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Spartans provide fans a Super Season

This space would normally be filled with some comment or criticism on social issues concerning our community, and there are a number of issues out there.

For this week, though, a hearty congratulation and an A+ for effort needs to be extended to the entire Meadow Lake Spartans football team for what can only be described as a very successful first season.

For the fledgling Spartans to be able to achieve three wins in just seven games speaks volumes for the amount of time and energy the boys and their coaches put in to this great game.

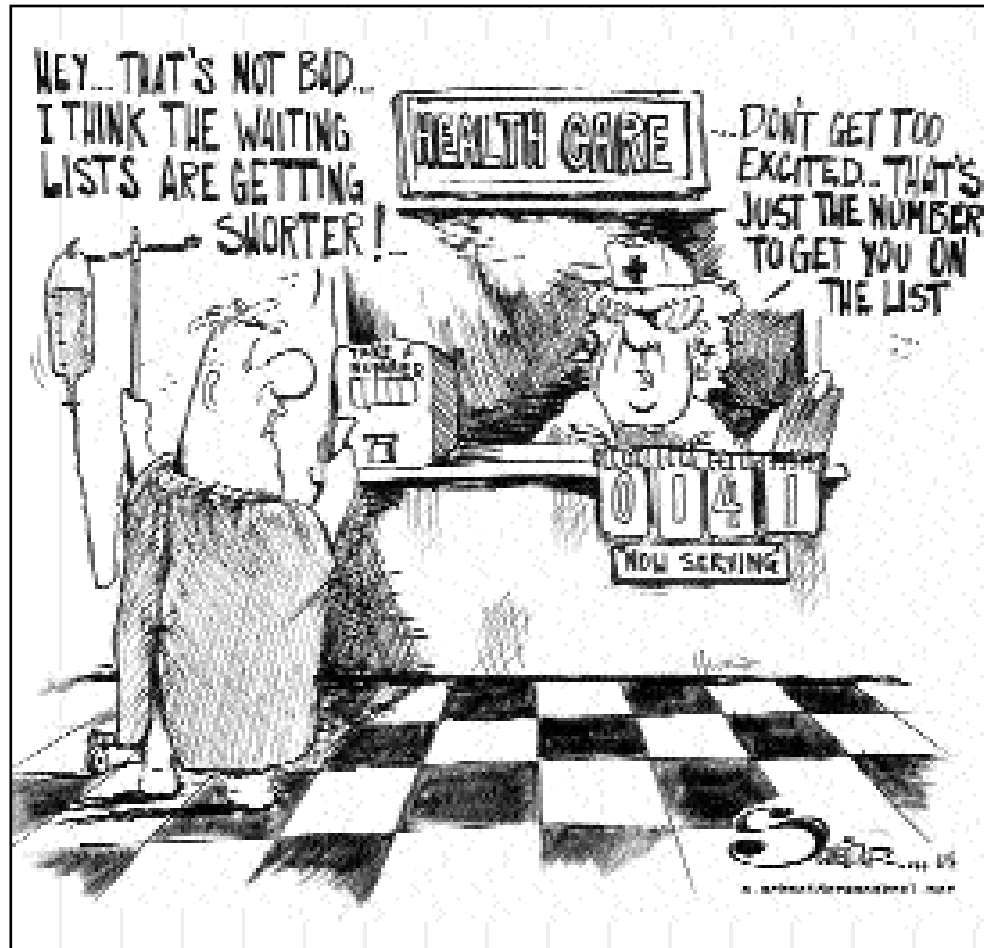
If we are to judge the popularity of the game by the attendance and support of friends, family, and fans at each game, regardless of weather conditions, it was indeed time for football to return to Meadow Lake after a 17 year hiatus.

Plans for training and a new season are in the works and after this season's success, Coach Porter and his team have sent a message to the rest of the league that they will indeed be a force to be reckoned with next year.

Congratulations to all the players, coaching and support staff on a great first season. We can't wait for next year.

Go Spartans, go!

R.T.



Doctor's orders lure Thompson to fishing

When the topic is fishing in Saskatchewan, the village of Abernethy may not immediately come to mind. For several years, however, it was closely associated with world-class fishing.

Len Thompson, one of the most famous names in Canadian fishing, was born and raised in the area. It was also the place where Thompson first conceived the idea for his business, Len Thompson Bait and Bait, which has since grown into a great success.

Since 1929 more than 30 million Len Thompson lures have been produced, and many, such as the yellow and red Five of Diamonds, are staples for anglers throughout Canada.

Upon returning from the First World War, Thompson took up fishing on his doctor's orders to get outside and get more fresh air. Dissatisfied after years of trying various lures on the market, Thompson believed he could craft a better fishing spoon.

In 1929, Thompson developed his first fishing spoon. He fashioned them himself with crude, handmade dies, but they worked well and he was

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Thompson soon swamped with requests for more. This led to the formation of his company, which began operation on a part-time basis in 1932. Leaving life as a farmer behind in 1945, Thompson made the decision to spend all his time fishing.

Within a few months, he built and equipped a factory in Abernethy, and secured deals with suppliers. The Len Thompson Bait Company soon began full-time production.

Thirteen years later, however, Saskatchewan lost a fishing buddy. In 1958, Thompson made the difficult decision to relocate the business from Abernethy to Lacombe, Alta.

"I have nothing against Saskatchewan," Thompson said in an interview in the Regina Leader-Post in 1958, dispelling rumors that Saskatchewan's business climate and labor laws led to the move. "We do more business in Alberta than in Saskatchewan. We like the country and the climate around Lacombe - and we like the fishing and hunting."

The fact that the new location positioned the company perfectly for some of the finest fishing areas in the north also played a significant role in the decision to relocate.

The move proved to be a

good one for the company, as it continued to thrive in its new surroundings. Thompson continued to experiment and promote the products, while his son-in-law Cecil Pallister looked after the manufacturing side of the business.

Thompson passed away in 1979, but his name continues to live on. His grandchildren now run the company that continues to manufacture approximately 500,000 fishing spoons every year bearing his name.



Waiting to go up. The new museum building is a bit behind schedule. Initially the committee had hoped that the frame would be up by the end of October. The project is estimated to cost \$160,000.



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passed away October 25, 2004 in Buffalo Narrows, SK at the age of 55 years. Leonard is survived by his daughters Redeena Lalberte of Prince Albert, SK; Jodie and Leah Pedersen of Calgary, AB; son Blaine McCallum of Buffalo Narrows, SK; grandchildren Darcie, Dayna, Selina and Brayden; mother

Marianna (nee Delorme) Edmond of Willow Bunch, SK; sisters Bertha (Mel) Helm of Lloyd, SK and Yvonne (Gord) Crothers of Oliver, B.C.; brothers Leon (Lynda) Lechasseur of Saanichton, B.C. and Noel (Rhonda) Lechasseur of Edmonton, AB; half brother David (Shirley) Beaudin of Port Coquitlam, B.C.; half

sisters Dianne Stein of Port Coquitlam, B.C. and Annette (Curt) Beaudin of Lisieux, SK. Leonard was predeceased by his father Dave Lechasseur in 1966 and brother Ronald Beaudin in 1989.

The Wake Service was conducted on Tuesday, October 26, Thursday, October 28, 2004 in Lake View Complex, Buffalo Narrows, SK. The Funeral Service was conducted on Friday, October 29, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. in the Lake View Complex, Buffalo Narrows, SK with David Seright and Alfred Pettit officiating. Arrangements in care of MacKenzie Funeral Home, Brian Stobbs, Harry Matwishyn, Bev Stobbs Funeral Directors.

VILLENEUVE - Christine Marie Margaret of Saskatoon passed away peacefully on October 20, 2004 at St. Paul's Hospital at the age of 68 years. She is survived by her brother Fred McCallum; sons Darcy (Shaina) McCallum, Saskatoon, Ronald Durocher, Saskatoon; daughters Mariene (Ray) Lachance, Meadow Lake, Alice Durocher, Saskatoon, Gloria Durocher, Saskatoon, Mable (Billy) Myette, Meadow Lake, Audrey McCallum, Saskatoon, and Vera McCallum (Howard Rowland), Meadow Lake; 28 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren and nieces and nephews. Funeral mass was held on Saturday, October 23, 2004 in Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church, Meadow Lake. Arrangements entrusted to Martens Warman Funeral Home, Warman, SK.

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