This is an exciting time for Canadian agriculture. We are seeing new challenges, like the rapid growth of competitors around the Black Sea and the increase of non-tariff trade barriers. We are seeing new opportunities with millers in markets like Nigeria

and Bangladesh adding Canadian wheat to their blends to create cost effective products. New plant breeding technologies will allow us to respond more rapidly to the changing needs of our customers both in Canada and offshore. We are seeing more demands for demonstration of the sustainability of our production practices; a task at which Canadian farmers can excel. World markets are changing, and the value chain organizations designed to represent the industry must continually evolve to adapt to these changes. We are excited by the opportunity that this evolution presents and know that a new and more effective organization is emerging, one that is built on the foundation of success established by both Cigi and Cereals Canada.

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Planning your first perennial border (Part Two)

By Sara Williams

Having considered the site and prepared the soil, you are now ready to select your perennials. This might involve a bit of "homework." Regardless of heights, bloom period or colour scheme, the plants you choose should be hardy for your zone, long lived, have a long bloom period, good foliage and be "well behaved." If water is an issue, they should also be drought tolerant.

If you're not sure which hardiness zone you live in, consult the Canadian plant hardiness zone map (<http://www.planthardiness.gc.ca/>). Plant hardiness zones are also listed on plant tags. Ensure that these are Canadian and not American zones – there is a difference.

Some perennials (such as peonies) will live 60 years or more, while other will last only three or four years, whether they are planted in Saskatoon, Toronto or Toledo. If you love it or it's just the right plant in that spot, be prepared to replace it every few years or hope that it will do you the favour of reseeding itself. Bloom periods vary considerably among perennials. The

bloodroot's bright white double-flowers last only one to three days. While in bloom, I gaze at mine, a cup of tea in hand. In contrast, the Morden coral bells, developed by Henry Marshall, remain in bloom for six weeks or longer.

The importance of foliage can't be over-stated. It's in your border from early spring to snowfall. It's like the set of a play. The actors (read flowers) may come and go, but the foliage remains. Select perennials with attract foliage that in itself adds interest to your border.

Some perennials are well-behaved, stay where they are put and do not self-seed throughout your entire border. Those are the type you want. Perennials that are rampantly aggressive are called "ground covers" and should be used as such. The burden of placement rests with the gardener. Last but not least, think about water. If you have an abundant supply, your perennial choices are almost endless (within the limits of our climate). However, if your soil is sandy and your water is limited, your choices are narrower, but there are

still many drought-tolerant perennials that will fit the bill.

Your selection process will be further narrowed down by the site you have selected and prepared. Is it in sun, shade or "partial shade?" A delphinium will thrive with full sun and even moisture. It will not do so well (or flower as well) in shade and drought. Hostas and primroses generally do much better in shade. More homework! Match the shade and moisture requirements of your plants with the site you have prepared for them. Peonies do best in full sun and are quite drought-tolerant "once established" – generally by their third year.

Next, think about where you are going to obtain your perennials. Buying locally is probably the easiest option. You see what you're getting and are instantly gratified. If your local options are more limited in terms of garden centres and nurseries, or you are after that special plant, there are many mail-order catalogues to choose from. You may also consider growing your own from seed. This gener-



Double bloodroot blooms for a very short time, but is gorgeous - and has nice foliage! Photo credit: Hugh Skinner.

ally involves a grow-light set-up of some sort and planning ahead in terms of ordering and sowing seeds. Another option: plant exchanges offered by your local garden club or horticulture society. These plants are generally labeled and an "old hand" is usually there to tell you more about them. Plants offered at these events are generally har-

dy and thrive locally.

Where to find more information? The Internet has many good sites. Among the best is the University of Saskatchewan's site, www.gardening.usask.ca. Your local bookstores, garden centres and library should have books written by prairie horticulturists. Attend talks and workshops sponsored by local

gardening clubs and horticultural societies. And by spring you'll be ready to get your hands dirty! Enjoy!

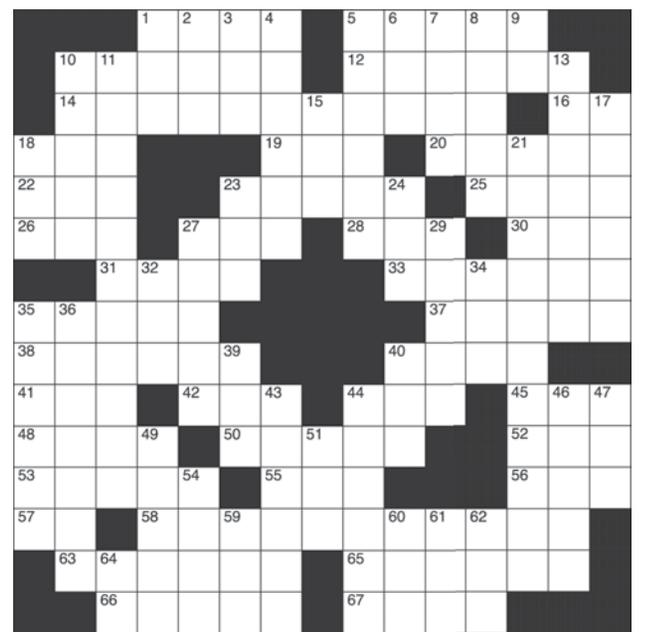
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This column is provided courtesy of the Saskatchewan Perennial Society (SPS; saskperennial@hotmail.com). Check our website (www.saskperennial.ca) or Facebook page (www.facebook.com/saskperennial) for a list of upcoming gardening events.

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18. Dash
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44. Bother
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49. Bulgarian capital
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Splitting McDavid, Draisaitl sparks the Oilers

A common refrain around the National Hockey League for the last couple of seasons was that the Edmonton Oilers were nothing more than a two-man team and that two-man teams couldn't possibly win a Stanley Cup.

Sorry, Connor McDavid and Leon Draisaitl, the hockey-following public didn't like your chances. Playing on the same line meant offensive fireworks, but defensive problems while the other two lines tried their luck.

Suddenly, however, things changed. Oilers' coach Dave Tippett apparently made a New Year's resolution to split his two superstars — putting Draisaitl with Ryan Nugent-Hopkins and the speedy mighty mite, minor-league callup Kailer Yamamoto, and McDavid with a variety of wing mates (Zack Kassian, Josh Archibald, newly acquired Tyler Ennis and Andreas Athanasiou were among the most regularly interchangeable parts).

It took only a few games, but suddenly Draisaitl stopped looking for McDavid — and vice-versa — and both carried on with offensive fireworks, mean-

ing only one Oilers' line had to concentrate on defence. And on that theme, opposing coaches could put their No. 1 defensive pairing on the ice against either Draisaitl or McDavid, but not both, further enhancing scoring chances for the Oil.

Edmonton streaked to a 15-9-1 record in the first 25 games after Tippett's line-changing experiment, which started on Dec. 31. The Oilers have become a Stanley Cup contender again, challenging Vegas Golden Knights for top spot in the Pacific Division. Their power play, featuring Draisaitl and McDavid together, is No. 1 in the NHL, and their penalty killing numbers are in the league's top five. Draisaitl in early March was running away with the NHL scoring race and — horrors! — some observers were suggesting the German-born centre was more deserving of the Hart trophy (MVP) than his glorified team-mate, McDavid..

Coinciding with the Draisaitl-McDavid split was the arrival of Yamamoto, a 2017 draft pick who showed little in the way of the offensive talent



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he exhibited with Spokane in the Western Hockey League. But he paid his dues in the minors, came up to the Oilers on New Year's Eve and has been on a flashy point-a-game run by using his speed and playmaking ability to complement his two linemates.

With Mike Smith emerging as a solid No. 1 goalie (and Mikko Koskinen a solid No. 2), and the blue-line with Oscar Klefbom, Darnell Nurse, Ethan Bear, Adam Larssen and Caleb Jones providing a more-than-competent top five, the Oilers have become a fun team to watch — perhaps all the way into June.

• Janice Hough of sportsdeke.com: "Tony Romo getting \$17 million next year from CBS as an

analyst, almost as much as he made as a QB. Seems like a good deal; Romo is a better analyst than he was a QB."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Because of the coronavirus outbreak in Italy, five Serie A soccer matches — including the big Juventus-Inter Milan showdown — were slated to be played without any fans in attendance. 'Playing in an empty stadium? So what's the big deal about that?' asked the Miami Marlins."

• Norman Chad of the Washington Post, on Major League Soccer expansion: "The league also appears to be endlessly expanding, maybe to as many as 90 teams by 2030. One day, there might be more MLS clubs in Los Angeles than there are Jersey Mike's."

• Kent Somers of the Arizona Republic, on Cardinals' coach Kliff Kingsbury spending \$4.5 million on a home in Phoenix after moving from Lubbock, Texas, where he coached Texas Tech: "For \$4.5 million in Lubbock, you can buy Lubbock."

• Buffalo reporter Kevin O'Neill, on Twitter: "Buffalo Sabres suspend 2020 campaign, endorse Tampa

Bay Lightning."

• Janice Hough again, on Twitter: "NY Jets defensive tackle Quinnen Williams tried to board a flight at LaGuardia Airport with a gun last night. Wow, the offseason has barely begun and already the Jets are in midseason form."

• Comedy writer Jim Barach: "364-pound lineman Mekhi Becton ran a 5.10 40-yard dash at the NFL Combine. The secret was putting the dinner table right at the finish line."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "The Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim fired their visitor clubhouse manager after he helped teams doctor the balls. So now they're the Los Angeles Angels of New England."

• YouTube video teaser: "Not news: Change a tire.

Still not news: Change four tires. Formula One: Stop the car, change four tires, and drive away.... in 1.82 seconds."

• Dwight Perry again: "The NBA is suggesting players utilize fist-bumps instead of high-fives as one safety measure against the coronavirus. 'What's a high-five?' asked the Cleveland Cavaliers."

• One more from Perry: "Nik Wallenda of 'The Flying Wallendas' family fame became the first to complete a tightrope walk — 1,800 feet across and 1,800 feet off the ground — across the active lava lake of Nicaragua's Masaya Volcano. And now for his next death-defying move: PR man for the Houston Astros."

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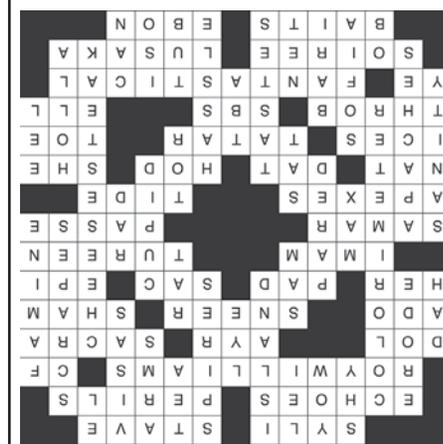
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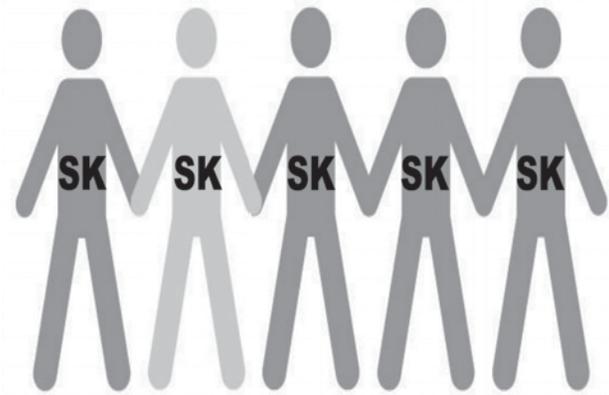
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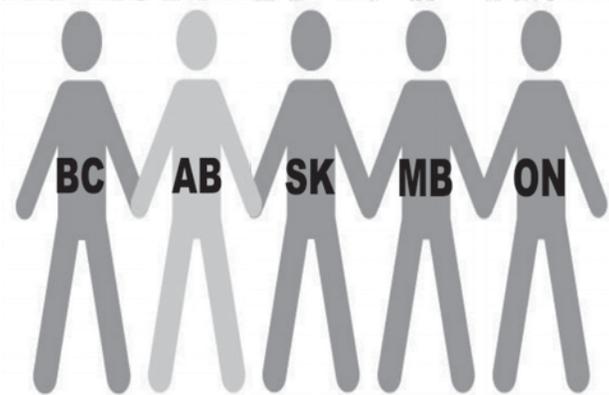
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Shell Lake 50-plus Club hosts bonspiel

By David Jensen

The Shell Lake Fifty-Plus Club again hosted their Annual Senior Curling Bonspiel the first week in March.

Curlers came from surrounding communities to compete in the event. A total of Nine teams contested to be the top team.

Guy Cyr and his team had a

strong showing and went to the A Event final where he edged out the Lloyd Fisher rink.

Al Sulymka's local team defeated the Wayne Pauls team in the B Event Final.

And the Ken Grandberg Team stopped a late comeback attempt by the David Jensen Team.

The Curling Committee of the

Fifty-Plus Club must be commended once again for a successful three days.

Many hours are spent organizing and inviting participants. The ice makers were at the top of their game, providing an ice surface which curled consistently in both directions. They run a lunch canteen with the help of many volunteers ran the lunch counter, serving wonderful soups, sandwiches and pies each day.

On Monday evening all the curlers and guest were treated to a delicious supper of salads, ham and scalloped potatoes, with a choice of three very scrumptious trifle desserts. The best part of the event was the opportunity of old friends gathering to visit and cheer.

The Fifty-Plus Club appreciates all who came to curl, all who volunteered, all who came to watch and visit, all who brought food.

This great support has made it a success each year.



C Event Winners: Ken Grandberg Team. Left to Right: Ken Grandberg, Brad Smith, Ken Hogg, and Robert Heinbigner. Missing: Anita Weiers, Nel Heckel.



A Event Winners: Guy Cyr Team. Left to Right: Norman Proirier, Eugene Lalonde, Raymond Brad, and Guy Cyr.



B Event Winners: Al Sulymka Team. Left to Right: Jane Prosser, Al Sulymka, Connie Heisler, and Isaac Enns. Missing: Joe Delisle.

Leoville Seniors winter news highlights

The Leoville Seniors continue to meet every Tuesday and Thursday for an enjoyable afternoon of cards and socializing. Everyone is welcome!

Going back to Dec. 4, a full house enjoyed a delicious Christmas Supper prepared and served by Maryann Uebell, Marlene and Jenny Soucy. The members are sincerely grateful to these awesome cooks for serving us an excellent meal with all the extras, cabbage rolls, salads, etc.

Winners of the December Kaiser Tournament were: Ladies 1st - Anne Marie Laventure, 2nd - Mary Krushelniski. Men's 1st - Narcisse Caffet, 2nd - Armand Smith. Eva Crossland won the 50/50

The January Kaiser winners were: Ladies 1st - Eva Crossland, 2nd - Lucille Larrivee. Men's 1st - Leon

Lavoie, 2nd - Maurice Bourassa. The 50/50 went to Ivan Smith

On Jan. 28, about twenty Seniors gathered at the Golden Ring Center to celebrate two of our members' birthdays, Leontine Tetreault and Cecile Chalifour.

February Kaiser Tournament winners were: Ladies 1st - Judy Lybeck, 2nd - Cecile Smith. Men's 1st - Ernie Denis, 2nd went to Ed Kulpa. Leon Lavoie won the 50/50.

An excellent variety of delicious foods was prepared and shared by everyone, at a pot luck fundraiser supper, on Thursday Feb. 13. Appreciation for all of your support!

A delicious cake supplied by Odelia Henri was enjoyed by birthday celebrants, Gail Gagne, Leon Lavoie, visitors and members on Feb. 27.

The March Kaiser Tournament winners were: ladies 1st - Lucille Larrivee, 2nd - Leontine Tetreault. Men's 1st went to Philip Tetreault, 2nd - Gerry Lafond. Ivan Smith won the 50/50.

Our prayers for a quick recovery are going out to Mary Krushelniski who has suffered from a fall, followed by surgery on Feb. 3. Get well soon Mary, we miss you!

Cake and coffee will be served at 3 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month in celebration of members' birthdays and anniversaries. Kaiser Tournaments are held every 2nd. Sunday of each month, we welcome everyone to join us in our activities.



January birthdays: Cecile Chalifour and Leontine Tetreault. Missing: Robert Chalifour.



February birthdays: Leon Lavoie and Gail Gagne, with a cake supplied by Odelia Henri.