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## TJ Disposals moves in on Shellbrook's Main Street



**TJ Disposals has wasted little time getting to work on fixing up its new location. In addition to the work going on inside, new overhead doors have been installed on the west and south sides of the building.**

A building on Shellbrook's Main Street will soon have new life breathed into it, if all goes according to plan for TJ Disposals owner and operator Randall Johnson.

To some, the building, located on the northwest corner of Main Street and 2nd Avenue, is best remembered as the old Chev Olds building. In more recent history, however, it has been Prairie North Surplus, then Grind Athletic Club for a brief spell, and, finally, home to a number of small local businesses.

Now that Johnson has acquired the building, it will serve as the headquarters for TJ Disposals.

"I needed the room for the shop," Johnson said of the decision to purchase the building. "I can only get one truck [in the current building]. In the winter, I'll be able to get seven trucks in here to keep them warm for going out."

In addition to offering more garage space than the old TJ Disposals building on Shellbrook's Service Road East, the building is a major upgrade in terms of office space.

While some of the space will be used for precisely that purpose, and another part will be used for a woodworking shop, the rest will be leased out.

"I've got room, and I'm going to try to keep her filled up and a little bit more of a business centre," Johnson said. "I'll build to whatever somebody needs space for."

Currently, Metal Teck Welding and Chelsea Lerat's La Lacquerie are confirmed to be continuing their leases in the building. Northwest Regional College, which currently operates a single, 1,000 square foot classroom, will be staying in the building until at least May, depending on whether or not it chooses

to continue leasing the space in the future.

While Johnson says he'll be looking to fill available spots "pretty quick," he adds that his primary focus at the moment is getting moved in and getting the TJ Disposals section of the building sealed off from the rest of the building to cut down on noise.

Also on the to-do list are upgrades to the building's heating and wiring, as well as changes to the building's exterior. Johnson has already installed new overhead garage doors on the south and west sides of the building, but says there are plans to add two more on the west side.

"This is going to be an ongoing project, just as I can afford to fix stuff," Johnson said. "It's probably going to take two to three years to get this all set up and running."

In addition to purchasing the former

Chev Olds building, Johnson also acquired the empty lots to the west of the building, on the opposite side of the alley.

Though he hasn't yet talked to Shellbrook's town council, he says he plans to make a U of seacans around the perimeter of the lots, which will serve a dual purpose as fencing and storage space.

The idea is also to keep any trucks that are parked outside hidden from view. And, to make the area look a little nicer, Johnson says murals could be painted on the seacans.

"I've got the room, and I think I can keep it pretty clean and keep everybody happy," he said, acknowledging that there have been some concerns about noise and smell, but adding that there's no reason for his neighbours to worry.

"We don't store garbage, we just haul it. So there's no concerns about that."



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# Arts and Culture: Surf Sask

Developing a new skill or picking up a new art always requires a learning process.

"You have to make a lot of crap before you make something good," says Heather Beauchesne, creator of the local 'Surf Sask' gear. Beauchesne, who was born and raised in the Spiritwood area, is no stranger to this process, saying that carpet weaving is probably the only art media she hasn't dabbled in to date.

Growing up, Heather says she engaged in various forms of self entertainment, from painting and drawing, to making her clothing and was heavily influenced by many of her high school teachers. After high school, she made her way to the University of Saskatchewan where she completed a four-year program in fine arts, which included a one-year exchange in Perth Australia.

"That was a big eye opener for how to work as an artist in practice," she said.

After graduating from her program at the University of Saskatchewan with honours, Beauchesne took up a one-year goldsmithing apprenticeship at K+P Goldsmiths in Saskatoon, while showing work at AKA Artist Run Gallery in Saskatoon.

Around the time she finished up her apprenticeship, the curator at her gallery was putting on a travelling group show, which was headed to Peterborough, Ont. Beauchesne got on board and headed east to Ontario but didn't stop there. She continued on to Montréal, Qué., where she planned to attend Concordia University. Instead, she ended up at College La Salle, studying fashion design.

After finishing her program at College La Salle, she got a job as a designer at Buffalo David Bitton where she worked for four years before returning to Saskatchewan. She then studied physical therapy and found a job working at the Health Complex in Spiritwood where she has been since.



The popular 'Surf Sask' gear that can be found at the Spiritwood Artisan Boutique was inspired by the area's "lake culture," according to creator Heather Beauchesne.

Apart from work, Beauchesne always has some kind of creative project on the go. She has been instrumental in starting up and running the Main Street Gallery, the summer window art, and the Spiritwood Artisan Boutique.

"My creativity is like a hungry wolf, if I don't have a creative outlet, it will devour me," she says.

Since 2019, her main outlet has been the popular 'Surf Sask' clothing line, which she has designed all the graphics for. The inspiration behind it is multifaceted according to Beauchesne. It started with the imagery she has kept since a child of a mature field blowing in the wind.

"It looks like water," she says.

This idea of a field rippling like a large body of water, mixing with what she calls a "very strong beach culture" in this particular region of the province, is where 'Surf Sask' was born.

She noted that a lot of locals wear very "beachy" clothing that comes from somewhere else with graphics inspired by coastal regions or towns. She wanted to create imagery and clothing that was representative of the area's lake culture and that people would be proud of wearing.

The program she took at College La Salle is where she was introduced to the designing software, which she has continued to use to create advertisements for other projects or endeavours. She says this is the first time that she has used the graphics on an item for sale and not just for marketing.

While Beauchesne has a background in fashion design and the skills necessary to create garments, she says that creating patterns and having them made would be a larger time commitment than she was willing to give the project.

Instead, she tried to source material as locally as possible. Unfortunately, she found sourcing 'Made in Canada'

clothing that was good quality difficult, so she switched gears a bit and aimed for local printing instead. Her printer, Tucker's T-shirts, does in house printing in Saskatoon and has access to all kinds of distributors. Beauchesne was successful at getting one item made in the province. She had three Cowichan Sweaters made in Regina with the pelican head logo knit into the sweater pattern.

Beauchesne has come up with around 20 unique graphics that can be printed on a variety of clothing items, some of which, she says, no one has seen yet. Her favourite design was a pastel multicoloured camouflage that she printed on t-shirts in the summer of 2020.

Since returning to the area, Beauchesne says that she has paid attention to what people in the area are wearing, as well as doing online research on current clothing trends. Her goal is to tweak the styles, looks, and graphics she sees on Instagram to fit the area demographic.

She has been displaying and selling the clothing at the Spiritwood Artisan Boutique, where it has been quite the attraction.

The boutique has provided a space for her to effectively market the clothing.

"If [the boutique] didn't exist, I would have never considered making something and then presenting it to an external shop or boutique," she says.

Like many others who are displaying at the boutique, Beauchesne has noted it is the perfect opportunity for people who want to pursue small projects they wouldn't necessarily be able to do otherwise.

"Creativity is inherently a very selfish act. That should be acknowledged," she said, when asked if she had any advice for people hesitant to create due to their pieces having nowhere to go.

She said that while people create for themselves, community appeal needs to be considered if a person wishes to keep creating.

With her own creative projects, she has made a promise to herself that they will not cost her money. So, to mitigate the monetary loss that can come from creative outlets, she has set up some rules and guidelines for herself. With 'Surf Sask,' the one she kept coming back to was not allowing herself to create new designs until the old ones were mostly sold.

While interest in her graphic clothing has been sustained in the community, Beauchesne says she needs a break from this current project and would like to spend some more time with her family and reading books. She is handing off her designs to Northern Lakes Economic Development Corporation, which will continue to print some clothing items to sell at the boutique.

## Correction

In the March 18 edition of the Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald, the highlights of the Shellbrook Town Council meeting reported that the Town of Big River was considering relocating its nurse practitioner. The Town of Big River has since clarified that it has had no such discussions, and that it is unaware of any plans by the SHA to relocate the position. The Chronicle & Herald apologize for the error.



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Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll of the Village of Debden for the Year 2021 has been prepared and is now open for inspection in the office of the Assessor from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, March 24, 2021 to May 25, 2021 the following days: Tuesday to Thursday inclusive.

A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to appeal his/her assessment is required to file his/her notice of appeal with: The Assessor, Village of Debden, P.O. Box 400, Debden, Saskatchewan S0J 0S0, by 3:00 p.m. on May 25, 2021.

Dated at Debden, Saskatchewan this 25<sup>th</sup> Day of March, 2021.

Tamara Couture  
Assessor

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Rabbit Lake Housing Authority  
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Rabbit Lake, SK S0M 2L0

# Batten acclaimed to Shellbrook Town Council

Shellbrook's ratepayers won't be going to the polls for the second time in less than six months.

As the only person who put their name into the hat to fill the vacant seat of former councillor David Knight, Larry Batten has been acclaimed to Shellbrook's Town Council.

Born and raised in Kingston, Ont., Batten worked as an automobile technician at a G.M. dealership from 1978 until 1986, when he began working as a technician for a home medical firm. It was there that he met his wife, Kris, and they began their family.

After this, Batten accepted a job in Toronto, servicing private and public elevating and mobility devices for the physically challenged, and went on to become service manager for High Technology Mobility.

"The years passed, the children grew up, they moved west to follow their career paths and it was time for us to follow," Batten wrote in a biography submitted to the *Chronicle* ahead of the municipal

elections in the fall of 2020. "We retired, sold our home and moved to Shellbrook. When we arrived in our new home town, we fell in love with the people. They are so friendly, courteous and willing to help at any time."

Since settling down in Shellbrook, Batten has been involved with the Pentecostal Church, and taken on a number of volunteer jobs, from cutting concrete and pulling apart boards at the arena, to delivering for the community food bank.

Batten says he has quite a few reasons for running for council.

"I see the infrastructure falling apart with high taxes that are paid by merchants and home owners. I see the water and sewer systems failing on a steady basis. The roads and walkways are in great need of repairs," he wrote.

"I am hoping I can bring a new perspective to solutions to help the community to overcome these problems that are putting a financial strain on its citizens."



Larry Batten and his wife, Kris.

## Shellbrook Station group launches business naming contest

Shellbrook Town Council accepted a proposal from Nancy Carswell and Marlene Fellows to repurpose the train station building at the end of Main Street. Carswell and Fellows are busy developing a business plan. It would see the Station become a social business providing space to local entrepreneurs and for a farmers' market.

The museum collection housed in the Station will be curated for new spaces, returned to owners, or sold. For example, the tourist centre could become a new space displaying groups of artifacts that rotate.

As a Saskatchewan Heritage Building, the Station would have been prohibitively expensive to bring it up to Heritage standards. Town Council had considered demolishing it. Carswell and Fellows submitted their proposal as an alternative. The Station is sound and a prime location for local entrepreneurs and producers. Fellows is the contact person, if you are interested in space.

Carswell and Fellows are excited. Carswell explains, "Our proposal is a win-win. Research shows that every dollar entering our community changes hand seven times! The Station will offer affordable retail space to local entrepreneurs and producers with assurances of quality, suitability, and diversity. Those dollars entering will support the entrepreneurs and producers and change hands within Shellbrook."

Fellows adds, "Location is essential to business success. We have a winning location. What we would

like help with is a winning business name. Currently we are using the name "Main Street Station" which is functional but plain. We thought we'd toss out the challenge to see if others can suggest a better name.



When you submit, include an explanation."

If a better name is suggested, the winner will be able to select one from a variety of yet-to-be-determined items from the museum collection.

Enter as many suggestions as you like. There are multiple ways to submit a business name suggestion with an explanation. Drop it in the suggestions box at the Shellbrook Public Library. Text business name suggestions with an explanation to Marlene Fellows at 306-747-9181 or call her in the evening.

### VILLAGE OF CANWOOD CASUAL MAINTENANCE WORKER

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- Be an independent worker;
- Have the ability to complete general outside labour duties; and
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The successful candidate will be responsible to follow direction from the Maintenance Manager and/or Administrator.

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Fax: (306) 468-2805 or  
e-mail: canwood.town@sasktel.net

For more information, please contact the Village Office at 306-468-2016. Closing date for applications is April 22, 2021.

All applicants are encouraged to apply, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

**Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Registration**

Light of Christ Catholic School Division and Living Sky School Division are accepting students into the Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Programs for the 2021-22 school year. Students must meet the following criteria:

**Kindergarten:** Children who are five years old as of December 31, 2021.

**Pre-Kindergarten:** Children must be 3 or 4 years of age at the time of application. Please see the LOCCS website (www.loccs.ca) or the LSSD website (www.lskysd.ca) for further Pre-K criteria.

Please contact your local school for registration details.

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You would do this because it's the right thing, the moral thing to do. And you would do it, regardless of whether or not it would ultimately mean the difference between life and death.

Why, then, do so many of us feel no such moral compunction when it comes to protecting the very planet that sustains us?

Last week, when the Supreme Court of Canada delivered a 6-3 ruling deeming the federal carbon tax to be constitutional, it predictably reignited the same tired, old climate change debate we've been having for decades.

To be certain, the legality of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's carbon tax has no real bearing on whether or not it's sound policy. It isn't.



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The current price of \$40 per tonne of CO2 emissions is far too low to change consumer behaviour in any significant way. And when 2030 rolls around, bringing a price of \$170 per tonne, the carbon tax will be only moderately less ineffective.

But the Supreme Court's ruling, which found climate change to be a "matter of national concern," was about more than just the carbon tax.

It's symbolic. A clear message that we have a moral obligation to do our part for the environment, even if Canada's contribution pales in comparison to the contributions made by larger polluters like the United States and China.

Canadians are as innovative as anyone on the planet. We pioneered zero-till farming, giving the producers around the globe the means to greatly reduce their emissions footprints, and our often unfairly maligned oil sector is continually striving to decrease its environmental impact.

In addition to being a country of innovators, Canada is also well positioned to be an green energy leader. Sure, our winters are long and our climate is chilly, but cities like Regina and Saskatoon are still considered



among the world's best candidates for solar energy production.

In short, there is a great deal Canada can offer in the global battle against man-made climate change.

And, if we devote less energy to wailing and gnashing our teeth at the opposite side of the debate, and begin to work together, we just might find solutions that don't re-

quire us to choose between the environment and our economy.

It won't be easy, and other countries may choose not to pull their weight. But their decisions don't excuse us from our duty.

If we can do something, no matter how big or small, we are morally obligated to act.

It's time to roll up our sleeves and work together for the good of the planet.

## YOUR TWO CENTS ~ Parents' rights must be protected

Dear Premier Moe, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Wyant, and Mr. Meriman,

I am writing to you today to express my deep concern about the recent news from BC concerning the 14 year old girl who, with the encouragement and full cooperation of the education and medical system, and also obviously endorsed by the justice system, began the process to transition.

Because her father chose to speak out against it, he is now

in prison awaiting trial.

It is appalling how callously a parent's right to try and protect their child can be denied and overridden by our government agencies! Parents everywhere should be loudly condemning this, even if for no other reason than out of fear that their family will be the next target.

There are some medical treatments that should NOT even be an option for minors – whether the parents consent or not. Choosing to transition is irreversible and, obviously, extremely life changing.

I believe our school curriculums are, in large part, to blame for promoting this type of thought. Education has strayed too far when it starts indoctrinating life-style choices into the minds of our children. Puberty is a tough time for many children and they need positive encouragement to deal with all the changes they are going through both physically and mentally.

If the school becomes aware that the child has not shared

their concerns with their parents, then I see it as the school's responsibility to foster communication between the child and the parent, not to take over or jeopardize the role of the parent.

In our province of Saskatchewan have the rights of parents also been eroded when it comes to making decisions concerning the health and well-being of their children?

I understand that there are some situations where the parents are not providing their child with love or the basic necessities of life and society needs to step in and rescue those children. These are not the cases I am referring to.

I am looking for your assurances today that your government will uphold the rights of the parents to make the decisions which affect the health and well-being of their children. The "nanny state" should not be able to supersede the role of the parents.

Respectfully yours,

Kathleen Delisle, Shellbrook, Sask.

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# Local tourism bearing brunt of COVID-19

In a normal year, the organizers of the Ness Creek Musical Festival would be all-hands-on-deck in preparation for the event, which typically brings large crowds to the Big River area each year.

Planning would have started almost immediately after the previous year's festival, and, by now, organizers would have the line-up pretty much confirmed, and nearly all of the volunteers recruited. Tickets, meanwhile, would have gone on sale as early as December.

That's a normal year, however, and these are anything but normal times.

Thanks to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, Saskatchewan's battered tourism sector hasn't known normal since the summer of 2019. For the Ness Creek Music Festival, which has been officially cancelled for the second summer in a row, normalcy won't return until at least 2022.

"With the uncertainty of what our numbers will be at this summer for outdoor events, planning our regular festival has just not been possible," said Carlie Letts, festival manager for the Ness Creek Cultural and Recreational Society.

As if the festival cancellation wasn't bad enough, Letts adds that the COVID-19 pandemic has delivered a one-two punch to her organization, forcing it to cancel the many community events it typically holds each year.

Letts says these added cancellations have been a "big blow" to the community-based organization's morale, and made it difficult to maintain connections with the festival's community. And while the organization has tried to reach out via online campaigns, groups and events, nothing beats the "real thing, live and in person."

If there's a silver lining to be found amongst the dark clouds of COVID-19, Letts says it's in the knowledge that the festival's supporters remain as enthusiastic and supportive as ever, giving the organization confidence they'll be back when the next Ness Creek Musical Festival is announced in the aftermath of the pandemic.

In the meantime, she says the hope is to provide a little bit of "Ness Magic" to hold audiences over until the festival and regular events can resume.

"We are hoping to be able to present some live music events later this summer, although at a much, much smaller capacity," Letts said. "We are waiting to see what outdoor gathering restrictions will be this summer, but are optimistic that we may be able to present a little bit of Ness Magic for a number of smaller events."

While the Ness Creek Music Festival has felt the full impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Doukhobor



**Though it won't quite be business as usual at the Doukhobor Dugout House Site, self-guided tours will allow visitors to take in some history this summer.**

Dugout House National Historic site of Canada, located just south of Blaine Lake, hasn't exactly escaped unscathed.

Founder Brenda Cheveldayoff says there was a time, at the height of the shutdowns in 2020, when she and the board feared the site wouldn't be able to open again. However, once restrictions loosened up in the fall, the site was able to host a handful of Doukhobor Bread sales to help raise funds for a legacy roof project in honour of late board member Donna Choppe.

Even still, for a non-profit organization that depends on gate and bread sales to survive, 2020 was a tough year to bear. But barring any major changes in public health restrictions, 2021 looks like it will bring a much-needed reprieve for the historic site.

With guidance from Tourism Saskatchewan, Cheveldayoff says a plan was put together to allow guests to go on self-guided tours of the site.

"Our theme to launch this is called Season of Colours, offering ten areas of historical significance for our visitors to see," Cheveldayoff said.

On the self-guided tours, visitors will be able to wander the Doukhobor grounds, relax on the new patio area overlooking the river valley, and sample tasty eats, such as Doukhobor bread with butter and jam, grilled cheese (on Doukhobor bread) with a side of dill pickle pasta salad, and Saskatoon berry pie, just to name a few.

While the tours won't be guided or in large groups, there will still be the usual folks in costumes, and Cheveldayoff says all areas of the site have been changed or upgraded, including the gift shop, which now features Doukhobor rugs and many made-in-Saskatchewan items.

Visitors will also have a mystery to solve, in the form of the unsolved death of Peter "Lordly" Verigin.

Revered as a "semi-deity" by some Doukhobors, Verigin inspired his followers to build a communal empire across the

three prairie provinces in the years after 1899, when they first arrived in Canada. He was killed on Oct. 29 1924, at the age of 65, in a train car explosion.

While the possibility of a tragic accident has never been ruled out, Verigin's death is seen as a great unsolved mystery in Canadian history. There were many who could have wanted him dead, from those who resented the Doukhobors for adhering to their culture and language, to Doukhobors who resented him for numerous reasons, and even the Canadian and Russian governments.

For Cheveldayoff, who runs the Doukhobor site out of passion for sharing her ancestors' history, all this could make for one of the site's best seasons yet, and help people reconnect.

"As people we need human contact and to enjoy the outdoors, especially after such a long haul with regards to COVID-19 restrictions," she said, noting all safety precautions will be in place.

The Doukhobor Dugout House opens Saturdays starting in July, with hours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Ahead of opening day, a Doukhobor bread sale will be held on June 5, with all proceeds going towards the painting of the Doukhobor Prayer Home.

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# Minutes of an RM of Spiritwood meeting

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

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 was held on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2020 via web conferencing.

In attendance were Reeve Shirley Dauvin, Division 1 Larry Vaagen, Division 2 Al Steinhilber, Division 3 Terry Wingerter, Division 4 Dennis Laventure, Division 5 Jerome Tetreault, Division 6 Bevra Fee, Administrator Colette Bussiere, and Foreman Darcy Laventure.

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m. by

Reeve, Shirley Dauvin.

Dennis Laventure: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried.

Councillor, Larry Vaagen acknowledged a conflict of interest in the matter of Dianna Vaagen's email.

Bevra Fee: That the salary schedule for the RM of Spiritwood be revised as recommended and be retroactive to Jan. 1, 2021. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the bank reconciliation for the month ending Jan. 31, 2021 be accepted as presented. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: That the "List of Accounts" as listed on the attached Schedule "A" forming part of

these minutes be passed for payment. Cheque No. 12859, Payroll File No. 314, 316 & 317, EFT -Grader Lease Payment. Carried.

Larry Vaagen: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month ending Dec. 31, 2020 (which includes 2020 accrued payables) & Jan. 31, 2021 be approved as presented. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the Steering Committee has the authority to make decisions on the information that is shared to the story board for the Environmental Carrying Capacity Study on Meeting Lake. Carried.

Larry Vaagen: That Reeve, Shirley Dauvin & Deputy Reeve, Al Steinhilber be registered as voting delegates for the virtual SARM Convention. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: That Candace Harris be appointed as the Weed Inspector for the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 for the 2021 calendar year. Carried.

Bevra Fee: That Bylaw No. 2021-1, being a Bylaw to Regulate the Proceedings of Municipal Council and Council's Committees be read a second time. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That Bylaw No. 2021-1, being a Bylaw to Regulate the Procedures of Municipal Council and Council's Committees be read a third time and adopted. Carried.

Bevra Fee: That the Application to

Purchase Lease Land described as NE 29-49-11-W3 be reserved until the municipality can explore for aggregate resources. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: That we recommend approval of the proposed subdivision application for a single, non-farm residential parcel located on SE 07-53-10-W3. The subdivision application complies with the District Plan and the RM Zoning Bylaw. There are no land uses in the vicinity that are incompatible with the intended use. The applicant will be required to construct an approach that meets municipal standards and will to provide access to the new parcel. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That the request by the property owner to clear brush & trees from the road allowance on the west side of SW 02-52-11-W3 be approved. Any trees, brush, rocks & debris cleared from the right of way shall be stockpiled on the aforementioned lands for future disposal by the property owner. That compensation in the amount of \$500.00 per 1/2 mile be paid to the property owner, as per RM policy, as both parties benefit from the clearing of the road allowance. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the request by the property owner to clear brush & trees from the road allowance on the south side of S1/2 03-51-09-W3 and the east side of E 1/2 33-50-09-W3 be approved. Any trees, brush, rocks & debris cleared from the right of way shall be stockpiled on the aforementioned lands for future disposal by the property owner. That compensation in the amount of \$500.00 per 1/2 mile be paid to the property owner for brush clearing the south side of SW 03-51-09-W3 and east side of E 1/2 50-09-W3W3 as both parties benefit from the brush clearing. That no compensation be paid for the clearing of brush & trees from the south side of SE 03-51-09-W3. Carried.

Jerome Tetreault: That enter into a road maintenance agreement with Next Generation Logging to haul 3,000 tonne of timber from Section 26 & Section 35 of 54-10-W3. The hauler shall be responsible for the maintenance and restoration of the undeveloped road. Carried.

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## New tech will change herbicide usage

When you look at agriculture today if one area of the industry shows how significantly the view of end consumers and those of producers can seem at odds, it would be in the use of herbicides.

While in a world of the din on social media the minority is making its voice heard, it is rather clear there is increased concern about the use of chemicals in producing a crop. It is a concern that is actually two-pronged, with some worried about residues in the food we eat, and

others concerned about its impact on the environment, the danger to bees, birds and water.

But farmers need to control weeds, bugs and disease, if they are to produce crops to feed people.

That said it is important the agricultural sector does what it can to reduce usage, in-part because consumers are increasingly demanding it and if farmers don't do it on their own, governments will legislate it, and because reducing use is good business.

Herbicides are not low-



CALVIN DANIELS

cost, so reducing usage saves money.

Weeds also develop tolerances. So, again, reducing use is good to slow that process.

That is where the concept of spraying only the

weeds in a field, not the crop itself, is such a compelling one for the industry.

The approach is simple enough, wanting a system that can identify the weeds and spray them. Much as homeowners do when walking across the lawn with a home sprayer going after dandelions, and only dandelions.

Of course the technology to do that on a field scale is quite another thing, but it appears to have arrived.

John Deere has a unit that is nearing produc-

tion that will employ 36 cameras which will identify offending weeds. From the time a camera sees a weed it is 200 milliseconds until spray is applied to it, noted a story at [www.producer.com](http://www.producer.com)

While the technology limits the speed one can spray at so the technology can work, the system is designed to significantly reduce the amount of total spray product applied to a field.

This is another example of how technology is pushing farming techniques ahead by huge steps.

It will take some time for the technology to be widely used, but the agriculture sector has long been a field where early adoption of new ideas has been the norm, from growing GM canola to zero-till practices.

With the potential to save annual operational costs by reducing herbicide use, and because it is a positive development for the environment and the peace-of-mind of consumers, this has to be something producers are keeping a close eye on in terms of development.

## Minutes of an RM of Spiritwood meeting

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Terry Wingerter: That the request to abate the penalty charged as of Jan. 1, 2021 and apply the August discount to Roll 4442 000 be declined. Carried.

Councillor, Al Steinhilber acknowledged a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on the matter.

Terry Wingerter: That we approve the request to remove dead, dying & fallen trees within the Environmental Reserve (ER) in front of Lot 6/Blk 1 in The Cove. The applicant is solely responsible for all design, safety, and workmanship aspects associated with

this approval and all work must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the Water Security Agency's Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That we proceed with the strategic planning proposal from Olauson Consultants in the amount of \$4,200. Carried.

Councillor, Bevra Fee abstained from voting on the matter due to a perceived conflict of interest.

Dennis Laventure: That the list of lands in arrears be accepted as presented, advertised and attached hereto

forming part of the minutes. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That we request Memorial Lake Regional Park & the Meeting Lake Regional Park to initiate cancellation of the following lease agreements for non-payment of property taxes: Meeting Lake Regional Park: Lot 11/Blk 3, Lot 7/Blk 5, Lot 29/Blk 5, Lot 19/Blk 4, Lot 9/Blk 5; Memorial Lake Regional Park: Lot 19/Blk 1. Carried.

Larry Vaagen: That we provide non-financial support for the Eagleback Lake aeration/remediation project. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: That we enter into a 5 year rental agreement with Northern Lakes Economic Development Corporation for board room meeting rental. Carried.

Councillor, Bevra Fee abstained from voting on the matter due to a perceived conflict of interest.

Shirley Dauvin: That a Special Meeting of Council be held on Thursday, Feb. 18, 2020 to discuss the proposed gravel pit development located on SE 09-53-11-W3. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the meeting be adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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# Season just around the corner for Honeywood

**By Judy Harley**

Spring is Officially Here, but I think winter is not finished with us yet! I am sure we will have a few more weather issues before we open the nursery to visitors and customers.

This year, our board of directors made the decision to have an online auction to give us a much-needed start for the 2021 season. We will be using the Myron Schmalz auction site and thanks to him this will allow us access to his 4,000 plus contacts, plus all our contacts.

The plan is to get the auction items together ASAP, with the deadline to have your pictures and information into Connie Peake (looking after the auction for Honeywood) by no later than April 10, 2021. If you have something you would like to donate and/or advertise, please send a few 2 – 5 pictures of the item along with a good quality description (include something to indicate size i.e.: tape measure, hand, etc.) remember your pictures and description are the eyes of the buyer..... email them to: Connie Peake at cpeake@sasktel.net. Please cc honey-



woodn8@gmail.com so we can thank you properly for your donation.

Just in time for Mothers Day, our new season open date is Saturday, May 8, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Weather permitting of course.)

We will once again, have a greenhouse full of annuals and bedding plants, thanks to our friend Malcolm Jenkins and his Prince Albert Canadian Tire store. Due to COVID-19 rules the greenhouse will be sanitized regularly, hand sanitizer will be available before entering and

only one person or couple will be allowed in the greenhouse at a time. Social Distancing must be observed!

Something New for 2021: Last fall our staff did a major renovation on the Red Office Lean-to. It is now a bright, beautiful gift shop/garden store. We will have our homemade Honeywood jellies and jams; garden hand tools and necessities (some compliments of Canadian Tire); a selection of Early's Heirloom seeds; seed potatoes and so much more! Remember to check it out when

you come to Honeywood for a visit!!

Something else that is new: We now have a Honeywood Heritage Nursery YouTube page. The plan is to video various projects at the nursery as well as tours of the grounds from time to time throughout the summer. Then, we'll upload the videos to our YouTube page so anyone who would like to see what is happening can check out our site. How cool is that?

There is a lot of work involved in getting Honeywood ready for the season open date. The main yard gets a raking and cleaning; the selling area is swept and pallets are placed; potted lilies and perennials are brought out of storage and pots are cleaned up; the greenhouses are cleaned out and made ready for plants; the new gift/garden shop is stocked; and of course, our 2,000 lily bulbs are potted.

Whew! Lots to do and not much time to do it. But our staff are great and it will be ready for visitors, customers, friends (a few volunteers to help out would be greatly appreciated).

Once again, we applied to the

Canada Summer Jobs program to assist in the hiring of a student or two, for the summer. We are keeping our fingers crossed that we will be successful in our application. Young people have been employed at Honeywood every summer since the 1940s when Bert Porter hired them to help in the fields and pick fruit. They are an important part of the work done at Honeywood and we have continued with the practice since we started the restoration in 2001.

The cost of maintaining the beautiful grounds, orchards, buildings and fields is always an ongoing concern. The funds to do this are normally acquired through fundraising events, sale of plant material and donations. Without the support of you, our friends and supporters, we would not be able to continue to keep this heritage site in the great shape so many have come to love.

We are looking forward to a great year at Honeywood and invite you to join us whenever you have the chance.

Don't forget to check our Facebook page @ Honeywood Heritage Nursery Inc for updates.

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# Shellbrook Library springs into spring

As winter slowly fades into the rear view mirror, it's business as usual at the Shellbrook Library.

Well business as pandemic usual, at any rate.

With in-library programming still off the table, the library is continuing to provide take-home story kits and its

slew of online programming to appeal to book lovers of all ages.

The themes for this month's take-home story kits include counting, spring, the zoo, and the Three Pigs. Online book clubs, meanwhile, will be reading *Shadow Among Sheaves* by Naomi Stevens.

The evening book club meets, via Zoom, on April 10 at 7 p.m., The afternoon book club is scheduled to meet April 30 at 2 p.m. Librarian Dian Campbell has the Zoom details for those interested.

While it's mostly business as usual at the Shellbrook Library, April does bring something new with it.

Courtesy of some funding from the Shellbrook Arts Council, the Library is launching an art program, which will feature take-home art projects for pre-teens/teens and young adults.

April's art kit consists of paint, canvas and tools to make Amazing Tree pictures using Q-Tip techniques.

Finally, in some family-focused fun, the Library is giving families the tools they need to "plant their own pizza garden." Kits include, pots, soil and seeds.

Campbell says she hopes to have all the take-home kits ready for pick up by April 6.



Thanks to a generous donation from the Arts Council, the library is now offering take-home art kits.



Plant a pizza garden kits are aimed at providing family fun.

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

### LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday School,  
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9:30 a.m.  
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Canwood - Christ Church  
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Sun. Mass - 9:30 a.m.  
Fr. Dong Doan  
Big River - Sacred Heart  
Sun., 11:30 a.m. - Mass  
Whitefish  
Sun., 2:30 p.m. - Mass.  
Victoire  
Sat., 7:30 p.m. - Mass.  
Fr. Dong Doan  
St. Agatha's - Shellbrook  
Mass - Sunday 11 a.m.  
St. Henry's - Leask  
Mass - Sunday - 9 a.m.  
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**SPIRITWOOD:** Wapiti Regional Library - Limited Capacity. Tuesday 9 am - 5 pm; Wednesday 9 am - 5 pm; Friday 9 am - 5 pm

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

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

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**LEASK:** Wapiti Library & Legacy Gallery Hours - Limited Capacity. Tuesday 10:30 am - 5 pm; Friday 10:30 am - 5 pm; Saturday 1 pm - 4 pm

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

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

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# Moe slams carbon tax after Supreme Court ruling

The Supreme Court of Canada may have ruled that the federal carbon tax is constitutional, but that hasn't changed Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe's stance on the policy.

"The federal carbon tax is bad environmental policy, bad economic policy, and simply wrong," Moe said in a statement last Thursday, after the 6-3 ruling was handed down by the Court.

"While the Supreme Court has determined that Prime Minister Trudeau has the legal right to impose a carbon tax, it doesn't mean he should, and it doesn't make the carbon tax any less punitive for Saskatchewan people."

The federal carbon-tax-and-rebate program was introduced in 2018 and laid out a national framework for pricing carbon — one that applies to everyday consumers as well as industrial emitters. Under the federal government's current framework, it will continue rising until 2030 when it hits \$170 per tonne.

In its ruling, the Supreme Court of

Canada found that climate change poses a real, serious threat to the world and is serious enough to allow the federal government to step in.

"Although this restriction may interfere with a province's preferred balance between economic and environmental considerations, it is necessary to consider the interests that would be harmed — owing to irreversible consequences for the environment, for human health and safety, and for the economy — if Parliament were unable to constitutionally address the matter at a national level," Chief Justice Richard Wagner wrote in the decision.

Under the ruling, Ottawa will collect the carbon tax in Saskatchewan, then provide rebates to individual tax filers in the province. Revenue Canada says the average household of four can expect about \$1,000 in rebates for 2020.

However, Moe warns the decision has "far-reaching implications for federal intrusion into areas of provincial jurisdiction."

"Saskatchewan will remain vigilant in defending our constitutional jurisdiction from further infringement from this federal government," Moe said.

"Saskatchewan people have seen the federal carbon tax for what it is — a blunt, ineffective instrument that kills jobs, threatens the competitiveness of our industries, and penalizes essential, daily activities of families across our province.

Though Moe's and government and Ryan Meili's NDP opposition seldom see eye to eye on matters of policy, Meili also expressed his disappointment in the Court's ruling.

Meili says the carbon-tax-and-rebate program will hurt Saskatchewan people.

"(Thursday's) ruling means that Trudeau's economy-wide carbon tax will continue to take more from the people of Saskatchewan than they get back, with people living in rural and remote areas being most affected. That's not right," Ryan Meili, Saskatchewan

NDP leader, said in a statement Thursday.

"This economy-wide price on carbon is not something that Saskatchewan people, or the Saskatchewan NDP support."

Meili said Moe should have spent the past two years trying to negotiate a better deal with the federal government, rather than fighting against it.

He says he would like Moe to begin negotiating a deal with Trudeau that would exempt fuel used for grain drying, explore all options to limit costs for families, and offer rebates to families to offset the cost of a carbon tax.

"The people of Saskatchewan know climate change is real, and want to do their part to reduce emissions while creating good jobs for the future in wind, solar, and geothermal," Meili said.

"It's time for Justin Trudeau and Scott Moe to put wrangling aside and get to work — together — on real solutions across the board that will ensure good jobs and prosperity for all of us."

## Minutes of a Village of Canwood meeting

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the Village of Canwood, held at 580 Main Street (café), Canwood, Sask., on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2021, was called to order by Mayor Thompson at 1:05 p.m.

Present: Mayor— Robert Thompson, Deputy Mayor — Svend Hansen, Councillor — Lorne Benson, Ken Moar and Ron Willner, and Administrator — Erin Robertson.

Delegations: 2:00 p.m. to 2:39 p.m.: Dean Anderson, Maintenance Manager — verbal update on Public Works

Moar: That the minutes of the January 18, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented. Carried

Hansen: That the Statement of Financial Activities and Bank Reconciliation for the month of January 2021 be approved as presented. Carried  
Willner: That the water report for the month of January 2021 be approved as presented. Carried

Benson: That we acknowledge receipt of Maintenance Manager Calendar, Office Assistant and Administrator Attendance Statements for January 2021 as presented. Carried

Moar: That we issue Cheques 5238 to 5257 and Other payments totaling \$41,816.39, as detailed on attached List of Accounts for Approval, Pay Period 01 and February payroll advance from the general account. Carried

Thompson: That we move to in-camera at 2:40 p.m. citing The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, section 15(1)(b) (ii) and section 23(1)(b) "personal information" and ask that the Administrator remain in chambers. Carried

Thompson: That we move out of in-camera at 3:20 p.m. Carried

Committee Updates: Public Works Committee — verbal report provided by Lorne Benson, Ron Willner and Svend Hansen

Moar: That we agree to pay Dean Lehouillier invoice, to

a maximum of 20 hours, for snow removal within the Village prior to the review of payments at the March Regular Meeting of Council. Carried

Benson: That we agree to the registration of Mayor, Robert Thompson, into the Municipal Leaders' Roles and Responsibilities Workshop, to be held virtually March 2, 2021, for a cost \$45.00, plus applicable taxes. Carried

Benson: Whereas the Village of Canwood Council understands the value in inter-community co-operation that enhances local governance, be it resolved that we support a partnership with the R.M. of Canwood No. 494 and the Village of Debden and make application into the Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Initiative, Stream 3 Regional Co-operation, for the development of the municipalities Official Community Plans and Zoning Bylaws. Carried

Thompson: That the correspondence be noted and filed:

- Shellbrook and Districts Health Service Foundation October 6, 2020, meeting minutes
- SUMAssure Notice of Annual General meeting
- SAMA Notice of Annual Meeting
- STARS request for donation
- SaskTel notice of service rate increase
- Erin Robertson request to carry over unused holiday days

• Government of Canada Gas Tax Fund Infrastructure Investment Plan 2021-005669 Reline Sewer approval letter

• Ministry of Government Relations information on business continuity and COVID-19

• Jordan Peters request to consolidate Lot 3 & 4, Block 102, Plan 85PA11333, Ext. 0

• SAMA 2021 Municipal Requisition. Carried

Willner: That we acknowledge the registration of Maintenance Manager, Dean Andersen into the Hach Technical Training that was held on Jan. 19, 2021, and facilitated through Anderson Pump House for the cost of \$350.00, including applicable taxes. Carried

Moar: That we appoint Mayor, Robert Thompson as our voting delegate for the SUMAssure Annual General Meeting to be held March 3, 2021. Carried

Moar: That Bylaw No. 2021-01, being a Bylaw to establish a fee to appeal assessments within the Village of Canwood, be read for the first time at this meeting. Carried

Benson: That Bylaw No. 2021-01, being a Bylaw to establish a fee to appeal assessments within the Village of Canwood, be read for a second time at this meeting. Carried

Willner: That we agree to give to three readings at this meeting to Bylaw No. 2021-

01, being a Bylaw to establish a fee to appeal assessments within the Village of Canwood. Carried Unanimously

Thompson: That Bylaw No. 2021-01, being a Bylaw to establish a fee to appeal assessments within the Village of Canwood, be read a third time and adopted. Carried

Benson: Whereas Mr. Jordan Peters has informed Council of his anticipated intentions with Lots 3 & 4 Block 102, Plan 85PA11333, Ext. 0, and so his future Development Permit application will conform to the Villages Zoning Bylaw, section 4.5.1, be it resolved that we are in favor of the consolidation of the two lots. Carried

Let the minutes note that Administrator, Erin Robertson declared a conflict as it relates to the next agenda item that is to be discussed and left Council Chambers at 4:59 p.m.

Administrator was asked to rejoin the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Willner: That we allow Administrator, Erin Robertson to carry over 4 of her unused holiday days from her 2020/2021 allotment. Furthermore, these days must be utilized in her 2021/2022 entitlement. Carried

Benson: That we adjourn at 5:23 p.m. and set a Budget meeting for March 9, 2021, commencing at 9:30 a.m. and the next regular meeting of Council to be March 15, 2021, commencing at 9:30 a.m. Carried



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## Does CFL need XFL to survive?

It's rare that the Canadian Football League makes headlines—in two countries, no less—in March, but when there's money and merger on the line, not to mention potential for salvation and/or demise, headlines come easy.

The CFL, which abandoned its 2020 season due to the coronavirus pandemic, was in infant stages of organizing the 2021 season when Commissioner Randy Ambrosie confirmed that collaboration talks with the XFL, a hangin'-by-a-thread grid league in the United States, would take place. The XFL is fronted by the wildly popular Dwayne (The Rock) Johnson and his ex-wife, Dany Garcia.

"We look forward to seeing what possibilities our discussions might uncover, and to sharing those with our fans as the process unfolds," Ambrosie said to ESPN.com's Kevin Seifert.

Immediately, panic set in among a number of CFL followers, who love the Canadi-

an game and its unique rules (three downs, 12 players on the field, longer and wider field, the rouge, Canadian/import player ratios) and are worried that the CFL's demise might be imminent if it casts its lot with an unproven entity such as the XFL.

Veteran CFL broadcaster Bob Irving of Winnipeg, who has covered the league since the early 1970s, has concerns about the CFL's future. "I think the CFL has been seduced by the Rock's charisma and worldwide popularity," said Irving. "There is no harm in the CFL listening to what The Rock and his group have to offer, but if these talks lead to a merger, my worst fears will be founded. The things that make the Canadian game so unique ... would all be in peril and if the failed CFL expansion to the U.S. in the 1990s proved anything, it's that the CFL is far better off to find a solution to its problems on the north side of the border. Hopefully, a suc-



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cessful return to play in 2021 will allow the CFL to end this dalliance with the XFL."

One thing the XFL does have, that the CFL covets, is money. Not playing games, or playing games without fans, is a killer for the CFL, which collects the bulk of its revenue from gate receipts. Billion-dollar TV deals exist in the U.S., but definitely not north of the border.

The XFL doesn't plan to play in 2021, but is looking toward a restart in 2022. Whether that includes some

sort of arrangement involving the CFL remains to be seen. There are two distinct views: 1. A lot of flag-waving Canadians pray for the status quo, without any American involvement; 2. A lot of flag-waving Canadians pray for the XFL's involvement to prevent the CFL's demise.

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "Tom Brady and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers have agreed to a one-year contract extension. The contract includes a \$5 million incentive bonus for another drunken boat toss of the Lombardi Trophy."

• Comedy writer Brad Dickson of Omaha: "Apparently after watching too many sporting events, the Nebraska governor is about to announce that businesses can reopen 'at 110 per cent capacity.'"

• Bruce Arthur of the Toronto Star, on Twitter: "Curling observation: Kevin Koe, whether winning or losing, often looks like he's wonder-

ing if he left the stove on."

• Patti Dawn Swansson, aka the River City Renegade, expressing skepticism about a future CFL-XFL arrangement: "Maybe they'll make a go of it this time around. And maybe Johnny Manziel will collect as many Super Bowl rings as Tom Brady."

• Quebec skip Mike Fournier, writing in SI/com, on one Brier game which began with five consecutive blank ends: "I think even the cardboard cut-outs were napping."

• Alex Kaseberg again: "People are either excited about filling out their NCAA brackets for the tournament or they're not. When I told my co-worker I had Gonzaga in the semis, she suggested I should get a shot of penicillin."

• Bob Ryan of The Boston Globe, via Twitter, on the death of middleweight icon Marvelous Marvin Hagler: "At his championship peak, he was Boston's fifth major sports franchise all by him-

self."

• Jack Finarelli, at sportscurmudgeon.com, on March Madness referees prepping for the pro ranks: "They certainly ignored enough travelling violations last night to demonstrate to the NBA mavens that they have that part of their officiating duties down pat."

• Finarelli, who loves going through rosters of NCAA teams and then playing name games, offered up this one: "Dajuan Harris, Jr. is a guard on the Kansas team. Too bad he is not a twin; if he were, his brother could have been named 'Da-udda-juan.'"

• Steve Simmons of Sun Media, recalling one of his favourite lines from former NHL coach Harry Neale: "Last season we couldn't win at home. This season we can't win on the road. My failure as a coach is I can't think of any place else to play."

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*Andy (Andrew) Joseph Lamontagne*

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Andy (Andrew) Joseph  
May 18, 1956 – March  
19, 2021

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved Andy. His short battle with cancer took him far too early at the age of 64.

Left to carry on his legacy are his wife Milly, sons Jeremy (Ashley) and Adam (Nadine), grandson Thomas, mother Loretta, brothers Marcel and Mark (Marcella), sisters Paulette (Steve), Lynn (Terry), Yvette (Alex), Michelle (Rod), Roxanne (Hartley) and Cindy (Todd), sisters-in-law Bonnie, Elaine (Jan), Jeannie (Larry), Roberta (Bruce) and Debbie (Guy), as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Andy is predeceased by his father Fern, mother and father-in-law Irene and Thomas Wilson, brother Real, sister-in-law Dorothy, brother-in-law Gord, and nieces

Colette and Tracy.

Andy was born in Shellbrook, SK and spent his childhood on the farm near Pratt Lake, SK with his parents and 9 siblings. He met the love of his life Milly Wilson in 1976 at Emerald Lake. They were married and had their first son Jeremy in 1978. They then moved for a short time to the Yukon, where his second son Adam was born in 1981. After a year in the far north, Milly told him she was going home with or without him - so he made the smart decision to pack his bags and head back to Saskatchewan. Once home, they bought their first house in Dalmeny, SK where they lived for

29 years before moving to their final home in Leask, SK in 2012.

Andy was a dynamic soul - he was an outlaw at heart but loved the quiet of nature. He arrived in this world in 5th gear and had a love for anything with a motor, including his Nautique boat, Dodge truck, Harley motorcycle, Ski-doo snowmobile and Kenworth semi. Andy's passion for driving led to his lifelong career as a truck driver. He drove for many companies over the years but spent the last 27 with his NRT family in Saskatoon. He enjoyed the free life of a laid back, slow moving cowboy and outdoorsman. Andy loved working in the commu-

nity pasture, hunting, fishing and anything that took him outdoors to breathe in that beautiful Saskatchewan air.

Andy was the most loving, generous, positive, caring and selfless person, and will be deeply missed by those who knew him. He was immensely proud of his sons and his ultimate joy was holding the title of grandpa. He loved to be surrounded by his family and friends, who he cherished more than anything. Andy knew everyone and wouldn't hesitate to grab a coffee or crack a beer with you to catch up. He could talk with the best of them, and loved to spend time telling stories and sharing

laughs.

Andy is on to greener pastures, where he may finally get around to finishing the movie Braveheart.

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In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations in Andy's memory to either the Cancer Foundation of Saskatchewan or the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation. Arrangements have been entrusted to Stefan Funk of Dalmeny Funeral Home - (306) 254-2022. A celebration of life will be held at a later date when we have found a location that safely holds half the population of Saskatchewan....

## GOOD NEWS

## EASTER AND THE HOPE OF LIFE AFTER DEATH

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

Our Lenten journey is almost over. Through these past weeks, we have been walking with Jesus Christ ever steadily towards Jerusalem and the cross. This is the second time that we have traveled through the seasons of Lent and Easter since the pandemic of COVID-19 began. As I wrote in previous articles, for some of us, for many of us, it may not feel like we have ever left the season of Lent. We have had to give up so much, change so much, in order that the preservation of life could be ensured.

While we may still be wandering, just as Jesus is enter-

ing Jerusalem, we are hopefully almost out of the wilderness. The vaccinations are steadily being deployed, with hopes that all those who may desire a vaccine will receive one by this summer. Admittedly, many of the changes that we have become accustomed to will remain in place, but we will have an opportunity at a transformed life.

The lectionary for Easter Sunday, like so much else contained within Scripture, remains not only relevant to our context, but gives us much to reflect upon. From Isaiah (25:6-9), we encounter a people who have ascended Mount Zion in order to enjoy the feast that the Lord has lovingly pre-

pared for their enjoyment and has set before them. Not only is there a feast, but God tells the people of God that there on Mount Zion, God will triumph over death that has afflicted God's people.

The obvious question we are left with is: how has God defeated death? Death still affects all of us. Of course, this is not meant literally. Everything and everyone will one day ultimately die. Rather, what God has actually defeated and freed humankind from is an oppressive fear of death, as well as the emotional pain that death has for those who mourn the loss of the departed.

What has changed is that we, as God's people, will all share

in the joys of a future promised by God. We shall know life, not only in the present real-world sense, but perhaps, when read in light of the Christ event, eternally as well. Life after death.

The end for Christ, his followers, and all of us here and now, was not when Jesus was lifted up onto the cross. Nor was it even the end when he was lifted up from death to life in the resurrection. He brought new life through the resurrection and he was once again lifted up to be with the transcendent God, returning home for all eternity.

While we may not be free from the looming threat of death, or even pain and suffer-

ing, what we have been gifted through Easter is hope and the promise of life after death. All of us, everyone, as people who belong to God, who are loved by God, will one day return home, spending eternity with God. However, as Jesus made clear through the beatitudes, we are all blessed, but we have been blessed so that we may work through the pain, suffering, and hardships so that we can imitate and practice the radical love exhibited by Christ. A love that shall transform the world as it is to the world as it should be. In this Easter season, may we be mindful that, as Meister Eckhart stated, "In this life we are to become heaven so that God might find a home here."

*Spiritwood Library news highlights*

The Spiritwood Library Board met on Wed. March 24 at 5 p.m. Seven members were present.

Old business that was discussed was the fundraiser, Dessert of the Month. The February Aboriginal Storyteller was done online. Stacey did a Valentine's Take and Make crafts. There are plans to offer more of these for the children. Dana will plan one for Easter.

How to promote the library was discussed. Pamphlets will be revised and distributed. Some members have been doing an excellent job of promoting the library on Facebook. We are looking and applying for grants to help buy books and DVDs to add to our collections.

We are hosting a virtual author workshop in May. Grades 4 to 6 will take part in this. This is through the

Natasha Dean program.

We will be getting a kit from the TD Summer Reading program to do a Storywalk. A decision will be made later as to where this will be set up in Spiritwood.

We purchased a desk shield for our librarian. This should make her job safer.

There is a kit available on how to make libraries more Dementia friendly. It was agreed to order this kit.

Book exchanges are done on regular basis, be sure to check out the library to see what is new. A library card is free. There are books for all ages, a good selection of DVDs, puzzles and computers for public use.

The next meeting will be on May 19 at 5 p.m.

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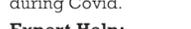
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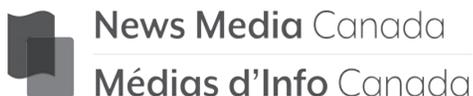
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# How to plant a tree – or thousands

**Sara Williams**

My first serious tree planting began after I moved to a then treeless bromegrass pasture of five acres south of Saskatoon over forty years ago. Purchased in the winter, I had no idea of what the soil was like. And after the heavy clay soil of a Sutherland home, I was not quite sure what to do with the almost pure sand of the acreage. Friends commented on the somewhat “rolling terrane” of the back pasture -so sandy that it had indeed blown to form a few small undulating dunes during the dry dirty thirties.

Guidelines for planting trees have changed somewhat over those four decades but the principles remain. Many of the problems associated with tree planting come from letting them dry out between the time of purchase and the time of planting, encircling roots, placing the tree at the wrong depth, too small a planting hole or unnecessary staking.

Although it might seem counter-intuitive, adding an overabundance of organic amendments to the planting home, especially in a heavy clay soil, may result in the roots never leaving the hole to venture out into the surrounding soil.

The ideal planting time is spring as it provides the longest time frame for the tree to become established. Summer also works as long as attention is paid to weather that is too hot, too dry or too

windy and the tree is watered accordingly. Early fall is also an option - as long as the tree is in active growth but has enough time to harden off (cease growth and prepare for winter) in its new home.

Most trees do best in full sun and well-drained soil. Before planting, check with utility companies to avoid placing trees on top of hidden underground utilities. And look up to ensure they will not be growing into overhead utility lines.

Small trees are usually sold in containers while larger ones may be “balled and burlapped.” Large orders of smaller trees may be bare-rooted. Always handle trees by their lower trunks.

When removing the tree from its container, minimal damage occurs if this is done while the tree and container are laying on their side. If balled-and-burlapped, remove all wrapping materials. Soak the root ball for a few hours in (preferably) lukewarm water. If any roots are circling, spiraling or girdling the root ball or growing inward, they should be straightened out so they grow away from the rootball, not into it or around it. If gently re-positioning the roots does not work, then cut them off with a sharp pruner. Consider this a “kind cut”. New roots will quickly form and be heading in the right direction. If left to grow inward or circle around, they will in effect strangle themselves. At the time of planting, only prune



**If girdling roots are not pruned prior to planting, they become ingrown and can not anchor the tree.**  
*Photo credit: Sara Williams.*

dead, diseased or broken branches.

Trees should be planted at the same depth at which they were grown in their container or in the nursery field, at a mid-point in the “trunk flare.” This is where the trunk bulges or broadens slightly before the roots begin. It is important that the trunk is above the soil line and the roots below the soil line.

I found the most success on my sandy soil when digging a generous planting hole. Take a cue from the lyrics of Michael, Row Your Boat Ashore, “The Jordan River is deep and wide, Hallelujah!” Sing while you dig and dig both deep and wide. The depth of the planting hole should be about four inches deeper than the depth of the root ball; the width at least twice that of the root ball. Err on the side of generosity. If needed, place a mound of soil on the

bottom of the planting hole to ensure that the planting level is neither too high nor too deep.

Recommendations have changed a bit in forty years, but if your soil is predominantly sand, adding moderate amounts of organic amendments such as compost, peat moss or composted manure to the soil in the planting hole will help to retain moisture. Otherwise, go with the soil that you have.

*Next – Part 2 - Planting!*

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