

## Medstead holds graduate parade



In true Medstead fashion, a John Deere Combine was decked out and carried a couple of graduates.

Things have certainly been different for students over the past few months. And as the school year wraps up, things for this year's graduating classes have been different as well. While some schools still hope to be able to hold graduation ceremonies as normal once enough restrictions are lifted, others have opted to get creative and try something new.

The past week has been full of social media posts and outdoor displays congratulating area graduates.

The whole village seemed to be out in Medstead on June 20 for the graduate parade that was held. Rural residents made the trip to the Community

Centre to watch, while village residents pulled benches and lawn chairs. Someone even brought a gong.

The parade was led and tailed by the village's fire engines, with the 9 out of the 13 graduates on a variety of transportation in between.

Decked out in what would have been their formal attire for their ceremony, the graduates smiled and waved to excited onlookers from horses, hay wagon floats, antique tractors and cars, and even a combine.

After looping around town, the parade stopped back at the high school for a short and socially distanced

ceremony. Cheyenne Orange kicked things off with O'Canada, followed up by guest speakers, Albert Schmirler, Mayor of Medstead, Ron Jesse, Reeve of the R.M. of Medstead, and Celine Smith, a former teacher of the graduating class.

Having to ditch the idea of the traditional banquet, exercise, receiving line, and grand march at the high school gym, the staff from Medstead Central School decided this was the best way to let the community show their support for the graduates while being able to follow public health orders.

"Without it, our community could

not physically show its love for our graduates," said Kelly Schneider when talking about the importance of the parade for staff, students, and parents. "I was so proud of our graduates and our community for the support today."

Schneider said that the school staff has been doing a phenomenal job delivering programs virtually that would normally be live. The parade went off without a hitch, and seemed to be enjoyed by graduates and spectators alike. It allowed village and rural residents to come together as a community, while still physically distancing.

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# Shellbrook Swimming Pool eyes re-opening

After months of uncertainty caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Shellbrook Swimming Pool is finally getting the green light to open for what's left of the summer.

As part of the first stage of phase four of the provincial government's Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan, outdoor swimming pools were allowed to re-open starting Monday, June 22.

For his part, Shellbrook Mayor George Tomporowski says that he and the rest of town council were always of the opinion that the pool needed to be opened if at all possible — even if it isn't a money maker for the town.

"It's one of those psychological things," he said. "It's important that people have something to do and some place to go. So from a mental health perspective, it was really important [to open the pool]."

While the pool is technically allowed to open to the public any time, Tomporowski says the official opening date is being left up to the town's recreation director and facilities manager, and the pool's head lifeguard.

He also notes that the hope was to have the pool up and running by July 1, but adds that it takes some time to get the facility ready for

the public.

"There was some cleaning done there, but you've got to get the water in and it's got to get stabilized and nice and warm," he said. "My understanding is it takes two weeks, from the time you start, to be functional."

Once the pool does open to the public, one silver lining of the COVID-19 pandemic is that it may be able to stay open later this year. That's because staffing may not be the issue it's been in previous years.

"It will be somewhat weather dependent, but in other years the main issue was the staffing," Tomporowski explained.

"All the lifeguards were students and they were going back to school," he added, noting that many universities are still going to be offering online courses in the fall, allowing students to stay closer to home.

Where Monday brought good news for the Shellbrook Swimming Pool, there was also an update on the Summer Playground Program courtesy of the Shellbrook Recreation Facebook page.

As outdoor camps are also allowed to re-open, the town is planning to offer the program — albeit in a different format that adheres to COVID-19 guidelines around physical distancing.

But though summer in Shellbrook will look fairly normal, there are still many



With outdoor pools being allowed to open as of June 22, the Shellbrook Swimming Pool has been given the green light by the town to begin preparations for the season.

summer mainstays that will be notably absent.

On Thursday, June 18, the Parkside Community Club announced that the annual Parkside Demolition Derby had been cancelled, marking only the second time in its nearly 40-year history that it hasn't run.

"We held out as long as we could to see if restrictions would allow for some kind of event, however due to COVID-19 and everything that has come with it, we need to follow safety precautions

therefore our 2020 Demolition Derby event is officially cancelled," the Club stated via its Facebook page, expressing gratitude for the interest and excitement around the event.

Ending on a positive note, the club added that the cancellation would give participants "a lot of time to get their vehicles in great shape to enter the ring, and put on an action packed show for you next year."

While there will be no hits at the derby grounds

this summer, there will also be notably fewer hits at the Shellbrook Sports Grounds, and at other ball facilities in the area.

Earlier this month, the Parkland Minor Ball board announced that the season had been cancelled due to COVID-19. However, with outdoor sports, including softball, resuming as part of phase four of the Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan, talks are reportedly ongoing for the Shellbrook Rangers teams to still have a season.

## Things are shaking up on Main Street Spiritwood

The Town of Spiritwood has recently gotten to work on a three-year Sidewalk Restoration Project. Block 1 on the east side of Main Street is torn up and will be getting new concrete or resurfacing done

by Lajcon Distributors. Weather dependent, this section should be completed within 2 weeks of the start date.

Two curb stops were repaired on the east block 1 before the rest of the work

began. The town foreman will determine which other curb stops are not working and have them fixed prior to work for the next two phases as well.

Blocks 1 and 2 on the west side of Main Street are slated for 2021. Blocks 2 and 3 of the east side and block 3 of the west side as well as the sidewalk on 3rd Avenue running past the RCMP building are on the schedule for 2022. Some local businesses located along these sidewalks have spoken with the contractor to have a bit of additional work done as well.

The Town of Spiritwood submitted an Infrastructure Investment Plan to the Federal Gas Tax Fund Program, which will be able to cover 80 per cent of project costs.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE – R.M. of Canwood No. 494

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the R.M. of Canwood No. 494 intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*, to amend Bylaw No. 2003-7, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

**INTENT** The proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment is to amend the Zoning District Map referred to in Section 4.1 of Bylaw 2003-7, to rezone from LD – Lakeshore Development District to AR – Agricultural Residential District for the land described below.

**AFFECTED LAND** The affected land is legally described as all that portion of Parcels 10-12, Plan 102113143 Ext 0 and Parcels 38-40, Plan 102113143 Ext 0, as shown within the bold line on the map which appears as part of this notice.

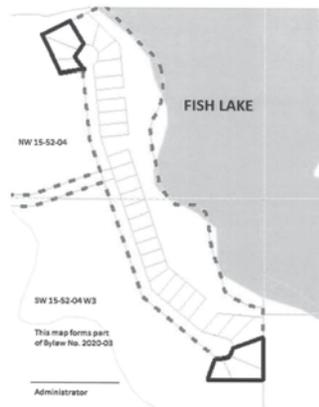
**REASON** The reason for the amendment is to consolidate the land currently zoned as lakeshore to agricultural.

**PUBLIC INSPECTION** Any person may inspect the bylaw at the R.M. of Canwood No. 494 office located in Canwood during regular office hours. Copies of the bylaw will be made available.

**PUBLIC HEARING** Council will hold a public hearing for the bylaw on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at the R.M. of Canwood No. 494 office in Canwood. **COVID-19 restrictions are in place. Please contact the office for confirmation of public hearing details prior to attending.** The purpose of the public hearing is to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing (or delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office before the hearing).

Issued at the R.M. of Canwood No. 494 on June 25, 2020.

Lorna Benson  
Rural Municipal Administrator



### R.M. OF MEDSTEAD NO. 497

#### SEASONAL MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT OPERATOR POSITION

The R.M. of Medstead No. 497 invites applications for an experienced full time Seasonal Maintenance/Equipment Operator. The Seasonal Maintenance/Equipment Operator will be responsible for mowing this municipality's ditches, rock picking, mulching in conjunction with the grader operators, installing and repairing signs and other jobs as directed by the Reeve. Opportunity may be present in the future to move into a grader operator position. Pay rates depending on experience.

The R.M. of Medstead No. 497 is located in central Saskatchewan located approximately forty five minutes north of North Battleford.

Applicants must possess a valid Class 5 driver's license and have skill and experience in maintenance and operation of equipment including tractor, mower, rock picker and mulcher.

Submit written resumes stating experience, expected wage, two references and a current driver's abstract by 4:00 p.m. on July 9th, 2020. All resumes shall be marked "Seasonal Maintenance/Equipment Operator Position" and dropped off at the RM Office, mailed to the address below or emailed to [rm497@sasktel.net](mailto:rm497@sasktel.net).

R.M. of Medstead No. 497  
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Medstead, SK S0M 1W0

Council thanks all applicants for their interest in this position but only persons selected for interviews will be contacted.

The R.M. of Medstead No. 497 reserves the right to reject and refuse any or all expressions of interest.

# Shellbrook Library reimagines Summer Reading Program

The Shellbrook Public Library may not yet know when it's going to re-open to the public, but that isn't stopping librarian Dian Campbell from providing kids with ways to keep learning and reading over the summer.

For this year's Summer Reading Program, which runs from July 2 through August and is open to children aged four to 12, Campbell is putting together hundreds of hands-on learning kits.

The kits focus on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, arts and crafts, and learning about the world. Each kit includes supplies to complete the project, plus instructions, fact sheets, and extra

learning that can be done for each subject, and kids can choose which kit they'd like to do.

Additionally, reading materials to complement each learning kit are available at the library, and can be picked up, along with the kits, using the library's curbside pickup service. Kids can be registered for the program, and pick-ups of kits and books can be arranged, by calling the library at 306 747 3419, or emailing [shbrcirc@wapitilibrary.ca](mailto:shbrcirc@wapitilibrary.ca).

Over the course of the program, kids are encouraged to share their completed kits and reading milestones through pictures and videos.

Campbell says the re-

imagined Summer Reading Program is a way for the library to reconnect with the community after being closed for more than three months, and also a reminder to people that the library is still here and offering services.

To those who may be concerned about the risk of COVID-19, Campbell adds that all precautions are being taken.

"The kits will be made well in advance, packaged and isolated to ensure that COVID-19 transmission protocols have been accurately followed," Campbell explained.

Summer Reading Program kits can be picked up starting on Friday, July 2nd.

In the meantime, readers who aren't kids can still access the materials available locally through the Shellbrook Public Library's curbside pick-up service (due to COVID-19, materials aren't being transferred from library to library).

Though the service only started June 15, Campbell says it's already proving popular with library patrons.

While each library is providing the service differently, in Shellbrook it's as easy as placing a hold online and calling the library to arrange a pick-up time. After that, the item will be left in the foyer, mitigating any need for direct physical contact.

For those with any other questions about the service, Campbell says she's here to help.

"If you don't know how to do it online, just call me and I'll walk you through it. Or you can just call and say 'pick me out five mystery books' and I'll do that for you," she said.



The Shellbrook Public Library may still be closed to the public, but librarian Dian Campbell is as busy as ever, preparing learning kits for the reimagined Summer Reading Program.

The Shellbrook Public Library, and all libraries across the province, will be allowed to re-open during the second stage of phase four of the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan. While stage one began Monday, stage two is slated to begin Monday, June 29.



Though the library's curbside pick-up service only launched on June 15, it's already seen a big uptake from the community.

## TOWN OF SPIRITWOOD PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Spiritwood intends to adopt a bylaw under the *Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend *Bylaw No. 486/13*, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

### INTENT

The proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment will:

- Create new definitions for "Cannabis Production Facility" and "Cannabis Retail Store";
- Establish "Cannabis Retail Stores" as a discretionary use in the C1 – Downtown Commercial District and the C2 – Highway Commercial District with appropriate development standards;
- Establish "Cannabis Production Facilities" as a discretionary use in the C2 – Highway Commercial District, C2A – Large Lot Highway Commercial District and M1 – Industrial District with appropriate development standards.

### REASONS

The reasons for the Zoning Bylaw amendments are to:

- Create new definitions for clarity purposes within the bylaw;
- Provide for the development of "Cannabis Retail Stores" and "Cannabis Production Facilities" in appropriate locations along with standards for their development.

### PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw which is posted to the front door at the Town Office, located at 212 Main Street in the Town of Spiritwood. Contact the Town Office by email to get a copy of the proposed bylaw at [tos@sasktel.net](mailto:tos@sasktel.net).

### PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the Town Office. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, written submissions to Council pertaining to this bylaw are strongly encouraged. Written submissions must be received by July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4:00 PM either by email, mail or dropped off at the Town Office when open to the public on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays. Anyone wishing to make a verbal submission to Council must do so by phone. Please contact the Town Office by July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4:00 PM to schedule a time slot in which Council will phone you directly to hear your concerns or suggestions.

Issued at the Town of Spiritwood this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.  
Rhonda Saam, Chief Administrative Officer

## Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan

The province is continuing to gradually re-open businesses and services.

To support our ability to progress through the plan's five phases, we need to keep the curve flat. It's important that Saskatchewan residents continue practising the following:



Physical distancing of 2 metres.



30 or fewer people for indoor & outdoor gatherings (with appropriate physical distancing).



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Phase 4.1  
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- Child and youth day camps
- Outdoor sports and activities — individual and group
- Outdoor pools and spray parks

Full details at [saskatchewan.ca/COVID19](http://saskatchewan.ca/COVID19)



## A reminder to beware of scammers

It was a Tuesday just like any other.

The week's *Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald* had just been sent off to the presses in Saskatoon, and I had already begun the hunt for column inspiration, when, suddenly, my phone rang.

Being a product of an age in which everyone wants to sell me something, I debated ignoring the call when I saw that it was from a number I didn't recognize. But, noting that it was a Saskatchewan phone number (306 350 6606, in case you receive a similar call), I decided to answer.

I expected, upon tapping the accept button, to hear someone on the other line telling me about a vital piece of news that absolutely had to appear in the week's newspaper. Such post-



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deadline calls are pretty common, after all.

Instead, I found myself listening to an automated message telling me that my social insurance number had been linked to some nefarious federal tax shenanigans that needed to be remedied, lest I incur the wrath of law enforcement.

And, in the interest of being especially helpful, the automated message even gave me a prompt

at the end of its spiel that would take me to a real, live human, who could help me navigate my way through the whole illicit affair (likely at the expense of my identity, my money, and my credit rating).

Having handled my taxes months ago at this point, I duly hung up the phone and forgot all about the incident of attempted fraud.

Until the very next day, when I received a phone call from a concerned reader who had been woken early that morning by a very similar phone call from a different scammer. This reader felt it was time for another periodic warning to be wary of scammers and fraudsters.

Now, I'm not one to interpret events as celestial portents or mystical omens. But the fact that I'd become aware of



two such incidents in the span of 24 hours, was a clear enough sign to me that the concerned reader was right.

So here's your periodic warning: beware of people who are trying to scam you online, over the phone, or in person.

In a fraud survey conducted by Chartered Professional Accountants Canada in March, 34 per cent of respondents reported having experienced fraud, either regarding their credit card (18 per cent), or via their online activities (5 per cent).

Meanwhile, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre reports that 45,000 Canadians were victims of fraud in 2019, losing a staggering \$96 million. And, this year, scammers have found ways to leverage the COVID-19 pandemic to enrich themselves, bilking Canadians out of \$1.2 million (and that was just

from March to May).

It's easy to blame the victims in successful fraud cases. It's easy to accuse them of not being careful, or insult them for being gullible or even stupid. After all, if one pays enough attention, there are usually some telltale signs that someone is a scammer.

But today's scammers are craftier and more sophisticated than ever. With modern technology, they can make themselves appear entirely legitimate at a quick glance. And with a little bit of bullying, they can trick or pressure even the most savvy of people into giving up their personal information.

To make it all the more deplorable, these scammers have a predilection for picking on vulnerable seniors (fraud is the top crime against seniors).

So how can you protect yourself?

The easiest way, is to never give out your personal information, such as passwords, credit card information, or social insurance numbers, unless you're 100 per cent certain it's to a trusted source.

As for online activities, be sure to use strong passwords (a mix of letters, numbers, symbols and uppercase and lowercase characters) and don't use the same password for every account. Additionally, avoid clicking on suspicious links or unsolicited emails, and, when shopping online, always make sure you're buying from a legitimate site.

Finally, the best way to protect yourself is to educate yourself about the latest scams and the ways to avoid falling victim to them.

Oh, and a healthy dose of scepticism never hurts, either.

## Black Lives Matter. Everywhere

Dear editor,

If black lives matter, why is it that we hear so little about the modern-day massacre of English-speaking Cameroonians?

In spite of photographic evidence that shows the burning of villages, and in spite of the fact that back in June 2019, UNICEF claimed that 1.3 million people in the Anglophone regions of Cameroon needed humanitarian aid, it seems that the world has turned a deaf ear.

The Norwegian Refugee Council announced last week that "Cameroon's

conflict with English-speaking separatists has been rated as the most-neglected crises in the world, for the second year running."

Black lives \*everywhere\* matter.

I would encourage every facet of the media to educate us on the issue of Cameroon, and for every one of us to 'ask not what your country can do for you,' ask what your country might be able to do for the voiceless in Cameroon.

Connie Lebeau  
Victoria, BC

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## Report from the Legislature

On June 15, Saskatchewan became the first province in Canada to table a budget that recognizes the impact of COVID-19. This is an historic time around the world, complete with new challenges due to the pandemic. Saskatchewan people, however, have faced this pandemic together. We are re-opening our province together, and we will rebuild and recover our economy together.

While 87 per cent of Saskatchewan businesses were able to stay open during the pandemic, our province is not immune to the financial hit that came along with COVID-19. This year's budget has dedicated over a billion dollars in spending directly related to the pandemic. As a result, we are currently sitting in a deficit position, but it is important to acknowledge that this is not a structural deficit; this is a pandemic deficit.

In fact, prior to the arrival of COVID-19, Saskatchewan was on track for balanced budgets both this year and last. As our province begins to re-open and our economy recovers, we will get back to a balance without having to cut programs and services.

### Budget Highlights

Budget 2020-21 invests in health, education, social services, family, and communities. The Ministry of Health budget is \$5.8 billion, which is an increase of 4.6 per cent from 2019-2020. This is the highest investment into health ever made that will ensure our health care system has the resources it needs to serve Saskatchewan people.

Our budget also dedicates \$435 million to mental health and addictions services, which makes up 7.5 per cent of the overall Health budget to fund critical initiatives including the development of an in-



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novative crystal methamphetamine treatment program in Estevan. Funding will also be available for the development of a mental health program for Emergency Medical Service workers in the province.

Also included in this budget is \$2.6 billion for the Ministry of Education, which is an increase of \$123.3 million to support Prekindergarten to grade 12 classrooms, early learning and childcare, libraries and literacy.

\$8.5 million has been allocated to begin the planning and design for new joint-use schools, replacement schools and

renovation projects. As our province continues to grow, we must continue to expand capacity to welcome and accommodate new students.

Community-based organizations, including childcare centres, will receive an increase of \$2.4 million from the 2019-20 Budget. This includes an increase of \$350,000 in provincial funding for specialized Prekindergarten programming to support preschool-aged children with intensive needs.

Our government has made a \$715 million commitment to safety and economic stimulus in the Ministry of Highway's budget. Safety will always be our number one priority for our roads but we must also consider the economic opportunity that our communities will need. This stimulus funding will improve our highway system by adding in passing lanes, road improvements and investment into municipal transport infrastructure.

As our government moves into the re-



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maining weeks of this sitting, we will continue to be transparent and available to our constituents. Recovering from this global pandemic will take time but we have proven before that we are a resilient province. I applaud everyone in their efforts as we continue to re-open our province.

This week we announced a date for phase 4.1 of the Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan. This will include the re-opening child and youth day

camp, outdoor pools and spray parks as well as outdoor sports. Our children have sacrificed a lot through this so we are very happy that our health officials believe kids can safely get back to these activities. I ask that we all continue to do our part. Please continue to physically distance, wash your hands, and self-isolate if you are feeling any symptoms of COVID-19.

Finally, I want to highlight one of the legislative changes that we will be working on. The Trudeau government has continued to change gun ownership rules by stealth over the past several weeks and would also like to give municipalities the option to ban handguns. Your Saskatchewan government believes we need clear rules, not a patchwork of regulations across the country, especially regulations that do not actually address crime and instead needlessly



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target legal gun owners. Therefore, we are amending The Miscellaneous Municipal Statutes Amendment Act to clarify that banning firearms does not fall under municipal jurisdiction. We have received support from many municipal leaders across the province on making this clarification and I thank them for their support. We will keep working to focus on criminals instead of further restricting legitimate firearm owners.

## NOTICE TO OUR READERS

**The Thursday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Shellbrook Chronicle and Spiritwood Herald will be *delayed* by one day due to Canada Day falling on a Wednesday.**

**The paper will be available the morning of Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> instead.**

**We apologize for any inconvenience.**

### Public Notice – RM of Leask

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the RM of Leask intends to consider the adoption of three bylaws under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*. The RM will establish a new Official Community Plan, Zoning Bylaw, and Fees Bylaw.

**Intent:** The proposed Official Community Plan bylaw will establish municipal land use policies, goals and objectives for the RM. The proposed Zoning Bylaw will implement land use regulations, establish zoning districts, prescribe permitted and discretionary uses within each zoning district, establish a development permit process, prescribe a process for appeals and provide a provision for amendments. The proposed Fees Bylaw will establish fees for municipal planning and development services.

The following alterations have occurred to the proposed Zoning Bylaw since receiving first reading from Council on March 18, 2020.

- The permitted and discretionary use listings in the Resort Commercial District have been altered to identify motels and hotels as a discretionary use.
- The discretionary use criteria and standards for tourist cabins in the Resort Commercial District have been altered and will apply to motels, hotels, and tourist cabins.

**Affected Land:** The proposed bylaws will affect all land within the incorporated area of the RM.

**Reason:** The Fees Bylaw will provide a schedule of fees to be charged for services provided by the RM. The Official Community Plan will provide the RM with direction on development decisions and municipal goals. The Zoning Bylaw will help direct and manage growth and development within the RM.

The proposed Zoning Bylaw alterations will allow consideration and regulation of the density, size, height and location of proposed motels or hotels in the Resort Commercial District and apply consistent criteria and standards for motels, hotels and tourist cabins.

**Public Inspection:** The bylaws and associated maps are posted on the RM's website at <https://rmlaask.ca/zoning-bylaws-and-buildng/>. Hard copies of the bylaws may also be made available at a cost. Please contact the RM office to make arrangements to receive a hard copy of the bylaw or to receive a copy by email.

**Public Hearing:** Council will hold a public hearing on August 12, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at the Leask Community Hall located at 169 Railway Avenue in the Village of Leask. The RM will be implementing an alternative format for this public hearing in response to COVID-19. Any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaws is encouraged to submit written comments prior to the meeting. Written submissions may be sent by email to [admin.464@sasktel.net](mailto:admin.464@sasktel.net), by Canada Post a minimum of 4 business days in advance of the hearing, or by the drop box located beside the RM office door. For anyone wanting to attend and submit verbal comments, please contact the RM office by August 6, 2020 to make arrangements. Verbal submissions will be accommodated through prescheduled in-person times.

Issued at the RM of Leask 11/June/2020

Judy Douglas  
Administrator

# Rigmor Clarke receives Sask. Order of Merit

When Shell Lake-based artist Rigmor Clarke got the phone call, she thought it was a hoax or a scam.

But, as it turns out, it was neither of those things. She really had been selected as one of 10 people to be presented with the Saskatchewan Order of Merit this year.

Established in 1985, the Saskatchewan Order of Merit recognizes the

excellence and achievement of outstanding Saskatchewan citizens who have made significant contributions in the arts, agriculture, business and industry, community leadership, public service, research and volunteer service.

Clarke's paintings, which reflect the landscape of northern Saskatchewan, certainly fit the bill. But her passion

for painting goes all the way back to when she was a five-year old girl growing up in Sweden and looking at the waters of Lake Grycken.

"The lake was absolutely calm. I could see the reflection of the hills and the forms in the water, and I could see the shadows on the water, and the shells and the rocks underneath the water," she recalls.



Rigmor Clarke discusses her work during a showing at Spiritwood's Main Street Gallery in 2018.

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"After that, I just kept on looking. I couldn't stop looking at things."

After moving to Valemount, B.C. with her family at the age of 14, Clarke admits that her painting got lost in the routine of everyday life.

Indeed, it would be almost another 30 years before she decided to turn art into her full-time career.

"When I was 40 years old, I was out skiing on my birthday and thinking what I was going to do with the best of my life, and I decided I was going to be a serious artist," she says. "From then on, I just put all my mind and effort into being an artist."

After this, when she was teaching art at Natonum Community College in Prince Albert, Clarke found her muse when a friend told her about her canoe trips on the Churchill River. A year later, Clarke made the trip with her friend, and fell in

love with the "untamed landscape of northern Saskatchewan."

"It was like coming home," she says. "I knew that's where I wanted to paint."

That was many years ago now, and Clarke has transformed her love of Saskatchewan's landscape into countless weeks spent on excursions to northern Saskatchewan, countless hours in the studio and out on the land painting, and many successful showings.

Despite her success, Clarke still says she was

taken by surprise when she received the Saskatchewan Order of Merit.

"To be recognized by your own province is very special. It's an honour, and I'm very happy and very grateful for it. You can't get any higher than that," she says, adding that she can't take all the credit for it.

"I really have to share the award with all the artists who have made the Thickwood Hills Studio Trail such a success. It's taken an awful lot of work to do this. I might have come up with the idea, but they carried it."

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## Ag programs can't be one size fits all

Reading through some online farm publications I came across a piece suggesting because of the heightened concern over food security because of COVID-19 it would be a good time to once again seek to fix agriculture support programs.

The magic formula to create a farm program that answers all of the challenges of farm producers have proven a difficult elixir to concoct.

You can go back to the early 1990s when the Gross Revenue Insurance Plan (GRIP) and Net Income Sta-

bilization Accounts (NISA) were the plans which we supposed to be the answer, but proved not to be.

Since the days of GRIP and NISA a variety of programs have been created, then found wanting by at least one sector of farming, tinkered with, and ultimately remaining flawed in the eyes of some.

The problem that ultimately proves insurmountable is the diversity within the farm sector that a farm program is supposed to offer protection too.

In Canada we hold to the



CALVIN DANIELS

idea of government programs that cover everyone.

In an area such as health care, having a universal program is a straight forward, common sense ap-

proach to things.

But, it shouldn't be the primary approach taken on developing every government program.

There are times governments need to be brave in choosing what will be seen as winners and losers when offering up a new program. It, for example, might be time to focus on protecting the municipal infrastructure of key communities rather than splashing dollars to all based on population numbers. There has been a trend of disappearing communities for de-

acades now, and government might best serve the collective future by expediting that trend in some cases.

In terms of farming that might not be the exact path to take, but there does appear to be a need to try a different way.

The first step might be a more fractured safety net.

What the needs are of a potato producer in Prince Edward Island is not the needs of a canola farmer in Saskatchewan, or cattle rancher in Alberta, or an orchard operator in British Columbia.

The core need of financial stability might be the same, but how you achieve that, the formulas, the timing of pay-outs etc., are going to be quite different. If you try to include everything in a single program, a solution for all by broad consensus if you will, the result is likely to be watered down to the point most are left wanting something better.

So, if COVID-19 spurs yet another look at farm safety nets, bite-sized solutions might ultimately be more effective than seeking a one-program serves all answer.

## A gardener's guide to tillandsias

By Erl Svendsen

Tillandsias (also known as air-plants) have become very popular houseplants in recent years because of their reputation for low-maintenance and unusual appearance.

Tillandsia is a large genus containing around 650 species. They are in the Bromeliad family and related to pineapples. They vary in size, shape and form from small (5-15 cm/ 2-6 in.) stiff, grass-like tufts to larger (5-90 cm/ 2-36 in.) bulbous plants. They are found in a variety of habitats from the southeastern USA south to Argentina and in the Caribbean. Unlike most other plants, tillandsias do not live in soil. Instead, they are typically epiphytes and are found above ground in rainforests on trees, on telephone wires (like Spanish moss), roofs, or even on rocks. A few species are adapted to desert conditions and grow on shifting sands. They have adapted to these environments by being able to absorb moisture (rain, dew, humidity) and nutrients (dust, decaying leaf and insect matter) from the air using specialized silvery hairs (trichomes). They do have rudimentary roots that are mostly used for anchoring themselves to surfaces and crevices.

Having an understanding of their native habitat provides clues on how to care for tillandsias in your home. The amount of light required depends on the species. In general, the stiffer and more silvery the foliage, the more light they require. But never place them in full sun.

Watering is fairly simple. In many cases, providing a highly humid environment is enough. A friend of mine says hers are outside her bathroom and she has never had to provide additional water. If not situated in or near a steamy bathroom, and because many tillandsias are sold stuck to shells,



A collection of three air-plant specimens. Image courtesy of E. Svendsen.

perched on coloured lichen in glass globes, misting may be your only option. I mist mine 4-5 times per week and that has kept them healthy and happy for nearly two years. If they are not attached to anything, the grass-like species can be soaked for five minutes once per week in tepid water. Bulbous types should not be soaked as water will collect in the centre of the bulb and lead to rotting.

Water early in the day. This is an important point. Tillandsias have CAM (crassulacean acid metabolism) photosynthesis. This is an adaptation to low moisture environments and especially important for plants with poor roots systems. Other CAM plants include aloe, cacti, agave and orchid species. While the basic photosynthetic reaction is the same for all plants (water + carbon dioxide + light producing glucose and oxygen), CAM plants use carbon dioxide that has diffused into the leaves and stored (as malate) at night when the stomata are open. During the daytime, when the stomata are closed to limit moisture loss, the stored carbon dioxide is available for photosynthesis. Non-CAM plants open their stomata in the daytime to capture carbon dioxide which is used directly in photosynthesis. They close them at night to limit moisture loss. So getting back to why it's important to

water early in the day, water is required during the daytime for photosynthesis. If watered late in the day, photosynthesis may be reduced due to lack of available water and excess moisture on the leaves at night may limit carbon dioxide uptake. Also, as fast as the water is absorbed by the specialized hairs, it may escape through the open stomata.

Tillandsias are slow growing and don't require a lot of nutrients. I spray mine once per

month with one-quarter strength liquid fertilizer.

On occasion, a tillandsia may produce pups (offsets or small plantlets). You can leave these attached until they reach at least one-third the size of the mother plant and then gently twist or cut them off.

Often, you can buy tillandsias not attached to anything. If you plan to attach it to a hard surface, you can tie it on using fishing line or a waterproof adhesive (sold as Liquid Nails, Goop, silicon sealer) or a low temperature glue gun. Apply the adhesive to the base instead of a leaf.

Erl gardens in Saskatoon and tweets about it on occasion @ErlSv.

This column is provided courtesy of the

Saskatchewan Perennial Society (SPS; saskperennial@hotmail.com). Check our website (www.saskperennial.ca) or Facebook page (www.facebook.com/saskperennial).



Tillandsia xerographica can grow to 90 centimetres (36 inches) across. Image courtesy of E. Svendsen.

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# PCE attendees happy to be back on Main Street

Prairie Community Endeavors (PCE) was allowed to open its doors again on June 11, which made attendees very happy. Jennifer Peters says that social distancing is still being practiced even though its hard when you "miss your friends."

Attendees are enjoying getting back to their routines, going for walks, and making sun catchers.

As usual, PCE has been doing fundraising, which many residents of the Town of Spiritwood have been tak-

ing advantage of. From their annual bedding plant sale, to fundraising set ups with Pampered Chef where \$273 was brought in and Vesey's Seeds and Bulbs where 50% of sales went towards the organization. Coming up with new and inventive ways to fundraise for activities and supplies is a priority for those in charge.

Currently, PCE has a bottle drive taking place, as well as ongoing sales for gently used books, puzzles, and crafts at the Main Street location.



Prairie Community Endeavors attendees working on sun catcher crafts.

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

Regular services, Sunday school and special services will be listed.

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Rev. Kun Kim  
Rev. Don Skinner

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Leoville - 9:30 a.m.  
Chitek Lake - Closed for  
the Season  
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Medstead - 6 p.m.  
Shell Lake - Closed for the  
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Father Peter Nnanga MSP

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Rural Municipality of Big River, No. 555

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the RM of Big River, No. 555 intends to adopt a bylaw pursuant to Section 207 of the *Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 1/19 known as the Zoning Bylaw.

#### INTENT

To amend zoning district map by rezoning land from LR2 – Medium Density Lakeshore Residential District to LR1 – Low Density Lakeshore Residential District.

#### AFFECTED LANDS

In SW-15-57-07-W3, Lots 2, 3 & 4, Block 4, Plan 84B11865 Michel's Beach in the RM of Big River, No. 555 shown in the sketch below within the bold line and shaded area.

#### REASON

The reason for the amendment is to accommodate a landowners request to consolidate titles.

#### PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw by contacting the RM Office by phone 306-469-2323 or email [rm555@sasktel.net](mailto:rm555@sasktel.net) during regular office hours between 8:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. A copy will be sent to you at no cost.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at the Big River Community Centre at 606 First Street North, Big River, SK at 3:00 pm. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, written submissions to Council pertaining to this bylaw are strongly encouraged and may be submitted by mail to RM 555, Box 219, Big River, SK, S0J 0E0, email [rm555@sasktel.net](mailto:rm555@sasktel.net) or by calling and arranging for a drop off during regular office hours in advance of the hearing date. Anyone wishing to make a verbal submission to Council can contact the RM Office during regular office hours prior to the hearing date to schedule a time in which Council will phone you directly to hear your submission.

Issued at Big River this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

Donna Tymiak, RMA



# Medstead holds graduate parade



A couple of flat bed floats carried a few graduates through Medstead.



Two graduates rode their horses while flying the national and provincial colours.



A couple of flat bed floats carried a few graduates as they maintained physical distance.



The Medstead Fire Department drove their engines at the head and tail of the convoy.



Some graduates chose to ride "old school," showing off antique vehicles.

# Spiritwood Knights finish an awarding year

The Knights of Columbus Annual State Convention was held via teleconference this year. The conference call convention was the first in the history of the Knights of Columbus. Our State board of Governors received many acknowledgements from our Supreme Council for organizing and accomplishing such a task. There were 194 participants for the conference.

At the Convention, awards are given out to councils who achieve standards of excellence in their communities. This year, the Spiritwood Council won the award for Youth Activities, for councils with 50-80 members. Many of our programs are based on youth activities, and without the help of the

Spiritwood School staff members, we would not have accomplished so much.

This is the first year the Knights of Columbus in Spiritwood has offered the Soccer Challenge to kids. The three district champions from the Rivier Soccer Challenge all went on to win State (Provincial) Awards.

The three winners were Niveditha Manoj, Quinn Williams, and Matthew Tkachuk. Congratulations kids!! We would like to express our appreciation to Principal Ginnelle Olson and Brother Michael Swityk for organizing the local challenge.

For this September, Principal Olson asked if we could coordinate the Challenge with the annual school district soccer tournament. The



**Armand Smith congratulates Harley Patoine for her Keep Christ in Christmas poster. Patoine's entry won first place in the province-wide competition in the girls aged 8 to 10 category.**



**Armand Smith congratulates Elijah Alagao for his Keep Christ in Christmas poster. Alagao's entry won first place in the province-wide competition in the boys aged 11 to 14 category.**

Challenge would be used as part of the drills for enhancing soccer skills. The Knights are looking forward to offering the Soccer Challenge to all schools in Spiritwood this September.

Two of our participants in the Keep Christ In Christmas poster contest won Provincial awards. The contest asked participants to write and/or draw what they know and feel about Christmas. Harley Patoine won second in girls age 8 – 10. Elijah Alagao won first place in boys age 11 -14. Good job kids!! Appreciation goes to Rivier staff and Brother Michael Swityk.

Each year the Knights of Columbus in Spiritwood offer a scholarship in Christian Ethics. This year, the Knights of Columbus Christian Ethics Scholarship was awarded to Jeremy Chorney. Mr. Chorney is planning to attend a post-secondary institution, with a major in chemistry. The funds will be

allocated to tuition costs at the post secondary institution of his choice. Congratulations Jeremy!! Good Luck and God Bless You.

This year, the Knights, volunteered over 110 hours in the kitchen at the Arena. The Knights felt it was a way to interact with the community, to help the local recreation committee, and to alleviate volunteer hours that families would have to fill

as part of their Hockey commitment. Members worked the kitchen at the senior hockey games for the season and playoffs. The Knights look forward to serving the community in this capacity in the future.

Appreciation to everyone who helps support the Knights. Our tickets sales and sporting raffles help us run these programs. We cannot do it without your

support. June is the end of the Knights' Fraternal year. Meetings are to resume in September. Youth Programs will begin again in the Fall.

The Knights' programs: Coats for Kids and Wheelchair Mission, are still available. Requests can be made to a member of the Knights or to Father Peter. The Knights also have various catering services available.



**Armand Smith presents the Christian Ethics Scholarship to Jeremy Chorney.**

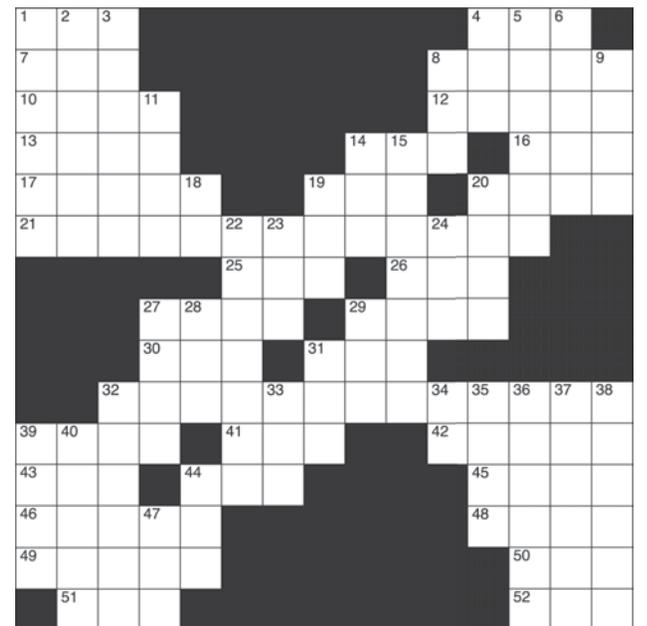


**Niveditha Manoj, Quinn Williams, and Matthew Tkachuk were provincial award winners from Rivier's Soccer Challenge.**

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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Protects from weather
4. Superhigh frequency
7. Southern constellation
8. Swines
10. Self-righteously moralistic person
12. United Arab Emirates city
13. Surinam toad
14. Sign language
16. Tattoo (slang)
17. Makes level
19. Sun up in New York
20. It must be scratched
21. Where people live
25. Swiss river
26. Buddy
27. One of two equal parts of a divisible whole
29. Shrek is one
30. Egyptian unit of weight
31. Fiddler crabs
32. Carroll O'Connor's TV wife
39. No longer having life
41. Former OSS
42. A way to emit sound
43. Mandela's party
44. Adult female chicken



45. U. of Miami's mascot
46. Southeastern Chinese people
48. Casino game
49. Amos Alonzo \_\_\_, US
- football coach
50. Joint connecting two pipes at right angles
51. Will Ferrell film
52. River in NE Scotland

### CLUES DOWN

1. Occur
2. Show up
3. Capital of Taiwan
4. Former French coin
5. Some are bad
6. Monetary unit
8. Package (abbr.)
9. Indian religious person
11. Crew
14. Antidiuretic hormone
15. Makeshift
18. Baseball box score stat
19. Make a mistake
20. Not moving
22. Even distribution of weight
23. Clumsy person
24. Paddle
27. Worked the soil
28. Alias
29. Plant cultivated in Peru
31. Side-blotched lizards genus
32. Wild dog
33. Immoral act
34. Pound
35. Manning and Lilly are two
36. Put on the shelf for now
37. Baltimore ballplayer
38. Cuddle
39. Dashes
40. Related on the mother's side
44. Witch
47. Kilogram force (abbr.)

**Answers on page 14**

## NFL anthem flap ready to erupt again

“Oh, say, can you see? George Floyd’s legacy?”

By dying from a Minneapolis police officer’s knee pressed to his neck in late May, George Floyd will forever be known for sparking what could be a sea change in the world of race relations in the United States.

But since this is ostensibly a sports column, the George Floyd angle here will be about the National Football League, Colin Kaepernick and the Star Spangled Banner that is performed before the start of each NFL game.

Kaepernick was a B-level NFL quarterback in 2016 when he took a knee during an NFL exhibition game to peacefully protest what he said was racial injustice and police brutality against Blacks in America. The divide was immediate; there was rage on one side; sympathy and agreement on the other. It became a hot political football when the U.S. President declared that NFL owners

should fire any player who disrespected the American flag by taking a knee during the anthem. NFL owners, fearing public backlash, established an 11th-hour compromise: Players could stay in the locker room until the anthem was over if they felt strongly about aligning with Kaepernick but not willing to lose their jobs.

Kaepernick, despite possessing a skill level greater than many QBs who had starting or backup jobs, became a toxic name around the league, and remained unemployed. He eventually agreed to a settlement with the NFL over his treatment. Part of the settlement terms was that details would be kept secret.

Now, in the aftermath of the George Floyd riots, demonstrations and protests around the U.S., Kaepernick is a hot commodity again. NFL commissioner Roger Goodell posted a statement basically suggesting Kaepernick was not given a



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fair shake in 2016, and that the league now totally agrees that taking a knee during the anthem was not done to disrespect the flag but a method of shining light on the unfair treatment of Blacks in America.

Yes, this subject is more politics than it is sports, but when the NFL starts back up this fall, the anthem — and the players’ reaction to it — will be front and centre. And as long as there are people who insist that it’s all about the flag, it could get ugly, too. And, who knows? It may even lead to a quarterbacking job for Kaepernick.

• Norman Chad of the

Washington Post, who hates instant replay and wants it eliminated: “I am constantly told: The genie is out of the bottle, there is no going back. Really? Why not? This genie is unsightly, unworthy and unneeded. Costco lets you return any merchandise for any reason — what, we can’t stuff this demonic spirit back into the decanter and send it out to sea?”

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: “Jonah Hill (376 times) and Leonardo DiCaprio (361) — thanks mainly to their work in “The Wolf of Wall Street” — rank 1-2 for the most profane words on film in their careers, according to BuzzBingo.com. Just thank your lucky stars that Earl Weaver never took up acting.”

• Another one from Perry: “Online poker nationwide is reporting record numbers during the coronavirus quarantine as cooped-up gamblers look for ways to cope. Apparently one full house deserves a

shot at another.”

• Scott Ostler of the San Francisco Chronicle, on the ESPN narratives featuring Michael Jordan and Lance Armstrong: “Now how about a documentary or two on people who become superstars without being bullies and jerks? Just to show the kiddies that it can be done that way.”

• Q and A with Alan Shipnuck on golf.com: Q: “I just moved into a new house on the fourth hole of a golf course. Is it wrong for me to tee it up first day while my girlfriend moves all the furniture?”; A: “This is a very, very delicate situation. I would recommend you play no more than 36 holes.”

• Headline at theonion.com: “Roger Goodell Insists Martin Luther King Jr. Would Have Wanted 17-Game Football Season In Front Of Full Stadiums”

• Greg Cote of the Miami Herald: “Over/under on how long Conor McGregor’s ‘retirement’ lasts: Three months?”

• Former Major Leaguer C. J. Nitkowski, on Twitter: “My wife had an odd way of comforting my son after a rough pitching outing yesterday, ‘Well, at least you still get to live in our house. When dad pitched bad we usually had to move.’”

• Josh Sens of golf.com, on controversial PGA Tour pro Patrick Reed: “The Tour pro known to some as ‘Table for One.’”

• Snarky Joe, at the coffee shop, after hearing Michael Jordan pulled in a 442.5-pound marlin during a fishing tournament: “When did Bartolo Colon get traded to Miami?”

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg, on Twitter: “Astronaut Kathy Sullivan became the first person to space walk and go to the deepest spot in the ocean. She has experienced such extreme highs and lows, Sullivan has been named an honorary Chicago Cubs fan.”

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

## GOOD NEWS



### SEEING THE SPIRIT IN TROUBLED TIMES

**By Jonathan Worrall  
Student Minister,  
Knox United Church**

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, “The moral arc of the universe is long but it bends towards justice.” I believe this to be true. Recent events both in the US and Canada, have caused me to reflect upon the old adage about history repeating itself.

Martin Luther King Jr., along with many other people of color engaged in peaceful protest such as sit ins at lunch counters and marches. The protesters were generally beaten and arrested. MLK fervently believed in the social gospel, which motivated his actions. In one of his letters, he wrote, “Let us continue to hope, work, and pray that in the future we

will live to see a warless world, a better distribution of wealth, and a brotherhood that transcends race or color.”

The tension between law enforcement and people of color has boiled over, a result of the murder of George Floyd and other people of color by the police. While I do not and cannot condone riots or rioting, I do, however, see hope for change in the actions of the peaceful protesters. It is particularly faith-affirming in seeing Christians joining the movement. Furthermore, it is especially awe-inspiring to see this movement spread across the globe. I feel that this could be the work of the Holy Spirit; inspiring and creating change throughout creation. Perhaps, we are experiencing

a Kairotic moment; an opportune moment for change to be achieved.

Kairos, in Christian theology is defined as “the appointed time in the purpose of God,” or “the time when God acts.” Could we be witnessing the acts of our Creator? The Spirit which creates change and empowers transformation? Scripture makes it clear that God is the God of the oppressed. God called upon Moses to go and free the people of God from the bonds of slavery. The same God who bring the exiled back to their ancestral home. The same God who became flesh in Jesus the Christ. Jesus preached about the transformation of society; freedom from oppression, equitable distribution of wealth, and

that we all live in proper relation with each other. In short, establishing the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

Christ’s vision for the radical metamorphosis of society is evident in the passage from Matthew, in which Christ declared, “For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.” (10:35-36) Christ was God’s advocate, attempting to create something new at the expense of the existing system. This meant an end to Roman oppression, the dissolution of the patriarchy, care for the marginalized, etc. Christ was a threat to the existing power structure. This

is why he was condemned to death; crucifixion being the punishment for enemies of the state.

Lastly, when Jesus speaks of “picking up the cross,” he is stating that he is an ally for those who are subjected to the oppressive rule of the existing power structure. He came for everyone, but he especially advocated for the marginalized or disenfranchised. Jesus cared for women, lepers, and beggars. As followers of Christ, we are called on to imitate his example; speak out against abuses of power, advocate and collaborate with the disenfranchised or marginalized. We are called on to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. May God grant us the strength to pick up the cross.

## OBITUARIES

*Irvin Kenneth Amundson*

Irvin Kenneth Amundson  
1931-2020

Irvin Kenneth Amundson was born to Omund and Inga on December 15, 1931, in Park Valley, Saskatchewan. He attended school at the one-room Lake Four schoolhouse until he finished Grade 8. He then became a full-time worker on the family farm,

helping to work the land and keep the cattle and younger children fed. Spare time was spent playing music, listening to the radio, playing ball or swimming in the summertime and skiing, sledding or skating in the winter.

He spent a short period of time working in Edmonton but soon moved back to Park Valley where he purchased land and set up his home.

Irvin was a gentle soul with a quick wit and loved to visit with friends and neighbors.

Irvin met Elaine Dodds from Edmonton in 1967 and they married later that year. Carrie was born in 1969, Stanley in 1971, and Darryl rounded out the family in 1973. Their home was

where the kids learned how to work, how to play, how to respect others, and how to love. If any of the kids came to the table with a frown, they were instructed to go back to their room to find a smile.

Many good times were had, whether working or relaxing, exploring, camping or fishing, skating, or playing catch. Irvin was always young at heart. He was strong in body and in character. He genuinely cared about others and he loved Park Valley. He never wanted to miss a church service, a prayer meeting, a community ball game, an event, or a birthday party. Each one was an opportunity to eat together, to laugh, and just enjoy being to-

gether.

He served on many committees through the years and was an elder in the Church at Park Valley since the early '70s.

Irvin loved music. He played guitar, mandolin, and mouth organ. Evenings in the Amundson house often rang with the sound of strings. Irvin and Elaine sang together, the family sang every morning in family devotions and Irvin and son Darryl traveled and sang with the Baler Strings. Recordings of Irvin's sweet tenor voice still ring in songs like Farside Banks of Jordan, Gathering Flowers, and Where the Roses Never Fade.

Each member of the family has special memories of Irvin. An on-

line memorial was held on Saturday, June 13th where each one shared their memories about their Dad and Grandpa.

Elaine passed away in 2013 but Irvin was able to stay in his home until April of 2020 when he moved into the Debden Heritage Manor. There he received wonderful care from the staff. On May 31st he was lovingly cared for at the Shellbrook Hospital until he passed away peacefully on June 3rd at the age of 88.

Irvin is lovingly remembered by daughter Carrie (Brad) Wensley, grandchildren Sarah, Victoria and Jonathan; son Stanley (Mel), grandchildren Camryn, Jett, and Rhyan; son Darryl (Christina), and

grandchildren Sonora, Ira, Gabriel, Nathanael, and Anna Lynn; brother Harvey (Ruth); sister Esther (Alwin) Miller; sister-in-law Tena; brother Harold (Elinor) and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews and stepson Brent (Leah Anne) Rogers and their family. He was predeceased by his wife Elaine (Dodds), his father Omund and mother Inga; brothers Melvin, Lloyd and Raymond, sister Gladys; and granddaughter Shaye.

In lieu of donations, it is the family's request that "You do something special with your loved ones". Arrangements have been entrusted to Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Tammy Smart, Funeral Director, Shellbrook SK. 306-747-2828.

*Doris Schwehr*

SCHWEHR – Doris  
1931 - 2020

Doris Josephine (Anderson) Schwehr was born August 21, 1931 at Marchant Grove. She was one of eight children born to Andrew and Siri Anderson. She grew up on the farm at Marchant Grove and attended school at Silver Cliff until Grade 10, she took Grade Eleven and Twelve in Shellbrook. When she finished high school, she attended Normal School in Saskatoon.

Mom's first teaching job was at Blue Heron School, where she boarded with Jens and Sigrid Anderson. Mom also taught at Three Creeks, Silver Cliff, Briarlea, Foxdale, Cookson and Canwood. She loved

teaching and loved her students. She said she was influenced by her Aunt Doris, who was also a teacher. She remembered how Aunt Doris had a way of making each person feel special, even children. Based on comments from previous students, that is what Mom did as well, made everyone feel special.

Mom and Dad were married July 20, 1954. They lived at Sugar Hill, raising their four children on the farm; it was a good place to grow up. Mom was a busy farmer's wife and also taught off and on. Sugar Hill was a very close-knit community and mom had many good friends there. One of her favorite occasions for many years was the Christmas Caroling party that they hosted for many years. Everyone in the community was invited and everyone in the family was recruited to clean the shop or the school, check the lights on the tree, make the special ornaments she gave out and help with the food.

In 2005 Mom and Dad moved their house into town and now there

was even more time for visitors. She liked having people drop in for coffee and it wasn't unusual for her to whip up a cake as she visited with people so she would have something to serve with coffee. Mom and Dad enjoyed travelling and camping, especially spending time at their site at Fish Lake.

Mom moved into Whispering Pine Place in October of 2018. She was very happy there; she loved the staff, being with the other residents, the activities and especially the bus trips.

Mom was involved in many activities. She was a 4-H leader, taught Sunday school, VBS and confirmation. She was a dedicated member of Zion Lutheran Church, serving as a member of the ELW for many years. Mom was also a very active member of the Whispering Pine Place Auxiliary, even attending meetings after she became a resident there. Mom loved playing cards and was always willing to drop everything for a game of Canasta. She also enjoyed reading, Crossword Puzzles, Jigsaw Puzzles and talking

on the phone.

Mom would have said her greatest treasure was her family. She was very supportive of her children and proud of whom we had become. Mom was so excited when she became a grandmother. She was never happier than when one or more of her grandchildren or great grandchildren were around; she was a very special lady to each one, spending time baking, sewing, gardening, telling stories, playing cards or board games, building forts, playing hide and seek or whatever game the kids wanted to play. Mom gave her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren two great gifts, her unconditional love and her faith in a loving and merciful God. We will miss you Mom.

Doris will be lovingly survived by, her children: Sandra (Ron) Willner of Canwood, SK and their children: Steven (Shannon) Willner and children, Shae, Sethen, Shya; Michael (Claudia) Willner; Shannon Willner; Dale (Marsha) Schwehr of Canwood, SK and their children: Richard

(Corrine) Schwehr and son, Anders; Lindsey (Emery) Hamborg and children, Reese, Lincoln; Russell (Colleen) Schwehr of Canwood, SK and daughter: Nicole (Carey); Susan (Darcy) Coleman of Leduc, AB and their children: Brent (Jessica Swann), Adam (Germilyn) Coleman, Karalene (Greg Sweetnam); her sister, Ruth Gjerde; her sisters-in-law, Fay Anderson, Carlene Anderson, Doris Person; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and many friends.

Doris was predeceased by her husband, Ernest Schwehr; her parents, Andrew and Siri Anderson; her brothers, Ture (Florence), Alf, Hans, Erik; her sisters, Sigrid (Clifford) Baron, Helen Anderson; her parents

in law, Joe and Annie Schwehr; her sister-in-law, Laura (Ted) McAndrew; and her brother-in-law, Wayne Person.

There was a private family service held for Doris. In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Doris to either the Zion Lutheran Church in Canwood or to the Canwood & Districts Bus Association. Doris was laid to rest in the Sturgeon River Cemetery.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com) Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Tammy Smart & Donna Lovberg, Funeral Directors, Canwood, SK (306-468-2244).

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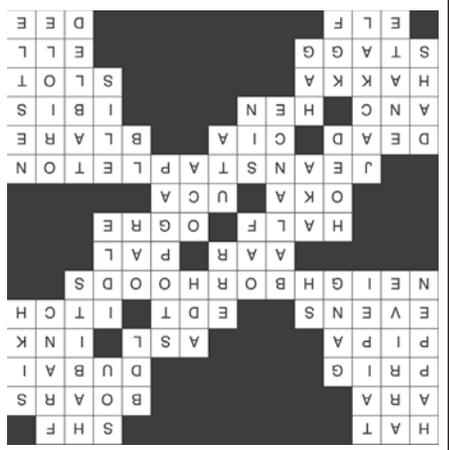
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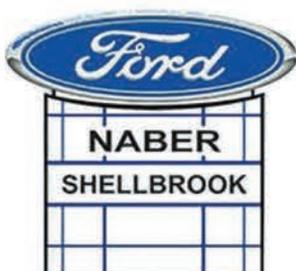
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