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Random acts of kindness provide virtual support

By Trina Chamberlain

The elders of Parkland Integrated Health Centre, and their family members, have been treated to many acts of kindness over the past year.

Everything from DQ gift cards from family members and treats from the Dairy Queen to yard beautification and outdoor parades, to Christmas cards and letters from Wild Rose and WP Sandin Public High School, to Secret Santa gifts from community members, just to name a few.

The family of Marian Campbell continued their yearly Christmas tradition by selecting a community to make a difference in. This year, they choose Parkland Integrated Health Center - House "C" with money for new frying pans (which come in handy for weekend brunches) and two iPads and stands to help with virtual connections.

Then, on Feb. 17, two citizens who do not want recognition (and who did not know it was Random Act of Kindness Day) came forth and said they would like to help our elders connect with their families, asking if our elders could use some equipment for family conferences.

Little did they know the offer came just at the right time, as we had been in the works of trying to secure a way to acquire additional iPads and cases, data plans, floor stands, head phones, etc.

After chatting with one of the anonymous donors about how this would make a difference, he quickly offered to help fund an iPad and sponsor data for a year!

A few days later, there was word that there was not only enough funds in place for one or two iPads, but enough to



Margaret Jonasson chats with daughter Linda Lepage.

meet our goal of three iPads plus equipment to go with per house! It really is incredible how a wish came to be so quickly!

Currently elders stay in touch by using iPads donated by Westcap Management. These additional iPads will enable enhanced virtual family connections (Facetime, Google Duo, Zoom, Skype), individual experiences through

virtual tours, entertainment, spiritual opportunities, brain games/trivia etc. Usage will be evaluated to determine the feasibility of future additional purchases if the need is there.

Technology has enabled elders and their family members to stay connected, reconnect, see some for the first time, join in a birthday party, or even have a virtual tour of each other's home! In some

cases, elders and their family are even more connected than prior to the pandemic.

With many family members living a fair distance away, it is safe to say virtual connections and online opportunities will continue long after the pandemic is over.

This virtual support will bring much JOY to the lives of many elders and their family members.

It hardly seems like enough, but we would like to acknowledge: Shellbrook Bigway, Shellbrook Pharmacy, Shellbrook Kinettes, Parkside General Store, Trevor Miller and his team at TLM Financial, Bourgeault & Associates, Kyle Schutte and Shelly Collins, Ava and Emmy Ledding, and the donors who respectfully chose to remain anonymous.

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Paul Beaulieu, Paul Bourgeault, and Kelly Bourgeault of Bourgeault & Associates make a \$500 donation to PIHC recreation coordinator Trina Chamberlain.



The Shellbrook Kinettes were among the community groups that made a donation to virtual support for Parkland Integrated Health Centre's elders.



Gladys Rudolph lights up with much laughter when chatting virtually with brother Ken Forbes.

Shellbrook grad self-publishes debut book

Stories can come to us in the most unlikely of circumstances.

For Shellbrook's Kaylee Buckingham, it happened when she was just 16.

She was riding the bus to school on a cold winter morning, listening to music and staring out the window as the trees lining the highway passed by. Then, quite suddenly, she saw a vision clear as day in her mind's eye.

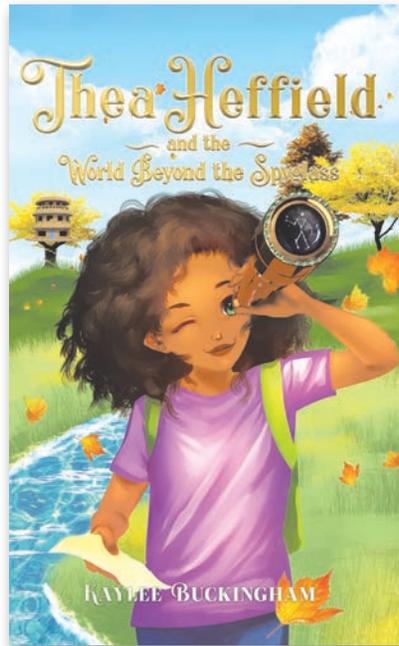
A vision of a teenage girl running through the forest.

"I was sparked with inspiration and many questions like, 'Who is this girl?' and 'What was she running from?'"

Buckingham recalls. "That's where it all began."

As it turns out, the girl Buckingham imagined was Thea Hefffield, the titular character of her debut book, *Thea Hefffield and the World Beyond the Spyglass*, which she self-published through Tellwell Talent in February.

But, though Buckingham grew up writing and finding any excuse to put a pen in her hand, the journey to translate Thea's story from her imagination to the page was a



long and at times arduous one, spanning six years.

Much of the process was devoted to writing notes, planning, and organizing all the fine details of the book, from the characters, to the plot points, to the order of chapters, in anticipation of turning Thea's adventures into a series.

"I wanted to make sure I knew what is to happen in future books to come, so I could write the first

one with some hidden clues that readers will find after they read the coming books," Buckingham said. "Once I got all that done, I would say it took me a full year to write the whole book."

Throughout the lengthy process, Buckingham says she was encouraged by her "amazing husband."

Now that *Thea Hefffield and the World Beyond the Spyglass* is out in the real world, she hopes her journey can serve as inspiration to others, no matter what their passion is.

"The biggest hurdle was the constant thought that I wasn't experienced enough or didn't know grammar as well as many other authors do," she said. "But I wanted to show that you don't have to have experience to write a book. All you need is an idea, and willingness to do the work and

learn along the way."

As for publishing itself, Buckingham says she opted to self-publish to maintain control of her work and to be able to set her own schedule.

She adds that the self-publishing process was made fast and easy by Tellwell, which handled the design aspects of the book, including the cover and overall layout, between December and its February release.

Thea Hefffield and the World Beyond the Spyglass is aimed at readers aged 13 and up. It's available for purchase in kindle and paperback formats through Amazon.

Looking to the future, Buckingham says she hopes to have Thea's next adventure written by some point in 2022.



Shellbrook's Kaylee Buckingham is officially a published author, having self-published her debut book, *Thea Hefffield and the World Beyond the Spyglass*.

Clarification

In the March 4 edition of the Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald, a story regarding Telemiracle stated that Shellbrook raised \$19,300 for Telemiracle 45. While this was the accurate total when the donation video was filmed a week prior to Telemiracle, the actual total raised by the community was \$21,409.40. The Chronicle & Herald apologize for any confusion created by the error.

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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 against her or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal with: The Assessor, Village of Parkside, Box 48, Parkside, Sask. S0J 2A0, by the 11th day of May, 2021.

Dated this 11th day of March, 2021.
Assessor Gwen Olson

Grass Mowing Tender - RM of Spiritwood No. 496

Expressions of interest including price quotes are being accepted for grass mowing and whipper snipping in the municipal right of ways of the following locations within the RM of Spiritwood No. 496:

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Aspen Ridge Lagoon
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The tender shall include the following:

- Detailed description of mowing equipment
- Price per hour for mowing and whipper snipping
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- Proof of liability insurance of no less than \$2,000,000.

The RM of Spiritwood No. 496 reserves the right to reject and refuse any or all expressions of interest.

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On or before 4:00 pm on March 19th, 2021.

For more information, please contact the municipal office @ (306) 883-2034.

Spiritwood crime reporting goes digital

Those wishing to report crime in the Spiritwood area will now be able to report to the Spiritwood RCMP using an online reporting tool, as part of a new Online Crime Reporting initiative being undertaken by the Saskatchewan RCMP.

Spiritwood was selected as a pilot community for the launch of the new tool, which was scheduled to open to the public on March 8. The Online Crime Reporting tool will allow residents with a valid email address and internet connection to report select crimes online using a computer or cellphone.

"Every crime reported to police matters," the Saskatchewan RCMP said in a release.

"When crime is reported to police, it provides a clearer picture of the types and number of crimes

occurring in a specific area. This information can launch future police projects and initiatives. In addition, crime statistics are one of several components analyzed when determining officer deployment in RCMP detachments and units."

The following crimes can be reported through the Online Crime Reporting tool:

- Damage/mischief to property under \$5,000
- Theft of bicycle under \$5,000
- Theft under \$5,000
- Theft from vehicle under \$5,000
- Lost or found property
- Damage/mischief to vehicle under \$5000

Incidents must also satisfy the following conditions to be reported online:

- No witnesses or suspects
- Item(s) lost or stolen must cost less than \$5,000
- Vandalized property that will cost less than \$5,000 to repair
- There are no items involving personal identity, firearms, license plates or decals

If an incident does not fall within the reportable incident types, your local RCMP detachment must be contacted. Crime reported online will be treated the same as crime reported in any other way.

To report a crime using the online tool, visit <https://ocre-sielc.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/saskatchewan>.

Boxing back on for Twardzik

It has been a long wait for local professional boxer Stuart "The Phoenix" Twardzik to get back in the ring. Like many other sports, boxing was cancelled when the pandemic hit.

Twardzik has kept his training up over the past year, constantly preparing for his next fight despite not knowing when it would be according to his manager and wife, Candace.

He took the top prize in the Canadian Professional Boxing Council's Quarantine Shadow Boxing Competition in July of last year, but has

yet to meet an opponent in the ring.

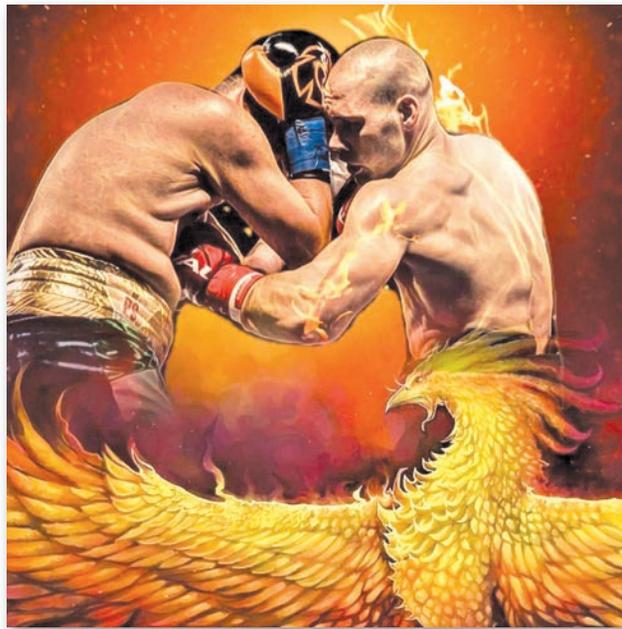
The wait seems to be coming to a close, however, as Twardzik has

his first match back set in Vancouver on April 24 against Jake Daoust of Orangeville, Ontario.

Both men had ex-

tensive and successful amateur backgrounds, which should result in a great fight.

The fight will be broadcast live through Three Lions Promotions, and can be viewed via pay-per-view from the Three Lions Promotions website.



Local Boxer Stuart Twardzik is set to get back in the ring on April 24 in Vancouver.

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Extendicare profits while our loved ones die

Making the decision to leave a loved one in long-term care isn't easy (nor should it be).

It's a decision that comes with much guilt – guilt about “abandoning” a parent, guilt about being unable to provide the level of care they require at home, and guilt about not visiting as much as one would like.

There's also undoubtedly a great deal of worry, especially as it pertains to the quality of care and quality of life our loved ones will experience in long-term care.

In an ideal world, there would be no need for this guilt or worry.

In an ideal world, every special care home would be like those in our own communities, vibrant, thriving places, where our loved ones are well cared for and given ample opportunity to enjoy life.

But the world is not ideal.

If it were, private companies like Extendicare wouldn't be profiting, or benefiting from \$82 million in government supports, after a year in which its negligence led to no less than 40 deaths at its Extendicare Parkside facility in Regina.

If the name Extendicare sounds familiar, it's because its care homes, both in Saskatchewan and in other provinces, have been the sites of some of the worst CO-



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VID-19 outbreaks in long-term care facilities.

But, year after year, and in report after report, standards of care in long-term care have been highlighted as areas of concern.

And Extendicare's troubling history in the industry didn't just begin with the COVID-19 pandemic.

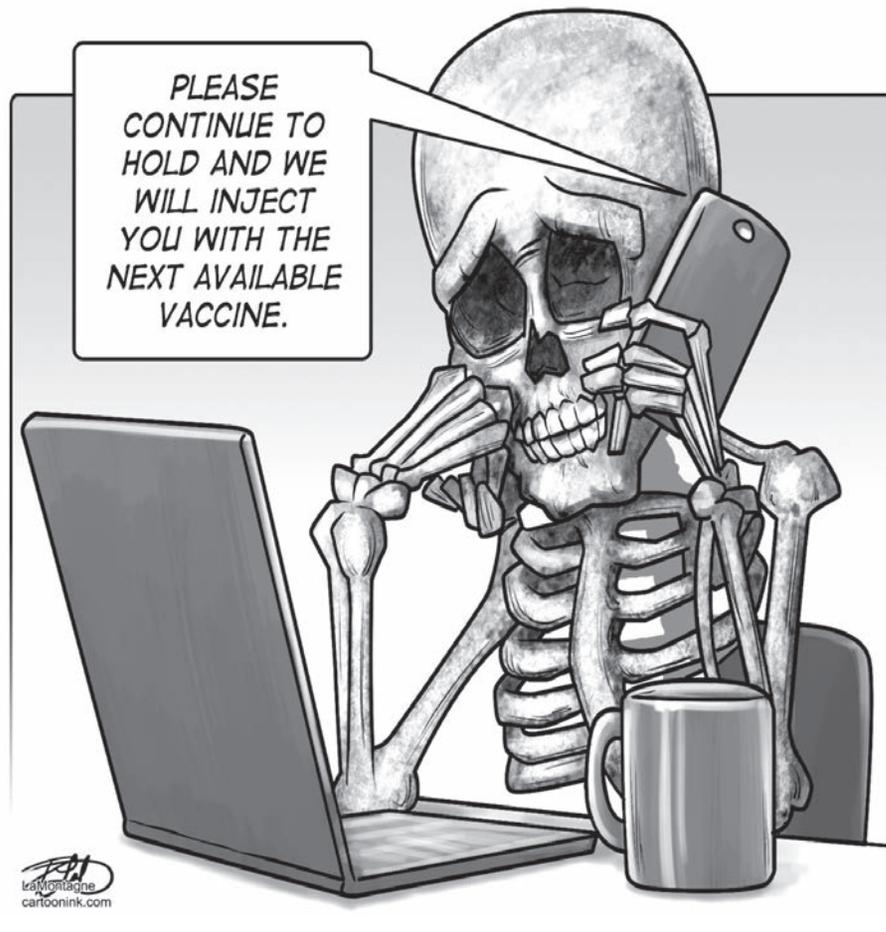
According to reports, dating back to the 70s, Saskatchewan once had stringent long-term care standards with regards to nursing hours, private rooms, and air quality.

Then, in 1976, consultants from Extendicare urged the government of the day to take stock of the “economic realities” of long-term care.

In a report, those consultants advised the province to remove standards for nursing hours, and advocated for facilities with narrower hallways, fewer air changes, and rooms with up to four beds.

Over the next four decades, many of these recommendations were implemented, creating conditions that have resulted in multiple ombudsman investigations and unanswered calls for the Sask. Party government to implement minimum care standards.

Extendicare's facilities have frequently been the source of concerns, with CEO tour reports from 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018, and



2019 all highlighting questions about staffing levels, air quality, multi-bed rooms, and aging infrastructure.

Clearly, Extendicare wasn't caught off-guard by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Its leadership was aware of the problems with its facilities for at least seven years before the pandemic, and it did nothing.

Still, its shareholders must be delighted, having received a record \$43 million in dividends at the company's year-end meeting.

I've always been open-minded about the notion of private healthcare, so long as it doesn't create a system in which the wealthy can jump the line at the expense of the less fortunate.

However, Extendicare is proof that there should be no place in our province for private long-term care.

Companies like Extendicare shouldn't be able to profit, while our loved ones die as a result of its negligence.

One day we will wake up

Dear editor,

Psychology says there is a correlation between IQ and curiosity; the more curiosity, the higher the IQ. It also says 80 per cent of Canadians have an average or below IQ. That explains why most of us have average or below curiosity.

We complacently believe what we are told by the Canadian news. But things are changing. To make good decisions today, we must seek the truth.

Too often we elect mediocre politicians who have no proven abilities and very little curiosity. Our system encourages people to vegetate on marijuana and booze, obviously suppressing their curiosity, unaware of the degrada-

tion that is happening to our people.

Votes are bought in many different ways. Some through exceedingly generous child benefit checks, others by a moronic welfare system that pays people to buy beer and stay stoned on drugs. No worries!

We watch Canadian news and see them talk about Trump's “FALSE” assertions of election fraud. Admittedly, Biden won the popular vote, but there is actual videotape illustrating election fraud and corruption in key swing states that was probably enough to overthrow the election.

Our southern neighbour is indeed a republic, but without the bananas. How dare our media use the “FALSE,” they

don't know what is false. They only know what CNN reports. And we pay tax money to the Canadian media so they can lie to us and perpetuate bad decisions here in Canada.

All the while, we toke up and sit drooling. Time passes. No worries!

Democracy is unravelling due to a lack of curiosity and fake news. If history tells us anything, it reveals that what happens in the U.S. comes to Canada.

Our lack of curiosity to seek the truth is hurting our country. One day, we will wake up.

Earl Irvin Jones,
Rabbit Lake, Sask.

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Report from the Legislature

Protecting public health and providing supports in response to COVID-19 remains the focus of the Government of Saskatchewan. Today, we have reason for optimism. Over 80,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Saskatchewan and our province is set to receive approximately 112,000 doses this month. We expect vaccine deliveries to pick up even more in April and so, in the meantime, I ask that we all continue to be patient.

Health care staff are working tirelessly to ensure that COVID-19 vaccines are ready to be delivered to Saskatchewan people as soon as we receive them, and we have full confidence in their ability to do so. When the COVID-19 vaccine is made available to you, we ask that you strongly consider taking it. It is the best way to keep ourselves, our families, and our com-



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munities safe – and will help us return to normal. So, until then, please continue to follow public health guidelines that are in place. Wash your hands, wear a mask, practice physical distancing, and limit your close contacts. There is a light at the end of this tunnel.

As Saskatchewan leads the nation in vaccinating residents as fast as possible, we are optimistic our cases and

hospitalizations will keep declining. We are hopeful that we will continue to see our COVID-19 situation improve in the days and weeks to come.

If you have adapted your business to operate during the pandemic, spent money training staff, or if you have had to close or scale back due to an emergency order, you may be eligible for COVID-19 support from the province, but deadlines are approaching soon.

The Saskatchewan Small Business Emergency Payment, Strong Recovery Adaptation Rebate, the Re-Open Saskatchewan Training Subsidy, and the Saskatchewan Tourism Sector Support Program are all in place to support businesses. If you have questions or require assistance accessing these programs, please contact our office.

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SGI is offering a one-time rebate to all registered vehicle owners this spring. Due to very strong investment returns and, to a smaller degree, fewer collision claims during the pandemic, the Saskatchewan Auto Fund Rate Stabilization Reserve is in a very strong financial position.

Rebate cheques will be mailed to customers who have paid Auto Fund premiums in the past three years and are residents of Saskatchewan. You can verify your mailing address at www.MySGI.ca or by contacting your local motor license issuer.

The temperature trend following the most recent cold snap is encouraging to those looking forward to warmer days and more time spent outdoors.

Reservations for the 2021 camping season in Saskatch-



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ewan Provincial Parks are set to begin April 12 for seasonal campsites and April 14-23 for nightly and group campsites.

You can begin reserving sites at 7 a.m. each day, and there is no longer a need to login early. You can visit www.saskparks.com to learn more about this year's camping season and reservation system.



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If you or someone you know uses drugs:

- Use the buddy system. Have a Take Home Naloxone kit on hand. If you are alone, call the National Overdose Response Service before using drugs to keep safe from overdose: 1-888-688-NORS(6677)
- Know the signs. An overdose can look like sleeping; shallow or stopped breathing, unable to wake up.
- **CALL 911** if you think someone is overdosing. The Good Samaritan Act protects you from being arrested if illegal drugs are present.

For more information or to get a free Take Home Naloxone kit call Healthline 811 or visit saskatchewan.ca/opioids



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Métis Nation–Saskatchewan Constitutional definition of Métis

Minutes of a Village of Shell Lake council meeting

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Shell Lake in the Province of Saskatchewan held on Monday Jan. 18, 2020 at 9 a.m. in the Village Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Anita Weiers, Councillor Greg Ardagh, Councillor Joe Delisle, Councillor Al Sulymka, Councillor Dillan Simonar, Tara Bueckert, Administrator, and 1 attendee.

A quorum was present and Mayor Anita Weiers called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Ardagh: That the agenda be accepted as presented. Carried

Sulymka: That the minutes of the Dec. 21st, 2020 meeting be adopted as presented. Carried

Business arising from the minutes:

- Christmas lights can come down
- Radiator may be fixed, the radiator shop in Saskatoon will take a look
- DG can fix the leak on the backhoe
- Will look at the 2 properties fences that were damaged from snow fall in spring

- Received sand from Highways

- NP tenant has moved out

Ardagh: That the fallen dead trees can be cut on the North side of railway bed within the Village limits and that council and or administrator needs to be notified when cutting down dead trees. Carried

Delisle: That the verbal Maintenance, Administrator, Mayor and Water report be filed as presented. Carried

Delisle: That the verbal financial statements report for December 2020 be approved. Carried

Councillor Simonar arrived at 9:30 a.m.

Sulymka: That Council approve the list of accounts presented cheque number 6017-6031 and the manual online payment in the amount of \$28,435.92. Carried

Delegation: Blair Hawkins attended the meeting from 9:32 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Sulymka: That council approve the 2021 membership with the Hudson Bay Association for a fee of \$50.00. Carried

Weiers: That the correspondence be filed. Carried

Simonar: That the Council of the Vil-

lage of Shell Lake meets the following eligibility requirements to receive the Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant as listed:

- Submission of the 2020 Public Reporting on Municipal Waterworks to the Ministry of Government Relations:

- In Good Standing with respect to the reporting and remittance of Education Property Taxes;

- Adoption of a Council Procedures Bylaw;

- Adoption of an Employee Code of Conduct; and

- All members of council have filed and annually updated their Public Disclosure Statements, as required;

Except the submission of the 2019 Audited Financial Statement to the Ministry of Government Relations and that we understand if any requirements are not met, our Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant may be withheld until all requirements are met and that we authorize the Administrator to sign the Declaration of Eligibility and submit it to the Ministry of Government Relations. Carried

Seasonal campground fees: Seasonal Campground fees stay the same for 2021

Delisle: That Greg Ardagh be appointed as the Deputy Mayor. Carried

Delisle: That signing authority for financial transactions for the Village of Shell Lake will consist of two signatures being Mayor Anita Weiers or Councillor Greg Ardagh and Administrator Tara Bueckert. Carried

Delisle: That Mr. Ron Parchomchuk be the Village's legal advisor. Carried

Delisle: That the Regional Fire Hall Department #2 Shell Lake be the Village's fire protection. Carried

Councillor Ardagh declared interest and stepped away - 10:10 a.m.

Sulymka: That the Village of Shell Lake Council appoint Grant Thornton LLP for the year 2021. Carried

Councillor Ardagh returned back to meeting - 10:15 a.m.

Wages - Tabled

Weiers: That the Village will not re-survey Lot 2 to enlarge as it has not been allowed in the past. That a \$500.00 deposit for Lot 2 Block 24 Plan Number 00B01075 Blair Hawkins be required to hold Lot until July 1st, 2021. Carried

Weiers: That the meeting be adjourned at 10:40 a.m. Carried

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As northern Saskatchewan's largest employer, the forestry sector saw nearly \$1 billion in revenues, supporting almost 8,000 direct and indirect jobs.

The Ministry of Energy and Resources maintains a strong regulatory environment encouraging responsible resource development while promoting industry growth. Saskatchewan resource sectors are among the most sustainable in the world.

We have a proud tradition in potash, oil and gas, forestry and uranium and new opportunities in gold, helium, hydrogen, lithium, diamonds and rare earth elements.

Our resource sector will help us build strong communities, a strong economy and a strong Saskatchewan.

For more information on Saskatchewan's resource sectors visit [Saskatchewan.ca/invest](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/invest).

Research lays foundations for ag's future

Spring, or even the hint that it is just around the corner, is the season of optimism in agriculture.

Farmers ready their equipment, and then head to the field to plant a new crop. As the seed rolls out of the drill every kernel holds the hope of being part of a bumper crop, and producers can dream high prices will be the norm by the time of harvest, five months ahead.

While the magic combo; big crops and high prices, isn't often realized, spring allows for such hopes.

Of course a lot can happen from seeding to harvest; too much rain, too hot, bugs, weeds, disease, a veritable minefield for a crop to make it through. But from the seat of the tractor in May, farmers can imagine all of them staying at bay.

Ultimately though, the greatest hope of spring for producers is often less recognized.

It is at this time of year researchers see new



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funds dedicated to their work, and it is the result of farm research that holds the greatest promise for the producer.

For example, the University of Saskatchewan released noted new money coming its way.

"The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) will invest \$3.2 million in a unique bio-manufacturing facility at the University of Saskatchewan (USask) that will use cutting-edge "engineering biology" technologies to accelerate agri-food innovation and help address food security needs," said a release.

"Developing canola varieties more resistant to climate change, flavourings for the plant-based meat industry, and non-animal enzyme alternatives for the dairy industry are a sample of the innovations to be advanced by the new Engineering Biology Agri-food Innovation Centre within the university's Global Institute for Food

Security (GIFS)."

And research makes strides as a second USask release noted.

"Global Institute for Food Security (GIFS) researchers at the University of Saskatchewan (USask) are members of an international consortium of leading academic and commercial seed companies from the USA,

Canada, Europe and Israel, that has announced the successful mapping of the canola pan-genome (its entire set of genes). The International Canola Pan-genome Consortium was established in 2019 to advance the canola agricultural industry by capturing the broad genetic diversity of this crop."

The mapping of the ge-

nome will set the table for greater strides in research moving forward. That is one of the intriguing things about research, how a discovery today, opens the window for another researcher to see the next step in answering some questions whether yield-related, disease resistance, or how to survive in drier

conditions.

Canola is a fine example of what research can achieve, being developed as a crop from rapeseed, and grown in areas today not dreamed of 25 years ago.

That is what makes research so critical and seeing investments made is laying the foundation for the sector tomorrow.

Stene, Naumann earn figure skating gold

Submitted by Tasje Sharron

Shellbrook Skating Club skaters Erika Stene and Tegan Naumann have made high achievements in their skating careers.

In early 2020, they both achieved their Gold Skating Skills, the highest honour for Skills in the STAR-Skate program. In January, the skaters went for

Gold again and made it happen in the Artistic discipline. Then, on Feb. 26, Erika Stene got the highest honour in the dance discipline by attaining her Gold Dances.

The only other skater who has achieved Gold is Ashlyn Schmitz. She achieved her Gold Freeskate in 2018. Congratulations to all skaters!



Erika Stene (purple dress) and Tegan Naumann (red dress) receive their cheques from their coach Tasje Sharron on behalf of the Shellbrook Skating Club.

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R.M. of Shellbrook sues landowner over road allowance

A dispute over a blocked road allowance in the R.M. of Shellbrook is heating up once again, this time in front of the Court of Queen's Bench.

The R.M. of Shellbrook has applied to the court for an order directing landowner David Viklund to remove his gates, fences, and corrals from the municipal road allowance, located about six miles north of Sturgeon Lake, to allow unobstructed passage to and from Bell Lake to the north.

"The matter is before the Court and the Court will determine how it is to be resolved," said R.M. of Shellbrook administrator Duane Storey. "This matter has been an issue since 2019, and the RM has exhausted all avenues of reconciliation with no action by Mr. Viklund."

For his part, Viklund doesn't understand why things have gone so far, especially after the R.M. had, on multiple occasions, said he might be able to lease or purchase the road allowance and keep his cattle operation as is.

Viklund bought the land and cattle operation from its previous owner about 45 years ago, and says they had operated it with the corrals blocking the allowance for 50 years.

"So, for close to 100 years there has never been a road to the lake north of the corrals, as it was so wet and swampy most of the time," Viklund said in an affidavit submitted to the Court of Queen's Bench.

"The half-mile of road from our driveway to the corrals never gets plowed in the winter, or graveled. We've been told it is just a private road to our cattle, so we're on our own to maintain it."

As it hadn't been a problem before, Viklund left the corrals where they were. Then, a little over three years ago, something changed.

In his affidavit, Viklund says the matter of his corrals was first raised at the end of 2018, when councillor Derwin Joelson said some snowmobilers wanted the road opened up to allow access to Bell Lake. At the time, Viklund says he was given the impression that Joelson didn't favour disrupting his operation, and that the R.M. might be willing to lease him the road allowance for a small yearly fee.

After Joelson put in a request on Viklund's behalf, it wasn't until September of 2019 that the R.M. decided it wouldn't lease him the land. The decision, he says, was made due to verbal opposition from a few of his neighbours.

Days later, Viklund says he received a letter from the R.M. ordering him to remove the corrals by Oct. 30, 2019. He says this didn't happen, because he was using the corrals to sort cows and calves as they came in from pasture.

Acting on the advice of a municipal advisor, Viklund and his son, Royce, got on the agenda to meet with council at its November meeting,



In December of 2019, dispute over a road allowance in the R.M. of Shellbrook resulted in thousands of dollars of damage to David Viklund's corrals.

in hopes of finding an alternate solution to the matter.

"We had a good discussion," he said in his affidavit. "Royce and I left the meeting with the assurance by the Reeve that we would try to find some alternate way to the lake and nothing would happen to our corrals."

Some of Viklund's neighbours didn't take to kindly to the idea, and, on the morning of Dec. 7, 2019, they did thousands of dollars worth of damage to his corrals, gates, and fences.

As previously reported in the *Chronicle*, the neighbours in question used a CAT and went right through a number of corrals and about six fences, and left a whole pile of corral panels all bent up. Additionally, some posts were cut, or just flat-out missing.

While the property damage was bad enough, the situation could have been much worse because Viklund had cattle on the property at the time.

"I had some cattle at the end of the road, so I quickly went down with a bale to feed those cattle so they wouldn't be wandering out on the road," he said after the vandalism, noting that he was able to get his cattle all fenced in with temporary fencing and panels with the

help of a neighbour.

In his affidavit, Viklund says he brought the vandalism to the attention of the R.M., but felt like he got nowhere.

Then, out of the blue, the R.M. reached out to him in January of 2020 to gauge his intentions for the road allowance, asking whether he'd prefer to lease or purchase the land. Viklund says he informed the R.M. of his wish to purchase the three or four acres, and was told R.M. would begin the process.

In another whirlwind about-face, council decided at its February 2020 meeting that it wouldn't sell the allowance to Viklund, choosing instead to once again order him to remove the corrals, and eventually taking the current legal action against him.

"Opening this road causes a lot more problems than our corrals," Viklund stated in his affidavit. "Our cattle are fed on the west side and the water is on the east quarter (well, pump house, watering bowl, spring, creek, etc.)."

Viklund says the whole ordeal has been stressful for his family. And, with calving less than two months away, he adds that the corrals are "quite essential" to his operation.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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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Nominations close March 31, 2021

Lorna Johnston honoured on 90th birthday

Minutes of an R.M. of Canwood meeting

It's not every day you turn 90.

For Lorna Johnston, who hit the milestone on March 11, it sure became quite the occasion.

Born in Mont Nebo on March 11, 1931, Johnston lived much of her life in Mistawasis before becoming a resident of Wheatland Lodge in

Leask.

While COVID-19 restrictions meant she could only have two designated visitors come celebrate with her on the afternoon of her 90th birthday, Wheatland Lodge treated her to a birthday cake and the singing of happy birthday, and presented her

with a birthday card.

But the birthday wishes and congratulations for Johnston didn't end there. No, they came from far and wide, in the form of certificates of congratulations from Premier Scott Moe and his wife, Krista, the Government of Canada and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and Carlton Trail - Eagle Creek MP, Kelly Block.

The hope is that more of Johnston's family and friends will be able to celebrate her 90th birthday at a later date.

Advertising Deadline is Friday 4:00 p.m.

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

A regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 was held at the Seniors' Room (Elks Hall), 2nd Avenue East, in Canwood on Jan. 19, 2021, commencing at 9:13 a.m.

Present: Reeve Lyndon Pease, Administrator Lorna Benson and the following Councillors for their respective divisions: #2 Dennis Benke, #3 Levi Schutte #4 Ray Duret, #5 Richard De Bruijn, and #6 Leonard Smith.

Delegations:

9:30 a.m. Dwight Diehl, Public Works Supervisor, Municipal Operations

11:00 a.m. Staff Sergeant Major Janine Perreault, Ahtahkakoop and Shellbrook RCMP Detachments

Benke: That we amend Resolution No. 64 of Dec. 15, 2020, to state that all meetings begin at 9:00 a.m. through-

out the year. Carried

Smith: That the minutes of the Dec. 15, 2020, Regular Council Meeting be approved as amended. Carried

Schutte: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of December 2020 for the R.M. General Account be approved as presented. Carried

Public Works Supervisor Dwight Diehl arrived at 9:30 a.m.

Duret: That we approve the payments as listed on the attached account listing for a total of \$347,795.70, Council Direct Deposits for January, Payroll Direct Deposits for 2020 Pay Periods 26 and 2021 Pay Period 1 & 2. Carried

Schutte: That we make application to the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth Program in the Road Construction Program for the application of MG 30 on the Hilldrop Road (Range Road 3051) for 1 mile. Carried

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Lorna Johnston, a resident of Leask's Wheatland Lodge, recently celebrated her 90th birthday. In honour of the milestone, she received certificates of congratulation from the Government of Canada, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and from Carlton Trail - Eagle Creek MP, Kelly Block.



For her 90th birthday, Johnston received certificates of congratulation from both provincial and federal politicians.

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COVID-19 Support for Business

If you have adapted your business to operate during the pandemic, spent money training staff, or if you have had to close or scale back due to an emergency order, you may be eligible for COVID-19 support from the province, but deadlines are approaching soon.

The Saskatchewan Small Business Emergency Payment, Strong Recovery Adaptation Rebate, the Re-Open Saskatchewan Training Subsidy, and the Saskatchewan Tourism Sector Support Program are all in place to support businesses. If you have questions or require assistance accessing these programs, please contact my office.

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Minutes of an R.M. of Canwood meeting

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Smith: That we make application to the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth Program in the Road Construction Program for the application of MG 30 on the Townline Road (Township 510) for 2 miles. Carried

De Bruijn: That we make application to the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth Program in the Road Construction Program for clay capping on the Victoire Road (Range Road 3080A) for 1 mile. Carried

Smith: That the Council of the R.M. of Canwood No. 494 has no objections to the sale of the following Crown Land and wishes to offer the following comments:

1. The municipality assumes no responsibility for access to the parcels of land;
2. Future development will be conditional to land abutting a developed road (Basic Planning Statement Bylaw No. 2003-6);
3. The Ministry of Agriculture shall insist on the registration of parcel ties where appropriate with Information Services Corporation (ISC) to ensure access is not jeopardized by future land transactions;
4. The Ministry of Agriculture shall register an interest on titles that currently do not abut a developed roadway to ensure landowners are made aware of access issues; and
5. To the best of Council's knowledge, the following comments can be made with respect to the specific parcels of land in this specific lease:

NE-21-53-06 W3 does abut a developed

municipal roadway.
SE 21-53-06 W3 does not abut a developed municipal roadway.

NW 22-53-06 W3 does not abut a developed municipal roadway. Carried

Benke: That the Council of the R.M. of Canwood No. 494 has no objections to the sale of the following Crown Land and wishes to offer the following comments:

1. The municipality assumes no responsibility for access to the parcels of land;
2. Future development will be conditional to land abutting a developed road (Basic Planning Statement Bylaw No. 2003-6);
3. The Ministry of Agriculture shall insist on the registration of parcel ties where appropriate with Information Services Corporation (ISC) to ensure access is not jeopardized by future land transactions;
4. The Ministry of Agriculture shall register an interest on titles that currently do not abut a developed roadway to ensure landowners are made aware of access issues; and
5. To the best of Council's knowledge, the following comments can be made with respect to the specific parcels of land in this specific lease:

NW 14-49-07 W3 does not abut a developed municipal roadway.

NE 12-49-07 W3 does not abut a developed municipal roadway. Carried

Benke: That we purchase a 2021 Caterpillar Model 150 AWD Grader (Serial Number OEB500353) from Finning Inter-

national Inc., Saskatoon, Sask., for the sum of \$287,765.00 including the ripper, dozer, and wing plus applicable taxes, after trade of the 2015 Caterpillar 160M AWD Grader (Serial Number CAT016MTD9T01434) as indicated in the Sales Agreement of Jan. 19, 2021. Carried

Schutte: That we agree to the destruction of the following records in accordance with Schedule A of Bylaw 2020-01: 2002-2010 Fire calls, 2002/04/05/09/10 Ministry of Ag correspondence. Carried

Duret: That we agree to hire Michele Person, Canwood, Sask., for the temporary part-time Administrative Assistant position with a start date of Jan. 4, 2021, on Wage Grid 7, Step 6. Carried

Benke: That in the matter of tax arrears outstanding on Parcel B, Plan 101471071 in Mont Nebo, we accept the proposal to have the arrears paid in full prior to June 30, 2021. Further to this, we instruct the Administrator that upon default of the payment commitment to authorize Zatlyn Law Office to proceed with tax enforcement. Carried

Pease: That we agree to purchase an additional \$3.0 Million Liability Insurance through S.A.R.M. at the premium rate of \$923.00 plus applicable tax (PST). Carried

Duret: That pursuant to Section 113(1) of The Municipalities Act, it be noted that the Administrator's Bond was presented to the Reeve. Carried

Benke: That we instruct the Administrator to complete the required form(s) requesting cancellation of the respective leases and payment of taxes on provincial Crown land which is in arrears of taxes in accordance with the Provincial Lands Policy of the Ministry of Agriculture. Carried

Benke: That for the year 2021, the Reeve and each Councillor be insured under The Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Act at the rate of \$38,442.00 per Council member. Carried

Schutte: That we approve the Development and Building Permit Applications of Kevin Olson, Stump Lake, Sask., to move in an ATCO trailer on the SE 36-52-05 W3 with approval pursuant to Section 5.1.1(1)(c) of the AG – Agricultural District, Municipal Zoning Bylaw 2003-7. Carried

Benke: That we approve the Development and Building Permit Applications of Cameron Risdale, Swift Current, Sask., to construct a new cabin on Lot 2, Block 2, Plan 83PA19457, Pratt Lake, with approval pursuant to Section 9.1.1(1)(a) of the LD – Lakeshore District, Municipal Zoning Bylaw 2003-7. Carried

Smith: That we advise the Community Planning Branch of the Ministry of Government Relations that we recommend approval of the Application to Subdivide Land of Jeff Ledding, Parkside, Sask., for the purpose of subdividing Parcel A from the NW-21-49-04 W3, Surface Parcel 164620100, under Section 5.3.2(3) of the Municipal Zoning Bylaw 2003-7. Carried

Benke: That we agree to the request of Kenneth and Betty Skarpinsky, Shellbrook, Sask., to consolidate Lots 1, 2, and 3 of Block 2, Plan BD532 in Mont Nebo, Sask. Carried

Duret: That we now file the correspondence. Carried

Schutte: That we now adjourn at 12:45 p.m. with the next Regular Meeting of Council to be held Feb. 16, 2021, at the Seniors' Room (Elks Hall), 2nd Avenue East, in Canwood. Carried

PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday School,
Worship Sunday, 11 a.m.
St. John's - Shellbrook
Sunday School,
Live-stream worship
service on Facebook,
Worship Sunday, 9 a.m.
Rev. Emmanuel Aristide

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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10:30 a.m. Worship
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Canwood
11:00 a.m. - Worship
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Pastor Lorne Valuck

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Sunday, 11 a.m. Service
Re-opening for services
Sun. Mar. 14, 2021, 11 a.m.
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Mont Nebo
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Sun., 11:00 a.m. - Worship
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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
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Mass - Sunday 11 a.m.
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Regular services, Sunday school and special services will be listed.

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Rev. Sarah Urano

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Rev. Don Skinner

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY
Spiritwood - 11:15 a.m.
Leoville - 9:30 a.m.
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SATURDAY
Shell Lake - 2:00 p.m.
Medstead - 6 p.m.
Father Ramel Macapeia

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Worship 10:50 am

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Glenbush
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NHL's best? We'll have to wait until summer

Canadian hockey fans are blessed with the best of the four National Hockey League divisions. Those who can't get enough of puck play are offered televised action almost every night, and most of it features teams in the Scotia North Division, where the likes of Connor McDavid, Auston Matthews, Mark Scheifele, Johnny Gaudreau and Brock Boeser frolic and make life miserable for goaltenders.

While the high-scoring games featuring explosive offences are exciting to fans, it's difficult to look into a crystal ball and see what will transpire once divisional champions are determined this summer and crossover playoff action begins.

For instance, how will the high-scoring, wider-open play of the Canadian champion compare to a tighter-checking, lower-scoring team representing, say, the MassMutual East Division, where Boston Bruins, Washington, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and the Islanders are battling it out for supremacy? How will it work against the winner of the Discover Central Division, where the two

Florida teams, the Panthers and Tampa Bay Lightning, and Carolina appear to be the division's powers? And how about the Honda West Division, where Vegas and surprising Minnesota are off to great starts?

The unique scheduling of this COVID-19 season creates a lot of mystery as to where the power actually lies. Because teams play only within their division — and won't meet any other team until this summer's playoffs — the NHL's overall power rankings are impossible to determine.

For instance, how would the first-place Toronto Maple Leafs (16-4-2 on Feb. 27) fare against the Panthers (13-4-3)? Maybe Florida's record is glittering because they play an extraordinary number of games against weak teams, such as Detroit and Nashville. On the other hand, the Leafs overload on Ottawa, Vancouver and Calgary and have padded their win totals as a result.

Where do the Boston Bruins stack up in the overall scheme of things? The Bruins were 11-5-2 on Feb. 27 and in a near dead heat



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with Washington and three other teams. The weaker teams in that group — the Rangers, New Jersey and Buffalo — have been instrumental in the leaders' gaudy record.

How would West-leading Vegas (11-4-1) fare if the Golden Knights faced a road trip taking them to, for example, Toronto, Boston, Philly, Tampa and Florida? We'll never know.

Things will get interesting in late May or early June when each division determines its own champion and the four survivors get together to fight over the Stanley Cup. It will take us that long to discover where the true power lies. Meanwhile, keep those red lights flashing in NHL rinks across Canada. It's been fun.

• Jack Finarelli, at

sportscurmudgeon.com, on Urban Meyer being hired as coach of Jacksonville Jaguars: "In his seven years at Ohio State, Meyer's teams lost a total of nine games. If his first year with the Jags results in the Jags losing fewer than nine games, he might be the Coach of the Year in the NFL."

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "An ESPN talking head called one of Rob Gronkowski's nightclub partying videos, 'Just a man living the American dream.' Which in Gronk's case appears to be life, liberty and the pursuit of happy hour."

• Chris Calarco, commenting on a Facebook page for Buffalo fans, after the Sabres got shut out at home for their fourth straight loss: "I bought a cardboard cutout to honour my aunt who passed away. Can I come pick it up so she doesn't have to watch this any more?"

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "The NBA issued warnings to the Lakers' LeBron James and Kyle Kuzma for violating the anti-flopping rule in a game against Memphis. Hey, if the league is really all that worried about flops

... disband the Timberwolves!"

• Patti Dawn Swanson, aka the River City Renegade, on whether melting ice that caused the Vegas-Colorado outdoor game at Lake Tahoe to be delayed eight hours cost the NHL some money: "(If it did) they can just take it out of the slush fund."

• Swansson again, on Mike Babcock returning to his roots by agreeing to be head coach of the University of Saskatchewan Huskies: "How fitting that an old-school coach would return to his old school."

• Good idea from Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va.): "Any NBA player who complains that a colleague was snubbed in the All-Star selection process must name the player he'd remove from

the team."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "There has never been any money in underestimating Tiger Woods. If anyone can come back from this, it is him. Having said that, if Tiger Woods ever drives a car himself again, his manager should go to jail."

• Headline at Fark.com: "Patrick Mahomes welcomes first child, Sterling Skye Mahomes, expected to play against Tom Brady in about 20 years."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com, on the sun wreaking havoc on the NHL outdoor games at Lake Tahoe: "So add to 2021 insanity ... a major professional sporting event postponed because the weather was too good?"

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

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Greg Skauge leads team Northwest Territories to Brier

As the rocks continue to fly at the 2021 Tim Hortons Brier Cup, being played this year in Calgary, Saskatchewan curling fans may be pleased to learn they have two teams to root for.

Team Saskatchewan, skipped by Matt Dunstone and including Braeden Moskow (third), Kirk Muires (second), Dustin Kidby (lead) and coach Adam Kingsbury, is a given, and it boasted a solid 2-1 record as of Monday morning.

Then, there's the underdog Team Northwest Territories, which is led by Shellbrook product Greg Skauge, and his team of Tom Naugler (third), Brad Patzer (second), Robert Borden (lead), and David Aho (alternate).

While Skauge is no stranger to the Brier, having made appearance in the tournament in 2012, 2014, and 2017, this is his first time at the helm of Team Northwest Territories.

Skauge's opportunity came after perennial

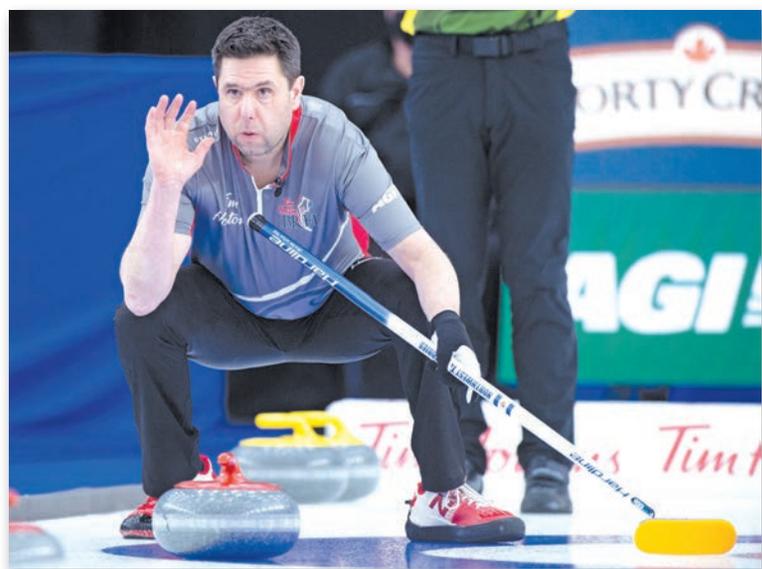
contender Jamie Koe, who has led the Northwest Territories for the past 12 years, dropped out of the territorial competition out of concerns over COVID-19 restrictions.

With Koe out of the mix, Skauge and his team were more than happy to prove their mettle. After trading wins with rival Glen Hudy's rink over the course of two matches, Skauge's squad claimed a decisive 8-2 victory in game three to earn the nod to represent the Northwest Territories.

Thus far, Skauge and his team are off to a rocky start at the Brier, sitting at 0-3 following losses to the wild card Glenn Howard rink, Team Alberta's Brendan Bottcher, and Team Northern Ontario's Brad Jacobs.

The team's next action, on Tuesday morning, pit them again Team Manitoba and skip Jason Gunnlaugson's foursome.

The Tim Hortons Brier runs from March 5 to March 14.



Team Northwest Territories has a Shellbrook connection in Greg Skauge, who is skip for the team at the 2021 Tim Hortons Brier. Photo credit: Curling Canada/Michael Burns

OBITUARIES

*Ronald Payton Blocka*

Ronald Payton Blocka
January 24th, 1956 –
February 27th, 2021

A day will come when our lives will intertwine again, so hope for that day for it will arrive.

On February 27th, 2021 Ron journeyed home to Jesus, left to treasure his memories are his best friends; his wife, Terry, his daughter, Sabrina (Dallas) Fee and son Reidar, his son, Stanley (Jolene)

Blocka and their children, Harper, Kasen and Quinley, his siblings; Rose (Pete) Vantriet, Arlene Myers, Terri (Walter) Krushelniski, Leonard Blocka, Donald Blocka, David (Diane) Blocka, Brian (Angele) Blocka, Kathy (Brian) McIntosh, his brother-in-law Art Glanville, his brothers and sisters-in-law, numerous nieces and nephews, other relatives and many friends. He was predeceased by his parents, Micheal and Annie Blocka, his mother and father-in-law, sister Shelley Blocka, brothers-in-law Dwight Myers, Leon Bonneau, sisters-in-law Linda Blocka, Verna Blocka, and nephew Kenny Myers.

Ron was raised on the family farm in Clouston. Many childhood memories were made and during his visits on the farm he

enjoyed recollecting these with family and friends.

In 1977, he married Terry. They made their first home in Prince Albert and in 1982 moved to Leoville where they raised their family and built the family home.

Upon receiving his journeyman ticket in 1978, Ron continued to be instrumental in the construction industry. He built many homes in and around Prince Albert, Leoville and surrounding areas.

He enjoyed his moment of fame on the HGTV show Timber Kings.

He was grateful for the opportunities given to him by all his customers and for his term of employment with the neighbouring First Nation Bands, where he would advise and share his expertise in construction.

Through the years Ron

enjoyed a variety of activities including soccer, golfing, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, skiing, and curling.

He loved politics!!

Of utmost importance was his dedication to his family to whom he gave unselfishly, customer job satisfaction, & his love for Jesus.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you extend an act of kindness to someone in memory of Panko (Ron).

A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date, in accordance to COVID-19 guidelines.

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

Larry James Norbury

Larry James Norbury
1950 – 2021

Larry James Norbury went to his eternal home peacefully at the North Battleford Union Hospital on Sunday, February 28, 2021 at the age of 70.

Larry is survived by his brothers: Harold (Elaine), Kelvin (Bonnie); sisters: Vivian and Karen (Shane); nephews: Randy (Tina), Melvin (Rhonda),

Rodney (Pam), Colin, Brian (Jennifer), Micheal (Melissa); nieces: Selina (Paul), Ali, Jennifer (Kyle), Alicia (Bill); along with numerous other relatives.

Due to current restrictions a Private Family Service will be held at a later date. Donations in memory of Larry can be made to the donor's charity of choice. Condolences for the family can be left at www.eternalmemoriesfuneral.ca

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Larry had a heart of gold, was full of B.S. and loved to tell stories to get a rise outta yah or fill the room with laughter.

You will be missed Brother, Uncle & Friend.

GOOD NEWS



THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Dave Whalley DLM(R)
First United Church, Big River

We recently celebrated the Baptism of Jesus on Jan. 10th in our liturgical year. As we reflect on the Baptism of Jesus, I am always reminded about John the Baptist. We don't know a lot about John the Baptist from scripture, but we know that he came from a religious Jewish family. His mother, Elizabeth, and Mary, the mother of Jesus were first cousins, which makes John and Jesus second cousins. John and Jesus never met until the baptism of Jesus at the River Jordan. John was not a typical prophet of that day, his clothing was made from the shaggy hair of a camel woven into a fabric. He wasn't dining on coffee and donuts at Tim Horton's. He ate locusts and wild honey. Not a very good diet, but John's clothing and food came from what God provided him from the land. John's ministry was different than other prophets. He was baptizing with water and claiming that someone more powerful than he was coming and that he was not even worthy to be his slave. John was announcing the coming of the Messiah who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

Mark doesn't mention in his account whether the baptism at the River Jordan involved sprinkling, pouring, immersing, or any other method of applying the water. We are told that there were a variety of methods of baptism that were valid at the that time in history. I suspect the omission is because it is not the important part of the baptism, but rather the most important part of Jesus' baptism was God's acknowledgement of Jesus as the Son of God. So it has been throughout the ages: God spoke at Jesus' baptism; "You are my son, the beloved, with you I am well pleased." So too God's word speaks to us, calls and blesses us, makes us children of God when we are baptized.

In the reading from Acts we find that the conversations between Paul and the Ephesian disciples is rather unusual in that it begins with a question I would likely never ask anyone: "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" It turns out Paul's question was a good one, because they answered no, that they had never even heard there is a Holy Spirit. In the chapter before our reading, Acts chapter 18, we are told that Apollos, who

was a religious teacher and leader, was a Jew who had come to Ephesus from Alexandria, Egypt and was well versed in the scriptures. Apollos should have known of the Spirit of God because it is mentioned several times in the Jewish scriptures. But we learn in chapter 19 that Apollos had baptized the Ephesians into John's baptism of repentance and forgiveness. When Paul teaches them that John's baptism was only a preparation for the Messiah Jesus, the Ephesians, "upon hearing this," were baptized "in the name of the Lord Jesus" and when Paul laid his hands on them the Holy Spirit came upon them.

Paul baptized the Ephesians "in the name of the Lord Jesus." When Paul baptized the Ephesians he did not know that Matthew had written in his last chapter (28:16-20) that the risen Christ gave his disciples the Great Commission "to go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." We don't know exactly when the Great Commission was written down but we do know that Matthew's account eventually became the most widely ac-

cepted teaching and practice of baptism and remains to this day universal among mainline Christians in the World Council of Churches. As a member of the world Council of Churches the United Church of Canada accepts any baptism done with water by any method and uses the words-- "I baptize you in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit." Baptism need only be done once.

As we reflect on our own baptism let us remember the blessing of our baptism—we are adopted as God's children into the family of the Christian church. We are given the gifts of the Holy Spirit to make our lives count in the church and in this world. May we work to be the children that God would be proud of. I would like to leave you with the words of Isaiah 43: 1, 2. words I include in our service of baptismal renewal. "From the beginning...I have redeemed you, I have called you by name, you are mine. When you go through deep waters and great trouble, I will be with you, and when you go through rivers of difficulty, you shall not drown; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you."

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Minutes of a Town of Spiritwood meeting

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

The special meeting of the Council of the Town of Spiritwood was held via Sasktel Teleconference Call on Jan. 26, 2021 at 7 p.m.

In attendance were Mayor Gary von Holwede, Councillor Bryan Wingerter, Councillor George Pretli, Councillor James Bedi, Councillor Brad Nemish, Councillor Shannon Beaulac, Assistant Administrator Brenda Beaulac, and CAO Rhonda Saam. Absent was Councillor Kiera Andres.

A quorum being present, Mayor Gary von Holwede called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

George Pretli: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Seconded by Brad Nemish.

Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That the Accounts for Ratification, Cheque No. 31262 & CAFT Payments #254- to 263 in the amount of \$10,438.87 be approved as presented. Seconded by Jim Bedi. Carried.

Jim Bedi: That the Accounts for Approval, Cheque No. 31263 to 31271 in the amount of \$9,885.01 be approved as presented. Seconded Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Shannon Beaulac: That the bank interest earned as of December 31, 2020 on the Cemetery/Infrastructure Plan 24 Savings Account 833680124660 be allocated to 310-100-400 Reserve- Water/Sewer Infrastructure from Operating Surplus 390-900-900. Seconded by Brad Nemish. Carried.

Shannon Beaulac: That we accept Kristen Klassen's Maternity Leave Notice effective March 1, 2021, and continue to provide the employer portion of the premium contributions during the maternity leave and that we transition Kaeli Cross to working at the town office for the part-time Office Assistant maternity leave position while continuing to work as Events & Recreation Coordinator.

Bryan Wingerter: Be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Spiritwood supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca. Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community. Census will have a direct impact on gathering data

needed to plan develop and evaluate programs and services such as schools, daycare, family services, housing, emergency services, roads, public transportation and skills training for employment. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

Brad Nemish: That we approve Postcard Portables to advertise an Access Communications billboard in Spiritwood at a location approved by council, at a cost of \$125 plus GST for a 3-month term in 2021. Seconded by Jim Bedi. Carried.

Jim Bedi: That we approve the amendments to Policy No. 30 Waterworks Emergency Plan Policy as presented. Brad Nemish. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we approve Policy No. 33 Municipal Asset Management Policy as amended. Seconded by Shan-

non Beaulac. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That Mayor Gary von Holwede and another Councillor that is available, attend a meeting at a date to be determined with CEO Ken Thomas. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we approve the request to plow snow as required on the entrance road and loop for Parcel B 101783493. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

Brad Nemish: That we approve the disposal of 2013 records as per Bylaw No. 534/20 Record Retention Bylaw, and as presented and attached to form part of the minutes. Seconded by Jim Bedi. Carried.

Shannon Beaulac: That this meeting be adjourned at 7:43 PM. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Chores for early spring

By Patricia Hanbidge

Sometimes it seems that winters are long. This winter with the cold weather that lasted a month and with no chance of taking off for warmer climates, it might have been a long one for many. However, now the days

are getting longer and the mercury in many locations is on the plus side of zero! What that means is spring is on the way!

It is the last chance to get planning on what is going to happen in your garden or landscape this growing sea-

son – especially if you are going to be making any radical changes to your space. If you like to start your own seeds, you may have already ordered them or perhaps already are watching the magic of tiny little seeds becoming plants that will grace our gardens come May.

If you are ready to get gardening, then it might be time to ease into the gardening chores. Try not to overdo it all at once as gardening muscles have been resting for the long, cold winter. If you have not kept up your personal physical fitness since fall, then do yourself a favour and work into gardening slowly. Make use of those lovely mornings and evenings going for a brisk walk (where the ice has melted) followed up by some simple stretching exercises...using of course those same muscle groups you will use all summer long in the garden.

As the snow recedes and the soil dries, it is a great time to clean up the borders. Take away any dead plant parts, dig out any offending dandelions that seem to be already so green but take some time to ponder what is coming up. I find that each spring I get a few surprises. Things seem to be sprouting in places where you can't quite remember planting something! I guess that is what we call a "spring bonus"!

It is also a good time to tidy up the garden shed or garage. The temperatures are warm enough that it is not an ordeal to be outside for longer periods of time. Take a look at your tools, clean them up, sharpen them and get rid of what you do not use. The expression spring clean-up is generally meant to be for your garden – but for me – it is for every part of my property! It is such a great feeling to dispose of clutter!

If you still have not done your spring

pruning – you still have a little bit of time. Try not to miss this chore as to prune later in the year is not ideal for most of our woodies. The rapid growth of spring will ensure that any wounds caused by pruning will heal over quickly thus reducing any chance of disease transfer. Remember that it is not a good idea to do catch up pruning but instead to do a little bit each year. Do not remove more than one third of the canopy in any given year.

If you have any trees or shrubs that need moving, then as long as the soil is not too wet but is fully thawed then this is a good time to do this rather big chore. The buds have not yet burst so moving anything at this time will be the least risky time of all. Better yet, anything you move will have the entire growing season to get reestablished.

Rake your lawn areas if they are dry enough. It is amazing how this small chore really spruces up the landscape. It seems that the grass areas turn green overnight once they have some of that thatch removed. It is a bit early to fertilize with conventional inorganic fertilizers as that will encourage fast green growth that is susceptible to late spring frosts.

Pay close attention to any seedlings you have growing inside. If you have started your seeds without additional lights and have them sitting on a windowsill you will likely have noticed them reaching for that sun. Try to give them all the light possible as if you find them reaching for light the seedlings will be less strong and more susceptible to stresses like disease.

Happy Spring!

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