



Lake Country Wildlife Federation left with \$5,000 bill after vandalism at outdoor range



Ignoring a locked gate and multiple no trespassing signs, motorbike riders tore through Lake Country Wildlife Federation's outdoor range northwest of Shellbrook, causing \$5,000 in damages.

A series of costly acts of vandalism by young motorbike riders has the Lake Country Wildlife Federation wondering what it's supposed to do to recuperate the costs of fixing the damage.

The acts of vandalism and trespassing were perpetrated at the club's 500-metre range, which is located five km north of Shellbrook and about six km west on Highway 55.

According to security camera footage from the range, there were five separate incidents at the well-signed and gated outdoor facility between June 4 and the afternoon of June 18, when a trio of riders were caught in the act by one of the range's cus-

tomdians.

All told, the trespassing motorbike riders caused about \$5,000 in damages to berms and vegetation that were put in place to safeguard against erosion on the range grounds. And, apart from undoing the work of a project that cost the Lake Country Wildlife Federation \$50,000, club president Lyndon Tieszen says the damage also threatens the license for the range, because the berms were required for it to operate.

"The range needs to be fixed and maintained," Tieszen said, explaining that it will cost \$2,000 just to get the trackhoe in, and anywhere from \$200 to \$400 per hour to move the displaced sand back into place.

"But who recovers the costs? Do the members pay for it? Do we increase membership fees? Nobody wants to do that."

On the afternoon of June 18, when the three riders were caught vandalizing the range, the RCMP was called and an official police report was filed.

But with the Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook detachment operating at 50 per cent capacity, and with vandalism not being an indictable offence, Tieszen isn't expecting anything to be done to help the Wildlife Federation recoup its costs.

Similarly, Tieszen says the club isn't interested in pursuing the matter in small claims court, given how it would look in

such a small, tight-knit community. This, he adds, leaves approaching the parents of the offenders for remuneration as the only option.

In the meantime, Tieszen says the Wildlife Federation wants the community to know that this is happening, and to take steps to ensure that it doesn't happen again.

"We live in one of the most amazing areas to be riding. You don't have to ride in places and destroy things," he said. "You don't have to trespass."

"We want people to know that this is a problem. How are we, as a community, going to fix it?"

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Spiritwood Horticulture Show going virtual for 2020

The Spiritwood Horticulture Society made the decision to cancel the regular show that normally takes place in August due to restrictions and concerns surrounding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Gathering limits and sanitization protocols would have made running the usual show a challenge this year.

Anxious to find a way to celebrate all of the great work members of the community have been doing in their yard this year, the society has decided to have a photo show with top placing entries to be published in the *Spiritwood Herald* in September.

There will be five categories in which to enter photographs:

1. Single Bloom (flower)
2. Vegetables
3. Saskatchewan Nature/Wildlife
4. Houseplant
5. Flower Garden

Subject matter for categories 1, 2, 4, and 5 should be from the photographer's own home or yard while category 3 should depict subject matter from

within the province.

Entries should be accompanied by a short caption to accompany the photo, the photographer's name, town (optional), and the category it is being



Peonies and other blooms have been brightening up Spiritwood for the past couple of months. Enter a photograph in the Spiritwood Horticulture Society's Photo Show of the best blooms, veggies, or plants in your yard.

submitted to. Entries are limited to one entry per category per photographer.

There is no entry fee and no prize money for the photo show.

Photos will be displayed online through the Spiritwood Horticulture Society's Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/spiritwoodhort/?modal=admin_todo_tour.

Photos can be submitted in an electronic format or as a hard copy. Electronic submissions can be submitted to ali.sully81@gmail.com. Hard copies can be mailed to PO Box 444 Spiritwood, SK S0J 2M0. The deadline for submissions is August 31st. For any questions regarding this year's show please call Alison at (613)915-9317.

Girl dead after being hit by car in Debden

A 15-year-old girl is dead after being struck by a car in Debden on Tuesday, July 7.

According to a news release, Big River RCMP responded to reports of a female pedestrian being hit by a vehicle on 2nd Avenue, by the Debden Skating Rink, at around 3:30 a.m.

A number of emergency services including a STARS air ambulance, Big River EMS, and the Big River Fire Department responded to the scene along with the RCMP. An RCMP forensic reconstructionist was also present.

The girl was taken to hospital with life-threatening injuries, and was

later pronounced dead.

The news release said a 17-year-old boy has been identified as the driver of the car involved in the incident.

Big River RCMP and an RCMP forensic reconstructionist are investigating the collision.

According to an RCMP spokesperson, police will have to wait for the results of the reconstructionist's report before the Crown can decide whether or not it wishes to proceed with pressing charges.

The spokesperson added that the report could take up to a month to be filed, depending upon the reconstructionist's availability.

In the week since the tragic accident, the victim has been identified as Kaylan Keegan Lee Keenatch.

A gofundme has been created to help Keenatch's family with funeral expenses and other costs.

"She was a free spirited and very loving girl. She loved dancing, spending time with family and loved ones. Kaylan touched everyone's heart in some way," a statement on the page read.

According to the page, Keenatch was an organ donor.

"They have found successful donors for Kaylan. She has saved lives and is helping other families who are going through a tough time as well," the statement said.

NOTICE

PROVINCIAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP) designation has been established for residents of the RM of Big River, No. 555 (RM) that includes damages that occurred as a result of the spring runoff and Heavy Rains in the RM between June 3rd and June 18th, 2020 inclusive.

The Ministry of Government Relations asked the RM to distribute the application packages. If you require an application package, please make your request by calling the RM Office 306-469-2323; emailing rm555@sasktel.net; or stopping by the office at 606 First Street North/Big River Community Centre.

Questions regarding the PDAP Program may be directed to The Provincial Disaster Assistance Program Service Center 1-866-632-4033.

Donna Tymiak
RMA



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Village of Canwood

The Village of Canwood has a fully equipped restaurant available for lease. The seating capacity of the restaurant is approximately 50 guests and is outfitted with large coolers, deep freeze, grill with 4 burner stove and oven, deep fryer, some pots, dishes, cutlery, etc.

The lessee will be responsible for natural gas, power and monthly rental of \$400.00. The lessee is also responsible for acquiring a tenant legal liability and contents insurance package and applying for licensing with the Public Health Office to ensure that the business meets all health codes as required from the Public Health Inspector.

The Village of Canwood population as of 2016 census was 332 and supports a large surrounding rural community, lake lot developments, and neighbouring Ahtahkakoop First Nation. The Village boasts many services that draws potential patrons into the Village. Some of these services include a public school (Pre-K to 12), credit union, pharmacy, medical clinic, library, hair salon, grocery store that is open 7 days a week, gas bar with cardlock, bowling alley, skating rink and Canwood Regional Park with a 9-hole grass greens golf course, ball diamonds and camping.

Request for Proposal

Our Committee is accepting Requests for Proposals until August 7, 2020, that should detail a proposed business plan to lease the restaurant. The business plan, at a minimum should include:

- Hours of operation
- Business ideas you may have to ensure viability (specials, steak nights etc.)
- Any other relevant information you can provide
- Related previous work experience
- Must have one appropriate reference

Please note that applicants are subject to an interview process with our Committee and may also be subject to a credit check.

The successful applicant would be required to sign a lease agreement allowing them to utilize the equipment that is currently in the restaurant, stock supplies and carry out their business plan.

If you have any questions, or are interested in viewing the building, please contact the Village office at (306)468-2016. Please note that only serious Requests for Proposals will be considered and contacted. The Village reserves the right to reject any or all submissions.

Sincerely,
Erin Robertson
Administrator, Village of Canwood

Town and village offices beginning to re-open

After four months of COVID-19 restrictions, municipal offices in the coverage area of the *Shellbrook Chronicle* and *Spiritwood Herald* are gradually beginning to re-open to the public.

In Shellbrook, opening day is set for Tuesday, July 21, and the joint town and R.M. office will be opening to the public on only Tuesdays and Thursdays to start. Office hours will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon, and from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

At opening, only two people will be permitted in the building at a time, one on the town side, and one on the R.M. of Shellbrook's side.

"We will be here the re-

mainder of the week by appointment only. We will meet with people when we are unable to resolve issues over the phone or email," said Town of Shellbrook CAO Kelly Hoare. "We are strongly encouraging people to keep paying their bills the way they have been to minimize office traffic and the risk of spreading infection."

While Shellbrook's town office is only beginning to re-open, the municipal office in Spiritwood has been open to the public since June 2. It's still open Tuesday through Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., and the limit of one person at a time remains in place.



Shellbrook's municipal office will reopen to the public starting Tuesday, July 21, and will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays to start.

Elsewhere, Blaine Lake's town office has re-opened for business as usual. The office

is open to the public, Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., but closes from 12 to 1 p.m.

The Village of Marcelin's office, meanwhile, is open Tuesday through Thursday. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, and 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday. The office is closed from 12

to 12:30 on all three days.

Finally, the Village of Leask's office has re-opened with regular business hours. It's open to the public Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., but closes from 12 to 12:45 p.m. each day.

Currently, the offices of the Town of Big River, the Village of Canwood and the Village

of Debden remain closed to the public.

In Big River's case, administrator Noreen Olsen said that the office is waiting for a contractor to install permanent protective glass, and added that more discussions about re-opening would be held at council's next meeting on Monday, July 20.

Similarly, the Village of Canwood's council is expected to discuss re-opening at its next meeting, which is also scheduled for July 20.

The municipal office for the Village of Debden, meanwhile, will remain closed to the public "for a while yet," says Mayor Rod Fisher.

"We are in a difficult situation, as our village office building also houses our rec board office, Comite Culturelle, bowling alley, doctor's office, senior's hall and library," he explained. "With our aging population we cannot take the chance of re-opening."

Shellbrook trucker charged in fatal Manitoba crash

A 56-year-old semi driver from Shellbrook is facing a slew of charges, stemming from a multi-vehicle accident on a Manitoba highway that killed two people and injured 15 others.

On Thursday, July 2, just before noon, Carman RCMP responded to a multi-vehicle collision on Manitoba's Highway 2 about three kms east of the hamlet of Fannystelle.

In a release, the RCMP said its initial investigation determined that a number of vehicles were stopped in the eastbound lane on Highway 2, at a marked construction zone, where work was being completed. The vehicles were waiting for direction to safely drive through the construction zone, when an eastbound semi with trailer failed to stop and drove into the line-up of stopped vehicles.

In total, eight vehicles were involved in the collision.

A seven-year-old female from Winnipeg, and a 61-year-old male from the RM of St. Andrews, were pronounced deceased at the scene.

The seven-year-old was in one of the passenger vehicles, and the 61-year-old male was driving a motorcycle.

Fifteen people were injured in the collision, with several being treated at the scene and released. Six people were taken to hospital, including two adults, two children under the age of 16, and two children under the age of three.

As of July 7, only three of the victims remained in hospital with serious injuries.

The driver of the semi truck, who has been identified as James Randell, was arrested at the scene.

Randell is facing two counts of dangerous operation of a conveyance causing death, two counts of criminal negligence causing death, and three counts of dangerous operation of a conveyance causing bodily harm.

He is currently in custody, and made his first court appearance in Winnipeg on July 6.

None of the charges against Randell have been proven in the courts.



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Attempted Trudeau assassination highlights racial disparities

When Corey Hurren rammed his truck through the gates of Rideau Hall, then proceeded to run towards Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's residence while brandishing a firearm, his life didn't come to an abrupt end at the hands of police.

Instead, police spoke to him for nearly two hours, while he was still armed and uttering threats against Mr. Trudeau, and took him into custody without incident.

He now faces 22 charges related to his ill-conceived "assassination attempt" on July 2, and will likely spend much of the rest of his life in prison. But, humble though his existence will be, he's fortunate to still have a life to live.

Contrast this incident with what happened when the family of 62-year-old Mississauga, Ont. resident, Ejaz Choudry, called a non-emergency hotline because they were concerned he wasn't taking medication following a diagnosis of schizophrenia.

In this case, police officers burst



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News Editor

into his apartment and, allegedly, found him wielding a knife and suffering a mental breakdown (though, the official statement from Peel Regional Police is that the officers "believed Choudry had access to weapons").

Did the responding officers speak with Mr. Choudry for nearly two hours?

Did they spend nearly two hours talking him down and offer him aid in his time of mental distress?

No. They shot him dead.

The story was the same for 26-year-old Indigenous woman Chantel Moore, who was killed by a police officer in her New Brunswick home during what was supposed to be a routine "wellness check."

It was also the same for Regis Korchinski-Paquet, a black woman who mysteriously fell to her death while police conducted a wellness check at her Toronto apartment.

And it was the same for D'andre Campbell, who was tasered multiple times, then fatally shot, by police in his Brampton home af-

ter calling them during a mental health crisis.

What's the difference between Mr. Hurren and these other four police-involved incidents, you might ask?

Well, Mr. Hurren was white, had training as a military reservist, and, as previously mentioned, was armed with multiple firearms. The other four, meanwhile, were all people of colour who needed help through mental crises.

None of this is to say that white Canadians aren't victims of unjust police shootings.

In the 100 police-involved shootings recorded between Jan. 6 2017 and June 12, 2020, 32 of the victims whose race is known were white. Comparatively, 25 victims were Indigenous, six were black, and three belonged to other visible minority groups.

So yes, white Canadians are killed by police.

But they aren't disproportionately represented as victims of police shootings like Indigenous people, who make up just five per cent of Canada's population, yet accounted for 38 per cent of the police-involved shootings over the past three years.



And, had Mr. Hurren been a person of colour, the odds are far more likely that his attempt to "assassinate" Mr. Trudeau would have ended with his death at the hands of police.

That Mr. Hurren still draws breath, while Mr. Choudry, Ms. Moore, Ms. Korchinski-Paquet and Mr. Campbell are dead, is yet another reminder of the racism engrained in both individuals and institutions within our country.

We have made progress on racism, of that there is no doubt. But we're still a long way from realizing

the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms' promise that every individual is equal before the law. And we can't just apologize and virtue signal our way to the finish line, then wash our hands of all responsibility.

As Mr. Trudeau's government commences its summer work plan to tackle systemic racism in Canada, it needs to be aware that it will take more than the pretty words and empty promises it has offered so often over the past five years.

Real change requires meaningful action.

Nuclear is a viable clean energy alternative

Dear editor,

I read a letter to the editor in last week's paper and feel compelled to rebut. Although I realize that you will never change people's minds on this subject, I have a few facts that people need to know.

Fission energy has been around forever naturally, primarily in our sun. Our bodies require many different types of radiation to survive. We have used nuclear technology in medicine, to fight cancers and other ailments, as well as life saving X-Rays.

A lot of people I talk to are very supportive of this type of power generation (small modular generators or large power generation) units.

CANDU reactors are the safest to date, as they use a pressurized heavy water system (D2O) where natural uranium is used. Light water reactors and nuclear weapons use enriched uranium.

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If you live in Saskatoon and are afraid of nuclear reactors, would you be surprised to know that the SRC at the U of S has operated one since 1981 without any safety issues and was shut down last year. This slowpoke2 (safe-low power-kinetic- experiment) will be finished de-commissioning this year at a cost of approximately 6.5 million dollars; paid for by a trust set up by the SRC over the last decade.

Solar power is costly and is fairly expensive to maintain, and uses batteries to store this energy. Look up how lithium is produced. It

has replaced most lead acid batteries.

Wind power generation is as costly. It is high maintenance, and it kills birds and a lot of beneficial flying insects.

Do the environment a favour and promote fission energy. We must put Saskatchewan miners and workers back to work. The only clean alternative is nuclear energy.

As a closing remark to the Government, you have my permission to build one in my backyard.

Rod Fisher, Mayor of Debden

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Report from the Legislature

A unique, three-week session of the legislature recently came to an end in what we now consider our “new normal”. This involved the implementation of many “firsts” including new health protocols and record investment in Saskatchewan industries.

Our government introduced and passed a provincial budget that includes record investment in health, education and economic stimulus that provides the necessary funds to help financially recover from the impact of the COVID-19.

This includes:

- A record \$435 million for mental health and addictions supports and services;
- \$20 million to reduce surgical wait times;
- \$80 million to build new long-term care facilities in Grenfell and La Ronge and to support renewal projects in 51 long-term care facilities across the province;
- Record funding for schools, including \$2.6 billion to support Pre-kindergarten to Grade 12 classrooms, early

learning and child care, libraries and literacy;

- \$278 million in no-strings-attached Municipal Revenue Sharing – an 11 per cent increase and the highest amount ever provided under the program;
- \$150 million for the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program for municipal infrastructure projects; and
- \$715 million to improve highway safety and efficiency, including more than 20 new passing lanes to be constructed in 2020.

On the final day of the legislative sitting, government members along with the Official Opposition acknowl-

edged and thanked retiring Members of the Legislative Assembly. All eleven retiring MLAs were given an opportunity to address the Assembly for the final time. They shared fond memories, accomplishments, and hope for the future, filling the Assembly with laughter, joy and a few tears. I know that all Members work hard on behalf of their constituents and I wish them the best in their next chapter.

This past week, SaskEnergy released its 2019-20 annual report. Highlights include nearly \$1 million in rebates to residential and commercial customers who installed energy efficient natural gas furnaces and heating systems.

In the first year of the federally-imposed carbon tax, SaskEnergy collected approximately \$65 million while TransGas collected \$14 million. This senseless taxation is not an environmental plan, it's a taxation plan that has hurt our energy industry as well as many others. Our government

will continue to fight this unfair and unnecessary tax and looks forward to winning the battle for Saskatchewan people and industries.

Our government's Re-Open Saskatchewan plan is working well with almost all businesses returning to full operations with new guidelines and social distancing policies in place.

Casinos, bingo halls and rodeos may now resume. Starting July 16, live music and entertainment can once again be enjoyed in local venues. Other updates to Re-Open Saskatchewan include seating areas now being per-

mitted at drive-in theatres, as well as public and farmers markets. If you attend, physically distancing will be required, and it is recommended that only members of the same group should be seated together.

Guidelines for the second half of Phase 4 are now available on Saskatchewan.ca. This includes:

- Temporary food vendor guidelines;
- Racing and rodeo guidelines;
- Banquet and conference facility guidelines; and
- Car Show and Trade Show guidelines

Guidelines for door-to-door solicitation, items by donation and garage sales are currently being developed.

With the warmer weather, I encourage residents to go out and explore Saskatchewan. Our provincial parks are open to enjoy with new guidelines and protocols that will keep you and your family safe. What better time than now to rediscover your own backyard?

Whether it is a day trip to one of our provincial parks, or an afternoon tour of a museum, there is so much to do and see right here at home. For any questions on tourism and COVID-19 guidelines, please visit tourismsaskatchewan.com.

If you will be visiting one of our Provincial Parks, please remember to bring your own sanitizer, maintain a physical distance from others, and please respect the restrictions and rules that are in place.

Most importantly, enjoy your summer, Saskatchewan. Have fun and stay safe!



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Area libraries re-open with COVID-19 restrictions

With phase four of the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan well underway, most of the Wapiti Regional Library branches in the coverage area of the *Shellbrook Chronicle* and *Spiritwood Herald* re-opened on Monday, July 13, with COVID-19 restrictions in place.

“After careful consideration of our branch libraries’ spaces and layouts, we assigned them to one of three categories: in-person browsing with a cap on the number of people allowed in the library space at a time, In-person access by appointment only, and curbside pickup service,” explained Lindsay Baker, community services librarian with Wapiti Regional Library.

Where the Shellbrook and Spir-

itwood Wapiti branches had been offering curbside pick-up to allow library patrons to continue to make use of their materials, both libraries will now be open to the public with an in-person browsing limit of five patrons at a time.

The Leask Wapiti branch is also re-opening to the general public, but will have a limit of three patrons at a time.

Elsewhere, libraries in Blaine Lake, Canwood, Debden, Leoville, and Marcelin will resume operations on an appointment basis.

And, finally, Baker says the Shell Lake library remains closed for non-COVID-19 related reasons, and that a re-opening will be announced once a date is confirmed.

“Our priority is ensuring that our branch librarians and staff are safe, and following all guidelines laid out by the Government of Saskatchewan, while providing our communities with the highest level of service we can,” Baker said.

“We look forward to having patrons access our libraries again, and hope that they will work with us in maintaining social distancing and keeping everyone safe and healthy.”

Patrons can check their branch library’s open hours on the wapitilibrary.ca website, and can contact their local branch during regular open hours if they have any questions, and to book an appointment at their library.

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Minutes of an RM of Spiritwood NO. 496 meeting

(Where necessary, the following minutes may have been edited for clarity or brevity)

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 scheduled for Wednesday, March 18th, 2020 was postponed due to the COVID-19 situation and held on Friday, March 20, 2020 via teleconference. In attendance were Reeve, Shirley Dauvin, Division 1, Doug Johnson (Deputy Reeve), Division 2, Alan Steinhilber, Division 4, Dennis Laventure, Division 3, Terry Wingerter, Division 5, Jerome Tetreault and Division 6, Bevra Fee, Administrator, Colette Bussiere and Foreman, Darcy Laventure.

A quorum present via teleconference, Reeve, Shirley Dauvin called the

meeting to order at 9:06 AM.

Doug Johnson: That the agenda be adopted as presented and the following additions be added: Municipal Office Closure, Employee Work Schedule, Brush Clearing –SE 19 & SW 20-52-12-W3. Carried.

Bevra Fee: That the following agenda items be tabled: Lake Capacity Study, Request for Road Improvements –NW 04-54-11-W3, Fire Chief & Deputy Fire Chief Appointment Revisions, Electronic Transfer of Municipal Hail Remittances, Request to Plant Trees & Grass in the ER –Spruce Bay, Bylaw No. 2020-1 –Record Retention & Disposal (Second Reading). Carried. Reeve, Shirley Dauvin acknowledged she has a conflict

of interest in the matter of the Heated Storage Lease Agreement for the EMO Vehicle and will not participate in the discussion or the resolution.

Bevra Fee: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic that the RM of Spiritwood municipal buildings be closed to the public until further notice. Carried.

Doug Johnson: That the RM of Spiritwood employees adhere to the precautions put out by the Province and self-isolate and self-monitor until further notice; and That municipal employees be on standby and only provide essential services as required. That municipal employees shall receive their regular wages & salary until further notice is provided. Carried.

Doug Johnson: That we authorize the admin-

istrator to proceed with amendments to the Zoning Bylaw to accommodate a larger residential parcel due to marginal land and to clarify regulations throughout the Zoning Bylaw to improve interpretation and implementation. Carried.

Doug Johnson: That the cancellation fees charged to the RM for Councillor, Jerome Tetreault & Councillor, Terry Wingerter for registering & not attending the governance workshop in Edam not be charged to the Councillors and that the cost of the lunch tickets and Hockey Night tickets purchased for Councillor, Terry Wingerter, to attend the SARM Convention be waived and not charged to the Councillor for cancelling. Carried.

Bevra Fee: That the "List of Accounts" as listed on the attached Schedule "A" forming part of these minutes be passed for payment. Cheque No. 12289 -12338 Payroll File No. 0281 & 0280 Carried.

Doug Johnson: That payments in the amount of \$51,078.07 and \$15,925.01 be approved as previously paid and that the Regional Fire Dept. No. 2 Reserve Account be closed. Carried.

Doug Johnson: That Sensus, CPA be authorized to make an adjusting journal entry for \$8,000.00 to balance the CTF general ledger to the CTF bank balance. Carried.

Jerome Tetreault: That interest earned from the Capital Trust Fund Account remain in the Capital Trust Fund Account and not be transferred to the General Operating Account. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the decision to purchase a 2017 Degleman Side Arm from the RM of Marriot No. 317 in the amount of \$17,500.00 plus applicable taxes be ratified. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That we enter into seasonal employment agreements with the following individuals: Clint Roth, Arnie Larocque, Michael Heisler, Landon Abernathyor (Alternate -Ross Thain). Carried.

Bevra Fee: That the

2020 grass mowing tender for the Lakeshore Developments, Aspen Ridge Lagoon & the Shell Lake RM Compound be awarded to Donald Wingerter. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: That the request by the property owner to clear brush & trees from the road allowance north & west of NW 10-53-12-W3 and the north side of NW 35-52-12-W3 and NW 22-52-12-W3 be approved. Any trees, brush, rocks & debris cleared from the right of way shall be stockpiled on the aforementioned lands for future disposal by the property owner. That compensation in the amount of \$500.00 be paid to the property owner for brush clearing the west side of NW 10-53-12-W3 and \$250.00 be paid for brushing the north side of NW 10-53-12-W3 as both parties benefit from the brush clearing and that no compensation be paid for brush clearing the north sides of NW 35-52-12-W3 & NW 22-52-12-W3. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That the request by the property owner to clear brush & trees from the road allowance on the west side of NW 02-49-12-W3 be approved. Any trees, brush, rocks & debris cleared from the right of way shall be stockpiled on the aforementioned lands for future disposal by the property owner. That no compensation be paid to the property owner as the RM does not benefit from the brush clearing. Carried.

Jerome Tetreault: That the request by the property owner to brush the road allowance between SW 19-52-12-W3 and SW 20-52-12-W3 be approved. Any trees, brush, rocks & debris cleared from the right of way shall be stockpiled on the NE 18-52-12-W3 for future disposal by the property owner and that no compensation be paid. Carried.

Doug Johnson: The Council of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 supports the application for a Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Initiative Cost-shared grant for future capac-

ity building in partnership with the following municipalities: RM of Great Bend No. 405, RM of Mayfield No. 406, RM of Blaine Lake No. 434, RM of Redberry No. 435, RM of Douglas No. 436, RM of Leask No. 464, RM of Meeting Lake No. 464, RM of Round Hill No. 467, RM of Medstead No.497; and that the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 commit \$500 of funding towards the Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Initiative Cost-shared grant for Future Capacity Building; and That we agree to meet legislated standards, to meet the terms and conditions of the TSS Initiative Cost-shared Grant, to conduct any open tendering processes and to fund the municipal share of the project as outlined in the grant application; and That we authorize the Administrator to sign the application. Carried.

Reeve, Shirley Dauvin turned the meeting over to Deputy Reeve, Doug Johnson.

Terry Wingerter: That the Heated Storage Lease Agreement with Northview Ventures Ltd. for heated storage space for the EMO vehicle be renewed with the same terms and conditions as the previous agreement and attached hereto forming part of the minutes. Carried.

Deputy Reeve, Doug Johnson turned the meeting back to Reeve, Shirley Dauvin.

Al Steinhilber: That Phil Beaulac be appointed as the Small Wastewater Certified Operator for the RM of Spiritwood No. 496. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That the quote from Kuffert Carpentry be accepted for the repairs to the Spiritwood Library Entrance. Carried.

Doug Johnson: That the next meeting of Council for the RM of Spiritwood No. 496, to address items tabled at the March, 20th, 2020 regular meeting and to address any matters pertaining to COVID-19 situation be scheduled for Tuesday, April 7th, 2020 at 9:00 am. Carried.

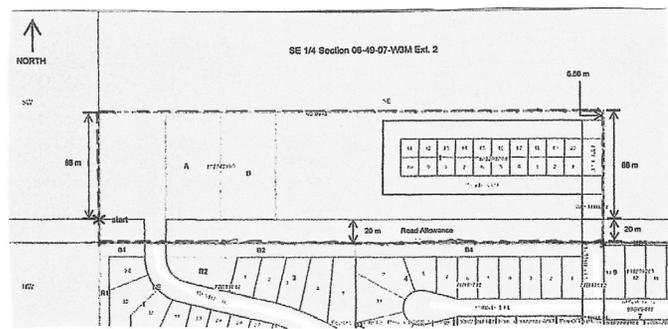
Doug Johnson: That the meeting be adjourned at 11:05 AM.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC MEETING RESORT VILLAGE OF PEBBLE BAYE

Pursuant to *The Municipalities Act*, public notice is hereby given that the Resort Village of Pebble Baye intends to restructure by adding the following lands from the Rural Municipality of Canwood to the Resort Village of Pebble Baye.

The land to be added to the Resort Village of Pebble Baye is the

- Commencing at the south west corner of the south east quarter of section 06;
Thence north along the west boundary a distance of 88 meters;
Thence east in a straight line to the intersection of a line being the projection north of the east boundary of Westhill Road, Plan 102203064;
Thence south to the north east corner of the said Westhill Road;
Thence south along the east limit to the southeast corner of said Westhill Road;
Thence west along the south boundary of said Westhill Road, Parcels A and B, Plan 102045990, and south east quarter of Section 06 to the point of commencement.
- Road allowance being southerly of and adjacent to the described area in part 1 above.



Land outlined by the dotted line is the proposed area to be annexed.

The reasons for the proposal are:

Requested by all the land owners in the proposed annexed area to be part of the Resort Village of Pebble Baye:

The only physical access to the proposed area to be annexed can only be made through the Resort Village of Pebble Baye:

The land owners in the proposed annexed area would be able to be provided with more services if they become part of the Resort Village of Pebble Baye:

Allows control of future decision making regarding storage lots:

A public meeting will be held on the 31st day of July, 2020, at 2:30 p.m. at the Shell Lake Lions Hall, 2nd Avenue East, Shell Lake, Saskatchewan, to discuss the proposal. The Resort Village will be implementing an alternative format for this public hearing in response to COVID-19. For anyone wanting to attend and submit verbal comments, please contact the Resort Village office by July 28, 2020 to make arrangements. The office can be contacted by calling 306-468-3104 or emailing resortpebblebaye@gmail.com. Verbal submissions will be accommodated through prescheduled in-person times.

Any persons who wish to object to the proposed restructuring may file a written objection, stating clearly their reason for their opposition, with the administrator of the Resort Village of Pebble Baye at the address below:

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A written notice of objection must be received by the administrator by the 21st day of August, 2020.

The complete proposal may be viewed with a prior appointment, at the Resort Village of Pebble Baye office between 9:00 am and noon on Mondays.

Dated at the Rural Municipality of Canwood, Saskatchewan, this 16th day of July, 2020.

Terry Lofstrom

Administrator – Resort Village of Pebble Baye

Sask. irrigation plan better late than never

Last week Premier Scott Moe announced a major plan in terms of agriculture in Saskatchewan; a multi-year, multi-billion dollar expansion of irrigation.

The focus on irrigation isn't exactly a new idea in Saskatchewan.

In fact, the press release regarding the announcement last week noted that the project "will fulfill the vision

of Prime Minister John Diefenbaker to ensure the prosperity of Saskatchewan people."

"The Lake Diefenbaker project was initiated by the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation government under Premier Tommy Douglas. Construction on the Gardiner Dam and the Qu'Appelle River Dam began in 1959, but even though those dams were



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completed in 1967, the promise of the project was never truly fulfilled. The last major irrigation infrastructure work was done in 1972," detailed a Brian Zinchuk story at www.Yorktonthisweek.com

What the announced project will do over the next decade is irrigate up to 500,000 acres of land from Lake Diefenbaker, more than doubling the irrigable land in Saskatchewan.

The project will start immediately with a \$22.5 million investment in preliminary engineering and initial construction.

While every journey starts with the proverbial first step, the start here is a modest one in terms of the overall project with the complete construction expected to happen approximately over the next 10 years in three main phases at a cost estimated at \$4 billion.

What is interesting is that this is a project that appears to have opposi-

tion support, something that is rare in a world where political parties are too often at odds on principles alone.

In the Zinchuk story NDP Finance Critic Trent Wotherspoon said on July 2, "This project has long held tremendous potential in value to the province. And I know this is a project that the federal government, and actually former minister, Ralph Goodale, have provided a lot of leadership on."

Wotherspoon added, "It holds a lot of potential by way of climate change adaptation of working to drought-proof Saskatchewan, with flood management and water management.

He noted it "holds tremendous potential for value-added agriculture, of course, within the province, which could be, very meaningful to our province's economy as we move forward."

Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) President Todd Lewis also likes what the project can do for the province.

Lewis said, "It's very

welcome. Lake Diefenbaker has been chronically underdeveloped, as a major infrastructure project that began in the 50s, sitting there. A lot of the water just flows through or evaporates. It's really important for that water to create economic activity."

This is a project that does appear well-suited for the times. It puts people to work post COVID-19, and builds on the pillar of agriculture in Saskatchewan's economy moving forward.

One might question why it has taken the Saskatchewan Party so many years to launch the project. They have been in the driver's seat since 2007, and the economy has been in stronger po-

sitions to take on a \$4 billion project than it is today, but this is a project worth launching later than never as they say.

The government release detailed, "Phase 1 of the project is estimated to cost \$500 million and will include the rehabilitation and expansion of the existing Westside irrigation canal system. This work will increase the amount of irrigable land by 80,000 acres in the area. It is considered one of the most shovel ready irrigation projects in the province with 90 per cent of the current canal already in place."

Down the road the costs climb as phases 2 and 3 of the project are estimated to cost up to \$3.5 billion.

Lake Country Wildlife Federation left with bill after vandalism



The vandals rode through vegetation planted as part of a \$50,000 project.



The vandals did extensive damage to berms that are required to be in place for the gun range to operate. All told, the damages are estimated at \$5,000.

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Canada's Alphonso Davies a soccer phenom

The soccer world is waiting to see just how good Edmonton's Alphonso Davies might become.

The 19-year-old phenom is already known as one of the best players in the world, but is he Gretzky good? Is he a Tiger Woods-level talent? Or will he level off and become a mid-size star in the realm of Steve Yzerman?

Davies won't be 20 years old until this November, but already his credentials on the world soccer stage are immense. In June, he was named Bundesliga (German Premier League) rookie of the year after making a big splash for league champion Bayern Munich. The German team was expecting big things from Davies after paying a Major League Soccer record \$22 million transfer fee to secure his playing rights from Vancouver Whitecaps.

It's hard to nail down what makes Davies, a left fullback, such a pitch power, but one of his ma-

ior strengths is his speed. He performs magical things with the ball while moving at a pace faster than most of his teammates or opponents, similar to the advantage Connor McDavid enjoys on the ice.

Thanks to data that began to be collected in 2011, Davies was clocked running with the ball at 36.51 km/h in a game this season, breaking the former record of 36.19.

In a Canadian Press story, veteran forward Thomas Muller referred to Davies as "The Bayern Road Runner" because of his blazing speed.

"If his development continues like this, he certainly has the potential to become one of the best in the world in his position," said Bayern reserve-team coach Sebastian Hoene.

Davies, born in Ghana, arrived in Edmonton as a five-year-old after his parents fled the Liberian civil war. He started playing soccer in a league for youngsters who couldn't afford registration fees,



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equipment or transportation to games.

It wasn't long before his talent shone through. He was 14 when the Whitecaps added him to the roster of their professional feeder team and by the age of 16 he was playing for the Canadian men's national team.

How high is Davies' ceiling? According to a recent Gentleman's Quarterly report, the young phenom is among the top 10 footballers in the world. His new transfer value, according to GQ, is \$218 million, ninth-highest.

• Comedy writer Brad Dickson of Omaha:

"Baseball is going to return. In these times we live in it's gonna be different of course. For example, instead of encouraging shortstops and second basemen to speak English now everyone else on the team must speak Spanish."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Sheila Ford Hamp, 69, has replaced her mother, 94-year-old Martha Firestone Ford, as Detroit Lions owner and chairperson. In other words, the Lions traded in their 1925 Ford for a 1951 model."

• From fark.com: "Astros owner wants fans in the stands so he can sell overpriced watered down cold beer"

• Patti Dawn Swanson, aka the River City Renegade: "I once saw a monkey figure out a Rubik's Cube, but I'll wager that the same smart-ass monkey couldn't figure out the NHL draft lottery process."

• Swansson again, on attempts by major league sports to resume playing: "I'm more excited to

see toilet paper back on the shelves than shinny on the ice, hoops on the hardwood, and rounders in the ballyard."

• Greg Cote of the Miami Herald: "Vince Carter has retired after 22 NBA seasons, surprising analysts who thought he'd retired around 2012."

• Josh Sens of golf.com, on the PGA Tour's efforts to play tournament golf while keeping COVID-19 at bay: "If not everyone is abiding by the protocols, it's like having a peeing section in a pool."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "Washington Redskins have announced they will conduct 'a thorough review of the team name.' Since Nike, FedEx and Pepsi have all indicated they could end relationships with Washington over the current name, presume the review is being done by the team's accountants."

• From NOTSportsCentre, on Twitter: "REPORT: United, Delta, and American Airlines have

asked the New York Jets to change their name as they find it offensive that their aircraft might be thought of as having any even slight affiliation to that franchise."

• Headline in TheOnion.com: "Washington Redskins Change Their Name To The D.C. Redskins"

• Headline at abcnews.com: "(Redskins owner) Daniel Snyder realizes he really likes money and will look into changing his team's name."

• Dwight Perry again: "Sunday's NASCAR race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway: the Big Machine Hand Sanitizer 400. Gentlemen, start your squirt bottles!"

• From NFL Memes on Facebook, on QB Nick Foles getting a \$24 million contract — \$21 million of it guaranteed — from the Bears: "Meanwhile, the Patriots just signed Cam Newton for less than he was making at Auburn."

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Gloria Willoughby



WILLOUGHBY – Gloria 1956 – 2020

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Gloria Jean Willoughby (nee: Gelette), late of Canwood, SK, announce her passing on July 8, 2020 surrounded by her family at the age of 64.

Gloria was born in

North Battleford, SK, and grew up in Sturgeon Valley. She attended school in Wild Rose and Prince Albert. In 1975 she married Darryl Willoughby. Throughout her life they were avid curlers. In 1977 she had a son, Dustin, and in 1979 a daughter, Angela. Gloria worked various jobs, she was a cook for many years for Sandy Kwong, and at the last was in laundry at Whispering Pine Place Nursing Home. Gloria and Darryl opened a small market garden from their acreage, Gloria loved to garden, weeding was her most favorite past time. In 2011, a granddaughter

arrived, Avery, and she was always grandma's little helper. They baked together and did many crafts together. She will never be forgotten but sadly missed by all who knew her, but most of all her family. Gloria is lovingly survived by her husband, Darryl Willoughby; her son, Dustin (Lisa); her daughter Angela (Randy); her granddaughter Avery; her brother Milt Gelette; her sister Cheryl (David) Mason; her brother-in-law, Dennis (Linda) Willoughby; and her three nieces. Gloria is predeceased by her parents, Alvin and Lora Gelette; her mother and father-in-law, Ted and Hilda

Willoughby; her sister-in-law, Marlene Gelette; her niece, Michelle Mason; and her grandson, Michael.

It was Gloria's wish to have a private family service at a later date. In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Gloria to Whispering Pine Place (Box 418 Canwood, SK S0J 0K0). Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Tammy Smart, Funeral Director, Canwood, SK 306-468-2244.

Willoughby; her sister-in-law, Marlene Gelette; her niece, Michelle Mason; and her grandson, Michael.

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Fr. Michael Fahlman
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Whitefish
Sun., 2:30 p.m. - Mass.
Victoire
Sat., 7:30 p.m. - Mass.
Fr. Michael Fahlman
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Sunday, 3 p.m.
St. Agatha's - Shellbrook
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Minutes of a Town of Spiritwood regular meeting

(Where necessary, the following minutes may have been edited for clarity or brevity)

The regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Spiritwood was held in the Council Chambers at the Town Office located at 212 Main Street on February 25, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

In attendance were Mayor Gary von Holwede, Councillor James Bedi, Councillor Debbie Allan, Councillor Bryan Wingerter, Councillor George Pretli, Councillor Brad Nemish, Councillor Shannon Beaulac, and CAO Rhonda Saam.

A quorum being present, Mayor von Holwede called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Chad Braun from SaskWater en-

tered the council meeting at 7:15 pm. Chad discussed and presented SaskWater potential service and investment options relating to the Water Treatment Plant for potable water. Chad Braun left the council meeting at 8:25 pm.

Jim Bedi: That the Accounts for Ratification, Cheque No. 30604 to 30614 in the amount of \$8,554.23 be approved as presented. Seconded by Debbie Allan. Carried.

Shannon Beaulac: That the Accounts for Approval, Cheque No. 30615 to 30633 in the amount of \$9,366.09 be approved as presented. Seconded by Debbie Allan. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we hire Kaeli Cross as Full-Time Events & Recreation Coordinator, effec-

tive March 9, 2020, at a wage rate of \$21.50/hr, including the employer portions for both pension and group benefits. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That Council accepts the tender proposal from Loraas Environmental Services Ltd., and enter into a 5 year agreement for waste disposal/recycling collection services for hand carts and bins, effective March 1, 2020; Where as, the 5 year term for waste/recycling hand cart collection service was proposed as follows: \$281,664 total fees from Loraas Environmental Services Ltd., \$319,200 total fees from Greenland Waste Disposal (2003) Ltd., as well as unit price comparisons for waste/recycle bins.

Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

Brad Nemish: That we purchase the following signs in alignment with our budget for the SGI Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant as quoted; 2 Ped-in-a-Bag signs from ATS Traffic for \$1,050.44 plus tax, 2 Pedestrian Crossing Amber Light Signs from Airmaster Signs for \$6,683.03 plus tax, and 1 Solar Speed Display Sign from Airmaster Signs for \$3,087.75 plus tax. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we approve Building Permit #01-2020SW to construct a warehouse at 110 Main Street, upon approval of the building inspector. Seconded by Debbie Allan.

Carried.

Jim Bedi: That we approve Demo Permit #01-2020 to demolish the existing warehouse at 110 Main Street subject to the condition that the materials be disposed of as per the Ministry of Environment at a permitted or approved landfill or transfer station, and that safety fences and barricades must be used for public safety. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Jim Bedi: That we approve Development Permit #D1-2020 for the addition of a grain storage bin on Parcel UH. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Shannon Beaulac: That this meeting be adjourned at 8:45 PM. Carried.

Reducing garden chemical pesticide use

By Sara Williams and Erl Svendsen

We want our plants in the garden to look their best, and our veggie patch to produce bumper crops. But that can be a challenge when insect pests and diseases arrive – they have their own agenda (eat everything). For some, all insects are potential pests, while the truth is, only a very small percentage cause damage. We are pressured by our neighbours and by the persuasive and pervasive mar-

keting of pesticide manufacturers to have an immaculate lawn and garden. So, our first response may be to get out the chemical big guns and fog everything and everywhere. And if we've been bitten in the past, we may be on the offensive and spray even before there are signs of damage.

However, consider your own immediate environment. Your yard and garden is where you and your family live and play. Many pesticides can be toxic to pets

and people. They can enter our food web and our ground water. Therefore, one of your objectives in managing pests in your gardens should be to gain a satisfactory level of control with the least harm to the environment and the least risk to you, your children, neighbours and pets.

Follow these simple tips to eliminating or substantially reduce unnecessary spraying.

Reduce the potential for pest invasion.

Healthy plants are less vulnerable to disease. Give them the conditions they will flourish in. Some prefer full sun, others shade. Some are drought-tolerant, while others need an even moisture supply. Do your homework. This may be as simple as following the advice on the plant tag.

Do not over-fertilize, especially with nitrogen. Too much nitrogen produces lush, succulent growth that is vulnerable to insect and disease attack. It also reduces air circulation, so foliage takes longer to dry out after rain or irrigation. Wet foliage is a perfect home for disease organisms.

Water early in the day so foliage dries out quickly. Where possible, use drip irrigation or soaker hoses to apply water to the soil surface (and closer to the rootzone) to avoid wetting the leaves. This will also save on your water bill.

Provide optimal spacing to give each plant enough light, water and nutrients. Plants that are crowded and lack good air circulation, or are planted in poorly drained soil are more vulnerable to disease.

Use insect and disease resistant varieties. This is such an easy way to avoid problems. For example, if fire-blight has been a problem, select a 'Thunderchild' flowering crabapple. 'Dropmore' linden is resistant to the leaf gall mite, a microscopic insect that causes the myriad of little bumps on leaves. 'Copenhagen Market', 'Early Jersey Wakefield' or 'Mam-

moth Red Rock' cabbage cultivars have good flea beetle resistance. As does 'Atlantic', 'Coastal', 'Gem', and 'Italian Green Sprouting' broccoli cultivars. Anthracnose can be devastating to cucumbers, but you need never have to deal with it if you choose 'Dasher II', 'Diva', 'Fanfare', 'Sweet Slice' cultivars.

Insect pests have their own pests (natural enemies). These natural enemies (predators, parasitoids) are working in the background for you for free, and they may already have the situation under control. Since most insecticides are broad-spectrum rather than specific, they kill the "good guys" as well as the pests. In addition, insects and diseases have a remarkable capacity for adaptation and often develop pesticide resistance, rendering them ineffective. Learn what the natural enemies (and other beneficial insects) look like and avoid harming them.

Know what you're con-

trolling. Knowing what's caused the damage can also let you choose the best time and method of control. Also, some pests may have already moved on to another life stage that is less susceptible to chemical control. So, before you spray, inspect your plants and look for the culprits. Then choose a control method that targets your pests.

Early intervention: Don't wait until your plants are totally infested. If you've had a particular pest in the past it may be back: know what and where to look for their eggs and larvae. Also, insects have an astonishing ability to reproduce. Get in early before they've had a chance to spread out.

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