



Community finds new ways to remember

Remembrance Day was snowy, windy, and cold this year. While the weather wasn't too out of the ordinary for mid-November in Saskatchewan, it certainly was a different Nov. 11 than years past.

A small service attended by 8 people was held at the Spiritwood Legion Hall on Nov. 11 this year, to honour and remember the sacrifices made by the Canadian armed forces in past wars and current peacekeeping operations. The service, which normally would have been held at the Catholic Church to accommodate the turnout, was sparsely attended, as Health Canada encouraged citizens to avoid gatherings this year due to the ongoing pandemic.

Delores Beaulac of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home led the service, which started with the playing of the Last Post and Reveille. Three members and associates, Jack Boechler, Carol Brisbane, and Betty Hall, from the Spiritwood Legion were in attendance.

The Legion had placed wreaths outside at the Hall at the Cenotaph, so that people could come and pay their respects in a socially distanced manner throughout the week. Many members of the community did just this, with some bringing their own wreaths along with them.

"We all 'REMEMBER'. It's our own way of doing our part to remember today," said Denise Henderson, who laid a wreath at the Cenotaph for her Uncle Doug Wasden with her mother Roberta Wasden. Denise said that while the wreath was only at the cenotaph for a brief minute, her mother had it up in front of her house.

Denise noted seeing other members of the community celebrating in a similar manner that day.

Students of Spiritwood High School Grade 9 Class had painted stones with images of poppies, white crosses, and other symbols that usually mark the day. These were placed around the base of the cenotaph and were popular photo subjects throughout the week.

There were also many businesses and community members who donated to the poppy fund or purchased wreaths for the occasion.

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Some members and associates of the Spiritwood Legion held a small service of 8 people at the Spiritwood Legion Hall on Nov. 11.



Spiritwood High School's Grade 9 Class painted stones with various symbols of Remembrance Day, which were laid at the base of the cenotaph.

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Shellbrook remembers, in spite of COVID-19

In a Remembrance Day unlike any other, members of the Shellbrook Legion, special guests, and about 50 attendees braved blustery and snowy conditions to hold the community's annual Remembrance Day ceremony last Wednesday.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the solemn morning event was unable to be held at the Shellbrook Theatre, meaning there was none of the usual music or scripture readings that

typically accompany the day.

Instead, the socially distanced ceremony was hosted at Veterans' Memorial Park, where the Cenotaph, which honours soldiers whose bodies were never returned home, was decorated with wreaths purchased by local businesses, community organizations and families, as well as the governments of Saskatchewan and Canada.

During the Remembrance Day ceremony,

members of the Shellbrook Legion branch gathered around the Cenotaph along with special guests, including Knights of Columbus member Al Dion and Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly pastor Dave Bodvarson.

Attendees, meanwhile, filled 2nd Avenue East, with some watching the proceedings from their parked vehicles but most choosing to stand in honour of Shellbrook and area veterans.

While the ceremony couldn't include many of the usual hymns and scripture lessons, there was still plenty familiar about it. Members of the Shellbrook Legion read poetry and offered messages, while Pastor Bodvarson provided the blessing.

Also in keeping with tradition, the roll call of Shellbrook and area veterans who have served, and died, in conflicts was read aloud, the Last Post was played, and a moment of silence was



Shellbrook Legion member Anne Gaboury reads out the roll call, honouring Shellbrook and area soldiers who fell in combat.



With the Remembrance Day ceremony concluded, the colours were retired and members of the Shellbrook Legion marched back to the Legion Hall.

observed by all in attendance. Bagpiper David Hjertaas played the Reveille following the silence.

With the brief ceremony concluded, Legion

president Helen Dagenais thanked members of the public for attending. Then, the colours were retired, and members of the Legion and their guests marched back to the Shellbrook Legion Hall.

In a normal year, Remembrance Day in Shellbrook would span at

least a week, rather than being confined to a single event on Nov. 11.

While the Shellbrook Legion was able to hold its annual wreath sale, it wasn't permitted to visit Shellbrook Elementary School or W.P. Sandin High School, where Legion members share their stories of service, and teach students about the importance of Remembrance Day.



Dave Hjertaas plays the Reveille.

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Elks honour Michael Clements with win

Hot off their first season and home opener, the Parkland AA U18 were able to keep their win streak going, with a shaky but successful outing against the Prince Albert Vulcans in Shellbrook on Friday evening.

Before the action could begin, however, Shellbrook Minor Sports took a moment to honour the late Michael Clements, who passed earlier this year and was a staple in Shellbrook's hockey community throughout his minor hockey years and as the backstop of the Shellbrook Elks (a team he led to two Fort Carlton Hockey League titles).

The tribute began with a listing of Michael's hockey accomplishments, and a message to the players on both teams.

"Mike stood in the box you're standing in tonight many times. I believe his message to you would be, 'Forget the word negative. Find positives in life, no matter where you find yourself. Commit yourself and go after your dreams.'"

After this, Premier Scott Moe took a moment to reflect on the importance of small town hockey rinks, the volunteers who help them run successfully, and the community members who support them.

These things, he said, are what allow players like Michael to find so much success.

"Many of us played a role in the successes that Michael had throughout his career," he said. "Many of us in the stands cheered him on as he backstopped



A ceremonial puck-drop was held at Friday evening's game, in honour of the late Michael Clements. With Clements' family looking on, Rylan Moe drew the honour of taking the faceoff for the Parkland Elks.



Bruce Clements speaks on behalf of his family, during a tribute to his late son, Michael Clements, at Friday evening's Parkland AA U18 Elks game.

our Shellbrook Elks, and throughout his years with the midget and bantam teams he played with."

Finally, after being presented with a commemorative jersey in Michael's honour, his father, Bruce Clements, expressed gratitude to the community on behalf of his family, calling the tribute night "very touching."

"This would be a very humbling time for Michael. He was all about giving his best for his team when he was on the ice, and always having fun," he said, before offering his own advice to the players. "When you look at his picture, hopefully he'll remind you to give your best on every shift and enjoy the game, regardless of the score."

With the tribute concluded, it was time for the Parkland AA U18 Elks to get down to business.

Unlike their first outing against the Humboldt Broncos, which saw them cruise to an easy 6-3 win, the Elks showed hesitancy through the first 40 minutes against the Vulcans, tallying only a handful of shots until the midway point of the second period.

Fortunately for them, the Vulcans failed to capitalize on this until nearly 30 minutes into the match, when Larry Flett found the back of the net on the power play. Morgan Miller and Jack Mortimer assisted on the goal.

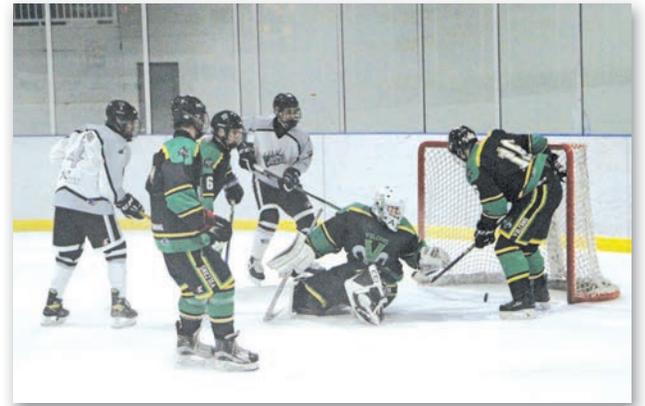
As the period wore on, the Elks gradually found their stride and began pouring on the scoring opportunities. These chances finally bore fruit with 90 seconds left in the second period, when Gavin Naharney scored a power play marker on a beautiful setup from an offensive zone faceoff. Carson Favel drew the lone assist.

The Elks struck again less than a minute later, when Leon Natomagan took a feed from Jase Martin and scored with a perfectly placed wrist shot.

Following more stalemate hockey in much of the third frame, in which the Elks continued to apply pressure, Sage Roberts eventually tallied an insurance marker to put the Elks up 3-1. Nathan Durocher and Alexx Morin assisted on the goal.

Try as they might, the Vulcans couldn't find a way to get back on the board, falling by that 3-1 margin.

With a victory over the Vulcans under their belt, the Elks were supposed to make the trip to Prince Albert for the rematch on Monday evening. However, the game was cancelled.



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In what has been a year unlike any other, it only made sense that not even Remembrance Day, a day on which we honour the service and the sacrifices of the bravest among us, would escape the dreaded COVID-19 curse.

Though 2020 has been a difficult year for everyone, it's been especially difficult for Royal Canadian Legion branches across the country, and, in turn, for veterans, who are supported by the fundraising activities of Legions.

A day to come together as Canadians and remember the men and women who fought for the freedoms we often take for granted, while not a cure-



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all for the hardships brought on by the pandemic, would have offered us a deserved moment of normalcy.

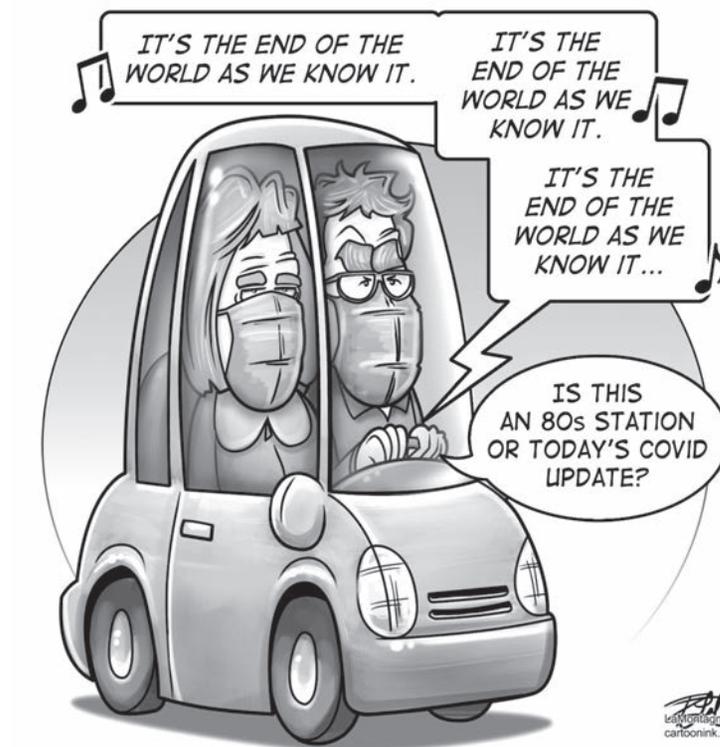
Unfortunately, no such moment was permitted by the pandemic, forcing Remembrance Day ceremonies to move online and Canadians to gather in spirit rather than in person (except, of course, in communities like Shellbrook, where services were held outdoors in front of still impressive crowds).

One can only hope that, in this virtual coming together and in the smaller gatherings held in our communities, our veterans still feel as if they were properly honoured.

To say 2020 wasn't the year most of us had anticipated is a gross understatement. For the veterans who served in World War Two — of which there are sadly too few left among us — this was to be a special year, for this year marks the 75th anniversary of the end of the most costly conflict (in terms of human life) the world has known.

When we look back at history, we all too often tend to adopt a fatalistic mindset. Though we can certainly imagine how our world would look if events had played out differently, we easily dismiss this as the stuff of speculative fiction (like Philip K. Dick's *The Man in the High Castle*, which envisions a world in which the Axis powers won the war).

As far as the second World War goes, we often say Cana-



NDP sounds alarm over COVID surge

NDP Leader Ryan Meili and Economy and Jobs Critic Aleana Young called today for emergency action to control the spread of COVID-19 and support Saskatchewan businesses in a second wave.

"A plan that fails to control COVID-19 fails to support Saskatchewan businesses," said Meili. "If we don't take steps to contain the pandemic then we will be seeing hospitals overwhelmed, and schools and businesses closing. Any action not taken now means more severe measures will have to be taken further down the road. With doctors joining together to call for action from the government, it's time for real leadership."

Due to an extended surge in cases, the province of Manitoba has entered into lockdown as of Nov. 12. Alberta is considering added measures in response to case increases there.

Young noted that businesses and workers are

worried about the effect of a second wave and deserve to know what the plan is to control the virus and support people who are out of work if another lockdown is necessary.

While the Sask. Party's election platform contained \$66 million in cuts to COVID-19 supports for businesses and families, the government's own numbers say that our province will lose 24,900 jobs this year and Saskatchewan was the only province to see its economy shrink in the lead up to the pandemic.

"I own a small business. I'm worried that if we don't get the virus under control now we're going to see more closures and more jobs lost further down the road," said Young. "This government needs to be proactive instead of sitting back and just waiting for things to get worse. Every option needs to be on the table to support businesses, support jobs and keep our economy moving."

da had no choice but to stand with the Allied forces against Adolf Hitler.

Perhaps this is true. Perhaps without Canadians, who have always proven their mettle to be peerless in times of war, the Allied forces would have crumbled beneath Nazi Germany's relentless advances.

True or not, serving in the armed forces was almost always a choice made by the men and women who donned the uniform to combat our enemies — a choice so many of us would not possess the courage to make.

It was a choice, first and foremost, to put oneself in danger for one's country and loved ones. And, as if spending days dodging bullets and bombs in the most miserable conditions imaginable wasn't already courageous enough, it was also a choice to endure the mental trauma of service.

Video games, it feels, often glamorize the taking of lives, or celebrate the wanton killing of one's enemies, as if the act of committing mass murder is

innately heroic in the context of war.

But, contrary to what we see in media, I believe that few soldiers (few good ones, at any rate) enlist in the armed forces because they find pleasure in taking the lives of others.

They enlist to serve their country and protect their loved ones. They enlist to bear the physical and psychological burden, so others don't have to.

This choice — this sacrifice — is what makes the brave men and women who fight for us truly heroic.

It is a choice we must always honour and remember, on Remembrance Day and every day of year, regardless of what life chooses to throw at us.

As Polish-American poet and author, Czeslaw Milosz once wrote, "The living owe it to those who no longer can speak to tell their story for them."

Our brave men and women are owed this, and so much more.

Lest we forget.

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After receiving a strong mandate in the provincial election, our government is at work responding to the realities of COVID-19 while managing our economic recovery.

While no one can deny 2020 has been a challenging year, there is every reason to be optimistic about the future. Over the past number of months, we have seen the strength and resiliency of Saskatchewan people. Together, we have adapted to a changing world. We have found ways to keep connected, ways to keep our economy moving and people working. We owe a debt of gratitude to all essential workers who have helped to ensure

that both our safety and our needs are being met.

In response to climbing case numbers, public health orders have been amended. This includes the reduction of indoor gathering sizes as well as mandatory masking.



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Mandatory Masking Required in Public Places in the Largest Saskatchewan Cities

The use of non-medical masks is mandatory in public spaces in Saskatoon, Regina and Prince Albert until further notice. For communities not impacted by the mandatory order, health officials strongly recommend wearing a non-medical mask in indoor spaces as an additional measure to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

The most detailed, up-to-date information regarding COVID-19 in Saskatchewan can be found at www.saskatchewan.ca/COVID19.

Though our economy continues to face challenges due to COVID-19, we are trending toward a strong recovery. In October, Saskatchewan had the lowest unemployment rate in Canada for the third consecutive month. The unemployment rate improved to 6.4 per cent, which is well below the national rate of 8.9 per cent.

Though these numbers are encouraging, we must remain disciplined and abide by the public health orders put in place by our Chief Medical Health Officer in order for us to see a full economic recovery.

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This Remembrance Day, many in this province took time to pause

and honour our service men and women, in a non-traditional way. Virtual ceremonies were streamed across the province to reflect on the ultimate sacrifice that so many have made for our freedom. Thank you to The Royal Canadian Legion Saskatchewan Command for your efforts in ensuring that our brave men and women would still be honoured this Remembrance Day.

To the men and women who serve our country, whether decades ago or still to this day, we thank you. We honour your sacrifice, your families and all that you gave for this great nation. On Remembrance Day, and every day, we will remember you.

As we approach the Fall Session of the Legislature, please re-



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Anna Kiedrowski celebrates 103 years



Anna Kiedrowski celebrated her 103rd birthday on Monday, Nov. 16. She was born in Monessen, Pennsylvania, U.S.A in 1917. She was one of 10 children of John and Kathrine Kozovy. Kathrine passed away at 102. Anna travelled to The Ukraine as a young child to retrieve the brothers and sister left there when the family immigrated to the U.S.A, then to Canada. She enjoys good health and lives on her own.

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(Story on page 1) Roberta Wasden (left) and her daughter, Denise Henderson (right), found their own ways of celebrating Remembrance Day this year, like many others in Spiritwood.

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- ✓ Stay home if you're sick.
- ✓ Wear a mask when appropriate.
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- ✓ Keep your "bubble" small. Anyone you see in person - friends, family, coworkers - are all contacts.

Thank you for keeping your family, friends and community safe!



Could pulses take the prairie crop crown?

While wheat was once king on the Canadian Prairies in terms of what farmers grew, changes in world markets eventually led to a change atop the crop list, at least in terms of value.

Recalling back to my days in school, and having grown up on a small Saskatchewan farm, I was keenly aware of the importance of wheat as a crop, and to Canada's reputation for producing and delivering the highest quality wheat. This country was seen as the 'breadbasket' of the world, a reputation well-

earned and economically significant.

That was in the 1970s and I doubt many saw the importance of wheat being usurped.

But, then from rapeseed evolved canola, a crop offering an oil that met a changing diet and growing demand, and over a number of years the Prairie landscape turned yellow.

As the popularity of canola oil grew the crop became more and more popular with producers because it offered a better return.

While wheat remains a



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significant crop, canola is the queen these days.

The question that is interesting to ask is whether canola itself will one day be usurped as the key prairie crop?

There are those that

look at pulse crops as potentially achieving that.

Of course pulses cover a range of crops from chickpeas, to yellow and green field peas, to a range of lentils and beans. As a collective group they are intriguing because they fix nitrogen in the soil, a definite side benefit to the crop itself, as it can reduce fertilizer costs.

The pulse range are also all generally grown as a protein source, both for the livestock sector, and human consumption. It is the latter area of human consumption

that would seem to offer the greatest potential, and that comes from two factors.

On the one side the population of the world continues to grow, and that means added demand for food in general, and of course protein.

When you look at the impact African Swine Fever has had in decimating the pig herd in countries such as China, the demand for protein is going to grow.

Here in North America there is also a growing market for protein alternatives as seen by the

push from restaurants to offer an alternative to real meat with products made to look like meat but that is largely plant protein and a range of other ingredients.

While some might see the meat alternatives as a fad, likely to go the way of the pet rock, that may not be the case and legumes stand to benefit if the market lasts and grows.

If world and domestic demand is to rise, pulses could certainly move into the mix in terms of what crop is the key one for Prairie producers.

Second COVID case identified at W.P. Sandin

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

The school division received word of the positive test result late Sunday evening, and shared the news with all connected classrooms, cohorts of students, staff, and the broader school community.

"Our thoughts and get-well wishes are extended to this member of our school community and surrounding

family; we hope recovery is swift," Director of Education, Robert Bratvold, said in a statement.

As with the first instance Bratvold said the Saskatchewan Health Authority will be responsible for assessing the case, as it provides contact tracing and follow-up communications with potential contacts. In the meantime, the students and staff affected by the positive case will be required to isolate until at least Nov. 24, and continue learning and teaching remotely.

W.P. Sandin, however, will remain open for in-person classes for all stu-

dents and staff who are not required to isolate.

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

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

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The Spiritwood Public Library is getting down to its final draws of 2020. After having draws postponed due to the ongoing pandemic, they have been playing catchup over the past couple of months. The winner for the month of November was Dennis Harasym who took home a couple of bags of goodies made my Shannon Beaulac.

Shellbrook nurse practitioners receive soft landing assistance



Lisa Vatamaniuck (top photo) and Richelle Forai accept \$12,000 cheques from Shellbrook Mayor and Doctor Recruitment and Retention Committee representative Amund Otterson. The cheques are provided as soft landing assistance, and help offset costs related to vehicles, housing, or childcare. Forai began working in Shellbrook around July 15, while Vatamaniuck started around Aug. 12.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Sask. government tightens COVID guidelines

With COVID-19 cases surging in recent weeks (this past weekend alone saw nearly 500 new cases added to the province's total), the Saskatchewan government has announced additional guidelines to prevent the spread of the virus.

Announced Tuesday afternoon, the additional public health measures come into effect Friday, Nov. 19 and will be in place until Dec. 17. They include mandatory masks for all indoor public spaces across the province.

Elsewhere, private indoor gatherings are being limited to five people, down from 10, visitation at all long-term care facilities in the province is being suspended, and entertainment transportation, such as party buses and limos, is no longer permitted.

The province is also encouraging those who can work from home to do so as much as possible.

While no new measures were introduced for sports, bars and restaurants, or churches, the government said it will be consulting with these sectors to see how they can mitigate the risk of transmission.

These new guidelines come days after a mandatory mask policy was put in place for communities of more than 5,000 peo-

ple.

Other measures introduced at that time included a curfew of 10 p.m. for alcohol sales in licensed establishments.

Those new measures went into effect Monday, and will be in place for 28 days, upon which time Saskatchewan's chief medical health officer, Dr. Saqib Shahab, will review whether they remain necessary.

"New measures announced this week and those to be considered in the weeks to come will still be based on the fundamentals of physical distancing, staying home when you are sick and masking to protect yourself and others," Health Minister Paul Merriman said in a statement.

"Now is the time for all residents, businesses and organizations to get back to basics. Re-commit to proven public health measures and return to the standards shown to work in the Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan."

Brad Dupuis, owner and general manager of the Shellbrook Hotel and Lou's Bar, told CTV news that the new measures, which also mandate that alcohol consumption end by 11 p.m., will hurt his business as it will mean missing out on a lot of weekend customers between 10 p.m.

and 1 a.m.

This comes after the first series pandemic-related shutdowns in March forced him to layoff all of his staff due to a lack of in-house alcohol sales and VLT revenues.

While the resumption of VLT sales helped make up for some lost revenue, Dupuis says he hopes the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority will continue allowing vendors to take 25 per cent of the sales, rather than the usual 15 per cent, until the pandemic is over (currently, this has been extended until Jan. 3, 2021).

He also hopes customers will adapt and start showing up earlier.

"Perhaps we'll see a change in habits from the consumer," he told CTV. "Maybe we won't, but I think it's probably going to

hurt."

Apart from the new masking and alcohol regulations, the province is also advising all school divisions to move to level 3 of the Safe Schools Plan and reduce in-class learning in high schools with more than 600 students.

Additionally, while gyms are able to remain open, group aerobic activities will be limited to eight participants, and participants must be at least three metres apart. And, finally, all hookah and waterpipe services have been disallowed, as they are considered an activity of increased transmission risk.

For the latest on the province's Re-Open Saskatchewan plan, visit www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19

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Big River First Nation announces 'total lockdown'

In the face of a surge of COVID-19 cases, the leadership of the Big River First Nation has announced that the community has entered a "total lockdown."

In a memo sent to all Big River First Nation band members on Oct. 30, the Big River First Nation's chief, Jack Rayne, and its security officers outlined the new measures that will be in place. These include travel restrictions, which prohibit travel in and out of the community for anything other than groceries or medical and es-

sential services.

Other measures include a curfew of 9 p.m. to 7 a.m., during which no one will be admitted to the community. Again, exceptions will be made for off and on reserve work, as well as medical travel. And to help enforce the curfew and protect the community, the community's security team will be working 24-hours a day and retaining any information they collect for contact tracing purposes.

Clarifying what exceptions will be made in terms of essential ser-

vices and admittance of non-residents, the memo lists the construction site personnel for the community's new school and recreation centre, RCMP, fire, ambulance and medical taxi services, grocery trucks, fuel, SaskPower, and SaskEnergy.

Finally, the "total lockdown" includes a restriction on the number of passengers permitted in a vehicle. The limit has been set at two.

As of Nov. 14, the Big River First Nation had seen 86 COVID-19 cases, with 62 being active and 24 recoveries.

COVID-19 Update: New Public Health Measures Announced

Now is the time for all residents, businesses and organizations to get back to the basics of COVID-19 prevention: maintain physical distancing and wear a mask when you are outside the home, wash your hands frequently, and stay home if you are sick. Mandatory masking in indoor public spaces for all Saskatchewan communities with populations of 5,000 people or greater is effective Monday, November 16 for 28 days.

More information is available at Saskatchewan.ca

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OBITUARIES

*Doreen Jean Baynes*

BAYNES, Doreen Jean
It is with sadness that the family of Doreen Baynes announce her passing on November 9th, 2020 at the age of 86 in Spiritwood. Doreen was born on her grandparent's farm north of North Battleford on June 20, 1934. She

married William (Bill) Baynes on January 5th, 1957 and they farmed near Bapaume. Doreen was predeceased by her parents Alex and Dora Millar (1986), husband Bill (2015), son Roger (1979) and son-in-law Larry Houdle (2002). She is survived by her daughter Debbie Womacks, son Eric (Pearl) Baynes, and daughter Ida (Dwight) Hemmerling, her grandchildren; Amanda (Adrian) Bullock, Dryden (Ashley) Houdle, Christin (Mark) Egeland, Jason (Tiffany) Baynes, Chett (Melanie), Chad (Jasmin), Mason (Renee) and Owen Hemmerling, her great-grandchildren; Abby & Darius Bullock, Lane &

Declan Houdle, Gauge & Emma Egeland, Leah & Ryan Baynes, Logan, Easton, Jaina, Jensen and Addison Hemmerling. Due to COVID there will be a Celebration of Life held at a later date. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences may do so by visiting www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Memorial Donations may be directed to Churches of Global Missions, Sharon Schools (802 Airport Rd. North Battleford S9A 2Z3 - 1-306-445-2733, info@globalmissioninc.org) Arrangements have been entrusted to Lori Saam of Beau "Lac" Funeral home in Spiritwood 306-883-3500

Ronald Frederick Cooke

COOKE – Ronald Frederick

Ron was born in Shellbrook, Sk. on June 5, 1937 to William and Mary Cooke of Spiritwood, Sk. He attended school in Westwood and Spiritwood. He worked in Mr. Permack's store until he decided to join the Air Force, which he served for 5 years, his special interest in telecommunications. He spent the next 35 years with the Department of Foreign Affairs, travelling to all corners of the world to establish and maintain communication links between Canada and the various Embassies and Canadian offices. Stationed in Ottawa's

HQ and in Canadian posts in Moscow, Russia and London, England, Ron advanced through his government career, achieving higher management positions, hiring and encouraging many young people and their families to serve in the government abroad in his former roles. Promoted to serve as Attache to the Canadian High Commission London, Ron completed his mission and returned to his home in Ottawa to be recruited back for many projects until finally retiring.

At home, Ron loved working in his workshop and garden, but devoting his time proudly as W. Brother, Officer and Past Master with the Brotherhood of Masons. With his seasoned sense of humour and long-lasting friendships, Ron also bore the honour as a distinguished member of the Old Foreign Affairs Retired Technicians (FARTS). As an active senior, Ron enjoyed many sunny times in winter retreats, visiting family and making new

friends in Texas, Mexico, Costa Rico and the Middle East, spreading cheer and goodwill with his constant calm demeanor.

Ron died suddenly on the morning of November 4, 2020, at the age of 83 from complications from prostate cancer. He is survived by his long-time partner and traveling companion, Mary; his first wife and best friend, Jenny; their children Davin and Lesley; daughter-in-law Michelle; his grandchildren Quinn, Zoe, Samantha and Liam; his brother and sisters Jim and Beryl, Elizabeth, Margaret and Allen, Kathleen, Carolyn and Don and their flourishing families; his uncle Gerald Sanderson and his many cousins in western Canada.

A loving partner, husband, dad, brother, grandfather, friend and all-around fix-it man, Ron was taken from us too soon. A private military service will be held at the Beechwood Cemetery for invited family and guests, where his ashes will be entombed.

Joyce Brunton

BRUNTON – Mrs. Joyce
1931-2020

It is with profound sadness that the family of Marjorie "Joyce" Brunton (nee Mansfield) announce her peaceful passing on November 7th, 2020 in Calgary, Alberta at the age of 89. Joyce was born in Shell Lake on May 19, 1931 and had spent most of her life in Shellbrook. Joyce excelled in school and her first job was preparing cream cheques at the Shellbrook Creamery. In 1952 Joyce married Milt Brunton and together they moved to Edmonton where they started their family.

After 10 years in Edmonton they moved back to Shellbrook where Joyce worked as a bookkeeper at the Shellbrook Chronicle, Beilhartz Meats and Laberge's RadioShack. She also prepared income taxes for many farmers, individuals and businesses in the area. Faith was very important to Joyce and she was an active member of the Anglican Church. She also kept the books for the Shellbrook Seniors Club. Joyce loved to read, knit, golf and garden and was always up for a family game of Trivial Pursuit. Mom was a great cook and enjoyed hosting her family for holiday dinners. Her homemade buns, butter tarts and pies will be missed by many. Another favorite pastime was having coffee with her many friends. In March 2015 Joyce moved to Calgary and had recently enjoyed welcoming her great-grandchildren into the world.

Joyce was predeceased by her husband Milton, her parents Albert & Clarita Mansfield, and her sisters Myrtle

Overman, Bernice Stene and Shirley Tessier. Joyce is survived by her brother Edward Mansfield, her children; Doug Brunton, Janice (Bill) Cooper and Barb Lafreniere (Simon Toon), her grandchildren; Joe (Karen) Brunton, Andrew (Amanda) Brunton, Emily Lafreniere (Sam), Rob Lafreniere (Haley), Nathan Toon, and her great grandchildren; Regan Brunton, Owen Brunton, Naomi Brunton and Margaret Brunton and several nieces and nephews. Other family members include; Lisa Brunton, Kerry Lafreniere, Jill Vipond, Blake Bougerolle and Curtis Bougerolle.

The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the staff at Carewest Colonel Belcher in Calgary for their attention and care of our Mom. Your ability to treat Mom like family was greatly appreciated.

Due to current public health restrictions, the family plans to have a memorial service in Shellbrook at a later date.

Gilbert Lucien Denis

Gilbert Lucien Denis
August 4, 1937 – November 6, 2020

Gilbert Lucien Denis passed away peacefully on November 6, 2020 at Leoville Evergreen center in Leoville, Sk, at the age of 83. Gilbert will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by his wife of 51 years Alison Denis as well as their son Travis (Kayla) and their children Jace and Kyler. His siblings Eva Crossland, Raymonde Bouchard, Rolande Poulin, Simone Chase, Lillian Gerard, Armand (Yvette) Denis, Anne Marie Compagna, Paul (Lorraine) Denis, Ernest (Doris) Denis, Claude (Sue) Denis, Celine Doucette, Ce-

cile (Sidney) Klics, Charles Denis, and numerous nieces, nephews other relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his parents; Louis and Laurette Denis, his parents in law; Robert and Bentley Cote, his sister in law; Glenda Ulrich, his brother in law; Albert Crossland, Lucien Bruneau, Albert Bouchard, Leo Poulin, Murry Chase, Roland Gerard, Real Compagna, Wilfred Doucette.

Gilbert was born on August 4, 1937 on the family homestead North of Leoville where he grew up and worked with his family. Gilbert had many jobs throughout his younger years, from working as a long shoreman on the coast of B.C. to the mine in Pine Point and Uranium City. His true passion for farming led him back to Leoville where he met his wife and got married on October 11, 1969. Together they purchased a farm near Leoville where together they worked and raised their son. Gilbert was a very community orientated man he was on many boards, councils and committees, throughout his life. His biggest passion was farming where he

could watch his crops grow throughout the summer and where he could see his cows grazing in the green lush pastures. He was also passionate about horses, especially teams, he loved wagon treks, giving the grandkids and his dog a wagon ride on a nice summer day, or sleigh rides to the kids during the winter at community functions. Gilbert loved his family especially his grandkids, he always had time to tell a story of when he was a kid, he always had such enthusiasm and a big smile when telling these stories. His smile, kindness, enthusiasm and passion for the things he loved will be dearly missed by his family and friends. Due to COVID-19 restrictions a service will be held at a later date. The family requests that donations be made in Gilbert's name to the Leoville Evergreen Health Center or Ste Therese parish in Leoville. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com Arrangements have been entrusted to Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Lori Saam, Spiritwood, 306-883-3500

OBITUARIES

Annie Mary (Schaan) Gregoire

Annie Mary Gregoire (Schaan)

Annie was born October 20, 1919, in Allan, SK. When Annie was only one and a half

years old her mother, Elizabeth Schaan, passed away. She went to live with her Uncle Mike and Aunt Lucy Schaan, on a neighbouring farm, later moving to Colonsay, SK where Annie went to school. In 1936, Annie moved to Mildred working for Gunnar Morberg. At the age of 20, Annie married John Gregoire (born 1910) on November 21, 1939. On September 1, 1939 World War II broke out, and John enlisted in the army on July 3, 1941. Shortly after John joined the army Annie went to stay with her Uncle Mike and Aunt Lucy, in Colonsay. In September 1945, World War II ended, and John was dis-

charged from the army on December 6, 1945. He returned home to Canada after serving four years. John and Annie continued to farm the north half of section 29 and farmed for thirty-three years. During this time, they raised their nine children—Lorraine (1940), Rose Marie (1941), Shirley (1942), Caroline (1946-2015), Marjorie (1950), John Robert (1951), Phillip (1955), Connie (1957), and David (1962). Annie loved her family, cooking, baking, gardening, berry picking, and each year, after a plentiful harvest from her huge garden, canning hundreds of jars of fruit and vegetables. The fall

harvest of crops and threshing was an exciting time, and Annie looked forward to cooking and baking for the threshing crews.

After more than three decades of farming, in 1978, John, Annie, and their youngest child, David, moved to Spiritwood, where John and Annie retired. On April 2, 1986, John suffered a massive heart attack, and passed away at the age of 75 years. Annie remained in Spiritwood, continuing to enjoy time with her children, grandchildren, her gardening, cooking, baking and reading. Annie was fortunate to have two brothers and two sisters all living in Spiritwood, many evenings were spent playing card games. Although not a big traveller, Annie enjoyed visits

to Edmonton, Calgary, Banff, Jasper, Drumheller, Radium, and Victoria. A highlight of Annie's travel was a one-day adventure on board a real steam-powered train from Stettler to Big Valley, AB.

In November 2001, Annie sold her house in Spiritwood, and moved down a street, to live with her son, David and Jeannine Dauvin. Annie was always an avid cook and homemaker continuing right up till her 90th year. Sadly, by her 95th year Annie found it harder getting outside, however, until that time, she enjoyed taking at least one yearly ride around town with David, on his Harley, dressed in black leather, and looking her best. Annie kept busy during the day with her find a word books, small puzzles and reading the latest Danielle Steele book. Saturday

night she would always have the "old time dance party" on the radio! Annie always enjoyed a good visit with family. Because of her years and limited mobility in February 2019 she moved to the Evergreen Care Centre in Leoville, SK. She enjoyed her time there with the other residents and caring staff. Annie suffered a stroke on September 16th, 2020 and passed on September 21st, 2020.

A Family Graveside was held in the Spiritwood Cemetery. Donations in memory of Annie may be directed to the Evergreen Lodge Auxiliary in Leoville, SK. Those wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com Arrangements entrusted to Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Lori Saam, Spiritwood, 306-883-3500

Bill Marshall

MARSHALL – Bill

It is with deep sorrow and gratitude for a life well-lived, that the family of Bill Marshall announce his passing on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at the Victoria Hospital in Prince Albert at the age of 96. He was born on February

3, 1924 in the farm house at Wild Rose.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 71 years, Evelyn and his children, Barbara (Jerry) Aspvik of Prince Albert, Bonnie (Harvey) Gosselin of Wild Rose and Larry (Meryl Wood) Marshall of Wild Rose, 10 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren, as well as his sister-in-laws Irene (Don) Kinnee and Marnie Roberts and many nieces & nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents Joe & Hettie Marshall, Evelyn's parents Fred & Kathleen Roberts, brother Jack (Gladys) Marshall, sister Eileen (Wallace) Cheeseman, great grandson Patterson Shore & his brother-in-law Fred (Anne) Roberts.

Bill farmed in the Wild Rose district and he was grateful for his many wonderful neighbors & friends. He was also blessed with good hired help on the farm. The whole family was involved in the farm and received "The Master Farm Family Award" for Ag Rep district 33 in 1967. Bill was active in the community as a 4-H leader, on the school board and a warden in the church. He was also a great supporter of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) and later the NDP.

Co-operatives were always an important part of Bill's life. The family farm was operated as a co-operative for 25 years, with Bill & Evelyn, Bonnie & Harvey and Larry & Meryl working together. He was elected as a Sask. Wheat Pool delegate in 1962, a director in 1966 and as the 2nd

Vice President in 1972, retiring in 1981. As a representative of the SWP, Bill & Evelyn attended many international agricultural meetings. One of his greatest disappointments was when the Sask. Wheat Pool became a corporation working for the shareholders instead of for the farmers, eventually disappearing altogether. After retiring from the SWP, he was vice-president of the Prince Albert Co-operative Association for 18 years and received the Sask. Co-operative Order of Merit Award for his work in Co-operatives from the Provincial Government.

Bill was a board member of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, where he had the opportunity to debate with politicians, to get better policies & programs for the farmers. In 1982, he helped

design the Beef Stabilization Program for the Provincial Government. He was proud to be made an Honorary Life Member of the Sask. Institute of Agrologists, and have his name on the Wall of Honour in the Agriculture building at the University of Saskatchewan.

Dad & Mom have delivered "Meals on Wheels" in Prince Albert for 26 years. They have enjoyed many games of golf and loved to play Kaiser, as well as their many activities at Round Lake, Wesley & Calgary United Church and the Seniors Activity Centre.

We are thankful that Dad had a long productive life and enjoyed it to the fullest. Family was very important to Dad & he liked nothing better than to organize a family gathering, which included food & a good barbecued steak. Dad & Mom

had a great love and appreciation for each other and for family, friends & neighbors.

We want to thank Dr. Mark Halyk for his friendship & taking such good care of Dad. We also want to thank the board, staff and residents at Abbeyfield House for their love and fellowship in providing such a great place to live.

Due to the COVID rules, there will be a private family service with internment at a later date.

For those wishing to do so, memorial donations in his memory, may be made to Abbeyfield House, 190 – 26th Street East, Prince Albert, SK. S6V 1Z7. Arrangements in care of MacKenzie Chapel & Crematorium Brian and Bev Stobbs, Mervin Oleksyn, Renée Phaneuf – Funeral Directors. www.MacKenzieChapel.ca .306.763.8488.

Dominique Provencher

PROVENCHER – Dominique

Dominique was born April 19, 1925 in Albertville, SK. He was the 5th oldest in a family of 9. Dad went to school in Albertville to grade 8 and then was encouraged to quit to work full time on the farm. In dad's early years he worked in Ontario building a dam and did some logging in B.C., and Sas-

katchewan but always came back to farming.

In 1948 dad was introduced to the new schoolteacher, Denise Dupuis by one of his sisters and they were married in 1950. In 1951 Dad and Mom purchased the farm in Foxdale in time to put in their first crop. In 1952 Raymond was born in Prince Albert and dad and mom moved permanently to Foxdale. We believe that they were blessed with another 4 children making a total of 5 kids to raise.

Dad was a mixed farmer raising beef, pork and grain. In the fall there was fresh wild meat and summer and winter fresh fish. Family was dad's world and he showed us this by taking us camping, fishing, regular trips to the lake, coach-

ing hockey and ball and being a 4-H leader.

For us, his children, we did not realize we had won the dad lottery until we were teens and older. Dad was steadfast in his faith, believed in quietly donating to his church and community. Dad was a founding member of the Shellbrook Credit Union, lifetime member of the Fish and Game league, Director and Delegate for the Shellbrook Co-op, Trustee for the School Board and Church Board.

Dad loved ice cream, especially Tiger Tiger, ham especially if it was maple, farming especially harvest, coffee with cream and sugar. Dad read everything he could get his hands on. He loved to smile, tease, dip his spoon in his coffee, then sugar then deposit in the nearest baby's mouth. Dad loved culture, scenery and peo-

ple and nurtured this love with our Mom by travelling through all of Canada, most of Europe, North and South America, Morocco and parts of Asia.

Dominique leaves to cherish his memory his children Raymond (Murielle) Provencher of Sherwood Park, AB; Yvette Jacobs of Shellbrook, SK; Lorraine (Craig) Young of Shellbrook, SK; Gilbert (Janice) Provencher of Shellbrook, SK; Julie (Brian) Nordquist of Lloydminster, AB; nine grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren; Raymond (Carrie) Provencher and their children Ayla and Samuel; Michelle (Travis) Titley and their children Lauren and Emily; Rachael (Doug) Bishop and their daughter Tessa; Drew Young (Sophia Brown); Carlie (James) Olsen and their children Emery and Averee; Shane (Tiffany) McAleese

and their children Jase, Shaelyn, Bryson and Brynne; Kyle (Jaimie) McAleese and their daughter Casey; Adam Nordquist; Hannah Nordquist (Daniel Harvey); as well as exceptional neighbours, friends and in-laws Harold and Dorothy Gray; special friends Liezyl and Carlo Banas; and an enormous extended family of in-laws and nieces and nephews.

Dominique was predeceased by the love of his life and wife of 62 years Denise (Dupuis) Provencher; his son-in-law Murray Jacobs; his parents Albert and Rosa; as well as all his siblings; and Denise's parents Delima & Albert Dupuis.

Thank you to all the staff of Shellbrook Integrated Health Centre who contributed to the exceptional care and meals and clean home of House B. Thank you to the Primary Care

Clinic of Shellbrook for your attention and understanding of dad's wants and needs.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Dominique's memory may be made to the Shellbrook and District Health Services Foundation - Recreation and the Crohn's and Colitis Canada. Memorial donations may be mailed to Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Box 624 Shellbrook, SK S0J 2E0, and from there will be forwarded to the family.

Due to COVID-19, there will be a Celebration of Life held at a later date.

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 – Director, Shellbrook, SK 306-747-2828.

All-Canadian NHL division a great idea

One good thing about COVID-19? Not to be too flip-pant here, but the global pandemic has pushed the National Hockey League into a corner — and it might turn out to be great for Canadian hockey fans.

The powers-that-be trying to figure out a scenario to run the 2020-21 NHL season have come up with a suggestion that — because the Canada-U.S. border is still closed to non-essential travel — all seven Canadian teams play in one division, and play strictly among themselves until playoff time.

The biggest benefit of that, of course, is that it would greatly enhance the chances of a Canadian team winning the Stanley Cup for the first time since 1993, when Montreal Canadiens struck a blow for the Maple Leaf, maple syrup and the symbolic beaver.

Details on how the new, probably temporary team

alignment might shake down have not been announced, but it seems probable that the Canadian division would play a regular schedule within the confines of our country, and then determine a 'Canadian' winner to play off against the other three divisional winners. That means, of course, that Canada would be guaranteed to have a team in the final four. The seven Canadian teams have made the final four of the Stanley Cup playoffs only 10 times since 2000 (a seven-percent success rate), the most recent being the Winnipeg Jets in 2017-18. The last time a team from Canada reached the Cup final was Vancouver Canucks in 2010-11.

Since most Canadian hockey fans cheer for Canadian teams, the interest in this all-Canadian concept should be high. Fans of the Leafs and Canadiens will never waver, and there is strong regional support for Vancouver in



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B.C., the Flames and Oilers in Alberta and the Jets on the Prairies. That leaves Ottawa, No. 2 in Ontario behind Toronto for fan affection; and No. 2 in the capital region, where fans have had a long emotional affiliation with the Habs until the Senators came along 28 years ago.

The Senators are building what could soon be a Stanley Cup contender. They may not challenge for Canadian division laurels, but their time is coming. They had three first-

round picks in the recent amateur draft, and selected German star Tim Stuetzle at No. 3, big defenceman Jake Sanderson at No. 5, and Brandon Wheat King sniper Ridley Greig at No. 28. Off-season free agent signings of former Panther Evgeni Dadanov, and ex-Pittsburgh goalie Matt Murray will also pay dividends.

In the end, the force-feeding of an all-Canadian division may turn out to be so popular the NHL might just decide to keep it after the pandemic is gone and life has returned to normal.

• **Headline at theonion.com:** "Mike McCarthy Dismisses Talk Of Locker Room Turmoil After Cowboys Burn Mike McCarthy Effigy On Field"

• **Greg Cote of the Miami Herald:** "Mike Tyson, 54, and Roy Jones Jr., 51, will stage an exhibition fight for charity Nov. 28 in Los Angeles without fans. Oxygen tanks

ready!"

• **Conor Russell, head pro at Portmarnock in Ireland,** on public opposition to the government declaring a six-week ban on golf to help fight COVID-19: "At end-of-day (petitions) could be as useful as an ashtray on a motor-bike."

• **Casey Pratt of San Francisco's KGO-TV, via Twitter:** "If the 49ers stopped doing so many MRIs and X-rays, they wouldn't have all these injuries."

• **Tim Hunter of Everett's KRKO Radio, on Dodgers 3B Justin Turner learning mid-way through Game 6 that he'd tested positive for COVID-19:** "Then again, there are those who suggest the Houston Astros knew before he did."

• **Comedy writer Alex Kasberg:** "At 43, Buccaneer QB, Tom Brady is getting up there. Now if someone is called with roughing the passer on Brady, there is a

good chance they can be charged with elder abuse."

• **Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times:** "A bettor plunked down \$8,600 on No. 1 Clemson — at minus-1,000 odds — to beat Syracuse and collected \$8.60 from FanDuel for his troubles. That's like shelling out for the Kobe beef and Maine lobster just to get the after-dinner mint."

• **Mike Hart of the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel,** on the recent NFL matchup pitting 40-something QBs Tom Brady and Drew Brees: "If it goes to overtime, they'll play shuffleboard to decide it."

• **Hall of Fame Joe Namath, to ESPN,** on whether Clemson QB Trevor Lawrence might force a trade if he's drafted by winless New York: "Anything could happen in this world, damn near anything — except for the Jets maybe making the playoffs this year."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Silvertips drop two to Warman over weekend

The Shellbrook Silvertips continued their struggle to return to championship form over the weekend, when they played a home and road series against the Warman Wildcats.

Though the team looked generally solid throughout both matches, the end results of the games were nearly identical, a 4-3 overtime loss in front of a hometown crowd on Saturday evening, followed by a 4-3 shootout loss in Warman the following night.

In the opening period of what became their home opener (the originally scheduled home opener against the Rosthern Wheatkings was cancelled due to inclement weather), the Tips mostly got the better of the Wildcats in terms of offensive zone pressure.

Nonetheless, it was the Wildcats who drew first blood, as David Anaka scored the game opener on assists from Benjamin Webb and Brett Weiman.

Later in the frame the Tips cashed in on their efforts, as Devin Dicus received a setup

from Jayden Skauge and Nathaniel Martin to knot the game up at 1-1.

In a quiet second period, the Silvertips were able to seize the lead on the power play. This time, Martin scored on helpers from Skauge and Dicus.

Moving to the third period, the Wildcats clawed their way back into the game on Anaka's second of the evening. Weiman earned the only assist on the goal.

However, the Silvertips struck back just 33 seconds later, retaking the lead on a Brett Mason goal. Ethan Skauge and Dylan Smith provided helpers on the play.

Then, as has often been the case for the Silvertips, penalty troubles got the better of them, allowing Warman's Evan Williams to even the score at 3-3 and force overtime. Logan Graf and Brett Weiman assisted on the goal.

The overtime period nearly went the distance, until Anaka scored an unassisted hat trick marker with 30 seconds remaining to give the Wildcats the win.

In Warman the next night, the Wildcats once again got the better of the Tips in the early going, as Weiman netted a goal on an assist from Graf.

This triggered a back-and-forth that would see the first period end with the teams all tied up at 2-2.

Nathaniel Martin fired the return salvo for the Tips, earning an assist from Nick Martin on the play, while



Warman's Evan Williams battles for a loose puck beside the Wildcats goal.

Warman's Tyler Hubbard responded to put the Wildcats back up 2-1. Brock Hounsell and Darian Sexsmith earned assists on the goal.

Finally, Wyatt Hinson tied things up, receiving helpers from Dylan Smith and Brendon Canaday on the power play.

After a fast-paced opening period, the following 40 minutes saw both teams settle in. In the second frame, the Silvertips took a 3-2 lead on a goal from Dicus, who was assisted by Hinson and Dylan Smith.

However, another untimely penalty from the Tips in the third allowed Cody Roy to knot it up for Warman, on assists from Hubbard and Brayden Anderson, and force overtime

again.

This time, the Silvertips were able to hold on to force a shootout. Unfortunately for them, neither Brendon Beaulac, nor Jody Blais, nor Mathew Kutnikoff were able to find the back of the net, allowing Warman's Evan Williams to tally the game winner.

With the pair of losses, the Tips now sit at 0-1-0-2.

This weekend will see them play a road and home series against the Hague Royals, with games on Friday and Saturday evening.

Both Friday's match in Hague, and Saturday's game in Shellbrook, have start times of 8:30 p.m.



Brett Mason earns solid scoring chance on a Silvertips offensive rush.

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Minutes of a village of Leask council meeting

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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Leask, which was held in the Leask Community Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor: Arthur Spriggs Deputy Mayor: Gordon Harris Councillors: Joanne Lapierre Administrator: DeAnne Robblee. Absent: Brian Galambos, Thomas Spriggs.

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Spriggs at 6:25 p.m.

Lapierre: That the Council approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Aug. 18, 2020. Carried

Lapierre: That Council extends payment for utilities at the Leask Happy Homesteaders hall (Determined Monthly). Carried

Delegations

6:50 p.m.: Jean Verbonac and Beryl Peake represented the Butler Building Committee. Items of discussion: Legacy Board Members, Library

Board Members, Funding for Boards, Equipment Funds.

It was determined that more information is needed for both the boards and council. Future meetings and information needed.

7:30 p.m.: Wes Trimble representing the Leask Community Hardware Store. Items of discussion: Inventory Valuation, Financials presented, Future plan for the Store.

8 p.m.: Dr. Egbeyemi representing the Medical Clinic (also present Christie Radics and Joe Kiunda). Items of discussion: Clinic Reopening - undetermined, Search for a new Doctor for the Clinic - under the Primary Healthcare system rather than a Fee for Service Doctor, Month to Month Tenancy until a new Doctor is found.

Lapierre: That the Village purchase a submersible pump from the Leask Golf Course for \$1,139.50. Carried

9 p.m. - 9:20 p.m. the Meeting was held "In Camera" due to Human Resources being discussed.

Harris: That the meeting resume back to open forum

at 9:20 p.m. Carried

Harris: That Aaron Cooper be hired as Village Foreman for \$30/hr plus fringe benefits, effective immediately. Carried

Lapierre: That Aaron Cooper attend Class 2 Water Treatment & Distribution in Saskatoon on Dec. 14 to 18, 2020. Carried

Harris: That the Village reimburse half of the Clogbusters invoice for the resident at 605 1st Street South for an undetermined location of a sewer problem. Carried

Lapierre: That the Business Application be approved for #9 Main Street for a Financial Office. Carried

Harris: That the Letter to Vacate the Premises be accepted for the Leask Salon area on April 30, 2021. Carried

Lapierre: That the 2019 DRAFT Financials be Accepted from PriceWaterhouse Coopers for the Leask Community Hardware Store. Carried

Harris: That the Tender from MGB Trucking Ltd. Be accepted to demolish and remove the debris from

58 Main Street for \$3,000 plus taxes. Carried (2 for, 1 against)

Harris: That the Tender from MGB Trucking Ltd. Be accepted to demolish and remove the debris from 563 1st Street North for \$5,000 plus taxes. Carried (2 for, 1 against)

Lapierre: That the Village install a new security system at the Village Office and at the Leask Community Hardware Store - Quotes provided from Fluent and Reed Security. Carried

Harris: That the Council write a letter of support to the Happy Homesteaders to apply for a grant for Kitchen Cupboard Replacement. Carried

Lapierre: That the application for Discretionary Use be approved for Lot 5, Block 17, Plan CQ5157. Carried

Lapierre: That the council resolves to approve Accounts for Payment as presented. Carried

Harris: That the Leask Community Hardware Store be approved as presented. Carried

Lapierre: That the council

approves the Village of Leask financial statements for August 2020 as presented. Carried

Lapierre: That the council resolves accept the following reports: Foreman Report, Employee Timesheets, Water Treatment Plant Report, Administrators Report. Carried

Harris: That the council receive the following correspondence:

a. Letter from Sask Parks re: Nominate a board member

b. Letter from resident re: Farming adjacent to Leask

c. Letter from NCTPC re: Their role in the community.

d. Email from Sask Housing that the Village residents will not be financially responsible for the upgrades on the pilot project for the renovations at Lot 5, Block 17, Plan CQ5157. Carried

Spriggs: The next meeting of council be held on Wednesday Oct. 21, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Office or Leask Community Hall. Carried

Spriggs: 10:30 p.m.: That this meeting of council be adjourned. Carried

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