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Bear makes NHL debut with Oilers

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A tweet from the SeattA tweet from Seattle Thunderbirds broadcaster Thom Beuning summed up the excitement of the Ochapowace First Nation last week when their hometown hockey hero, Ethan Bear, was called up to play in his first NHL game with the Edmonton Oilers.

"Former (Seattle Thunderbirds) defenceman (Ethan Bear) to make his NHL debut tonight as Oilers host Nashville! Will that last person to leave Ochapowace, please turn out the lights!"

The 20-year-old Bear made his NHL debut March 1 in Edmonton when the Oilers hosted the Nashville Predators. Called up just two days before from the AHL's Bakersfield Condors, Bear logged nearly 15 minutes of ice time in his first NHL game, which the Oilers lost 4-2. The defenceman also made the lineup for the March 3 game against the New York Rangers and the March 5 game against the Arizona Coyotes. Both games were played in Edmonton.

"The nerves were right up there and the excitement level was up there and to play a very good team like Nashville was a good experience," said Bear in a post-game interview, where he talked about how quick the game moves compared to other levels of hockey.

"Everyone is in the right position. The smarts and the skills are also a big factor," said Bear. "I just have to get my feet moving a little bit more and keep moving the puck but I felt pretty good."

Bear said it feels good to have the confidence of the coach to be called up but admitted he still has room to improve.

"(The Oilers) trust my abilities and that's a good feeling for me. I just gotta learn from the mistakes I made tonight and think positive and move forward," said Bear. "I was talking to Paul Coffey and he's going to help me out a lot so I'm looking forward to that."

A former Edmonton Oiler (1981-87), Coffey ranks second all-time among NHL defencemen in career goals, assists, and points in his 20-year career.

During pre-game warmups, his Oilers' teammates allowed Bear to

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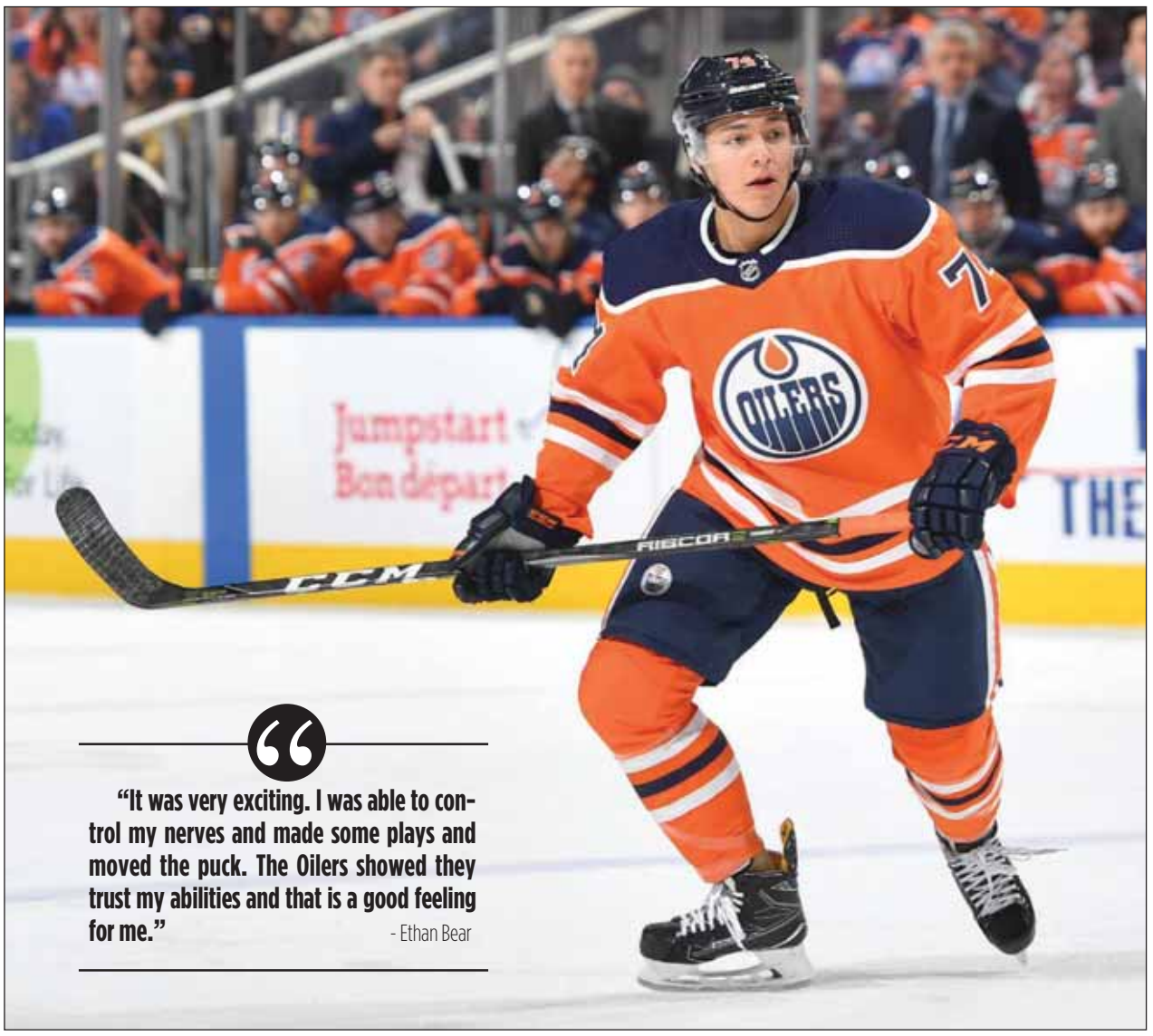

"It was very exciting. I was able to control my nerves and made some plays and moved the puck. The Oilers showed they trust my abilities and that is a good feeling for me."
- Ethan Bear

Bear makes NHL debut
Ethan Bear of the Ochapowace First Nation made his NHL debut with the Edmonton Oilers on Mar. 1 when the team hosted the NY Rangers. The 20-year-old Bear made history with the franchise, being the only player raised on a First Nation reserve to play an NHL game.

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Snow day
Sydney Hanlin had lots of fun with her new puppy Sue when there was a snow day off from school this past Monday following a winter storm that blew in on Sunday and lasted until Tuesday.

One-two punch snowstorm leaves residents digging out

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Communities and the countryside were buried in deep snow as March roared in like a lion in most of the province.

The southern parts of Saskatchewan were hit with not one, but two snow storms that dumped anywhere from 10 to 40 centimetres of snow.

The northern areas of the province were hit with large amounts of snow coming in from Alberta.

A slight amount of freezing rain was the first indication that something was moving into southern parts, and before long, flurries were being reported in the southwest areas in the province as the predicted snow storm crossed the Alberta border into Saskatchewan. As this storm headed east, another low was creeping in from the United States that was also being forecast as something to be prepared for over the weekend and lasting into Tuesday.

The snow moved into the Grenfell, Broadview and Whitewood areas on Sunday and by that night, the Trans Canada highway from Regina to Wolseley was closed to traffic until Monday around noon. Due to the poor visibility and the large amount of snow, it was reported that road crews and tow trucks were also being asked to wait for better weather before heading out on the roads.

School buses in the Prairie Valley School Division (including in the city of Regina) did not run on Monday and again, on Tuesday morning, the word went out that the buses were not running. Schools were still open for students who could manage to get to their school for those two days.

A Whitewood resident shared on social media, "I was wondering how deep the snow was, so I measured on the deck, where it was coming straight down. It measured 15 inches ... I think that's enough don't you?" commented Deb Croteau.

Whitewood-area farmer Barry Gessner measured in the middle of his yard and a photo confirmed 14 inches of snow had fallen.

The result was vehicles in ditches, vehicles stuck on roadways, and vehicles in driveways. The Highway Hotline posted "Travel Not Recommended or Difficult" in a great part of southern Saskatchewan into Tuesday. Highway 1 was reported as a one-way trail in the snow with slippery sections as

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Fire department compensation

Payout for accident calls sees increase to $913/hr.

By Sarah Pacio
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Fire departments in Saskatchewan will now receive better compensation for responding to motor vehicle collisions (MVCs) on provincial highways.

Previously, SGI used the non-productive call rate of $549 per hour to compensate firefighters for their time spent at a collision. Now that MVCs on highways are covered under the productive call rate, compensation will increase to $913 per hour.

The change, effective March 1, comes after four years of advocacy efforts by the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA), in partnership with the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, the Saskatchewan Association of Fire Chiefs, and the Saskatchewan Volunteer Fire Fighters Association.

"Fire departments are not legally or legislatively responsible for responding to MVCs outside their municipality, but our hometown departments do so because they are committed to public safety," said Gordon Barnhart, SUMA president. "Dropping the non-productive call rate means our departments will be more fairly compensated for their dedication, and it will allow municipalities to continue providing much needed services."

> **"That compensation goes toward funding for our member training, equipment needs and upkeep..."**
> - Broadview Fire Chief

Local departments are thankful for the change. The Whitewood Fire Department responds to 30 to 40 calls a year. Approximately one-third of those calls are motor vehicle collisions.

Whitewood Fire Chief Bernard Brûlé said under the old system, firefighters responding to an accident could end up being on scene for several hours, but unless the vehicle was on fire, the Jaws of Life were used or there was a fatality, the department could bill out only at the non-productive rate — even though firefighters were performing duties such as assisting EMS, doing traffic control or cleaning up the scene.

"This change will allow departments to recover the costs associated with responding to accidents. Up until now, any shortfalls had to either be picked up by the municipalities or would be a loss to the department," said Brûlé.

Broadview and Grenfell Fire Departments are also glad for the increased compensation.

"That compensation goes toward funding for our members training, equipment needs, and upkeep of our vehicles and tools in the fire department," noted Zachary Phillips, Broadview's fire chief. "Increased funding means increased opportunity for our department." His department responded to 12 vehicle related calls in 2017 and has already responded to six this year.

The fire department in Grenfell responds to fewer motor vehicle calls — seven last year and only one so far in 2018 — but Fire Chief Dwayne Stone is still glad for the change. "It'll make it a little more consistent when we send in bills," he explained. "It'll help cover the cost of having the equipment."

Stone said the department typically responds to a vehicle collision call with two fire trucks, additional equipment such as the Jaws of Life, and sufficient manpower.

SUMA will continue to work with SGI to increase the productive call rate to $1,200 per hour, which they believe will more accurately cover costs accrued by fire departments. Grenfell's chief agreed that this would be a fair change considering the cost of equipment and training.

"Grenfell was one of 25 towns that participated in a survey and we suggested that $1,200 would be a reasonable compensation," said Stone. "It sounds like a lot — but everything costs."

Whitewood

New indoor golf screen opens

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It's not spring just yet so you may be forced to put your golf game off a little longer.

That is, unless you take in a round of indoor golf at the new LC Indoor Golf in Whitewood.

Located on 3rd Avenue in Whitewood, Lisa and Colin Istace have opened a golf simulator for all golf enthusiasts out there. Since its setup, anyone interested in taking in a round while the snow flies, have been booking with Lisa or Colin for their golf entertainment and for events such as staff parties, birthday parties or just a few hours of fun with friends.

On Saturday, March 17, LC Indoor Golf is having a Free Golf Day starting at 10 a.m. There will be coffee and snacks as well as a draw box where you can enter your name to be the lucky winner of a free round.

Interested golfers can book a time for days or evenings (other than March 17) by calling 306-735-7305.

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Digging out
Cecile Ripley spent her Monday continually blowing snow off her driveway in Whitewood as the area was hit with back-to-back winter storms. Approximately 14 inches of snow fell Sunday evening and Monday.

Snow storms hit area

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crews battled to clear the highways in most of the province. Snow blowers, and anything that could push or move snow could be seen and heard working to clear driveways and parking lots following the storm.

Neighbours and school childern helped shovel and in Wapella, the fire department even jumped into full action to help their residents.

"If you know of anyone, and in particular the elderly or infirm residents of Wapella that require their access paths cleared then we have firefighters who are willing to come clear their paths for them, for free. And let's face it, a few of us need the exercise," the department posted on social media. People were asked to contact the fire department and they would attend to the people after 6 p.m. that evening. They also reminded people that this is just for those who might struggle to clear their own paths and is not being offered as a general snow clearing service for everyone.

Sunday and Monday's levels of snow set precipitation records for those days on the Environment Canada site for the greatest precipitation (1965 to 2018) for Broadview at 9.3 mm Sunday, Mar. 4 and 11.7 mm on Monday, March 5. There are 25.4 mm in one inch of precipitation.

Mother Nature definitely started March with a roar as even thunderstorms were reported in the area around Carnduff (southeast of Regina). Large rumbles of thunder, accompanied by lightning were caught on camera to prove that you can have a thunderstorm during a snow storm in March — which left many people saying — probably only in Saskatchewan.

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Speaker addresses bullying in schools

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Pink Shirt Day was Feb. 28 in Canada, an anti-bullying initiative that began in Nova Scotia 11 years ago. When a teenage boy was bullied for wearing a pink shirt to school, his fellow students organized a protest. They distributed pink shirts to all the boys in the school to show support for the bullied ninth grader. The act of kindness grew into a major campaign as the CKNW Kids' Fund partnered with CKNW 980 and the Boys & Girls Clubs to raise support for anti-bullying programs. Through local events and the sale of Pink Shirt Day merchandise, the campaign spreads awareness about bullying and provides funding for programs that teach children empathy, kindness and healthy self-esteem.

Last Wednesday morning, the Grenfell Elementary Community School (GECS) gym turned into a sea of pink as students gathered to hear guest speaker Rob Parkman. Over the past five years, Parkman has shared his engaging presentations in schools across Saskatchewan and throughout other provinces. He is also involved with Compassion International and operates a realtor entrepreneurship. When he is not travelling, Parkman lives on an acreage in Outlook with his wife Camille and their sons.

Throughout his presentation at GECS, Parkman emphasized the importance of replacing bullying (peace taking) with kindness (peace making). He has travelled around the world and noted a similarity among the people he has met.

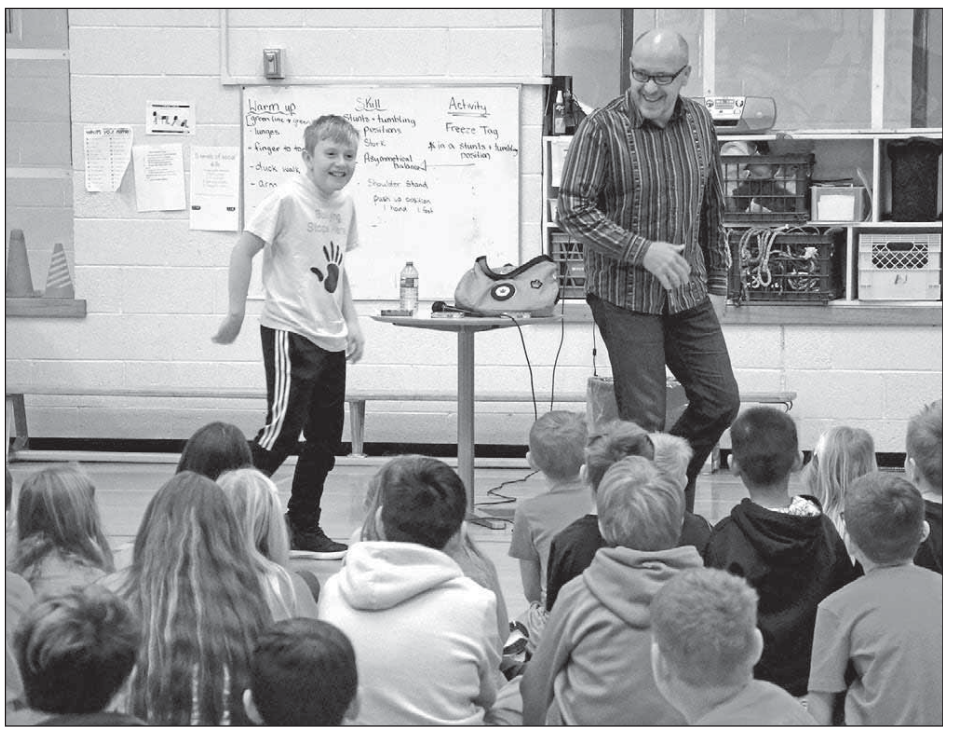
"Everybody wants to be treated with kindness and respect," he said. He encouraged students in Grenfell to "Be a peace maker, not a peace taker." He used examples from his own experiences as well as simple object lessons to demonstrate the causes and effects of being a peace taker or a peace maker.

He shared three ways that students can be peace makers in their school and helped them brainstorm positive actions to accomplish these. Parkman instructed them to be a friend by including others in their group, be careful not to hurt people physically, and be careful with their words.

"Our words are so powerful that if someone says one bad thing to you, it takes five good things to cancel it," he explained to them.

Parkman and a student volunteer also performed a humorous skit demonstrating that imitating others can lead to negative consequences. He encouraged students to stand against bullying by showing kindness. In this way, the cycle of peace taking can be broken.

"We always have a decision to make: will we be a peace maker or a peace taker?"



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Humorous skit

Guest speaker Rob Parkman (right) and student Christian Schnurr performed a humorous skit during an assembly at Grenfell Elementary Community School on February 28. The skit demonstrated how imitating others can sometimes lead to negative consequences.

Safety on streets around school is still a concern

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The safety of school children when arriving or leaving school is a concern to Coun. Donna Beutler.

"The area on Lalonde Street (where people drop off and pick up their kids) is an accident waiting to happen," Coun. Beutler brought to the attention of town council at its Feb. 28 meeting.

"I don't know what the solution is. The school has implemented crossing guards, but I still have concerns."

The concerns of other councillors were brought to the table as well. Things observed such as crossing guards having to move to allow school buses through the crossing lanes were brought up; buses should be parked in their alloted spots before the school children begin to leave the school was a total consensus of the council; vehicles double parking to allow their children to enter or exit their vehicles on Lalonde Street and the increased danger of poor visibility for both students and drivers with cars parked on both sides of Lalonde; and children darting out between parked cars.

Coun. Denise Istace shared her observation that there are so many parents that drive their children to school instead of the students walking and getting some physical activity.

The possibility of no parking on the residential side of Lalonde Street during pickup and unloading hours was discussed as well.

"We would have to speak with the residents living on Lalonde Street across from the school as well," Mayor Doug Armstrong commented. "Is it fair to them that they have no street parking during school hours while other residents in town do?"

The mayor also mentioned that parking concerns have been brought to the attention of the council in the past but no real resolution has been developed.

Coun. Kelly suggested contacting school administration for their input.

Coun. Beutler made a motion to invite school representatives to discuss these issues. Coun. Kelly seconded the motion and it was carried in a unanimous vote.

Fire at Mosaic traps 55 miners

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A fire at the Mosaic Esterhazy mine last weekend caused the immediate evacuation of 22 miners and sent another 55 into underground refuge stations.

Shortly after midnight of March 2, a fire broke out at the K2 potash mine near Esterhazy due to what Mosaic stated was a malfunctioning conveyer belt. From the time smoke was first reported, it took mine rescue teams about two hours to put the fire out.

Reports stated that 77 employees were initially affected by the fire, with 22 of them able to evacuate shortly after the fire was extinguished. The remaining 55 miners were sent to underground refuge stations until the company was able to test the air quality in the mine and give the all clear. The last of the miners was evacuated by 8 p.m. Saturday.

There were no injuries as a result of the fire, but some employees were said to be checked over upon returning to the surface. The employees were glad to finally reach the surface and escape the boredom of the refuge stations, which are equipped with little more than basic supplies and water.

According to Mosaic, the fire was described to be not very large and it was said to have caused little damage. But until the air quality and circulation could be tested, the trapped miners had to remain underground.

The mine was up and running shortly after the incident.

The fire is being investigated by the company, which will then determine what steps may be necessary to avoid a repeat of the small blaze.

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"For the cause that needs assistance; for the wrong that needs resistance; the future in the distance and the good that we can do."

~ George Linnaeus Banks

Our history gives context

The names of prominent people, and the statues and monuments of Canadians who have influenced our country's development over the years, are all part of our history and should be left as they have been displayed — no matter what certain individuals or groups may feel about their political correctness today.

History is history and cannot be changed. When I was a student, and still as an always-learning individual, I thought that past events were all written into history so we could study the reasons and see the consequences of each event in context.

The events and people in any country should always be there as a teaching tool for people to appreciate why things happened. Events of the past should be tools for society to understand what can be the result of various actions of people or governments and can then be studied to know the good and the bad effects of important decisions that have affected the lives of our people.

By removing a statue or a name from the history books, such as Sir John A. Macdonald, it will not change the role he played in the development of residential schools. The truth is that people reading about what transpired in that period he lived and was prime minister, and how the residential schools affected Indigenous people, is how we can learn and work to prevent similar events or mistakes from happening in the future.

There is a great deal of hurt among Indigenous people, and justly so, but removing any history of the people responsible or the event itself, will not minimize the hurt or heal the wounds. Removing the history will not teach our children and our leaders of tomorrow how things fall into place and may happen, even if they may not be right.

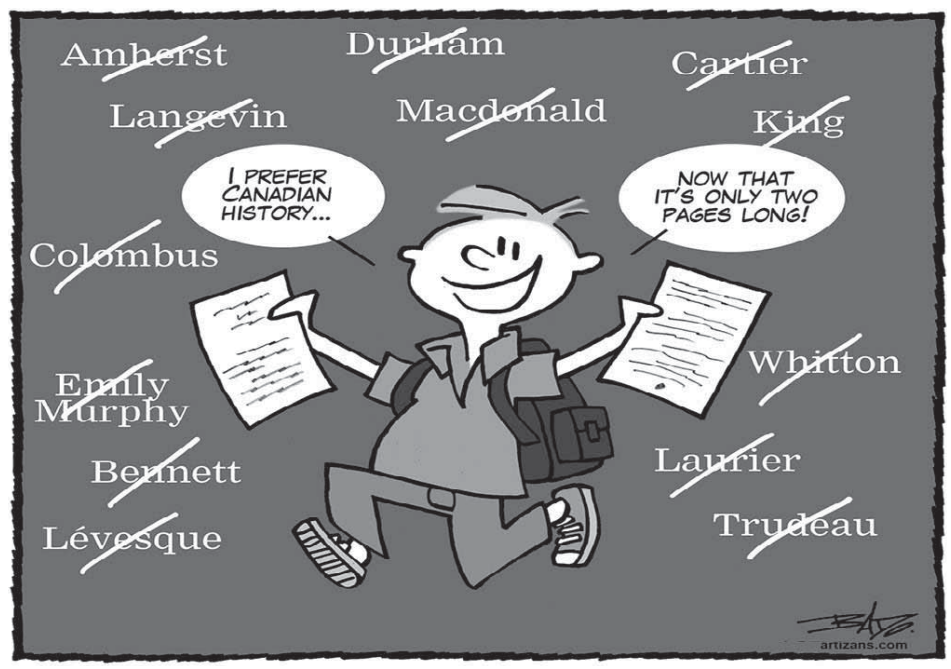
Understanding history will make Canada grow into a stronger, more equal and compassionate nation for all citizens, regardless of their country of origin. The good and the bad of past experiences should be presented to our society. Will this stop all bad or unjust things from happening? Undoubtedly not. It may help to teach people how to make better decisions themselves so that actions, such as the residential schools, cannot take place or be formed by governments or individuals today.

We need to teach Canadian history in our schools. The lack of a strong Canadian history curriculum in our schools over the years has probably created some of the need for reconciliation today, and the sooner people learn the history of the people we live and deal with in our everyday lives, the sooner we will understand their actions and emotions.

Then we can work together to develop a platform of ideas and a future that is acceptable to all.

By studying history, we learn from our mistakes in the past and we learn how to move forward in the future.

By Elaine Ashfield, Grasslands News



No party owns our values

By Guest Columnist Murray Mandryk

The sad reality for those who enjoy Saskatchewan politics is that it's often not really all that enjoyable.

It's often all about divisive fighting that tears people apart. Maybe some people like that, but that doesn't seem to be what many of us would characterize as a Saskatchewan value.

Even the topic of Saskatchewan values can be a divisive issue, as we found out in the recent political party leadership races. Just an hour before his leadership win in Regina, new Saskatchewan NDP leader Ryan Meili declared: "New Democratic values, friends, those are Saskatchewan values."

Really?

Maybe one can attribute some party policies to the collective beliefs of those who support them, but is that really the same as owning the values of a province? Can political parties then claim they have exclusivity to the values of the people they hope to represent?

In fairness, let us not just pick on Meili because most every politician has made the same grandiose claim about themselves or their party at one time or the other.

Certainly, the Saskatchewan Party — braggen enough to take the province's name when four former Progressive Conservative members and four former Liberal MLAs formed this party 20 years ago — have never been shy about claiming to represent the heart and soul of the province.

Perhaps the Sask. Party would like to think that it's Saskatchewan's free-enterprise, independent spirit that it purports to represent, or maybe the NDP would have us believe it lays claim to caring, sharing and co-operative nature of so many of us.

The truth be told, people and their value systems are more complex than that.

You can be a generous, giving person who happens to believe in free enterprise and independence as much as you believe in your community and the need to work together to get things done.

Go anywhere in rural Saskatchewan and you are destined to find people who share all these values that really somehow don't seem to conflict much at all. Some of them may even be active in a politics — or at least, seem to have strongly held political beliefs.

And there are some people — you likely know a few of them — who seem to have no discernable values, but are sure active in one political party or another.

Go most anywhere in this country — or this world — and you will find people with similar good values. They didn't arrive at these values because they grew up in a place with vast horizons and long, cold winters — although maybe the nature of this place does afford you more time to think about who you are and what you believe in.

Saskatchewan has witnessed a lot that of late that seems to have divided us. Certainly, the recent Gerald Stanley not guilty verdict has divided people along all too many lines. Maybe it would be good for those on both sides of the divide to look deep into our own beliefs and respect that there are big, legitimate concerns about both public safety and race that need to be heard.

After all, the very motto of our province is, "From many peoples, strength." What we don't need, however, is to have our political beliefs divide us any more than we already are. Saskatchewan is already a province that's too divided between urban and rural, and right and left.

So maybe politicians should stop proclaiming they represent our values and instead listen to what our values are.

No future for old fuels, attitudes

Dear Editor:

Yes, I'm a prejudiced man and I admit it.

The prejudice is rather narrowly focused as it is only about environmentally-friendly electrical production. The prejudice favours the rapid transition from using dirty fossil fuels and nuclear, to using clean renewable electricity that can be produced and used on your own property consuming nothing more vile than wind, sun, the basic wastes and pollutants that human activities create and we would never have to be cursed with blackouts like this recent SaskPower outage in the southeast part of the province.

These periodic outages are ridiculous and totally avoidable. If people and communities were producing energy from south-facing or flat rooftops, agricultural wastes, landfills, lagoons, wind, moving water, biofuels, geothermal, etc. etc., we would never be subjected to these periodic outages. At least those who invested in those technologies wouldn't be subjected. Those technologies are getting better and cheaper every day and once they are paid off we have endless, free, environmentally-friendly electrical power with usages limited only by our imagination. There would be no more limitations by ever-increasing power bills solely to maintain a massive, demanding, monopoly rapidly facing its own antiquity.

There is no future for the generations to come in dirty, non-renewable energy. There is a brilliant and blossoming future in clean, renewable, energy.

Do you not want reliable sustainability in electricity so your freezer, furnace and water systems continue to work when it's -25 C? Take a serious look at energy independence. Independent power production, produced on your own property, or locally produced and consumed, minimizes much of the transmission prices and problems we now face. Renewable energy production is the answer to most of the economic and environmental problems we face as a human race.

It creates lots of jobs, it adds value to your property, it turns present, polluting, wastes into power and heat, it respects and protects the environment and it keeps the lights on when every body else is in the dark.

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Week of March 11 to 17, 2018

ARIES
After a long period of negotiation, you'll finally get the green light from your banker to acquire a property or finance a project that's important to you. Your future will meet, even exceed, your expectations.

TAURUS
You'll probably plan a last-minute getaway with your better half this week. You definitely need to take a few steps back and relax while you reflect upon certain preoccupying situations.

GEMINI
Rethinking your goals the slightest bit should help you achieve your full potential. No matter the stakes, you'll pour your heart and soul into getting what you want, with great success.

CANCER
The thought of getting married may cross your mind this week. At work, try to not let your emotions get in the way of your negotiations.

LEO
At work, you'll receive the green light to attend a short training program that'll open lots of doors for you in a not-too-distant future. Romance-wise, you'll feel the need to shake things up a bit.

VIRGO
You'll be hailed as a hero for saving someone from a sticky situation, even if it's just by lending an attentive ear. The person in question will be eternally grateful.

LIBRA
You'll receive news of a birth in the family. You'll find yourself facing a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to buy a house that's perfectly suited to your needs and your budget.

SCORPIO
You're starting to seriously feel the need to buy a new car. You may be invited along on a journey. At work, you may be asked to negotiate with someone who doesn't speak your language.

SAGITTARIUS
You'll find a solution to the vast majority of your financial troubles. At work, a management position will fall within your reach. If you play your cards right, expect a hefty pay raise and an overall improvement to your quality of life.

CAPRICORN
You'll feel like everything is moving too fast this week. You'll have the urge to shop around and treat yourself to a little luxury. Now's the time to renew your wardrobe and give yourself a makeover.

AQUARIUS
You'll finally succeed in setting aside your fears and diving headfirst into your passions. You'll display incredible creativity this week, which will have you on the right track to creating a masterpiece.

PISCES
You'll be in high demand this week. In your friend circle as well as at work, you're extremely popular. At the office, your client base will grow, or, at the very least, people will refuse to deal with anyone but you.

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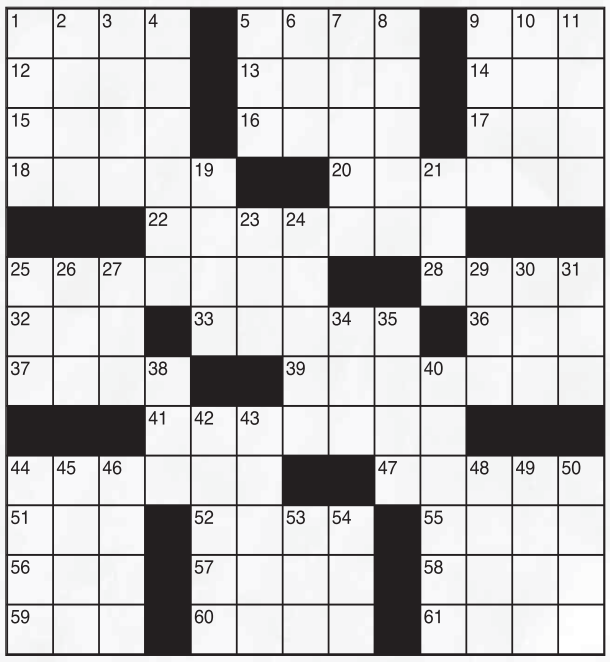

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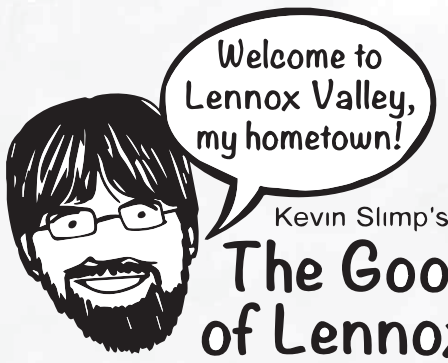


Raymond Cooper

hatches his "top secret" plan

Elections have always been big deals in small towns and Lennox Valley is no exception. Winning an elected office is one of the few ways to be a big fish in a community like "The Valley." About your only other options are serving on a church board or getting your picture in the Hometown News.

1998 was an especially contentious election as I remember. You see, it's almost impossible to get re-elected in a small town, unless no one else wants to hold your office. It's just too easy to make enemies when you personally know most of your constituency.

A lack of willing candidates is rarely the case, because there's always somebody who wants to be a bigger fish. Raymond Cooper was cast perfectly for the Moby Dick role.

Well, almost perfectly. It was well known that to win an election in Lennox Valley, there was a huge advantage in being a member of First Baptist Church. The Baptist Church was the closest thing to a political machine in our town. With close to 20 percent of the good folks of Lennox Valley on its membership roll and, just as importantly, more than 30 percent of the town's voters, it was hard to win against someone with that many built-in allies.

Raymond, however, had a plan. A few years earlier, he had correctly predicted the upcoming boom in talk radio. He had begun listening to a nationally syndicated radio program based at a station in South Florida and quickly realized the potential of this "new" medium. He took note that listeners were fiercely loyal. No matter the topic, they stood by their host.

At first, Raymond's station was primarily an outlet for sharing his off-the-wall social and political views. But as time passed, he quickly came to see there were additional advantages in owning the town's only radio station.

In 1994, Talk Radio 880 moved to a "round the clock" format, primarily filled with syndicated programming from far away places. The good folks of Lennox Valley were fascinated with stories about UFOs, corrupt politicians and, sometimes, religious programming. It took a lot to fill 24 hours every day.

The most popular show on 880 was "Renderings With Raymond," which could be heard twice each weekday, from noon until 3 p.m. or a repeat of that day's show beginning at 8 p.m. each night.

Most folks considered Raymond a political nutcase, but nutcases tend to attract other nutcases and such was the case with Raymond. It didn't take him long to realize it only required 400 nutcases to win an election in The Valley and that's just what he intended to do.

If he was going to win the mayor's race, beating the incumbent, "Silver Tongue" Dick Bland, and few other yet-to-be-determined opponents, Raymond needed a hot button issue to get voters excited about the next election. He found just the issue.

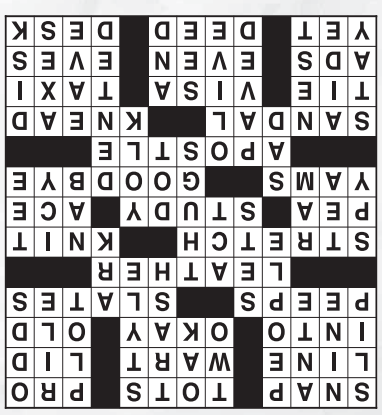
Beginning in February 1997, "Renderings With Raymond" became a hotbed of fiery conversation centered on the Federal Reserve System. It was sheer genius. Sure, mayors of small towns have no influence on the Federal Reserve System, nor did most people give it much, if any, thought. But Raymond knew he needed only 400 good folks of Lennox Valley to care.

Heated debates concerning the system could be heard daily. Raymond pressed the idea that egg prices had risen 72 percent in just four years, all due to inadequacies in the Federal Reserve System.

Helen Walker was almost in tears as she spoke with Cooper on Tuesday's show. "I won't be able to make my coconut mound cake for the county fair!" she wailed.

In February 1997, no one knew that Raymond Cooper had his eye on the mayor's seat. But as the price of eggs continued to rise, it was only a matter of time until Raymond officially threw his hat into the race.

Visit lennoxvalley.com to learn more about the good folks.



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SPORTS

Mustangs take first two against Yellow Grass

By Stephen Scriver
For Grasslands News

After taking first place in the Qu'Appelle Valley Junior Hockey League in their inaugural season and getting a bye into the second round of the playoffs, the Wolseley Mustangs showed little rust as they beat the Yellow Grass Wheat Kings handily in the first two games of the best-of-five series, 11-5 and 7-1.

Two players set the pace for the Mustangs in the first game at Wolseley March 2. It would come as no surprise that Rawley Lingelbach was one of them, as this grinder scored six goals on the night, two in each period. I'm not saying we take Number 10 for granted, but if there's a crowd around the puck, Rawley will invariably come out with it.

The other Mustang who made an impression was a guy we might not have expected to see on the ice again this season. Captian Avery Lepage made an amazing recovery from a shoulder injury that had required surgery. But there he was in the thick of things, with a goal and five assists. He'll be a great asset in the Mustangs playoff picture.

Brandon Shiels and Dustin Coderre had two goals each, and the third member of the "Zip Line," Cam Maier, had two assists. These three give the opposition fits when they are buzzing around the offensive zone, and if steals were recorded, this trio would have some great stats.

Cole Hayhurst added four assists and was a contributor throughout the game. Wade Roppel had two helpers, with singles going to Brent Koch, Dallas Schutz, Preston Kotylak, Mitchell Rutledge and Tyler Krausher.

Wolseley had 13 minor penalties, one major, one misconduct and two game misconducts. Yellow Grass had nine minors, one major, one misconduct and one game misconduct. Period scores were 4-0, 8-2 and the final 11-5.

This reporter wasn't at the second game, but Wolseley fans who travelled to Yellow Grass on March 3 were impressed with the businesslike way the Mustangs dispatched the Wheat Kings by a decisive 7-1 score. The game was stalled at 0-0 after the first, but Wolseley pulled away, 4-1, in the second.

Carter Baran made the trip from Saskatoon to contribute two goals for the Mustangs. Singles went to Dustin Coderre, Brent Koch, Rawley Lingelbach, Mitchell Rutledge (unassisted) and Wade Roppel. Dallas Schutz had two assists, while Brandon Shiels, Cam Maier, Lingelbach, Koch, Cole

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Spitfires shot down

The Grenfell Spitfires were knocked out of the Prov. A championship run by the Balcarres Bisons. Balcarres defeated Grenfell 5-3 in game 1 and won again in game 2 by a score of 3-2. The Bisons now face Lumsden.

Bear makes NHL debut with the Oilers

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lead them onto the ice and make a quick solo lap, a rookie initiation, before joining him. It was a moment that his parents Lloyd and Geraldine Bear got emotional seeing, and still something they say is hard to accept as being real.

"It was unbelievable. It was hard to accept — I couldn't believe it actually happening," Lloyd told the Herald Sun. "For all the hard work — I know that he sacrificed a lot of time and the commitments he had to do to get there, to get to that level was unbelievable. So to see that, to watch him on the ice, it was overwhelming."

Being called up to play in the NHL was more than just a step forward for Bear, it was also a milestone for the Oilers organization. Bear, one of only about half a dozen players on NHL rosters of Indigenous descent, is the only player raised on a First Nations reserve to have played an NHL game with the Oilers. His success has now become a source of pride for the Ochapowace community and makes him a role model to many Indigenous youths, both from Ochapowace as well as other First Nations throughout the province.

In a rare event, a group of First Nation drummers known as the Logan Alexis Singers group, gathered in the arena lobby to perform a song for Bear in front of hundreds of fans. A rare event that is only performed at some playoff games, the group said they came out to honour Bear's debut by drumming and singing the Connor McDavid Song, and Let's Go Oilers, which pays tribute to the team.

Approximately 25 people from Ochapowace made the trek to Edmonton for Bear's first game, as did many other First Nations people from across the Prairies. Seeing that amount of support is something that his parents said gave them a sense of pride.

"To see so many people here, and a lot of other communities here, was comforting and makes you feel proud and happy to know that everyone from the communities around support him," said his dad, Lloyd. " And everyone was going out and buying jerseys and buying his number and putting 'Bear' on their jerseys — it was pretty awesome."

Bear was a fifth round pick in the 2015 NHL draft, chosen 124th overall. He signed a three-year entry level contract with the Oilers in July 2016.

During his four years with the WHL Seattle Thunderbirds, Bear had 66 goals and 126 assists for 192 points in 264 games played. In 2017, he was named the WHL Defenceman of the Year after a season in which he scored 28 goals and had 42 assists for 70 points. In his 34 games with the AHL's Bakersfield Condors this year, Bear has connected for 6-10-16, with all six goals coming at even strength to lead all AHL rookie D-men in this department.

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Grenfell & Whitewood

Communities rally for Go Out & Play funding

By Sarah Pacio
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Saskatchewan's annual Go Out & Play challenge is underway and residents in Grenfell and Whitewood are getting active.

Since 2012, Saskatchewan Blue Cross has partnered with Saskatchewan in motion to challenge communities across the province to be physically active and win money for a community project.

"One of my greatest childhood memories is playing outside in my community until the sun went down," Marnie Sinclair, manager of Saskatchewan in motion, said in a news release. "We're delighted to partner with Saskatchewan Blue Cross to build spaces that help this generation of Saskatchewan kids have that same kind of experience."

Individuals from each participating community should create a profile for themselves or their family on the initiative's website. From March 1 to 10, they must daily enter their minutes of exercise. This is not limited to traditional exercises such as jogging, biking, or going to the gym. It can also include outdoor activities such as sledding, building a snowman or classic games like tag. Even time spent doing farm chores and shoveling snow can be counted. Provision is also made for inclement weather: minutes can be logged for active indoor games such as hide and seek. The goal is to simply get moving.

The community that logs the most minutes of exercise during the Go Out & Play challenge will be awarded $10,000 for a community project that encourages outdoor play. There will also be a $5,000 prize for the runner-up community. Winning communities will be announced on March 13.

If Grenfell wins, the money may be used for a new play structure at the Grenfell Recreational Park. Danean Karlunchuck, Grenfell's director of recreation and culture, said the town had logged more than 2,800 minutes by March 5. "The top five activities were walking, playing indoor games, other, and shoveling snow."

Matt Bahm is co-ordinating the Go Out & Play challenge for Whitewood. He said the rink will be open for additional hours of free skating, public shinny and the walking club. Organizers are looking to build on last year's success.

"It went pretty good for being our first year participating," Bahm said, "so we're just hoping to surpass our total from last year."

If Whitewood wins the challenge, funds will likely be used for the playground at Larson Park.

More information about the competition can be found at challenge.saskatchewaninmotion.ca

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Legions on ice

Kennedy's own Nolan Cameron and partner Kyla Fischer were guest skaters at the Legends Ice Show. The show was held at the Kennedy Community Rink March 3 and featured performances by the members of the Kennedy Skating Club. Can-Skate and Star Skate level members of the club — with members from Kennedy, Wawota and Kipling — skated to classics by musical legends such as Elvis Presley and Aretha Franklin. The new Southeast Firecrackers Synchro Team made its hometown debut at the ice show.

Mustangs lead in playoffs

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Hayhurst, Roppel and Brett Petracek had one each.

Yellow Grass had 12 minor penalties to Wolseley's eight. Each team had a misconduct.

The third, and possibly final game goes Friday, March 9, in Wolseley at 8:15 p.m. If necessary, the last two games would be in Yellow Grass on Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday, in Wolseley at 4 p.m.

Regina River Rats are playing Bredenbury Tundra in the other series and have also taken a 2-1 lead in games by scores of 10-4 and 4-1. The QVJHL final will take place on the weekend after next, with the team higher in the standings having the extra game.

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Jodi Lowenberg (left) from the Grenfell Wildlife Federation shakes hands with Glen Lowenberg as he received an award for catching an 8 pound 11 ounce walleye.

Jodi Lowenberg (left) from the Grenfell Wildlife Federation presents an award during the banquet to James Lester for catching a 19-pound northern pike.

Savannah Lester (right) is all smiles as Jodi Lowenberg from the Grenfell Wildlife Federation presents her with an award for catching a perch last season.

Stephen Manovich (right) accepts an award from Jodi Lowenberg on behalf of the Grenfell Wildlife Federation. Manovich earned 145 1/8 points for a whitetail deer.

Jodi Lowenberg (left) presented the Tom Elliot Memorial Conservation Award to Willie Patron during the Grenfell Wildlife Federation Awards Banquet.

Wildlife Federation groups hand out annual awards

By Sarah Pacio
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The Grenfell Branch of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF) hosted its annual Awards Banquet on March 3. It was a pleasant evening at the community hall with a feast and well-earned awards.

The buffet supper included wild game and tame turkey, accompanied by mashed potatoes, marinated vegetables, and a variety of salads. Tables around the hall were filled with over 100 guests enjoying tender whitetail deer, flavourful buffalo and creamy rabbit stew. Bear, moose, and fish were also on the menu. Club members donated most of the meat.

Following the meal, Travis Schaeffer gave a brief presentation. Schaeffer is a director for Region 4 of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation. He encouraged club members that directors want to improve communication within the federation and between local clubs. Schaeffer stated that education is important for SWF members and they should keep informed about aquatic and invasive species, as well as chronic wasting disease. He also noted that people should be aware of changes to land access in certain areas, particularly places that have changed to foot access only.

"The SWF is a recognized leader of conservation. We all have our part to do for wildlife, fisheries, and habitat," Schaeffer said.

After the director's speech, Grenfell club members received awards from the horn measuring night in December, as well as entries of fish caught throughout last year. From deer and moose, to walleye and perch, the success of hunters and fishers within the club was recognized.

Jarrod Hubbard, president of Grenfell Wildlife Federation, felt the evening went well and acknowledged the many volunteers who made it a success. "A huge praise to everybody who helped out preparing it."

Grenfell Wildlife Federation 2017 Awards

Whitetail Deer (Non-typical)	145 1/8	Stephen Manovich
Whitetail Deer (Typical)	146	Ben Saleski
Whitetail Deer (Typical)	146	Raymond Roberts
Whitetail Deer (Most Even Over 100 pts.)	1 6/8	Tommy Lester
Whitetail Deer (15 yrs. & under)	123 4/8	Skyla Hubbard
Mule Deer (Typical)	131	Raymond Roberts
Moose	125 4/8	Darren Manovich
Antelope	76 5/8	John Duryba
Northern Pike	19lbs	James Lester
Walleye	8lbs 11oz	Glen Lowenberg
Perch (Adult)	1lb 7oz	Dalton Manovich
Perch (12 yrs. & under)	1lb 2oz	Savannah Lester
Rough Fish (Caught on a Hook)	22lbs 10oz	Matthew Thompson
Sharptail Grouse	2lbs 1oz	Matthew Thompson
Tom Elliot Memorial Conservation Award		Willie Patron
Photography (Scenic)		Dalton Manovich
Photography (Wildlife)		Michaela Carles

Broadview Wildlife Federation 2017 Awards

Men's Whitetail Deer	160 5/8	Mark Klein
Lady's Whitetail Deer	133 4/8	Chantel Klein
Most Even Whitetail Deer	142 5/8 diff of 3 0/8	Doug Boivin
Non-Typical Whitetail Deer	183 7/8	Blake Nicholson
Youth Whitetail Deer	148 7/8	Jaden Klein
Archery Whitetail Deer	146 2/8	Glen Loffler
Lady's Black Powder Mule Deer	177 2/8	Kayce Copeland
Men's Moose	140 0/8	Darby Bryant
Lady's Moose	113 4/8	Jo-Anne Davison
Men's Elk	228 2/8	Tim Johnson
Lady's Elk	179 4/8	Andrea Johnson
Black Bear	20 10/16	Bowman Bryant
Men's Canada Goose	12.8 lb	Dwayne Brown
Youth Canada Goose	13.55 lb	Emily Quibell
Lady's Canada Goose	12.25 lb	Victoria Brown
Men's Winter Northern Pike	19.75 lb	Milton Hanson
Men's Summer Northern Pike	21.1 lb	Tim Johnson
Lady's Summer Northern Pike	11 lb	Bettyann Paterson
Youth Summer Northern Pike	14.25	Joseph Paterson
Men's Winter Perch	1 lb	Dwayne Brown
Lady's Winter Perch	1.24 lb	Joanne Ottenbreit
Youth Summer Perch	14 oz	Joseph Paterson
Men's Catfish	15.25 lb	Robert Kienas
Youth Catfish	15.4 lb	Jacob Paterson
Carp	22.4 lb	Doug Boivin
Youth Summer Walleye	5.2 lb	Ben Paterson
Swordfish	6.5 Feet	Dwayne Brown

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Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll of the Rural Municipality of Kingsley No. 124 for 2018 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 8:00am to noon and 1:00pm to 4:00pm on the following days:

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Returning Officer

Sale of town lots debated at council

By Elaine Ashfield
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Whitewood Coun. Chad Kelly wanted to know what the other councillors think about all the lots for sale around town.

"I would like to see something to increase the incentive for people to buy some. I don't know what, but I think they are sitting unnoticed and people may not even know they are for sale," Kelly said at the Feb. 28 council meeting.

Coun. Brian Stevenson stated it was the old council that did all the bare bones work as there were no lots for sale in town at that time.

"This council finished that and then we hit the economic downturn," Stevenson stated. "We know if someone is interested as obviously they inquire at the town (office), so I'm not real comfortable with putting things out there. We need to be very, very careful when we put these out on the marketplace."

Coun. Kelly stated there are other ways rather than a fire sale.

"Are there any incentives to build here?" Kelly asked.

Coun. Donna Beutler agreed that there should be something and she would like to see the lots marketed as well.

Kelly wants to know how the lot prices were set. He would like to see council review the policy in place and determine what might increase the incentive to buy.

"First thing, we have to make it known we have lots for sale. Are they on the website?" Stevenson asked. "Second, what policy do we have already and we have to do some comparisons with other places. We need to do some ground work before we put this out there."

A suggestion was made that an invitation should be sent to the people involved in the new potash mine near Broadview and Grenfell.

Kelly also suggested working with the chamber of commerce and invite a representative from the chamber to a meeting.

There are several residential lots available for sale in the new Heritage Crescent development on the west end of town, and also land that could be turned into commercial or residential development located south of 5th Avenue that corners with the Highway 9 south.

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Whitewood town council notes

Ammonia leak discovered at arena; problem fixed

By Elaine Ashfield
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Correspondence and motions passed for donations and from requests in reports were the main issues of business for the Feb. 28 regular meeting of Whitewood town council.

February council meetings were changed from the first and third Tuesday of the month to Feb. 13 and Feb. 28 due to the SUMA convention and conflicting agendas of the mayor for the last meeting of the month. Coun. Denise Istace attended by electronic means and Coun. Bruce Restau was absent from the meeting on Feb. 28.

Correspondence

Following discussion on the letter received from the Whitewood Horseshoe Club requesting sponsorship for the 2018 Canadian Horseshoe Championships coming to Whitewood, Coun. Chad Kelly made a motion to sponsor the event for $1,000.

"I think it's important for everyone to know that the Horseshoe Club has full support from the town." Coun. Donna Beutler seconded the motion and it was carried by vote.

Correspondence from Southeast College regarding the town's annual $500 scholarship, which is presented to a Whitewood student attending college classes, was approved and the letter from the Herald Sun regarding reduced rates for regular bi-weekly advertising will be dealt with during budget debates. A motion was made by Coun. Donna Beutler, seconded by Coun. Lee Aldous to table those items, and carried.

A request for advertising in a Military Service Recognition Book will be referred to the Whitewood Legion, as it was felt they should get the recognition.

Cheryl Mantei submitted a letter on behalf of a committee that has been struck to revitalize and repurpose the St. Hubert Heritage Centre. Discussion resulted in a motion by Coun. Denise Istace that the committee meet with Whitewood Tourism & Heritage and report back to the town once that has taken place. Coun. Brian Stevenson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Chief Administrative Officer's Report

CAO Sharon Rodgers reported to council that the assessment increased by approximately $128,000 and the assessment roll will be open Friday, March 2 to April 13 at 4 p.m. for any appeals.

The grant application for Asset Management through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has been sent in and Coun. Brian Stevenson made a motion to pay the $216 cost for the CAO to take the online certificate course when another course is offered. Coun. Lee Aldous seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Coun. Stevenson made the motion to allow Brandon Larocque to attend the level 1 water course and an understanding will be signed for repayment if he leaves his present job with the town. Coun. Chad Kelly seconded the motion and the vote was carried unanimously.

Facility Operations Manager's Report

Matt Bahm reported to council that the Safety Data Sheet binders for the janitor room and kitchen that are an OH&S requirement are now readily accessible with information on any chemical in these two rooms.

"Sharon and I put together an application for the new Summer Work Experience Green Jobs Initiative for summer 2018. This is a new grant that we adapted our regular summer student position to be eligible for. If approved we will be eligible for almost $9,000 in funding," Bahm stated in his report.

All the necessary prep work for the upcoming trade show has been completed, Bahm said. The event is moved to the curling rink this year to accommodate the construction on the new lounge addition and to better reflect the anticipated number of vendors.

"Two weeks ago, staff noted a strong ammonia smell in the ice plant room. I was able to safely find the source of the leak using our detection strips," Bahm reported. One of the isolation valves of the liquid ammonia line for compressor 1 was slowly leaking, which didn't present an immediate danger but Stevenson's Refrigeration were called to replace the valve and at the same time, discussed some work for shutdown next month.

The building permit for the Whitewood Community Centre lounge addition has been updated and the contractor is doing prep work to order materials.

The pool manager position has been advertised with a closing date of March 9.

"I was very happy with how the pool ran last summer with a manager who ran day-to-day things," Bahm stated. "If no suitable candidate is found I will revert back to a more hands-on role with pool staff this summer.

An application was submitted to the 2018 Coop Community Spaces Grant that would go toward funding the pool liner renovation.

Discussion was held on the design of an updated website for the Town of Whitewood and it was suggested that some of the council meet to review ideas. Coun. Chad Kelly also requested that information be sought regarding having the website mobile friendly so it can be easily accessed by a wider range of people.

Approval was granted for Bahm to attend the spring recreation practitioners meeting in Weyburn, and a grant writing workshop in Redvers.

Approval was also granted for approximately $1,530 for replacement of front shocks and one wheel bearing and replacement of four tires on the Chevy truck that the recreation department uses.

New Business

Coun. Chad Kelly made the motion to approve the appointment of Shirley Kodman, Paul Nieminen and Valerie Kitzel to the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation for Whitewood. Coun. Donna Beutler seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on the lots for sale around town by the Town of Whitewood and what incentives could be taken to try to sell these lots.

Also discussed was the safety concern about the amount of traffic on Lalonde Street beside the school when children are arriving and leaving school. Solutions will be sought after meeting with school representatives.

A motion to go in camera was made by Coun. Lee Aldous and seconded by Coun. Donna Beutler and was carried. CAO Sharon Rodgers said the closed meeting was for long range planning.

The regular meeting was then adjourned.

Figure skaters to host year-end carnival March 10

By Elaine Ashfield
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Peter Pan on Ice, the 2018 ice show for the Whitewood Skating Club, will be held this Saturday, March 10.

It will be an exciting day for all the skaters, right from the beginners to the more advanced skaters as they have worked all year to perfect their skating skills.

This Saturday's show will be the finale of all the hard work and practices of the skaters, instructor Sheena Goodbrand, and her student instructors and helpers.

The ice show begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Whitewood Community Centre. Admission is $5 and children aged five and under are admitted free. Dessert will be served during the intermission.

The Skating Club invites everyone to come out to enjoy the excitement and the displays of skating done in costume at this year's Peter Pan on Ice.

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Grenfell town council

Property owner raises concern over rezoning

By Sarah Pacio
news@heraldsun.ca

Grenfell town council met for its regular meeting on March 1 with all members present.

Prior to the meeting, a public hearing allowed residents to present concerns relating to Bylaw 741-18 Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Zoning Map.

Roy Horn and his daughter, Lynn Bachtold, attended the hearing. Hornelives in Moosomin and his property at 1306 Wolseley Avenue in Grenfell is for sale. Under the new zoning amendment, Horn's property is rezoned as commercial. His daughter spoke on his behalf, expressing concerns that this could negatively affect the sale of the property.

"We don't want to lose residential property value," she said. "We're worried. If we can't sell it as a residence, will it sit there forever?"

Mayor Rod Wolfe had consulted with CAO Victoria MacDonald and addressed their concerns. "Because your house is there, it can stay residential as a non-conforming use," he explained. Under this category, the property can be used or sold as a residence. The property owner can remodel inside the current house but may not be permitted to construct external additions. If the existing house burned down, a new one could be constructed on the current footprint within 12 months. However, if the building were intentionally demolished, only a commercial enterprise could replace it. This explanation unburdened Horn and his daughter, who simply asked that the town give them an official letter with those details.

Following the hearing, the regular council meeting commenced. Since public concerns had been sufficiently addressed, the Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Zoning Map was read and adopted.

Council then approved the list of appointments to its standing committees and to external committees or boards for 2018. These remain largely the same as last year since several projects are in progress.

Council agrees to change meeting dates

Discussion commenced regarding Coun. Tyler Thomlinson's request to change certain council meeting dates in 2018 from a Thursday to a Wednesday or to alternate Thursdays. His involvement in ball games would prevent him from attending on the original dates. Although councillors Wes Overrand and Patty Cole expressed reservations about changing so many dates, the request was carried.

Discount discussed for arena rental

The next item of business involved rental of the GRP arena. A resident contacted administration to request a discounted rate for renting the arena. He would like to rent the arena for a one-day auction and be allowed access for an additional 2 1/2 days. He proposed a payment of $550, which is the equivalent of one day's rental, plus $75.

Council engaged in extensive discussion regarding the implications of this proposal, which they felt was significantly below what should be charged. "He's going to put his stuff there and set it up — the space is unusable whether or not his auction has started," noted Coun. Ken Hamnett. According to the town's Fee and Charges Bylaw, the $475 per day rental allows access from noon the day before an event until noon the day after for setting up and taking down. An additional $53 must be paid if extra time is needed for setting up. Finally, council agreed to charge the resident $475 from Friday noon until Sunday noon, plus $53 for early access on Friday morning and another $53 for noon access on Thursday. They further directed administration to prepare the paperwork necessary to clarify their intent of the $53 set up fee in the bylaw; namely that it applies to early access the morning before the event.

Bylaws adopted

Before going in camera to discuss confidential matters, council read and adopted two bylaws. The first was Bylaw 742-18, a bylaw to provide for a base tax. The second was Bylaw 743-18, an amendment to the bylaw providing for the establishment of a district Board of Revisions with representatives from Whitewood, Broadview, Kipling, and Grenfell.

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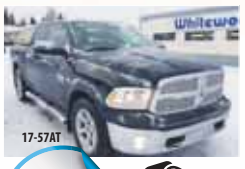

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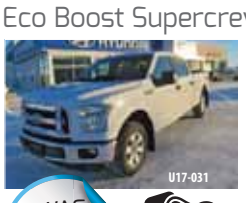

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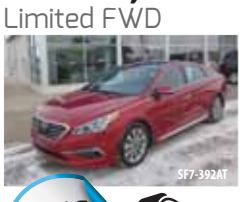

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