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## Halloween brings mostly treats in Shellbrook



Shellbrook Skating Club members Emmalynn Lamotte and Erika Stene (Super Girls) were on-ice volunteers for the Halloween Skate.

While COVID-19 may have resulted in the cancellation of the Halloween festivities that many of us are used to — including W.P Sandin High School's always well attended Quarter Carnival and haunted house — the town of Shellbrook came through and provided some treats for local ghouls and goblins on Oct. 31.

At the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre, the town hosted two free hour-long public skate sessions from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Each session was open for up to 30 skaters, and attendees were encouraged to wear their Hal-

loween costumes in return for a bag of goodies from one of the friendly ghosts on hand.

There were certainly many costumes on display at the free skates, and no tricks to be seen, as both kids and adults took to the ice, and skated in the dark (for awhile, at least) to a Halloween soundtrack inspired by the classics of horror cinema.

"I believe our skate was well enjoyed by the attendees, said Jessica Kernohan, recreation director for the Town of Shellbrook. "All children, and many of the adults, were dressed in their cos-

tumes. The music, dimmed lights, Halloween costumes, and take home treat bags made for a fun environment."

All told, Kernohan says the first Halloween skate session hit the capacity of 30 attendees. The second session, while less busy, still saw 15 skaters take to the ice.

Kernohan adds that the skates ran more smoothly thanks to the assistance of two members of the Shellbrook Kinettes (the aforementioned friendly ghosts), and two on-ice volunteers from the Shellbrook Skating Club.

Looking forward, she says the plan is to host similar free skates for the Christmas holidays.

Following the Halloween Skate at the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre, the town's Halloween festivities relocated to the Shellbrook Theatre, where the classic Hocus Pocus was screened at 4 p.m.

And, of course, there was still plenty of trick or treating around town, even if many residents opted to leave out bowls of candy rather than have the kids come up to their doors.

*More photos on page 2*



### Remembering our veterans

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# Tomporowski reflects on 11 years as Shellbrook mayor

After Monday, Nov. 9, there will be some new faces around Shellbrook Town Council's table, including a new face in the mayor's seat that has been occupied Mayor George Tomporowski for the past 11 years.

But Tomporowski has been a fixture at council's table for far longer than the three terms he's served as mayor. He first served as a councillor from 1989 until 1996, when he was forced to step aside after some major restructuring within Saskatchewan's Ministry of Highways.

After seven years away from the council table, he returned to his seat in 2003. And, as he explains, he's been there ever since, going from councillor to mayor following the resignation of his predecessor, John Young.

"When John Young stepped down [as mayor]... I thought I brought some skills from my work that we could apply to the town," Tomporowski said.

"And the other reality is no one else was stepping

up," he added.

Eleven years later, Tomporowski says he's proud of what Shellbrook's Town Councils, and the community, have worked together to accomplish for the town, including: the construction of a new hospital; a replacement of the wastewater treatment plant; the rejuvenation of the town's ageing sewer infrastructure; improvements to the Hidden Hills of Shellbrook golf course; the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre project; and, most recently, the beginning of planning to upgrade the water treatment plant.

"Our legacy of council for that period of time is that we adopted a systematic approach to upgrading our ageing infrastructure. If you don't have that infrastructure, it's going to be difficult for your community to prosper



Outgoing Mayor George Tomporowski addresses ratepayers at a 2019 public information session.

and grow," he said, noting that council's investments in infrastructure have helped the town grow while similar communities are struggling with shrinking populations.

With so much accomplished, and always more to do, it would be easy to remain on council forever.

But at age 75, Tomporowski feels it's time for him to step aside and let someone else take the reins, so that he can be around home more.

"In organizations, change is not a bad thing," he said.

Having chaired his last council meeting in October, Tomporowski says he'll miss the people he's worked with on council over the past 17 years.

Sure, they may not have always agreed on every decision, and there may have been more than a few heated discussions around the table, but Tomporowski says they all had one thing in common: they were all there for the good of the community and not to advance their own personal agendas.

With a new council soon to sit around the table, Tomporowski is confident this will remain true.

However, he also cautions newcomers to be prepared to have a lot of direct communication with ratepayers, and to become acquainted with what it means to sit on council.

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"One of the important things, if you've never been involved in council, will be to make sure you learn what your role should be. There's a lot of great information out there through Municipalities of Saskatchewan," he said.

With his parting words, Tomporowski expressed gratitude to his fellow councillors and the community.

"Thanks to all the people who have served, and certainly to the folks of this community for what, as a community, we've been able to accomplish. It's a great community to be in."

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A pair of friendly ghosts were on hand at Shellbrook's Halloween skate, providing take-home bags of candy to skaters as they left the ice.



Ghouls, goblins, and their parents came out for the Town of Shellbrook's Halloween Skate.

*Remembrance Day Service*  
**Wednesday, November 11**

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# A Haunted Halloween in Spiritwood and area

Halloween was different than usual this year as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Children were still able to go around trick-or-treating, if they chose to do so, however those wishing to hand out candy were asked to tie an orange ribbon on their door handle to indicate that it was safe to trick-or-treat there.

Many chose to donate candy to events like the "Haunted Campground" or "Haunted Forest" instead of handing it out themselves.

Meeting Lake's Annual Haunted Forest was back, bigger and better than ever according to past visitors of the popular event.

A spooky walk-through filled with screaming children, zombies, and even a

tag-a-long doll, organizers and volunteers did an outstanding job providing some spooky season entertainment.

In Spiritwood, the Northern Lakes Economic Development Corporation had their two skeletal staff members, Curly and Slim, plotting and planning for over a month.

With help from Prairie Centre Credit Union, Beta Book Club, Hujbers Market on Main, the Spiritwood and District Lions Club, the Nines, Town of Spiritwood, Spiritwood Good Health Pharmacy and many individual volunteers, Bevra and the boys were able to hand out 180 big bags of donated candy to kids 12 years of age and under on Oct. 31.

Greg and Shirley

from Prairie Community Endeavours had been busy a few days before the event, packing up candy bags with all the donations.

The first-time event was a great success, and was well enjoyed by those who drove through.



Shellbrook Kinettes presents

## Twinkle Tour & Hamper Haul

Join us for a Christmas display tour & competition - **December 5, 2020**

Contact Melissa Moe to enter your display for voting: 306-747-7085 or shellbrook\_kinettes@hotmail.com

Get into your jammies, grab a hot drink, make some popcorn, enjoy some Christmas tunes and drive the streets of Shellbrook checking out all the beautiful lights!

**We will also be collecting donations for Christmas food hampers!**

Please leave a non-perishable food item in an orange garbage bag on your doorstep for the Kinettes to pick up! The parade will end at Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly where additional food bank donations can be dropped off safely from your vehicle.

**More details to come!**



Goblins, ghouls, and ghosts were all out and about at Meeting Lake's Haunted Forest this year.

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### Honouring those who served this Remembrance Day

In times of conflict and in times of peace, the men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces have dedicated themselves to protecting our security and our way of life for generations. On Remembrance Day, we pay tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, and we gratefully recognize the service of all of our nation's veterans, past and present.

— With our thanks and respect, —  
**Town of Shellbrook**

Keep your eyes on the road ahead.  
Everything else can wait.

**SG IIII**

## Sask. NDP must do better next time

It was Oct. 5 when I first sent an email to the Saskatchewan NDP's media relations contact in the hopes of setting up an interview with Rosthern-Shellbrook candidate Trina Miller.

The contact responded a few hours later, seeking more information regarding the type of interview I was hoping to set up with Ms. Miller. I provided said information, and expected everything to come together relatively smoothly.

As you may have figured out, given the fact that no candidate profile appeared in the pages of the *Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald* throughout the brief election campaign, things didn't go smoothly at all.

In truth, they didn't go at all. After sending off my reply, I expected to receive an expedient response providing me an interview time. I gave it a day, knowing how busy the campaign trail can be, and sent a



JORDAN  
TWISS  
~  
News Editor

follow-up email on Oct. 7.

Again, I received no response. So I gave it the weekend, then left the contact a voice-mail the following Monday, Oct. 12.

Rather frustratingly, I never did hear from the Sask. NDP's spokesperson, or from Ms. Miller herself.

This wasn't a case of an interview going so poorly it didn't yield a story. Nor was it a case of the *Chronicle & Herald* deliberately demonstrating any sort of editorial bias in only providing coverage of Premier Scott Moe's Shellbrook campaign office opening.

No, this was apparently a case of the Sask. NDP deciding this area wasn't deserving of its time or attention.

In fairness, the outcomes at the polls do suggest there wasn't ever any likelihood the Sask. Party would lose the three mostly rural constituencies in the coverage area of the *Chronicle &*

*Herald* (those being Rosthern-Shellbrook, Saskatchewan Rivers, and Meadow Lake).

However, if Ms. Miller had made even a small effort in Shellbrook and the surrounding communities — regardless of whether or not she expected to receive any votes from this area — perhaps Mr. Moe wouldn't have earned 80 per cent of the vote.

Would any support Ms. Miller garnered in this region have been enough to topple Mr. Moe in an upset of David vs. Goliath proportions? Almost certainly not. But only campaigning in your small pockets of support is no way to win an election, and no good way to demonstrate your worthiness to be an MLA.

The thing about MLAs is they have to represent 100 per cent of their constituents, regardless of how many of those constituents voted for them. By not even bothering to make the one hour and 15-minute drive out to Shellbrook and meet her prospective voters, Ms. Miller provided no proof of her worthiness to represent them.



What's more, she may have even succeeded in prolonging the long-standing narrative that the Sask. NDP doesn't understand or represent the interests of rural Saskatchewan.

Deserved or not, the Sask. NDP's reputation as an urban first party is perhaps its biggest hindrance in provincial elections. Until the party and its candidates can demonstrate otherwise — or until the Sask. Party commits enough sins to fall out of favour with voters

— its hopes of forming government are dismal at best.

If the Sask. NDP is to have any hope of reversing its flagging fortunes, it needs to put in the work, not just with its own dwindling support base, but with all Saskatchewanians.

As the party said so frequently throughout the brief election campaign, Saskatchewan deserves better.

This is true not just of the Sask. Party government, but of the Sask. NDP, as well.

## Lest we forget

Dear editor,  
Most Canadians don't recognize Silver Star families. Gratitude and respect are elusive.

During the Second World War, my father and his twin brother, Earl, volunteered for active service. After commando training in Scotland, Earl became a machine gunner in the Black Watch Regiment. As such, he received more than his share of attention from the enemy.

For his enthusiastic response in his job, he was mentioned in Despatches for gallant

and distinguished service.  
He was killed in action Feb. 26, 1945, in Germany on Calcar Ridge.

When dad heard of his twin's death, he reportedly lost consciousness. The only time I ever saw deep sorrow in him was when we first visited Earl's grave in Holland. At a train station, when asking directions to Groesbeck Canadian War Cemetery, heads turned, and I saw the look of gratitude and respect on the faces of the Dutch people around me.

At that moment, I felt pride in my family,

and my country.  
My grandmother was German and grandfather English. After the war it was taboo to speak of their dead son who lie buried in the land he helped liberate. They just stuffed their emotions and carried the grief.

Consequently, the grief never passed.  
From grandma's perspective, her people killed their son. And she carried guilt until the day she died.

When neighbour ladies came to visit sometimes, they spoke German. But the

practice was frowned upon by my grandfather.

Gramma called me "baby" until I was 10 years old because she couldn't bring herself to utter the name Earl.

When his dog tags and silver ring were sent home, there was blood on the ring. Whenever I fight my small battles in life, I wear that ring.

Lest we forget the price families pay for our freedom.

Earl Irvin Jones  
Rabbit Lake, Sask.

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# Honeywood Happenings

**Submitted by  
Wendy Johnston**

The 2020 season is a wrap, and what a year it was as we faced many unexpected challenges. We appreciate all our visitors and contributors for their ongoing support. As spring approached we were not even sure Honeywood would be allowed to open, but open we did, and the summer provided many opportunities for people to visit the grounds and purchase beautiful treasures to take home.

This was our first year to offer the sale of annual plants, provided to us by Canadian Tire in Prince Albert. We were able to keep the Greenhouse stocked until mid summer. Lily sales continued, as well as a variety of succulents, perennials, shrubs and trees. We certainly missed seeing all the friends and supporters at our three annual events which had to be cancelled, but Dale, Mark and Kent were there daily throughout the summer to welcome visitors and share their expertise. With so many restrictions on events and traveling throughout the summer, many people turned to gardening to fill their summer days.

August saw the installation of a new information plaque by The World's Largest Lily on Highway 40. Gratitude goes



Wendy Johnston, Byron Waterhouse, and Judy Harley.



David Moe and Andy Pylypchuk.

to David Moe and Andy Pylypchuk for making this happen. Honeywood was also privileged in August to welcome The Saskatchewaner. You can read the entire write up on our Facebook page, dated Aug. 26. The end of the article suggests to add Honeywood Heritage Nursery to your "summer to do list for 2021."

The Nursery is now closed to the public for the season, but there is still plenty of work taking place. Lilies that were ordered were packaged and shipped out in September. Over and above other regular fall routines, the staff have been busy completing a special project. The Lean

To of The Old Red Office was falling into disrepair and needed to be rescued. It was decided to upgrade this space adding a storage area and a gift shop. A beautiful new space has been created and you will now be able to access the gift shop as you pay for your lilies and plants all in one location. Appreciation to Dale, Mark, and Terry for all the hours you have dedicated to getting this exciting project ready for the Spring of 2021.

This fall we also welcomed a student worker from W. P. Sandin Public High School in Shellbrook. Mason Mamchur has been working to complete credit hours for his Wellness 10 class and has enjoyed the experience of working along-

side the staff and learning about the work involved in operating the nursery. Hopefully we will be able to welcome Mason and many other students back in the spring when the new season begins.

We appreciate your understanding and patience as we manoeuvred through this unique summer. We're also grateful to Dale Kuhn, Mark Diehl and Kent Slemming for stepping up and making this 2020 season a success.

Don't forget to check our Facebook page @Honeywood Heritage Nursery Inc. for updates and photos. Donations or contributions are always gladly accepted. Have a great (and hopefully short) winter!



Dale Kuhn, Mason Mamchur, and Mark Diehl.



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# Regular season hockey returns to Shellbrook

When local hockey fans last watched the Shellbrook Silvertips in action, they had just reached the Twin Rivers Hockey League finals, and only had to best the Birch Hills Blackhawks to claim their first title.

Instead, the COVID-19 pandemic hit Saskatchewan, bringing an early end to what had been one of the team's best hockey seasons to date.

Now, after eight months off, the Silvertips are set to return to action this weekend for a brand new regular season — one that hopefully won't end prematurely, as COVID-19 cases continue to climb across the province.

Long-time Shellbrook Silvertip, Brendon Canaday, says the hope is that the team can pick up where it left off in the 2019-2020 season. However, the first priority is ensuring the six Twin Rivers Hockey League teams, the officials, and the fans are as safe as possible.

To this end, there will be a limit of 150 spectators at every game, and spectators will be required to wear a mask and keep two metres of distance between themselves and anyone who



After nearly eight months off, the Shellbrook Silvertips will return to regular season action this weekend.

isn't from their household.

Fans will be allowed into the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre up to 30 minutes before the beginning of each game, and will be advised to leave their appetites at home, as neither the canteen nor the lounge will be

open.

When it comes to the team, Canaday says the Silvertips' roster is much the same as it has been over the past few seasons, save for a couple new faces that have been added into the mix.

As for how the season will look, he

says the Silvertips will play a home and an away game against one of the league's other five teams — the Rosthern Wheatkings, the Warman Wildcats, the Hague Royals, the Birch Hills Blackhawks, and the Dalmeny Sabres — every weekend.

This weekend, they'll kickoff the 2020-2021 regular season with an away game against the Wheatkings on Friday, Nov. 6. Puck drop is slated for 8:30 p.m.

The following night, Saturday, Nov. 7, they'll host the Wheatkings for their home opener. That game has an 8 p.m. start time.

The Silvertips aren't the only team starting a brand new hockey season this weekend. They'll be joined by the Parkland U18 AA Elks, who will open their first regular season on home ice against the Humboldt Broncos on Friday evening. The opening face off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

For the Shellbrook Silvertips' full schedule, visit [www.twinrivershockeyleague.com](http://www.twinrivershockeyleague.com)

For the Parkland Elks' full schedule, see: [www.saahl.ca](http://www.saahl.ca)

## Pelican Lake FN, Witchehan Lake FN sign letter of intent with PEC

Pelican Lake First Nation, Witchehan Lake First Nation and Paper Excellence Canada have announced the signing of a Letter of Intent that sets out the intentions of all parties to build a collaborative relationship with each other in Saskatchewan.

"We now have agreements with all the industries around us," said Chief Peter Bill of the Pelican Lake First Nation.

Chief Anne Thomas of the Witchehan Lake First Nation added, "First and foremost in establishing a partnership is standing on common ground with a vision based on positive values. Touring the mill gave me an insight to possible opportunities."

"We recognize this is a first step in a long path of relationship building with the Pelican Lake First Nation and Witchehan Lake First Nation," said Graham Kissack, Vice President of EHS and Communications at Paper Excellence Canada.

"We're excited to have begun the work with our valued neighbours and look forward to future successes with Indigenous partners especially in areas regarding fibre supply for our mills."

Paper Excellence Canada already operates one mill in Saskatchewan at Meadow Lake and is working to restart its other operation at Prince Albert.

"The signing of this Letter of Intent signals our readiness to continue to build other key Indigenous relationships in the province," added Kissack.

As well as taking a positive step towards reopening the Prince Albert mill, this initiative also supports one of the 20 Actions for 2020 in Saskatchewan's Growth Plan: "Growing Indigenous participation in the economy through the growth of Saskatchewan's natural resource industries and labour market development."

"Paper Excellence Canada values the support of the Saskatchewan government," said Kissack. "We

are glad that the signing of this Letter of Intent dovetails so well with government's growth strategy."



Representatives tour Paper Excellence Canada's Prince Albert mill site on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

### ELECT

**BOB THOMPSON**

For Mayor – Village of Canwood  
on November 9 @ Canwood Elks Hall

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### Notice of Poll

[Section 81 of The Local Government Election Act, 2015]

#### The Rural Municipality of Big River, No. 555 Municipal Elections 2020

Public Notice is hereby given that:

- 1) A vote will be held for the election of Reeve for the Rural Municipality of Big River, No. 555 and for a Councillor for Division No. 3 for the Rural Municipality of Big River, No. 555.
- 2) The vote will take place on Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at:  
REEVE POLL AT: The Big River Community Centre,  
606 First Street North, Big River,  
Saskatchewan.  
DIVISION No. 3 POLL AT: The Big River Community Centre, 606  
First Street North, Big River,  
Saskatchewan.
- 3) I will declare the results of the voting at the Municipal Office on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

Dated at Big River, Saskatchewan this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

Donna Tymiak  
Returning Officer

You will be required to provide identification when you attend the polls. For additional information on voter ID options please visit: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/municipal-administration/elections/voting#acceptable-voter-identification>

### NOTICE OF POLL AND ADVANCE POLL Town of Big River

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that:

- (1) A vote will be held for the election of:  
Mayor: Town of Big River  
Councillor: Town of Big River – one (1) to be elected
- (2) **Voting** will take place on:  
• the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Big River Community Centre, 606 1<sup>st</sup> Street North, Big River, SK
- AND
- (3) **Advance Poll** will take place on:  
• the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2020, from 2:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Big River Community Centre, 606 1<sup>st</sup> Street North, Big River, SK
- (4) I will declare the results of the election at the Town of Big River Municipal Office on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.

Dated at Big River, Saskatchewan, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

Noreen Olsen  
Returning Officer

Proper identification will be required when you attend the polls. Additional information and a full list of voter ID options can be found at the following website: [www.saskatchewan.ca/government/municipal-administration/elections/voting](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/municipal-administration/elections/voting)

## Farmers' concerns go far beyond harvest season

Canadian grain farmers can have a smooth year in terms of production – this fall went generally well for producers thanks to relatively good weather – so it should be a relaxing time for producers as combines are shed-



CALVIN DANIELS

to cause issues. While one can understand the uncertainties of Mother Nature introducing production obstacles ranging from bugs to disease to frost to too much rain, or too little, those uncertainties continue once the grain is safely in the bin.

One of the ongoing concerns Prairie producers have is getting their production to international buyers.

In recent years there have been issues in terms of simply getting railcars when required.

It got to the point that a new law was passed in 2018, requiring Canada's major rail companies to publish winter plans and can be forced to pay up if they fail to deliver on certain promises of rail cars.

That such a law was needed reflects the fact that grain delivery is frankly pretty low down in terms of pecking order when it comes to the allocation of railcars, without some strict

regulations in place. Oil and potash and other commodities just make better sense for rail companies.

So maybe moving forward the railcar allocation will be better maintained.

But, as one pothole on the road of grain delivery is hopefully filled in, another appears on the horizon.

If grain is not exactly a preferred commodity for rail companies to haul, it may not be the most lucrative product to be taking up port space either.

The area to build export ports is of course finite, and while the grain facilities are in place, they have to pay rates competitive with what other facilities do – which can be handling higher value products.

In a recent [www.producer.com](http://www.producer.com) article Wade Sobkowich, executive director of the Western Grain Elevators Associa-

tion, said rent on federal property at the Port of Vancouver went up 13 to 30 percent this year.

Those are significant increases, and in the end producers will be paying it in some fashion. It will not be a direct bill, but increased costs in the system will ultimately be reflected in what farmers are paid for their grain.

Farmers are very much captives of the systems with very limited options. Grain companies have generally carved up the Prairie map with less and less service overlap, limiting delivery options.

The country has been basically split between the two rail companies.

There are limited port accesses, east and west.

And so a good harvest or not, farmers have worries to face still.

## Rabbit Lake rendezvous

Jim and Elaine Tomkins hosted another Rabbit Lake music and dinner night for a lucky few on Oct. 24. Health guidelines were followed, and the evening was enjoyed by all in attendance.

A supper by Jeanette and Tina was followed by some lively old time rock n' roll and classic country music played by Freddie and Sheila Pelletier.

"Freddie picks a great guitar and Sheila can sing, yodel, and play a mean guitar also," said Bill Paterson of the duo.

Jim and Elaine are currently working on a Cowboy Christmas Lunch and Show for Dec. 5.



Sheila (left) and Freddie (right) spent the evening of Oct. 24 entertaining a small crowd in Rabbit Lake.

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# Kelly Rolston Memorial Fund hosts goalie school

Eleven goaltenders have gathered once again for the second year in a row to work on and improve their skills, thanks to the Rolston Memorial Fund. This year's list of goalies are: Brody Moe, Emmet Spriggs, Ty Keyowski, Brooklyn Anderson, Kendall Cook, Camerin Smart, Matt Muller, Eli Foy, Nikita Krayetski, Camden Altstadt, and Jace Dorward.

The Rolston Memorial Fund, in conjunction with Shellbrook minor sports association, has made a commitment once again to acquire the services of Focus Goaltending to work with our young netminders.

The Rolston Memorial Fund, in honor of Kelly Rolston, was created shortly after Kelly lost his life in a power line accident. Kelly grew up North of Shellbrook and minded the net for the Shellbrook Silvertips hockey team. "Can't stop the goalie" slogans are displayed on each jersey given to these goalies enrolled in the

school with Kelly's initials displayed proudly on the sleeve.

The Rolston memorial fund helps cover 40 percent of the cost of the school. Shellbrook's Minor Sports Association donated 15 hours of ice time, leaving only 45 percent to be covered by the students.

Goaltenders are often the forgotten players on the ice and coaches aren't quite sure how to improve their skills in regular minor hockey practices. This school is tailored to improve and enhance netminders and gives the young netminders a 2 to 1 instructor to goalie ratio.

These goalies meet every two weeks for a one hour session to improve their slides, butterflies, angles, and the list goes on and on. The young goalies range from age 6 to 15.

To help keep costs low, the goalies, as well as the The Rolston Memorial Fund committee members, will be selling raffle tickets to do some fun-



Instructors from Focus Goaltending are helping the young goalies hone their skills.

draising. COVID-19 has significantly changed the prizes that were going to be offered, however, we still think they are pretty amazing. First prize is a \$2,000 travel voucher, second

prize is a signed Connor McDavid Jersey, and third prize is \$100.

To purchase a ticket, contact one of these crazy goalies, or Max Dupuis at 306-747-9019 or Josh Reddekopp at 306-747-8106.



Young goalies pause for a picture before taking the ice.

## COVID-19 case identified at WP Sandin

With COVID-19 cases on the rise across the province, the Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division has identified the first positive case of the virus at Shellbrook's W.P. Sandin Public High School.

The school division received word of the positive test result last Thursday evening, and shared the news with all

connected classrooms, cohorts of students, staff, and the broader school community.

"Our thoughts and get-well wishes are extended to this member of our school community and surrounding family; we hope recovery is swift," Director of Education, Robert Bratvold, said in a statement.

Bratvold said the Saskatchewan Health Authority will now be responsible for assessing the case, as it provides contact tracing and follow-up communications with all potential contacts.

In the meantime, the students and staff affected by the positive case will be required to isolate until further notice and continue learning and teaching remotely.

W.P. Sandin, however, will remain open for in-person classes for all students and staff who are not required to iso-

late.

"The school's COVID Response Plan contains many important measures, processes and protocols that add layers of protection for students and staff," Bratvold said. "School personnel will continue to be informed and guided by Saskatchewan Health Authority as they manage this case."

While individual schools have their COVID-19 policies in place, Bratvold cautions that everyone shares responsibility to minimize the risk of transmission.

He urges students to:

- be diligent in performing the daily health screening and self-monitoring,

- Stay home if ill,
- Call the HealthLine at 811 if exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms,

- Practice proper hand hygiene,

- Maintain physical distancing as much as possible,

- Wear a mask when appropriate, and
- Do whatever we can to keep each other safe.

Due to privacy concerns, further details about the case at W.P. Sandin will not be shared.

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Interested candidates are encouraged to submit their resume, a covering letter, three work related references, and salary expectations to the following address by no later than Nov. 19, 2020 to Rural Municipality of Leask at Box 190, Leask, SK, S0J 1M0, or email [rmlleask.464@sasktel.net](mailto:rmlleask.464@sasktel.net).

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# Shellbrook Library celebrates Library Week

By Dian Campbell

Library Week is busy at Shellbrook Library.

Our first "Story Stroll" was a great success, even with the cold weather. 116 children registered and received story packets, then they travelled down the Story Stroll path to enjoy the story.

Appreciation goes to Rich Hildebrand for building the sandwich boards for our program. And gratitude also goes to each of the businesses who allowed us to display in their windows: The Town Office, Shellbrook Credit Union, Woodland Pharmacy,

Shellbrook Museum, Tait Insurance, Parkland Meats, Shellbrook Bigway, Shellbrook Chronicle and MJW Accounting.

The winner of our Library Week Book Basket was Nicole R.

Our Doors are OPEN!! Please come in.

Although we cannot do any programming, we still have much to offer:

\* Pick up and drop off books, DVDs and other materials (curbside pick-up is still available for those who need it).

\* Public Computer Access – Please phone and book a time.

\* Access to online services: e-books,

movies, music, information

\* Story Bin Activity kits are available

\* Starting in November, families can

register for Story Time Kits to take home and enjoy (includes books and crafts).

\* Free Wi-Fi service



Kaydence and Aubrielle Booth enjoy the Shellbrook Library's Story Stroll.

## WW2 veteran shares story of service

On Remembrance Day this year, many Canadians will be reflecting on the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Among those will be war amputee veteran Bob Gondek, of Toronto, who also carries a physical reminder of that pivotal time in history.

At the age of 96, Bob can still vividly recall serving alongside the Allied Forces with the 2nd Polish Corps during the Italian Campaign. "We were climbing a hill, heavily laden with equipment carried by mules," says Bob. "Germans were above and could easily see us. Their machine gun fire pinned us to the ground. We had to deal with completely unknown terrain and extreme darkness. Finally, I found a soft spot where I could seek temporary

shelter. In the morning, I realized I was laying on corpses, buried in shallow graves."

In 1944, Bob was based outside Loretto, Italy, when heavy gun fire broke out. "Without any order, I crawled up to them [the enemy] and threw a grenade," says Bob. "I acted instinctively." After a short period of silence, the enemy began firing mortars. "I remember an explosion and the smell of gunpowder," he says. "I then realized that my weapon was gone and, in the place where my hand held the machine gun, there was nothing – I had lost part of my left arm below the elbow. I felt like I was dying because my whole life flashed before my eyes."

Bob also had extensive injuries around his leg and hip and spent five months

recovering in the hospital.

He was awarded the Virtuti Militari, the Polish equivalent of the Victoria Cross, for his valour in destroying two enemy machine gun nests. He also received the Officer's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta from Poland, the Cross of Valour, Merit Cross, Second Corps Army Medal and Monte Cassino Commemorative Cross.

In 1954, Bob immigrated to Canada where he became a member of The War Amps, an Association originally started by amputee veterans returning from the First World War to help each other adapt to their new reality as amputees.

Bob has dedicated a lifetime of service to The War Amps, holding various positions within the Association. He also became an inspiration to other amputees, showing them that an amputation is not a barrier to living a full and active life. "You have to teach by example," says Bob. "I don't have an arm, but I enjoyed playing golf."

Over the years, Bob has helped educate the younger generation about the horrors of war by going to schools and giving speeches to students. For the last 50 years on Remembrance Day, he has also laid a wreath to honour his comrades.

"I'm grateful that I have been able to take part in these ceremonies. It's important to me that I pay tribute to my fellow veterans and all those who lost their lives," says Bob.



Second World War veteran Bob Gondek.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**SPIRITWOOD:** Wapiti Regional Library - Limited Capacity. Tuesday 9 am - 5 pm; Wednesday 9 am - 5 pm; Friday 9 am - 5 pm

**LEOVILLE:** Wapiti Regional Library - Appointment only. Wednesday 10 am - 4 pm; Thursday 10 am - 2 pm

**SHELL LAKE:** Wapiti Regional Library - Curb Side Pickup. Tuesday 12 pm - 4 pm; Wednesday 12 pm - 4 pm

**BLAINE LAKE:** Wapiti Library - Appointment only. Wednesday 12 pm - 6 pm; Friday 1 pm - 5 pm; Saturday 12 pm - 4 pm. Contact us for more info 306-497-3130, www.wapitilibrary.ca.

**BIG RIVER:** Wapiti Library - Curb Side Pickup. Monday 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm; Wednesday 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm; Friday 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm

**CANWOOD:** Canwood Branch of Wapiti Regional Library. Appointment only. Tuesday 10 am - 3 pm; Thursday 10 am - 4 pm; Friday 1 pm - 5 pm

**DEBDEN:** Wapiti Library hours: Appointment only. Monday 2 pm - 7 pm; Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon

**LEASK:** Wapiti Library & Legacy Gallery Hours - Limited Capacity. Tuesday 10:30 am - 5 pm; Friday 10:30 am - 5 pm; Saturday 1 pm - 5 pm

**MARCELIN:** Wapiti Library - Appointment only. Tuesday 2 pm - 7 pm; Thursday 2 pm - 8 pm; Saturday 9 am - 2 pm. For information on all your library needs, please contact 306-226-2110.

**SHELLBROOK:** Shellbrook Branch of the Wapiti Library located at 105 Railway Ave., West (Provincial building). Library Hours: Limited capacity - Monday 2 pm - 6:30 pm; Tuesday 12 pm - 8 pm; Wednesday 2 pm - 8 pm; Thursday 12 pm - 6:30 pm; Friday 9 am - 4 pm.

**CANWOOD:** Canwood Regional Park 2020 Annual General Meeting – Monday, November 16, 2020, Canwood Legion Hall, 7:00 pm. Everyone Welcome! However, limited space due to COVID-19 restrictions! Please phone Ruth at 306-468-4661 to reserve a seat. Bring your ideas!!

**SHELLBROOK:** Shellbrook Kinettes presents *Twinkle Tour & Hamper Haul*. Join us for a Christmas display tour & competition – December 5, 2020. Contact Melissa Moe to enter your display for voting: 306-747-7085 or shellbrook\_kinettes@hotmail.com. We will also be collecting donations for Christmas food hampers! Please leave a non-perishable food item in an orange garbage bag on your doorstep for the Kinettes to pick up. The parade will end at Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly where additional food bank donations can be dropped off safely from your vehicle. *More details to come!*

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## Rough start for love-'em-or-hate-'em Cowboys

They're known as America's Team. But only because of the existence of the New York Jets and a couple of other bottom feeders in the National Football League, the Dallas Cowboys have barely been able to escape the moniker "America's Worst Team."

The Cowboys are one of those 'love-'em-or-hate-'em' franchises. Baseball has the Yankees. Golf has Tiger Woods. Hockey has the Leafs. There's no middle ground when it comes to affection. Fans are either all in, or they can't stand them.

Fox Sports TV network treats Cowboys' games like national holidays. The team is always involved in one of the featured games on U.S. Thanksgiving. TV directors love showing Jerry Jones in his owner's box, high-fiving and hugging after good plays, looking despondent and ready to fire somebody after bad ones. Two of the major TV analysts, Troy Aikman of Fox (with play-caller Joe Buck) and Tony Romo of CBS (with Jim Nantz) are both former Cowboys QBs and are quick to applaud their former team, or make excuses for ineptitude.

This season has been

particularly difficult for the 'Boys. Longtime coach Jason Garrett was fired after last season and replaced by former Green Bay boss Mike McCarthy, and the early returns have not been pleasant. Dallas, which hasn't been in an NFC championship game since 1995, won two of its first seven games, and only a minor-league-style gaffe by the Atlanta Falcons on an onside-kick play allowed the Cowboys to win one of those games, one they had no business winning.

Through seven games, Dallas had given up the most points in the entire NFL, even more than the winless Jets. Rock bottom might have occurred between Weeks 5-7, when quarterback Dan Prescott went down with a broken ankle, star running back Ezekiel Elliott fumbled twice in a 38-10 Monday night loss to Arizona, a couple of players made 'anonymous' comments the next day about the lack of direction they were receiving from McCarthy and his coaching staff, and then the hapless Washington Football Team handed Dallas a 25-3 loss.

The only saving grace for Dallas is that they play in the



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NFC East, which is by far the worst division (7-20-1) in the league. The Cowboys' record of 2-5 through seven games left them only one point behind first-place Philadelphia. Almost by default, they could win the division and qualify for the playoffs with backup QB Andy Dalton guiding them down the stretch.

If the Dallas season continues to spiral downhill, those who love the 'Boys will still love them. And for the haters, it'll be another great year — 26 in a row without a Super Bowl.

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Provincial authorities have told the Ontario Hockey League that if it wants to play amid a pandemic this season that it

will have to ban bodychecking and fighting. In a related story, Don Cherry's head just exploded."

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "June Blythe, 65, regained her sense of smell 37 years after losing it. Blythe says she could recall the scent of flowers and that the Toronto Maple Leafs stink."

• Currie again: "Biologists claim Washington is one of 24 states with proven cases of the so-called 'Zombie Virus.' As good an explanation as any for the Seattle Mariners."

• From fark.com: "NFL cancels this season's Pro Bowl, leaving dozens of fans without a game to watch that day"

• Michael Farber of si.com, on Twitter: "Watching a parade from the bullpen early in a 1-0 World Series game is as entertaining as watching Bryson DeChambeau check

his notes."

• Comedy writer Brad Dickson of Omaha, after it took 3:40 to play Game 2 of the World Series: "Hard to believe young people raised on video games aren't flocking to the sport."

• LPGA player Danielle Kang, when asked by moonlighting commissioner/turned-interviewer Mike Whan what she would do first if she became LPGA commissioner: "Hire Mike Whan back."

• Jack Finarelli, at sportscurmudgeon.com: "Nebraska was one of the most vocal critics of the Big 10's decision to cancel football back in the summer. Now the Huskers get to open on the road at Ohio State. This is almost like a modern version of the old TV show from the 1950s, You Asked For It." (Editor's note: Ohio State romped, 52-17).

• Headline on theonion.com: "Undecided Voter Still Hasn't Made Up Mind As To Who Won NBA Finals"

• NY Giants coach Joe Judge, on taking his team into Philadelphia, his hometown: "I'll probably wear a helmet because my in-laws are already buying batteries."

• Dwight Perry again: "The foundation of Panthers D-lineman Derrick Brown funded \$50,000 so that kids in Charlotte could have Halloween costumes and accessories. And, it goes without saying, sacks."

• Ryan Brown of WJOX Radio in Birmingham, Alabama, via Twitter, on Dodger Cody Bellinger's 400-foot, NLCS-winning home run: "That one had to file a flight plan."

Care to comment? Email [brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca](mailto:brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca)

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11:00 a.m. - Worship  
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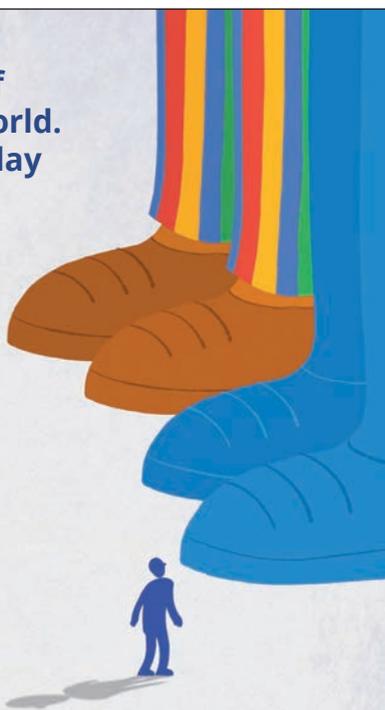
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Read it. And tell your MP to stand up with David against the Goliaths.



## OBITUARIES

## Wallace Charles Duhaime



**DUHAIME** – Wallace Charles

December 27, 1936 – October 16, 2020

It is with great sadness that the family of Wallace Charles Duhaime, share the news of his passing on October 16th, 2020, at his beloved acreage.

Wallace is lovingly remembered by his wife, Betty, children Bernince and Norman (Cindy) and family; Daughter in law Jeanine Olson (Jim Welsh), along with their children Chantelle (Ryan) Cross, Jordan Duhaime, Gavin Duhaime and Jayda Welsh; his siblings Grace (Robert) Abelson, Florence

(Cy) Duhaime, Gordan Duhaime, and sister in law Caroline (Gordon) Bentley, and numerous nieces/nephews, other relatives and friends.

He is predeceased by, his parents Henry and Ellen Duhaime, sister Maxine and Ted Witrock, brother Allen and Ann Duhaime, brother Bruce Duhaime, and sister-in-law Gail Duhaime.

Wallace was born on December 27, 1936 at their family homestead, where they lived until 1943 before moving to the farm in Bapaume. The Duhaime farm contained a lot of memories and held a lot of love as Wallace not only grew up surrounded by those same fields but was able to raise his own family on that very ground. He married the love of his life, Betty Sawatsky on December 14th, 1963 before bringing their two children into the world.

He was happiest when working on the farm. His passion for working on the land started with his love for horses. Wallace

was able to tell you every horse he had worked with throughout the years. He remembered their personalities, how they had to be handled and told the most vivid stories as if he had just driven them yesterday, not 50-60 years ago. As a couple, Wallace and Betty started to grow their farming horizons, where they bought milk cows and shipped cream at the local railway station in Bapaume. They spent a couple years raising pigs before they settled into a cow/calf operation until their retirement in 2002.

They moved to the acreage to “retire” where he made sure to keep busy, fixing stuff in his garage or gathering fire wood. He always made sure to keep his fire going in their wood stove, sitting in one of three special chairs he had throughout the house and garage. He was known to have the warmest house around.

The grandkids were his greatest joys. There was always at least one in a tractor with him or fol-

lowing him around ready to help. As they grew up he would sit at the table in his chair and tell Betty, lets call Chantelle/Jordan/Gavin/Jayda just to catch up. On October 10th, Wallace was able to spend one last weekend surrounded by all his grandchildren to celebrate their oldest grandchild's wedding. He was showered with love and this memory holds dear to them all.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the family held

a private service, officiated by Delores Beaulac on Thursday, October 22nd at 1:30pm, at the Beau “Lac” Funeral Home in Spiritwood, SK. A public visitation followed the service the same day at 2:00-4:00pm. A Celebration of Life and interment will be held at a later date so all that knew and loved him can gather together to share memories. The family requests that donations be made in Wallace's name in lieu of flowers to the

Bapaume Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Bapaume Cemetery in memory of Wallace Duhaime as tokens of remembrance.

Family and friends wishing to send private online condolences are welcome to visit [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com). Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau “Lac” Funeral Home, Mark Muir, Funeral Director, Spiritwood (306-883-3500).

## Stella Mary Jones



**Stella Mary Jones** (nee Thompson)

February 18, 1931- October 27, 2020

Stella Mary Jones passed away on October 27, 2020 at Victoria Union Hospital in Prince Albert. She is lovingly remembered and will be most sadly missed by her husband of 69 years Blake Jones as well as her children Edwin Jones (Debbie), Yvonne McArthur (Donald), Marvin Jones (Joanne), Melvin Jones (Sandra),

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Stella was born at Christopher Lake and lived in the area most of her life. She was married at St. Christopher's Church on Oct. 27, 1951 to Hilliard Blake Jones. They farmed in the area for many years, then retired on an acreage near their farm. They lived there until health issues prompted them to move closer to medical facilities. They chose Shellbrook as their nesting place. They made many friends and memories there. When health issues dictated, they moved to an Assisted

Care Home in Prince Albert where Blake still resides.

Stella worked very hard all her life doing farm chores and raising her family. Although she preferred outdoor work, she was a very good homemaker. At various times she was active in many community projects such as the renovation of St. Christopher's Church.

Stella and Blake were citizens of the year in Christopher Lake 2001. Stella was very pleased and honoured by that achievement. The following year she was further honoured by being named to the Order of Saskatchewan on October 18, 2002.

Stella was preceded by her parents and 5 of her 7 brothers.

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# Is my houseplant getting enough light?

**By Trevor Christopher**

Tropical plants are a hot commodity right now. Everyday plants like pothos and sansevieria are all the rage. With the free time people have had during the current pandemic, many have taken up the hobby of indoor gardening. The profusion of Instagram and Facebook pages devoted to personal plant collections and plant groups, some with hundreds of thousands of followers, showing off their latest prized acquisitions proves it. People find plants relaxing. The hobby is perfect for social distancing and gives a sense of accomplishment when a plant pushes out healthy new growth.

But with all the successes, there are an equal number of failures. Instagram accounts showing people with huge floor to ceiling south windows overflowing with plants make it look easy. The same house across the street with a north facing window will have drastically different results. Plants need light to function; a lot of light. More light than people realize.

Without light, internal plant functions are weak. The closer to ideal the light levels are for a plant; the more active photosynthesis is and the faster and sturdier a plant grows.

Most of the tropical plants that we find in greenhouses and garden centers here in Canada originate from greenhouses or Florida where they are grown outdoors under light shade cloth. Light levels are high under these conditions.

Light levels can be measured in units called footcandles (fc). Tropical plants that prefer shade, such as aglaonemas and calatheas, grow under light levels between 1500 and 3000 fc. On the other hand, trees in the ficus family (rubber trees, fiddle leaf figs and weeping figs) appreciate very high light levels, 10,000fc, which represent full Florida sun conditions at noon on a sunny day. These high light levels create thick sturdy growth and help plants bulk up quickly. Just prior to shipping tropical plants from Florida up to northern latitudes, experienced growers will grow these tropical plants under a shade cloth where light levels are around 3000 to 5000 fc so that plants become accustomed to lower light indoor conditions. Remember, in the wild, these ficus family plants are massive 50 to 100 foot trees: they provide the shade, they don't grow in the shade.

The catch all phrase attached to almost every tropical plant for sale these days is "Prefers bright indi-

rect light". Can anyone really define exactly what amount of light "bright indirect light" is? The human eye is a terrible judge of light intensity: light that seems bright to the eye is generally not bright to a plant. Consider that south facing window that was discussed earlier: if a light meter was used to measure the amount of direct sunlight entering the window, the reading would be around 6000 to 8000fc. This reading is on the floor where the sun directly shines. Direct sunlight means the plant and sun can see each other; in a direct line. If a light measurement is made in the middle of the room the reading will be 100 fc. That is 1% of summer tropical sun. The areas beside or below a window, especially a window high up on the wall, can be the darkest areas in a room. Light doesn't bend to the sides or downward when it comes through a window. People will say their plant gets lots of "bright indi-



**Compact, healthy Benjamina ficus indoors near large south facing windows. Photo credit: Jackie Bantle**

are very short so not much is gained.

Smaller new leaves, less variegation on new growth, weak stems on normally upright plants and soil that stays wet for long periods of time are typical signs that a plants is not getting enough light. Plants suffer the most from lack of light when they first come home. Many plants will show their frustration by dropping leaves. Ficus and schefflera are susceptible to this. With the exception of a few plants like peace lilies and calathea, the more light the better. Always remember that these plants naturally grow in environment much brighter than your living room.

*Trevor Christopher (BSA) is an indoor plant expert and horticulturist living in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.*

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rect light" because its beside a window. One side of the plant that faces towards the window might get some light but the side of the plant facing the wall or away from the window is not. Time of year also makes a difference. In the winter when the sun is low, more light may enter a room but winter sun is weak and the days

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