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Mack retires from 'summer job' after 57 years



After 41 years of owning and operating Spiritwood Paint and Body, Murray and Helen Mack are retiring and have sold the business to former students Logan and Nolan Greeyes. From left: Logan Greeyes, Nolan Greeyes, Helen Mack, and Murray Mack.

It was 1979 when Murray and Helen Mack made their return to Spiritwood, building and opening Spiritwood Paint and Body. 41 years later, they are ready to say goodbye to their life's work as the shop is passed along to Murray's most recent prospects, Logan and Nolan Greeyes.

Murray grew up, the youngest of 4 farmboys, in Kerrobert, Saskatchewan. Despite having the option to purchase land through a fairly painless transaction, the family decided he should pursue a summer job.

So, Murray went to work for the local body shop and soon after began his training to become a journeyman. He studied at Saskatchewan Polytechnic in Moose

Jaw while apprenticing at the Kerrobert shop.

In 1968, the shop in Kerrobert changed hands and with a mere 3 months of apprentice hours left to put in, Murray began looking for different avenues to complete his training. A quick search into Alberta's educational system showed that only half of his credits would be able to transfer over so he decided to head home and help the family finish harvest.

In 1968, Murray arrived in Spiritwood hoping to finish up his last 3 months of apprentice work. He had obtained a gold seal both provincially and federally at that time, meaning he would be able to work in any province in the country with

the exception of Quebec, which had a French language literacy requirement.

Upon completing his training, Murray chose to stay in Spiritwood for 5 years. During that time, he met his wife Helen and the two got married. 3 years into their marriage they gave birth to their first child, Anita, before making a move to Meadow Lake.

In Meadow Lake, Murray went to work as the shop foreman for 2 years before he and Helen gave birth to their second child, Kyle. After that, Murray landed a job in Prince Albert as shop foreman and the family stayed there for about 3 and a half years.

It had been a little over 5 years since the

Macks had resided in Spiritwood before they decided to move back. "We lived in PA and we were just a number, here we had friends," said Murray of the decision to transition back to the small town life. Soon after, they built and opened up shop and the rest is history.

The business allowed them to put both of their children through trades school at Mount Royal and Olds colleges in Alberta.

Through the years, Murray taught and took on apprenticeships for many aspiring technicians. He saw 4 young gentlemen through to their journeyman certification.

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Lights coming to Highway 3 through Shellbrook

Late night drives along Highway 3 through Shellbrook will soon be much brighter, and safer, once Saskatchewan's Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure completes a project to install new lighting.

Over the past two weeks, SaskPower crews were in town trenching to set up the electrical for the 60 lights that will illuminate the corridor from 2nd Street West to 5th Street East. Weather depending, Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure spokesperson, Steve Shaheen, says the project will be completed by the end of March 2021.

According to Shaheen, the Highway 3 project is part of the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure's Safety Initiative.

However, while the project design was completed in October and the contract awarded this month, allowing work to begin, Shaheen says the need for lighting along the stretch of highway was identified six years ago.

In 2014, the ministry conducted a safety review of Highway 3 going through Shellbrook. Out of this review, the lighting improvements for the corridor were recommended as an immediate or short-term safety improvement.

"The Ministry's Northern Region Traffic Engineering and Development group has worked closely with SaskPower and also had a number of discussions and meetings with the Town, and Transport Canada," Shaheen said.



SaskPower crews were working along Highway 3 in Shellbrook on November 16 to complete the electrical work for streetlights. The streetlights are expected to be installed by the end of March 2021.

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"I stressed education in the trade," said Murray.

"That's going to be the new things for body shops in Saskatchewan, education."

SGI is in the middle of some big policy changes, which will come into effect in March 2021. All shops will need to be Gold Class, a move made mainly for liability reasons.

"I'm a platinum technician with the old appraisal system. I would need more education and at my age, I just want to retire," said Murray. "The new program with SGI is going to be tough on small shops."

Spiritwood Paint and Body will not be shutting its doors though, despite Murray and Helen's retirement. Logan and Nolan Greyeyes, who have apprenticed and worked at the shop for the past 6 and 4 years, respectively, are taking over operations.

The deal was finalized last week and both the Macks and the Greyeyes are happy about the change.

"These boys that are taking over are well educated," said Murray of Logan and Nolan.

Logan has already obtained his journeyman and Nolan is currently in his third year of training. According to Murray, Logan and Nolan's mother was much like his own in stressing the importance of education. She would drive all four of her children in to Spiritwood for school every day.

Murray and Helen are looking forward to spending their winters in a warmer climate and visiting with family in their retirement.

"I have finished my 'summer job,' said Mack, while remembering how he got started in the trade 56 years ago.

Over the years, the couple said that they had their ups and downs, but they really enjoyed being here. Their clientele are the thing they are going to miss the most. "One of our biggest joys and pleasures were our customers," said Helen. "They brought us a lot of joy. It is the people who made us succeed in what we did."

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Lot 3, Block 2, Mont Nebo, Plan BD532 Ext 0
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Dated this 26th day of November, 2020.

Lorna Benson, Administrator

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Shellbrook Legion awards remembrance day entries

It was just two months ago that the Shellbrook Legion handed out the final prizes for the 2019 Remembrance Day Literary and Poster Contest.

Nonetheless, and in spite of COVID-19, the Legion's Helen and Henri Dagenais handed out the first of the 2020 branch contest awards to students at Shellbrook Elementary School and Wild Rose School on Friday morning.

Awards for these Remembrance Day submissions are given out across four age groups: primary for students from Kindergarten to Grade 3, junior for students from Grade 4 to Grade 6, and intermediate for students from Grade 7 to Grade 9, and senior for students from Grade 10 to Grade 12.

The entries are also part of a broader Canada-wide competition. Winners at the branch level move on to a larger zone contest, and, if successful, have the opportunity to go all the way to the national level.

Beginning with the primary category, Adysin Kraus won first place in the black and white poster contest, while Kenislee Nahorniak claimed second place and Jack Robin finished in third.

In the colour poster competition, Nguyen (Gwyn) Phan took the top prize, with Wild Rose student Adriana Lambiris finishing second, and Camerin Smart earning third place honours.

At the junior level, Arwyn Kindt from Wild Rose finished in second, while Adyson Wallin claimed the prize for third place.

For colour posters, Wallin finished in second, with Wild Rose student Baya Beaven earning a third place finish.

On the literary side, second place for poems went to Belle Wetmore from Wild Rose. As for essays, Rylee Zimmermann from Wild Rose took top honours, while Wallin finished in second place.

Finally, at the inter-

mediate level, Naviah Johnson from Wild Rose School finished in third place.

Due to two positive cases of COVID-19 at W.P. Sandin High School, multiple finalists across the junior, intermediate and senior categories weren't able to be recognized on Friday.

The Legion will hand out these awards once the restrictions relating to the cases have been lifted.



Adyson Wallin from Shellbrook Elementary School, with Henri and Helen Dagenais.



Jack Robin from Shellbrook Elementary School.



Rylee Zimmermann from Wild Rose School.



Nguyen Phan from Shellbrook Elementary School.



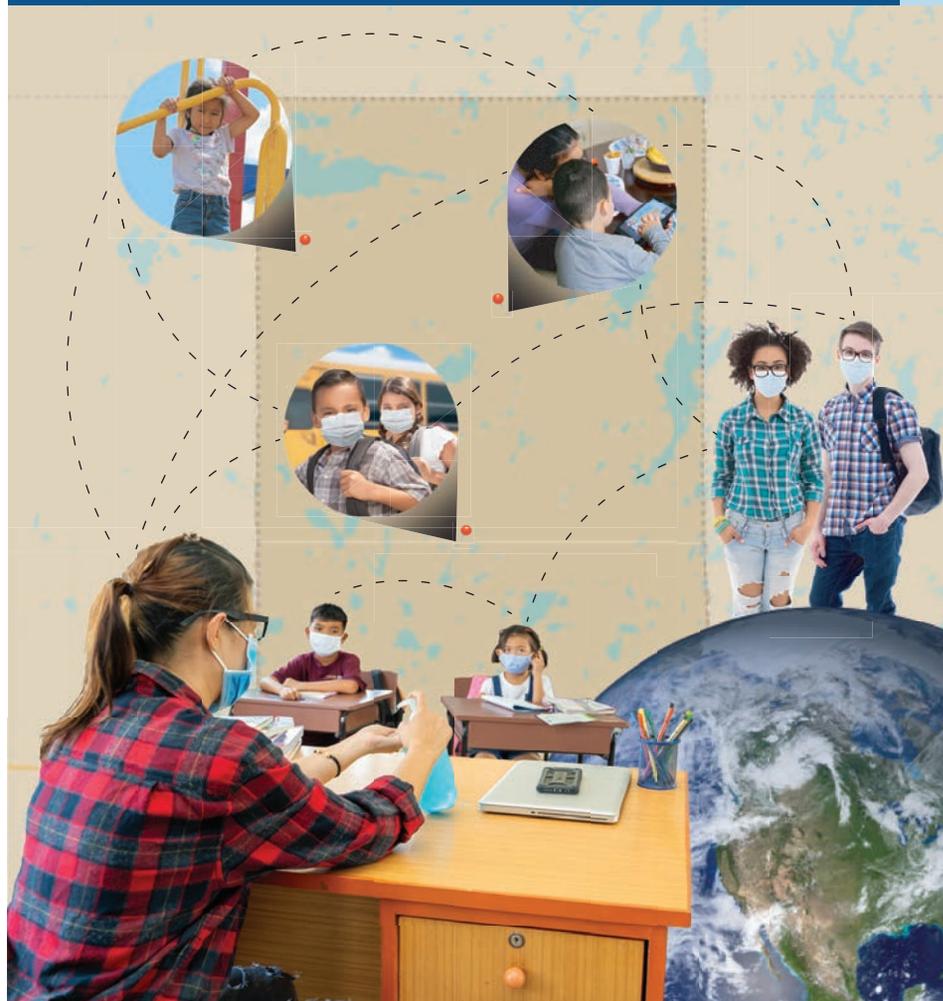
Belle Wetmore from Wild Rose School.

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Leaders needed as COVID surges

Two months ago, when Prime Minister Justin Trudeau reconvened parliament after proroguing it for a month to avoid questions over the WE Charity affair, he solemnly declared Canada was in the second wave of COVID-19.

A second wave of COVID-19 was certainly news to us here in Saskatchewan, where the provincial government's daily case updates seemed to rarely add more than a handful of cases to our total. However, two months after Mr. Trudeau's declaration, which at the time was dismissed by critics as fear mongering, we find ourselves not in the midst of the wave but hopelessly crushed beneath it.

Long gone are the days when we would see only a smattering of cases each day. Now, triple digits are the norm, and the rare days with high double digit case counts are, comparatively speaking, a welcome relief from COVID's relentless onslaught.

We are, without a doubt, heading in the wrong direction when it comes to curbing the pandemic, threatening to overwhelm our already overstretched and overburdened healthcare system (and



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endangering frontline workers in the process).

So where, then, is the leadership we sorely need to right the course?

It hasn't been coming from the Sask. Party government.

As Saskatchewan experiences a prolonged surge in COVID-19 cases, the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) made the perplexing decision to stop issuing public service announcements regarding potential exposures as of Nov. 14.

Instead, the decision to make such announcements will be at the discretion of local medical officers, who have been advised to only make them if all contacts cannot be notified within 48 hours, there is a resulting increased risk to the public, and the direction is needed for public members in attendance to immediately self-isolate as a result of this increased risk.

The decision was announced in a Nov. 13 media release from the SHA, and came just hours after mandatory masking was tightened to include communities with populations over 5,000 (as of last Tuesday, this, too, had changed to

include the whole province).

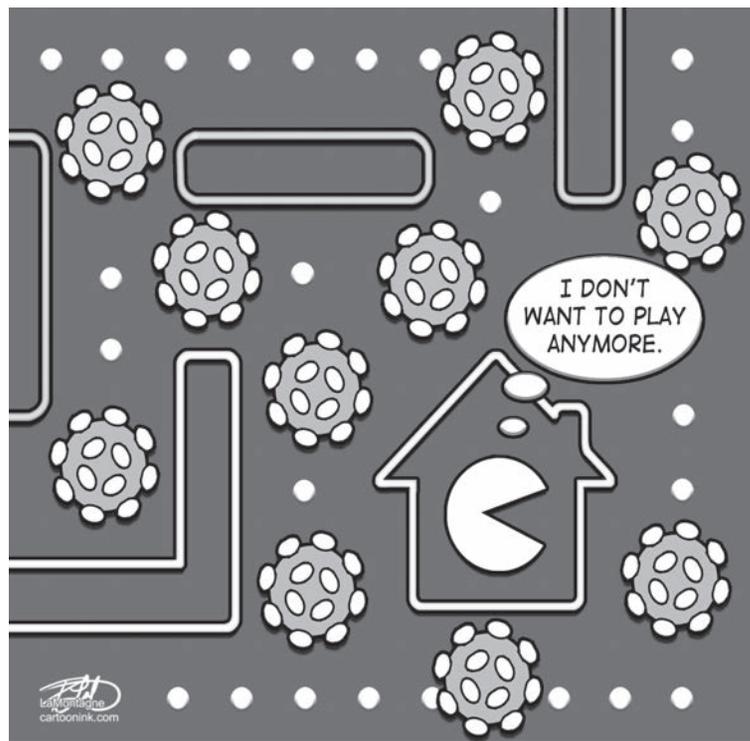
There's been almost no talk about why the notices were ended. Indeed, far from providing a justification for the decision, the SHA's statement that "COVID-19 is everywhere in Saskatchewan" seems like a pretty good reason to continue providing them.

After all, if COVID-19 truly is everywhere in the province, doesn't it make more sense to keep the public informed of when they may have been exposed to it?

Perhaps the real reason for the SHA's decision is that it simply can't keep up with contact tracing. As of last Wednesday, only 50 per cent of cases had known sources of exposure. Twenty per cent were a complete mystery, while 30 per cent were under investigation.

The contact tracing backlog has prompted Premier Scott Moe to look to the federal government for assistance. However, the province might not be in such dire straits, had it managed to reach the "vital" threshold of 4,000 tests per day Mr. Moe said was "necessary to keep the economy open" back in September.

So the province is no longer informing people of potential exposures, and is failing to keep up with contact tracing and testing. Surely they have some sort of plan, though, right?



According to Mr. Moe, who was asked if the province had thresholds for actions it might take if cases reached certain levels, this isn't possible.

"I wish we could put forward those numbers and say, if this happens, here's the reaction," he said. "Unfortunately we don't know what the COVID numbers are going to be in the days ahead, we don't know what the hospitalizations are going to be in the days ahead ... the uncertainty is great and I wish I could provide more."

Mr. Moe seems to be forgetting that plans don't require prophetic

knowledge of future events. It's as simple as creating an "if-then" scenario.

Example: if cases continue to grow at a rate of X per day, then restriction Y and policy Z will be put in place to curb the growth.

To be certain, managing a once-in-a-century pandemic like COVID-19 isn't easy. However, it's also not as difficult as our elected leaders — both provincially and federally — are making it out to be.

What's needed most is strong leadership and clear communication with the public.

So far, politicians don't seem up to the task.

A little history lesson

On April 12, 1955, the Salk vaccine for polio was declared "safe, effective and potent." Jonas Salk, inventor of the 'killed polio virus vaccine' was interviewed by CBS newsman Edward R. Morrow and was asked who owned the patent. "Well, the people, I would say." Franklin D. Roosevelt, himself a victim of polio, established the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, later renamed the March of Dimes Foundation. It was the March of Dimes that funded the re-

search for Salk's vaccine. While developed countries eradicated polio, it continued to flourish around the world until 1988 when the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (the GPEI) was founded. By 2016 the number of paralytic cases was reduced by 99.99% with only 42 cases reported in that year worldwide.

The rising COVID numbers are alarming and the reporting of such across the media is relentless. News is emerging of two

possible vaccines for the Coronavirus, so why don't we hear more good news of what is going on behind the scenes and on the ground? There is a concerted, coordinated effort to eradicate COVID-19 by organizations with experience in fighting global diseases, such as the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis, GAVI the Vaccine Alliance, The World Bank and the World Health Organization to name a few. Canada is at the forefront of funding this

effort, and as COVID knows no borders, it would be insanity not to work hard to find equitable access for vulnerable people, both within and outside of our borders. I am proud to be Canadian at a time like this, and I hope that Canada continues to put at least 1% of its COVID-19 response in new and additional aid towards an emergency global response to end the pandemic everywhere. We must leave no one behind.

Connie Lebeau, Victoria, BC

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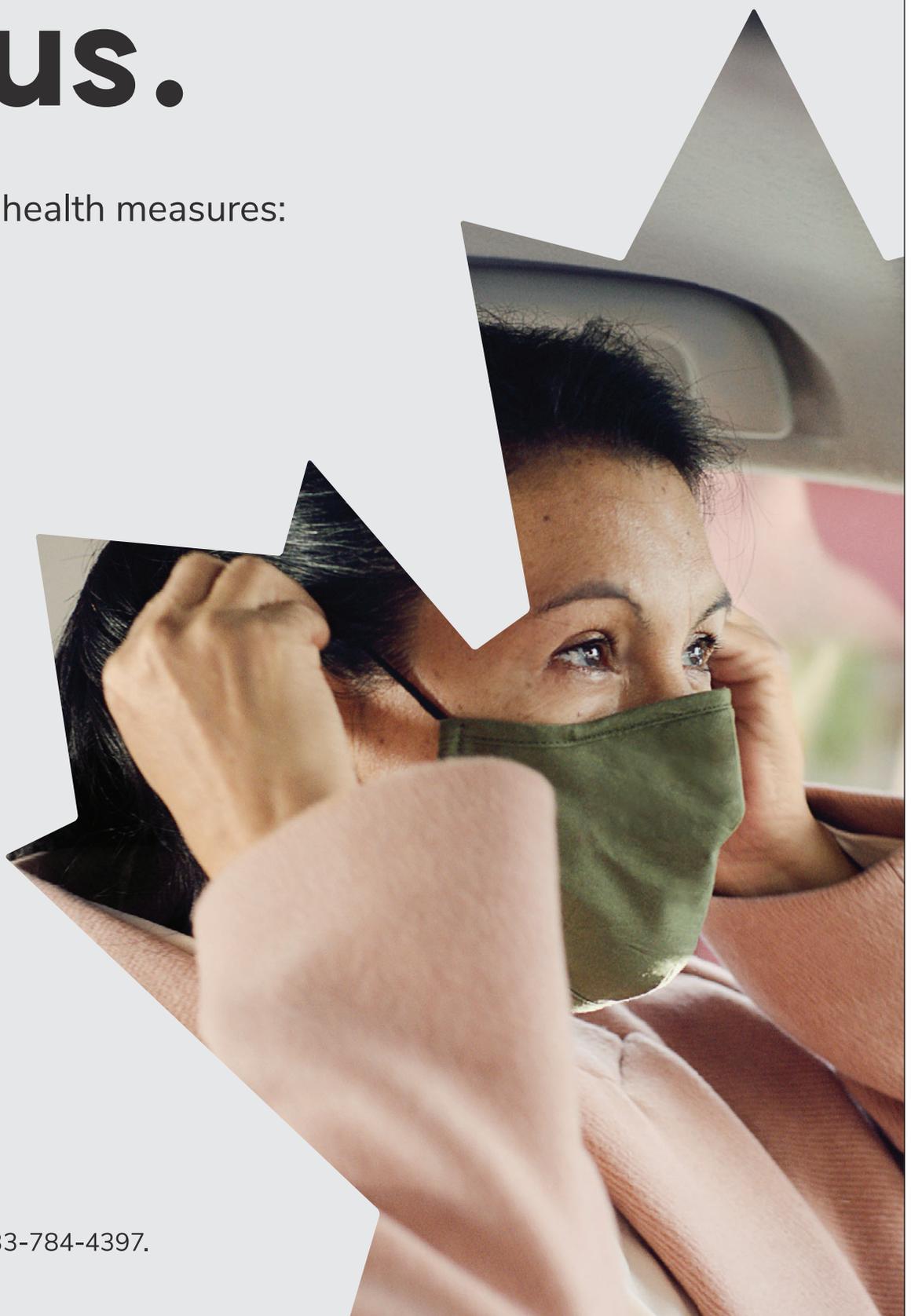
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PCE keeps busy despite pandemic

"Prairie Community Endeavours has been busy doing what 2020 will allow us to do," said Jennifer Peters, Executive Director of PCE.

The local organization, which aims to assist those living with disability and improve their quality of life, currently has 9 clients under their care. Jennifer leads a board of 8 members and a team of dedicated staff to help accomplish their goal.

Due to the recent Saskatchewan health orders, the clients have been divided into 2 groups with different support staff responsible for each group. This has helped them to keep their number of people in a space within the allowable limit. Staff plan activities for their group to do throughout the day. Activities can include baking, cooking, painting, singing, and



playing games.

Clients and staff are required and encouraged to wear masks while interacting. This is a challenge, however, for certain clients as it is something out of the ordinary routine.

As with any non-profit organization, fundraisers remain a focus in order keep operations going. PCE has already completed Little Caesar's and Ferster Apple fundraisers and is currently hosting a Pampered Chef party fundraiser while running their annual Silent Auction. The clients also spend time creating

crafts which are for sale at the location on Main St. Spiritwood.

The Silent Auction contains a large number of items such as quilts, beach blankets,

There is a large assortment of donated silent auction items to be bid on at PCE's Main St. location.

jewellery, kitchen utensils, oven mitts, a trail cam, a work bench with 100 lbs heavy duty drawers, and a variety of gift certificates for local businesses. These items are donated by friends of PCE each year and help make the fundraiser a success.



The clients of PCE have been busy creating beautiful seasonal crafts which are for sale at the Main St. location.

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PUBLIC NOTICE R.M. OF LEASK NO. 464

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 intends to adopt a bylaw under The Planning and Development Act, 2007 to amend Bylaw No. 2/20, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT

The proposed bylaw will rezone the land from Lakeshore Development District to Resort Commercial District.

AFFECTED LAND

The affected land is legally described as Parcel G Plan 92B06722 of NE-03-46-08 W3 Lac La Peche as shown on the following map.



REASON

The reason for the amendment is to allow for the development of campsites.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the municipal office between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday excluding statutory holidays. Copies are available at cost.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on December 9, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at the Leask Community Hall 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 municipal office before the hearing).

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The latest information on COVID-19 is available at Saskatchewan.ca.

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COVID-19 stirs up nostalgia for ag events

It is the time of year when this journalist tends to become reflective on a career that has now stretched beyond three decades scratching stories for Yorkton This Week.

When I first received a letter offering me a position at the then 'Enterprise' it was a position where I was to focus some effort weekly on agriculture.

With farming in my background and my then wife having family at Yorkton it was easy to say yes.

As it happened one of my earliest assignments was to head down and find Shaun Morin, then manager of the Yorkton Exhibition Association (YEA) to interview him

on the upcoming Harvest Showdown which was being launched. I found Shaun pounding pegs through the asphalt to anchor tents being erected to house part of the show.

So, each November when Harvest Showdown arrives I roughly mark my own anniversary in the city.

Of course this year there was no Harvest Showdown, the event lost to the COVID-19 pandemic, yet I feel this anniversary more keenly than all the others.

There are a few reasons I am more reflective starting I suppose with my 60th birthday in April, and added to that was a decision to move within the city, leaving a



CALVIN DANIELS

place that had been home for 22-years. Nothing gets you thinking about your past than moving the accumulation of decades of being something of a self-professed pack rat.

The move included taking a Bernie Brown print off the wall presented to me by the YEA for having covered Harvest Showdown in each of its first

20-years.

The same year the YEA marked exhibitors that had participated in each of the first 20-years as well – among them was John Simpson, a red Angus producer from Theodore. I mention John because he recently died, and the announcement on social media hit rather close to home. John and I were 'fair' friends, meaning our paths crossed at YEA events over the decades as he volunteered at the summer fair, helped at 4-H events, was a director at Harvest Showdown and showed there and Agribition as well.

Simpson was simply one of the 'good guys' who was always someone I liked running into for a quick word about cattle

or weather both topics being about as rural Saskatchewan as you can get.

When Harvest Showdown returns it will never be quite the same without John Simpson. You will be missed my friend.

And, then within a few days of learning John had passed I read Gary Dunbar had also died.

Gary and his wife Carole have raised horses for decades and that includes standardbreds they raced including for several years on Friday nights at the YEA races in the city that were so popular until the Saskatchewan Party government killed standardbred racing by cutting the small annual grant it had provided.

I was fan of pacers and trotters since I was young and watched Dauphin's Jim Wallace race at summer fairs, attracted in part no doubt because of his feisty daughter Sharon who led me into trouble as I was growing up.

In Gary Dunbar I found a mentor of sorts in the finer points of racing, and I was an eager ear for his stories of trading horses and showing all over the continent through the years. I had not seen him since the days of racing here, but he too is one that is missed in my thoughts.

And, so I reflect on the years past, friends gone, and wonder at what the future holds, as we all must do, as tomorrow is always a mystery.

Shell Lake Legion remembers

The Royal Canadian Legion Shell Lake Branch #15 held the annual Remembrance Day service on Nov. 11, with thirty three people in attendance.

The service was held in the Lion's Hall with appropriate COVID-19 protocol being observed. The modified service seemed to satisfy the needs of people to observe this day of remembrance.

Only the Canadian flag and the Legion flag were borne, and instead of singing piano music was supplied by Yvonne Combres. Padre David Jensen read from scripture and delivered an apt message.

Following the service at the hall the flag bearers, under direction of sergeant at arms, Comrade Jack Klaasen, marched to the cenotaph at the Legion. The armed

forces wreath was laid by Comrade Don Weiers. Comrade Fay Brewer laid the government of Saskatchewan wreath and Comrade Aida West laid the Legion wreath.

Everyone missed the luncheon of homemade soup and sandwiches and the camaraderie this year, but God willing we will be in fine form for next year.



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Shellbrook Library continues programming during COVID

By Dian Campbell

We are open, and ready to serve you. Shellbrook Library is open to the public (mask mandatory) with a limit of 5 patrons. Wanting curbside service? We are happy to bring books out to you. Call the Library and set up a time for pick-up. Although we cannot do any in-library programming, we are keeping busy with online and "take home" programming for our community.

Our regular December Book Sale has been taken on-line. Check out our on-line Book Auction going on now on the Shellbrook Public Library Facebook page. Each week a new set of book lots will be available for you to bid on. New lots begin each Monday and bids are taken until Friday. Lots of good reads, including Debbie Macomber, James Patterson, children's books, youth reads, and DVD's. A great way to get some good reading materials and to support the Library. Not on Facebook? No problem, pop into the library and see what we have (no touching, just looking) and we will set a bid for you.

As Story Time has been suspended, the Librarian has put together some "Take Home Story Time" kits. Each kit includes a bundle of 4-5 books (themed) as well as a paper craft for your child to do. Themes include, Christmas, winter, Forests, Rhyming etc.

Our Book Clubs are still on-going. We are meeting

(on Zoom) once a month. Check with the library for dates and details. This month's recommended reads "The One" by John Marrs, "Last Day" by Luanne Rice, "The Warsaw Anagrams" by Richard Zimler, and "30 Lessons for Living" by Karl A. Pillemer.

Coming up in December – Stories with Mrs. Claus. Santa is very busy this time of year, so Mrs. Claus will be reading us a Christmas story each Wednesday in December. Stories will be posted on the Shellbrook Public Library Facebook page.



Online Book auction items.



Take Home Story time Kits.

November is Canada Career Month

Saskatchewan's Ministry of Immigration and Career Training helps to develop, attract and retain a skilled workforce that supports economic growth in Saskatchewan and helps people realize their full potential.

As part of Canada Career Month 2020, our province is highlighting career development and educational opportunities to help residents achieve their career and employment goals.

Our SaskJobs offices and staff are ready to help you at any stage in your career journey – whether you are searching for a job, planning your career or looking for training opportunities.



Need help realizing your career potential?

Contact SaskJobs for help with job searching, career planning and training!

Toll-free number: **1-833-613-0485**

Email address: **labourmarketservices@gov.sk.ca**

Website: **saskatchewan.ca/labour-market-services**

SaskJobs

Highlights of a Shellbrook town council meeting

After being sworn in on Monday evening, Shellbrook's town council met for its first regular meeting at the Shellbrook municipal office on Thursday, Nov. 19.

In attendance were Mayor Amund Otterson, councillors Bruce Clements, John Hughes, David Knight, Cheryl Ledding, Brent Miller, and Kathleen Nording, and the town's CAO, Kelly Hoare.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Otterson at 4:20 p.m., and council began by approving the agenda for the meeting, and formally adopting the minutes of its Oct. 19 and Nov. 16 meetings. After this, it was on to council's reports.

From the facility manager's report, council was pleased with the news that the town has regained use of the Community Hall, after leasing it out to the Saskatchewan Health Authority as a COVID testing site. The facility can now be used as the provincial circuit court building each month, and for other purposes.

Elsewhere, in discussion of the recreation director's report, councillor Clements highlighted the need to clearly delineate the job descriptions of the recreation director and facility manager, given the overlap between the two positions. Councillor Miller questioned whether both positions were needed.

In Recreation Project Steering Committee news, Miller informed council that the committee will be receiving its last grant instalment in December, allowing it to repay a

loan from the R.M. of Shellbrook. After this, it will be time to determine the future role of the committee.

Councillor Clements wondered if it couldn't focus its attention on a new facility, such as the swimming pool.

In his hospital and clinics report, Mayor Otterson filled in new councillors on the news of the two new SIPPA physicians who have agreed to come to Shellbrook. They will bring the community's total number of physicians to nine, and are expected to arrive after January.

Otterson also updated council on the Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee's new bursary for medical office assistants.

Rounding out the reports, council discussed a request to open the canteen at the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre. In the end, it opted to keep it closed for the safety of the community.

Shifting gears to new business, council rescinded a portion of resolution 2020-175, which abated taxes on a property it acquired through tax enforcement. The decision was made as the town has yet to receive the title, and there were more tax enforcement costs to be added.

Next, council appointed former Mayor George Tomporowski as the town's representative on the North Central Transportation Planning Committee, and set holiday hours for the municipal office.

The office will be closed from 12 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24 through

Monday, Dec. 28, closed at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31, and closed on Friday, Jan. 1.

Moving on, council discussed complaints from ratepayers regarding snow removal. Councillor Miller brought forward a concern from the Shellbrook Housing Authority regarding driveways being ploughed in, forcing seniors to shovel.

Hoare explained that the town's goal is to have all streets clear within three days after a storm.

Mayor Otterson said the problem of driveways being ploughed in is caused by the excess volume of snow spilling over the blade of the plough. Councillor Nording added that she saw no reason to complain about the job the crew is doing.

Later on, council reviewed and approved an agreement to rename the Curling Risk lounge after the late Roger Rask, in return for \$25,000 over the course of 10 years.

Council then discussed policing and theft in Shellbrook, particularly along the service roads, and highlighted the need to have a real discussion regarding the town's \$100,000+ bill for RCMP service.

In a lively discussion, council next reviewed a grant application for the water treatment plant upgrades that were put on hold earlier this year.

Councillors Knight and Miller were both of the opinion that council needed to do more research and pursue other options, such as a pipeline from Prince Albert and engaging in discussions with the

province, before proceeding with any upgrades.

Hoare explained that any changes to the town's plan would mean restarting grant applications. She also said the pipeline idea had been explored and been found unfeasible.

As far as the town's plans for reverse osmosis water go, Miller sug-

gested the town could offer a 50 per cent rebate to ratepayers who choose to install a reverse osmosis system in their house. This, he said, would cost the town about one-third of its current plan.

Having nothing further to discuss, council set Monday, Dec. 21 as its next council meeting and adjourned for the evening.

Panter receives exemplary service medal



The RM and Town of Big River wish to congratulate Douglas Panter who was presented with 'A First Bar to The Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal' in recognition of 30 years of loyal and exemplary services to public safety in Canada. The presentation was made Nov. 3 by Reeve John Teer. Your dedicated service to The Big River and District Fire Department and Community is greatly appreciated!

TOWN OF SHELLBROOK PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Shellbrook intends to adopt a bylaw under the *Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw 2018-01, known as the Zoning Bylaw and Bylaw 2012-06 known as the Official Community Plan.

INTENT

1. The proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment will:

- Rezone Blk B, Plan 102279450 from C2 – Highway Commercial District to M – Industrial District as sown on Schedule "A" below.

2. The proposed Official Community Plan amendment will:

- Redesignate Blk B, Plan 102279450 from Future Commercial to Existing Industrial as sown on Schedule "A" below.

REASON

The reason for the amendments are:

- To accommodate industrial development within the Town of Shellbrook.

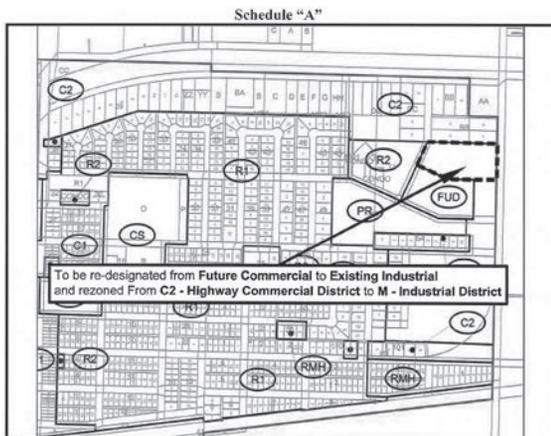
PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the Town Office, located at 71 Main Street, in the Town of Shellbrook, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM on Monday to Friday excluding statutory holidays. Copies of the proposed bylaw are available at the Town Office at a cost of \$1.00.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 21st, 2020 @ 6:00pm at the Town Office to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, written submissions to Council pertaining to this bylaw are strongly encouraged. Written submissions must be received by 4:00pm on Thursday, December 17th, 2020 either by emailing myself at cao@townofshellbrook.ca or by depositing into the mail slot at the Town Office. Anyone wishing to make a verbal submission to Council must do so by phone. Please contact the Town Office before 12:00pm on December 17th, 2020, to schedule a time slot in which Council will phone you directly to hear your concerns or suggestions.

Issued at the Town of Shellbrook this 26th day of November, 2020.
Kelly Hoare, Chief Administrative Officer



Tax Enforcement List Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493 Province of Saskatchewan

Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are paid in full before the 27th of January, 2021, an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

Note: A sum for costs in an amount required by subsection 4(3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act* is included in the amount shown against each parcel.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY								
Part of Lot	Lot	Block	Plan	Hamlet/ Meridian	Title No.	Total Arrears	Advertising Costs	Total Arrears and Costs
Part of Lot	Sec	Twp	Range					
PT NW	30	49	01 - Blk A Plan 102112209	W3	143533010	\$ 12,861.24	\$ 62.10	\$ 12,923.34
PT NW	24	49	2	W3	136419543	\$ 3,631.80	\$ 62.10	\$ 3,693.90
SW	33	49	3	W3	148297809	\$ 3,451.83	\$ 62.10	\$ 3,513.93
SE	3	49	03 Ext. 114	W3	150540207	\$ 1,851.28	\$ 62.10	\$ 1,913.38
SW	12	49	3	W3	150540184	\$ 720.28	\$ 62.10	\$ 782.38
SE	8	51	02 - Blk B Plan 102208014	W3	147932837	\$ 1,278.59	\$ 62.10	\$ 1,340.69
SE	8	52	01 - Blk A Plan 101545275 Ext. 19	W3	130810407	\$ 1,150.97	\$ 62.10	\$ 1,213.07
PT SE	19	49	01 - Blk 7 Plan 77PA03540	W3	140760637	\$ 887.58	\$ 62.10	\$ 949.68
SW	21	50	01 - Blk A Plan 101545668 Ext. 51	W3	148349256	\$ 854.69	\$ 62.10	\$ 916.79
NE	21	52	01 - Blk D Plan 102139006	W3	152272188	\$ 780.29	\$ 62.10	\$ 842.39

Dated this 20th day of November, 2020
Duane Storey, Administrator

COVID cases at Canwood, Debden schools

As Saskatchewan logged a record 439 COVID-19 cases on Saturday, new positive cases of the coronavirus at Canwood Public School and École Debden Public School have been identified by the Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division (SRPSD).

As a result of the positive cases, students in Grades 7 through 12, as well as teachers and staff who have come into contact with those students, are required to isolate until end of day on Friday, Nov. 27, and continue learning and teaching remotely.

Otherwise, the schools remain open for in-person classes for students who are not required to isolate.

In a notice sent to the media, SRPSD director of education, Robert Bratvold, extended the school division's get well wishes to the students, and pledged the division's support for

the broader school community and families.

While highlighting the COVID-19 measures SRPSD schools have in place, he also said that COVID is becoming more prevalent in the community, and urged students, teachers, and parents to be diligent in their efforts to prevent its spread.

"The division deeply appreciates the support that students, parents and community members have demonstrated, especially as the number of cases in our region climbs," he said. "We all share responsibility to minimize the risk of COVID transmission."

Despite the challenges, Bratvold says it's important that students, families and community members continue to:

- be diligent in performing the daily

health screening and self-monitoring;

- stay home if ill;
- call the HealthLine at 811 if exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms;
- practice proper hand hygiene;

• maintain physical distancing as much as possible;

- wear a mask when appropriate, and; and
- do whatever we can to keep each other safe.

PIHC Recreation news for November

By Trina Chamberlain

With "COVID times" and Christmas fast approaching we know it will be a very different year. The entire care team will do our very best to continue to make meaningful moments. Many people have asked, what can we do to help? In knowing our families, friends and community wish to get involved by making a difference too we are sharing safe options for you to consider (*indicates where help is needed):

1. Outdoor Trees (outside resident windows on ground level) - Appreciation to the Burant angels for starting this off with potted Christmas trees which family and friends in the community are invited to decorate. Please choose non glass, disposable, solar, and fire-retardant decorations. Outdoor decorations can go up immediately and should come down by Jan. 13, 2021. *Family are encouraged to let Recreation Team know by Nov. 30 if they are planning on decorating the outdoor tree otherwise we will call on friends and community members to help out.

2. Creating an Outdoor Winter Wonderland Extravaganza - adopt a tree/space to display Joy, Love, Peace for all to enjoy. Community Clubs, Churches, Businesses, and families (sponsors) invited to put up outdoor display which can start any time after Nov. 30, 2020 and take down on or after Jan. 13, 2021. This will create joy for people inside, outside or by passersby. Some examples include life size Nativity Scenes, Solarlight displays, Colored lights on Gazebo pillars, natural Christmas trees, and fenced area. *Call Recreation Therapy 306 747 6841 to adopt a space and for guidelines (minimal outdoor plugins available, no blow up figures). The Recreation Team will assist the sponsor by putting display on the upper deck.

3. Indoor Decorating (for the house common areas and residents rooms). After Christmas trees are sanitized and lights inspected they can be decorated with fire-retardant, wipeable/washable and non-breakable. The Health Care Team and residents will package up some items in order to make room for minimal Christmas décor in the home. *Some resident and home decorations will need replacing to meet safety requirements.

4. Secret Santa. We are thrilled to be partnering with Woodland Pharmacy

for card pick up (with first names and gift ideas) which is available Dec. 7-14. The wrapped gift drop off deadline is 3 p.m. on Dec. 18 at the Pharmacy. *Interested people in the community pick a card and purchase a \$10 to \$20 gift which is delivered by our working Santa on or close to Christmas day. This act of kindness will capture the hearts of both the givers and the receivers.

5. SHA has confirmed that adult only carolers (no children) are welcome to sing outside while wearing a mask and by practicing physical distancing. Caroling throughout the Christmas Season brings great "Joy." People inside the Health Center can enjoy listening rather than singing along. *Carolers please contact the Recreation team to arrange a pre-scheduled a time. *Wireless microphone and 3 portable wireless speakers would enable the people inside to hear better.

6. Zoom Family Wine & Cheese will be replacing the Traditional Family Christmas Party. One house at a time will dress up, have a photo shoot (which will be emailed to families) and residents will be able to see their family on the large screen TV enjoying their own wine & cheese! Further details will be shared at the upcoming Council meeting. *Beverages, disposable Christmas plates and napkins.

7. Bingo Sponsorship. Prior to COVID, residents enjoyed weekly bingo games playing and winning small pocket change. Currently bingo is free to all players, prizes consist of individually packaged treats and small items. *Sponsoring bingo prizes, ideas available on request.

8. Twinkle Tours around town - (3 residents per house per trip while social distancing) via Woodland Bus, will take place several times after the December. *If you are in town turn on your display or let us know to do a drive by!

This is a touch on what we are working on to safely "Make a Difference" this Christmas Season. Let us know if you would like to join in any safe way you are able.

Much appreciation for the many words of support, gestures and kindness throughout the pandemic and always. Keep safe and stay well!

Submitted by: Trina Chamberlain, PIHC Recreation Coordinator, 306 747 6841

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPIRITWOOD: Wapiti Regional Library - Limited Capacity. Tuesday 9 am - 5 pm; Wednesday 9 am - 5 pm; Friday 9 am - 5 pm

LEOVILLE: Wapiti Regional Library - Appointment only. Wednesday 10 am - 4 pm; Thursday 10 am - 2 pm

SHELL LAKE: Wapiti Regional Library - Curb Side Pickup. Tuesday 12 pm - 4 pm; Wednesday 12 pm - 4 pm

BLAINE LAKE: Wapiti Library - Appointment only. Wednesday 12 pm - 6 pm; Friday 1 pm - 5 pm; Saturday 12 pm - 4 pm. Contact us for more info 306-497-3130, www.wapitilibrary.ca.

BIG RIVER: Wapiti Library - Curb Side Pickup. Monday 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm; Wednesday 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm; Friday 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm

CANWOOD: Canwood Branch of Wapiti Regional Library. Appointment only. Tuesday 10 am - 3 pm; Thursday 10 am - 4 pm; Friday 1 pm - 5 pm

DEBDEN: Wapiti Library hours: Appointment only. Monday 2 pm - 7 pm; Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon

LEASK: Wapiti Library & Legacy Gallery Hours - Limited Capacity. Tuesday 10:30 am - 5 pm; Friday 10:30 am - 5 pm; Saturday 1 pm - 5 pm

MARCELIN: Wapiti Library - Appointment only. Tuesday 2 pm - 7 pm; Thursday 2 pm - 8 pm; Saturday 9 am - 2 pm. For information on all your library needs, please contact 306-226-2110.

SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Branch of the Wapiti Library located at 105 Railway Ave., West (Provincial building). Library Hours: Limited capacity - Monday 2 pm - 6:30 pm; Tuesday 12 pm - 8 pm; Wednesday 2 pm - 8 pm; Thursday 12 pm - 6:30 pm; Friday 9 am - 4 pm.

SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Kinettes presents *Twinkle Tour & Hamper Haul* - Start Decorating Now!!! Get your light display entries in by Friday, December 4th to Melissa: 306-747-7085 or shellbrook_kinettes@hotmail.com. Come Tour the Town with us December 5th! Meet at the rink @ 6:45pm | Tour starts @ 7pm. Voting December 5th & 6th: Text or phone in your top 3 favourites to help us pick the winners! Food bank donations will be collected along the tour. Have your bright coloured garbage bags out that night, so we can grab them. To donate ahead of time, contact one of your local Kinettes or find a collection gift box around town. We will be bringing a little cheer to our long term care residence, and a drive by thank you to our essential workers.

SHELLBROOK: Christmas Hampers (Shellbrook, Parkside, Holbein, Mont Nebo). Those requesting Christmas Food Hampers, pick up an application form from any minister of the Ministerial Association. Complete the form and make sure the application is sent to: Ministerial Association Food Bank, PO Box 97, Holbein, Sask. S0J 1G0 Post marked by Dec. 10, 2020 (no later). Phone Dave Bodvarson 306-747-7235, Dave Whalley 306-747-2804.

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Losing Trebek, Meeker sad day for Canada

Canada lost two broadcasting icons on one day, Nov. 8, and while Alex Trebek is known almost solely for his work on the television game show Jeopardy, both he and Howie Meeker had connections to Hockey Night in Canada.

Ken Campbell in SI-The Hockey News wrote the story about Trebek, at the time doing a variety of broadcasting work for CBC, being one of five finalists in 1970 as a replacement for the recently fired Ward Cornell on HNIC. Dave Hodge ultimately got the job, but Campbell's story said that executive producer Ralph Mellanby preferred Trebek above all others. But his boss, Ted Hough, overruled Mellanby, saying he didn't like his hosts to have moustaches, a Trebek trademark.

Later, Trebek told Mellanby he would have been happy to cut off his moustache to get the job, but thanked him for bypassing him for the job because ... well, he went on to California and became a beloved, and very wealthy, TV figure south of the border.

Meeker, meanwhile, passed away in Nanaimo at the age of 97. He was

a hockey lifer, playing 12 seasons in the NHL for the Leafs, winning four Stanley Cups along the way and capturing the rookie-of-the-year award in 1946-47, beating out, among others, fellow freshman Gordie Howe. He also coached the Leafs for one year, was a Member of Parliament for two years in the 1950s, and then spent a couple of decades as a between-periods analyst on Hockey Night in Canada and, later, TSN.

Meeker certainly had his admirers, but he had plenty of detractors, too. He sprinkled his analysis with enthusiastic but out-of-date catch-phrases — “Golly Gee” and “Gee Willikers” were among his favourites — and bought the phrase “hoop around a barrel” into common Canadian lexicon to describe a forward making a defenceman look silly trying to defend a rush. “He went around him like a hoop around a barrel,” Meeker would say. He was the first to use a telestrator to show fans at home exactly what happened on a particular play. A generation of hockey viewers not only knew what happened on a particular play, but why it happened, thanks to



BRUCE PENTON

Meeker.

The world works in mysterious ways. Trebek was a moustache away from perhaps being the host of a sports program showing games in which Meeker was the analyst. So the answer to the question: What was one of the saddest days for Canada? The answer is Nov. 8, 2020.

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: “MLB announced it won't discipline Justin Turner for returning to the field to celebrate his team's World Series championship after testing positive midgame for COVID-19. Hey, it was either that or suspend him for 10 spring-training games.”

• Myron Medcalf of ESPN.com, on Fighting Irish fans rushing the field

en masse after beating Clemson: “Is Justin Turner Notre Dame's crowd consultant?”

• Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: “(MLB's) Rob Manfred is consistent — every day he is the worst commissioner in professional sports.”

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: “The New York Jets are going to follow Donald Trump's lead and are going to sue all 16 teams that beat them.”

• Fark.com: “Formula One decides doing business with Russia, China and Bahrain wasn't enough to anger supporters of human rights and adds Saudi Arabia to the 2021 schedule.”

• Greg Cote of the Miami Herald: “Alex Cora is back as Red Sox manager after a one-year ban for cheating. Adjusted bromide:

‘Cheaters Almost Never Prosper.’”

• Norman Chad of the Washington Post, on Twitter, recalling numerous late collapses by the Falcons: “As Falcons take 20-3 lead at halftime over Broncos, Atlanta fans start to chant, ‘Stop the count!’”

• Janice Hough of left-coastsportsbabe.com: “With all the craziness and uncertainty in 2020, it is really good to know there are some constants — like the NY Jets will ALWAYS find a way to lose.”

• Michael Farber of SI.com, on Twitter: “Not saying it took long for Bryson (DeChambeau) to play that 13th hole, but they've put him on the sundial.”

win the Home Run Derby, not the World Series.”

• Steve Simmons again: “True story: Boxing promoter and convicted felon Don King once had a financial adviser named Joseph Maffia.”

• Another one from Janice Hough, on the glut of 49ers on the NFL's Injured Reserve and COVID-19 lists: “At this point the Niners may need to allow fans in the stands just to have a pool of players for pregame tryouts.”

• Dwight Perry one more time: “The Texans fired vice president of communications Amy Palcic, the first woman to run an NFL team's PR department. ‘New team motto: Make Bad Trades, Shoot The Messenger.’”

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Regular services, Sunday school and special services will be listed.

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Zion - Canwood
Sunday School,
Worship Sunday, 11 a.m.
St. John's - Shellbrook
Sunday School,
Live-stream worship
service on Facebook,
Worship Sunday, 9 a.m.
Rev. Emmanuel Aristide

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Parkside
10:30 a.m. Worship
Pastor Daniel Mooseely
306-747-3572
Shellbrook
Sun., 10:30 a.m. - Worship
Pastor David Bodvarson
306-747-7235
Canwood
11:00 a.m. - Worship
Pastor Glenn Blazosek
306-468-2138
Leask Gospel Tabernacle
Sunday 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Lorne Valuck

SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Currently meeting in homes on Sunday morning & Wednesday evenings
Parkside 306-747-2309
Leask 306-466-4498
Marcelin 306-226-4615

PRESBYTERIAN

Mistawasis
Sunday worship
11:00 a.m.
Rev. Katherine Bretzlaff

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

Parkside
11 a.m. - Worship
Pastor Chris Dean

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Leask - All Saint's
Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service
St. Andrew's - Shellbrook
Sunday, 11 a.m. Service
Canwood - Christ Church
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Service
2 p.m. Service 2nd Sunday
of the month
Rev'd Eyad Ajji
306-980-5916

UNITED CHURCH

Shellbrook - Knox United
Sun., 10 am - Worship
306-747-3434
Student Minister
Jon Worrall
Big River
Sundays
10 a.m. - Worship
at Anglican Church
Rev. Dave Whalley
306-747-2804

MENNONITE

BRETHREN CHURCH
Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel
109 Railway Ave. W.
Blaine Lake
306-497-3316
Pastor: Rick Schellenberg
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
Worship

EVANGELICAL FREE

Big River
11:00 a.m. - Worship
Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Summer: 10:30 a.m. - 12
306-469-2258
Youth Nite: Fridays
Mont Nebo
Bible Study & Prayer
Sun., 11:00 a.m. - Worship
Pastor Bill Klumpenhower

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Debden
Sun. Mass - 9:30 a.m.
Fr. Michael Fahlman
Big River - Sacred Heart
Sun., 11:30 a.m. - Mass
Whitefish
Sun., 2:30 p.m. - Mass.
Victoire
Sat., 7:30 p.m. - Mass.
Fr. Michael Fahlman
Eucharist Celebrations
Muskeg
Sunday, 3 p.m.
St. Agatha's - Shellbrook
Mass - Sunday 9 a.m.
St. Henry's - Leask
Mass - Sunday - 11 a.m.
Mistawasis
2nd & 4th Sundays, 1:30 p.m.
Fr. Phong Tran

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

407-2nd Ave E, Shellbrook
Sat., 9:45 a.m. - Sabbath School
Sat., 11:00 am -Worship
Broadcast on
VOAR 92.1 FM
Pastor Liviu Tilihoi
306-747-3398

SHA suspends adult rec hockey

The whistle has been blown on adult recreational hockey activities, to prevent the further spread of COVID-19.

As of Nov. 10, the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) suspended the activities in Shellbrook, Prince Albert, Birch Hills, St. Louis, and the R.M. of Buckland.

In an email to *paNOW*, Prince Albert medical health officer Dr. Khami Chokani said the public health order was issued due to a potential COVID-19 exposure in late October that was linked to adult recreation hockey teams and spectators in the Prince Albert area.

“This order was required because a positive exposure was confirmed within the league, but due to its structure the league had no attendance tracking that would allow contact tracers to ef-

fectively complete their trace investigations,” he said in the statement.

The public health order covers the rinks in all of the above mentioned facilities.

As per the order's guidelines, all facilities must stop all adult recreational hockey activities, including practices, games, and meetings at arenas for 28 days, beginning Nov. 10.

Subject to review by the SHA, action could resume on Dec. 7 at the earliest.

“Operators and owners of each facility have been contacted directly, as the teams are not managed by an official league or association, which means they did not formally track games, players or teams under the Re-Open Saskatchewan Guidelines for sports and activities,” Chokani added.

OBITUARIES

*Doreen Jean Baynes*

BAYNES, Doreen Jean
It is with sadness that the family of Doreen Baynes announce her passing on November 9th, 2020 at the age of 86 in Spiritwood. Doreen was born on her grandparent's farm north of North Battleford on June 20, 1934. She married William (Bill) Baynes on January 5th, 1957 and they farmed near Bapaume. Doreen was predeceased by her parents Alex and Dora Millar (1986), husband Bill (2015), son Roger (1979) and son-in-law Larry Howdle (2002). She is survived by her

daughter Debbie Womacks, son Eric (Pearl) Baynes, and daughter Ida (Dwight) Hemmerling, her grandchildren; Amanda (Adrian) Bullock, Dryden (Ashley) Howdle, Christin (Mark) Egeland, Jason (Tiffany) Baynes, Chett (Melanie), Chad (Jasmin), Mason (Renee) and Owen Hemmerling, her great-grandchildren; Abby & Darius Bullock, Lane & Declan Howdle, Gauge & Emma Egeland, Leah & Ryan Baynes, Logan, Easton, Jaina, Jensen & Addison Hemmerling, brothers David (Fern) Millar & Alwin (Esther) Millar. Due to COVID there will be a Celebration of Life held at a later date. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences may do so by visiting www.beaulacfuneralhome.com Memorial Donations may be directed to Rose Gill Lodge, Rabbit Lake, SK. Arrangements have been entrusted to Lori Saam of Beau "Lac" Funeral home in Spiritwood 306-883-3500

NOTICE OF PASSING

*Kenneth Ronald Parker*

Kenneth Ronald Parker, born March 30, 1936, gentleman, teacher, farmer, uncle and best friend to so many, passed away in the Olds hospital at the very beginning of the day November 4, 2020.

He left surrounded by the love of family and bequeathed us all the legacy of grace, generosity, humour and wit that will live on with all he loved. His life is a great example of "A life well lived".

When it is safe to do so we will gather to celebrate his incredible life of teaching and travel, his friendships far and wide, and his generosity to friends and family.

Longer obituary to follow.



Cecilia Provencher
1936 – 2020
Cecilia Melina Provencher (nee Beauchesne) was born on Monday, May 18, 1936, in Prince Albert, SK, and passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 21, 2020, at the Shellbrook Nursing Home. Cecile is survived by her ten children, numerous grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, Debbie (Harvey) Delisle and family, Adrienne Provencher and family, Norman (Bev)

Provencher and family, Joanne (Duane) Overholt and family, Leon (Suzanne) Provencher and family, Gordon (Kim) Provencher and family, Roger (Trina) Provencher and family, Linda Gervais and family, Richard (Belinda) Provencher and family, Dean (Kari) Provencher and family. She is also survived by her siblings, Delores Strukoff, Fred Beauchesne, Donald Beauchesne, and Gordy Beauchesne.

She was predeceased by the father of her children, Thomas Provencher; her parents, Romeo and Louise; her sister, Connie; two grandchildren, Kevin Miller and Tyler Provencher; and one great-grandchild, Jayce Gervais.

Mom and dad farmed side by side for many years in Valbrand, SK, raising their family. Mom was an avid knitter and chrocheter, some-

thing she passed on to her daughters. She was an excellent seamstress and could always make something out of nothing.

In her retirement years, she was an avid bingo player, enjoyed making puzzles, going to jam session, dancing, and visiting with her children and grandchildren. Cecilia enjoyed her flowers during the summer.

In her later years, she became a resident of Parkland Integrated Long Term Care Home, at the Roughrider Crescent, in Shellbrook, SK. Cecilia made many new friends in her new home, and loved all of the Roughrider Crescent staff as they become her extended family. She enjoyed many afternoon entertainment sessions and the country drives, or visiting in her room. Mom was passionate about her Toronto Blue

Jays, anyone at any time could ask mom about the Blue Jays, and she would tell you about the scores, players, or any game and she could fill you in on what was happening with her Jays.

Mom's family would like to thank all the Roughrider Crescent staff for their excellent care that they provided to our mom over the last three years. Especially since March 2020 with visitation restrictions, they took excellent care of mom, and we considered them her extended family. We are very fortunate to have the care and love that our mom received from all of you.

A private family interment had taken place at Prince Albert Memorial Gardens. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to the care of River Park Funeral Home, (306) 764-2727, Paula Hanson, Funeral Director.

GOOD NEWS



SUCCESS IS DRESSED IN WORK CLOTHES

There's a Bible verse in Genesis 2:15. It says, "And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and keep it."

What I see from this verse is that God gave Adam work and that was before the fall. That work wasn't a curse but a blessing.

One of the greatest success stories in the Bible is the "rebuilding of the Jerusalem's walls." It is explained in 8 words "... for the people had a mind to work." (Nehemiah 4:6)

Writer Leroy Brownlow confesses when he was 16 he and another young man went to a German settlement to thresh grain. He said "They spoke German. He and I spoke English. But hard labour, hungry appetites and exhaustion, shared together, are universal languages. They often give a deeper understanding than words can convey. The days were the longest in the year and we worked from dawn to twilight, the bundles of grain were heavy; and the Texas sun was radiant hot. We eat at the cookshack and slept on the ground. By my present standards, the food was sloppy and the bed was hard; but, really, there have been only a few times since when I have found food so good and sleep so sweet. And that well water – there has never been any better. It was then that I learned, "The sleep of a labouring man is sweet..." (Ecclesiastes 5:12)

Years have moved along since I lived in my home town. There are some people I will never forget. One

fellow, his first name was Bobby. He bought furs and scrap metal. My interest was in selling him copper. I was likely only ten or 11 at the time but didn't mind hunting for this precious metal usually at the nuisance grounds. In those days people would discard copper and I would bring it to Bobby. He would dig into his pockets bring out a roll of cash and give me 20 cents a pound or so, a far cry from the current price of \$2 to \$3 a pound. But it was work and for boy of eleven this was a blessing.

The thought is if we learn to work we will have a better chance of being successful. Someone put it this way,

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On Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020, just before 9 p.m., Shellbrook RCMP received a call to assist local EMS with an unconscious adult male located outside of a residence on the Mistawasis First Nation in Saskatchewan. The adult male was pronounced deceased on scene by EMS.

Police secured the scene and requested additional resources from the Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crimes Unit North (MCU-N), Prince Albert and Tisdale RCMP Forensic Identification Services and the Saskatchewan Coroner's Service to assist with the investigation.

Based on preliminary information received by police and by working in consultation with the Saskatchewan Coroner's Service, the death of the adult male is being investigated as a homicide. The Saskatchewan RCMP MCU-N have taken carriage of the investigation.

The deceased male has been identified as 36-year-old Troy Watson from the Mistawasis First Nation. His next of kin have been notified of his death.

An autopsy was scheduled to take place in Saskatoon on Nov. 19, 2020. Police are investigating the circumstances surrounding Watson's death.

Police are requesting anyone who may have been in contact with Troy Watson at any time on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020, or who may have information to assist with this investigation, to call the Shellbrook RCMP at 306-747-2606.

Information can also be submitted anonymously through Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or by submitting a tip online at www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

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The barn dance

By Norma Galambos

When I write, I like to delve deep into the far corners of a story. Sure, the essential details are necessary to set the scene, but what intrigues me are the little personal nuances. Descriptions of places, people, colours, tastes, smells and emotions are what bring a story to life. A storyteller has done their job if the reader can picture what they are saying without seeing a picture.

It is important to document our cultural history because it is the framework upon which our lives are built. It helps us understand others and ourselves.

Ideally, these memories are best shared by the people who lived those experiences. If that is no longer possible, the honour of carrying their story forward is bestowed on people like you and I. If we chose to carry the torch, it could be a rewarding opportunity. Ask questions and show interest, as other generations have a great deal of insight to offer.

Before World War II, two-thirds of Canadians lived on farms. Dancing in barns originated in the 1860s when European peasants began imitating the dances of wealthy landowners.

When people began immigrating to Canada over a century ago, they brought their style of dancing. Dances from different countries were merged to form new ones. An example of this is a dance for four couples performed in a square formation, known as the square dance. It combines steps from countries such as England, France and Ireland. This style is a highly social dance, as

you interact with other people, not a single dance partner.

During the summers of the 1920s through the 1950s, rural folk held dances in small country halls, schools and empty barn haylofts.

Dust from the hay that was once stored there hung in the air. It was illuminated by the last rays of sunshine that streamed through the hayloft doors, flung open to let in the fresh air. You could look out and see dusk settling over the fields.

Local musicians brought guitars and fiddles and played square dance and country music. A square dance required someone to call out the steps to keep participants in formation. Swing your partner round and round, allemande left, dosido and promenade were a few of the sixty-eight basic calls used. Country dancing consisted of polkas, waltzes and the two-step.

There are not many photographs in existence of early barn dances. I don't need a picture though, in my imagination a barn dance conjures up images of hard-working country people happily dancing and visiting with their neighbours.

Barn dances were usually held to mark a special occasion such as a wedding, anniversary or a barn raising. They were also held as fundraisers to provide Christmas treat bags for the school children or to help someone down on their luck due to illness, injury or a death. Money was raised through donations, raffling handmade items and selling pies.

Due to transportation by foot, horse or horse and buggy and poor road conditions, it



The hayloft in the barn where I grew up.

was mainly neighbours who attended these dances. Depending on what the occasion was, children tagged along or stayed home with older siblings.

Not all barns were created equal. Some ageing structures were less sturdy than the newer ones and swayed back and forth when the dance got going. Barns used for dances usually had sloped stairs with railings leading to the hayloft. This type of stairs was necessary if you were entertaining guests, as the alternative was a ladder going straight up the wall inside the barn to a trap door in the hayloft floor. Gaining access this way meant climbing the ladder and crawling into the hayloft. Getting down was no easy feat either, as you had to turn around at the top and back your way down the ladder.

As kids growing up on the farm in the 1960s and 1970s, we played in the hayloft often, but I never got over the fear of falling through the open trap door or off the wall ladder. On one adventure, my cousin fell coming down the wall ladder and broke his arm when he unceremoniously hit the floor.

As night fell, the only light came from the glow of oil lanterns. Eventually more barns had power, making hosting a function easier. Cigarette smoking was done outside to reduce the risk of fire.

Men wore checkered shirts, and blue jeans and the ladies donned mid-calf length dresses or a blouse and a skirt.

Sandwiches and cakes provided by the host or brought by those in attendance were served for lunch. Coffee was kept warm in a cream can. Benches for seating were set up around the hayloft perimeter under the slope of the barn's roof. Bathroom facilities consisted of an outhouse.

There were thousands of stills (distilling apparatus) in operation on the prairies. It wasn't uncommon for moonshine, also known as hooch, home-brew or white lightning, to be bootlegged and consumed outside a dance. This potent illicit beverage was discreetly brought in quart sealers or stoneware jugs. It was passed around outside, and interested parties took a swig. Decades later, many unexplained empty jars were found in the rafters of abandoned farm outbuildings.

When the revelry was done, guests trickled off

towards home, as morning chore time came early after a night out. Horses always got you home, even in the dark, as they instinctively knew the way.

My mom's parents went to barn dances in the 1920s. Grandpa was a square dance caller. Grandma didn't like to dance as she was shy and self-conscious. Grandpa loved to dance and coerced her onto the dance floor. She didn't mind sitting on the sidelines when he was calling dances.

I love the image of my grandparents twirling around a hayloft dance floor. Grandma a petite beauty and Grandpa tall and handsome, looking down at her girlish face tilted upward to meet his gaze.

In the 1960s, square dancing was put out to pasture by popular dance moves like the swing, jitterbug and the twist. Fewer people were living in rural areas by then, and dances were held in town halls. Safety regulations made hosting a barn dance on your property less appealing. Improvements in roads and transportation made it easier to travel farther to gather with people from other districts.

Old barns are landmarks in many communities, and it is sad to see them deteriorate and collapse. There's something so poignant about a lonely barn standing in a field. A family's life story was played out on those homesteads. The dance music has stopped, and the only sound now is the whisper of the prairie winds.

A Saturday night barn dance was a big event, and all had a good time. The basic intention of a dance was to bring people together. As I researched and wrote this story, I felt a sense of the anticipation and excitement people felt on those evenings.

Where has that sense of wonder and fun gone? Today many people dread attending social functions. It feels like a chore even though all the amenities are provided. Possibly when we emerge on the other side of the pandemic, we will be more appreciative of activities like dancing. At this time many of us would love to have a barn dance to look forward to.

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