

New ownership for The Four-Town Journal

The Four-Town Journal will live on!

Bill Johnston, founder and Editor/Publisher of the newspaper for the past 38 years, and wife Lynda have sold the newspaper to Ryan Stanko of Churchbridge.

“We are absolutely thrilled, and relieved, that Ryan has stepped forward to take over the newspa-

per,” said Johnston.

“Since we announced a year ago we were intending to retire at the end of July, 2019 we have been inundated with congratulations on our pending retirement, but that was almost always followed by the question, What are we going to do without our local newspaper?”

Bill admitted even he

had been surprised by the degree of concern expressed by readers, advertisers and the community in general about what would happen if The Four-Town Journal was no longer produced.

“The fact a young person is willing to take on the challenges that come with producing a weekly community newspaper is

something for which our communities should be very thankful.”

“We hope that all of our subscribers and local businesses show Ryan the same support you have shown Lynda and me through the years,” said Johnston.

Stanko takes on the challenge with no newspaper experience, other than a love for the media. Bill will be working closely with him until both feel confident the full transfer of duties can proceed.

“So I guess my retirement will have to wait for a few months,” said Johnston.

He said he’s very excited about plans Stanko has for the paper, particularly in the development of an online, digital version to complement the traditional, “hands-on” version which will continue to be printed.

“There are still a lot of our readers who are loyal, paper-variety newspaper readers and we definitely want to keep serving them. But there’s also a whole new generation of readers who prefer digital versions, but still want local news about their hometown.

“We want to be there for both groups.”

There will be other changes as well, including a change in location.

“When we started we needed a tremendous amount of space, including room for an actual photo darkroom, and the space in the RM of Langenburg building, which had been the town’s library, was ideal,” recalled Johnston.

“But with the advent of desktop publishing, we really only need a couple of desks and a filing cabinet or two. So, to minimize operating costs, we will be moving.” To where is still uncertain.

The Four-Town Journal will take a break through the month of August. The next edition of the paper will be published early in September.

At that time current subscribers of the paper will receive a preview edition or two of The Four-Town Journal which will include information about how to go about resubscribing.

“We really hope that everyone will immediately get behind Ryan as he undertakes this very challenging commitment to the residents and businesses of this region,” said Bill.

by Ryan Stanko
The “New” Editor/Publisher,
The Four-Town Journal

“If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it”. Over the past couple of decades there has been a decrease in print newspaper subscriptions, although the interest in local news has not faded. The print copy of The Four-Town Journal is the main local news-source for many citizens of the area and it has done an excellent job informing readers about important, need-to-know information. It is my intent to keep the newspaper layout similar to past issues and to not tweak it unnecessarily. The Roughriders changed Gainer the Gopher’s eye colour to green unnecessarily and look at the backlash they faced from proud supporters! However, even Gainer can use an update every-so-often if it can be done subtly.

The subtle change I intend to apply to The Four-Town Journal is to take it to the digital media age where subscribers can view the newspaper on their computers and mobile phones, in addition to the classic paper print copy some prefer.

On the topic of football, that is something you may notice more of in future editions. I am involved with the Esterhazy Warriors football program and feel a lot of pride for the program. Due to my admiration of our hard working athletes I feel it is important to showcase them from time-to-time in the local sports section. I am passionate about all sports and have been involved with numerous programs in the area. My proudest moment as a coach was going to Hoopla with the 3A senior girls program in Kamsack about five years ago.

Outside of coaching sports, I feel creating spaces for people to play and compete is also important. Sports create an outlet for our youth to help develop themselves as young adults. My wife Jozette and I have an 18-month-old daughter, Eden, who we cherish and want to give all the opportunities we possibly can to engage her in an active lifestyle. Although my roles were not always major, I was able to help develop community activity areas such as the Churchbridge Dog Park, Churchbridge Credit Union Disc Golf Course, and the Churchbridge Sportcourt.

Now the question...why start in the newspaper industry? I remember growing up and reading the *Maple Creek Times* eagerly to see the picture Wayne Litke took of us after a successful basketball tournament. Reading what he had to say about the event helped me relive the experience and I would keep the cutout in a memory box (which I still have). Fast forward to my convocation from the University of Regina. My parents took the time to put a congratulations advertisement in the paper for all the area to see and I felt so proud! Again, the picture is still with me today. There are numerous examples I can share, but I imagine you also have a memory that’s been saved as a clipping stashed somewhere.

With the fear of The Four-Town Journal closing its doors for good, and the understanding of how important a local newspaper is to readers of all ages, it made complete sense for me personally to jump head-first into something I believe in. I know newspapers are struggling with paper print versions; I also know I have the tools and knowledge to bring our beloved Four-Town Journal into the new age of being digital. Please continue your support of local news in the area.



CHANGE IN OWNERSHIP: Bill and Lynda Johnston, former owners of The Four-Town Journal, with the newspaper’s new owner, Ryan Stanko, who will be taking over its operations as of September 1.

By-election in Saltcoats

Saltcoats residents will be going to the polls to elect a new town councillor.

With the close of nominations last week, two candidates came forward to run for the seat at the council table which has been vacant for several

months.

The two candidates are retiree Lenore Denbrok and businessperson Kelcey Harasen.

An advance poll will be held on the evening of Thursday, August 15 from 5 to 9 p.m. in the town office building.

The by-election will

take place on Wednesday, August 28 from 9 a.m. til 8 p.m., in the Stirling Room at the Saltcoats town office building.

Serving as the Returning Officer will be the town’s new Administrator, Deborah Domshy.

Hay in short supply

Haying continues to progress in the province as livestock producers now have 20 percent of the hay crop cut and 25 per cent baled or put into silage. Hay quality is currently rated as four percent excellent, 47 percent good, 32 percent fair and 17 percent poor.

Hay yields have been well below normal for many producers and will be in short supply this year in several areas. Estimated average dryland hay yields at this time are 0.9 tons per acre for alfalfa, 1 ton for alfalfa/brome grass, 0.7 tons for other tame hay

and 1.7 tons per acre for greenfeed. Estimated average irrigated hay yields are 1.6 tons per acre for alfalfa, 1.2 tons per acre for alfalfa/brome grass and 2.3 tons per acre for greenfeed.

Most producers have indicated that there will not be a second cut of hay this year. Some areas of the province received rainfall last week that will help crops fill and replenish topsoil moisture. Rainfall ranged from nil to 83 mm in the Sonningdale area. Seventy-six percent of the fall cereals, 67 percent of the spring cereals, 55 percent of the oilseeds and 69

percent of the pulse crops are at their normal stages of development for this time of year. Some crops are one to two weeks behind in development, which may be of significance depending on the weather during harvest and when the first fall frost occurs.

The majority of crop damage has been from localized flooding, strong winds, hail and insects such as grasshoppers and aphids. There are reports of disease issues in pulse crops. Producers continue with haying operations and scouting for pests.

Spy Hill break-in

Esterhazy RCMP and Sask. Crimestoppers are asking for the public’s help in catching thieves who broke into the Spy Hill Grocery store.

On Sunday, June 30 at 12:07 a.m. three persons wearing dark hoodies broke into the store on the village’s main street. They entered by breaking the front door window.

Liquor and cigarettes were stolen and removed from the store in bags the suspects had brought with them.

They arrived and left in an unidentified vehicle.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact the Esterhazy detachment at 306-745-4740 or Crime Stoppers, 1-800-667-8477.



THEY'VE BEEN BUSY: Cheryl Haas and Janine Meyer proudly stand beside the massive quilt with a bee theme to its design that they have created as a fundraiser for the new Langenburg swimming pool.

Making a buzz for the new pool

What's the connection between bees, quilts and Langenburg's proposed new swimming pool?

The answer is Janine Meyer and Cheryl Haas. The two women have been getting together regularly in Meyer's basement since February to "Make a Buzz for the New Swimming Pool."

The outcome of their work is a beautifully designed and crafted handmade quilt which will help raise funds for the town's new pool.

The theme of the large quilt is bees, which shouldn't be entirely surprising given Meyer's family business, Glory Bee Honey.

All of its individual pieces of fabric are bee related. Some have actual drawings of bees while others are less apparent, such as pieces with crowns on them, in reference to the queen bee of a hive.

"There are a lot of hours there," Meyer said, tracing her hand over the finished product which can only be described as a one-of-a-kind piece of art. It required both time to cut the individual pieces of material but also to sew them together in an eye-catching pattern from top to bottom, side to side.

Haas said she had a de-

sign in mind when plans for it were still in their early stages but, "I really didn't know how to put it all together."

The theme, though, was set from start to finish and that was to reflect "the importance of bees" in our world.

They have been looking for, and frequently purchasing, suitable bee-related materials when checking out fabric shops over the months and that variety is clearly evident.

They credit Dan and Joyce Karau of Perfect Tension Quilts and Crafts in Esterhazy for helping them with some of the more difficult aspects of the project.

And while it was a lot of hard work, often spent sitting on the floor in Meyer's basement they say it usually came with "a lot of laughs and a little wine."

Now that it is finished they are making it available to the group raising funds for the new pool. Lottery tickets for the quilt will soon be on sale for \$5 each and will remain available until the draw date which will be during Laff & Linger Daze 2020.

Watch for posters and other notices about where the tickets are going to be available.

900+ distracted drivers caught

The results from last month's Traffic Safety Spotlight on distracted driving are in: during June, law enforcement across the province reported 919 distracted driving offences - 798 were for cell phone use.

With numbers like that, it's no wonder that SGI and law enforcement continue to focus their efforts on distracted driving. Last month, SGI released a new multi-media ad campaign to address distracted driving and to show the human impact.

The message of the campaign is clear: distracted driving kills - don't miss out on life.

The fine for driving distracted is \$280, plus four demerit points under the Safe Driver Recognition program. And, if you get two cell phone tickets within a year, your vehicle will be towed and impounded for a week.

But it's more than just the financial cost if you're caught driving distracted (and with strong enforcement on our roads, the odds of getting caught are

highly likely).

For some, it's the physical cost of being injured in a distracted driving collision - distracted driving is still a leading cause of injury on Saskatchewan roads.

For others, it's the emotional cost of losing a loved one in a distracted driving collision.

It's just not worth it. Leave the phone alone - keep it in your purse, your glove box, the backseat. Keep your eyes on the road, avoid distractions, and #JustDrive.

Law enforcement also reported the following offences as part of the monthly Traffic Safety

Spotlight:

-- 7,040 tickets for speeding/aggressive driving

-- 367 impaired driving offences, including 325 Criminal Code charges

-- 590 tickets regarding seatbelts/car seats.

Church Notes

Bring a friend or neighbour to your house of worship. Remember, there's always room for one more.

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Sunday
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Langenburg - 11:00 A.M.,
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Kris Sauser, 896-2991

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PEACE PARKLAND LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Paul's, Langenburg
10:45 A.M.

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Concordia, Churchbridge
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Pastor Daphne Bender
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11:00 A.M. Worship Service
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Office: 898-4489
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Churchbridge, 11:00 A.M.
Morning Prayer
Saltcoats, 9:00 A.M.
For information
Bill Johnston - 896-2389
Sharon Gibler - 744-2901

Sask. wages up 5.8%

New figures show Saskatchewan had the highest increase in average weekly earnings among the provinces in May, up 5.8 percent year-over-year, well ahead of the national increase of 3.4 percent.

May's average weekly earnings in the province were \$1,070.11 (seasonally adjusted), the second highest in the nation.

Industries with the highest year-over-year earnings growth were mining, oil and gas (up 24.5 percent), health care and social assistance (up 14.3 percent) and arts, entertainment and recreation (up 6.1 percent).

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Retiring librarian believes...

'Libraries really are the best deal going out there'

"It doesn't matter who you are, what your income, or your status, or your race, or your age is, you're equal when you come into a library.

"It's probably the last institution where that is

other forms of immediate, on-demand technology but firmly believes there will always be a place for the library.

"I really believe that their value will increase in people's minds. They re-

pages of the thousands of books that fill a typical library's shelves.

"The way the world is now, if ever there was a time that humanity needed doers and thinkers at the same time, this is it.

library, so it was my first experience of a library. You'd initially buy a bunch of books and then you'd go back and exchange them for a few more books."

She has always loved reading and language, which she thanks her high school English teachers, and particularly Irene Adams, for encouraging.

After graduating from Langenburg High School in 1972 she became an English major at the University of Regina, with a minor in psychology eventually entering the School of Journalism. However she soon decided to make a major career change, becoming a florist. "I love flowers more than I love books," she admits.

"My dream is, when it's my time, I'd like to be sitting in a nice garden, reading."

She worked in the floral business in Regina for 25 years before being forced to return home to Langenburg after being diagnosed with fibromyalgia, a disorder characterized by widespread musculoskeletal pain.

"I came home to recover," she says.

After a couple of years spent regaining her health, she accepted the librarian's job at the Churchbridge Library in 2002.

"The job was perfect for me. I use my skills, I use my knowledge, and it's part-time."

A librarian's job at that time was not all that easy as books were mailed between branches of the Parkland Regional Library system.

"There was a lot of book hauling to and from the post office," she recalls. "It was a whole different system then, but I enjoyed it from the minute I started."

Since then she and her fellow librarians have had to adjust to at least two more library system upgrades. "The standard things are still the same, but the electronic cata-

loguing system has changed at least twice."

So, too, she says with a laugh, have librarians. "The librarians with the tight hair buns and Oxford shoes, who were kind of scary, are long gone. You're more likely to find somebody with purple hair and body piercings.

"But we still do the same thing."

That "thing", she explains, is to encourage both young and old to read.

Every summer reading program introduces more kids to pick up a book, and by providing large print books it helps seniors who may not see as well as they used to, to continue reading.

"And sometimes it's just a matter of providing them with something to do."

"Not everybody can afford to buy books," she adds, recalling one loyal patron who used to regularly check out 30 books a month.

She says she has heard patrons questioning why they continue to buy books "when I can come here and they're free."

Scherloski credits the provincial and regional library systems for making that improvement possible by constantly upgrading their collections and rotating new books among libraries.

"It has resulted in cost-sharing among libraries because not everybody has to carry the same number of popular books, because they're spread out over the province."

All one has to do is go on line and put a hold on the book that you're interested in, she says. When it becomes available (the more popular the book the longer the wait) it will be delivered to the local library for pick-up.

There were concerns, with the advent of ebooks

and audio books, that libraries may not be as relevant as they once were, but Scherloski says that the opposite is proving to be the case.

The library can provide both electronic and hard copy books for its clients.

She, personally, prefers a book she can hold on to. "There's something intimate about reading a book. It's just you, the book, the characters and the author."

As optimistic as she is about the future of libraries, she does allow a note of concern to creep into her vision of the future.

"A lot of people don't have time to read to their kids and that's probably the single most important factor in getting kids to keep reading their whole lives -- seeing adults in their lives reading."

Besides the changes to the cataloguing system Scherloski has seen new services being provided by libraries such as the provision of computers and internet access at no cost to the users.

"There are a lot of people who cannot afford to be connected (to the internet), and how can you function today without internet? There are so many things you cannot do if you're not connected" including filling out necessary government forms.

The focus for libraries, she says, is moving away from being a place to take out books, to being community centres. "Every library needs to focus on providing different services."

She points to large urban libraries that loan bikes and tools while others are becoming "maker spaces" where visitors can paint, create videos, knit "or do just about anything, depending upon the community you're in and what

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RETIREMENT AHEAD: Checking out a good book for her up-coming retirement is Marie Scherloski, Churchbridge Library's librarian for the past 17 years.

true." Marie Scherloski has the experience to offer that comment as she's just a few weeks away from retiring as librarian at the Churchbridge Library -- a position she has held for the past 17 years.

She has seen the value of libraries challenged in these days of ebooks and

ally do have a place," she says. "Where else can you go where nobody wants your money?"

Libraries, she continues, are a place where "doers and thinkers" can come to recharge their creative energies by encountering and considering new ideas and perspectives presented to them on the

"We need those people who think outside of the box...and you're more likely to meet unconventional thinkers in a library than anywhere else, unless you happen to be in an academic circle.

"It doesn't matter whether it's a family, or an organization or a community, if your ideas aren't challenged from time to time, you just become this mediocre entity that doesn't have the drive to move forward.

"Libraries are the place where those challenges are encouraged."

Her love of books and the challenges she has experienced through the stories they've told, goes back to her teen-aged years in Langenburg when she became a regular visitor to a second hand bookstore run by Millie (Mrs. Henry) Cornelius, situated beside the building that now houses the Brooks Mack law offices.

"It really operated like a



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Esterhazy / Langenburg Detachment Report

Members were busy this week with several files including:

A single vehicle rollover on Highway 8 south of Spy Hill. The lone female occupant of the vehicle was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The vehicle had been reported stolen from Manitoba earlier that day. Alcohol is suspected to be a factor in the rollover. The matter is currently still under investigation.

Another single vehicle rollover on Highway 22 east of Esterhazy. An adult male was located and arrested for impaired driving. The male was taken to hospital where he was treated for non-life threatening injuries. The matter is currently still under investigation.

Early morning traffic patrols continue to locate vehicles speeding on the highways. Several more tickets were written this week.

Another complaint of a bickering couple, this time in the Churchbridge and Bredenburg area. The problem appeared to be property being thrown out. The male then went on to leave a rather unpleasant voicemail for his ex-girlfriend. While no criminal acts were committed, the officers assisted to keep the peace.

Complaint of a party in a well-known location near Langenburg. Officers conducted a checkstop for the vehicles attending the party and found the party-goers to be obeying the laws and respectful in their interactions with police. A positive experience for everyone involved.

The Esterhazy Detachment is hosting a golf tournament on Monday, August 19 at the Esterhazy Golf Course. It is 18 holes with several great prizes including a hole-in-one prize. Proceeds are returned to the community by providing scholarships to a graduating student from Esterhazy, Churchbridge and Langenburg schools. There are limited spots remaining so anyone interested can call the Esterhazy Detachment to register a team. This is a good chance to get to know your local police officers and see that we can have fun once in a while, too!

Bill and Lynda
You can't Retire.....
from being Awesome!

Thank you
for your many years of
dedication and service
to our community.

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~ Al, Marlene and Karen ~



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Many thanks owed...

Bill's Beat by Bill Johnston

"There's a lot happening out here but no one wants to cover it. Would you be interested in starting a newspaper?"

And that's how The Four-Town Journal came to be. A group of six or seven of us were standing in a corner of the Bredenburg Hall in the early part of 1981. We were there for a Lions Club function but some of the folks who were there decided to use the occasion to throw the idea of a new newspaper at me. The group included Trent Fieseler, Mervin Kendel, Gil Boyle and Harvey Sveinbjornson.

Having stepped down as Publisher of The Yorkton Enterprise to take a shot at being a freelance writer, they thought I might be looking for something a little more steady ie. a weekly community newspaper job.

And here we are, 1,822 editions of the paper later, preparing to turn the reins over to a new publisher, paving the way for my eventual retirement.

This is an appropriate time for me to say some long overdue thank you's.

First, thank you to my family: my right hand for much of this adventure, Lynda, our two daughters Krystal and Julia and our terrific grandkids, Ivy, Jeorgia and Will. Living with a newspaper editor/publisher is not an easy

undertaking, but it seems like we've survived it all. Now we find out if they can stand to have me around all the time!

Thank you to the terrific people who have worked with us over the past 38 years, beginning with our first co-workers, Heather Polowich and Doreen Ingjaldson in Langenburg and Debbie Hussey (then Debbie Olm) in Churchbridge. We struck it lucky having them with us as we struggled through our first few years.

We were equally lucky to wind up with Verna Brenner in charge of our subscriptions in our final few years.

Our luck persisted throughout thanks to, in no particular order, Cindy Basken, Shawna Polsom (then McGillivray), Elsie McGillivray, Margaret Nicholson, Susan Schenk, Nita Schmidt (Burke), Judy Hildebrandt, Pamela Rathgeber, Jill Faul, Twila Laxdal, Katie Vickers, "Gabby" Desnoyers, Connie Sakundiak, Charity Peterson, Karen McCannell, Valerie Entz, Krystal and Julia Johnston, Michelle Dressler and my brother Dave.

What's great to remember is that, with the exception of brother Dave, who wound up getting fired (long story), all of those folks wound up being good friends whose friendships we still treasure.

Thank you to our correspondents whose job can be a thankless task while still being of great value to their respective communities. Leading the way is Marie Yanke in Churchbridge whose materials I've been editing going back to our days with The Enterprise. For this paper she was joined by Linda Gander in Spy Hill, Derwood Andrews in MacNutt and our group correspondents, The Busy Bees in Bredenburg and the Laketown Leaders in Saltcoats. Thanks very much for your dedication and work.

Thank you to our advertisers through the years. Advertising is the financial lifeblood of a newspaper and we have been very fortunate to have received strong support from our local businesses.

Special thanks to the Thorsness and McIntyre families of Saltcoats. The late Wilf Thorsness and Tom McIntyre placed a very much appreciated full page ad for Thorsness Hardware in our first edition on October 7, 1981, and if you check out page 3 of this week's edition Mike McIntyre has an ad for Thorsness Appliance and Bedstore there.

Special thanks to Dave Schappert, his son Warren and now granddaughter Aubrey of Langenburg Motors and Paragon Sales for being very regular advertisers.

Thanks to the Churchbridge Credit Union's sponsorship of The Credit Union Corner, countless groups have been able to publicize their up-coming

province - in this country - have had a brilliant newspaper editor like Bill Johnston? I have read many other local newspapers and none compare to the quality of Bill's writing, the depth of his editorials, the painstaking coverage of local events. No dance recital, no bonspiel, no hockey tournament has escaped his attention. On cold winter nights while I have sat before the fireplace enjoying a good book and a (small) glass of scotch, Bill is taking photos at curling bonspiels, hockey tournaments or dance recitals. On warm summer weekends when I am basking at the lake with family, enjoying leisure time, Bill is sweating and swatting mosquitoes at

the ball diamond, recording the names of the kids who have won the baseball tournament or at the golf course photographing the winners of the golf tournament. He has endured the usual rains at June Daze, the heat of Laugh and Linger, the dust at the pony races in Spy Hill. At every community engagement, whether for tots or teens, at tournaments or town meetings, at concerts or cross country meets, you can find a shock of white hair - Bill - milling about with his camera and notepad in hand. What joy he has brought to so many families as he has patiently photographed children and grandchildren and has recorded their names and achievements. The Four-Town Journal

events for most of the past 38 years.

Other very loyal advertisers whose support has been valued included the Churchbridge Co-op (now Legacy Co-op), the late Larry Wallace of Wallace Enterprises, the Schapperts at Langenburg Bumper to Bumper, Pharmasave and...well we could go on. Needless to say, thanks to you all for choosing your local newspaper to advertise in, and we hope you will continue to support the new Four-Town Journal.

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As well you warmly welcomed us into your meetings, your special events, your school and sporting activities, and even your homes. And with very few exceptions you welcomed us with genuine appreciation and friendship, which went a long way on those cold winter nights to making this challenging business of producing a newspaper worthwhile.

Most of all, thanks for being who you are. The job of a community newspaper is to reflect back to the communities it serves what those communities are all about, and who they're all about.

Consistently what we've reflected back have been positive stories, providing glimpses into what's good in people.

We aren't mired in the muck the national and social media are so focused on. Instead we have been able to produce countless stories of accomplishments, both big and small, and people working together to make their communities better and stronger.

We're very lucky to live where we are and hopefully we've conveyed that fact through the past 38 years.

Finally, thanks to all of you who have stopped by, sent cards, or called us, to congratulate Lynda and I on our impending retirement. We have been completely blown away by your generous wishes and thoughts.

We could never thank you enough for allowing us to be part of your lives for the past 38 years.

Letter to the Editor

Making four communities one

(Editor's Note: The following "Letter to the Editor" was written prior to the announcement The Four-Town Journal has been sold to a new owner.)

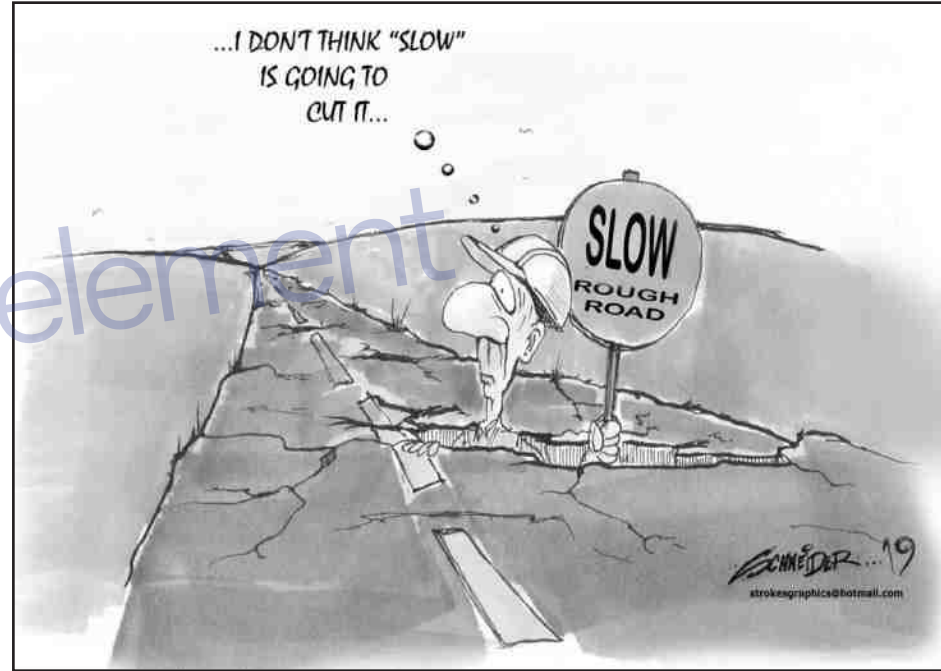
To the Editor:

I have never written a letter to the editor of any newspaper. I have never identified a grievance or disappointment significant enough or an accolade or achievement worthy enough that, in my view, merited engaging a newspaper's readership. But currently I feel sufficiently moved to share my thoughts with the readers of The Four-Town Journal.

I have a grievance: we are losing our cherished newspaper. For 38 years, Bill and Lynda Johnston have been the never-failing eyes and ears of sev-

eral communities, not only Langenburg, Churchbridge, Bredenburg and Saltcoats, but also Spy Hill, MacNutt, Marchwell and other satellite communities. The Johnstons have habitualized us to a Wednesday fix that routinely appears in our mailboxes. What are we going to do when we go to the post office in August and there is no paper? Four communities will suffer withdrawal. How will we function without The Four-Town Journal? Living without the paper will be like living without coffee and the radio in the morning. I don't think it can be done!

On the other hand, we have much to celebrate. How many other rural communities in this



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The Four-Town Journal's
Main Streeting

The Four-Town Journal will not be published in August as we get to work cleaning out our Langenburg office which has been home to us ever since we started. We will then be tackling the even bigger job of training our new Publisher, Ryan Stanko, all the tricks of the trade when it comes to publishing a newspaper. You will be hearing from us in September. Meanwhile, have a great last half of the summer.

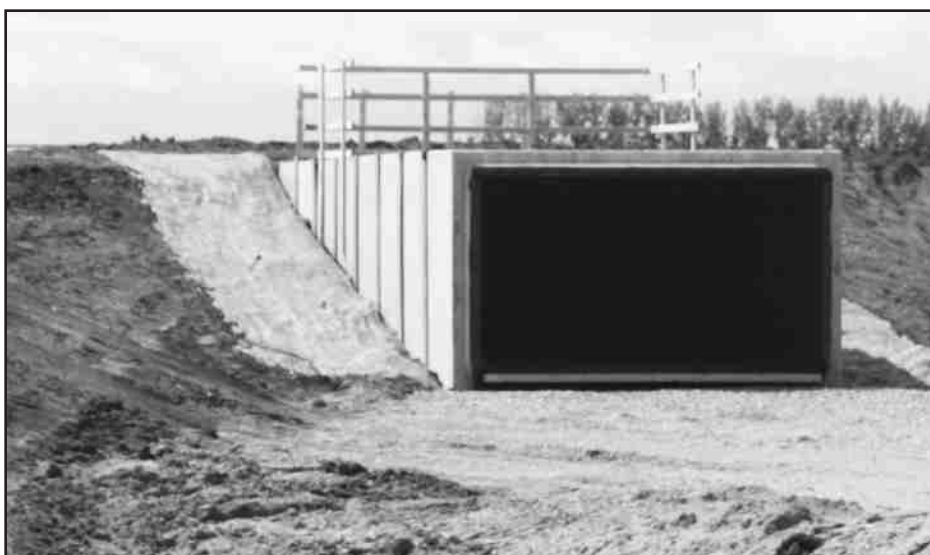
We knew it would be coming but when the hot spell hit last Friday we still weren't prepared for it. Man it was hot! But that's what summer is supposed to be.

A lot of attention was spent on the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 space mission to the moon. The actual landing happened on July 20, 1969 but we can still clearly remember sitting, in the early morning hours of that day, watching those grainy black and white TV pictures of Neil Armstrong becoming the first human being to set foot on another entity in space. It was incredible to think that man had not only accomplished that major feat, but he had managed to televise it live on earth 384,400 kms. away! Twelve men have so far set foot on the moon, all of them U.S. astronauts.

And what was the first thing mankind did on the moon? We dropped a bag of disposable materials on it, leaving it there, presumably, forever. It was necessary to get rid of anything that was no longer needed in order to help the lunar capsule take off.

An impressive feat much closer to home was the Riders' manhandling of the BC Lions on Saturday in Vancouver. Saskatchewan won the game 45-18 thanks to a strong team effort. Their next game is this Thursday night when Hamilton comes to Mosaic Stadium for a 7:30 game. It will be interesting to see how the Ti-Cats play, having lost their starting QB Jeremiah Masoli for the season due to a serious left knee injury.

A huge pat on the back to everyone who helped make the provincial baseball championships in Saltcoats over the weekend such a great success. Even the weather cooperated although it definitely was windy on Sunday for the final games. And it got even better when the hometown Lakers won the gold medals. We were impressed with how their coaches continually reminded the players they were there to have some fun, which they did, although it was hard on the nerves of all of their parents and fans.



TUNNEL UNDER HWY. 80: Construction work is continuing on Hwy. 80 where the conveyor belt connecting Mosaic Potash's K1 and K3 mines is being installed beneath the highway. Similar to the conveyor system that's moving ore from K3 to the K2 mill for processing, the K3 to K1 belt will feed additional potash into the original mill operation. Further to the east of the Hwy. 80 work site, work is taking place where the belt will go over the CN mainline.

Tips on how you can beat the heat

The Saskatchewan Health Authority is reminding the public to take precautions during rising temperatures expected in many parts of the province. According to Environment Canada, a heat warning is issued when there are two or more consecutive days of daytime temperatures expected to reach 29 degrees or warmer.

Heat-related illnesses include: heat rash (skin irritation), heat cramps (muscle cramps), heat edema (swelling of hands, feet, and ankles), heat fainting, heat exhaustion and heat stroke. "As temperatures rise, you need to take extra care to keep as cool as possible in order to prevent any heat-related illness," said Saskatchewan Health Authority Medical Health Officer Dr. Simon Kapaj. "Heat illnesses are preventable. It is particularly important for babies, young children, the elderly and anyone who is ill or has chronic health conditions like breathing problems, mental illness, and heart problems to stay out of the heat."

Here are some tips to avoid becoming ill during periods of extreme heat:

Stay out of the heat
Keep out of the sun during the peak hours of 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., if possible. If you need to be outside, wear appropriate sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses and light, loose fitting cotton clothes.

Avoid any extreme physical exertion and keep in the shade whenever possible.

If you don't have air conditioning at home, know where to go to cool down. Public spaces that are air conditioned include malls, leisure centres, libraries, etc.

Cool yourself down
Stay hydrated with cold water and cold drinks, avoiding excess alcohol. Eat cold foods - salad and fruit with high water content is always a nice, light choice.

Take cool baths or showers.

Keep your environment cool

Keep your living space cool. This is especially important for infants, the elderly, and those with chronic health conditions or those who can't look after themselves (including pets).

Keep windows that are exposed to the sun closed during the day, and open windows at night when the temperature has dropped.

Look out for others
Keep an eye on isolated, elderly, ill or very young people and make sure they are able to keep cool.

Ensure that babies, children, elderly people, and pets are not left alone in stationary vehicles.

Check on elderly or sick neighbours, family or friends every day during the heat wave.

Heat stroke is a medical emergency. Call 9-1-1 or seek immediate medical assistance if you are caring for someone who has a high body temperature and is either unconscious, confused or has stopped sweating.

If you take medicines regularly, ask your doctor for advice about hot-weather activity and your risk of getting a heat-related illness.

More tips for staying healthy in the heat include:

Tip 1 -- Prepare for the Heat. Tune in regularly to local weather forecasts and alerts so you know when to take extra care.

- If you have an air conditioner, make sure it works properly.

- If you don't have an air conditioner, find an air-conditioned spot close by where you can cool off for a few hours on very hot days.

Tip 2 -- Pay attention to how you and those around you feel. Frequently visit neighbors, friends and older family members, especially those who are chronically ill, to make sure that they are cool and hydrated.

Tip 3 -- Drink liquids. Water is best.

Tip 4 -- Stay cool.

Wear loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing made of breathable fabric

Take cool showers or baths until you feel refreshed.

Plan strenuous outdoor activities for cooler days, or choose a cooler location, like a place with air conditioning or with tree shade.

Spend a few hours in a cool place. It could be a tree-shaded area, swimming facility or an air-conditioned spot.

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Local couple celebrates 75 years of marriage



75TH ANNIVERSARY: Well known former residents of the RM of Langenburg, Otto and Elsie Weiss, celebrated their 75th Wedding Anniversary last Friday, July 26 at the Langenburg Centennial Special Care Home. Elsie, now 100, and Otto, now 99, are both residents of the care home. Family members, including three of their four children -- Jerome, Randy and Jeannette Salkeld -- were on hand for the special occasion marked on the exact date they were married in St. Wenceslaus Church in Gerald, 75 years ago. They enjoyed a special treat of Saskatoon berry pie and ice cream. Missing was their daughter Elsie who was unable to attend. Otto and Elsie started farming in 1944 on the farm they originally moved to in 1935. They continued operating it until 1979 when Randy took it over, allowing them to move to Gerald. Otto served 16 years as Councillor for Division 3 in the RM.

Warnings issued about driveway repair scams

Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority (FCAA) is warning Saskatchewan residents about door-to-door driveway repair scams. Some salespeople may not be licensed or may use leftover materials that result in low quality work.

They strongly advise consumers to first check for a license.

If a salesperson is coming to your door wanting to pave your driveway, they need to be licensed under the Direct Sellers Act. You can check if a salesperson is licensed on <https://fcaa.gov.sk.ca/fcaa411>. Licensed salespersons are regulated to ensure that consumers are protected from harmful practices.

How the scam works. Scammers often come, unlicensed, door-to-door and offer "on the spot" driveway repair using leftover materials from other projects. The driveway may look good initially, but may crumble and crack as it dries.

Beware of the following red flags.

- Be cautious if a salesperson:
 - makes the price sound "too good to be true";
 - pressures you into buying immediately or claim that you'll "lose a deal"; or

-- asks you to write a blank cheque.

Keep yourself safe. When dealing with a door-to-door salesperson, make sure that:

- everything is documented in writing, that you agree to the expectations of the work, that a price is set and there is a timeframe of when work is to be completed;
- you ask questions when you do not understand something;
- you are not pressured into buying on the spot;
- you do not write them a blank cheque;
- you check to see if they have property damage and liability insurance; and
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Saltcoats Lakers provincial champs

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A summer that saw Saltcoats complete major improvements to the two minor ball diamonds in its regional park, both of which were named for major financial supporters of minor ball in the town,

and 1950's, with support from the local chamber of commerce it experienced a major resurgence.

The height of that growth in popularity were the July 1 ball tournaments in Saltcoats which

lum noted that if "sweat equity" was included the cost of the improvements would be well over \$200,000.

Plans are already underway for improvements to the park's main diamond

inning 12-11 win to claim the tournament championship and the SBA gold medals Sunday afternoon.

To do so the hometown team put together a perfect 5-0 record in the tournament which placed

came from the town or the RM.

In Pool A were the Lloydminster Twins, Humboldt Dodgers, Wawota Pats and Gull Lake Greyhounds.

The Lakers placed first in their pool with a 13-10 win over Southey, an 8-3 win over Saskatoon and a 15-8 win over Weyburn.

Weyburn placed second in Pool B followed by Southey and Saskatoon.

In Pool A Lloydminster placed first followed by Humboldt in second, Gull Lake in third and Wawota in fourth.

That set the stage for Sunday morning's semifinals which saw Saltcoats squeak by Humboldt by a 4-3 margin, while Weyburn handed Lloydminster a 19-14 loss.

Sunday afternoon's championship game saw the fielders and batters facing some extremely high winds throughout the scheduled six-inning game which wound up stretching to nearly three hours.

Coming off their 19-run semifinal onslaught against Lloydminster, the Beavers took an early six-run lead.

However the Lakers, supported by some strong pitching by starter Estyn Nabozniak and relievers Nikki Devins and Kyla Farquharson, plus some excellent fielding, battled back to tie the game at 11-11 at the end of six.

Both teams tightened up their play, not allowing any further runs until the

bottom of the ninth when, with two out, Liam Baron punched a hard shot to centre field scoring Devins from third base.

It was the Lakers' third, comeback win in a row.

The SBA 2019 13U AA Tier 6 Provincial Championship Saltcoats Lakers team consists of: Liam Baron, Wyatt Bergen, Nikki Devins, Wyatt Evans, Kyla Farquharson, Tristan Kostelnyk, Jace

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McCallum, Rooke Mickle, Luke Morgan, Alex Morrison, Estyn Nabozniak, Gabe Nabozniak-Wog and Cole Stainer.

Head coach is Mike Farquharson and assistant coaches are Cam Morgan, Jesse Baron and Hanna Farquharson. Team manager is Anna Bergen.

They were presented their gold medals and championship plaque by SBA representative Brian Murray.

The tournament proved to be a major success, which was all the more impressive given the short amount of time Saltcoats had to prepare for it, agreeing to host the event just a few weeks beforehand when no other centre was willing to step forward.

Proceeds from it will go towards more diamond improvements.



PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS: Members of the Saltcoats Lakers PeeWee team that won the SBA 2019 13U AA Tier 6 Provincial Baseball Tournament are: front from left, Jace McCallum, Liam Baron, Alex Morrison, Luke Morgan, Wyatt Bergen, Rooke Mickle, Gabe Nabozniak-Wog, and Cole Stainer; back from left, assistant coach Jesse Baron, Tristan Kostelnyk, Wyatt Evans, head coach Michael Farquharson, Nikki Devins, assistant coach Hanna Farquharson, Estyn Nabozniak, Kyla Farquharson, and assistant coach Cameron Morgan.

was capped this past weekend with the hometown team winning a provincial baseball championship.

Up against teams from Saskatoon, Weyburn, Humboldt, and four other centres, the Saltcoats PeeWee Lakers put the Laketown back on the provincial baseball map by winning the Sask. Baseball Association's 2019 13U Tier 6 Provincial Championship.

"I'd say baseball is back," Saltcoats Mayor Grant McCallum told the large crowd on hand for Friday evening's opening ceremonies.

He recalled that the connection between Saltcoats and baseball goes as far back as the 1880's. Following a lull in the 1940's

drawn up to 10,000 ball fans to the park for baseball and fastball games. A sign for diamond #17 was recently discovered, providing proof of just how big the one day event was.

In recent years interest had dropped off but thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers, with support from the town and RM of Saltcoats and the local minor ball organization, baseball games are now a regular evening pastime for the 70+ local ball players and their fans during the early summer months.

The badly needed upgrades to the two ball diamonds cost in the range of \$150,000 which the ball diamond committee covered through fundraising and sponsorships. McCallum said "We built it, and they came."

which once was home to the Saltcoats Lakers Senior Baseball team and which, in coming years, will possibly see Midget and Bantam games played on it.

Connecting the past with the present, leftie Dave Datema -- a key baseball figure in Saltcoats through many years -- threw a perfect strike to officially kick off the tournament.

While that was definitely an early high point of the weekend, the crowning touch came two days later as the Lakers posted a come-from-behind, extra

Saltcoats in Pool B against the Southey Eagles, Saskatoon Brave Knights and Weyburn Beavers.

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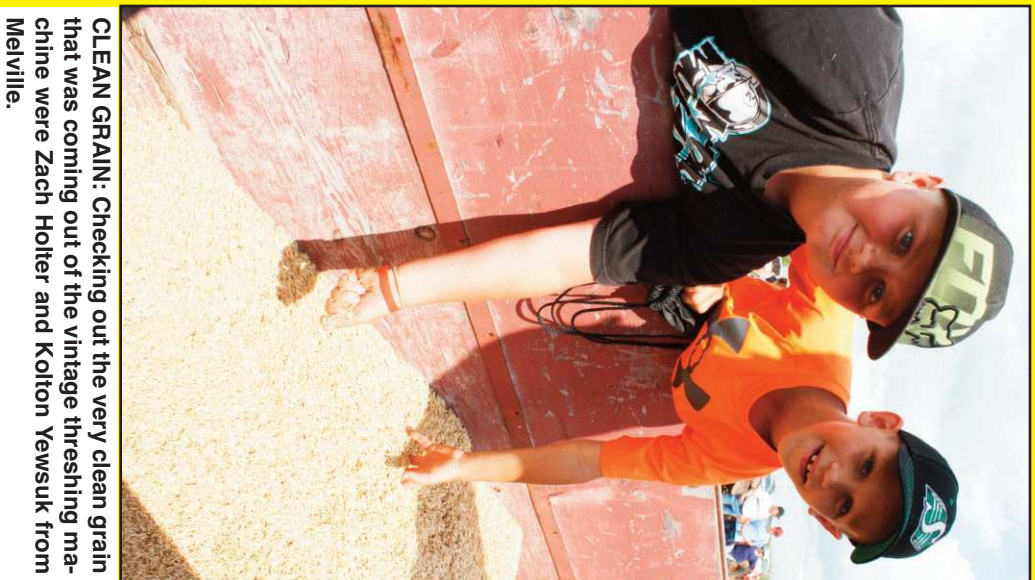
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CLEAN GRAIN: Checking out the very clean grain that was coming out of the vintage threshing machine were Zach Holler and Kolton Yewasuk from Melville.



A POPULAR ATTRACTION: Albert Abdal has been a familiar figure at area events through the years, along with his miniature ponies and wagon. His passengers Sunday in Bangor were his great grandsons, Marty and "Little Albert" Simpson from Regina.



A LITTLE HELP FROM A LITTLE HELPER: A young future farmer was at the wheel of this classic tractor in the Bangor Heritage Day Parade.



LOOK WHAT WE GOT! The passing participants in the Bangor Heritage Day parade kept youngsters, and even some oldersters, busy picking up tossed treats galore. This group of boys and girls wound up with some full buckets and bags.



ALL DRESSED UP: Appropriately attired for the Bangor Heritage Day was this group of young ladies from Carrot River, Balgonie and Esterhazy.



LEADING THE WAY: A colour guard from the Melville Legion led the 2019 Bangor Heritage Day Parade.



READY TO ROLL: Waiting to head out for the Bangor Heritage Day Parade, fortified by some suckers, were Adalynn, Penny and Henry Mehner from Churchbridge. They were in a small farm cart pulled by a tractor driven by brother Landon.



GETTING IT ALL SHINED UP: Wiping some of the dust off the vintage Saltcoats fire truck in preparation for the Bangor Heritage Day Parade was Mason Bradford.



COMFORTABLE TRANSPORTATION: This line of covered wagons proved to be a popular attraction for youngsters attending the Bangor Heritage Day.



GIVE IT ANOTHER PULL: Despite the many attempts to get it started this gas powered washing machine on one of the floats in the Bangor Heritage Day Parade just wouldn't start.



HOW IT USED TO BE DONE: Using a vintage stock picker, members of the Bangor Heritage Day Committee showed how sheaves of wheat used to be picked up and loaded on to an accompanying rack. It was part of Bangor Heritage Day events which drew a good crowd to the village to enjoy the annual demonstration featuring a vintage threshing machine.



HARVEST THE OLD FASHIONED WAY: A highlight of the Bangor Heritage Day program was the threshing demonstration featuring a vintage threshing machine who were kept busy pitching sheaves into the machine.

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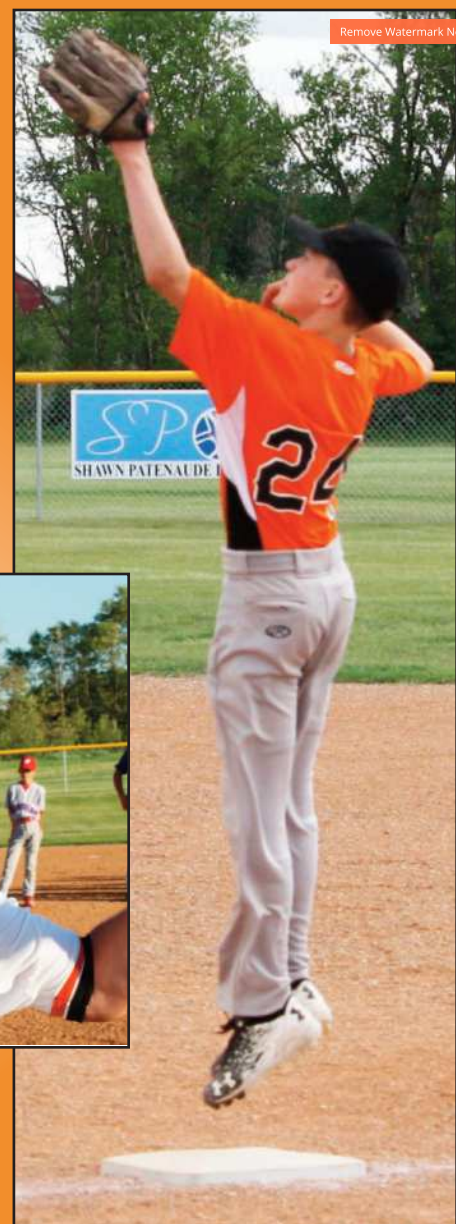
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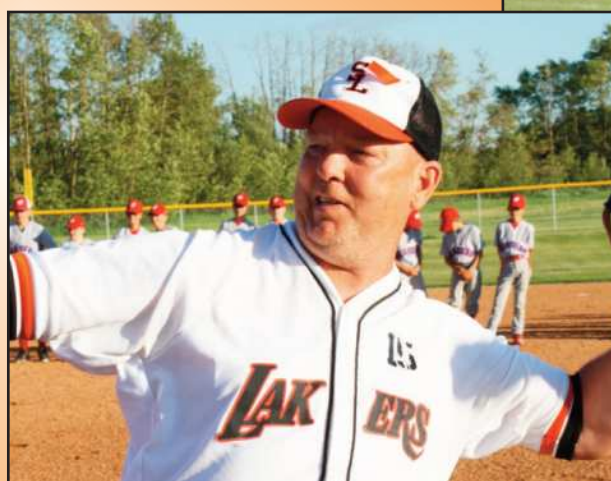
OPENING CEREMONIES: Led by piper Robyn Torrie and a Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps honour guard from Yorkton, the eight teams taking part in the 2019 SBA 13U AA Tier 6 Provincial Championships took to the Farrell Agencies Field Friday night for the tournament's opening ceremonies.



LINE DRIVE CATCH: With the Weyburn Beavers threatening to score in the tight, extra innings championship game Saltcoats Lakers' first baseman, Liam Baron, pulled in a line drive to prevent a run.



WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS: Nikki Devins was mobbed by her fellow Saltcoats Lakers as she crossed home plate scoring the winning run in the ninth inning of the team's championship game against the Weyburn Beavers.



FIRST PITCH: Long-time stalwart of baseball in Saltcoats, Dave Datema, had the honour of throwing out the official first pitch at the opening ceremonies of the 2019 13U PeeWee AA Tier 6 baseball championships Friday evening.

Beware of blue-green algae in lakes, reservoirs

The Water Security Agency and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health are advising the public to avoid swimming in or drinking water where blue-green algae blooms are occurring.

Algae blooms, or heavy concentrations of blue-green algae, commonly occur during calm, hot weather in areas of lakes and reservoirs with shallow, slow moving or still water that has sufficient nutrients. Pet owners and livestock producers are also advised to keep their animals away from such water.

Algae blooms often give the water a shimmering, foamy pea soup appearance. They are usually blue-green, bright blue, grey or tan in colour. The recent warm temperatures in the province may result in the quick formation of algal blooms. The algae blooms typically last up to three weeks and can be pushed around the lake or reservoir by the wind.

Swimming in or drinking this algae-bloom affected water can cause red

skin, sore throat, cramps or diarrhea. In addition, caution should be taken when considering the consumption of fish or shellfish caught in areas of a water body where a bloom

exists; in particular the internal organs of the fish should not be eaten.

If you have any of these health symptoms, call Healthline 811 or contact your health care provider.

NOTICE OF ADVANCE POLL By-Election Town of Saltcoats

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that provision has been made for an advance poll:

Voting will take place on
Thursday, August 15, 2019
between the hours of
5:00P.M. and 9:00 P.M.

at the Saltcoats Community Services Building, 117 Allan Ave., Saltcoats, SK.

NOTICE OF POLL By-Election Town of Saltcoats

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a poll has been granted for the election of:

(1) Councillor for the Town of Saltcoats

Voting will take place on the:
28th day of August, 2019
from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.
at the polling place listed below:

Polling Place	Address
Stirling Room	117 Allan Avenue, Saltcoats
	Saltcoats Community Services Building

I will declare the results of the election at the Saltcoats Town Office, 117 Allan Avenue, on the 29th day of August, 2019, at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

Dated this 26th day of July, 2019.

Deborah Domshy,
Returning Officer



Report from the Legislature

Honourable Warren Kaeding
MLA Melville-Saltcoats

Minister of Government Relations
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Thank you and Happy Retirement

Saskatchewan hosted Canada's Premiers for the 2019 Council of the Federation meetings in Saskatoon this past month with the Provinces agreeing to unilaterally drop exemptions to the Canada Trade Agreement. (Less red tape for doing business with Canada)

Job numbers: even though our economy faces significant external headwinds, job creators continue to have confidence in the fundamentals of our diversified economy. With eleven straight months of climbing job numbers, we are seeing very positive trends that support a growing Saskatchewan economy.

But most importantly, with this being the last issue of The Four-Town Journal of which Bill Johnston is Editor and Publisher, we need to say a word of appreciation and also offer my apologies for not being able to join you and the community at your retirement send off! I don't think many realize the effort and time that goes into creating a weekly paper. As neighbours living across the street from each other, I notice that when I am leaving at the early hours in the morning you are already gone. Off to a breakfast that started at 7 AM, or to get the paper ready for the Tuesday delivery. I hope that now your early mornings are just to move the water sprinkler on your front lawn.

I am not sure that you were able to truly appreciate any event that you attended as you always had to be looking at it through your camera's lens and gathering all the details. I hope from this day forward you get to enjoy things as a spectator or participant and maybe have the camera lens turned toward you.

Thank You for reporting on literally 4 generations of the area, bringing the Four Town Area to life through your pictures and storytelling. I still come home on Wednesdays with anticipation as to what stories will be on the front page; above the fold of The Four-Town Journal. You have reported on the highs and lows of the area whether in agriculture or resource development. Your editorials were crafted to make one ponder the issues of the day. You covered the successes and failures of a number of businesses in the area. Your photography created vivid images of our snow storms, violent thunder storms and flooding, but also showed the beauty of nature around us.

Thank You Bill and Lynda for taking a chance on the Four Town Area. We are very appreciative of the fact that you decided to live here and make The Four-Town Journal part of this area's history. Your contributions to all in the communities you and your staff have served will be missed.

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CO-OP SUPPORTS PLAYGROUND PROJECT: On behalf of Legacy Co-op, Marketing Manager Angust Vincent, recently presented a \$7,500 cheque to Churchbridge Public School Principal Amanda Kornaga. The money will help with the CPS playground equipment replacement project which recently saw the installation of the first piece of badly needed new equipment.

Shootout at Carlton Trail GC

Carlton Trail Golf Club held its annual 27 hole 2 man shootout on Saturday with 62 golfers enduring a hot and windy day of golf.

Club chairperson, Brian Ingjaldson, welcomed golfers from several communities and thanked all the participants for supporting the club and course.

Placing first in the First Flite were Doug Krekewich from Melville and Josh Bray from Regina

who came in 10 under par. Second was the pairing of Mike Kaczmar from Yorkton and Riley Jepson from Esterhazy with a six under par.

Locals Robert Menzies and Jeff Farmer were four under par, and placed third on a countback.

First in the Second Flite was the pairing of Jamie Ingjaldson and Curtis Newton from Moosomin who finished three over par.

Russell Apland and Greg Moore placed second, shooting five over par, and, at seven over, Claire DeCock and Nick Carlson were third.

The Third Flite saw Bob Anderson and Ade DeCorby place first on a countback, coming in 10 over par.

Second were Luke Krienke and Neil Lamberty from Melville, 14 over par, and third were Karlis and Michael VanCaesele.

Larry Apland and Alfred Bergman placed first in the Fourth Flite, finishing

21 over par followed by Boedy Buchberger and Kamin Bergstrom, by countback, who were 23 over par. Third, on countback, were Craig Olafson and Terry Hautz who came in 23 over par.

Closest to the pin marksmen for the day were Brian Ingjaldson on #1 hole with a shot that wound up 5', 1" away from the hole, and Paul Huber whose drive on #3 hole finished 8', 4" from the pin.

The day wrapped up with a delicious roast beef dinner.



IN WITH THE NEW, OUT WITH THE OLD: Volunteers recently spent many hours installing the first piece of new playground equipment at the Churchbridge Pub-

lic School, seen in the background. The area remains a construction site as work continues on removing some of the old pieces of play equipment.

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02 - Thank You

THE FAMILY of PHILIP LUNGAL wish to thank all their family members, friends and neighbours for their kind words of sympathy, prayers, cards, flowers and gifts of food. Thank you to Lorna Nechvatal for playing the organ, to Erwin Becker for a touching eulogy and the Concordia ladies for providing a delicious lunch. Thank you to Dr. P. Botha, the nursing staff from Langenburg Home Care and St. Anthony's Hospital Esterhazy for the kindness and care they provided to Philip during his illness. Also, thank you to the kind and helpful staff from Carscadden Funeral Service. God bless.

- Arlene; Richard, Margaret and family; Greg, Dale and family; Carolyn, Shannon and family; Kathryn, Nick and family; Murray, Leiflynn and family. 30-1-c

22 - Help Wanted

ICE MAINTENANCE OPERATOR

The Churchbridge Arena Board is accepting proposals for an **ICE MAINTENANCE OPERATOR** for the 2019-20 Winter Season.

- Duties for the position:
- Must be able to work varied hours
 - Must be able to operate Zamboni
 - Good communication with Arena Board and Public
 - Plant maintenance & daily checks
 - Ice surface area caretaking duties
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The Churchbridge Arena Board is accepting proposals for Operation of the **Churchbridge Skating Arena Kitchen** during the 2019-20 Winter Season.

The kitchen will be open from mid-October to mid-March, and must provide food service for all minor hockey games, tournaments, CanSkate activities, adult rec hockey tournaments and other activities at the arena as determined by the arena board.

A complete list of requirements for kitchen operation proposals can be found at:
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Please submit written proposals for operation of the Churchbridge Arena Kitchen to:

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The Arena Board reserves the right to select the best candidate for the position and may not necessarily choose the lowest tender submitted.

CARETAKER TENDER

The Churchbridge Arena Board is accepting tenders for a 'CARETAKER' for the 2019-20 season.

The position is required from October through March.

Duties to include:

- Daily cleaning of dressing rooms and lobby
- Daily opening and closing of the facility
- Routine maintenance
- Attendance during public skating and shinny

A complete listing of duties may be found at
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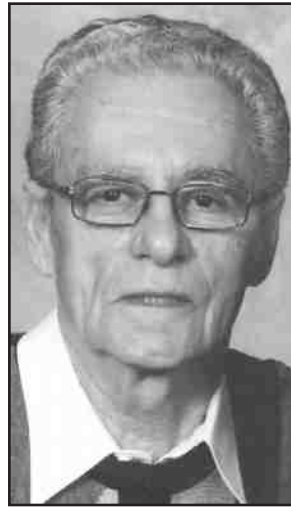
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25 - Obituary



LUNGAL -- Philip John Lungal passed away at St. Anthony's Hospital, Esterhazy, on July 13, 2019. Philip was born June 23, 1940 at Russell, Man., the eldest son of Jessie and Paul Lungal. He attended Silverton and Russell schools. After growing up on the family farm south west of Silverton, he moved to Saskatchewan. He started working for Schentag Construction and later was employed by IMC. Philip enjoyed his work and retired in 2004 after working for 42 years. He received his Industrial Instrument Mechanics ticket in 1982, a significant accomplishment after being out of school for many years and having a young family to support. Shortly after moving to Saskatchewan he met Arlene Fruin of Gerald. They were married in 1964 and

lived on the Fruin farm for several years before moving to Churchbridge in 1967. Philip was always active in sports, he enjoyed curling, bowling, golfing and later in retirement fishing with buddies Bruce and Tom. Philip's all-time favourite sport was baseball, playing on several local teams when he was young. He was an avid Blue Jays fan. He was also a great fan of his children and grandchildren's accomplishments. He spent countless hours and travelled many miles to support them, attending regular and provincial hockey and ball games, figure skating carnivals, band concerts, dance and piano recitals. Philip served on the Concordia Church Council for many years, the Sask. Housing Authority for nine years with several years as President and the Senior Curling Club as Secretary-Treasurer for a number of years. Philip was predeceased by his parents, Paul and Jessie Lungal, his in-laws, Bill and Josephine Fruin and his brothers-in-law Clarence Klimack and Art Fruin. He is survived by his wife of 55 years Arlene; children

Richard (Margaret), daughter Mackenzie; Greg (Dale), sons Austin, Levi and Hunter; Carolyn (Shannon), daughters Nicole (Kirby), Jaklynn (William) and their children Deegan and Everly, Chelsey and Paige; Kathryn (Nick) sons Tyler, Tanner and Brodie; Murray (Leiflynn) daughters Amalie and Estelle. He is survived by his sisters Darlene Klimack and Angela (Barry) Wylie, and his brothers Bill (Gloria) Lungal; Jim (Rosemary) Lungal; brother-in-law Glen (Darlene) Fruin; sisters-in-law Lynn (Bruce) Norsworthy and Loreen (Chris) Nagy plus nieces, nephews and many close friends. The funeral service for Philip was held Monday, July 22 at Concordia Lutheran Church followed by interment at the Churchbridge Community Cemetery. The Honorary Pallbearers were his grandchildren. The urn bearers were his grandson Austin Lungal and granddaughter Chelsey Debnam. Arrangements were entrusted to Peter Carscadden Funeral Service Esterhazy. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.pcarscaddenfs.ca. 30-1-c

26 - Auctions

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Hwy. 10 passing lanes to be finished by 2020

Area residents will have to wait another year to see passing lanes on Highway 10 between Melville and Yorkton.

According to a story by Wade Walz in *The Melville Advance*, Melville-Saltcoats MLA Warren Kaeding told Melville City Council recently that the passing lanes were still in the works but not for this year.

Government officials did confirm that work is expected to begin this fall but won't be completed before 2020.

Traffic in the corridor between Melville and Yorkton has increased dramatically in recent years leaving motorists wishing for it to be twinned. That solution is 80 percent more costly than passing lanes, says senior communications consultant, Steve Shaheen.

"Traffic engineers have determined passing lanes result in about 25 percent fewer collisions."

Passing lanes typically are located every few kilometres with traffic signs advising motorists of the precise location. These signs are meant to discourage motorists from making unsafe passes and, instead, patiently wait for the next passing

lane. In keeping with most driving practices, motorists are to keep to the right unless passing and on-coming vehicles are prohibited from passing traffic in their direction while in a passing lane zone.

The entire Hwy. 10 project will stretch almost 90 kilometres from Melville to Canora with six sets of passing lanes.

Yorkton-based Potzus Construction Ltd. was awarded the contract for the project that is classified a Design-Build contract.

"This means the contractor will be responsible for completing a detailed design as well as the construction of the project. The contractor must also hold a public open house in Yorkton to provide additional details prior to construction."

Total cost of the project has not been released as of yet, according to *The Melville Advance*. The government has invested \$9 billion on highways and infrastructure since 2008.



SEMI VS CP TRAIN: A semi carrying fuel collided with a CP Rail train in Yorkton last Thursday. According to the RCMP around 11:37 a.m. they were called to the scene of the collision on Hwy. 9 on the south side of Yorkton, just south of the city's tourist information centre. Hwy. 9 was blocked off for a considerable

amount of time as the scene was cleared. Traffic was detoured to Hwy. 10. The driver of the Federated Co-op fuel truck wasn't injured. The truck remained upright but wound up in the ditch about ten metres (32 feet) away from where the highway crosses the railroad tracks. (Photo: Advisorsmobile)

Scherloski retiring, Cont'd. from page 3.

people want."

And it's all provided at no, or very little cost. Residents of the Parkland Regional Library System pay, through their municipal taxes, \$15 per person per year for library services. In Churchbridge and many other towns, the municipality also covers the cost of maintaining the library building itself.

"It's actually incredible the kind of library services that are being provided, for the small amount of money being spent on them."

"Libraries really are the best deal going out there."

As for the future of the written word Scherloski is optimistic about that, too.

"The number of new

books by first time authors that are getting published is absolutely incredible...And they are really quite good. Some of them are exceptional."

If there is a victim, it may be "the classics" she says. Books she once enjoyed reading are no longer on her reading list because the language in them has become dated.

"Modern story-telling is becoming really important. It seems to be part of culture again. It's the modern-day version of fireside story-telling."

She's particularly excited about the quality of children's books today. They used to have few illustrations and usually those were in black and white. "They were nice, attractive children's books, but in the last five years or so, children's books have become absolutely beautiful. They're works of art."

That's very important because "for a lot of children that's probably the only exposure to any kind of art that they're going to have as they grow up..."

"When I look at children's books and see how beautiful they are, I have

a little hope."

As for her own interests, Scherloski says she grew up reading Nancy Drew books in Mrs. Cornelius's store "so I still like a good mystery."

She is, though, leaning more and more towards non-fiction but "it has to be very specific. It's not something I read a lot of."

"But that's changing because there are so many issues and things happening out there that are so complex. If you want to be a good citizen, you really need to be informed."

"Once I'm retired maybe I'll have more time to plow

my way through it."

She says she has begun writing poetry again, something she had done in high school, prompting her, with Ms. Adam's encouragement, to attend the Saskatchewan Summer School of the Arts and, the following year, the Banff School of Arts for Creative Writing.

She says she enjoys writing, but "once that creative thing starts happening, you really need to be able to follow through with it in order to be really effective at it."

"Who wants to stay up all night writing? Not me."

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Churchbridge News

Correspondent: **Marie Yanke**
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Whist and schafskopf were played at the Evergreen Club on July 19. Whist winners were Phyllis Schappert, Fern Wagner, Erwin Becker, and Don Betts. Schafskopf winners were Ida Neumeier, Olive Corroll, Arnold Neumeier, and Lucille Haydt.

Whist and schafskopf will be played at the Evergreen Club on August 2, 16, and 30, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Wishing Bill and Lynda all the best in their retirement. Correspondent,

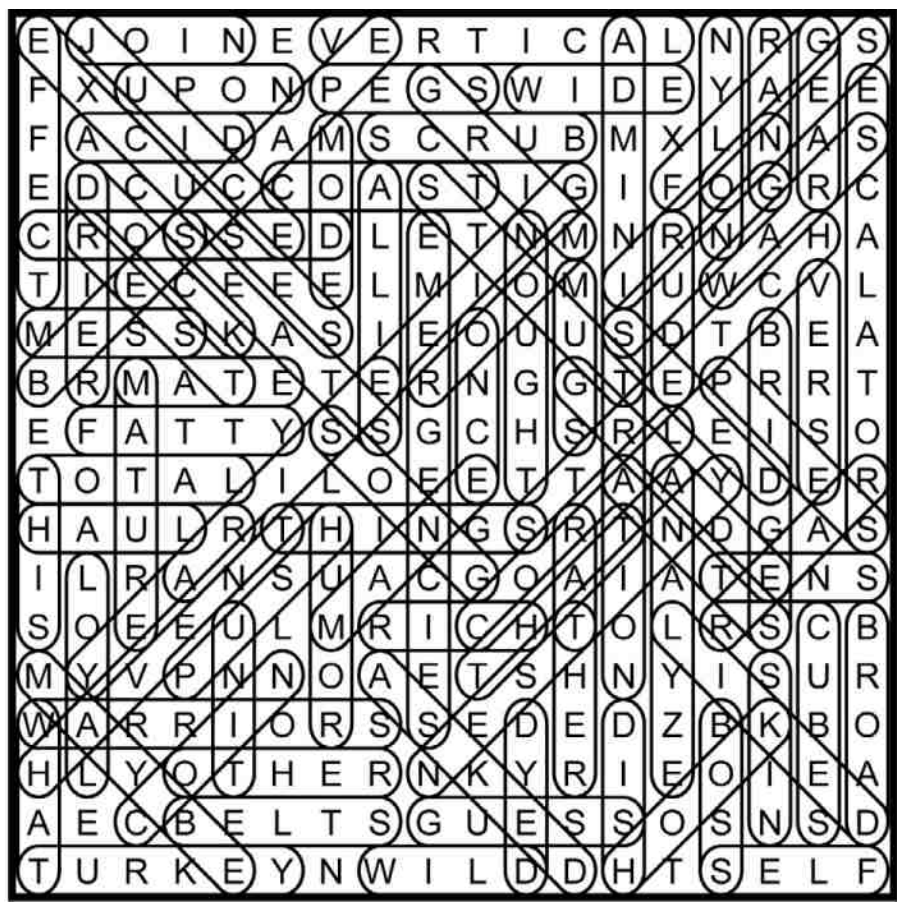
Marie Yanke, states all these years were a great pleasure. Also thank to all the excellent staff I have worked with.

Arnold and Barb VanCaesele travelled to Earl Grey on July 21, to attend the baptism celebration of their granddaughters, twins Iris and Violet.

A lot of visitors have travelled through our community over the summer months, many enjoying the campgrounds, swimming pool, golf course, and just visiting and relaxing.

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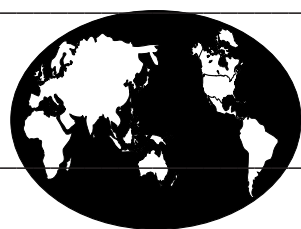


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It's a strange, strange world

by Gene Hauta

A prank deemed as 'heartless' and 'disgusting' has now earned its perpetrator jail time and a hefty fine. In Barcelona, YouTuber ReSet (real name Kanghua Ren) has been given a 15-month jail sentence and has to pay over \$22,300 to a homeless man. Ren stupidly recorded himself offering the man an Oreo cookie, which he'd **injected with toothpaste** to replace the cookie's usual filling. The best part of the court decision is that the 21-year-old has to take down all of his social media accounts for five years. Ren's defense to the court: "I do things to mount a show. People like what is morbid." The judge wasn't buying that, saying Ren had made nearly \$2,500 in ad revenue from the video. Ren agreed that he "may have gone a bit far" but says the one "positive" was the toothpaste would help the man's teeth: "I don't think he has cleaned them since he became poor." Ren likely will not serve any jail-time.

It would generally not be a good idea to use a car-share service as your getaway vehicle. Issa Amer Ishtawi, 20, broke into a mobile home in Portage, IM., fired a gun, took one of the residents outside and then fired more bullets, hitting one person in the foot and hitting several other homes in the process. Then, he **calmly ordered a rental vehicle** to take him away from the scene. It didn't take much to track him down. Ishtawi was known to hang out with gang members and was allegedly trying to retrieve pot that had been stolen from him. He faces felony charges including aggravated battery with a handgun, intimidation, possession of a pistol with no permit, and possession of marijuana...oh, and he's been banned from Lyft.

As far as prison escapes go, this was pretty straightforward. Maxine Feldstein, 30, posed as a sheriff's deputy to free Nicholas Lowe from the Washington County Detention Center in Arkansas. She showed up at the prison as Deputy "L. Kershaw" from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office in California and presented bogus paperwork to have **Lowe released** which he was. The ruse was not discovered until a few days later when a real deputy called to say he was coming to retrieve Lowe. Their freedom walk lasted a month. Feldstein will pay a heavy price of 15 years in prison. Lowe received an extra year in jail.

An Amish couple with 13 children settled a lawsuit that accused federal officials of violating their constitutional rights by insisting that **they provide photos of themselves** before considering the Canadian's wife's request to become a permanent U.S. citizen. Amish don't allow photos for any reason, in keeping with their belief that photos of people are "graven images." Archeologists have found

the petrified remains of a **harnessed horse and saddle** in the stable of a villa in a suburb of Pompeii. This particular area had originally been uncovered in the early 20th century, but then covered over again. Residents of a remote Bering Sea island are celebrating the death of an intruder that had eluded capture for 10 months. It's ironic that I haven't heard of a response from PETA after **the death of a Norway rat**. St. Paul Island is an internationally known breeding habitat for millions of seabirds, including rare migratory species. The seabirds lay eggs on rocks and songbirds lay them in tundra nests. Both are vulnerable to an infestation of voracious rats. A solitary rat (although where there is one there are usually dozens of others) was spotted last fall at a fish processing plant. A dedicated hunt finally yielded success. They had tried not to use pesticide, but it was eventually deemed necessary and the rat was eventually found dead. One authority said, "Keeping rats off St. Paul is 'a forever war.'" Shaquille Dukes is a black man who was being treated for pneumonia and asthma at an Illinois hospital but he was arrested with two others. His crime? On doctor's orders, he had gone for a walk outside the hospital wearing a hospital gown and wheeling his IV equipment. Dukes was stopped by a hospital security guard, who claimed that Dukes **would try to sell the IV equipment on eBay**. When the cops arrived, Dukes wrote that his IV was removed ("NOT by a doctor"), and his rescue inhaler was taken away from him. I don't know all the details, but all three were arrested for disorderly conduct, and two face charges of resisting or obstructing a peace officer. It sure seems that this situation got totally out of hand, and it certainly does bring up questions of racial profiling.

Poor 911 decisions from Saskatchewan - Someone was taking up two handicapped parking spots; a guest was cooking ribs in the oven without permission; a stuck door was keeping the caller from being let out to pee; the fast-food order was taking too long; and a dispute over how to cook perogies. A poacher in Missouri, who had allegedly illegally taken hundreds of animals, was ordered by a judge to **repeatedly watch the movie, Bambi**, at least once a month during his year-long jail sentence. David Berry, Jr., had a habit of killing deer and only taking the heads. Berry and four others also paid fines totaling \$51,000 in what authorities called the largest deer poaching case in state history.

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OWEN AND FRIENDS: While an exciting baseball game was taking place not that far away in the Saltcoats Regional Park this past Sunday afternoon, these three young ladies -- Sarah Stainer, Kalliegh McCallum and Mykhaela Kostelnyk -- were having fun playing with Owen, a very young and cute Sheltie puppy.

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