

## PWOS make pit stop in Fort Qu'Appelle

By Alan Hustak  
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Women on snowmobiles revved up and once again have grabbed the handles of their machines for a six-day ride through southeastern Saskatchewan to raise awareness of breast cancer and money for hospital equipment and research.

A convoy of nine female sled jockeys brought the 18th annual Prairie Women on Snowmobiles Tour to Fort Qu'Appelle on Feb. 4, guests of the Calling Lakes Cruisers Club.

It was one of 25 stops along the route of their six-day mission that is now underway.

There were to have been 10 trail riders, but one of them, Patti Trapp of Saskatoon, was diagnosed with a tumor one week ago. Although Trapp was at the kickoff ceremony in Regina on Saturday, she couldn't be part of the group as planned. But her colleagues made certain she rides with them in spirit. Trapp is represented by a surrogate stand in, a cuddly pink bear named in her honour.

For eight of the women, it is their first time riding with organization. Each of them signed up for reasons of their own.

Nadine Wiebe of Emma Lake lost her mother in a snowmobile accident at Shell Lake in 2004. "I'm here not only to raise awareness of breast cancer, but I'm also riding to promote safe snowmobiling," she said. "I'm riding in my mother's memory and at the same time raising money for a good cause."

Since then the annual ride began 18 years ago it has raised more than \$2.5 million in the fight against the disease, according to the organization's president, Kelly Kim Rea.

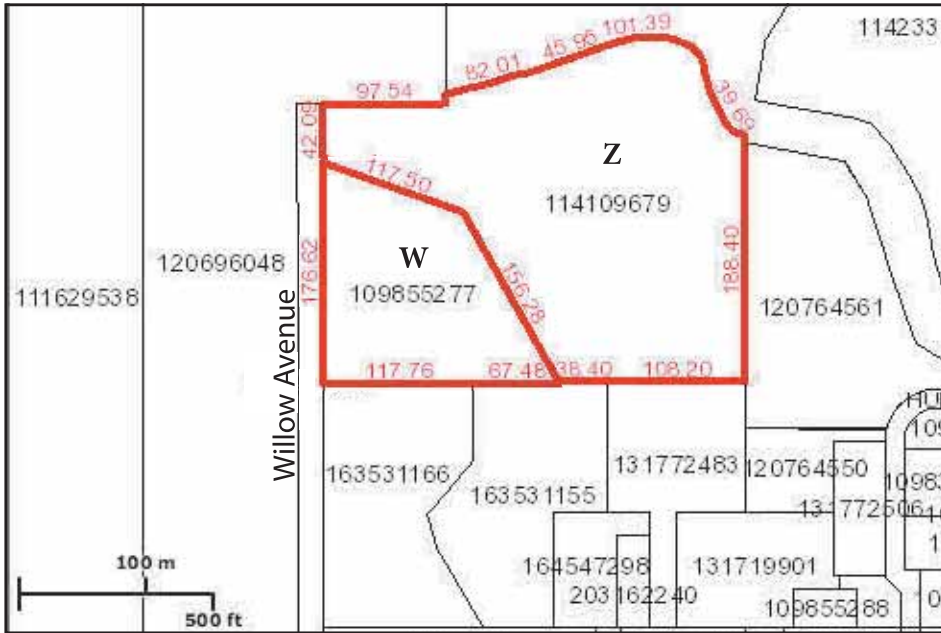
Although the group arrived at the Fort in bone-chilling, sub-zero weather, and in spite of the

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Kim Hyshka of Rhein and Leanne Dagnall from Foam Lake ride high with Patti, a pink teddy bear that is the surrogate stand-in for Patti Trapp of Saskatoon. Trapp couldn't join the Prairie Women on Snowmobiles as planned because she was diagnosed with a tumor a week before the six-day mission to raise money for breast cancer awareness hit the road.

## Provincial gov't rejects Abaco lakeshore land deal



An image from Information Services Corporation (ISC) shows the two parcels of land — W and Z — that were to contain Abaco's proposed marina development. The Water Security Agency has rejected the Crown land sale deal, which could scuttle the project.

By Jason G. Antonio  
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The Qu'Appelle Valley Environmental Association (QVEA) has obtained documents showing the Water Security Agency has rejected a Crown land deal with Abaco Energy Services that might scuttle a marina development on a portion of Fort Qu'Appelle's lakeshore.

Instead, the Water Security Agency (WSA) said the land — a marsh and flood plain — would be declared an environmental reserve, which QVEA says could provide an opportunity to build a historic marsh interpretive centre and further reconciliation.

QVEA obtained the two-page document through a freedom of information (FOI) request. It has also acquired more than 400 pages of emails around this land sale.

The document revealed that on Nov. 20, 2017 — a month before QVEA made a presentation to town council — the WSA informed the North Dakota-based Abaco that after consulting with out-

side counsel, "the sale contract cannot be performed and the WSA has accordingly decided to abandon its efforts to sell the land."

Efforts to contact Abaco by press time were unsuccessful.

### QVEA reaction

The WSA's decision "is a huge victory for us" and a clear victory for watershed protection, said QVEA director Jim Harding. Ecologically disrupting dredging activity would be required constantly and animals would be displaced from their habitats.

"This was always a completely inappropriate site for a marina, which should have been built along a deep shoreline (near Fort San), and not at the sediment-prone mouth of a river," he said. "However, with all the ... confusion within the town, they clearly weren't thinking straight."

The Water Security Agency was legally obligated through privacy legislation to inform only

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# Towns can expect stable revenue sharing: minister



Warren Kaeding, the minister of government relations and MLA for Melville-Saltcoats, speaks to delegates during the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) convention on Feb. 6.

Photo by Jason G. Antonio

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Grasslands News**

Saskatchewan municipalities can expect to see stable and predictable revenue sharing for the next two fiscal years from the provincial government while it reviews the process of how such funding is distributed.

One per cent of the provincial sales tax (PST) goes to municipalities through revenue sharing based on the province's finances from two years ago, explained Warren Kaeding, MLA for Melville-Saltcoats and minister for government relations.

The commitment to municipal revenue sharing is up for renewal, so the province provided an additional year of funding to ensure there is stability for communities planning their budgets, he continued.

This means for 2018-19 and 2019-20, the provincial government will provide \$241.1 million through municipal revenue sharing. This is based on revenue from 2016-17. This funding is a reduction of \$16.7 million from 2017-18.

The government is also reviewing grants in lieu and seeking input from community partners, said Kaeding. This ensures what the government is doing is fair, equitable, and transparent.

"Municipal revenue sharing regulations require the province to review the allocations to the program's funding pools in the year following each national census," Kaeding said on Feb. 6 at the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) convention.

The lower amount of municipal revenue sharing reflects the fiscal reality of lower PST revenue collected in 2016-17, he said. The government must also be sensitive to lower resource revenues and returning to a balanced budget by 2019.

"The municipal revenue sharing program will be placed under a microscope, figuratively

speaking," Kaeding added. "It makes sense to look at a program around this 10-year mark."

The review of revenue sharing would look at its base principles and outcomes, engaging with the municipal sector about important considerations around the program, and how to enable and encourage good governance and greater regional co-operation within Saskatchewan.

The province contributed \$3.7 billion to infrastructure development in the 2017-18 budget, for such projects as highways, schools and wastewater projects, Kaeding said. The Ministry of Government Relations has budgeted just \$112 million in funding for infrastructure projects for 2018-19.

The province has also received \$891 million in federal funding recently for projects related to transit, green infrastructure, rural and northern communities, and community, cultural and recreation

initiatives.

The province wants to see more communities and regions work together on big projects, such as wastewater or water treatment plants, Kaeding said. These projects would receive better funding from the federal and provincial governments.

He pointed to the RM of Edenwold and White City working together on a wastewater treatment plant, while the RM of Frenchman Butte, the Town of St. Walburg and Village of Paradise Hill have also done the same thing.

Kaeding also pointed to his own Melville-Saltcoats constituency, where six towns and six RMs near Churchbridge are working together on projects. This group also brought forward two resolutions to SUMA.

"They were a result of the regional co-operation between those entities sitting down and coming up with common issues and identities they wanted to bring forward," he added.

## Premier has \$7.5 million funding for classrooms

Submitted

Premier Scott Moe announced on Feb. 6 immediate mid-year school funding of \$7.5 million that will be provided to school divisions to assist in dealing with front line pressures.

The funding will allow school divisions to hire education professionals immediately. This funding comes earlier than committed and will increase to \$30 million. It is directed to hiring 400 in-school education professionals and other school board priorities once annualized in the 2018-19 budget.

"Over the last several months, I have heard from parents and educators that additional funding is essential to ensure that our children receive the highest quality education possible," Premier Moe said. "This \$7.5 million in immediate funding will put essential classroom supports in place before we introduce the full amount of \$30 million in the 2018-19 budget."

"I fundamentally believe that not a wheel turns in our economy without quality education and that societies that prosper and succeed are those that invest in education," said Gordon

Wyant, deputy premier and education minister. "Premier Moe and I are committed to ensuring Saskatchewan students have the supports they need to succeed and today's announcement is just the beginning of a renewed and respectful relationship with our teachers and education partners."

The funding will be distributed through the Ministry of Education by way of the current education funding formula, using the components that directly provide supports for the classroom. The ministry will work closely with school divisions to ensure the mid-school year funding increase is distributed as quickly as possible.

"Saskatchewan's school boards greatly appreciate increased funding to support the students in our province's education system," said Shawn Davidson, president of the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA). "We hope this announcement signals that the 2018-19 provincial budget will provide the restored and renewed investment that is critically needed in school division operating budgets."

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Heart disease is one of the leading causes of death in Canadian women. Lists of the symptoms of a heart attack are available everywhere but it never hurts to review them. Here they are: chest discomfort (pressure, squeezing, fullness, heaviness); sweating; neck, shoulder, arm and back discomfort; nausea; shortness of breath; light-headedness. Quick action is needed when these symptoms strike. Call 911. (These symptoms apply to men as well.)

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The biggest advance in medicine in the 21st century will be vaccines to use against Alzheimer's disease. Work is going on in Australia and the U.S. on these vaccines. They are based on the theory that Alzheimer's results from an increase in proteins that build up in the brain and damage brain cells important in memory and learning. Antibodies in the vaccine work to clean up these proteins and either slow the progression of the disease or even be given to prevent the disease. The hope is to start trials on humans in about 3 years.

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Abaco that the land sale was rejected and not the town, which is silly, Harding said. This means town council did not know about the decision when QVEA presented in December.

"We think the province has done the right thing," Harding added.

### Town reaction

"We haven't received any official advice or notice (about this)," said Mayor Jerry Whiting. "Only rumours, but nothing official" from either WSA or Abaco.

The effect of this decision on Abaco's proposal is unknown, he continued. Abaco still has another avenue related to this land deal. Council will wait to see how this develops before making any decisions. It has only heard rumours on the rest of the property.

It will be interesting for council to hear when the WSA makes a final decision on the property, said Whiting.

Whiting was unsure whether it was really a "fait accompli" that there would be no marina. Abaco purchased parcel Y and it has potential for development. Council needs to wait to see what Abaco comes up with. Council also has to see what the intention is for that land, depending upon whether there is a new owner.

"It's too early to say," he added.

### WSA letter to Abaco

The WSA accepted Abaco's offer to purchase parcel Z for \$100,000 on May 11, 2015. One condition was for a survey to be conducted if that portion of land now covered in water was bed and shore.

The survey revealed the portion of old parcel Z is now bed and shore, wrote WSA. An application for subdivision was made to the provincial community planning division since the

parcel boundaries were changing. One of community planning's requirements was to circulate the survey internally for review.

The WSA received a letter asking that it determine what portion, if any, of the land was below the 1-in-500 flood elevation. It was determined a significant portion of both parcels Z and W were below that elevation.

"As a result, Community Planning required the portions below that elevation to be dedicated as environmental reserve in accordance with The Planning and Development Act, 2007. An environmental reserve can either be land held by the Crown or can be held by a municipality.

"However, in either case, the environmental reserve portion of the land cannot be transferred to Abaco Energy Services Ltd."

### Next steps by QVEA

The QVEA plans to investigate whether this restriction should apply to Block Y, the marsh, and flood plain area that contain a portion of the Trans-Canada Trail. This abuts the Qu'Appelle River and saw the town sell this portion to Abaco in 2015.

"But, as this misguided marina project shows, there is much to do to alter local land use planning and zoning," said QVEA, "(especially) if we are to ever see this watershed respected and protected."

Meyers Norris Penny (MNP) is conducting an audit of the 15 to 20 town land sales dating back to 2007, Harding said. This includes sale of the sanatorium property and heritage buildings.

"I think we can say, from what we now know, that this whole period of local governance was a mess, both in terms of oversight by elected officials and by public administration ...," he

continued.

"I don't know why this council is taking ownership for the last council. It's a serious misjudgment, especially now that they know that land deal has been pulled."

Harding doesn't think that former town councillors Brian Janz and Jeff Brown, former Mayor Ron Osika, or anyone else pushing this project, ever conducted serious research into the marina location.

Fort Qu'Appelle as a community is divided, Harding continued. People are blocked out of their homes through lack of easements. It is costing taxpayers \$50,000 for an audit to review the land sales.

Once this matter is resolved, the community needs to say that the environment matters and the way local governance happens needs to change.

"It is a time to forgive (and) move on," added Harding. "Suck it up."

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November 20, 2017

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Your offer to purchase of April 4, 2015 was accepted May 11, 2015 subject to a number of conditions precedent. One of those conditions was related to obtaining a survey of the Land if that portion of the Land now covered in water is determined to be bed and shore.

A survey was conducted and a significant portion of old parcel Z is now bed and shore. An Application for Subdivision was made to Community Planning because the parcel boundaries were changing. One of Community Planning's requirements is to circulate the survey to a number of agencies to review in accordance with the Statements of Provincial Interest.

A letter requested Water Security Agency to determine what portion, if any, of the Land was below the 1:500 flood elevation and it was determined that a significant portion of both parcels Z and W were below that elevation.

As a result, Community Planning required the portions below that elevation to be dedicated as environmental reserve in accordance with *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*. An environmental reserve can either be held by the Crown or can be held by a Municipality. However, in either case, the environmental reserve portion of the Land cannot be transferred to Abaco Energy Services Ltd.

As you can see from the attached plan, the environmental reserve covers a significant portion of the Land under conditional contract.

Under the circumstances Water Security Agency, in consultation with outside counsel, has come to the conclusion that the sale contract cannot be performed and Water Security Agency has accordingly decided to abandon its efforts to sell the Land.

Yours sincerely,

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## Savings seen with lower drug prices

### Submitted

Saskatchewan residents will soon benefit from lower prices on generic drugs. A new national generic drug initiative will result in \$6 million in savings in the first year and up to \$50 million in savings over the next five years for the Saskatchewan Drug Plan.

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Through the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance (pCPA), provinces and territories have developed a new initiative with the Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association

(CGPA) to significantly reduce the price of some of Canada's most commonly prescribed generic drugs.

"We know medicine is expensive, and our government is committed to providing Saskatchewan residents with the best value for the important drugs they rely on," Health Minister Jim Reiter said. "In addition to benefitting the public, it benefits the province as well. The savings we realize will help our public drug plan provide coverage for new and innovative drugs, and increase the plan's sustainability."

As of April 1, 2018, the prices of nearly 70 generic drugs will be reduced by 25 to 40 per cent, resulting in overall discounts of up to 90 per cent off the price of their brand-name equivalents. Generic drugs included in the initiative are used to treat a variety of conditions, including high blood pressure, high cholesterol and depression.

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## New Premier Moe making headlines

The new premier of Saskatchewan, Scott Moe, may be wet behind the ears still, but he seems to be well versed in what is happening in the province and is already applying cash to some areas that had dried up.

After his Feb. 6 cabinet meeting, Moe announced that \$7.5 million will be provided immediately to school divisions. The funding is earlier than committed and will increase to \$30 million so school boards can hire 400 in-school education professionals and other school board priorities. The early advance is for frontline pressures that have been reported to the government over the past few months.

Another announcement that carried both good news for some and bad news for others, was made at the annual SUMA convention held this past week. The possible good news for some would be the revision of revenue sharing to make it fairer, but the bad news for most was the report there would be \$17 million less in revenue to share this year.

Moe stated that last year's revenue sharing was reduced by \$13.8 million and this year's will be reduced nearly \$17 million, due to less PST revenue. We have already seen headlines about the proposed increase in property taxes for some centres.

The premier told those at the convention, "It is my hope that all levels of government and all organizations that depend on public funding will look hard to find savings internally before they go ask the taxpayers for more money."

I strongly agree. Are municipal boards really fine-tuning their budgets? As a taxpayer, I think that every area that has or is being discussed to be reduced or fine-tuned should be reported to the taxpayers. Not one person wants to see reductions in any of our community organizations and services, but as a taxpayer to the municipality as well as a taxpayer to the province, we can't swing the pendulum from banging on the government's door for operational money to banging on the door of the taxpayer when the government's cash flow decreases.

The reality is that everyone is on a tight budget and we have to start being responsible with the realities of what we can afford and what may need to be reviewed or even discontinued.

SUMA President Gordon Barnhart said that municipalities have been cutting to the bone. He feels it is unsustainable for communities to continually dip into reserves and again, I agree — to an extent. There also have to be realities in the economic operations of any municipality, just as in any organization or business. If expenses become higher than any means of viable income, well, then the expenses have to be reduced to make a manageable budget. Incidents do happen that require the use of reserves, but a budget should not be made with the intent of doing just that.

It is a tough time for elected officials in our towns, cities and our province right now. An upswing in the economy would bring a change to our smaller rural communities, but until that happens we have to continue to look at living within our means — and sometimes this results in things having to be done that everyone had wished to avoid.

Your input to the elected officials in your communities will help them to make the decisions needed to keep our communities viable. Their decisions should reflect the opinions of the people they were elected by.

By Elaine Ashfield,  
Grasslands News



## Premier Moe gets down to business

And now for the business at hand...

New Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe strikes you as a get-down-to-business type.

That's likely a good thing, because he really doesn't have much time to mess around when it comes to the business of running government.

The leadership campaign is history. People have said their congratulations. Even the introductions are over. The time has come for Moe to get down to the brass tacks.

And it appears that he is doing just that.

After Moe's first cabinet meeting in which he got to sit at the head of the table, the new premier announced "immediate mid school-year funding of \$7.5 million" that "will allow school divisions to hire in-school professionals immediately."

It was part of Moe's Saskatchewan Party leadership promise to restore \$30 million in education funding to hire 400 in-school education professionals and to address other school priorities in the coming 2018-19 budget year. No, it doesn't make up for the full \$50 million taken out of last year's budget. Essentially, only \$7 million of that will be restored. And education will start 2018-19 with \$20 million less than it had in 2016-17.

But the fact of the matter is that these are the cards that Moe has been dealt as he takes over the premier's office.

The challenge for him is to work his way through the array of problems he now faces — no easy task, given that he has only so much money to work with in a province that's growing but also still recovering from its economic downturn.

Also, straying too far from the course set by former premier Brad Wall that includes the 2017-18 austerity plans to bring the budget to balance by 2020-21 would be politically problematic for Moe.

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So the first item of business was to get some old business in order as effectively as he possibly could. Moe was afforded the opportunity to do just that in his first speech to an influential and non-partisan audience — those running our cities, towns and villages attending the 113th Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA).

His message to them was equally to the point — expect a "tight" 2018-19 budget, whose presentation has now been pushed back to April 10.

When it comes to the revenue-sharing pool determined by a single percentage point of the now six per cent provincial sales tax, Moe said urban communities should only expect \$241 million or \$16 million less than this year. (This, however, was largely based on the downturn in economic performance that resulted in less sales tax revenue.)

Moe also made it know that more discussion would be needed about grants in lieu that specific communities get from SaskEnergy and SaskPower. The reduction in grants in lieu in last year's budget came without warning and caught urban communities by surprise. "We need a permanent solution to grants in lieu," Moe said Monday. "We are looking to make it a fair program for all municipalities."

Again, this isn't what SUMA delegates wanted to hear, but maybe Moe's more straightforward approach will be welcomed. This is not to suggest that Scott Moe is anywhere close to being able to replace Brad Wall — something he has acknowledged many times. He even made a joke to SUMA delegates, telling them they will finally get to hear a Saskatchewan premier with a little charisma.

But let us acknowledge that maybe one of Wall's less endearing qualities was to float trial balloons at gatherings like SUMA that never quite seemed to come to fruition. After last year's serious budget cuts, it seems unlikely anyone is in the mood for any games of any sort.

So maybe it can be argued that Moe's get-right-down-to-business approach is pretty much what's needed.

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fact that their machines were loaded on a flatbed truck because of a lack of snow, spirits were high.

"It's been a really great experience, it's a great getting to know this great bunch of ladies. After six days together on the road I'm sure we will all be lifetime friends," said Christina Johnson, a 20-year cancer survivor from Weekes.

Michelle Martin of Saskatoon, whose mother was a breast cancer survivor, is making the ride for many reasons. "Cancer is prominent in my family. My brother, husband and sister-in-law are all diagnosed with cancer. I strongly support going out into the communities to raise awareness. It takes a community to fight this disease together."

Leanne Dagnall, a teaching assistant at Foam Lake Elementary School, has been snowmobiling since she could walk. "My dad used to do the Regina to Minot ride," she explained. "About 13 years ago a teacher I know made the Prairie Women's ride. It has been wonderful. I love snowmobiling. This has been fabulous."

The annual ride was the brainchild of Jeanne Brewer, a snowmobile enthusiast from Regina Beach who was married on snowmobile in 1990, and is herself a breast cancer survivor. The first ride in 2001 was organized with the help of one of her close friends, Carol Tulik of Fort Qu'Appelle.

The party includes three men who are part of the support crew and have been designated as "honorary women" for the tour. After the pit stop in Fort Qu'Appelle the riders went to Indian Head.

On Monday, they travelled through Grenfell,



**Prairie Women on Snowmobiles during a Sunday afternoon pit stop in Fort Qu'Appelle. Back row: Kim Hyshka, (Yorkton) Patti the bear, Leanne Dagnall (Foam Lake) Carla Hordos, (Tisdale) and Nadine Wiebe (Emma Lake) Front row: Brenda Trapp (Saskatoon) Michelle Martin, (Saskatoon) Christine Johnson (Weekes) and Hazel Crosson (Tosthern), Sherry Derksen (Hague).**

Broadview, Stockholm and Esterhazy. On Tuesday the group went to Whitewood, Kipling, Kisbey and Kenosee Lake. It is scheduled to make its way Wednesday through Redvers, Gainsborough, Carn-duff and Oxbow.

The itinerary has the Prairie Women on Snowmobiles in Arcola, Lampman, Stoughton and Weyburn on Thursday.

Their tour ends Friday with a fundraising banquet in Estevan after stops in Filmore Midale, Torquay.

It is estimated more than 20,000 women in the province will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year, and perhaps as many as 200 will die of the disease. Money raised has gone to help Dr. Rama Khoka at the Ontario Cancer Institute. Khoka singled out Prairie Women on Snowmobiles with a grant for his contributions to cancer research, specifically for his discoveries about the impact of hormone progesterone on breast cancer stem cells.

To make a donation visit [www.prairiewomen.ca](http://www.prairiewomen.ca)

# Take a friend out and enjoy snowmobiling

## Submitted

The Saskatchewan Snowmobile Association invites all snowmobilers to Take a Friend Snowmobiling.

Your friends want to join you and have been waiting for the opportunity to see what snowmobiling is all about. You are the one who can introduce new people to the fun-filled experience of snowmobiling. You have the opportunity to show them the beautiful scenery Saskatchewan has to offer in the winter. Maybe a cookout at one of the many warm-up shelters, maybe see some wildlife and enjoy the great outdoors.

The event is designed to be simple with just a few recommended guidelines. Make sure to cover all the safe snowmobiling behaviour with your friend before taking them out on their first ride.

Points to cover should include:

- Proper operation of the brake and throttle
- Shifting weight and slowing down in curves
- Staying on the right hand side of the trail
- Dismount the snowmobile on the right hand side of the sled
- Make sure the vehicle is in good mechanical order
- Make sure your friend is appropriately dressed
- Never drink and ride

A key ingredient to a good time for a first time snowmobiler is for seasoned riders to make sure non-snowmobilers are comfortable when they first get on a snowmobile. You need to be cautious and ride slowly when taking out a new rider. You should plan on making numerous stops and enjoy the scenery. It is always recommended that the first ride be rather short and include a stop for a light meal or hot chocolate or coffee and a little camaraderie and storytelling at the restaurant, clubhouse or outdoor barbecue area.

Clubs are encouraged to participate in the activity and try to hold a special day or weekend encouraging members to bring non-snowmobiling friends to the clubhouse to go for a short ride and discover what snowmobilers do during the winter.



## Town of Fort Qu'Appelle

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Valley of Festivals

### Council Meeting Dates

The next Town of Fort Qu'Appelle council meetings will be held on Thursday, February 8 and February 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Questions? Please contact the Town Office at (306) 332-5266.

### Thank You

We would like to thank the Lions Club for their financial contribution to the Spray Park and also the Rotary Club for the billboard located at the Co-op Marketplace. Your contributions to our community are greatly appreciated.

### Snow Removal

We ask for your assistance during the time snow removal is taking place and that you have your vehicles removed from the streets. This will allow our staff to clean the streets efficiently.

Bylaw 236 (Traffic Bylaw) No operator of a vehicle shall park such vehicle in any one parking place on any street continuously for any period exceeding 72 hours.



### Cannabis Retail Information Session

WHERE: 194 COMPANY AVE. S. (LEGION)

WHEN: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018 @ 7:00 PM

Our Town has been selected for a retail cannabis store. Do we want one? What are the implications?

Come out and share your opinion with Council and Representatives of the SLGA, who will be in attendance to answer your questions. The Province needs our decision and to be notified by February 28, 2018.

As an alternative you may come to the Town office for additional information and casting your vote between February 19—22nd.

We want to know your thoughts.

Please come out and vote. Your voice matters!

Please contact Larry Davidson @ 306-332-5266 if you would like additional information.



Fort Knox defenceman Ellis Bacheiu (2) races to snare the loose puck after goalie Dylan De-Decker directed a shot from the Carrot River Thunder into the corner during first period action Feb. 3. The teams were tied 3-3 after the first period, and each had 37 shots on goal in the game, but it was the Knox who won the matchup 8-5. The Knox also won 7-1 over the Regina Silver Foxes on Feb. 6. The Knox will host Regina Feb. 13. Game time is 8 p.m.

Photo by George Brown

### PJHL League Statistics

| as of Nov. 14                      |          |    |      |     |      |  |
|------------------------------------|----------|----|------|-----|------|--|
| NORTH DIVISION                     |          |    |      |     |      |  |
| Team                               | GP       | W  | L    | OTL | PTS  |  |
| AGI INSURANCE QUAKERS              | 35       | 31 | 4    | 0   | 62   |  |
| DELISLE CHIEFS                     | 37       | 24 | 11   | 2   | 50   |  |
| WEST CENTRAL RAGE                  | 36       | 22 | 11   | 3   | 47   |  |
| SASKATOON WESTLEYS                 | 34       | 20 | 13   | 1   | 41   |  |
| CARROT RIVER OUTBACK THUNDER       | 36       | 15 | 12   | 8   | 38   |  |
| SASKATOON ROYALS                   | 36       | 11 | 20   | 5   | 27   |  |
| PRINCE ALBERT TITANS               | 36       | 2  | 34   | 0   | 4    |  |
| SOUTH DIVISION                     |          |    |      |     |      |  |
| Team                               | GP       | W  | L    | OTL | PTS  |  |
| EXTREME HOCKEY REGINA CAPITALS     | 34       | 24 | 7    | 3   | 51   |  |
| TRAVELAND RV STORM                 | 34       | 23 | 11   | 0   | 46   |  |
| FORT KNOX                          | 34       | 17 | 14   | 3   | 37   |  |
| SOUTHERN REBELS                    | 36       | 17 | 17   | 2   | 36   |  |
| REGINA SILVER FOXES                | 34       | 5  | 27   | 2   | 12   |  |
| LEAGUE LEADERS                     |          |    |      |     |      |  |
| PLAYER                             | TEAM     | GP | G    | A   | PTS  |  |
| RYAN DURET                         | QUAKERS  | 34 | 36   | 52  | 88   |  |
| BRADEN OLEKSYN                     | QUAKERS  | 23 | 31   | 45  | 76   |  |
| GRAHAM GOVE                        | CHIEFS   | 37 | 34   | 37  | 71   |  |
| BRYCE HALL                         | REBELS   | 36 | 26   | 44  | 70   |  |
| BRAYDEN UHRICH                     | QUAKERS  | 23 | 29   | 34  | 63   |  |
| GOALTENDERS (Min. 15 Games Played) |          |    |      |     |      |  |
| PLAYER                             | TEAM     | GP | MP   | GA  | GAA  |  |
| JUSTIN GAUTHIER                    | CHIEFS   | 21 | 1177 | 52  | 2.65 |  |
| AUSTIN SWYSTUN                     | QUAKERS  | 22 | 1281 | 64  | 3.01 |  |
| TYLER SZTORM                       | STORM    | 19 | 1051 | 56  | 3.21 |  |
| CARSON BOGDAN                      | WESTLEYS | 22 | 1309 | 79  | 3.62 |  |
| KYE STEINKE                        | CAPITALS | 15 | 899  | 56  | 3.74 |  |

## Buying or Selling?

Place a classified ad and get results!  
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## Angels fall short of record

### Submitted

The weather was chilly, but there was still an exciting event last weekend. Mission Ridge Winter Park was part of the national attempt on Feb. 4 to break the world record for making snow angels. Sponsored by The Canadian Ski Patrol, 12 other ski resorts from across Canada joined forces to try and have the most people making snow angels for one minute at the same time. They were not successful at breaking the Guinness World Record, mainly due to cold weather. They may try again next year; 2018 was their second attempt.



Group and individual lessons are always available through the Snow School. Snowboard and ski instructors are certified through CASI, CSIA or CSCF. Some instructors have taken special terrain park

training. Beginners have access to easier slopes with two magic carpets. More skilled skiers and boarders use the triple chair to get to the top of the valley. Green, blue or black runs lead to the base of the resort.

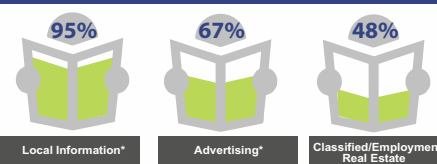
There are less than two months left to experience the fun and freedom of heading down the runs.

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# Healthcare Organizer helps patients act as their own advocate

By **Connie Schwalm**  
Special to Grasslands News

The need seemed so obvious that they could not quite believe a solution was not available.

Debbie Cancade-Schmidt is an LPN in acute care who has often seen her patients struggle to provide the health care information that health care providers need in order to provide proper care. She discussed her concerns with two of her friends, Shauna Baumann, an RN in long-term care, and Sheila Baumann, an RN in home care. The three nurses decided to do some research, hoping to find some solutions they could offer to their patients. They were surprised to find no solution was available.

"We went looking for some kind of 'organizer' that could help a patient manage their health care information more efficiently," Cancade-Schmidt says. "But we just couldn't find anything".

This gap prompted the women to create the solution they could not find.

Health in Hand: Healthcare Organizer is designed to be a convenient and easy-to-use tool for managing personal health care information.

"We wanted to provide something that could be a quick reference for people — something that would allow a person to quickly flip to whatever information they needed," Cancade-Schmidt.

Baumann explained each section was designed to prompt users to fill in the kind of information that health care providers need most often. "The information that we encourage people to put into this book is the information that we would find most helpful, if that person came through our door as our patient."

As well, Baumann points out that several tips are included in the book to provide practical guidance about details that can make a tremendous difference in a stressful situation.

"There are things that a person just doesn't think of, until they are in the

middle of a situation. For example, there's a space at the front of the book for a person to write in their land location. It is so important to have that information ready if you have to phone for an ambulance. And when there's an emergency, it can be hard to think of things like that."

Being able to access basic health care information quickly and easily can make a huge difference during a medical crisis.

"Having the medications that a person is taking, the tests they've had done, or any allergies that they might have all listed here — can be a critical timesaver," Cancade-Schmidt says. "This is the type of information that even your family members may not know. And if you are unable to speak for yourself, it can mean that a tremendous amount of time is lost just trying to find that information."

Health in Hand also gives people an easy and effective way to make their wishes known concerning matters that many find difficult to discuss with their families.

"When there's a crisis, questions can come up that people might have never spoken to their families about. It can be very hard to talk about things like whether or not you want to be resuscitated, or what your final wishes are. But when a situation happens — it happens now. And so often, family members are left having to guess or speculate about what you would want. But, if your wishes are written here, then at least your family knows what your wishes are."

No matter what the circumstances might be, Baumann points out having your health care information organized and readily available can give a patient the ability to have some input concerning the care they receive.

"You are very vulnerable when you are a patient. Your whole world might have been thrown out of balance, and you are having to rely on your health care providers. This will at least put something into people's hands, that



Nurses Shauna Baumann, Debbie Cancade-Schmidt and Sheila Warner-Johnson are co-authors of the **Health in Hand: Healthcare Organizer**. The book is intended to serve as a simple and effective tool that will help enable patients act as their own advocate, as they navigate the health care system. Photo by Connie Schwalm, special to Grasslands News

enables them to advocate for themselves."

Baumann adds the book allows patients to provide information concerning family history that can bring attention to possible concerns that might otherwise be overlooked.

"It can be very important to have some information about your family history. For example, if a woman's great-grandmother died from breast cancer, that will let a doctor know that she should be checked for breast cancer as well."

Baumann says the book encourages people to view their healthcare information the same way they view other important personal information.

"People keep track of their financial information. We want to help people view their health care information the same way."

Moreover, Cancade-Schmidt points out that Health in Hand can help a person do this, no matter what stage

of life they are in.

"This book is great for older adults, but it would also be a wonderful baby gift. If parents start recording a person's information in this when they're young, then it's easy to keep it up to date. And, when that person leaves home, they have a complete record that they can take with them."

"It's surprising how important it can be for a person to be able to answer questions about things like immunizations. For example, a life insurance form will frequently ask you to list what immunizations you've had. So, this book is really something that can follow a person through their lifetime."

The Health in Hand: Healthcare Organizer retails for \$24.95. It is published by Your Nickel's Worth Publishing, and was funded in part with help from Creative Saskatchewan. It can be purchased through [www.healthinhandsolution.com](http://www.healthinhandsolution.com) where digital copies are available for a reduced cost as well.



Del Barber is back on the road reconnecting with fans across North America anticipating a launch of a new album in 2018.

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## Barber, Siemens coming to QVCA

### Submitted

Del Barber is a singer-songwriter from Manitoba, whose winsome balladry and wry wit harken back to country-folk traditions that remind the listener of the late greats of songwriting history.

Barber is no stranger to finding inspiration in the cultural backdrop of Canada. On the Juno

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# New home technology improves heating, comfort

By **Connie Schwalm**  
Special to Grasslands News

Sometimes, a truly innovative idea can open up possibilities you never considered.

A research project underway in a home on the Star Blanket First Nation exemplifies this.

Aura Lee MacPherson, with MacPherson Engineering, says that 15 years ago, the company began working on a new way of solving an old problem.

“There are a lot of existing homes in this country that have poorly designed features that can cause serious problem in our cold climate. Even though we focus primarily on commercial buildings, we saw a real need to change the way we design commercial, industrial and residential buildings. We wanted to come up with one solution that would work for all kinds of buildings.

“The solution that we came up with was an in-wall heating system that we patented (and) called RadiantLink.”

According to Macpherson, there were three primary benefits the company identified with RadiantLink.

“Heating the air in a room is actually a very inefficient and costly way of heating a house. With RadiantLink, the heating is built right into the walls and floor in the room. This will increase energy efficiency and lower heating costs. It also makes the home more comfortable, allowing the people in that home to enjoy a better quality of life.”

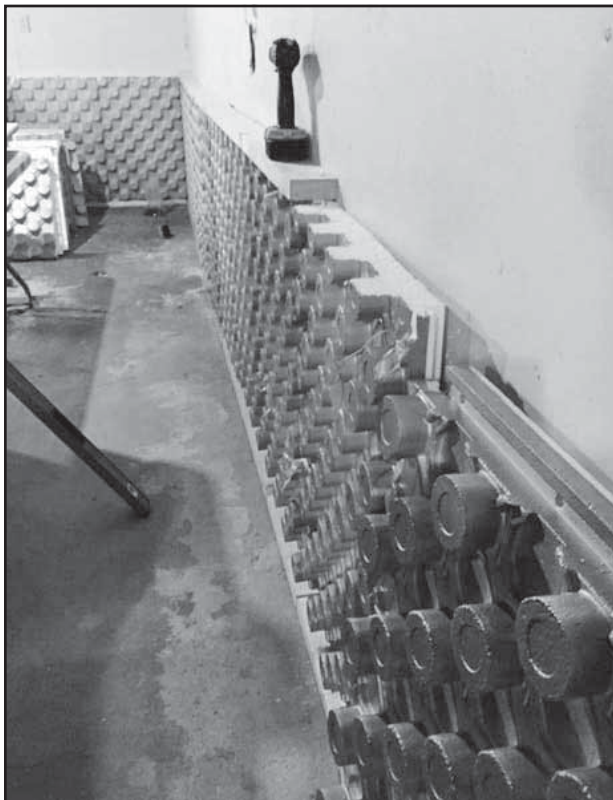
Macpherson said an additional benefit to the RadiantLink system was recently discovered.

“Black mould appears when the moisture that is produced in a home comes into contact with a cool surface. The moisture condenses on the surface, and black mould can form. Because RadiantLink works by heating the walls and floor, it actually eliminates the cool surfaces, and prevents the black mould from forming.”

Since RadiantLink can be installed inside existing homes for a lower cost than other alternatives, Macpherson Engineering was interested in installing the system in a home on a First Nation in the area to study the effect it would have on the people living in the home. Macpherson says after “reaching out to several First Nations,” it was decided that the system would be installed in the home of Wendall and Sonia Starblanket of the Star Blanket Cree Nation.

Dr. Katherine Arbuthnott from the University of Regina has teamed up with MacPherson Engineering for this study. Dr. Arbuthnott says her research indicates the level of comfort in a home can have several other positive effects on the people living in it.

“Discomfort draws a person’s attention away from other things and is a distraction that keeps them from thinking as clearly on other things. When a person is in an environment where the temperature is at a comfortable level, they are able to devote more



**An innovative new heating system has been installed in the home of Wendall and Sonia Starblanket of Star Blanket Cree Nation. Researchers will collect data from the couple’s home over the next year, to measure the changes in energy efficiency, air quality and general comfort in the home.**  
Submitted photo

energy to problem-solving. When a home is at a comfortable temperature, there also tends to be an improvement in the relationships between the people living in that home.”

She says data will be collected that will measure the effect the RadiantLink system is having on the home and the people living in it.

“For the next year, we’ll be collecting data at Wendall and Sonya’s house to see if what we expect to happen is happening. Because this is a more efficient way to heat a home, we expect to see cost savings. We also expect to see air quality improvement. And, we expect to see increased harmony among the people in the home.”

Wendall says he and Sonia have experienced problems in their home for some time.

“Both my wife and I have allergies, and both of us have been experiencing headaches, coughing and other problems from the black mould and the poor air quality in our home.”

He says even though the system was installed in his home only last week, the couple is already noticing improvements.

“We were told that it would take a little time before we’d notice a big difference, but we’re finding that the basement already feels warmer. The air doesn’t seem as dry. And, the past few nights, we’ve both been getting a much better sleep than we’ve had in a long time.”

Wendall adds he was excited to see the enthusiasm that everybody involved with the project demonstrated.

“There was nobody that said ‘no’ to this project. The council, the people at MacPherson Engineering and the university — and the companies like Up-oner, Prairie Co-op Home Centre, McNaughton Construction and RS Plumbing and Heating — as soon as they heard about the project, everybody’s reaction was, ‘What can we do? How can we help?’”

Chief Michael Starr of Star Blanket Cree Nation would like to see the technology used throughout his community.

“We have been doing our very best to address the concerns over issues like black mould, but it is an ongoing concern. We are always looking for other alternatives, especially for the sake of our elders who are suffering from health conditions caused by things like mould,” Starr said.

“This kind of innovative system offers an efficient and cost-effective option. I’m happy to have the solid team of people that are doing this research. And, my hope is that this project could become the first step towards moving this system into all of our homes.”



**Ann Seel, president of the New Horizons Organization, presents a cheque to Lipton Mayor Ron Tomolak for \$1,750. The New Horizons Organization made 600 dozen porogies and the proceeds were donated toward Lipton Hall renovations. New Horizons thanks the women of the community for helping with the project.**  
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# New website focuses on ag mental health

## Submitted

A new agriculture website is speaking out about the topics of suicide and mental health and how they apply on the family farm.

The Do More Agriculture Foundation is a not-for-profit organization focusing on mental health in agriculture across the country. Melfort resident Kim Keller created the foundation, along with Saskatchewan residents Lesley Kelly, Himanshu Singh and Kirk Muyres.

The website is [www.domore.ag](http://www.domore.ag).

Keller grew up on the farm in northeast Saskatchewan. Although she shied away from pursuing agriculture as a profession, in 2011 she realized that as much as she had fought it, farming and helping shape the industry was in her blood.

In 2012, she, along with two friends, co-founded SK Women In Ag. Her passion for the industry didn't stop there. She also co-founded an agriculture tech company called Farm At Hand. In 2015, she began raising awareness about mental health in ag with the launch of T-shirt campaign. The proceeds went to a farmers' stress line.

Last June, Keller received a distressing phone call from a farming retailer who lost a client to suicide and was looking for help. The retailer wanted help for the affected family and for farmers already struggling.

Keller said it is difficult to name any one thing that causes stress on the farm, adding it can vary from producer to producer, depending on what type of agriculture they are involved in or the family situation.

"We do know that we have this culture where

we are tough and stoic and we don't talk about our feelings and we surely don't ask for help and I think that's a big contributing factor to where we are at today," she said.

Keller said the advantage of having a website over a physical building is the foundation can reach a bigger audience and provide producers with a safe way to connect with other people. It also provides a directory of resources available in their specific region.

"I think there will be reluctance for some people to come forward but we have seen so far is if you start the conversation, people are happy to talk," Keller said.

Keller is working with fellow Saskatchewan farmer Lesley Rae Kelly, whose own video discussing her family's experience with mental health issues became popular on social media last summer.

According to the foundation's website, agriculture is an industry with a base of deep rural roots, hard work, resilience, strength and community. To uphold that image, those traits can also be the industry's weakness, as they become barriers for speaking up and seeking help.

Research from the University of Guelph shows Canadian producers are among the most vulnerable when it comes to mental health issues. Stress, anxiety, depression, emotional exhaustion and burnout are all higher among producers than among other groups.

As well, Canadian producers are more stressed than those living and working in the general population.

Do More Ag focuses on creating awareness about mental health in agriculture and breaking the

stigma that exists while building a community of support and resources for those affected.

Do More Ag helps all producers realize they are not alone and they have an entire industry behind them. All funds go toward educating the ag industry on mental health, breaking the stigma that exists and providing access to resources when needed.

The foundation can be found at [www.domore.ag](http://www.domore.ag)



Bracing against the wind and cold of the Prairie winter, this thresher waits for the next harvest. Photo by Connie Schwalm, special to Grasslands News

## ...Barber, Siemens coming to QVCA

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Award-nominated Prairieography, Barber documented stories of Prairie life, highlighting the special relationship between struggle, hard work and love.

With new songs to share, Barber is back on the road reconnecting with fans across North America anticipating a launch of a new album in 2018.

Finding his niche in Canada's roots music scene, Grant Siemens has spent the past 14 years travelling the globe and recording with alt-country, genre bender Corb Lund. Playing lead guitar, lap steel, dobro, baritone, mandolin and banjo, Siemens lends his rich, unmistakable tone and musical wizardry to each and every performance.

Siemens has played alongside many accomplished artists including Buddy Miller, Hayes Carll, Ian Tyson, Marty Stuart, Tom Russell, Fats Kaplin, Feist, Jim Lauderdale, Sturgill Simpson, Sam Bush, Danny Barnes, Redd Volkert, Brent Mason and Kenny Vaughan.

Having numerous television, radio and music video appearances Siemens is an experienced and professional showman.

These two are joining forces for the Qu'Appelle Valley Centre for the Arts next Home Routes Folk Tour Concert on Thursday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.



Grant Siemens plays lead guitar, lap steel, dobro, baritone, mandolin and banjo and will join Del Barber on stage Feb. 15. Submitted photo

## Katepwa PUBLIC NOTICE

District of Katepwa - Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the District of Katepwa intent to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 6-2014, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

### VIEWING OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The proposed amendments can be viewed on the District of Katepwa website at [www.katepwabeach.com](http://www.katepwabeach.com) under Administration - Public Notices/Bylaw 4-2017.

### REASON

The zoning amendment sets out the criteria and standards for recreation vehicle(s) to be located on a lot with or without a principal building.

### PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw(s) at the District of Katepwa Office between the hours of 9:30 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays.

### PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on the 27th day of February, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Katepwa Beach Library to hear any person that may want to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will consider written comments received at the hearing or that are delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office prior to the hearing.

Issued at the District of Katepwa this 9th day of February, 2018.

Laurie Rudolph, CAO  
District of Katepwa

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## Public Notice

RM of NORTH QU'APPELLE NO. 187

### Notice of Discretionary Use Application

Pursuant to *Section 55 of the Planning and Development Act 2007*, the Council of the R.M. of North Qu'Appelle No. 187 gives notice that discretionary use application has been received and the details are as follows:

**Discretionary Use Permit:**  
**Seasonal Campground**

### INTENDED DISCRETIONARY USE

The applicant is requesting to develop a seasonal campground located on the SW 19-20-12 W2 and NE 25-20-13 W2. The present use of land is pasture agriculture.

### PUBLIC INSPECTION

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1. GOVERNMENT OF CANADA PUBLIC SERVICES AND PROCUREMENT
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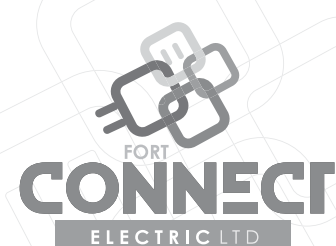
  
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# Activities curtailed due to illness

By **JUDY HERSHMILLER**  
Balcarres Correspondent

A singalong time was enjoyed by the residents on Jan. 26. In the afternoon bingo was played. Straight-line winners were Mervin Schill, visitor Judy Hershmillier, Cecil Flamont and Margaret O'Kell. Delphine Desjarlais won the four corners game, and Judy won the letter T Game. Hilary McKay who was volunteering won the letter L game, and the blackout game was won by Judy and Don Hershmillier, and Maureen Selinger.

Due to sickness at the centre, many in-house activities took place during the week, including bowling, Jeopardy games, as well as watching movies. On Friday, bingo was played with straight-line winners being Geisla Reeme, Kay Walters, Maureen Selinger and Don Hershmillier. Kenny Akapew won the letter T game

and Don Hershmillier won the letter L game. Lorraine and Allan Hasenfratz won the blackout game.

## Balcarres Extended Care Centre News

Residents were busy last week with in-house activities, card games, puzzles, and keeping their eyes on the Scotties Tournament of Hearts curling. The weekly church service was held Feb. 1 with members of Balcarres St. Andrew's United Church. John McKay led the service with assistance from Hilary McKay, Orla Downing, and Eva Lypka. Judy Hershmillier was the pianist, and Wilfred Pinay concluded the service singing several songs and accompanying himself on his guitar. The residents really enjoyed the longer visit this week.

Hernan Block welcomed a visit with his buddy, Len Dirkson of Indian Head.

Joe Englot went with

his son Mark out to church on Sunday.

Mina Stueck enjoyed a visit with Ken Burton.

Nora Nakonechny enjoyed a visit with Peter Kolody, Tenille Mallet, Jasmine Ueland and Roxane Ueland on Feb. 3.

## Balcarres News

Balcarres Agencies has been busy the past month renovating and retrofitting the building known as Shear Country into their new insurance office. The big move was to take place on Feb. 6 when Sasktel and SGI technicians would take all the computers to the new location and getting everything set up for operation on Feb. 7. Susan,

Judy, Eileen and Linda look forward to seeing all their clientele in the new location at 216 Main Street.

## Coming Events

• Tues. Feb. 13: A pancake supper will be hosted by St. Paul's Anglican Church and St. Andrew's United Church from 5 to 6:30 in the lower hall. Tickets at the door. Everyone is welcome. Come out and enjoy a visit and relaxing supper.

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Shirley-Mae was born on May 14, 1926 in Shaunavon, SK to Clarence William (Bill) and Susanna Pearl (Pearl) Martin.

She married Edmund Jacob Epp on June 11, 1946 in Saskatoon, SK, They had four children. After moving to Fort Qu'Appelle, SK in 1964 where she resided for the remainder of her life,

Shirley re-entered the workforce. First at the Fort San TB Sanitarium, Brinkworth's Snack Bar and then moving on to the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce until her retirement.

Shirley was predeceased by her parents, Bill and Pearl Martin; her sister, Verna; and her husband, Edmund.

She is survived by her four children and their spouses, James, Ken, Lee, Debby, John and Michael; as well as her grandchildren, Jeremy, Jacob, Kristine, Shawn, Darren, Amanda; and all her great-grandchildren. She will be missed by all.

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