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Local contingent inducted into SJHL Hall of Fame

■ Daniel Bushman

The list is prestigious and accolades many when it came to this year's Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League Hall of Fame inductees. From Stanley Cup champions and national junior title winners to award recipients, local coaches and players, a total of 10 people and one team joined the SJHL's Hall of Fame. Of those inducted, a number of well-deserving local faces made up the list, ones who achieved success during their time within the league.

Lanigan's Sheldon and Wade Brookbank joined Watrous native Bob Beatty along with Jared Bednar, Dean Brockman, Kelly Chase, Chris Cuthbert, Curt Giles, the late Elgar Petersen, Brett Stewart and the 2007-'08 Humboldt Broncos national Junior A championship team - comprised of a number of local players and assistant coach Murray Brookbank - as part of this year's inductees.

Originally announced in 2019, the SJHL Hall of Fame induction ceremony slated for Humboldt was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With restrictions lifted and plans put in place to hold the event in conjunction with the fifth annual Conexus Credit Union Humboldt Broncos Memorial Golf Tournament, members of the Class were centre stage Aug. 6.

"On behalf of the SJHL board of governors, coaches, players, officials and administrative staff, and countless volunteers, congratulations to all of this year's inductees," SJHL Commissioner Kyle McIntyre said. "It was moving to see the impact the SJHL had on the lives of the inductees whether they were a coach, an official, a player, a broadcaster or a lifelong volunteer."

Brookbank brothers

With three boys representing Lanigan and their dad spending time as a coach in the SJHL, the Brookbank name has become synonymous within the league.

As older brother Leigh suited up for Yorkton in the early 1990s while dad Murray would help coach the Melville Millionaires and later the Broncos, for Wade and Sheldon, when it came time to go from playing minor hockey in Lanigan to suiting up in junior, they were eager to compete. Not only did the pair play at a high level in the junior league but both went on to have careers in the NHL: Wade with Nashville, Vancouver, Boston and Carolina and Sheldon with Nashville, New Jersey, Anaheim, and Chicago, where he won the Stanley Cup in 2013.

Following their playing days, both brothers would spend time within the Blackhawks organization and while Wade remains a scout with the team, after being an assistant coach with the NHL club, Sheldon is now an assistant with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins of the AHL.

Playing two years in the SJHL with the Melville Millionaires in 1996-'97 and '97-'98 before eventually going on to the NHL, Wade said being inducted into the junior hockey league's hall of fame meant a lot.

"It was a real exciting night and an honour for myself. My wife and kids were there and it was really cool. I never thought I would play in the SJHL so being in the hall of fame was the furthest thing from my mind, even up until the day I found out I was going in."

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Worthy recipients

Pictured above: Sheldon and Wade Brookbank (far right) who grew up in Lanigan and Bob Beatty (next to Sheldon) of Watrous joined a number of other local faces including members of the 2007-'08 Humboldt Broncos national winning team as part of this year's SJHL

Hall of Fame inductees. What was also pretty special was Sheldon and Wade's dad Murray was part of the Broncos team that won the national title and as such, joined his two boys in the hall of fame.

- photos submitted by Becky Zimmer



Generous donation allows Town of Lanigan to provide housing for doctors

■ media release

On July 11, 2022, Andrew Cebryk of the Lanigan & District Ambulance Association (LDAA) presented to Lanigan Town Council that the Association wanted to make a substantial donation to the Town of Lanigan. This donation would be used to purchase 12 Maple Place for the purpose of providing potential housing for doctors practicing in Lanigan.

In the past, housing has been an issue in the recruitment of doctors. After some discussion and research, Lanigan Town Council accepted the donation of \$620,000 from the LDAA. The Town of Lanigan is now the proud owner of the duplex at 12 Maple Place and take possession on Oct. 31, 2022. The Town still has some work to do in the upcoming months regarding agreements with the doctors, property management, insurance, etc.

On behalf of the Town of Lanigan, Mayor Tony Mycock said, "We want to say a big thank you to the Lanigan & District Ambulance Association for the donation. This will be a huge help to the Town, to have quality housing to rent to the doctors practicing in Lanigan."



After a tremendous contribution from the Lanigan & District Ambulance Association, the Town of Lanigan was able to purchase 12 Maple Place (above) for the purpose of providing potential housing for doctors practicing in Lanigan. On behalf of the LDAA, Andrew Cebryk (right) presented Lanigan Mayor Tony Mycock (left) with funds for \$620,000.

- photos courtesy Town of Lanigan



Further samples being taken after high levels from blue-green algae bloom at Little Manitou Lake

■ Daniel Bushman

It was not what residents, businesses and visitors of the Resort Village of Manitou Beach were expecting as summer arrived. After a torrential downpour that caused flooding in June followed by a twister a few weeks later a few kilometres west of the community, in mid-July, health authorities deemed the lake not suitable to swim in.

With the pandemic keeping visitors from enjoying the beach, people were finally able to return in droves in 2021 and businesses at the resort community were hoping for similar activity in 2022. However, as Chief Administrative Officer for Manitou Beach Elise Dale explained, "the blue-green algae bloom was recognized on Little Manitou Lake, on June 20th, and contact with Provincial Authorities was initiated, and a multitude of conversations ensued regarding water-health, contributing factors and remedies to the situation."

With the Water Security Agency, the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Health having

authoritative jurisdiction over the lake, Dale said due to the value of the water to the community, its residents and the tourism draw, the Resort Village of Manitou Beach made the decision to push for testing of the water and seek out solutions. "On June 30th we included a post on our Facebook page regarding the blue-green algae bloom and a few days later, on July 4th, the first water testing was done and came back with high results of 65.8 µg/L and greater than 750 µg/L."

In an effort to ensure the results were accurate, a second testing was conducted July 14th and caution signs were posted along the shoreline by the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) regarding the water. "Test results came back late in the day July 15th and they showed 600 times the recommended levels for recreation so the caution signs were replaced by advisory signs from SHA."

According to the Environmental Services Analysis Report conducted at the Roy Romanow Provincial Laboratory, the result from the July 14th

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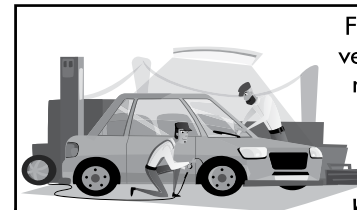
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Brookbank joins AHL Penguins as assistant coach

■ media release

The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins announced Aug. 8 that Sheldon Brookbank has been hired as an assistant coach. Brookbank joins head coach J.D. Forrest and fellow assistant Kevin Porter behind the Penguins' bench, whose deals all run through the 2023-'24 season. Brookbank brings five seasons of coaching experience to

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton in addition to a 16-year pro playing career. The 41-year-old spent parts of the past four seasons as an assistant coach in the NHL for the Chicago Blackhawks. The native of Lanigan racked up 853 professional games, 351 of which were spent in the NHL. Brookbank suited up for Chicago, the Nashville Predators, New Jersey Devils and Anaheim Ducks, and hoisted the Stanley Cup as a player for Chicago in 2013. Brookbank appeared in 367 AHL games with the Grand

Rapids Griffins, Milwaukee Admirals, Cincinnati Mighty Ducks, Lowell Devils and Cleveland Monsters. He won the Eddie Shore Award as the AHL's best defencemen in 2006-'07 with Milwaukee, when he led all league blueliners with 38 assists and 53 points. His brother, Wade, spent two seasons (2006-'07, 2009-'10) as a player with Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, recording eight points (4G-4A) and 284 penalty minutes in 107 games.

RCMP Report

Assault at business

On July 31 at approximately 4:50 a.m., Nipawin RCMP received a report of an assault at a business on the 1500 block of Hwy. 35 in Nipawin. Investigation determined a male spat at an employee of the business before fleeing in a vehicle. Officers located the vehicle approximately an hour later leaving a residence on 2nd Street West in Nipawin. The driver was arrested. A knife, a can of bear spray and a small bag of suspected cocaine and pills were located and seized during subsequent investigation.

As a result, 19-year-old Daylen Laliberty from Cumberland House is charged with: one count, assault, Section 266, Criminal Code; two counts, breach of probation order, Section 733.1(1), Criminal Code; one count, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, Section 88, Criminal Code; and one count, possession of a controlled substance, Section 4(1), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act. He also received a ticket for driving without a licence and for having open alcohol in a vehicle.

Charges laid in relation to death

As a result of investigation

by Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crimes, 19-year-old Jaymes Quintal from Meadow Lake, Sask. was arrested on Aug. 2 and charged with one count, manslaughter, section 236(b) of the Criminal Code, in relation to the death of 45-year-old Allen Quintal. On July 6, 2022 around 10:30 p.m. Meadow Lake RCMP responded to a report of an altercation between two males outside a residence in Meadow Lake. Allen was transported to hospital with serious injuries and he passed away several days later.

RCMP crime analysts link series of incidents

Between July 8 and 10, 2022, Saskatchewan RCMP investigated a series of incidents in southern/central Saskatchewan, including thefts of vehicles and the ramming of a police vehicle.

As part of the ongoing investigation, Morse RCMP asked Saskatchewan RCMP crime analysts with the Saskatchewan RCMP Crime Prevention and Crime Reduction Unit to see if there were other related incidents. After a thorough review of files, the crime analysts concluded there may be at least 23 connected incidents, which occurred between July 6 and 16, 2022 in central

and southern Saskatchewan, Hanna, Alta. and Kelowna, B.C.

They include: thefts of vehicles in Yorkton, Kipling, Tyner and Bethune, Sask.; stolen vehicles recovered in Chamberlain, Yorkton and Tyner, Sask. and Kelowna, B.C.; fuel thefts in Viscount, Wynyard and Chaplin, Sask.; flight from police officers in Whitewood, Foam Lake, Yorkton, Belle Plain and Swift Current, Sask.; thefts from vehicles in Regina; and use of a stolen credit card in Hanna, Alta.

RCMP in the three

provinces continue to investigate. Saskatchewan RCMP have identified two persons of interest. The male is described as having blonde hair, a slim build and a tattoo on the left side of his neck. RCMP do not have a further description of that tattoo at this time. The female is described as having blonde hair with dark roots and a slim build.

Anyone who recognizes them is asked to contact their local RCMP detachment or police of jurisdiction. Information can also be reported anonymously to

Crime Stoppers by calling 1-800-222-8477.

"Because the RCMP is the provincial police force in Western Canadian

provinces – and given the interprovincial nature of some crime – the work of our crime analysts is critical to help identify crime trends

and advance investigations," said Monica Deters, acting officer in charge of the Saskatchewan RCMP's Crime Prevention and Crime Reduction Unit. "We now know that this string of July incidents is connected and we've been able to identify two individuals police officers would like to speak to. Take a look at these photos below – if you recognize them, please report it to police or Crime Stoppers."



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Jansen

Louise Shannon

Condolences to the family of Ruth Ewen, who passed away at the age of 100. Ewens lived south of Jansen for years and the children went to Jansen school.

Congratulations to Austin Krieger on winning a prize at the Nokomis fair. The garden is doing well and making a lot of work. Some of the plants are a little late because of the cool nights. The birds ate the cherries and saskatoons.

Happy birthday to McKenzie Zerbin, Karen Renz and David Paetsch.

Happy anniversary to Dave and Wendy Renwick and Karrie and Kelsey Jones.

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Wow, have you ever been in a camper trailer when it was being pounded by hail stones and drenched with 4 1/2 inches of rain? This happened to us one weekend at Good Spirit Lake. It was a little scary.

It seems a little quiet around town this first few weeks of August.

H.P. Bayne — the pen name of Meacham-area author Heather Polischuk — has added another novel to her existing paranormal mystery series.

The latest, entitled The Cursed, is book 10 in the Braddock & Gray Case Files, a series that follows brothers and private investigators Sullivan Gray and Dez Braddock as they crack unsolved murder files — by falling back on Sully’s ability to see the ghosts of homicide victims. The Braddock & Gray Case Files follows the Sullivan Gray Series, a highly rated set of seven books introducing the brothers and their work helping the spirits of homicide victims and their loved ones — all while struggling to stay alive themselves.

The Cursed sees Sully and Dez attempting to help a ghost and save a friend, both of whom have been targeted by someone intent on protecting the secrets of a coven of dark witches. The brothers will need to team up with disgraced former TV show personality, Wray Mallory, whose psychic ability to read objects will prove necessary if Sully and Dez are to solve the case and prevent more deaths.

Both series are available in e-book and paperback formats in Amazon stores worldwide, where they have achieved bestseller status. All are also available to read through the Kindle Unlimited program. The first six books in the Sullivan Gray Series are available as audiobooks as well, with the final book in that series coming soon to audio.

Polischuk spent more than 20 years as a newspaper crime reporter in Saskatchewan before leaving the profession earlier this year to write books full time. While her novels have a paranormal element to them, Polischuk uses her crime reporting experience to inform her fiction writing, aiming to provide a realistic glimpse into investigative tactics, motivations and emotions connected with crime.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Thank you to all who helped make this week’s news possible. Have a great week.

uncomplIcATed - Consider the Lilies of the Field



by Arlene Martin

Since I was young I have loved the bright orange prairie lily when it grew prolifically in the wild. It brightened the ditches bordering all Saskatchewan roads and highways. It isn’t spotted so easily today and I miss it. When the pioneers first came to the prairies, during the summer months there were thousands of bright red and orange prairie lilies blooming. The decline of this flower led to it becoming protected by the Provincial Emblems and Honours. Simply stated don’t pick the lilies! It grows from a bulb so once the bulb is pulled out the flower will no longer grow. I said protected. Yeppers, the act boldly says: “No person shall pick, cut down, dig, pull up, injure or destroy, in whole or in part, whether in blossom or not, the plant that produces the flower that is the floral emblem of Saskatchewan.”

Over-picking and increased use of herbicides has led to declining numbers.

Unless you are a stranger to Saskatchewan, you know the Prairie Lily is the floral emblem of our pretty rectangular province and blooms forever on the Saskatchewan flag. It was August 1906 that King Edward VII granted a coat of arms to the province of Saskatchewan with this lily embedded within. As it is written: “The flower known botanically as *lilium philadelphicum andinum*, and popularly called the “prairie lily”, shall be the floral emblem of the province.” If you are a history buff, well no surprise that our remarkable province was only ONE year old when the King ordained the prairie lily OUR flower! Unique or what?? Might be a bit of an exaggeration!)

Its appearance varies depending on its local environment. Always beautiful, the lilies stand out brilliantly in flaming orange and red against a natural green background. They were a delight to see during road trips so many years ago. Today we are wowed to see our personal cultivated lily blooming in rainbow of colours in yards and flower beds across North America.

Swallowtail butterflies mostly pollinate it, but is also visited by hummingbirds. These birds can collect nectar without touching the plant’s reproductive structures. For this reason, they are less effective pollinators than butterflies. When its blooms are finished, sadly this plant is often overlooked. If, like myself, you are a lily lover, you have to be patient when planting. Grown from seeds - which are three sided capsules about an inch long - this plant often takes up to four years to produce flowers! But we can let the nurseries do the leg work and purchase them full bodied.

I did a bit of digging (no pun intended) and read that this pretty flower is edible and is also a source of vitamin C and pro-vitamin A. The Prairie Lily was a staple food of many Indigenous tribes. The Indigenous people of the Plains and early settlers used the lily for medicinal and food purposes. Vegetatively, the lily reproduces from bulbs composed of starchy scales. Bulbs were boiled and eaten. Tea brewed from the lily treated stomach disorders, coughs, and fevers. Poultices were applied for swellings, bruises, spider bites, and wounds. Steamed lily was considered a potato substitute. White settlers did learn a few plant-based

remedies from the Indigenous people of the Plains, and a few prairie plants were prescribed by frontier doctors. But in both the number of species used and the varieties of treatments administered, the Indigenous people of the Plains were far more proficient than settlers.

A creature I dislike very much and has me running to Randy’s protection also enjoy this lily. The mouse-like vole! The Cree first discovered this and gave the lily another name: mouse-root. Another enemy reared its head on the prairies during the summer of 2020. The enemy even smaller than the ugly vole was a tiny invasive foreign insect known as the red lily beetle. Researchers believed the insect arrived in Canada in a shipment of infected bulbs.

I have always wished this flower would bloom much longer because when it isn’t, this plant is so overlooked. Hail to this orange plant for choosing the prairies to live on. “Us” other planted residents know personally that Saskatchewan can be a punishing place to call home. Our winters are bitterly cold so this hardy lily just digs down farther for preservation to amaze and mesmerize us summer after prairie summer.

One day late spring, our son came from the shop carrying something truly remarkable. Out of a piece of old steel, once belonging to a combine that rattled across a dusty prairie field, he had grinded, cut, welded, polished and created a tall steel prairie lily. Studying photos and the lilies by our home, the detail was remarkable. All summer he has been creating these breathtaking steel lilies. Each one unique. Just like our prairie lily and you!

Life is a beautiful thing and like the lily, it is also an endangered species. It is fragile, the heart like a bulb can be cut down, injured and destroyed – in whole or in part. During our 50+ years of marriage, life has had many rough spots, some really dark seasons that made us dig down deep and wait, knowing that winter will pass. Natalie Sleeth expressed it flawlessly in her beautiful song: “In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree, in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.”

Please take care of yourself these awesome days of dwindling August.

Love, Arlene (Visit my blog - google my name and UNCOMPLICATED - for pictures of my sons steel lilies. And yes, they are for sale!)



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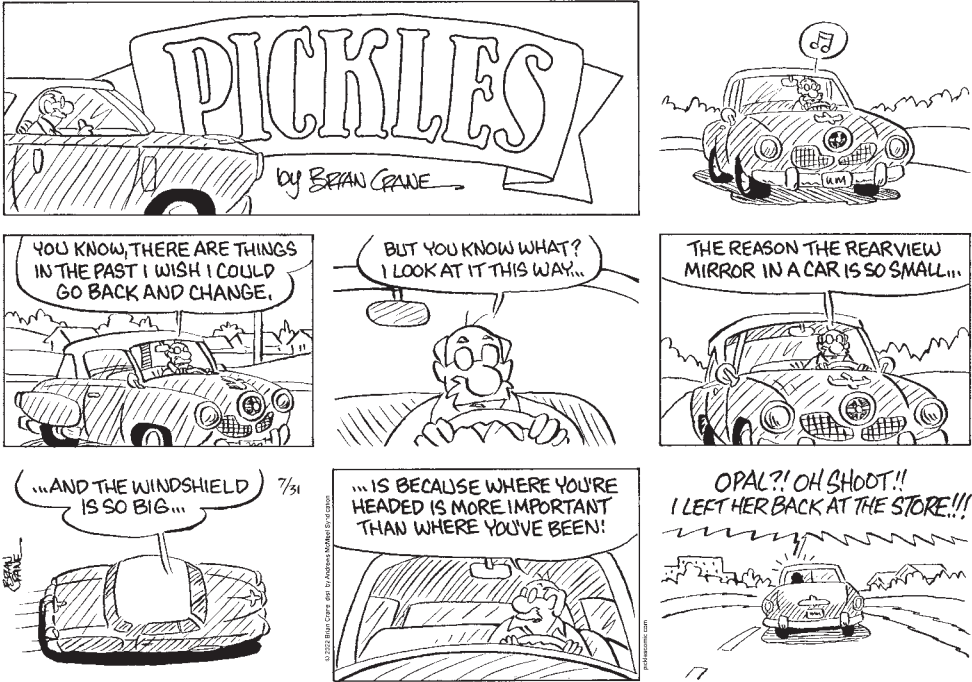
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Sauerkraut with potato dumplings

Rinse sauerkraut and place in medium saucepan. Add 1/2 cup of water and bring to a simmer. Add smoked sausage or wieners and let simmer while you make the dumplings.

Dumplings
2 cups leftover mashed potatoes
1 egg
1-2 cups flour (will depend on how moist your potatoes are. Add egg and a little salt if you like (sauerkraut can be salty so you may not need any salt. I rarely add any.) to the potatoes. Mix well. Add one cup of the flour and mix again. Keep adding flour until the dough is no longer sticky. Separate the dough into three portions. Roll each into one inch cylinders and slice into one inch discs. Toss with flour.

Bring a pot of water to boil, adding about 1/2 tsp. of salt. Cook the dumplings in batches of 20 or so. Do not overcrowd them. Once they float, they need to cook another two minutes. Strain out of the water and toss with some melted butter. Serve with the drained sauerkraut/smoked sausage. Enjoy!

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Robson reunion July 2022

■ submitted by Jack Robson

In May of 1906, Heber and Elizabeth (Gliddon) Robson, left the rocks and trees of the Ontario Haliburton highlands. They had eight children and William George was on the way. They boarded the train for the newly established province of Saskatchewan many miles to the west. They brought along two horses, a cow and all of their possessions, with deep faith and courage to face the unknown challenges of a new beginning on the prairie frontier.

The railroad journey ended at Strasbourg, and after an overnight stay in the CPR station, headed north with two wagons, through tall prairie grass and past a few settlers shacks to their homestead NE 28-31-20-W2, 13 miles east of present day Lockwood, and nine miles southwest of present day Jansen. Heber and Elizabeth's family put down roots, deep into the prairie soil, the family numbers continually grew and they spread out across our nation. On July 8, 9, and 10 of this year, family members came together at the Manitou Beach Community Hall to reconnect and celebrate their common heritage.

The festivities began with a get acquainted wiener roast on Friday evening. Saturday morning dawned bright and sunny to welcome the clan. Frances greeted everyone at the registration table, and breakfast was available for all. The complete Robson family tree was displayed on the wall, with all the branches and twigs, courtesy of Tamie, Margaret and their volunteers. Many photo albums of priceless and timeless photos were also on display.

Conversation and visiting were the main morning activities and this was continuous throughout the entire reunion. The family branches continually intermingled and again grew closer together. We were blessed with many very young descendants which brought much delight and enjoyment.

A slo-pitch game took centre stage in the afternoon. It was a very warm day and the faces turned to a darker shade of red as the game went on. Many levels of talent were displayed, the young athletes performed admirably, those a little older had perhaps lost a wee bit of their coordination, and those much older proved their abilities and prowess was now only in their



imaginations. Dave Robson was colour commentator and umpire. A game of Bocce Ball was enjoyed, as well as a roping demonstration by Lloyd.

Rachel Baird coordinated the traditional Robson group photo and photos of the individual family groups consisting of Mary's Mob (Bamfords), Sam's Clan, Phebe's Flock (Colemans) Bill's Bunch and Tex's Tribe.

Following a fabulous supper, the group awaited the evening talent show and entertainment. The lead musicians were Marge Solvason - electric bass, Lloyd Bourke - guitar/vocals, and Jack - guitar/vocals. It was a joyful evening of family music, laughter and stories to warm the heart. Special music to mention was "Ryan's Folsom Prison Blues" in memory of his Dad, Dale; Marge's "Church in the Wildwood"; Lloyd's "Little Mountain Church House"; Carol's "Amazing Grace"; Tamie and Shaun's "Let it be Me" and Shaun's "Grandma's Feather Bed"; Tamie's "Crystal Chandeliers"; and Jack's "Who Wrote the Words." Jack led a questionnaire on Robson Family Trivia. It was a great evening of family music and remembrances, but eventually the music came to an end, the clan dispersed, eagerly awaiting the Sunday morning time together.

A beautiful morning again greeted the family and following brunch, Heber and Elizabeth's spiritual legacy was celebrated by their descendants at a worship service. The family voices were raised in praise as they sang "Church in the Wildwood" and "Bringing in the Sheaves." Marge led the 23rd Psalm, "The

Lord is My Shepherd," Shirley Baird delivered the homily based on Luke 10: 38-42. The Bamford's sang, "We Have this Moment Today," to remind us that time is fleeting, and to grasp and enjoy today and each and every day we are given. The Bamford's have contributed this memory to every reunion. As the gathering sadly came to a close, it was agreed to gather again in two years for another reunion. Tamie and Marge led everyone in the singing of "Our Best to You." With a few tears in our eyes, the family stood, joined hands and sang together the traditional Robson Hymn that has been passed down to us through the years, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Special mention to our main organizers, Tamie, Marge, Allison, Karen and all that contributed. It was a great reunion. Special mention of Ellen and Wes from B.C. and Doug and Frances from Florida who travelled so far to celebrate with us.

Following hall cleanup, many drove to the original Robson farm for photos and reminiscing. That is where it all began 116 years ago. Kailee-Ann painted a special commemorative stone that was placed in the farmyard by Bill's plow. Floral markers courtesy of Tamie will be placed on all family graves over the next weeks.

Heber and Elizabeth's foresight and courage brought them to Saskatchewan, their memory and sacrifices will never be forgotten, and we the family, will continue onward to maintain the valuable legacy they have left for us. They have passed the torch to us, we will keep it burning brightly.



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- photo and information submitted by Jennelle Schindel
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(from front page: **SJHL**)

Watching his older brother Leigh play for the Yorkton Terriers, when Wade got to the SJHL and put on the Melville Millionaires sweater, one of his favourite memories during his two years was being part of the Yorkton/Melville rivalry. "We were big Yorkton Terrier fans when Leigh played and we would go to the Yorkton and Melville games in both rinks and it was just a great rivalry. Being a part of that was kind of a blessing and it made it extra exciting when I got there. Then my first year I also made the All-Star Team which was pretty crazy and a real cool experience."

In year two, Wade recalls making the playoffs which was a highlight but what really stood out was having his dad behind the bench. "Him being there for that one year was pretty cool."

But it was not just that second year where Wade's dad Murray had made an impact on him behind the bench. "At the rink and on the way to the rink, at home, he was never a hard-nosed teacher, just a lot of subtle points here and there."

But it was not until players from the senior hockey team shared with Wade how great of a coach his dad was when he realized how lucky he had been. "That was when it really hit home, when those guys

who were older than me at that time told me how much he helped them at the senior hockey level. That was when I really noticed and then I really even paid more respect and attention to him and that really helped me through my career no doubt."

Fast forward to the SJHL induction ceremony and with his younger brother Sheldon and his dad Murray as fellow inductees, Wade felt it was fitting they all went in together. "I wish Leigh was in there too because we are a SJHL family through and through but it was really super cool having those guys there and their families and my mom and dad being there. Being in Humboldt was extra cool too."

For Sheldon, returning to Humboldt to be inducted, a place where he played during his junior career was a pretty amazing moment. "When you see your name up there on the banner, you realize it is a pretty big honour and it is something I am very proud of, especially going in there with my brother Wade and my dad who is on the '08 team. It is something pretty special to us. SJHL has been a big part of our lives for a long time so I am very honoured and thrilled to be in there."

As was the case for Wade, for Sheldon, being a part of the league started right from when Leigh played in Yorkton in the early 90s. "We watched

a minimum of one SJHL game a week, sometimes two or three, so we saw a lot of SJHL hockey. It was a league we really looked up to."

So when it was Sheldon's turn to join the junior hockey ranks and growing up just a short drive from Humboldt, it was quite substantial for him to put on the green, yellow and white jersey for the first time in 1998-'99. "It was a great three years for me. Playing in Humboldt was a pretty big deal, especially growing up in Lanigan as a Humboldt Bronco. To be out there and to be on that team meant a lot. There was a lot of local guys so it felt like this was where I belonged. I am very grateful for my time in Humboldt."

As part of those three years patrolling the blue line, Sheldon shared a few highlights including his first game, which happened to be in Flin Flon, Man. "I had heard everything about Flin Flon and sure enough when they scored, the fireworks go off and the moose leg comes flying over the bench. You are kind of like, 'Where am I? And what is going on here?'"

From the flying moose leg in his first game to eventually making a run to the SJHL final, Brookbank recalled the memorable moment of seeing a packed arena in Humboldt. "People were jammed right in there. Every square inch in that place was full and it was pretty fun to see that."



Pictured above: members of the 2007-'08 Humboldt Broncos national championship winning team, inducted into the SJHL Hall of Fame Aug. 6.
- photo submitted by Becky Zimmer

Citing how the SJHL allowed him to develop and grow as a player while gaining confidence, Brookbank also praised his coaches, Bob Beatty and Dean Brockman, two men who were also inducted as part of this year's ceremony. "I always had a great relationship with Bob. As most people know he is a straight shooter and he had a lot of belief in me. That really meant something to me. We had Dean Brockman too, who is just a great guy and in charge of the D and I was lucky, they were great coaches for me personally and they definitely helped me in my career."

Another coach who Sheldon looked up to was his dad, someone he gives credit to for his success. "He is a hockey guy all the way through and has always been a coach. I felt like he never over-coached us personally and never over-complicated anything for me. He did not make me think too much about what I was doing on the ice other than just do the right thing. He believed in me and didn't make me over-think it and that was the biggest thing my dad gave to me, he was never really negative on me. Just a lot of belief and that helped."

Humboldt Broncos team 2007-'08

This year's team inducted

into the SJHL Hall of Fame was the 2007-'08 Humboldt Broncos. Loaded with local area talent at that time including Jordan Schindel (Jansen), Matthew Kirzinger (LeRoy), Steven and Scott Schroeder (Drake), Brady Wacker (Jansen), Matthew Rintoul (Simpson), Evan Bryksa (Lanigan), Cory Knaus (Lanigan), and Spencer Hoehn (Drake) among others, the team finished the season in first place in the SJHL with a 48-9-0-1 record for 97 points, 17 more than the next best team. Humboldt not only won the league championship that year but took the Anavet Cup and later the national title as Junior A champion.

Watching his sons Sheldon and Wade receive inductions into the SJHL Hall of Fame, assistant coach of that 2007-'08 team Murray Brookbank said it was an honour to be inducted as well. "I owe a lot to Dean Brockman, Tim Klimosko, the Bronco organization and of course a big debt of gratitude to the players of the team. Without them this would not have been possible."

Feeling lucky to be a part of a number of successful teams over the years, Murray said during his seven years with the Broncos he was part of four league championships,

three Anavet Cups and the RBC Cup.

"The highlight of course was the RBC Cup win in Cornwall in 2008. Next to that memory was the Anavet Cup game seven, four overtime periods in Selkirk in 2007, which unfortunately we lost. The heat in the jam-packed building in Selkirk was intense and the physical demand on our players was something I have never witnessed."

With over a dozen people from that team in attendance at the SJHL Hall of Fame ceremony, Brookbank said it was pretty special not only to be there with them but to also see his boys inducted as well.

"It was incredible that we all went in together. It was a situation that I never in my wildest dreams would have imagined. As a family we are humbled and honoured with the induction. The SJHL is a great league and it was a big part of our three boys and our family's lives."

With the whole Brookbank crew in attendance, Murray said it was pretty special to have them all there. "Wade and Sheldon always have looked up to their big brother Leigh and gained a lot of insight into the SJHL during Leigh's time with the (see back page: **SJHL**)



Pictured above: The Brookbank family attended the SJHL Hall of Fame induction ceremony in Humboldt Aug. 6. Leigh, Wade and Sheldon all played in the SJHL while their dad Murray coached in the league.
- photo submitted by Paula Brookbank

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(from page two: **MANITOU**)

sample confirmed the water contained the microcystin compound associated with blue-green algae. Since the Health Canada guideline for microcystin in drinking water is a maximum concentration of 1.5 µg/L and for recreational bathing water is 10 µg/L, registering at 6,214.2 µg/L meant the lake was not suitable for swimming in.

With the levels extremely high, SHA stated residents living near the shores as well as visitors to the lake are to:

- avoid all contact with blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) blooms. If contact occurs, wash with tap water as soon as possible.
- not swim or wade (or allow your pets to swim or wade) in any areas where blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) is visible.

Naturally occurring and often becoming visible when weather conditions are calm, blue-green algae appears like scum, grass clippings, fuzz or globs on the surface

of water. The algae can be blue-green, greenish-brown, brown, and/or pinkish-red in colour, and often smell musty or grassy.

For those who come in contact with the visible blue-green algae or who ingest water containing blue-green algae, SHA indicated they may experience skin irritation, rash, sore throat, sore red eyes, swollen lips, fever, nausea and vomiting and/or diarrhea. Symptoms usually appear within one to three hours and resolve in one to two days. Symptoms in children are often more pronounced; however, all humans are at risk of these symptoms.

Since the advisory was issued in July, Dale said the resort noticed the algae bloom has deterred the overwhelming majority of people from going into the lake. However, on occasion, there have been a few spotted venturing into the water.

Understanding the

importance of the water to residents and visitors and hoping health officials would return to take another sample, Dale said, “Ministry of Health had advised us that the health inspectors would not be back to re-test the water until the algae bloom dispersed, probably in the fall. I pushed to have the water re-tested due to public outcry and shared value in Little Manitou Lake. Because of that, inspectors agreed to come out sometime during Aug. 8 to 12 to re-test.”

Waiting for the official results to come in this past week, when they do, Dale hopes the levels will have decreased enough for people to be able to enjoy the lake before the summer ends. While weather and wind conditions can cause algae blooms to move from one location in the lake to another, until the results are official and levels safe, the advisory remains in effect for Little Manitou Lake until further notice.



Signs have been posted and additional testing was scheduled to take place this past week to see if unsafe levels from the blue-green algae bloom improved at Little Manitou Lake. Currently people are being advised not to swim in the lake due to the bloom with levels 600 times the recommended amount for recreational swimming.

- photos by Daniel Bushman



Crop Report

■ media release

Very sporadic weather systems moved through Saskatchewan with some regions having hot dry days while others experienced cool rainy days that have further delayed crop development. That is according to the Ministry of Agriculture's weekly Crop Report for Aug. 2 to 8. Producers in the latter areas would like to see some hot dry weather to help crops mature and allow for harvest to begin.

Most of the province has not started harvest operations; overall progress has reached one percent as producers in the southwest and west central regions get

their harvesting operations in full swing. This is slightly behind the five-year average of two percent. At this time in 2021, the provincial harvest progress was seven percent, illustrating just how different the growing conditions have been in the province between this year and last.

Most of the southern half of the province did not get much rain over the past week, with most rainfall reports being between trace amounts and 10 mm; the Weyburn area, however, received 25 mm. Further north, the Rosthern and Hague areas received 35 mm, while in the west, Macklin area producers received up to 61 mm over the course

of an evening. Prince Albert also received some localized and very heavy rainfall, with some producers reporting 71 mm over two days. The rain will be beneficial to pasture land and flowering crops, but producers would like to see warmer weather in the forecast to speed up crop development.

The declining trend in topsoil moisture continues as rains overall have been quite minor and infrequent during the past few weeks. Cropland topsoil moisture is currently rated as three percent surplus, 58 percent adequate, 24 percent short and 15 percent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as two percent surplus, 56 percent

adequate, 22 percent short and 20 percent very short.

Many livestock producers have struggled with their haying operations this summer due to rainy weather either delaying cutting and baling or, in some cases, strong winds blowing away swathed hay. Many producers are still finishing up their operations while others have finally completed haying; hay yields appear to be average or above average in the east and north regions and below average in the southwest and west central regions. Estimated average dryland hay yields for the province are 1.52 tons per acre for alfalfa, 1.5 tons per acre for alfalfa/bromegrass, 1.20 tons per acre for other

tame hay, 1.0 tons per acre for wild hay and 2.2 tons per acre for greenfeed. Estimated average irrigated hay yields are 2.5 tons per acre for alfalfa, 1.74 tons per acre for alfalfa/bromegrass and 2.8 tons per acre for greenfeed. The majority of crop damage was due to wind, heavy rains, hail, drought stress, heat, wildlife and grasshoppers. Some parts of the northwest reported a light ground frost - no crop damage was reported but producers are conscious of what an early season frost would do to their crop. Farmers are busy wrapping up haying, getting ready for harvest, desiccating and swathings crops and combining in some areas.

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Yorkton Terriers. I am very lucky to have the support of my wife Paula. She has watched more SJHL games than anyone could imagine.”

Bob Beatty

With more than 20 years of Junior A coaching experience and a tremendous amount of success during that time, it should come as no surprise that Bob Beatty was named as one of the inductees.

“It is quite an honour,” shared Beatty of being inducted. “It was pretty exciting and humbling to be recognized with the group of inductees that went in. You have got a guy that won a Stanley Cup a few months ago, the Brookbank boys, Dean Brockman, Kelly Chase, Curtis Giles and Elgar. It was really touching to see Elgar inducted with us as well.”

Grateful to Humboldt, LaRonge and the SJHL for the opportunity to be involved for 17 years, Beatty first got his start by taking over as head coach of the Humboldt Broncos with six games remaining in the 1996-’97 season. Sharing the move was meant more



Pictured: Bob Beatty. - photo submitted by Becky Zimmer

or less to fill a gap before the season came to an end, Beatty explained one thing led to another and not only did he stay on but pretty soon the Broncos became the envy of the league.

Spending eight years with the club as head coach and director of hockey operations, Beatty led the team to three league finals, winning in 2002-’03, and guided the Broncos to a 2003 RBC championship in Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Following his time in Humboldt, Beatty then headed north where he joined the LaRonge Ice Wolves as both a head coach and general manager. Looking to replicate similar successes that he achieved in Humboldt, during his tenure in LaRonge, the Watrous native captured back-to-back league championships in 2010 and 2011, and competed for the Royal Bank Cup and Anavet Cup.

With championships added to his resume, over his 17 year tenure as a head coach in the SJHL, Bob accumulated a record of 510-361-42-60 while appearing in five league finals (winning three of those) and the national RBC Cup twice (winning once).

“I am really grateful for the start in Humboldt and LaRonge was a great experience too. It was very touching and rewarding to be recognized and it has to be up there on the list. Championships aside, your best reward from coaching is the relationships that you develop and it is great to catch up with your old players and colleagues. You get to hear about their families and their achievements.”

Another thing that stood out for Beatty and was special to him was the ability to coach a few local players who he appreciated like Graeme and Eric Potts, Sheldon Nedjelski, Ryan Gill, Brad Toews, Brad Schroeder

and Kyle Renwick in Humboldt and Brad Harding in LaRonge. He also shared about coaching fellow hall of fame inductee Sheldon Brookbank.

“When Sheldon and Wade were kids and travelling to watch their brother Leigh’s games with the Yorkton Terriers, I was coaching the midget team in Yorkton (Brandon Bishop and Greg Daelick were two of our defencemen). I didn’t know at that time Sheldon would become the outstanding player he did but I knew if he was anything like his brother, we had to have him. Then when Wade started playing in Melville, he was a tough load for anyone to handle. Seeing those two guys play at the level they did, I thought Sheldon could go all the way, which was a rather bold prediction given we were in Junior A. He proved me right with a ton of character, resilience and hard work.”

Very proud of what his former player accomplished in the game, both as a player and a coach, Beatty said it was terrific to reconnect with him and the Brookbank family at the induction ceremony. “The Brookbanks are the ultimate SJ family for sure. It was great to see Murray inducted as a coach with the 2007-’08 national champion Bronco team as well. Kudos to his wife Paula for looking after the four of them.”

While Beatty wrapped up his coaching career in the SJHL after the 2012-’13 season, he continues to love the game. Since that time, he has coached and managed in the BCHL with Cowichan, the CSSHL U15 with Shawnigan, the AJHL with Fort McMurray and after joining the Nanaimo Clippers of the BCHL last season, Beatty is returning for another year behind the bench as an assistant.



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