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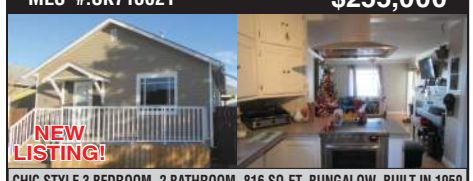

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Snowbowl XXII

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Despite a game time temperature of -26 Celsius and windchill values of -35, a group of hearty soccer players continued the tradition of a Boxing Day soccer game on December 26. This year's game marked the 22nd annual edition of the friendly contest.

SCCHS

SCCHS students attend Model European Parliament in Finland

SCOTT ANDERSON
SOUTHWEST BOOSTER

A pair of Swift Current Comprehensive High School students earned the distinction of being two of the first five Canadian participants to attend a Model European Parliament.

The tandem of David Camarador and Sara Cronan participated in the 17th Model European Parliament in Helsinki, Finland from November 3 to 11 as part of the inaugural attendance by members of the Saskatchewan Elocution and Debate Association (SEDA).

The Grade 11 SCCHS Business Team students put aside their fears of the unknown and took the risk to apply for this unique opportunity to interact with future European leaders at this annual event.

They were on different teams tasked with researching and debating resolutions during this model student-run parliament. Both Camarador's and Cronan's teams were successful in having their group resolutions passed, and these resolutions will now be presented to the European Parliament, the European Commission, plus the Council of Ministers.

Cronan's team, the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality, delved into the issue of gender parity in Europe and the topics of gender wage gaps, parental leave, and the glass ceiling effect faced by professional women.

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SCCHS Grade 11 students David Camarador and Sara Cronan were members of the Saskatchewan delegation to attend the 17th Model European Parliament in Finland this past November, becoming part of the first Canadians to attend this event.

Conan appreciated the chance to bring a Canadian perspective to these important issues.

"It kind of helped, for me especially, that I could bring Canadian values into the Women's Rights to this, because they don't have a lot of them." she said.

"Just talking about women's rights with other people from different countries, because I think that's super rewarding. Just to see how they work in their country," Cronan said following a December 14 presentation about the trip.

She noted that in Estonia, kindergarten girls are required to take sewing and when they are older they are not allowed to take robotics.

"That just blew my mind that that's still a thing. And that's really contributing to this 'glass ceiling' effect. And just that I could talk about this passion with other youth was really rewarding."

Camarador was a member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs which tackled a series of European media issues. This allowed him to see a diverse perspective on a series of important European issues.

"To find that middle ground I think was definitely my favourite part. Because there was one side of the debate, and the other side of the debate, and they were just meeting in the middle."

However, the discussions also highlighted the independence and competitiveness of European nations.

"People, just sometimes, they do not listen to what other people are saying. Sometimes people will just reiterate what another delegate said, and we would get nowhere. There were some times some delegates they felt really destroyed because another person brought up a really good point and then their argument kind of fell short and they couldn't present their country."

Both Camarador and Cronan said their experiences as members of the Swift Current Business Club more than prepared them for this opportunity.

"For me personally, I've learned a lot of confidence from Business Club. Last year I started debate, and I could never see myself doing it. Standing up in front of a group of students, it just wasn't the norm for me. And being able to stand up now in front of the General Assembly which had over 100 people, the President of the Bank of Finland was there... it was difficult for me to grasp the concept that I was evolving my skills," Camarador noted.

"I remember the first debate I was shaking, and now I feel like public speaking is just easier for me. And breaking down a question is something that I've definitely learned how to do, especially because of Business Club and Case Competitions where they ask us to do that."

"Most of it was just the risk taking," Cronan said. "I've come back and just want to go into more risk taking and not settle for less and just keep going."

"And also just to see young people talk about issues. I know that there are other people out there who think about these issues and are passionate about it."

Thanks to this opportunity, Camarador has now sought out another opportunity and will be attending the Model United Nations in Vancouver in April.

"With Mrs. Lowe's help, with the Model European Parliament's help, I've become this person that I'm really proud of. I'm confident in speaking. The main thing is trying things and to be prepared for them. The main thing with trying is making sure that you're actually preparing for it," he said.

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COMMUNITY

SWYES, Inc. meets with Social Services Minister Merriman before Christmas

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For the second time this year, Southwest Youth Emergency Shelter, Inc. has met with our Provincial Minister for Social Services, Paul Merriman, in order to discuss future funding opportunities for Dorie's House. While a commitment to ministerial funding has yet to be secured, SWYES, Inc. is cautiously optimistic as the province now assesses new programs for the 2018 budget.

"We are very grateful for Minister Merriman taking the time once again to meet with us," says Shaun Hanna, interim President of SWYES, Inc., "Our hope is that we have moved the needle by demonstrating how we fit into the larger picture of the Ministry's existing programs."

Dorie's House ended its 10-month long pilot project in October, a project whose purpose it was to expose the extent to which youth homelessness pervades the Southwest.

"The residents of the Southwest know that this problem exists. We've known it for 40 years or more. But, rather than turning a blind-eye, our community has stepped up in overwhelming ways to solve this problem. It's kind of what we do in this part of the world: we put our head down and 'get 'er done," Hanna said.

Hanna added that in spite of the closure, donations continue to pour in.

"It really speaks volumes about the generosity of the Southwest, and about the commitment to what we all believe is a very compelling project. Our board is forever indebted to this generosity"

"Our hope is that, once we secure provincial funding, that we can look to the private sector for targeted partnerships in order to, not just put a roof over kids' heads, but ensure that they get connected with the services they need to become successful adults."

Southwest Youth Emergency Shelter, Inc. current interim President Shaun Hanna and former President Bob Hale met with Minister for Social Services, Paul Merriman back in October and for a second time before Christmas.

For more information about how you can help support to Dorie's House, contact Shaun Hanna at shaundavidhanna@gmail.com or visit the Dorie's House website at www.southwestyes.com.

SASKATCHEWAN

Sask. Party cuts causing municipal tax hikes

SUBMITTED

Tax and fee hikes in Swift Current, Moose Jaw and Regina are the most recent examples of tough decisions that municipalities throughout the province have been forced to make because of the Sask. Party's deep cuts.

"In the wake of Sask. Party cuts, cities, towns, and villages across Saskatchewan are being forced to cut services and jobs, and raise property taxes. There's no two ways about it, these municipal tax hikes are Sask. Party tax hikes," said Municipal Affairs Critic Nicole Rancourt. "It was the Sask. Party's own mismanagement, scandal, and waste but, instead of accepting responsibility and working to find solutions, they have cut funding to communities and it's Saskatchewan people who are paying the price."

This past week, adding to tax hikes that have already been announced across the province, residents in Regina were told to expect an increase to their water bills, and homeowners in Swift Current were told to prepare for a 13.14 per cent tax increase – close to half of which was directly caused by shortfalls from provincial funding. Moose Jaw also announced they have to raise taxes. The average homeowner in Moose Jaw will have to pay $52 more in taxes next year.

In Prince Albert, the cuts have forced the city to lay off nine workers and won't be able to re-hire them unless the Sask. Party restores their funding.

"All across the province, I've been hearing the same thing. The Sask. Party cuts are forcing municipalities' hands," Rancourt said. "All of this comes at a time when jobs are being lost across the province and families are struggling to get by. The Sask. Party needs to stop cutting and start working with our municipalities to build stronger and fairer communities."

Logo Design Winner

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A design submitted by Central School Grade 7 student Kyelin Allan was selected as the winning entry in the Drug Strategy Action Committee design a logo contest. Committee members Ron Toles and Chloe Lentz presented the winning prize of an iPad Air donated by Innovation Credit Union.

COMMUNITY

Kiwanis Club salutes Martinoski with honorary membership

SCOTT ANDERSON
SOUTHWEST BOOSTER

The longest serving member of the Swift Current Kiwanis Club received a special recognition during the club's luncheon meeting on December 22.

Len Martinoski was presented Honorary Membership status for 2017-2018 in recognition of his over four decade contribution to the local club. He joined Kiwanis in 1974 and during his 43 years as a member he served tireless in a variety of positions, including club president in 1986-1987.

"For some time now he has been the longest serving member of our club," explained Swift Current Kiwanis Club President Brad Julien explained during the presenation last Friday. "During this time in the Kiwanis family, he has been an outstanding member."

Martinoski was a familiar face during Kiwanis Christmas tree sales and tree deliveries, Kiwanis apple sales in the city and rural areas, plus he and his wife Marlene had spearheaded the Fun Olympics at the Palliser Regional Care Centre for a number of years.

Len Martinoski was presented an honorary membership in the Swift Current Kiwanis Club at their December 22 meeting in recognition of his dedicated service to the club over the past four decades.

"The Kiwanis parade float was his baby for many years, and he took particular pride in seeing it take its place in the parade each year," Julien added.

Outside of Kiwanis, Martinoski served as Chair of the Building and Property Committee at First United Church for a number of years.

"Time goes fast when you're having fun," Martinoski told the crowd at the well attended December meeting. "And I had a lot of fun over the last 40 years. So thank you very much for supporting me and keep the club going."

Kindness Matters

A simple act of kindness was extended at Memorial Park in Swift Current this past weekend. An unknown person left a number of winter scarfs on trees and light poles in the park with the attached note "I am not lost. If you are cold and need me, please take me."

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ENTERTAINMENT

Little Theatre issues casting call for spring production

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After missing their fall production, Swift Current Little Theatre is getting back into the swing of performing in 2018 by taking to the stage with The Ladies Foursome.

A Casting Call seeking a quartet of female lead performers will be held during the first week of 2018, with open auditions for a foursome of ladies playing performance roles between the ages of 40 and 55.

Ken Johnson, who will be producer for the spring production, said the actresses "must be able to swing a golf club without flinging it into the audience by mistake."

"We're very much looking forward to this," Johnson said of Little Theatre's return to the stage. "We missed out on our fall production, and we feel really bad about that."

The fall production had proceeded into the rehearsal stage before they called off the play, marking only the second time in the last 26 years that they were unable to perform a scheduled production.

However, they are rebounding with a performance of The Ladies Foursome, the latest hilarious comedy by Norm Foster, Canada's most produced playwright.

"We're looking forward to doing a big production, in that it should be very popular."

Swift Current Little Theatre will be among the first Canadian amateur theatre companies to tackle this very popular script. The play is just becoming available after being performed on the professional theatre circuit for the past few years.

"We're looking forward to a play that was very successful to us when we did the male version. But this is a new story, a different plot, and it has nothing to do with the four men."

"It's four ladies on the golf course. Three of them who are a regular weekly foursome who have lost one of their ladies," he explained.

Years of secrets spill out while three ladies from a regular golf foursome go for a round of 18-holes with a fourth golfer they met at the funeral of their golfing friend.

"A lot of secrets. A lot of laughs. And a lot of real good Norm Foster humour, both visual as well as one-liners."

Little Theatre will be performing this play on their home stage on April 12 to 14 and again on April 20 and 21. They will also be taking this production on the road to compete at Theatre Saskatchewan's TheatreFest in Weyburn from April 1 to 7. It marks only the second time one of their production will debut at provincials instead of in front of a local audience.

"It does create new challenges, and it does run the risk of you having your worst performance on the festival stage," Johnson admitted. "It may not be as polished a show on the Festival stage, but it will help make it a better show back here in town for our own audience."

Auditions will be held on Wednesday, January 3 and Friday, January 5 at 7 p.m. at the Great Plains College (enter through Swift Current Little Theatre's northwest entrance door). Rehearsals start during the third week of January, and will continue through a busy February and March in anticipation of festival.

For additional information contact Ken Johnson at 306-774-3415 or visit their Facebook page.

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Premiers' Performance: Wall, Horgan remain on top, Atlantic premiers' approval sees volatility

ANGUS REID INSTITUTE

Is it candy or coal in the stockings of Canada's premiers this December? The latest quarterly analysis of polling data from the Angus Reid Institute shows that while some provincial leaders can sleep this week before Christmas with visions of sugarplums dancing in their heads, others are feeling the pinch of a Grinchy electorate.

Here's what you need to know.

Two on top, again

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall, who announced his departure earlier this year, is back into majority approval in that province. After dropping to an all- time low of 45 per cent at the half way mark of the year, Wall has risen to a familiar place - and will leave politics as most popular premier in the country. This is a position he has held or co-held in each quarter of tracking since 2010.

The only other Canadian provincial leader approaching majority approval is the newest addition to their ranks – British Columbia's John Horgan. The BC NDP leader has had a busy quarter, announcing a referendum on electoral reform and approving the hotly debated Site C dam. Horgan, the second-most approved of relative to his provincial peers, has the sanction of 49 per cent of residents.

There are several premiers who hold the approval of a nearly identical number of their constituents. Manitoba's Brian Pallister (34%), Quebec's Philippe Couillard (32%), and Alberta's Rachel Notley (32%) are all approved of by one-in-three. Each was within three points of this mark last quarter as well.

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne remains the least popular provincial leader in the country, though the picture is not as dire as it was earlier in the year. Wynne hit a low point of just 12 per cent approval in March, but appears to be climbing out of the depths. After confirming plans to raise the minimum wage to $14 at the beginning of 2018, and again to $15 in 2019, she sees a third consecutive quarterly rise, this time up three points to hold the approval of one-in-five Ontarians (20%). Wynne faces re-election in 2018.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reflecting on the reason for higher costs

Editor:

The holidays brought us time of reflection and contemplation - on how things now cost more.

Whether taking your family out for supper, or how buying kids clothes for Christmas costs more.

Coming up, the same SaskParty who cost us funding, jobs, and increased our taxes, wants to be re-elected.

These are the same people who tried to cut our library funding, increased the PST, etc.

How can we believe the same old SaskParty won't cause more and more hardship and cost us more if re-elected?

Shaynee Modien - Swift Current

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YEAR IN REVEIW 2017

Year In Review 2017 - Southwest Saskatchewan had another memorable year

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A boisterous crowd was on hand for a Drop Everything And Read Rally in front of Premier Brad Wall's Swift Current Constituency office during the noon hour on April 7.

Canada's 150th Celebration was the national event which drew all Canadians closer during the year, but the Southwest produced a number of memorable headlines during 2017.

The following look back at 2017 in the Southwest shares a number of the news stories which impacted the region.

JANUARY 12

Vachon has lead responsibility on health authority transition team

Former Cypress Health Region CEO Beth Vachon has been given the duty of being the lead person in charge of Saskatchewan's transition to a single health authority. Vachon was seconded to the position of Special Advisor to the Deputy Minister of Health.

JANUARY 19

Chinook Power Station preparing for spring construction start

After months of behind the scenes work since the project was first announced in June 2015, the Chinook Power Station is gearing up for a spring construction start.

The 350 megawatt natural gas-fired power plant, which will be located northeast of Swift Current, is scheduled to be completed by late 2019.

FEBRUARY 2

College adds Business Diploma in Management course for fall

Students will be able to take a full two year Business Diploma in Management course at the Great Plains College Swift Current Campus starting this fall.

The diploma program, which specializes in business management, is a step up from the one year business certificate course the college currently offers.

FEBRUARY 16

Swift Current population jumps over 1,000 but City disappointed over incomplete Census data

The City of Swift Current's population increased to 16,604 according to 2016 Census Canada data, a jump from the 15,554 residents posted in 2011.

Statistics Canada notes that Swift Current's growth of 1,050 residents, a 6.8 per cent increase in population over the five year census span, is above the national average of 5.0 per cent.

The Census Profile for the RM of Swift Current #137 recorded a -2.5 per cent drop in population, with 1,932 residents in total during the 2016 census, a slight decrease from the 1,981 recorded in 2011.

The combined City and RM population according to Stats Canada increased to 18,536 in the 2016 Census, a jump from the 17,535 residents posted in 2011.

According to the Covered Population Report issued by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health, Swift Current's population as of June 30, 2015 was 17,826, a jump from the 2000 Covered Population Report recording 16,084 residents. The Covered Population Report is an annual count of all individuals who hold Saskatchewan health coverage on June 30.

Southwest communities post wide range of population changes

From a 93.3 per cent jump in Carmichael to a -50.0 per cent decrease in Ernfold, the Southwest had a wide range of population changes according to 2016 census data.

The 2016 Census data, released today by Statistics Canada, reflected the population total changes in the five year census span from 2011 to 2016.

Saskatchewan's overall population grew by 6.3 per cent during the census comparison from 2011 to 2016, with the province growing to 1,098,352 residents. This marks the second consecutive census period Saskatchewan's population totals have risen faster than the national average.

Swift Current budget will increase average household taxes by $10.83 per month

A series of pressing infrastructure needs, combined with increased operational expenses beyond the city's control, has resulted in Swift Current City Council passing a budget which will cost the average homeowner an additional $130 in yearly municipal taxes.

Council approved a $85,283,800 budget at their February 13 meeting, with the capital expenditure budget rising 4.7 per cent to $26,585,849, and the operating budget climbs 3.4 per cent to $28,681,095.

Municipal taxes went up a total of 14.1 per cent (a 3.4 per cent higher operating budget, a 4.7 per cent higher capital budget, and an additional 6.0 per cent as the city continues with their financial strategy adjustment).

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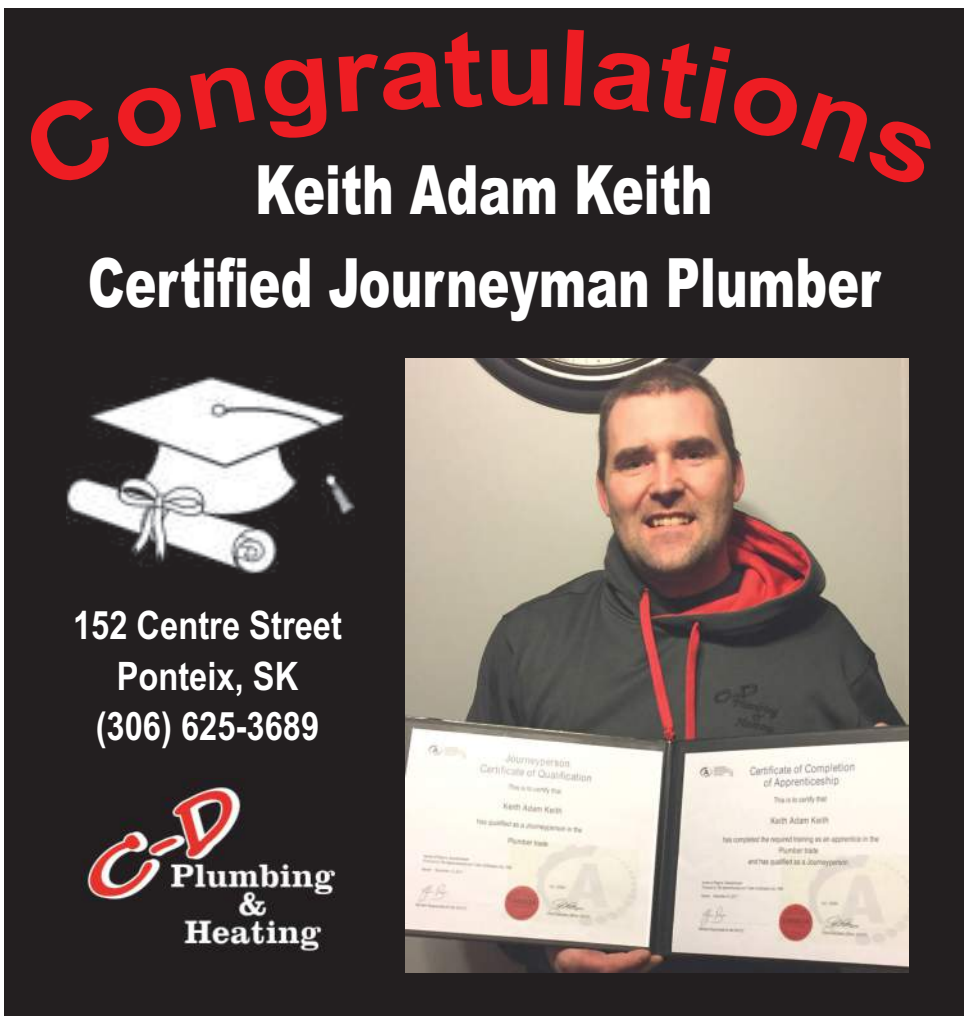

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All public skating times are subject to change without notice. For facility schedules and updates, visit www.swiftcurrent.ca/play, like us on Facebook at City of Swift Current or follow us on Twitter @sc_play

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Wellness Challenge 2018

*** Join the 6th annual Wellness challenge from Jan. 22 – Feb. 18**

*** Register a team from your workplace, organization, family or friends. Email v.choofoo@swiftcurrent.ca with the name of the team, the number of participants and the name of the team captain.**

*** Each member keeps track of daily wellness points in the areas of nutrition, physical activity, water and sleep. Watch for a few changes this year!**

*** Prizes for the top 5 individuals with the highest points! As well as a prize for the team with the highest average of points (minimum of 5 members to receive team prize). However, the greatest prize of all is your health and well-being!**

*** Thank you to the Swift Current Kiwanis Club for sponsoring this worthwhile challenge!**

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Community Services

where a "healthy" life makes sense!

For more information, visit www.swiftcurrent.ca/wellnesschallenge or contact Community Services at (306) 778-2787, follow us on Twitter: @sc_play or like us on Facebook: CityOfSwiftCurrent

Holiday Cart Pick-up and Landfill Access

CITY OF SWIFT CURRENT
Get **CART SMART**

Statutory Holiday	Date	Landfill Access	Alternate Cart Pick-up Day
Christmas Day	Monday, December 25, 2017	CLOSED Monday 25th	Friday, December 22nd
Boxing Day	Tuesday, December 26, 2017	CLOSED Tuesday 26th	Wednesday, December 27th
New Year's Day	Monday, January 1, 2018	CLOSED Monday 1st	Tuesday, January 2nd
Family Day	Monday, February 19, 2018	CLOSED	No Change
Good Friday	Friday, March 30, 2018	CLOSED Friday 30th	Thursday, March 29th
Victoria Day	Monday, May 21, 2018	CLOSED	No Change
Canada Day	Sunday, July 1, 2018	CLOSED	N/A
Saskatchewan Day	Monday, August 6, 2018	CLOSED	No Change
Labour Day	Monday, September 3, 2018	CLOSED	No Change
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 8, 2018	CLOSED	No Change
Remembrance Day	Sunday, November 11, 2018	CLOSED	N/A

The **City Recycle Depot** is contracted to SaskAbilities, and also closed on all statutory holidays and Easter Monday

That's a wrap!

When the holidays wrap up, here are some tips to deal with what's left.

Gift Wrap – Collect, bag and bring to the Recycle Depot

Gift Wrap Tubes and Boxes – Bring to the Recycle Depot

Bows, Bags, Ribbon and Foil – Bag and re-use for next year

Cards – Cut up and re-use as gift tags or bring to the Recycle Depot

Plastic Bags – Bring to the Recycle Depot

Trees – Drop off at Tree Bins, put out to get picked up or take to the Wood Pile at the Landfill

Clothing – Donate to charities to sell or distribute

Ugly Christmas Sweaters – *Keep!* They may come back in style.

CITY OF SWIFT CURRENT
www.swiftcurrent.ca

City of Swift Current Depot
1101 North Railway Street West

Hours of Operation:
Monday to Saturday:
9:30 am - 5:30 pm

Call 778-2495 to confirm holiday hours and closures

YEAR IN REVEIW 2017

Year In Review 2017 - Budget dominates March news

FEBRUARY 23

RECORD WARMTH

Swift Current's outdoor rinks were no match for the record warm weather which settled in over the Southwest this past week.

The five city rinks were closed on last Thursday when well above seasonal temperatures had the region basking in unusually February warmth. Swift Current had its warmest February 15 in over a century when the mercury rose to 11.4 Celsius last Wednesday, breaking the former mark of 8.3 set in 1916. It also ranks as the warmest February 15 since weather records began in 1886.

MARCH 2

City intends to extend line of credit by $10.3 million

Swift Current City Council made a notice of motion at their February 27 meeting to increase their property development line of credit to $24.6 million.

Currently operating with a $14.3 million revolving line of credit, Council intends to increase that limit by $10.3 million, although they do not anticipate needed to borrow that full amount.

The City is looking to add $3.9 million in order to develop industrial property in the new South Munro Heavy Industrial Park, an additional $3.4 million for the completion of the Cypress Point development, along with $3 million to complete a series of previously approved property development capital projects approved in the City Budget.

MARCH 9

As print industry sees resurgence, ANG expands media company to acquire Southwest Booster

The Medicine Hat News media network is expanding.

The Swift Current-based Southwest Booster, which distributes almost 14,000 editions weekly and operates a regional news web service, has become a sister company to the Alberta Newspaper Group.

The move was announced to employees earlier this week, with managers stating the addition shows the strength of local publishing, local advertising and news gathering.

"We're really excited about what this will add to our network and very happy that the Booster is joining our family," said Mike Hertz, group publisher for Alberta Newspaper Group, based in Medicine Hat.

"We really believe in the newspaper industry. We're continuing to expand and work with our communities."

Swift Current developed Strongfield selected as Seed of the Year West winner

Strongfield wheat, developed by Dr. John Clarke and the wheat breeding team at AAFC Swift Current, was selected as the 2016-17 Seed of the Year West winner.

MARCH 30

Deep cuts and increased PST featured in Saskatchewan budget

The province made a series of difficult decisions as a wide impacting Saskatchewan Budget was tabled on March 22nd by the SaskParty government.

The tough measures in the 2017-2018 budget include a one per cent increase and an expansion of the Provincial Sales Tax, the elimination of Saskatchewan Transportation Company, along with a list of eliminated programs and suspended grant payments.

Saskatchewan's Provincial Sales Tax is being raised by one per cent, increasing from five to six per cent, and it will now be applied to more items. Effective April 1, the six per cent PST will also be applied to items such as restaurant meals, snack foods, children's clothing, insurance premiums, construction services, plus permanently-mounted equipment used in the resource sector.

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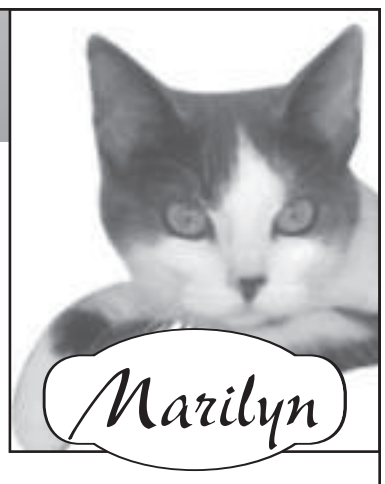
HOURS: CLOSED Sunday & Monday
Tues., Wed., Fri., & Sat. 12:30 PM to 5:30 PM
Thursday 12:30 PM to 7:00 PM



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✓ 9 Months
✓ Altered
✓ I am a talkative lovely little girl and sure hope to see you soon!

CANADIAN TIRE

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TENDER – CASH RENT

Ebel Farms, RM of Lawtonia #135

	Cultiv. Acres	2017 Asmt	2017	2016	2015	2014
NW 28-15-7 W3	135	$151,200	Durum	Br. Mustard	Durum	Br. Mustard
S ½ 22-15-7 W3	290	$344,000	Durum	LG Lentils	Durum	Br. Mustard
S ½ 21-15-7 W3	270	$326,200	Durum	Br. Mustard	Durum	Lentils
Total	**695**	**$821,400**				

Conditions:

1. Tenders will be considered only for cash rent. The cash rent to be payable on April 1st of each year. Tenders will be considered for terms of 3 years to 5 years.
2. Tenders must be submitted by **2:00 p.m., Friday, January 19, 2018,** to Anderson & Company, Barristers and Solicitors (address below). Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
3. Tenders may be submitted on all or any number of the parcels, with a preference given to tenders on all. Bids must indicate which parcels of land they apply to.
4. Bidders must rely on their own research and inspection of the property and confirm acreage, condition, assessments, or other particulars.
5. Bidders will not be called together following submission of the bids.

Forward bids and inquiries to:
Anderson & Company, Barristers & Solicitors, Attn: Neil Gibbings or Megan Muri
51 – 1st Ave NW, P.O. Box 610, Swift Current, SK S9H 3W4
Phone: (306) 773-2891, Fax: (306) 778-3364, File Ref. #19157-003, mmuri@andlaw.ca

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Member of Parliament
Cypress Hills–Grasslands
Shadow Cabinet Secretary
Human Rights and Religious Freedom
www.davidanderson.ca

Canada Summer Jobs Applications Now Open

The application period is December 19, 2017 to February 2, 2018.

We encourage interested applicants to apply **AND we ask all applicants to notify us at david.anderson1@sasktel.net that they have applied.**

Previously, decisions have been made through a rating scale for applications. As many applicants as possible received approval based on the funding available.

This year the Trudeau Liberals are interfering with the application process. They are demanding that applicants sign an 'attestation' that supports specific values chosen by the federal Liberals.

If an applicant is unable to sign this in good conscience we suggest that they write on the application (near the attestation) 'We fully support the rights found in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' and send in their application.

It is critical that you inform our office of your application and your inability to sign the attestation. We will work to make changes to ensure no student in Cypress Hills-Grasslands is punished because of the Liberal 'values declaration' that is being forced on applicants to the Canada Summer Jobs Program.

Application information can be found at:
www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs.html

SCCHS NEWSLETTER

January 2018

http://www.chinooksd.ca/school/scchs/Pages/
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Secondary Level Exam Schedule

Thursday, January 25, 2018 9:00 – 11:30am
Exams for all Period 1 Classes

12:45 – 3:15pm
Study Time

Friday, January 26, 2018 9:00 – 11:30am
Exams for all Period 2 Classes

12:45 – 3:15pm
Study Time

Monday, January 29, 2018 9:00 – 11:30am
Exams for all Period 3 Classes

12:45 – 3:15pm
Exams for all Period 5 Classes

Tuesday, January, 30, 2018 9:00 – 11:30am
Exams for all period 6 Classes

12:45 – 3:15pm
Conflict Exam Make Up

All exams will be written in your regular scheduled classroom.

Note: Students are required to remain in the examination room a minimum of one hour and are asked to be very quiet in the hallways out of courtesy to other students who are writing exams.

Please notify the administration if any conflicts occur as a result of this schedule.

Grade 9 Exam Schedule

Thursday, January 25, 2018 8:45 am - 11:00 am
Math
*see room assignment below
Friday, January 26, 2018 8:45 am – 11:00 am
History
*see room assignment below
Monday, January 29, 2018 8:45 am – 11:00 am
Science
*see room assignment below

Exams will be written in the following room(s):

Mrs. Chalk & Mr. Murdoch	Room 224 and 226
Mrs. Herrick & Mr. Nicholson	Rooms 215 and 216
Mrs. Striker & Mrs. Tsougrianis	Rooms 232
Mrs. Philippon & Ms. Cave-Ginter	Room 107 and 108

Note: Students are required to remain in the examination room a minimum of one hour and are asked to be very quiet in the hallways out of courtesy to other students who are writing exams.

Please notify the administration if any problems occur as a result of this schedule.

Grade 9FI Exam Schedule

Thursday, January 25, 2018	9:00 - 11:30 am	Math 9 with M. Marchand Rm 220
Friday, January 26, 2018	9:00 – 11:30am	Histoire 9 with Mme Bailey Rm 218

Grads

Sports
Junior Colts Invitational basketball tournament Jan. 5 & 6, 2018. Colts play Friday at 4:00 vs MJ Vanier and Saturday at 10:30 am and 5:00 pm. MJ Central, Estevan, Weyburn, and St. Mary also attending. $5 admission for adults; students and children free.

Unified Basketball joins people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team! We will be holding our first meeting in January. If you like sports and having a great time look for the meeting date in the announcements and come check out our awesome teams! We travel to Regina in the spring for a provincial tournament!

Music Dept News
Congratulations to all SCCHS Music Department students for wonderful performances this past week. Thank you to all who came out to support the students at their winter concerts.
Coming events for the SCCHS Music Department in 2018:
January 13: Diction Master Class with Brianna Dennehy 7-9pm
February 2-4: Cypress Jazz Retreat
February 4-7: Optimist ChorFest in Regina (one day only)
March 21: Concert Bands to the Optimist Festival in Regina
March 22: Jazz Bands to the Optimist Festival in Regina
April 11 - 15: Senior Trip to the Canadian Rocky Mountain Festival in Banff
May 1: Swift Current Music Festival (Choir)
May 13-15: Grade 9 and 10 band students to the ABA Festival in Red Deer
May 26: SCCHS "All That Jazz" Swing Night
June 13: Spring Band and Choir Concert, SCCHS, 7pm

Yearbooks
Did you miss ordering your 2017-2018 yearbook? Yearbooks are available online to purchase at www.jostens.com.

Bus Passes
Semester 2 bus passes will be available for purchase in the main office starting January 25, 2018. Students must purchase a bus pass by February 9, 2018 to ride the bus. Bus passes are $100 per semester.

Driver Education
Cycle "C" driver ed starts Monday January 22, 2018 - noon and after school classes.
The parent information meeting for this cycle is January 17, 2018 at 7:00pm in Room 258 at SCCHS.

Clubs
The Business Club has had a busy fall attending four debate tournaments. At our recent debate in North Battleford, Megan DeJager and Michael Orthner won a silver medal for top individual scores and the team of Jarrod Quinton & Abby DeGala won third place team. Congrats to all students on our debate group. We have 6 teams this year! We will be preparing up for a busy spring with case competitions, more debates and continuing with our regular Thursday lunch meetings.

SCC Student of the Month
The School Community Council has developed an initiative aimed at motivating and increasing connections with students. The Student of the Month will be given out to one student in grades 9, 10, 11 and 12. Students are nominated by their teachers to the SCC, and from those nominated students a random selection process is used by the SCC to determine the recipient of the award. Each month a different department in the school will be nominating students. This month it was Practical and Applied Arts. Each Student of the Month will receive a $10 coupon from the SCCHS Cafeteria, sponsored by the SCC.

There will be no Grade 9 nominations for this month as Grade 9's have a 9 day rotation in each of the PAA strands.

Grade 10 Nominated Students- Jesse Hattum, Lucas Friesen, Angeline Pasquel, Calli Moreau Simpson

Grade 10 Student of the Month – Jesse Hattum - Jesse is a very hard worker, maintains a positive attitude and is goal oriented when completing tasks. He is a leader in the classroom.

Grade 11 Nominated Students- Eric Lindquist, Arabelle Valencia

Grade 11 Student of the Month - Erik Lindquist - Erik works hard every day and seeks to understand the material and the skills to the best of his abilities. Erik collaborates well with other students and seeks to excel in whatever he does in class. I appreciate how he is willing to take a risk and try new skills. It is a pleasure to have Erik in my

Grade 12 Nominated Students- Nic MacDonald, Deserae Unger, Terric Longtin, Jayden Cooke

Grade 12 Student of the Month - Terric Longtin - Terric has outstanding time management skills, work ethic and is responsible in class. He is very skilled and detailed oriented when completing tasks. He has a passion for welding.

Calendar of Events
Dec. 23-Jan. 3 – Winter Break
Jan. 4 – Classes resume
Jan. 22 – Cycle 3 Driver Ed Starts
Jan. 25–30 – Semester One Final Exams
Jan. 31 – No School – Report cards emailed out

Sporting Events
Jan. 5 & 6 – Jr. Colts Basketball Tournament
Jan. 19 & 20 – Sr. Colts Basketball Tournament

The Hunter Brothers shared some of the "I'm proud of where I'm from" spirit of their song Born and Raised by holding a video shoot for the song at their Shaunavon area family farm on July 14.

YEAR IN REVEIW 2017

Year In Review 2017

MARCH 30

STC service ending by the end of May

In a sudden move, the province announced that the Saskatchewan Transportation Company will be wound down by the end of May.

APRIL 13

Swift Current rally supporting libraries attracts large crowd

Libraries are traditionally quiet places, so fittingly a boisterous rally in support of restoring funding to Saskatchewan libraries took to the streets of Swift Current.

Swift Current was one of 85 communities holding a 'Drop Everything And Read' rally on April 7 as part of a province wide effort by Save Our Saskatchewan Libraries calling on the provincial government to reverse a $3.5 million cut to regional libraries.

A large gathering of library supporters participated in the noon hour rally in front of Premier Brad Wall's Swift Current Constituency office, and province wide nearly 6,000 people rallied in support of restoring full funding to libraries.

APRIL 27

SUMA and Southwest communities speak out against Bill 64

The Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA) held a press conference on Monday to highlight their concern that Bill 62 is tearing up binding contracts with communities across the province to provide them with promised royalties after helping establish a provincial power system.

The SaskParty government eliminated grants-in- lieu from SaskPower and SaskEnergy during their March 22 provincial budget, originally cutting $36 million in payments to a number of municipalities. Back on March 31, the province capped the grants-in-lieu reductions at no more than 30 per cent of their revenue sharing amount.

JUNE 1

Rainbow Flag raised over Market Square

The Pride rainbow flag was raised above Market Square during a historical ceremony in Swift Current on May 29.

As was frequently mentioned during a lunch hour ceremony, the flag raising reflects shifting attitudes towards the LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Queer) community in Swift Current. In addition, volunteers were busy last Wednesday installing the first permanent Rainbow Crosswalk in Saskatchewan

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YEAR IN REVEIW 2017

Year In Review 2017 - Wall announces intention to retire

JULY 20

Hunter Brothers Born and Raised Benefit Concert was a summer highlight

The Hunter Brothers shared some of the "I'm proud of where I'm from" spirit of their song Born and Raised by holding a video shoot for the song at their Shaunavon area family farm on July 14. The Hunter Brothers hosted their Born and Raised Benefit Concert in support of five local charities and they also filmed a high energy video for their upcoming single Born and Raised.

Fire bans announced across the Southwest

Seven Rural Municipalities in the Swift Current area along with the Lac Pelletier Regional Park implemented fire bans this past week.

JULY 27

Lyric Theatre wins $30,000 Regional-West prize in This Place Matters competition

Swift Current's grand ole Lyric Theatre clearly does matter to supporters after winning the $30,000 Regional-West prize in the National Trust This Place Matters competition.

AUGUST 17

Brad Wall retiring as Premier

Saskatchewan Premier and Swift Current MLA Brad Wall will be retiring as Saskatchewan's Premier as soon as the Sask Party elects a new leader.

Wall first announced his intention to step down as Saskatchewan Premier in a video message last Thursday. He will also be retiring from elected politics when a replacement is in place.

SEPTEMBER 7

Harvest For Kids debuts in Southwest

Labour Day Monday was the long anticipated conclusion of the first Harvest For Kids fundraiser to be held in South- west Saskatchewan.

SEPTEMBER 28

RM of Swift Current will partner with Delta Aggregates to pave Airport Road

The R.M. of Swift Current is partnering with Delta Aggregates to pave Airport Road in the spring of 2018.

OCTOBER 12

Five facing second degree murder charges in death of Logan Ring

A total of five people are now facing second degree murder charges in connection to the November 2016 death of Logan Ring.

On October 10, both Colin Perrault, 49, and Todd Donaldson, 48, made their first appearances in Swift Current Provincial Court.

Jolene Denise Epp, 38, was arrested at a residence in Swift Current at approximately 3:46 on the afternoon of October 4 and was charged with one count of second degree murder.

Back on October 3, RCMP Major Crime Unit South reported that Rebecca Lynn Kuhlman, 25, was arrested without incident on Tuesday morning at a Swift Current residence and charged with one count of second degree murder. Tanisha Lynn Per- rault, 19, was arrested hours later without incident, also at a city residence, and is also facing a single count of second degree murder.

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We'd like to take a moment to express our appreciation for your business and let you know that we look forward to continuing to serve you in the coming year. As you celebrate this season of joy and peace, know that we send the warmest of wishes your way. Seasons Greetings.

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• First Responder	January 12, 13, 14, 26, 27, 28
• Bridge to EMR/AFA (1st Responder Pre-requisite)	February 9, 10, 11, 23, 24, 25

For pre-requisites and course information packages please contact

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what's happening?

DECEMBER 31

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS OPEN MEETING, downstairs of Swift Current Lions Hall. Breakfast 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Meeting 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY, 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Walker Place. Hosted by the Parent Support Network. Indoor and outdoor activities.

JANUARY 1-2

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC, Bridgeway Community Church. January 1, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.; January 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Info or to book donation times online visit www.blood.ca.

JANUARY 2

AL-ANON MEETING, Young Adults Hope for a Better Tomorrow, noon, The Centre. Info: www.sk-alanon.ca.

SCRABBLE, 1 p.m., Swift Current Library.

BRIDGE AND WHIST GROUP, 1 p.m., Swift Current Library.

STORYTIME, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Swift Current Library. Info: 306-778-2752

READ TO A DOG, 2 p.m., Swift Current Library.

NICOTINE ANONYMOUS, meeting 6 p.m., 155 3rd Ave. N.E. (downstairs, side door). All you need is the desire to quit smoking.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP, From A Parent's Heart, 7 p.m., Alpine Church.

STITCH AND CHAT, 7 p.m., Swift Current Library.

JANUARY 2-3

LET'S PLAY parent-tot playgroup. Tuesdays and Wednesdays 10 a.m. to noon, Family Resource Centre. Info: 306-773-6160.

JANUARY 3

MAHJONG, 10 a.m., Swift Current Library.

AL-ANON MEETING, Courage To Change Group, noon to 1 p.m., The Centre. Info: www.sk-alanon.ca.

KNIT AND CROCHET GROUP, 1 p.m., Swift Current Library.

RUMMAGE AND GARAGE SALE, 2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., First United Church.

LINE DANCERCISE, Walker Place gymnasium. Regulars 5:10 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., Beginners 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Info Lyla 306-741-6616 or Leanne 306-741-0077.

AL-ANON MEETING, Be Good To Yourself Group, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., First United Church. Info: www.sk-alanon.ca.

BINGO, 7:30 p.m., Royal Canadian Legion Branch #56.

JANUARY 4

LINE DANCERCISE, Great Plains College gymnasium. Beginners 11 a.m. to noon, Regulars noon to 1 p.m. Info Lyla 306-741-6616 or Leanne 306-741-0077.

AL-ANON MEETING, Thursday's Hope Group, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., First United Church. Info: www.sk-alanon.ca.

WINDOWS 10 FOR BEGINNERS, 2 p.m., Swift Current Library. Pre-register 306-778-2752.

MANGA KIDS LEARN JAPANESE, 7 p.m., Swift Current Library.

JANUARY 5

FIRST STEPS PARENTING GROUP, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Family Resource Centre. Group sessions for prenatal and parents with children up to two years. Presented by Parent Support Network.

BABY STEPS, 10 a.m., Swift Current Library.

ROMP 'N' READ, 10:30 a.m., Swift Current Library.

SWIFT CURRENT SQUARE DANCE CLUB, 7:30 p.m., First United Church.

NEW births

CYPRESS REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Cypress Regional Hospital Birth Announcements

WURZ - born to Susana and Arni Wurz of Swift Current, a girl, December 22.

MASTERS/DEMAERE - born to Jeannie Masters and Kevin DeMaere of Swift Current, a boy, December 21.

KLASSEN - born to Kayla and Kole Klassen of Gull Lake, a boy, December 21.

HOFER - born to Wendy and Brian Hofer of Swift Current, a girl, December 21.

BLENKIRON - born to Kandis and Matt Blenkiron of Beechy, a boy, December 20.

PROSPERO - born to Jhoanna and Cirilo Prospero of Swift Current, a boy, December 18.

HOFER - born to Kayla and Ryan Hofer of Swift Current, a girl, December 18.

FAUCHER - born to Stephanie and Tyson Faucher of Swift Current, a boy, December 17.

BOBROWSKI/AKRE - born to Cassandra Bobrowski and Curtis Akre of Swift Current, a boy, December 16.

Before the festivities begin, we'd like to extend our warm wishes to you our neighbours and friends, for a year that's as unforgettable as you are! For your continued patronage, please accept our heartfelt gratitude.

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COUR-D-ALENE April 16 – 20th, 2018 $350.00 pp dbl. occ., $525.00 single, $320.00 triple. First night Cranbrook then cour-d-alene with side trip to Silver Lake mall MH pick up MH MALL food court for LETHBRIDGE pick up at casino

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OCTOBER 26

CCA Finals return was a huge success

The Canadian Cowboys Association Finals was another huge success as the four-day rodeo event returned to Swift Current for a second straight year.

NOVEMBER 2

Winners shine during 19th annual Spirit of Swift Current Business Excellence Awards

The spotlight shone brightly on 10 winners during the Spirit of Swift Current Business Excellence Awards on October 27.

Start-Up/New Business of the Year: Farm + Table; Small Business of the Year: Bre's Boutique; Medium Business of the Year: Elmwood Golf Club; Large Business of the Year: Innovation Credit Union; Not-For-Profit Business of the Year: Swift Current 57s; Employer of Persons with Disabilities: Chinook Golf Course; Citizen of the Year: Betty McDougall; Hall of Fame Business: Dickson Agencies, Innovation Credit Union; Member Business of the Year: Black Bridge Brewery

Pioneer Co-op membership approves merger with Shaunavon Co-op

The Southwest now boasts Saskatchewan's second largest retail Co-op after the Pioneer Co-op membership voted to merge with the Shaunavon Co-op.

NOVEMBER 30

Cypress Regional Health Authority wraps up

The final board meeting of the Cypress Regional Health Authority signalled the end of an era for regional based healthcare decisions in Saskatchewan.

The final meeting of the eight member Cypress Regional Health Authority was hosted on November 22, with the province in the final days of their transition to a single Provincial Health Authority which launched on Monday, December 4.

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Thank **You!**

We would also like to acknowledge those members who may not have voted in favour for our proposal. To you, we extend our thanks for making your voices heard - and to let you know that we sincerely respect your decision and that we will continue to welcome any additional feedback that you may have as a valued Innovation Credit Union member.

As well, **changes to the deposit guarantee** will not come into effect until after we become a federal credit union and **there will be no change in current coverage for at least 1.5 years**. For additional details and examples on the deposit guarantee transition, please visit our website at innovationcu.ca or talk to anyone of our staff to learn how we will help make the transition work with your best interests in mind.

What happens next? You will see further investment in your communities, membership and staff. The expectation is that the next phase of our application will take at least one year. We plan to ensure that our membership is kept informed throughout this period as our federal application process works toward securing the four other entities that are required to approve the application: our current regulator, CUDGC; Financial Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan (FCAA); our potential future regulator, the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI); and the Federal Minister of Finance in Ottawa.

In closing, and on behalf of the Innovation Board of Directors and all Innovation staff, we wish to thank you for all of your support and the extraordinary feedback during our federal journey process thus far. We look forward to sharing our application's ongoing successes and to also continuing to serve you, our valued members, for many more years to come as your financial services institution of choice!

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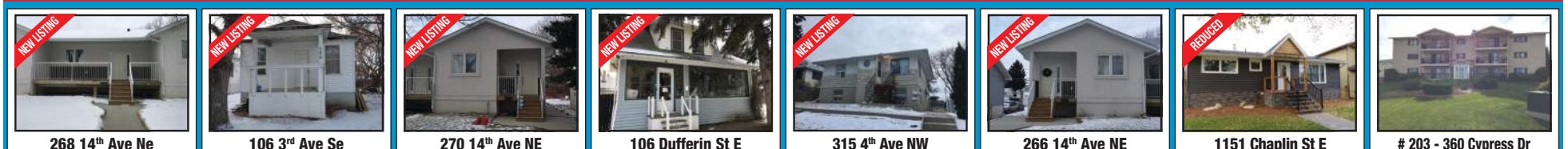

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Pearson retires as Little Theatre treasurer

Swift Current Little Theatre recently gave a special recognition to Wally Pearson for his over 25 year contribution to the success of the group.

Pearson was saluted for his 26 years of service as treasurer of Swift Current Little Theatre, a timeframe where over a quarter of a million dollars of profits was accounted for over 54 different productions.

"When he retired as treasurer we thought it was only fitting that we should award him some sort of recognition and let the community know of all the good work that he's done. Little Theatre's success over these last 25 years has been in large part to do with the Pearson's, and Wally being a big part of it," explained Little Theatre's Ken Johnson.

Pearson, a member of Swift Current Little Theatre since the mid 60s, has performed numerous times on stage, but was best known for the numerous sets he helped build or led the construction of. The renovations to the SCLT downstage and backstage areas, costume storage, prop storage and workshop, were all done in large part because of his vision and leadership.

Johnson noted that Wally and his wife Jean have been SCLT's biggest cheerleaders and faithful volunteers over the years.

"A lot of our success over the 90s was due to people like Wally and Jean who had been with the clubs in the 60s and the early 70s and had competed before. And they helped us get that leg up when we first reformed. He was pivotal since the reforming."

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Wally Pearson accepted a gift card from Swift Current Little Theatre president Tara Garcia in recognition of his long service as SCLT treasurer dating back to 1990.

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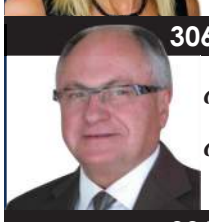
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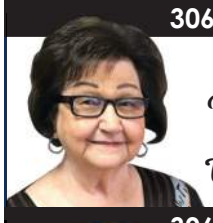
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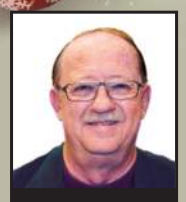
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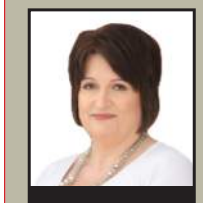
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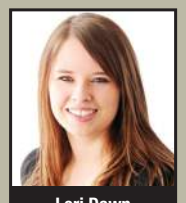
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Year In Review 2017 - Southwest adds more championship banners

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A repeat Western Major Baseball League championship season by the Swift Current 57s repeat and the resurgence of the Swift Current Broncos made 2017 an enjoyable year for local sports fans.

A recap of the best of 2017 is highlighted by a number of championship performances by high school and minor sports teams.

JANUARY 12

WMBL team renamed to honour rich history

Swift Current's Western Major Baseball League baseball team has been renamed to represent the rich history of baseball in Swift Current.

"The name '57's' was chosen to honour the legacy of the 57 seasons that Swift Current has used the mascot name the 'Indians' while competing all over Western Canada, dating as far back as the 1940's," announced senior baseball advisor Harv Martinez at a press conference on January 10.

JANUARY 26

Swift Current Minor baseball teams adopting 57's name

Swift Current's Minor Baseball teams will be known as the 57's for the coming season, following the lead of Swift Current's Western Major Baseball League franchise in dumping the Indians team name.

All Swift Current rep teams playing in the AA and AAA levels will be called the 57's, plus they will also adopt the new logo and colour schemes previously unveiled by the WMBL club.

FEBRUARY 2

Swift Current reclaims CCA Rodeo of the Year honours

For the second consecutive year the Canadian Cowboys' Association top rodeo has been hosted in Swift Current.

The Frontier Days Rodeo Committee was able to collect the CCA Rodeo of the Year award for the third time in the past seven years, claiming the 2016 CAA Rodeo of the Year honours to go along with previous wins in 2010 and 2015.

MARCH 2

Meachem prepared for Brier debut

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The Swift Current 57s defended their Western Major Baseball League championship by winning a thrilling Game Five over the Edmonton Prospects on August 17

After seven trips to provincials in Alberta, and five more in Saskatchewan, Cabri's Shaun Meachem will be making his debut at the 2017 Tim Horton's Brier in St. John's Newfoundland on March 4-12.

Meachem, 37, is playing second on Team Casey, skipped by Adam Casey, and supported by lead Dustin Kidby and third Catlin Schneider as they represent Saskatchewan at the Brier.

Team Casey won the 2017 SaskTel Tankard Men's Provincial Championship in Tisdale when they defeated three-time defending champion Steve Laycock on Feb. 5.

MARCH 9

Innovation Credit Union signs new decade long iPlex naming agreement

The home of the Swift Current Broncos will be known as the Innovation Credit Union iPlex for the upcoming 10 years.

A new agreement for the naming right of the arena was approved at the February 27 Swift Current City Council meeting. The naming rights agreement, which was signed at a cost of $675,000, slightly modifies the name from the Credit Union iPlex to the Innovation Credit Union iPlex.

Wildcats eliminate Rebels in double OT

Defenceman Toni Theaker scored with 5:14 remaining in the second overtime period to lift the Swift Current Diamond Energy Wildcats to a 3-1 series win over the Regina Rebels in the best-of-five opening round of the Saskatchewan Female Midget AAA Hockey League playoffs.

MARCH 16

Meantime curls in first Brier in St. John's

Team Casey finished with a 5-6 record at the 2017 Tim Hortons Brier in St. John's, Nfld.

Cabri's Shaun Meachem was making his Brier debut, playing second on the rink skipped by Adam Casey and playing out of the Highland Curling Club.

Wildcats swept by Stars

The Swift Current Diamond Energy Wildcats were swept by the Saskatoon Stars in the best-of-five Saskatchewan Female Midget AAA Hockey League semi-final series.

MARCH 23

Peewee Broncos repeat as league champions

The Swift Current Southwest Terminal Broncos used a three-goal first period to propel themselves to a second straight South Saskatchewan Peewee AA Hockey League championship with a 5-1 win over the visiting Estevan Bruins.

Bantam Broncos win provincial championship

The Swift Current Kabos Broncos captured their first Saskatchewan Bantam AA Hockey League championship with a series sweep of the Sask Valley Vipers.

The Broncos and Vipers will both participate in the Western Canadian Bantam AAA Championships in Warman and Martensville on March 30 - April 2.

MARCH 30

Swift Current soccer girls earn provincial recognition

Some standout performances from members of the Swift Current Soccer Association were recognized at the Saskatchewan Soccer Association Awards Banquet in Swift Current.

Lauryn Hayes was named the 2016 Grassroots Referee of the Year.

The Swift Current United Under-18 Girls were named the Grassroots Team of the Year. They capped their season with a third straight title at the Soccer For Life Provincial Championship in Lloydminster and were also awarded the Fair Play Award, while captain Brooke Vallee was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Peewee A Broncos barnstorm their way to provincial banner

The Swift Current Peewee A Broncos wrapped up the provincial playoffs in the same manner they began with a blowout win Sunday. The Broncos defeated Martensville 10-2 at home to conclude an eight-game run through the Peewee A play-offs in which they outscored their opponents 58-8.

Broncos collect WHL honours

A pair of Swift Current Broncos were recognized by the Western Hockey League with Eastern Conference awards when the league announced its award winners and conference all-star teams.

Forward Tyler Steenbergen was named a Eastern Conference 2nd Team All-Star after tying for the league lead with 51 goals to go along with 39 assists in 72 games. The 18-year-old was also named the Eastern Conference Most Sportsmanlike Player of the Year after being whistled for only 22 penalty minutes this season.

Import forward Aleksi Heponiemi was named the Eastern Conference Rookie of the Year after leading all WHL rookies with 86 points in 72 games with the Broncos.

Shaunavon's Kole Lind was named a Western Conference 2nd Team All-Star after totalling 30 goals and 57 assists in 70 games with the Kelowna Rockets.

Peewee AA Broncos repeat as provincial champions

Brady Wilson's playoff scoring outburst concluded with a storybook ending when he scored 2:53 into the second overtime period to clinch a second straight provincial title for the Swift Current Southwest Terminal Peewee AA Broncos.

Female Midget Broncos capture league title

A comeback season for the Swift Current Full Line Ag Broncos culminated with a comeback 3-1 win to clinch the South Sask Female Midget AA Hockey League championship season.

The Broncos fell behind early but scored three unanswered goals to sweep the Regina Capitals in the best-of-three series.

LINE

Sports Year In Review 2017 - Broncos make playoff run

APRIL 6

Broncos break through in the playoffs

The Swift Current Broncos defeated the host Moose Jaw Warriors 3-1 in game seven to win their first playoff series in nine seasons. Captain Glenn Gawdin scored the game winner in the third period and Jordan Papirny made 39 saves to backstop the Broncos to the game seven win in front of a sold out crowd.

"It's unbelievable," said Gawdin after the game. "We have been waiting a long time in this organization and city. It's a weight off our back, but we feel we are just getting started."

APRIL 20

What A Ride

The Swift Current Broncos took their fans on a thrilling playoff ride before bowing out to the Regina Pats in game seven of their Eastern Conference semi-final series. The Broncos advanced to the second round of the playoffs for the first item since the 2007-2008 season, and they made up for that long absence with an inspired playoff run. Despite a 24 point gap in the standings, the Broncos pushed the Canadian Hockey League's top ranked team to a seventh and deciding game before running out of gas.

APRIL 27

14U SunDogs win provincial silver

The Swift Current 14U Boys Junior SunDogs brought home a silver medal from the Saskatchewan Volleyball Association Conexus Provincial Championships in Saskatoon over the weekend. The SunDogs finished with four wins and three losses to place second out of 20 teams at provincials after entering the weekend ranked eighth.

MAY 4

Titans medal at wrestling provincials

The Swift Current Titans Wrestling Club brought home plenty of hardware from the 2017 SAWA Age Class Provincials in Moose Jaw on April 1 when they totalled seven gold, 14 silver, and three bronze medals.

Gold medalists were Jackson Gording-Dovell (Freshie Male 35-36), Xander Nicholson (Novice Male 38-40), Talon Tumback (Novice Male 43-45), Elijah Harden (Bantam Male 66-73), Chase Auseth (Freshie Male 43-44), Luke Nelson (Bantam Male 59-64), and Autumn Shopa (Bantam Female 57-59).

15U SunDogs win provincial title

After winning only once in their opening three matches, the Swift Current 15U Junior Sun- Dogs girls volleyball team won their final three matches to win provincials in Saskatoon.

MAY 11

Broncos select former teammates in opening round of Bantam Draft

The Swift Current Broncos selected a total of eight players in the 2017 WHL Bantam Draft, highlighted by a pair of former teammates in the opening round.

The Broncos used the first of their two first round picks to select Edmonton's Joel Sexsmith ninth overall. Sexsmith had four goals and 12 assists in 30 games this past season with RINK Hockey Academy Bantam Prep. He is listed at 6'1" and weighs 162 pounds.

The Broncos also held the 13th overall pick after finishing 10th in the WHL regular season with a 39-23-4-6 record. They used that pick to select Vernon, BC forward Ben King. King had 16 goals and 30 assists with Pursuit of Excellence Bantam Prep.

Three Bantam Broncos drafted by Spokane Chiefs

At least one Western Hockey League team was impressed with the Swift Current Kabos Bantam Broncos this past season. The Spokane Chiefs selected three members of the provincial champions in Thursday's WHL Bantam Draft. Mac Gross (50th overall), Reed Jacobsen (115th overall), and Hendrik de Klerk (138th overall) were picked by Spokane.

Broncos collect WHL awards

Swift Current Broncos' import forward Aleksi Heponiemi was recognized as the top rookie in the Western Hockey League this season. The 17-year-old forward was the recipient of the Jim Piggott Memorial Trophy as the WHL Rookie of the Year at the Western Hockey League Awards in Calgary.

Tyler Steenbergen won the Brad Hornung Trophy as the WHL Most Sportsmanlike Player of the Year.

MAY 18

Leader duo wins provincial bronze

The girls' doubles duo from Leader, Payton Stimson and Kyla Tumbach, captured the bronze medal at SHSAA Badminton Provincials.

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Harrison Hantelman competed in Steer Wrestling event during the final performance of the Frontier Days Rodeo on Canada Day.

JUNE 8

Track and field provincials conclude high school athletics season

Southwest athletes were in fine form over the weekend when they totalled 13 medals at the SHSAA Provincial Track and Field Championships in Saskatoon. A total of 97 athletes represented the South West Athletic Conference and students from six different schools were able to bring home medals.

Medalists were: Scott Joseph - SCCHS (gold, Midget Boys long jump; silver, Midget Boys 100 metre); Kalea Sauder - SCCHS (silver, Junior Girls 100 metre; bronze, Junior Girls long jump); Brielle Wall - SCCHS (bronze, Midget Girls long jump; bronze, Midget Girls high jump); Braedon Friesen - SCCHS (gold, Senior Boys high jump); Austin Smith - Shaunavon (gold, Midget Boys javelin); Joseph Bosch - Fox Valley (silver, Midget Boys javelin); Madison Howell - Consul (gold, Midget Girls discus); Macey Howell - Consul (bronze, Midget Girls discus); Liam Bissonnette - Cabri (silver, Boys Wheelchair 100 Metres); Nixen Voll - Shaunavon (silver, Senior Boys Quadrathlon; and Jackson Sitter - Leader (bronze, Midget Boys triple jump).

JULY 6

U16 United win Provincials at home

The Swift Current United Under-16 Girls won three of four matches to win the Soccer 4 Life Outdoor Youth Provincial Championship at home over the weekend. They were also the recipients of the Sportsmanship Award as voted on by match officials. Jannae Carlson took home tournament Most Valuable Player honours after scoring four goals over the weekend.

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JULY 6

U18 United win Provincials in shootout

The host Swift Current United Under-18 Girls came out on top of a 20-player shoot-out to win a second straight Saskatchewan Soccer Association Soccer 4 Life Outdoor Youth Provincial Championship. The U18 girls also won a second straight Sportsmanship Award, as voted on by match officials throughout the tournament, marking the second straight year they have won both Provincials and the Sportsmanship Award.

JULY 27

Bantam 57's win Regina AAA League on walk-off home run

The final score wouldn't suggest so, but there were plenty of individual heroics as the Swift Current 57's defeated the visiting Regina Buffalos 13-3 to win the Regina AAA League championship Wednesday.

AUGUST 3

Ponteix Pirates win provincial silver at home

Ponteix hosted the six-team Midget Boys Tier 4 Provincial Ball Tournament on July 21–23.

The finals were played in 35 Celsius heat and ended in a silver-medal finish for hometown Ponteix, as they dropped a 6-5 decision to Hanley with the tying run on third base.

AUGUST 17

Local athletes win three Canada Summer Games medals

Swift Current athletes brought home a medal of each colour from the 2017 Canada Summer Games in Winnipeg this summer.

Logan Fritzke won gold in men's baseball, Aleah Nickel won silver in women's wrestling, and Austin Shopa brought home bronze in men's individual wrestling.

Maffenbeier wins national title

Swift Current's Shawn Maffenbeier clinched his first motocross national title in Barrie, Ontario on Sunday.

The MX101 FXR Yamaha Team rider won the MX2 class for the sixth time this season to win the season title. He had entered the final with an 11-point lead and started the day as the fastest qualifier and won the first moto for a 20-point lead.

Prides Thunder win slo-pitch nationals

A Swift Current team won four straight playoff games to win a national title at the Mens D Molson Slo-Pitch National Championships in Winnipeg.

The Prides Thunder won seven of eight games at Nationals, culminating with a 25-17 win over Abbotsford's Legends in the gold medal game.

AUGUST 24

57's repeat as WMBL champions

The Swift Current 57's opened the Western Major Baseball League season by honouring all of the league and provincial champions from Swift Current over the past year by introducing each team at Mitchell Field prior to their home opener.

Two and a half months later it was the 57's who celebrated a second straight league title on the field well into the night after a 4-0 win over the Edmonton Prospects in game five of the championship series.

OCTOBER 26

Southwest competitors capture CCA Finals titles

A total of five Southwest athletes combined to win five different events as well as two additional awards at the Canadian Cowboys Association Finals in Swift Current.

The Waldeck roping duo of Tee and Scott McLeod ran away with the Team Roping championship at the Finals with 190 points, 100 more than the next closest team.

A return to Swift Current was a welcome one for Maple Creek's Adam Gilchrist as he won a second straight Finals title in Saddle Bronc with 130 points. Gilchrist was also named the top All-Around cowboy at the Finals.

Maple Creek's Sydney Windjack finished with 200 points to win Junior Girls Barrel Racing in her final season of eligibility.

Abbey's Blake Smith was described during the Finals as the smallest cowboy at the rodeo but his performance spoke volumes as the 16-year-old won both the Novice Bull Riding and the Junior Steer Riding.

NOVEMBER 2

Ardens win silver at Provincials

The Swift Current Comp. Ardens capped an amazing season with a silver medal at the 3A Girls SHSAA Soccer Provincial Championships in Estevan.

Earlier, the Ardens won a ninth straight Moose Jaw High School Soccer League championship on October 19 when they defeated the Weyburn Eagles 3-1 as their league unbeaten streak reached 94 matches.

NOVEMBER 16

Shadows win second provincial title in three seasons

It was like déjà vu all over again for the host Shaunavon Shadows Saturday when they defeated the Indian Head Broncs 24-7 to win their second SHSAA2A 9-Man Football provincial title in the past three seasons.

NOVEMBER 23

Colts back on top at volleyball provincials

The Swift Current Comp. Colts won seven straight matches to win their first provincial volleyball title since 1999 on November 18.

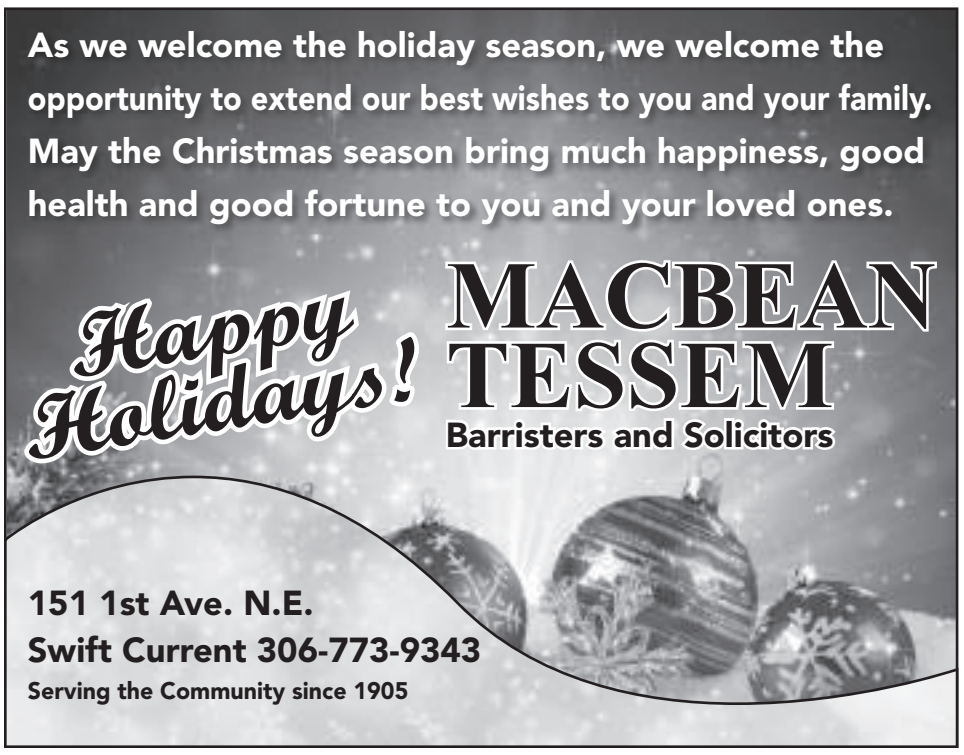
The Fox Valley Legends captured the bronze medal in SHSAA 1A girls provincial volleyball on Nov. 17-18. The Legends prevailed over the Plenty Wildcats, taking the bronze with a two set victory 26-24, 25-19.

Fox Valley wins volleyball gold, Vanguard claims bronze

The high school volleyball season ended on a high note for the Southwest as two boys' teams captured medals at SHSAA provincials on Nov. 24-25.

The Fox Valley Legends won the gold medal at 2A boys in Rocanville after going through the entire tournament without dropping a set.

The Vanguard Valkyrs won a thriller 18-25, 25-21, 15-11 over Mossbank to win the 1A boys' provincial tournament in Rouleau.



Duncalfe dominates ManSask Short Course Swimming Championships

SUBMITTED

The Swift Current Barracudas Swim Club had another historic moment when four swimmers attended the ManSask Short Course Swimming Championships in Winnipeg from Dec. 14-17.

The Interprovincial Swimming Championships congregated more than 330 swimmers from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Ontario, where they competed for medals and rankings. Swimmers had to compete in the morning preliminary, and only the top eight swimmers would advance to evening finals.

The Barracudas' Griffin Duncalfe won a total of four gold and three silver medals in his individual events. Duncalfe, 13, won gold in the 100 Butterfly, 400 Freestyle, 200 Fly, and 200 Free. He added silver medals in the 50 Backstroke, 50 Fly, and 200 Individual Medley.

The meet began on Thursday afternoon when Griffin Duncalfe swam in a preliminary to qualify for the final in the 200 IM with a personal best time of 2:34.13 and Quinn Mittelholtz, from Gull Lake, finished the 200 IM with a personal best of 2:33.14.

Griffin's twin sister, Elliot Duncalfe broke the club record in the female 13-14 age category in the 1500 Free by swimming her personal best of 20:37.33.

On Friday morning, the preliminary began when Griffin qualified for the finals in the 100 Butterfly and 400 Freestyle. Jo Carleton also swam her best time and qualified for the finals in 100 Backstroke and 400 Freestyle. Elliot gained a new best time in 100 Backstroke at 1:18.87 and broke another club record in the 400 Freestyle at 5:23.96.

Quinn swam best times in the 200 Breaststroke and 50 Freestyle at 2:53.26 and 27.14 seconds respectively.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Griffin Duncalfe (right) is pictured with Barracudas Swim Club coach Gary Cheung after an incredible performance at the ManSask Short Course Swimming Championships in Winnipeg.

During the finals on Friday evening, Griffin stood up and won his first two gold medals in the 100 Butterfly and 400 Freestyle by breaking both of his times swum in the morning, also crashing the current 13-14 male club records. Jo finished seventh and ninth place in 100 Backstroke and 400 Freestyle by swimming her personal best, which also crashed the 13-14 female club records. Quinn also swam both best times again in the 200 Breast and 50 Free finals.

"It was another historic moment and a new pinnacle for the Barracudas Swim Club," noted coach Gary Cheung.

On Saturday morning, Griffin qualified for the finals in the 200 Butterfly by swimming his best time of 2:36.50. Jo battled her way to qualify for the finals in 100 Free with a best time of 1:09.05, while Quinn made his way to the final in 50 Breast with also a best time of 35.35 seconds.

During the finals on Saturday evening, Griffin, with last night achievement, won his third gold medal in the 200 Fly by dropping another six seconds to claim a silver medal in the 200 IM final.

Jo swam another personal best in 100 Free and broke the current 11-12 girl club record with time of 1:08.19, while Quinn finished seventh in the 50 Breast final.

"Griffin took off a total of 10 seconds in his 200 butterfly. That was really something," noted Cheung.

On Sunday morning, also the final day of the meet, Griffin competed in his 50 Fly, 200 Free and 50 Back in the preliminary to make his way to the finals. Jo gained new best times in 200 Freestyle and 50 Back during preliminaries. Quinn qualified for the 100 Breast final.

The highlight happened in the last night of finals, Jo finished eighth and 11th in the 200 Freestyle and 50 Backstroke respectively, while Quinn finished seventh in 100 Breaststroke. Griffin won two silver medals in 50 Butterfly and 50 Backstroke and a gold medal in 200 Freestyle.

At the conclusion of the Sunday night finals, the Provincial Relays were swum, where both Manitoba and Saskatchewan selected their top swimmers in all four strokes to make up a provincial team to compete in the 4x50 medley relay (Back, Breast, Fly, Free). Griffin was selected to represent Team Sask and swim the Butterfly leg of the relay on the 13&U Boy team. The Saskatchewan boys took the Manitoba team by storm and that was where Griffin won his fifth gold medal.

The relay team was made up of Sam Wagner (Regina Optimist Dolphins, Backstroke), Nathan Vong (Saskatoon Goldfins, Breaststroke), and Danael Liew (Moose Jaw Kinsmen Flying Fins, Freestyle).

"It had always been Griffin's dream to be on that relay team. He worked for it and made his dream come true," noted Cheung.

For every individual event swum in finals, swimmers could score points based on their placing in finals, (ie. 1st place = 50, 2nd place = 30, 3rd place = 20). The highlight came when Griffin and Daniel Liew tied and won both the Provincial age group individual high point award and Overall age group individual high point trophy.

Full Barracudas results were as follows:

Jo Carleton (12)

50 Free: 30.79 (CR); 100 Back: 1:18.03 (CR); 400 Free: 5:19.58 (CR); 100 Free: 1:08.19 (CR); 200 Back: 2:46.64 (CR); 200 Free: 2:32.23 (PB);5 0 Back: 36.75 (PB).

Elliot Duncalfe (13)

1500 Free: 20:37.33 (CR); 100 Back: 1:18.87 (PB); 400 Free: 5:23.96 (CR); 100 Free: 1:10.54 (PB); 200 Free: 2:29.34 (CR); 50 Back: 35.50 (CR).

Quinn Mittelholtz (15)

200 IM: 2:33.14 (PB); 200 Breast: 2:53.26 (PB); 50 Free: 27.14 (PB); 100 Free: 1:01.38 (PB); 50 Breast: 35.35 (PB); 50 Fly: 30.80 (PB).

*PB denotes personal best

*CR denotes club record

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Broncos sign first round pick

During a normally quiet time for Western Hockey League teams, the Swift Current Broncos made an exciting announcement regarding an unexpected addition to their roster Friday.

The Broncos announced that they had signed defenseman Jacson Alexander to a WHL Standard Player Agreement and that he would be joining the team after the holidays.

Alexander was selected by the Broncos 17th overall in the 2016 WHL Bantam Draft, the second of two first-round picks for the Broncos after they took Logan Barlage with the fourth overall selection.

"We are very excited to have him here," said Head Coach and Director of Player Personnel Manny Viveiros in a team issued release. "It's a tremendous day to announce his dedication to the Broncos and the WHL. He left a great impression at training camp as we were impressed with his skill set on the ice and he has made great progress this season while he was playing for the Victoria Grizzlies. We got a deal done and we look forward to him continuing his development as a Bronco."

The 16-year-old had previously committed to the University of Denver and has been playing in the British Columbia Hockey League with the Victoria Grizzlies, where he has three goals and seven assists in 29 games.

The Broncos will be in Moose Jaw tonight to visit the Warriors. They also host the Saskatoon Blades on Saturday before visiting the Blades on New Years Day.

Midget Broncos lose in Regina

Both Swift Current Midget AA teams lost road games in Regina last week to conclude their 2017 schedules.

The Swift Current Full Line Ag Broncos lost their final South Saskatchewan Female Midget AA Hockey League game of 2017.

The Broncos fired 44 shots on net but lost 3-1 to the host Regina Capitals on Thursday. Makayla Wickstrom mad 43 saves for the Capitals, who also got goals from Hannah Sexsmith, Sophia Buckberger, and Brynn Feguson.

Kayla Keith scored the only goal for the Broncos with assists from Josie Calwell and Carmen Hildebrand. Allison Wall took the loss with 31 saves in goal.

The Broncos went into the holidays in third spot in the league with a 9-5-4 record. Kalea Sauder was third in league scoring with 24 points in 17 games. Chelsea Wilson was second with 13 goals and fifth with 22 points.

The Swift Current Abbey Resources lost a close game 2-1 to the host Regina Rangers the same evening in the South Saskatchewan Midget AA Hockey League.

John Priela scored the only goal with assists from Ryland Hornung and Riley Skarbon. Tristan Braconnier scored both goals for the league leading Rangers.

The Broncos entered the holidays in second spot in the 11-team league with a 12-6-3-2 record. Jacob Herman leads all goaltenders with a 2.08 goals against average.

The Abbey Resources Broncos will return to league action on Jan. 5 when they visit the Notre Dame Argos.

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Obituaries

Alex Lannie Forsyth
Jan 4, 1954-Dec 15, 2017

It is will great sadness that we announce that Alex Forsyth has passed away at the young age of 63. Alex kept his humor right up until the end of his life and his loved ones were honored to be at his side. Alex Lannie Forsyth is the 3rd child born to Hugh and Esther Forsyth. He was born January 4th, 1954 in Gull Lake Sask. Alex attended school in Tompkins and Gull Lake. He left school after grade 11 and joined the Army at the young age of 17. On July 21st, 1973, Alex married the girl who grew up just down the street in Tompkins, Laura Mae Phillips. At the time of their marriage Alex adopted Laura's two young children: William and Tracy. After they were wed, the young family resided in Calgary, Alberta, where Alex was a Corporal for the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry. Soon after, a daughter, Angela was born. The family moved back to Tompkins after Alex's dad, Hugh, passed away in 1975. Alex worked as the town Administrator an SGI Insurance agent, and was a volunteer firefighter. The family was complete with the arrival of another daughter, Darla, in 1982. Alex and his family moved several times over the next few years. They moved to Swift Current in 1987, where he managed a truck stop. Alex, Laura and Darla moved to Manitou, Manitoba where he worked for a poultry farm for 15 months. Laura was very homesick for her grandchildren so they decided to move back to Herbert in 1997. At this time Alex became employed with Robertson Implements where he remained a dedicated, hard working employee for the next 20 years. Alex was devastated when his wife, Laura, was diagnosed with cancer in 2002. Shortly after she lost her battle in 2007, Alex moved back to Swift Current. At this time he was transferred from the Implement department to the new Robertson Rental Store where he worked until his illness no longer allowed him to be there. Leaving the Army before he wanted left a void in his life. Alex became an active member of CASARA Search and Rescue and it filled some of that void. His passion and commitment to this cause was infectious. His daughter Darla joined him for a short while and his son William and granddaughter Megan are both very active in the Lethbridge Search and Rescue Unit. Anyone who knows Alex will know how much the Royal Canadian Legion meant to him. He wore his uniform with great pride at every event and parade he could be part of. He was involved in everything from being a flag bearer at the Ford Women's World Curling to participating in Legion Cribbage tournaments. He wore his Deputy Zone Commander Medal with great honor. Alex was always a very quiet reserved man, but when he put that uniform on he was in his comfort zone. Alex rekindled a friendship with a high school friend, Rosemary Sorenson. They became companions the past few years and were able to create some great memories in the short time they were together. Alex is survived by William John Forsyth and his children, Megan, Mindi and Cole; Tracy Lynn (Grant) Miller, along with their children Jordan, Jonathan and Joshua; Angela Louise Forsyth; and Darla Daylene Longtin and children Summer, Danika and Ashtyn; partner, Rosemary Sorenson, and her family; brother, Harvey (Marg) Forsyth; nephew, Brad (Melissa) Forsyth; great nieces, Mikaela and Camryn Forsyth; mother-in-law, Dorothy Phillips; and many cousins, friends and fellow Legion Members that held very close to his heart. Alex is predeceased by his wife, Laura Mae Phillips, his parents Hugh Forsyth and Esther (Olson) Forsyth, an infant brother and his father-in--aw Albert Phillips. A private family internment preceded the memorial service and Alex was laid to rest beside his wife Laura in the Herbert Cemetery. At Alex's request, donations can be made to any Legion Club of your choice or to the Canadian Cancer Society, as you see fit. Warren's Funeral Home were entrusted with the arrangements. For further information call 306-773-8831 or 1-800-267-6606 or visit our website at www.warrensfuneralhome.com and express your sympathy to family members in our book of condolences.

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Obituaries

YAKE

Mabel Frances Eileen Yake age 89, of Swift Current, SK passed away December 13, 2017 at the Meadows. The Funeral Service was held at 2:00 pm Tuesday, December 19, 2017 from First United Church with Reverend Annette Taylor officiating. The pianist was Sharon Veer. The Life Tribute was presented by grandsons Jason Tangen and Cody Yake. The Ushers were nephews Ron Yake, Tom Shannon, Corey Baldwin and Dale Nelson. The Pallbearers were grandsons Shawn Tangen, Ryan Tangen, Jason Tangen, Tyler Yake, Cody Yake and nephew Greg Thoreson. Honorary Pallbearer was Markus Jürgensen. The Interment Service took place at Mount Pleasant Burial Park. Eileen is survived by her daughter, Gayle (Darrel) Tangen and their family; Shawn (Erin McKay), Julie and Jamie McKay; Ryan (Corissa), Cole and Gavin; Jason, Emma and Alyssa Hilmoe and special friend Rozanne Laverdiere; Son Bayne (Jayanne Wood), Tyler and Cody Yake, Markus Jürgensen (Saskia), step grandson Andrew Dingwall; Brother Ervin (Louise) Shannon, sister Norma Thoreson and all her nieces and nephews who were very special to her. A special friend Nadine Sanderson. She was predeceased by parents Oscar and Bernice Shannon; husband Stanley Yake; infant daughter Marlis and infant son Dwight; grandson Kyle; brother and sister-in-law Don and Francis Shannon, sister and brother-in-law Iona and Allen Thoreson, brother-in-law Ron Thoreson; mother-in-law and father-in-law Byron and Jessie Yake; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Budd and Phyllis Yake and Ferne and Cyril Murray. Eileen was born on the family farm in the Hazlet District on July 28, 1928. She attended school in Hazlet and then Normal School in Moose Jaw and summers in Saskatoon. She married Stanley Yake on July 30, 1948 in Gull Lake. Eileen taught school in Consul, Simmie, Hazlet and Swift Current. She was a member of the Swift Current Superannuated Teachers, Bridge clubs and the Swift Current Seniors Club. Eileen enjoyed bridge, paper tole, knitting, sewing, gardening, sitting on the deck watching the birds and squirrels and being the family barber, but most of all she enjoyed her grandchildren and her yard, garden and flowers. She always said she had the best view in the city. Going through Mom's wishes and memories book, she stated "I wouldn't change anything. I had a good life. I was never rich but always had sufficient. I have many good friends and a wonderful family." Eileen will be sadly missed but fondly remembered by her family and friends. In her memory, friends may make a memorial donation to the Salvation Army or the Swift Current S.P.C.A. Warren's Funeral Home in care of the arrangements. For further information please call 306-773-8831 or visit our website at www.warrensfuneralhome.com and express your sympathy to the family in our book of condolence.

RING

Harold Emmanuel Ring age 90 years of Swift Current, formerly of the Rush Lake District passed away on Monday, December 18, 2017 at the Gull Lake Special Care Home. The funeral service was held at 2:00 pm, December 23, 2017 from Church of the Open Bible with Pastor Rob Cochrane officiating. The organist was Wendy Cochrane. Eulogist was Hugh Hauser. Ushers were Stan Klassen & Robert Klassen.The interment service was held at Hillcrest Cemetery.The pallbearers were nephews, Hugh Hauser, Jim Ring, Vincent Ring, Rick Seib, Jerry Springer and Jesse Wilcox. Harold was born February 26, 1927 to Wilhelm and Lydia (Heiser) Ring on the family farm where he spent the next 78 years. He attended school at Swan Lake, church at Peace Lutheran Church and later Church of the Open Bible. He married Doris Harder of the Beaver Flat District on June 6, 1953. Together they raised cattle, sheep, pigs and chickens,as well as, wheat, oats and hay. To supplement the farm income he was lineman for the rural telephone company. He also served as councilor for Division 2 for the RM of Excelsior for 12 years. They managed to take several holidays including bus tours to Alaska and the Maritimes, car trips to Colorado, California and Vancouver Island. In 2005, they sold the farm and moved to Swift Current. He enjoyed his yard and big garden which included raspberries and strawberries. His main hobby was fishing. He was a handyman and could fix most anything and create many useful items out of wood. Harold is survived by his wife Doris of 64 years, son Duane (Anne) Ring, grandson Shaun (Amber) Ring and great-granddaughter Eden Ring, granddaughter Tawnya (Ryan) Thares and great-grandsons Bentley and Nolan Thares, daughter Connie Ring. Sisters Ramona Down and Estrella Seib, sisters-in-law Isobel Ring and Lois Gering. Brothers-in-law Wilburt Harder, Burdette (Diane) Harder, Rodney (Brenda) Harder and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents Wilhelm & Lydia Ring, sisters Eva (Ray) Beierle, Margaret (Jake) Gering, Violet (Rudolph Springer, Phil Pelzer, Ed Belter), Minnie (Adolph) Hauser. Brothers William (Emily) Ring, Victor Ring and Richard (Marjorie) Ring. Brothers-in-law Fred Down, Herman Seib and Murray Gering, 6 nephews and 1 niece. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or the charity of the donor's choice. Warren's Funeral Home were entrusted with the arrangements. For further information call 306-773-8831 or 1-800-267-6606 or visit our website at www.warrensfuneralhome.com and express your sympathy to family members in our book of condolences.

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SWAC basketball leagues reach holiday break

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ATHLETIC COORDINATOR

The SWAC senior basketball league played their final games before the Christmas break on December 19.

The Shaunavon Silhouettes remain the only girls' team that is undefeated as they travelled to Herbert and beat the Laurels 69-35. Kortlynn Fuller led the Silhouettes with 22 points and Kerigan Stevenson added 19. Replying for the Laurels was Jewel Jacobson with eight points.

The other girls' game saw the Swift Current Comp. Junior Ardens get the home victory 65-49 over Maple Creek Rebelles. Kyla Morante had 28 points for the Ardens, while Ballie Williams added 19. The Rebelles' Angela Fritzke was the top scorer with 15 points and Alex Mason added 14.

In boys' action, it was the Shaunavon Shadows remaining undefeated as they got the road win in Frontier 80-55. Brett Kronberg led the way for the Shadows with 18 points, while Ty Schermerhorn netted 12. Madison Bertram had 14 points for the Raiders with Gabe Martinez adding nine.

The Swift Current Junior Colts defeated the visiting Maple Creek Rebels 87-60. Ethan Riley led the way with 17 points while Tristan Urquhart-Nelson had 16. The Rebel's top scorer was Michael Mudingayi with 36 points, followed by Drake Francis with seven.

The Shadows lead the boys standings with a 3-0 record, followed by Swift Current at 2-1. Maple Creek is 1-2, while Frontier sits last at 0-3.

The Silhouettes lead the girls senior league with a perfect 3-0 mark, followed by Herbert at 2-1. The Junior Ardens are third at 1-2, while Maple Creek is last at 0-3.

Junior basketball league scores from December 21:

Maple Creek girls 18 @ Shaunavon 61, Swift Current Gr 9 boys 81 @ Maple Creek 28, Shaunavon boys 33 @ Gull Lake 38, Swift Current Gr 9 girls @ Wymark – postponed until Jan. 9.

Upcoming basketball games in January, 2018:

Seniors – Jan 9:

Shaunavon girls/boys @ Maple Creek; Herbert girls @ Swift Current Jr Ardens; Frontier boys @ Swift Current Jr Colts.

Juniors – Jan 9:

Swift Current Comp gr 9 girls @ Wymark.

Juniors – Jan 11:

Swift Current Comp gr 9 girls @ Maple Creek; Shaunavon girls @ Wymark; Gull Lake boys @ Waldeck; Shaunavon boys @ Swift Current Comp gr 9 boys.

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The SCCHS Junior Colts defeated Maple Creek 87-60 in SWAC senior basketball league action Dec. 19.

Peewee Broncos tie final game of 2017

The Swift Current Southwest Terminal Broncos and visiting Moose Jaw Warriors tied 4-4 in their final South Saskatchewan Peewee AA Hockey League contest of the year on Thursday.

The game was tied 2-2 after two periods before Moose Jaw scored twice to take a 4-2 lead. The Broncos fought back with goals 2:56 apart to salvage the draw.

Jace Bymoen led the Broncos with two goals and one assist, while Hudson Darby and Carter Herman also scored. Brayden Sumner registered a pair of assists, while Theo McGuire and Rylan Williams added single helpers. Lukas Toth earned the draw in net.

Swift Current remains third in the league with an 8-6-2 record, while Moose Jaw improved to 4-10-2.

The Broncos will be back in league action on Jan. 12 with a return visit to face the Warriors.

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Swift Current's Brayden Sumner (left) tried to fight off the diving check of Moose Jaw's Brooklyn Nimegeer's during a 4-4 draw on Dec. 21.

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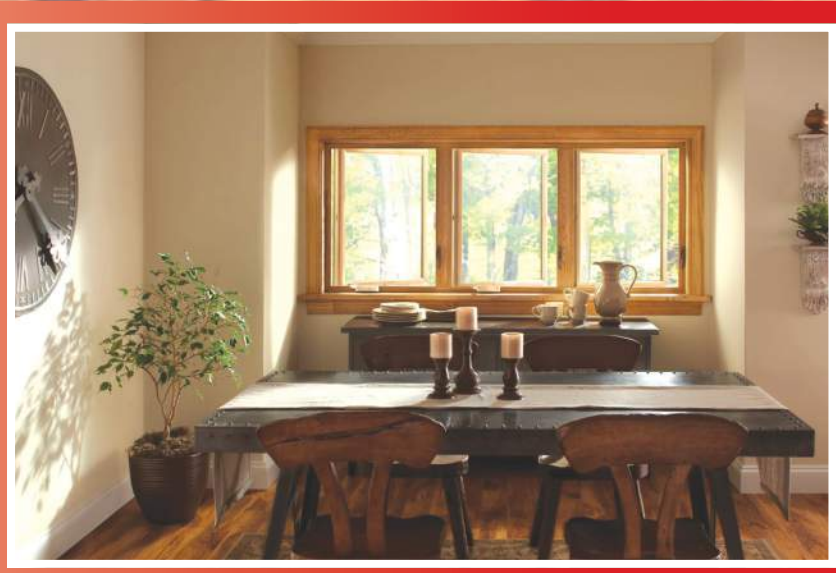

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