



## Spiritwood Public Library receives Lions grant



Librarian Joyce Carriere (left) receiving the Spiritwood and District Lions 2020 Lottery Grant for \$800 from Lion Shelley Allard.

This year's first recipient of the Spiritwood and District Lions 2020 Lottery Grant is Spiritwood Public Library. Lion Shelley Allard, who heads up the Grant project, was happy to present the \$800 cheque to a thrilled Librarian, Joyce Carriere.

The Lottery Grant is awarded twice a year by the Spiritwood and District Lions Club, with funds coming from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Non-Profit Community Group Program.

To qualify for the grant, a few criteria need to be met. The group or organization should be non-profit, serve the immediate area in or around Spir-

itwood, and have a service-related mandate that pertains to youth, community, and charity. If selected as the recipient, the funds should be used for non-salary, non-administrative, and non-operational projects, and the group should acknowledge the Spiritwood and District Lions Club.

Applications require a short description of the project the funds will be used for. These applications are reviewed by a small committee of Spiritwood Lions, who have no affiliation with the organizations who submit applications.

The Spiritwood Public Library

plans to use the funds to help enhance the children's corner at the library with a colourful learning block carpet with matching squares. Any leftover funds will go towards educational toys to add to the children's corner. The desired learning block carpet will contain letters, numbers, and shapes with squares that aim to help kids with number, letter, and shape recognition and well as matching skills.

Joyce says that the library has been busy since it could open the doors to the public again on July 14, following some lifted restrictions set in place

during the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to allowing public access, the Spiritwood Public Library was offering curbside pickup, which was well used according to Joyce. The library is currently allowing 5 patrons to be in the facility at a time and is requiring that children be accompanied by an adult.

The Spiritwood Lions Club was very pleased to be able to award the grant to the Spiritwood Public Library, as it is an integral part of our community and an excellent resource for youth that helps foster learning and development.



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# Future of Shellbrook rail station looking more hopeful

The Shellbrook CN Railway Station may get a new lease on life, and a brand new purpose for existing, if Shellbrook's town council proves amenable to a proposal, being put forward by a local group, to save the building from demolition.

Shellbrook's town council originally floated the idea of demolishing the station, and even drafted a bylaw to remove its heritage status, at its regular meeting in May. In the end, council voted to give the station a 90-day reprieve, to allow interested parties enough time to put together a proposal to save the building.

Two months later, those interested parties have completed their first proposal, which calls for the station to be transformed into an "artisan's co-operative," and are ready to present it to the town.

"Our goal of preserving the train station is to pass on its legacy," the proposal states. "Our vision is to create an artisan's co-operative that would make the train station a thriving landmark on Shellbrook's Main Street."

Under the terms put forth in the proposal, Nancy Carswell and



**The Shellbrook CN Railway Station.**

Marlene Fellows would establish a non-profit membership corporation to oversee the station and help raise funds to maintain the building.

The proposal asks that the town give Carswell and Fellows until June 1, 2021 to establish the non-profit and develop a viable business plan. Once that's done, the non-profit would purchase the station from the town for \$1.

The proposal also asks that the town consider exempting the station from paying property taxes in its first year of operation.

Finally, should the arrangement prove to not be viable by June 1, 2022, the non-profit would be dissolved and the station would be re-

turned to the Town of Shellbrook to do with as it wishes.

Though the proposal doesn't outline exactly what's meant by an artisan's co-operative, Fellows explained that the building would serve as a year-around place for local artists and artisans to gather and sell their works. In return, the non-profit would take a percentage of any sales.

While this is the main idea put forth in the proposal, Fellows says there are plenty of other ideas being pitched for attractions and events that could be hosted at the station to bring in funds for the building.

As for what would become of the Shellbrook & District Heritage Museum, the proposal says that the station would continue to display parts of the museum's collection. And, thanks to the Town of Shellbrook, some items not on display will be temporarily stored in the Shellbrook Community Hall.

The Shellbrook Tour-

ist Booth has also been suggested as a temporary location for some pieces of the museum's collection.

For his part, Shell-

brook Mayor George Tomporowski says council is willing to work with the community and those interested in saving the railway station.

But given that the building isn't currently being utilized, and the estimated \$300,000 to \$400,000 cost to make it safe for public use, he adds council agreed that demolishing the building would be the most viable option.

"If we could find a way to preserve the building we would, but nobody wants their taxes to go up. It's one of those situations where, if you retain it, it's going to cost

money," he said back in May, noting that this would mean the town would be subsidizing the building.

"We have so many things we need to do, and one of the most urgent ones is the water treatment plant. So where do you want the money to go? From our perspective, there was no question."

Meeting Monday evening, council discussed the proposal for the station. While it was unanimously in favour of saving the building if at all possible, it agreed that a more detailed plan was needed before proceeding.

## Twardzik wins quarantine shadowboxing contest

Local boxer, Stuart Twardzik, has kept up daily training amid the COVID-19 pandemic, with hopes to be back in the ring soon. His second fight was unfortunately cancelled due to restrictions put in place across the country.

Amidst the pandemic, the Canadian Professional Boxing Council decided to hold a Shadowboxing Contest, where those interested uploaded a video of themselves shadowboxing along with #cpbshadowboxingcontest in the caption. The top 10 videos across the country were selected by public vote, while the CPBC board evaluated the 10 most popular videos based on head movement, foot work, speed, and combos.

Local boxer Twardzik was selected as the top placing entry in the contest, and was also given the titles of North American and International Champion.



**Local boxer Stuart Twardzik was the top placing contestant in the Canadian Professional boxing Council's Shadowboxing Contest. He received the gold medal for the Canadian, North American, and International competitions.**

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Public Works and Government Services Canada is asking interested parties to submit a response by August 13, 2020, with respect to providing office space for lease in buildings in Spiritwood, for a term of five (5) years commencing on or about September 1, 2023.

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### INVITATION À SOUMETTRE UNE EXPRESSION D'INTÉRÊT CONCERNANT LA DISPONIBILITÉ DE LOCAUX À LOUER À SPIRITWOOD (SASKATCHEWAN) NUMÉRO DE DOSSIER : 81001817

Travaux publics et Services gouvernementaux Canada invite toutes les parties intéressées à soumettre une réponse, au plus tard le 13 août 2020, concernant la disponibilité de locaux à bureaux à louer dans des immeubles à Spiritwood, pour un bail de cinq (5) ans débutant le ou vers le 1<sup>er</sup> septembre 2023.

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# Shellbrook Fire Department receives \$1,500 grant

The Shellbrook Volunteer Fire Department has upgraded its logistical capabilities to respond to emergencies, after receiving a \$1,500 grant through FM Global's Fire Prevention Grant Program.

Thanks to the legwork put in by Shellbrook Fire and Rescue member Al Dion, the department was selected from a pool of more than 5,000 applicants for the grant, which provides funding to support a wide array of fire prevention, preparedness and control efforts, including pre-incident planning, fire prevention education/training and arson prevention/fire investigation.

For the Shellbrook Volunteer Fire Department, the grant money will help it upgrade its tech configuration — consisting of iPads for the fire

trucks and a large monitor in the Fire Hall — allowing the department to respond to calls to service more efficiently.

"When we get a call, our alarm goes off. We can come in here... and we know who's responding and how far away they are," said fire department member Larry Bergen.

Fire Chief Kerry Wendel adds that the setup would work really well in a wildfire situation.

"If all four trucks were out, and [a unit] needed water, and we wanted to know where the yellow truck was so we could get water, we'd just look on the iPad," he explained, noting that the iPad software creates a GPS marker for each of the vehicles.

The tech upgrade is also helpful for fighting fires within town limits, says firefighter Darwin

Baptist, because it allows firefighters to bring up a map with the locations of every fire hydrant in town.

This translates into important time savings in situations when every second counts.

"You're not driving down the street looking for a hydrant or sending someone to find where they are," Baptist said.

Though the \$1,500 from the grant is far from a fortune, every penny counts for the Shellbrook Volunteer Fire Department, because maintaining equipment and vehicles doesn't come cheap, and the Town of Shellbrook and the R.M. of Shellbrook can only budget so much in a year.

Baptist says that the department just finished building its rescue truck in 2019. Three years before that, the department spent \$50,000, and put lots of man hours, into its bush unit — this was a huge savings compared to the \$110,000 it would have cost to purchase a similar unit.

The department also recently spent \$20,000 to replace the cracked and leaking plastic tank in one of its main fire trucks with a stainless steel tank. And, finally, it spent \$5,000, and many more man hours, to upgrade the pump in "Old Yellow" and make it more useful.

"You have to save for awhile," Baptist said. "Things aren't cheap."

On the equipment side, the department has replaced six sets of turnout gear over the past two years, with each set carrying a price tag of

\$3,500.

This is a recurring expense for the fire department, as the gear is supposed to be replaced every 10 to 15 years. This is something the fire department has been gradually working on, as some of its sets of gear are 20 to 25 years old.

With the department's

membership currently sitting at 11 members, that's a lot of gear to maintain. And Baptist says there could be more members joining the department's ranks soon.

"We've got a couple who are interested, but we're waiting for COVID to go away before we start training again," he

said.

The Shellbrook Volunteer Fire Department responds to about 90 calls per year. Last year, Shellbrook tied for the second most STARS landings in the province with 35 calls to service (as no one pays for STARS these, too, come out of the department's budget).



Firefighter Larry Bergen, fire chief Kerry Wendel, firefighter Darwin Baptist, and Fire and Rescue member Al Dion with the fire prevention plaque from FM Global.

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## Trudeau apologies sound like broken record

A few years back, when there were kerfuffles around some local council tables regarding ethics and conflicts of interest, it was understandable.

After all, the folks who run for council in small towns, villages, and rural municipalities, are typically our next door neighbours, not career politicians.

They're simple folks, who are, by and large, running for office because they want to better their communities. And so, we can typically forgive them for not fully understanding every facet and rule of the dense legislation that governs the actions of municipal governments.

What's more, after these few kerfuffles, we saw our local councils educate themselves about the codes of conduct for elected officials. And, for the most part, we haven't experienced any further issues.

It's rare that politicians and governments get any credit for getting something right. It's far too easy to focus on the one mistake in ten that a person makes, and forget the nine



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times said person did things correctly.

However, the fact that small-town governments seem to have figured out the whole ethics thing does raise an interesting question.

If a bunch of farmers and small-town business owners can run an ethical government, despite having no experience in politics, why is it so hard for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his Liberal government get it right?

Accountability and transparency were two of the key words uttered frequently by Mr. Trudeau during his successful Prime Ministerial bid in 2015. But questions about his ability to deliver both of these things to Canadians arose almost immediately after he took office.

One of his government's first actions was to axe the First Nations Financial Transparency Act, a Harper era policy that required First Nations leaders to make their financials publicly available to band members, or else have their non-essential funding frozen.

If it had been fully enacted, the act

could have prevented scenarios in which band Chiefs and councillors were taking home six figures while their communities received nothing.

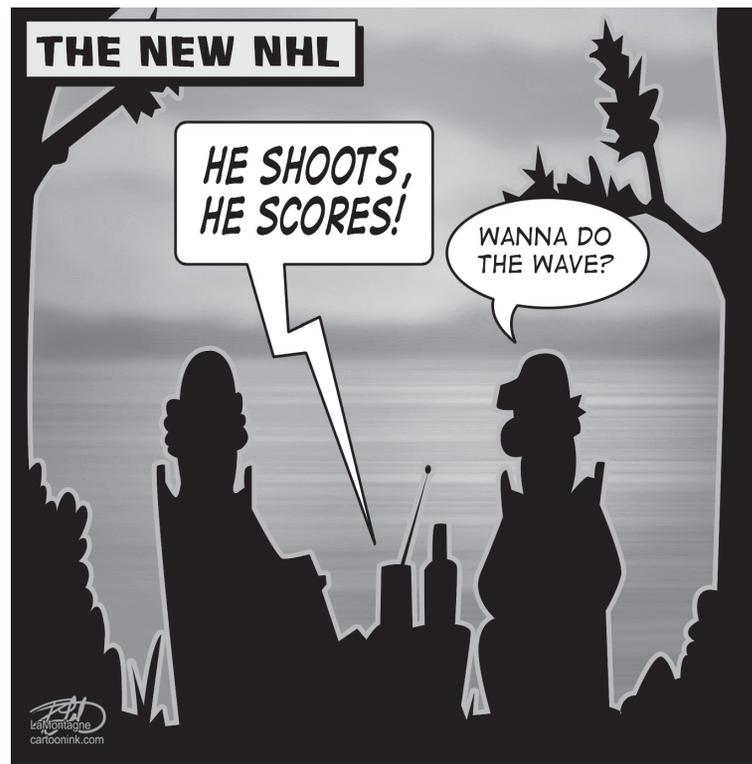
About two years later, in 2017, Mr. Trudeau was found guilty of violating ethics rules for accepting a gift of a family vacation to a rich friend's island over the Christmas season.

And last year, of course, Mr. Trudeau's government was fractured by the SNC Lavalin affair, when Mr. Trudeau was found by the ethics commissioner to have inappropriately pressured then-Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould to grant a deferred prosecution deal to the Québec-based engineering firm.

There have been many other blunders over the past five years that have fallen short of being ethical violations; the embarrassing Trudeau family cultural appropriation tour of India, and Mr. Trudeau's past love of donning brownface and blackface, to name just a couple.

In all these instances, save the SNC Lavalin scandal, Mr. Trudeau has adopted the appropriate tone of contrition and promised to do better next time.

But then, inevitably, Mr. Trudeau goes back to the unethical behaviour that has become the hallmark



of his tenure as prime minister.

Case in point, the ongoing WE Charity quagmire, in which Mr. Trudeau's government gave \$19.5 million to the organization to administer the Canada Service Student Grant, a \$912 million program offering grants of \$1,000 to \$5,000 to post-secondary students in return for supervised volunteer hours.

This wasn't a case of a ministry making a decision without Mr. Trudeau's oversight.

Mr. Trudeau sat in on the discussions, and failed to recuse himself, knowing full-well that his wife, his

mother, and his brother, had all been paid to participate in or speak at past We Charity events.

Now, the ethics commissioner is investigating Mr. Trudeau. Again.

And Mr. Trudeau is apologizing. Again.

But even if Mr. Trudeau's familial ties to We didn't factor into his government's decision, Mr. Trudeau should have known better.

This far into the game, he shouldn't have to apologize for these rookie mistakes, and Canadians shouldn't accept his apologies, either.

## Internal "review" into long-term care an insult: Meili

NDP Leader Ryan Meili called the government's "internal review" into long-term care standards in Saskatchewan an insult, and called on the Sask. Party government to do a proper review of long-term care. He also committed to appointing an independent Seniors' Advocate and introducing legislated minimum care standards.

"This government has spent years dismissing the calls of families and seniors for better, safer care across the province," said Meili. "It is an insult to everyone who has

stepped forward with good-faith concerns about the abysmal level of care this government provides to announce an 'internal review' without telling anyone what they are reviewing and who will be involved."

An SHA statement yesterday indicated that this review of guidelines is currently underway. Health Minister Jim Reiter has dismissed the distinction between the current unenforceable guidelines and the legislated care standards they got rid of in 2011 as "semantics." Scott Moe has likewise

stated that existing guidelines "are working."

"The Sask. Party has said repeatedly that their guidelines are good enough, but we've heard from family after family that a lack of care standards and inadequate funding mean people are hurting," said Meili. "Internal reviews are a part of the problem. We need independent oversight in the form of a Seniors' Advocate, legislated standards of care, dedicated resources to ensure seniors get the care they need, and building a

home care system that allows more seniors to safely stay in their homes."

The NDP opposition has pushed repeatedly for action to address the understaffing in Saskatchewan's long-term care homes for seniors.

"Our seniors deserve better – especially during a pandemic," said Meili. "They're bearing the greatest risk, and they've made great sacrifices, enduring isolation and disruption of care. We owe it to them to do better."

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# Highlights of a town of Shellbrook council meeting

Shellbrook's town council met on July 20. Present at the meeting were Mayor George Tomporowski, councillors Lyle Banda, Bruce Clements, Lois Freeman, David Knight, Kathleen Nording, and Amund Otterson, and the town's administrator, Kelly Hoare.

Mayor Tomporowski called the meeting to order at 6 p.m., and council began by approving the agenda for the evening,

and adopting the minutes of its June 15 meeting. With no old business arising from said minutes, council moved on to provide its reports.

Recreation items dominated the news from council, starting with the announcement that a new swing set is expected to be installed at Centennial Park at some point this week.

Councillor Clements, meanwhile, reported feedback from ratepay-

ers that the lifeguards and Shellbrook Swimming Pool staff are doing an excellent job of cleaning the pool and ensuring that physical distancing is being maintained.

In minor sports news, councillor Banda provided a recap of a recent meeting with Shellbrook Minor Sports regarding what remains of the softball season, and the Shellbrook Sports Grounds.

Banda reported that the cancellation of minor ball due to COVID-19 resulted in the Sports Grounds being neglected. To prevent this from happening in the future, Banda said that facilities manager, Jody Smart, would be meeting with Shellbrook Minor Sports to create a list of "who does what" going forward.

Continuing with his report, Banda called on council to consider making the Shellbrook Sports Grounds more of a priority going forward, given all of the attention that has gone towards the Shellbrook Recreation Complex and the Swimming Pool in recent years.

Finally, Banda informed council of tentative plans to host a provincial ball tournament at the Sports Grounds at

some point this summer. While he was reasonably confident that the tournament will go ahead, he said nothing is official yet.

Banda also asked whether the town would want to open the Centennial Building for the tournament.

Moving onto hospitals and clinics reports, councillor Knight expressed concern over the availability of COVID-19 testing and the timeliness of test results in Shellbrook. Councillor Nording shared his worries, noting that it seemed to be quicker to go to Prince Albert for testing.

Elsewhere, councillor Otterson reported that the Hospital Foundation is looking at spending some money to improve lighting on the south side of Parkland Integrated Health Centre. The hope is to encourage staff to park at the back of the facility, which will free up more public parking at the front.

In other reports, councillor Nording said a meeting will have to be held in the near future to discuss the re-opening of the Shellbrook Theatre.

And, rounding out the reports, council discussed the problem of dirt bikers and quad rid-

ers riding on the high school grounds, the Sports Grounds, and other prohibited areas in town.

Councillor Banda noted that the RCMP had been informed of the issue on multiple occasions, but that riders had to be caught in the act.

Hoare said the issue could be mentioned to the town's bylaw officer.

Moving to new business, council discussed the plans for a dog park in town.

Council noted that public works has put work into spraying and readying the area, and that all that's needed now is fencing. The fencing of the park, however, is contingent upon the group behind the dog park idea raising the necessary funds for it.

Up next, council addressed a proposal regarding the future of the Shellbrook CN Railway Station. The proposal would see the building purchased from the town for \$1, and turned into an "artisan's collective" to be overseen by a non-profit organization.

Council was, by and large, in favour of the idea of saving the building, but agreed that it needed to meet with the group behind the proposal to gather more

details before making a final decision.

Later on, council discussed its options for the long talked about upgrades to the water treatment plant.

Hoare informed council that the town would have to borrow the whole \$6.8 million sum of the project, as it didn't qualify for infrastructure grants.

She said that any Municipal Enhancement and Gas Tax funding could be put toward the bill, and that the town could still apply for any future grants that come up. Council agreed that it should consult a broker to get the best interest rate on its loan.

In other new business, council agreed to give the Shellbrook Senior's Association the \$500 it would normally give to the organization for volunteering at the tourist booth. It also agreed to waive the organization's utility bills at the Shellbrook Senior Citizen's Centre, as it hasn't been able to do any fundraising due to COVID-19.

To wrap up the meeting, councillor Otterson was appointed to serve as deputy mayor for the next four months, and council set Monday, Aug. 17, as the date for its next regular meeting.

## GOOD NEWS

### COVID-19 SHOWS US THAT EVERYTHING HAS ITS SEASON

By Jonathan Worrall

Student Minister, Knox United Church

The changing of seasons demonstrates the impermanence of all things. Scripture tells us that there is a time for every activity under heaven (Ecclesiastes 3). I have been reflecting on this for the past few months. As the churches suspended their services in response to the pandemic, our worship moved online. For the congregants who did not possess a computer or internet access, a congregant and I would walk through town, hand delivering services.

When we first started our deliveries, there was an overabundance of snow, chilly weather, and harsh winds. As the weeks progressed, we witnessed the gradual disappearance of winter accompanied by warmer weather. Eventually, numerous people could reliably be found in their gardens or yards. The golf courses opened, providing an opportunity for golfers to engage in their favourite pastimes, enjoy the pleasant weather, and some human interaction.

As the seasons changed, so too did the restrictions and other policies regarding life under COVID-19. Emerging from isolation, people are now able to more freely visit their friends and loved ones (provided they follow the health regions guidelines). There is a time or a season for everything.

As life continues, I hope that we may carry with us what we have learned or realized a newfound appreciation for. Personally, I welcomed the lessened pace of life. Prior to the outbreak, it seemed like I was always busy with something, having some place to go, or some other item to cross off the to-do list. Life always seemed far too busy. The isolation period allowed me time to reflect. Despite the daily struggles and frustrations, I felt like I was able to commune with the divine in a different way. In addition, it provided me with both the time and the opportunity to actually visit with congregants, to get to know them better. Life during the pandemic illustrated how connected we all are, both locally and globally. No one is an island; we are all in this together.

I hope that as life returns to a state of normalcy (or whatever "normal" looks like these days), that we hold dear and remember what we have discovered during these past few months. May we remember to find time for rest and reflection, to reach out to friends and loved ones; to stay in touch. May we find joy and pleasure in the simple things; take time to walk and smell the roses. May we have respect for all of creation. May we remember to live in proper relation with each other and with God.

Lastly, may God bless and keep you all.

# Thank You

*Northern Spirit 4H Club would like to thank all our buyers this 4H season. Due to the circumstances with covid 19 we truly appreciate all your support.*

**On behalf of Northern Spirit 4H Club we would like to thank all our kids buyers for their steers and sheep. A big thank you as well to the Spiritwood Stockyards for the use of their facility for weigh day. Due to the circumstances this year with the COVID-19 we all can't thank you enough.**

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## OBITUARIES

*Edward Dixon & Marie Dixon*

Edward Dixon - April 21,  
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Marie Dixon - May 8, 1928  
- February 5, 2020

Ed and Marie started their journey when they married in Glaslyn on June 19, 1950 and then made their home in Spiritwood. Ed owned and operated a welding shop and construction business and also served as Councillor and

Mayor of Spiritwood. Marie worked for the Town of Spiritwood, the doctor's office and as a typing instructor at the local High School. In 1969 they moved to Saskatoon where Ed worked for ASL Paving and Marie worked for Starlite Bottlers.

They always loved Spiritwood and the surrounding countryside, especially their time spent up at Chitek Lake. This is where they and their family spent many summers. It is where they taught their granddaughters to walk, all about the beauty and wonders of nature, as well as countless rounds of their favourite board game Rummoli.

They cherished their memories of Spiritwood; of family and all the people they knew, grew up with, went to dances with, celebrated life with and



came to know and value as lifelong friends.

It is their wish, and our honor to bring them home to be interned at Spiritwood Cemetery alongside family. There will be a small graveside service to celebrate their earthly home on July 25, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Ed is survived by brothers Jack (Olga), Sam (Janice) and sister Dorothy, sister-in-law Doreen and their families. His Father and Mother, Edward

Sr. and Ina Evelyn, brother George and sister Winnifred have since passed away.

Marie is survived by sister-in-law Hermanah, her son Paul and his family. She is predeceased by her Father and Mother, Paul and Marie Zawadke, brothers Joe, Frank, Marcel and sisters Augusta, Agnes and Margaret.

Ed and Marie leave behind a son Don (Lisa) and grandson Chris (Amy), a daughter Debby and granddaughters

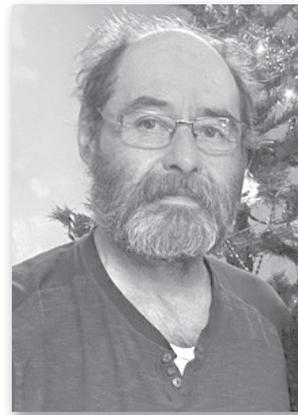
Shavaun (Jeff) and Shandra, also special long-time family friend Ken Dueck.

They were amazing parents who did everything with and for their children and grandchildren. They loved life and had an amazing 57 years together.

Together now, at home, at rest, at peace.

We love you Dad, Mom, Grandpa and Grandma

Ed and Marie Dixon  
Together Forever

*Timothy Endicott*

ENDICOTT - Timothy  
1956 - 2020

The family of Tim Endicott are heartbroken to announce the passing of their husband and father on the 15th of July, 2020 at the age of 63.

Tim lived on a farm in the Debden area with his wife Carmen, where they built a life together and raised their son, Clayton and their daughter Hailey.

He loved the outdoors, ski-dooing, fishing, and hunting was just a few of his favorite pastimes. Tim was always there and quick to lend a hand to anyone that needed it. He will be missed dearly by all of his friends and family.

Tim is lovingly survived by his wife, Carmen Endicott of Debden, SK; his children, Clayton (Brittany) Endicott of Debden, SK; Hailey Endicott (Elliot Trischuk) of Saskatoon, SK; his mother Victoria Endicott of Moose Jaw, SK; his mother-in-law, Irene Dulle of Saskatoon, SK; his siblings, Greg (Darla) Endicott of Moose Jaw, SK, Norman (Shirley) Endicott of Moose Jaw, SK, Niki (Joel) Cyrenne of Swift Current, SK; his sister-in-law Glenda Berscheid of Debden, SK; his brother-

in-law Perry Skagen of Grande Cache, AB.

Tim was predeceased by his father Eldon Endicott; his sister, Kathy Skagen; his sister-in-law, Nada Dulle; his brother-in-law, Arnold Berscheid; and his father-in-law, Julian Dulle.

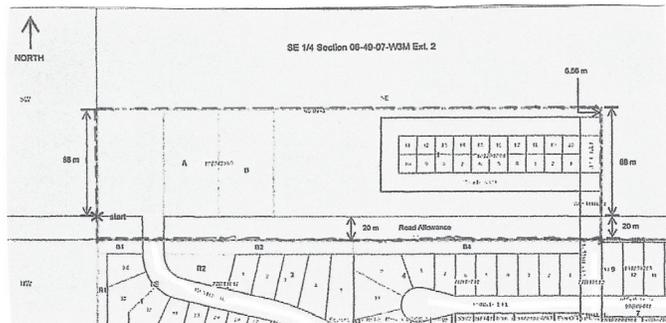
There will be a Celebration of Life held for Tim at a later date to be announced. In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Tim to either the Canadian Diabetes Association or to the Arthritis Society. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com) Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Tammy Smart, Funeral Director, Debden, SK 306-724-4474.

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020, at 2:30 p.m. at the Shell Lake Lions Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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:

Resort Village of Pebble Baye, Box 449, Canwood, Saskatchewan, S0J 0K0.

A written notice of objection must be received by the administrator by the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

Terry Lofstrom

Administrator - Resort Village of Pebble Baye

*Ronald Carl Hintz*

HINTZ - Ronald Carl  
1947 - 2020

On February 13, 2020, at the age of 73 years, Ron (Carl) passed peacefully away in Prince Albert, SK surrounded by his brother and close family. Ron was predeceased by: his loving wife Luba (2011); his parents Walter (1985) and Katherine (Katie) (1991)

Hintz; 2 brothers Edwin (1976) and Clifford (1998), and 2 sisters Tilly (2009) and Ruby in December (2019).

Ronald was born to Katie (Erstein) and Walter Hintz on January 6, 1947 in Leask. He was the second youngest of 6 children. Ron grew up on a farm five miles east of Leask, SK. In October 1967, he met Bertha Pidorochynski, they married 3 months later. In October 1968, Ronnie welcomed his first of 8 children. From this point he farmed and worked on construction projects until 1983 when he began working for Alto Construction. Ron and Bertha divorced in 1986. In 1990 (Ron) Carl met Luba Crawford and they married in January 1991. Together

they made their home in Minowukaw Beach, Candle Lake. He spent his years in Candle Lake outfitting, running a trap line and operating businesses in the tourist industry. Together he and Luba proudly built the "Ponderosa Pine Lodge" in the forest along Torch River.

Ronald Carl is survived by his brother Tom Hintz, children Peggy (Thomas) Kochanski, Pamela Hintz, Penny Hintz, Poppy (Dwayne) Jeffery, Walter Hintz, Clayton (Ruthann) Tucker, Lori Kurmey, Quentin Hintz; his stepchildren James (Annie) Crawford, Wayne (Patty) Crawford, Dennis (Dawn) Crawford, eight grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, relatives and friends from Minowukaw Beach.

## Ag tech will revolutionize field mapping

There is little doubt that moving forward technological advancements will be the biggest change for producers in the coming years.

There is a good chance the influence of technology will be most keenly felt in the area of field mapping since that offers the greatest potential to maximize yields on a near square-foot by square-foot basis, while also targeting the financial commitment to where the dollars do the most good.

A field, even a small one, is not the same corner to corner, varying from a wind-swept hill,

to low spots where water pools, to areas with stone, to saline patches.

The nutrient level of areas, of course, can vary in accordance with some of the topographical conditions.

And of course weed pressures can vary too, based on a variance of factors.

Mapping the soil profile, increasingly from above using drones, allows more precise application of needed nutrients, and herbicides to deal with weeds where they exist, not necessarily across an entire field.

So, the more detailed the information a drone



CALVIN DANIELS

can provide, the more useful it can be in targeting management techniques when it comes to applying inputs.

Of course the level of drone technology is at the heart of its ability to gather information.

Considering the broad

interest in drone technology in fields beyond agriculture, forestry, mine exploration, and military applications among them, the development pace of technology is likely to advance more quickly than would be the case if they were merely for farm use.

So, farmers can expect better and better drones arriving with agricultural potential.

For example, an imaging system for drones that offers 10 spectral bands has recently been released by MicaSense, a Seattle-based developer of multispectral imaging hardware.

The company already offers a five spectral band camera with five separate lenses called RedEdge-MX, as well as its higher-resolution Altum multispectral camera that captures five bands but also captures a radiometric thermal layer.

Simply put, more cameras offer more diverse imaging opportunities from a single pass, and that allows for more information to be extrapolated from the varied spectral images.

Ultimately, a producer ends up with a more complete picture of the field in terms of

soil conditions and nutrient needs. The better the predicted needs are, the better the response to those needs can be in a targeted fashion, investing in nutrients and crop protection products at optimum levels in increasingly smaller areas of a field to maximize returns.

Of course the drone data results need to be married to GPS applications in terms of drill fertilizer placement and spray applications, but the soil data is the key first link in the chain, making drone development critical to farming's future.

### OBITUARIES

#### Lawrence Jonasson



Survived by his wife Elsa Jonasson;

His children: Kenneth (Joanne) and family: Melissa (Brad) Sander, Jonathon (Ashley) Jonasson; Sandra (Marty) Wilson and family: Jason (Kayla) Wilson, Becky Wilson; Valerie (Henry) Krahn and family: Bobby (Kayleigh Walker) Krahn, Michelle (Kyle Lahey) Krahn;

Great grandchildren: Theron and Levi Jonasson; Olivia and Grayson Sander;

Sister, brothers, brothers-in-law, and sister-in-law;

Numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Predeceased by: His son, Clifford Jonasson; His grandsons, Bobby Lee Jonasson, Jonathon Jonasson; His parents, Pete (Swea) Jonasson (step-dad, Eric Larson); His parents-in-law, John (Elvie) Nording; His brothers-in-law, Steven Nording, Oscar Eliason.

Lawrence was an avid fisherman and loved hunting and trapping. He farmed all of his life, and in the winter months to supplement the farm in-

come, Lawrence worked as a heavy equipment operator at the Wollaston Lake Mine. He also worked in and around the High Level, Manning, Grande Prairie, and Brooks areas. He did a lot of carpentry, he was self-taught and could build anything, including houses, barns, decks, furniture, china cabinets, picture frames, and toy boxes. He'd help family, neighbours, and friends with renovations or any other wood projects they needed. He was always there to lend a helping hand or a strong back. Lawrence loved wood working so much that he bought a saw mill to make the lumber he used in some of his projects. He could often be found in the bush cutting trees for his wood stove, which he did right up until last winter.

Lawrence is lovingly remembered by his wife Elsa, family, and friends. A graveside service was held on July 3, 2020 at Stump Lake Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made to Whispering Pine Place, Canwood, SK.

#### Wilfred Lindenbach



LINDENBACH – Wilfred 1938 - 2020

Sadly, on June 30, 2020 Wilfred (Wilf) Glen Adolf Lindenbach passed away at the age of 82 at his home in Shellbrook, Saskatchewan. Wilf was born in Langenburg, Saskatchewan on May 30, 1938 and trained in Diesel Mechanics at the Manitoba Technical Institute – graduating in 1961. He worked as a parts and salesman at Co-op Implements in Prince Albert before becoming manager of the Lloydminster branch in 1970. His sales career took him to Yorkton in 1980 and he semi-retired to Shellbrook in the 1990's where he continued to

work on vehicles and farm equipment for his friends.

Wilf enjoyed golfing and travelling and was a member of the Elks of Canada from 1991 until the local lodge closed and was often seen driving around in 'his blue car,' but what he loved most of all was curling. He curled throughout each winter and dedicated much time to watching and recording curling tournament broadcasts.

Wilf was predeceased by his parents Adam and Elsbeth and brother Allan. He is survived by his son Darryl (Colleen), grandsons Devon and Tavian, brother Art, sisters Arlene, Doris, Frieda, and Loraine and their families.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences, or share a memory of Wilf, are invited to do so by visiting [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Tammy Smart, Shellbrook, SK 306-747-2828.

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## Redskins finally making name change

No clearer evidence that money talks came recently when the owner of the Washington Redskins said he would undertake a “thorough review” of the team’s nickname. In essence, a name change for the National Football League team is imminent.

Through the years, Redskins’ owner Dan Snyder has strongly resisted calls from the politically correct and racially sensitive segments of society to rid the franchise of the name which, as a New York Times story said, “recalls a violent ritual of taking human bodies as trophies.”

The website dictionary.com says ‘redskins’ means “a contemptuous term used to refer to a North American Indian.”

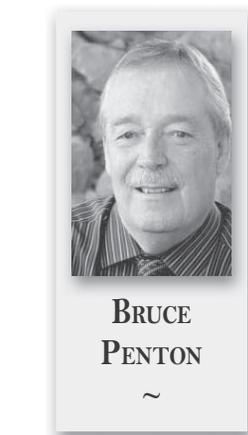
Snyder constantly fought back against critics of the name, saying in 2013 he would NEVER change it, tell-

ing the interviewing USA Today reporter to use all capitals in his story for emphasis.

Well, ‘never’ apparently didn’t last very long.

If embarrassment about having a racial slur for a team name wasn’t motivation enough for change, financial threats from giant corporations Nike and FedEx seemed to have done the trick. Nike said it would eliminate Redskins-logoed gear from its shops and online selling sites, and FedEx, whose CEO is a minority ownership partner of the team and whose company has naming rights at the Washington stadium, said it was time for a new name. The implication, of course, was that FedEx and its millions might disappear if Snyder didn’t co-operate.

Many media outlets have been refusing to use the name ‘Redskins’



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for the past couple of years, given its inappropriateness. Hardliners who view the pressure to change the name a result of political correctness (along the same lines as the removal of Confederate flags from NASCAR race sites and the dismantling of statues of figures whose shady pasts are just now coming to light) are fighting what they view as capitulating to the liberal elite.

But on the same day as the Redskins name controversy hit the media,

owners of the Cleveland Indians announced that they would be undertaking a similar name review. In Canada, the name question came up in the case of the Edmonton Eskimos, and team management promised a review in consultation with Inuit representatives.

Word out of Washington is that the process of changing the team name won’t take long — ‘Warriors’ seems to be the favourite — and that it could actually take effect before the 2020 season begins. Considering it’s been 28 years since their last Super Bowl title, it’s not as if ‘Redskins’ has been a lucky name. A new moniker just might be the start of a redirection the team needs.

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: “New Jersey resident James Micioni died in March at 97, leaving his unsuspecting heirs with

a collection of vintage baseball cards in excellent condition — including ones autographed by Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Jimmy Foxx — worth potential millions. This just in: Gehrig now has competition for Luckiest Man on the Face of the Earth honours.”

• Another one from Perry: “Here’s one sports cliché you might not be hearing for a while: ‘We just wanted to take the crowd out of the game.’”

• Former Mississippi State QB Kyle York, 37, via Twitter, after buying one of his old jerseys for \$20 on eBay: “How do I know this was mine? Easy. I put it on and immediately threw an interception.”

• Patti Dawn Swanson, the River City Renegade, on the approval given for the Blue Jays to play home games in Toronto despite the supposed closure of the U.S-Canada border: “I’m no epidemiologist, but I’d feel safer telling Mike Tyson his face tattoo looks stupid.”

• British pro golfer Eddie Pepperell, on Twitter: “With every drive Bryson (DeChambeau) hits, I see my impending barista job come closer.”

• From media company ‘Baseballer’: “How do we know baseball is America’s pastime? Because kissing a girl is called getting to first

base, not getting a first down.”

• Jeff Macke on Twitter: “Reminder: Everything was fine before Kansas City won the Super Bowl.”

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: “In Arizona, a former marine who played receiver in college football caught a 3-year-old thrown from a third-storey fire. The child is fine, but the catch has been overruled as the receiver tested positive for performance enhancing drugs.”

• Greg Cote of the Miami Herald: “Cubs pitcher Jose Quintana lacerated his thumb while washing dishes. Jose. You make big-league money. Look into this really neat invention. It’s called a dishwasher!”

• From Someone’s An Idiot, via Twitter, after a man driving a stolen car crashed into a woman driving another stolen car in Newberg, Ore: “Grand Theft Auto VI: a love story.”

• Jack Finarelli of SportsCurmudgeon.com, on QB Bobby Layne putting a curse on the Lions when they traded him following their 1957 title season, vowing they wouldn’t win another one for 50 years: “He underestimated the ineptitude of the franchise.”

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

## OBITUARY

### Noelie (Bourassa) Gagne-Schaan



Noelie (Bourassa) (Gagne) Schaan  
December 25, 1922 -  
July 7, 2020

Noelie (Bourassa) (Gagne) Schaan was born Dec. 25, 1922 in Radville, SK and passed away July 7, 2020 at Leoville, SK. She was 97 years of age. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 11:00 am at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Spiritwood, SK with Father Peter Nnanga, MSP as

celebrant. Those participating in the Mass were Larry Schaan – Cross Bearer, Leon Gagne – Urn Bearer, Phil Marion – Music, Readers were Pauline Gagne, Duane LaFreniere and Yvonne Bisson, Honorary Pallbearers were Noelie’s Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren and the Evergreen Health Centre Staff. The Eulogy was given by Adele Horn and Rita Goertzen. Noelie’s final resting place is in the Laventure Cemetery. Noelie is lovingly survived by: her children: Leon (Laurelle) Gagne of Spiritwood, SK and family: Michelle (Jackson) Wells, Pauline Gagne, Conrad (Mandy) Gagne, her son-in-law, Leo LaFreniere of North Battleford, SK and family: Duane (Tressa)

LaFreniere, Clayton (Carol) LaFreniere, Perry (Debbie) LaFreniere, Diane Greenard of Saskatoon, SK and family: Kevin Greenard, Adele (Jim) Horn of Warman, SK and family: Tracy (Ryan) McCleary, Rita Goertzen of La Ronge, SK, 18 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren. Her siblings: Leopold (Irma) Bourassa, Marie Georget, Gerald (Pauline) Bourassa, Frank (Shirley) Bourassa, Sisters-in-law, Laurette and Therese Bourassa, also numerous nieces and nephews. Her stepchildren: Larry (Sharon) Schaan; Sharon (Rob) Dixon; Dianne (Harvey) Franson and Carol (Neil) Fast. She was predeceased by: her husbands, Emile Gagne and Frank

Schaan, daughter, Agnes Lafreniere, son-in-law, Ivan Goertzen, grandchildren, Dallas LaFreniere, Trina (Horn) Genest and Keith Greenard, parents, Aristide and Orise Bourassa, siblings, Omer, Alfred (Lucy), Anna Vallee, Irene Turgeon (Philiias, George), Arthur (Lorna), Adrien and Isabel (Phil) Martindale.

Donations may be made in Noelie’s memory to Evergreen Health Centre, Leoville, SK as tokens of remembrance. Those wishing to send online condolences are invited to visit [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com), Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Mark Muir of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Spiritwood, Sask. (306) 883-3500.

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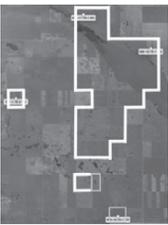
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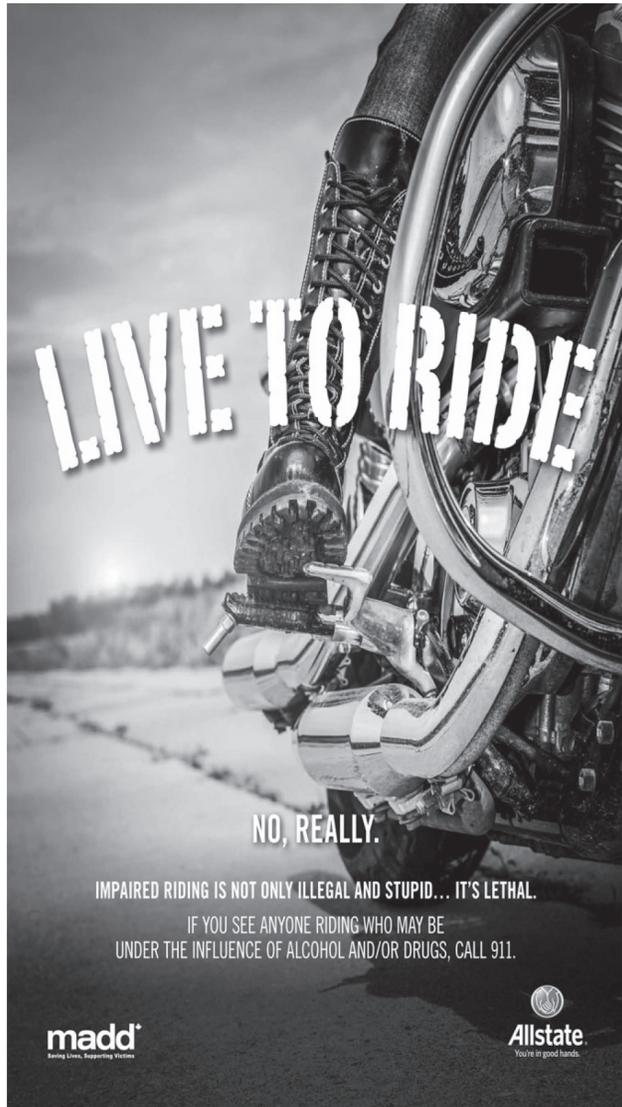
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# Shellbrook Library reopens

Submitted by  
Dian Campbell

The library opened again to the public on July 13, with a limit of 5 patrons accessing the library at one time. We are excited to have people coming into the library. Curbside service is still available to anyone who requires it.

The library was busy during the COVID-19 lockdown. We took time to thoroughly clean the entire library, and do some painting and decorating. Included is the new paint in the Children's sections, as well as our "Butterflies for Hope" - one butterfly decoration for

each day of lockdown. At our reopening, we were at 116 butterflies.

Librarian, Dian Campbell, was also busy setting up Activity Kits for the Summer Reading Program. A generous Grant from the Kimberley Foundation (Pat Morris Communities Matter Initiative) provided funds for 120 take home activity kits for children aged 3-12.

A variety of kits are available, including Exploring the Solar System, Marshmallow Engineering, Kitchen Science, and more. Kits are available to children who register for the

summer Reading Club. Children are asked to keep a reading log and to send in pictures of their Activities. So far over 50 kits have been sent out.

We have one public Computer available for use, as well as our FREE WiFi Service. Our Summer WiFi sponsor is Mumm's Seeds from Parkside.

As a Summer Book Sale is not

possible at the present time, the Library Board has begun an Online Book Auction. The

Auction items are listed on the Shellbrook Library Facebook site. Starting bids are listed, and bids are made

through the comments. Take a look. There are lots of good summer reads.



Andie and Benson Smith create structures with Marshmallow engineering.



Avery Wallin enjoys the science of Slime.



Adyson Wallin makes a spectacular Dream Catcher.



Milo, Natasha and Dawson Naber hang up their bird feeders.



The Shellbrook Public Library has a new children's area.

## What is that nasty-looking thing in my garden?

By Jacey Bell

Have you recently been puzzled by a mysterious mass in your garden that looks akin to dog vomit? With the recent rainy weather in Saskatchewan, it is likely that what you have found is actually a slime mould. Slime moulds are organisms that have long been grouped with fungi, although they are not true fungi themselves. Rather, they share some characteristics with fungi and others with animal-like protozoans such as the

Amoeba.

A common occurrence on moist garden mulch worldwide, Fuligoseptica has earned the descriptive common names 'dog vomit slime mould' and 'scrambled egg slime' for good reason. It first becomes noticeable in a stage called the plasmodium, a large, slimy, white to yellow mass that slowly moves through the yard. It fans its way over mulch and dead vegetation, seeking out bacteria, fungi, and other small bits of organic matter on which

to feed. The plasmodium consumes its meals by engulfing them whole and digesting them within its mass. Incredibly, despite its size of up to 20 cm or more, a plasmodium acts as a single celled organism with many nuclei and no cell walls.

Over the course of a few days, the plasmodium begins to change in colour and texture and ceases to move. This reproductive stage of the life cycle is called an aethalium. Under the crusty exterior of the aethalium, many dark-coloured spores are produced and are spread across the garden by various means such as wind, water, and insects. These spores germinate in the right conditions to form tiny single-celled organisms that live in the soil. When they find a suitable mate, they fuse and form a new plasmodium.

Perhaps the most common questions I receive regarding slime moulds are "What is that?" and "How do I get rid of it?"

Now that we know what it is, I can address that second question: you cannot really get rid of slime moulds. They are much like mushrooms in the lawn; once they are established, they will continue to pop up when the conditions are favourable. This is not necessarily a bad thing! It is important to note that they are not dangerous to you or your pets and they do not seem to have any negative effects on garden plants. In fact, they are a part of the natural nutrient and carbon cycling that occurs in the garden. However, if you find them unsightly, you can give them a spray with the garden hose or rake them into your compost bin. I personally prefer to keep an eye on them and watch their daily movements and eventual transformation as I find it a fascinating reminder of the miniature ecosystems



Slime mould plasmodium on standing dead tree, possibly *Physarum* sp. Photo credit: Jacey Bell

types of slime moulds in one small patch of aspen and poplar forest. If you would like to learn more about the fungi around us you are welcome to join the Saskatchewan Mycological Working Group and come to our future field trips.

Jacey Bell is a laboratory instructor in the Biology Department, University of Saskatchewan, who has recently helped start up the Saskatchewan Mycological Working Group. For more information

join their Facebook group, check out their Instagram @sask\_mycology, or email saskmycology@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list

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Dog vomit slime mould aethalium showing dark spores. Photo credit: Janice Strawson.

that are at work in my own back yard.

Although the dog vomit slime mould seems to be the most common type seen where I live in Saskatchewan, there are plenty of other species in the province. On a recent fungal foray near Redberry Lake with the Saskatchewan Mycological Working Group, I was delighted to find at least three different