

Shellbrook Library introduces sensory room



PA Regional KidsFirst's Lesia Gawryliuk (left) and Adam Horachek (middle-right), explore the sensory room with librarian Dian Campbell and library board member Cheryl Tieszen.

A new sensory room at the Shellbrook Public Library promises to give parents and kids a new place to play, learn, and explore all of their senses — once COVID-19 restrictions ease up, that is.

Established through a partnership with Prince Albert Regional KidsFirst, the library's sensory room is packed full of toys and objects that are designed to help children develop their young minds.

"Sensory is really important, because that's the first part of your brain that develops," said Lesia Gawryliuk of PA Regional KidsFirst. "What we

want to do with this room is teach families the importance of understanding what kids like. Sometimes maybe that's why they're falling out of their chair, or why they're running in circles. Maybe they're looking for that sensory input."

We commonly think in terms of five major senses, including hearing, sight, smell, taste, and touch. However, the library's sensory room is designed allow children, and parents, to explore the vestibular and proprioceptive senses, which govern movement and the position of the body in relation to its surroundings, respectively.

Through these sensory experiences, Gawryliuk says parents can learn a lot about their children, and what they like and dislike, by observing and engaging with them as they play.

"By teaching families that not just toys are for playing, we wanted to make a more intentional playroom... so we can understand the way our kids' brains are developing," she said, adding that accessibility is also another important element.

"Whatever they learn from here, we try to make it as unique as possible, and with as many household items as possible. So if parents do enjoy what

they've learned about their children, they know how to create that at home without spending a whole lot of money."

Adam Horachek, Gawryliuk's colleague at PA Regional KidsFirst, says the sensory room was developed in response to feedback from area families about the need for something for rural families to do locally.

Noting that it's not always feasible for some families to travel to Prince Albert for entertainment, Horachek says the aim was to develop something long-term and sustainable.

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"This will be a permanent fixture in Shellbrook," he said. "Hopefully we're going to keep building in other communities, and then we'll be able to rotate the toys throughout all the communities we have going. We can always keep rotating in new stuff, and families will always have something new."

Among the items currently in the room are a music box that creates many different sounds, and music mat to allow for engagement with movement and sound.

There's also a busy board, which has a number of household items attached to it for tactile play and fine motor skill training, a ball pit for proprioception, a play kitchen to encourage creativity and hone multiple senses, and I-spy bags for visual learning.

"It's something parents can be talking to their children about [while they're playing]. A lot of times we're in our screens right now, and we're not talking to each other," said Gawryliuk.

Noting that the sensory room will be a learning experience for PA Regional KidsFirst as well, Horachek says the organization will be looking for feedback, so that it can make requests for donations through generous sponsors like Value Village.

And for a "little program that wants to make a big impact," funding never hurts, either.

For her part, librarian Dian Campbell says she seized the opportunity to be the first to hop on board because she saw the sensory room as another opportunity to engage more people and get them into the library.

"We've got the space. It's all about learning, and early learning starts with this. That's why I was excited about it," Campbell said.

Campbell's hope is that the sensory room will allow for the creation of a parents and tots group, something she's been working on starting up in recent years. She says it's also an invaluable opportunity for local students who have sensory issues or special needs.

Unfortunately, the room will have to wait until COVID-19 restrictions are eased before it can be put to use.

"Hopefully, by fall, we can start using it," Campbell said.



A music mat will allow kids to explore sound and movement.



The Shellbrook Public Library's sensory room offers a feast for the senses.



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Spiritwood Lions members honoured with awards

The Spiritwood and District Lions Club held a socially distanced meeting at the Spiritwood Legion on Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. Attendance was good and it provided an opportunity for some awards to be handed out to members.

The club has been unable to host many of their annual events and fundraisers due to pandemic restrictions but have carried on with those that could be run while following guidelines. The meeting was a chance to talk about the upcoming Easter Bunny sale and the annual Mother's Day contest, both of which will be run this year with some changes to the format.

Instead of door-to-door sales, bunnies will need to be pre-ordered and picked up at a specified location. Details of the Mother's Day contest are

still being worked out.

Two certificates were handed out at the meeting. Lion Dave Hyndman received a Progressive Life Membership from Dog Guides and Lion Alison Sullivan received a Life Membership from Dog Guides. The Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides has seven programs to train dogs for people living with medical or physical disabilities.

Two awards were also handed out at the meeting. First, Lions Past President George Pretli received the Diamond Centennial Award to recognize his effort of growing the club during the Lions Centennial Celebration.

The second award was presented to Lion Darlene Ferguson. Lion Dave Hyndman gave a short address where he described Lion Darlene as "the

heartbeat of the Spiritwood and District Lions Club." He outlined the role that Lion Darlene has played both in Lions and Lions Clubs since she and her husband Bryan moved to Spiritwood.

Participating in or organizing many of the clubs events over the years, Lion Dave described her as the go-to person for getting stuff done. For many years,

Lion Darlene chaired the Senior Supper and the Walk for Dog Guides. In more recent years, Lion Darlene has overseen club communication via email.

Lion Dave was very pleased to be awarding her the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, which aims to recognize members who are dedicated to humanitarian service.



Lions President Marg Pretli (left) presenting Lions Past President George Pretli (right) with the Diamond Centennial Award.



Lion Dave Hyndman (left) presenting Lion Darlene Ferguson (right) with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award

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Cowardly Trudeau fails China's Uighur people

Courage, they say, is not found in the absence of fear, but in the willingness to act in spite of our own fear.

When we speak of courage, certain people come to mind almost immediately.

Soldiers and peacekeepers, who volunteer to protect not only our country, but other countries as well.

Firefighters, who rush headlong into deadly blazes to save people, their homes, and their possessions.

Frontline healthcare workers, especially those who have been caring for others during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

And police officers, who protect and serve their communities (yes, even if we are in the midst of an important discussion about police brutality and racial injustice).

There are others who have unjustly gone unmentioned, for courage can manifest itself in ways both great and small. But there's one group of people you won't ever see on the list, and that's politicians.

For the most part, this is less a condemnation of politicians themselves, than it is of the populist nature of politics.

To be a successful (or, rather, elected) politician, one must appeal to the greatest number of people possible. And, because people are notoriously



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difficult to please en masse, politicians must sometimes do things they don't agree with.

It takes courage to stand by your convictions when you disagree with your own party.

It also takes courage to do what's right for your constituents, even when it runs contrary to your opinions.

Some politicians possess this kind of courage in spades.

Others? Not so much.

Way back when he was first elected as prime minister in 2015, Justin Trudeau seemed like a man of genuine conviction.

He and his Liberal colleagues rode into office on a mission to end injustice in its myriad forms.

This brand of conviction brought us our first gender balanced cabinet (at least until bungling and scandals forced a reshuffling of said cabinet).

It also brought us the often troubled, but vital,

National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

Separate, yet not entirely unrelated to the inquiry, was Mr. Trudeau's vow to enact all 94 calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which found Canada guilty of committing cultural genocide against Indigenous people.

Was Mr. Trudeau wrong to confront gender inequality, racial injustice, and the institutional barriers that prevent some Canadians from having an equal seat at the table?

Absolutely not.

But it takes no courage to say what voters expect you to say. And, true to political form, Mr. Trudeau has done an abysmal job turning his words into action.

What's worse, he's proven himself to be a man of convenient courage and convictions. A man who abandons principle when any significant challenge arises.

We see ample proof of this in his willingness to excoriate past Canadian governments for their crimes against Indigenous people, while remaining utterly silent about the Chinese government's treatment of the Uighurs, a Muslim minority in northwestern China.

A mounting body of evidence suggests around 1 million Uighurs have

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been rounded up in detention camps since 2017.

There, according to accounts from escaped detainees, they are being "re-educated", beaten, tortured, raped, forcibly sterilized, and killed.

All of this is enough for the global community to call it what it is: a genocide.

Not so for Mr. Trudeau and his colleagues, though, who either abstained or didn't show to vote on a Conservative bill to join other countries in putting diplomatic pressure on China.

Formally accusing China of genocide would have been courageous.

Unfortunately for the Uighur people, Mr. Trudeau's courage failed him last week.

The deadly divide

Dear editor,

Years of progress in eliminating poverty around the world threatens to be wiped out by COVID-19.

Prior to the pandemic, the poverty rate for women was expected to decrease by 2.7% between 2019 and 2021. Now, poverty is projected to increase by 9.1% in this time frame, plunging 47 million more women and girls below the poverty line, reversing decades of progress.

So, what can be done about this?

First and foremost, Canada must continue to spend 1% of the COVID budget on countries in the developing world, and secondly, must be sure to share vaccines equally, keeping in mind that until everyone is vaccinated, in this era of international travel, no one is safe.

Thirdly, we must address the fallout from COVID around the world, such as the halt to education in refugee camps, and the slow-down of vaccinations for other deadly diseases, to site a couple of examples. We must bridge the deadly divide between the haves and have nots.

It is simply the right thing to do, and I, as a Canadian, would like to see us continue to take a leadership role.

Connie Lebeau
Victoria, BC

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Shellbrook raises \$19,300 for Telemiracle

When hard times come, Saskatchewan comes together. At least, that seems to be the key takeaway from Telemiracle 45, which raised \$5.6 million through its livestreamed telethon over the weekend.

While not a record-setting amount, it's still the highest total raised since 2018's record-setting Telemiracle 42, which raked in a whopping \$7.1 million thanks to two bequests of \$1.5 million and \$1.2 million.

The total is still impressive, given the drastic changes made to the annual fundraiser, as well as the financial and other hardships, caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

"The generosity of Saskatchewan people is amazing and it showed again this year in their support of Telemiracle," Telemiracle 45 Chair Brian Angstadt said in a release. "Once again, Telemiracle brought our province together and the impact of these donations will be felt across Saskatchewan during these times when residents need it the most."

As has become a yearly tradition, Shellbrook did its part for Telemiracle, allowing the Shellbrook Kinettes to present the community's contribution of \$19,323.60 during the broadcast.

"We couldn't have done it without our community behind us," said Kinettes Tasha Cyr.

In a typical year, Shellbrook's fundraising total ranges anywhere from \$10,000 to \$14,000. But this year was far from typical.

With social distancing orders and gathering limits still in place across Saskatchewan, the Kinsmen and Kinettes had to forego their usual town canvas in favour of an online auction. Thanks to a slew of donations from businesses, community organizations, and individuals, that auction proved to be a boon to fundraising efforts, bringing in a haul of \$14,442.

Elsewhere, donations from what town canvassing could be done accounted for \$4,187, W.P Sandin High School donated \$2,053.55, Shellbrook Elementary School raised \$525, and Wild Rose School brought in \$201.85.

"Again we are absolutely blown away by the generosity of our community. Even during a pandemic, everyone comes together," said Kinettes Melissa Moe.

"We were sad we were unable to do our town canvas this year, but think that the online auction was a fantastic substitute. So many people enjoyed it,

that we think it may make an appearance again next year."

As always, the money raised at the Telemiracle will stay in the province, where it can be put towards helping Saskatchewan residents acquire special needs equipment and access to medical treatment. The money goes into the Telemiracle Fund, and people and organizations apply for these funds throughout the year.

In the past, money from the Telemiracle has found its way back to Shellbrook.

In 2019, the Canwood Bus Association was a beneficiary of the fundrais-

er, receiving \$20,000 to assist with the purchase and retrofit of a wheelchair-accessible van that will help people in the community and area get to medical appointments.

In 2014, meanwhile, Shellbrook's Woodland Bus Association received \$19,578 from the Telemiracle to assist with the purchase of a wheelchair accessible van. The van, and the 16-seat bus operated by the association, help residents of Parkland Integrated Health Centre's long-term care facility, and people from other communities, get to medical appointments and other social outings.



The Shellbrook Kinettes made the Telemiracle donation on behalf of Shellbrook. This year, the community raised more than \$19,000.

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Highlights of a town of Shellbrook meeting

Shellbrook's town council met for its regular meeting via teleconference on Monday, March 1.

In attendance were Mayor Amund Otterson, councillors Bruce Clements, John Hughes, Cheryl Ledding, Brent Miller, and Kathleen Nording, and the town's CAO, Kelly Hoare. Having resigned from council, councillor David Knight was absent.

Mayor Otterson called the meeting to order at 4 p.m., and council began by approving the agenda for the meeting and adopting the minutes of its Feb. 16 regular meeting. After this, council quickly moved on to other business.

Up first on the agenda was a public hearing regarding TJ Disposals' application for a discretionary use permit for the former Prairie North Surplus/Chev Olds building.

The company wants to operate the building as a "public garage" to repair trucks, and also relocate its reception and offices.

There were a few objections to the permit, most of them based around concerns regarding rodents, the odour of garbage, increased noise, and

increased truck traffic.

While acknowledging these concerns, Council Miller said the business had indicated that bins wouldn't be stored there, and any trucks on site would likely be parked inside the building.

Seeing no grounds to deny the permit, council carried a motion to approve it later on in the meeting.

Moving on, council approved payment of its regular accounts, then moved on to provide oral reports.

In public works news, councillor Miller informed council that crews have opened up catch basins in preparation for the spring melt.

Miller also reported an issue with a freeze-up in the main storm sewer outlet.

To remedy the problem in future years, he said a flap will be installed to keep out the western winds. Crews will also experiment by putting tubes around the outlet, through which hot liquid can be pumped to melt any ice blockages.

Mayor Otterson, meanwhile, reported an issue with water flowing to the

ground surface on 6th Avenue closer to the high school's end of the road. He attributed the problem to a connector joining two pieces of pipe, and said it could pose further challenges in the future.

In a brief update on the water treatment plant, and plans to form a partnership with the prince Albert Rural Water Utility, Councillor Miller reported that the preliminary numbers coming from consulting firm Atana paint a favourable picture of the feasibility of the project.

Miller said the project is also drawing the interest from area politicians, which could be a boon for potential grant funding.

In a few recreation items, councillor Ledding reported that arena restrictions have been eased to allow for two to three groups of eight players, each with up to two coaches. The maximum capacity has been set at 30 people.

Elsewhere, councillor Miller reported that the final instalment of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities grant for the rink upgrades arrived, allowing the Recreation

Project Steering Committee to pay off its loan to the R.M. of Shellbrook.

Following a final meeting this month, the reins, will be handed over to the town. The idea is to form a new committee — hopefully with new members — to focus on upgrading the swimming pool.

In news about the Hidden Hills of Shellbrook, Councillor Miller reported that the golf club had acquired four golf carts in anticipation of another busy season.

The club also received an expression of interest from Mistawasis regarding use of the course (in a similar arrangement to the one between the club and the Sturgeon Lake First Nation).

Miller said the First Nation's request will depend on whether or not there will be enough time slots for left over for golf club members.

He added that the golf club has added a new online booking system, which will allow it to manage bookings, and see availability, more easily.

In a final item, councillor Hughes repeated a common refrain about

the lack of RCMP presence in town, and questioned why the town is paying for policing services it's barely receiving. Council agreed it needs to continue asking these questions and pushing for answers to them.

Moving to some unfinished business, council approved Bylaw 2020-08 and 2020-09, which amend the official community plan and the municipal zoning bylaw, respectively. The changes will see a property on the northeast side of town rezoned to industrial from commercial, for use by Triple S Transport.

In the first item under new business, council agreed to abate \$44,840.27 in unpaid taxes on a property that the town recently acquired through tax enforcement.

Next, it tabled discussion on appointing an HR company to perform an organizational review for the Town of Shellbrook, and carried a motion to cover \$100 in medical and dental benefits for councils, should they choose to seek out benefits.

Moving on, council approved a motion to install

Livebarn at the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre. The system, which allows for live and on-demand broadcasts of youth sports, will be installed at no cost to the town.

Councillor Ledding said it would be good for those who don't live in town, such as grandparents with kids in minor hockey. She also said all rink users would be informed about the system, and the potential for their children to be filmed, as part of seasonal registrations.

Continuing with new business, council agreed to charge Studio 747 for rentals at the non-profit rate, rather than providing a requested 50 per cent reduction in rental costs. This lowers the rental fee to \$950 from the usual \$1,500.

Finally, councillor Brent Miller brought forward four motions related to budgeting, the first being that council decrease overall budgeted expenses for the 2021 fiscal year by 7.5 per cent, including in that reduction a \$150,000 contingency fund to be used in case of an emergency.

Next, Miller recommended that council, beginning with the 2022 fiscal year, start preliminary budgeting prior to the year end, to eliminate the practice of spending money that hasn't been approved by council.

Miller also suggested that budget surpluses be carried over to the next year to reduce revenue requirements for the year, and that all current municipal reserves be transferred to an emergency fund, only to be touched when all sources of revenue or credit have been exhausted.

The quartet of motions led to a lengthy discussion among council, with some councillors expressing concerns that \$150,000 is too small for the contingency fund. In the end, council agreed to hold a special meeting to discuss the motions once budget deliberations have begun.

Having nothing further to discuss, council set Monday, March 15 as its next meeting date and adjourned for the night.



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– Joan Carriere, Paddockwood, SK

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Farmers lose when ag becomes political

The national carbon tax in Canada is widely — well despised — on the Prairies, in particular among farmers.

That stands to reason simply from the position that farmers are major consumers of fossil fuels in their day-to-day operations, and anything that increases the cost of that fuel is not going to be popular.

While the idea of a carbon tax is to push people to look for alternatives to fossil fuel use, that is not easily achieved on the farm. Tractors may one day operate on alterna-

tives to diesel fuel, but that development still appears years away at best.

The tax also hit farmers hard last fall, as wet weather necessitated drying grain, and grain dryers typically rely on fossil fuel consumption to operate. So the carbon tax was a factor, and not one that could be avoided as drying was essential to make sure the crop was safely in the bin.

Not surprisingly the carbon tax on farm fuels, and in particular that used for grain drying, has become a political is-



CALVIN DANIELS

sue, with the Conservative Party putting forth a Private's Member initiative; Bill C-206, an Act to amend the Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act (qualifying farming fuel).

In the world of party politics, rarely does a Private Member's Bill get support from the ruling party, and such was the case here as the Liberals did not vote for the Bill.

But, while Private Member's Bills rarely get passed, they do focus attention on the issue at hand, and the Liberal government has said relief for grain drying is coming.

Agriculture minister Marie-Claude Bibeau and environment and climate change minister Jonathan Wilkinson have released a joint

statement signalling their intentions, suggesting Bill C-206 did not provide relief for the fuel costs of grain drying, as it does not add grain drying as an eligible farming activity.

The Liberals are saying they are committed to new rebates for on-farm fuel use such as grain drying.

Of course the Liberals are also suggesting their plan will be better, touting grain drying and barn heating as a priority focus under the proposed \$165 (million) agriculture clean

technology fund. The program will invest in energy efficiency, fuel switching, and other new technologies on farms.

In the end, beyond the political posturing that comes from a party-based system, the positive here is that some recognition, and financial relief tied to grain drying appears on its way. Given the importance of drying to protecting grain food crops and the importance of agriculture to the Prairie economy that is a good thing — if the details favour producers.

Local nurses receive preceptorship bursaries

Hannah Miller (left) is the latest registered nurse to benefit from the Parkland Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee's incentives for drawing healthcare workers to the community. The Shellbrook grad received a \$1,000 bursary for the completion of her preceptorship at Parkland Integrated Health Centre.

Also receiving a bursary, worth \$500, is licensed practical nurse Vanessa Moline (right), who likewise completed her preceptorship in Shellbrook.

Town committee representative, and Shellbrook Mayor, Amund Otterson presented the bursaries to Miller and Moline.



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SARCS finds ways to keep community engaged

Gathering restrictions may have put a damper on many traditional winter recreational activities, but they have not stopped the team at Spiritwood and Area Recreation, Sports, and Culture from finding ways to stay involved with the community.

On Friday, Feb. 19, SARCS had a burger sale where community members could phone or text in their order ahead of time for a Friday pick up time. The event ran smoothly and was met with overwhelming support, according to Kaeli Cross, the events and recreation director.

The crew dished up 230 orders throughout the evening and raised approximately \$1,100. Glennalda Saam, the facilities manager, was the main organizer behind the burger night and was helped out by Cross, Carson McNabb, Austyn Hundt, and Austin Saam.

Cross said they were “blown away with the turn out” and will be running another burger sale on March 5.

SARCS also ran an online Snowman Contest. Seven families participated in the contest, which was judged based on the number of ‘likes’ and image of the family’s snowman received on Facebook.

The weather made the task challenging as the temperatures were too cold for the snow to pack properly. This obstacle was apparently overcome by hauling water out to stick the snow together.

The winners of the snowman contest were the Hujber Family, the Turgeon Family, and the Doucette Family. Northern Lakes Economic Development Corporation sponsored the event, with a bag of cookie bites from Down 2 Cookie for each of the winning families.



The Hujber Family snowmen hit the rink for a little bit of hockey.



The Turgeon Family snowman had a bit of a tumble and landed on his head.



The Doucette Family snowman sporting a pink toque.

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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

BLAINE LAKE: Wapiti Library - Appointment only. Wednesday 11 am - 6 pm; Friday 11 am - 5 pm; Saturday 10 am - 4 pm. Contact us for more info 306-497-3130, www.wapitilibrary.ca.

BIG RIVER: Wapiti Library - Curb Side Pickup. Monday 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm; Wednesday 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm; Friday 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm

CANWOOD: Canwood Branch of Wapiti Regional Library. Appointment only. Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm; Thursday 10 am - 4 pm; Friday 12 pm - 4 pm. Call 306-468-2501 to book a slot.

DEBDEN: Wapiti Library hours: Appointment only. Monday 2 pm - 7 pm; Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon

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.

SPIRITWOOD: SARCS (Spiritwood Area Recreation, Culture and Sport Inc.) is now accepting requests for the “Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant”! Non-Profit Community Sport, Culture and Recreation Programs – Programs running from: April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022. Deadline to apply: Must be received by March 15, 2021. Email spr@sasktel.net or call (306) 883-2176 to receive Funding Request Form.

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SGI offering one-time rebate to drivers

SGI customers can expect a cheque sometime in May, thanks to a one-time rebate being issued by order of the provincial government.

Following a strong investment year for SGI's Rate Stabilization Reserve, which serves as a contingency fund in case of a "catastrophic event," SGI is passing on \$350 million in earnings to all registered vehicle owners and also improving injury

benefits for its most seriously injured customers.

The one-time rebate will make up \$285 million of that sum, providing an average payday of \$285, or about 26 per cent of an average annual premium in Saskatchewan.

The amount each customer receives will vary, depending on the proportion of vehicle premiums paid in the previous three

years. Those with vehicles that are more expensive to insure, and those with multiple insured vehicles, will receive a larger rebate.

"The Saskatchewan Auto Fund Rate Stabilization Reserve is in a very strong financial position due to very strong investment returns and – to a smaller degree – fewer collision claims due to the COVID-19 pandemic," Minister Responsible for SGI Don Morgan said in a statement.

"As a result, SGI will pass on these earnings to the people of Saskatchewan by issuing rebates to all registered vehicle owners and by improving injury benefits."

The Auto Fund, which all Saskatchewan vehicle owners pay into via their insurance premiums, maintains the Rate Stabilization Reserve (RSR), which is currently valued at \$1.15 billion.

SGI says the RSR is one of the reasons that SGI customers enjoy, on average, the lowest rates for basic auto insurance in Canada and have not experienced significant rate increases, despite the rapidly rising cost of repairing today's modern vehicles.

After losses last March, in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, the RSR experienced strong investment earnings over the past fiscal year, especially in the last quarter.

"This allows SGI to absorb the one-time cost associated with issuing rebates, while remaining in a position to protect customers from significant rate hikes going forward," SGI said in a release. "Even

with issuing the rebate, the RSR will meet industry standards to protect against unexpected cost fluctuations."

Rebate cheques will be issued in May and sent through the mail to customers who have paid Auto Fund premiums in the past three years and are residents of Saskatchewan.

Customers are encouraged to verify that their mailing address is up to date by visiting www.MySGI.ca to confirm or by contacting their local motor licence issuer.

In addition to the rebate, SGI is also implementing two significant enhancements for customers who receive long-term injury benefits as a result of being injured in vehicle collisions.

First, customers who require assistance with daily tasks (i.e., dressing, bathing, cooking, cleaning and yard care) will see the maximum payments for those services increase to better reflect current market rates.

This is expected to benefit more than 1,100 SGI customers.

Second, SGI customers who receive income replacement benefits from SGI and Canada Pension Plan (CPP) will no longer have income benefits from SGI reduced by their CPP payment.

It is standard industry practice to reduce insurance benefits by the CPP payment. SGI is leading the industry by eliminating this practice, to the added benefit of our most seriously injured customers.

It is estimated that this will benefit approximately 200 people.

Wild Rose 4H gives gift to Wild Rose School



The Wild Rose 4H Beef Club presented the Wild Rose School with a thank you gift in appreciation for allowing the club to use the school for meetings and events. From left: Allison Oleksyn, Wild Rose 4H club member, Grade 7/8 teacher Heather Straf, and Grade 5/6 teacher Sydney Kvinlaug.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

PARTNERS IN FAITH

Lutheran/United/
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137-2nd St. W.
Spiritwood
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Sarah Urano

UNITED /ANGLICAN

Worship Services
Glaslyn
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Rev. Kun Kim
Rev. Don Skinner

CATHOLIC SUNDAY

Spiritwood - 11:15 a.m.
Leoville - 9:30 a.m.
Chitek Lake - Closed for
the Season
Everyone Welcome
SATURDAY
Shell Lake - 2:00 p.m.
Medstead - 6 p.m.
Father Ramel Macapeia

PARTNERS IN WORSHIP

Shell Lake
Online Worship
306-841-7333
Pastor Sarah Urano

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Shellbrook
Sat., 9:45 am -
Sabbath School

Sat., 11:00 am - Worship
Broadcast on
VOAR 92.1 FM
Pastor Liviu Tilihoi
306-747-3398

MENNONITE BRETHREN

Glenbush
10:00 am - Sunday School
Worship 10:50 am

FIELDS OF HOPE (HOFFNUNGSFELDER) MENNONITE CHURCH

Glenbush
Worship - 11:00 am

BETHEL

Medstead
1st Sunday, 10 am -
Worship
Pastor David Jensen
3rd Sunday - 10 am
Worship
Pastor David Jensen

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Battlefords Camp
Phone Art Martynes
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EVANGELICAL FREE

Mont Nebo
Wed., 7:30 pm -
Bible Study & Prayer
Sun., 10:30 am - Worship
Pastor Bill Klumpenhower

LAKELAND COMMUNITY CHURCH

Spiritwood
Sun., 11 am - Worship
Service & Sunday School

BELBUTTE FULL GOSPEL

11 am Worship Service
1st Sun., 7:30 pm
- Hymn Sing
Pastor Floyd Berg

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Pastor Rick Martin

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Minutes of a Town of Spiritwood regular meeting

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

The special meeting of the Council of the Town of Spiritwood was held at the Spiritwood Civic Centre located at 303A 1st St. E on Jan. 12, 2021 at 7 p.m.

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

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.

Jim Walters and Tanner Traves with Crosby Hanna entered the council meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Discussed amendments within the Zoning Bylaw.

Jim and Tanner left the council meeting at 8:10 p.m..

Jim Bedi: That the Accounts for Ratification, Cheque No. 31208 to 31243, and CAFT payments #230-253 in the amount of \$121,010.05 be approved as presented. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Councillor Shannon Beaulac declared a conflict and left the meeting at 8:22

p.m.

Brad Nemish: That the Accounts for Approval, Cheque No. 31244 to 31261 in the amount of \$42,326.84 be approved as presented. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Councillor Shannon Beaulac re-entered the council meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Bryan Wingerter: That the Bank Reconciliation for the month of December 2020 be approved as presented. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

Jim Bedi: That the Draft Financial Statement for the month of December be approved as presented. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Brad Nemish: That we transfer the 2020 Cemetery Plot Fees (GL Acct# 420-600-100) in the amount of \$1,250 and the Cemetery Internment Fees (GL Acct# 420-600-101) in the amount of \$1,750 from the General Chequing operating account to the Cemetery Maintenance Fund/Infrastructure savings account as of Dec. 31, 2020. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

Kiera Andres: That we transfer the 2020 Infrastructure Fees in the amount of \$54,255.46 from the General Chequing operating account to the Cemetery Maintenance/Infrastructure savings account as of Dec. 31/2020. Seconded by Jim Bedi. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we support and accept the SGI Provincial Traffic Safety

Fund Grant for the approved projects - Two Radar Speed Display Signs and Ten Yield & Stop Signs and complete and return the final report form after completion of the project and that we purchase the following signs for the SGI Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant project as quoted from ATS Traffic: 2 Solar Radar Speed signs totalling \$6,700 plus tax, 5 Stop Signs totalling \$153.55 plus tax, and 7 Yield Signs totalling \$167.23 plus tax. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

Jim Bedi: That we approve the request to purchase an extra hour in 2021 for the Spiritwood Public Library in the amount of \$1241.24 and that council will re-evaluate Spiritwood Public Library future funding requests in conjunction with the RM of Spiritwood, which will be based on successful approval of outside grant programs, updated work plans and succession plans. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we approve the grant request from the Spiritwood Public Library in the amount of \$1,100 for 2021 expenses. Seconded by Brad Nemish. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we accept the bond insurance as presented and required as per Section 113(l) of the Municipalities Act, which is attached to form part of the minutes. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we approve wage rates effective Jan. 1, 2021 for Town of Spiritwood employees as attached to form part of the minutes. Seconded by Jim Bedi. Carried.

Brad Nemish: That we submit an application to Canada Summer Jobs 2021 for two summer student positions. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we approve building permit #01-2021SW to alter the interior office space to create a boardroom at Lot 5 & 25 Block 9 Plan AP518, with the condition of approval from the building inspector. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we approve Form 1 Listing of Lands with Arrears of

taxes as presented to council at this meeting and that we advertise Form 2 in the Spiritwood Herald for one week with the exception that we do not include in the list, land in respect of which the amount of taxes in arrears does not exceed one half of the immediately preceding year's tax levy with respect to that land, as per Section 3(3) of the Tax Enforcement Act. Seconded by Brad Nemish. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we approve Demo Permit #01-2021 to move a house from Lot 20 Block 5 Plan AP518 out of town and that safety fences and barricades must be used for public safety. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

Shannon Beaulac: That this meeting be adjourned at 9:33 p.m. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

SaskPower issues scam warning

SaskPower is warning people about a new scam.

According to the Crown corporation, a number of customers have said they've received calls from someone claiming to be from SaskPower asking for access to the customers' homes. The caller says they want to sign up the customer for the Saskatchewan Economic Recovery Rebate.

"These individuals are NOT affiliated with SaskPower and are likely collecting information for illegal purposes," SaskPower said in a media release. "A scam in early December 2020 saw individuals making similar claims on customer's doorsteps."

Anyone who gets a call like that should contact SaskPower customer service at 1-888-757-6937, or their local police service.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Zion - Canwood
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

Parkside
10:30 a.m. Worship
Pastor Daniel Mooseely
306-747-3572
Shellbrook
Adult Study
9:30 a.m.
Sun., 11 a.m. - Worship
Pastor David Bodvarson
306-747-7235
Canwood
11:00 a.m. - Worship
Pastor Glenn Blazosek
306-468-2138
Leask Gospel Tabernacle
Sunday 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Lorne Valuck

SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
Currently meeting in homes on Sunday morning & Wednesday evenings
Leask 306-466-4498
Marcelin 306-226-4615

PRESBYTERIAN
Mistawasis
Sunday worship
11:00 a.m.
Rev. Katherine Bretzlaff

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

Parkside
11 a.m. - Worship

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Leask - All Saint's
Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service
St. Andrew's - Shellbrook
Sunday, 11 a.m. Service
Re-opening for services
Sun. Mar. 14, 2021, 11 a.m.
Canwood - Christ Church
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Service

UNITED CHURCH

Shellbrook - Knox United
Sun., 10 am - Worship
306-747-3434
Student Minister
Jon Worrall
Big River
Sundays
10 a.m. - Worship
at Anglican Church
Rev. Dave Whalley
306-747-2804

MENNONITE

BRETHREN CHURCH
Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel
109 Railway Ave. W.
Blaine Lake
306-497-3316
Pastor: Rick Schellenberg
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
Worship

EVANGELICAL FREE

Big River
11:00 a.m. - Worship
Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Summer: 10:30 a.m. - 12
306-469-2258
Youth Nite: Fridays
Mont Nebo
Bible Study & Prayer
Sun., 11:00 a.m. - Worship
Pastor Bill Klumpenhower

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Debden
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.
Mistawasis
2nd & 4th Sundays, 1:30 p.m.
Fr. Phong Tran

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- Are dedicated to community and school
- Inspire others
- Are between the ages of 8 to 18



This year four deserving youth will receive \$3000 bursaries to use towards their post-secondary education. Nominate someone from your community today.

Visit www.swna.com for further information and nomination forms



Nominations close March 31, 2021

Goaltending boosts Habs' fortunes

If goaltending quality were used to rate the Canadian teams in the National Hockey League, mark the Montreal Canadiens down as the presumptive champion of the North Division this summer.

As the seven teams approached the one-third mark of the 56-game regular season, with nary a postponement due to COVID-19 (as teams in the other three divisions had all suffered), a few things are becoming obvious.

Such as: It's a wide-open race for the top four playoff spots, with perhaps only Montreal and Toronto in safer positions than the others; on any given night ... any team can beat any other team; and pencil in Montreal's Marc Bergevin as the general manager who made the biggest splash in roster construction.

Thanks to Bergevin's moves in the off-season, his Canadiens appear to be neck-and-neck with the Maple Leafs as the North Division's No. 1 team, which brings great joy to fans of the Habs, without a Stanley Cup since 1993.



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Strength in goal is the foundation of Montreal's good start (9-5-2), thanks to Bergevin's acquisition of Jake Allen from St Louis in the off-season. The Carey Price-Allen combo is the division's best, by far, and the envy of other teams. Toronto has the overworked Frederik Andersen in goal, backed up by Michael (Five Hole) Hutchinson or Jack Campbell. Winnipeg has the great Connor Hellebuyck and the unproven Laurent Broisioit. In Calgary, No. 1 guy Jacob Markstrom gives the Flames quality but the backup is the dreadful David Rittich. Up in Edmonton, coach Dave Tippett cannot fully depend on either Mikko Koskinen or Mike Smith. Vancouver's goaltending duo of the aging Braden Holtby and youthful Thatcher Demko is probably the division's second-best unit.

Just like quarterback in football or pitching in baseball, a hockey team's strength begins in goal. And the Habs have it.

Bergevin's off-season moves also resulted in the signing of free agent Tyler Toffoli from Vancouver (16 points in 16 games) and winger Josh Anderson from Columbus (for Max Domi and a draft pick), who had nine goals in Montreal's first 16 games, providing added life to a developing offence that also includes former first-rounder Nick Suzuki, Jonathan Drouin, Brendan Gallagher, Jesperi Kotkaniemi and Tomas Tatar. And on defence, stalwarts Shea Weber and Jeff Petry are backed by another Bergevin pickup, Joel Edmundson, and rookie Alexander Romanov, who is being given rookie-of-the-year consideration for his strong play.

Overall, the Habs are solid. Toronto is off to a great start and if its high-powered offence had Montreal's goaltending, the Leafs would romp. Defence wins championships, though, and Montreal has it.

• Patti Dawn Swansson, aka the River City Renegade: "The only thing that surprised me about the Buccaneers championship boat parade was seeing Tom Brady on one of the boats. I thought for sure he'd be walking on the water."

• Swansson again: "I understand why the NFL used faux fans, but Patrick Mahomes is demanding to know why Kansas City coach Andy Reid used cardboard cutouts instead of his regular offensive linemen."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Skateboarding has been added to the medal events for this year's Olympics, and break dancing will likewise be in the lineup at the 2024 Paris

Games. Somehow not passing IOC muster: a motion to change the Olympic motto to 'Sicker, Hipper, Gnarlier.'"

• Blogger Chad Piscasner, on Trevor Bauer's new Dodger contract penciling out to \$10,000-plus per pitch this season: "Which could lead to this conversation on the mound: Manager: 'How do you feel, Trevor?' Bauer: 'I think I got about \$40,000 left in me, Skipper.'"

• Gambling Mad blogger Norman Chad, on Twitter: "If Tom Brady ran a stoplight, they would say the stoplight was wrong."

• Chad again: "Elected officials have term limits - it is time to apply them to Tom Brady."

• David Staples of the Edmonton Journal, on a suggestion for a catchy nickname for the line featuring Jujhar Khaira and linemates Tyler Ennis and Josh Archibald: "The Sweet Khaira Line."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "Texas got so much snow, the Houston Texans traded J.J. Watt for 10 snow shovels, two sacks of salt and a snowblower to-be-named-later."

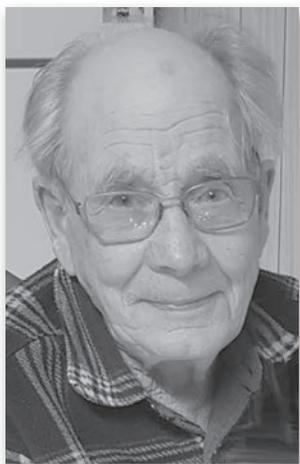
• Dwight Perry again "Those wild and crazy Houston Texans agreed to release star pass-rusher J.J. Watt - still under contract - instead of trying to get some return value in a trade. Veteran team watchers say you'd have to go back weeks - weeks - to find a Texans move this confounding."

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "The Indianapolis Colts acquired QB Carson Wentz from the Eagles for a third-round pick, a second-round pick and a thank you note from Wentz to be sent later."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

OBITUARIES

Leslie Thomas Boyle



few years later he bought out his Dad and expanded his farm. He especially enjoyed raising cattle and spending time in the bush on his land. During this time, he also drove a school bus and did some carpentry work.

The community was very important to him. Over the years he served on many boards and committees. He was actively involved, often volunteering his time and talents, on many community projects. He also spent countless hours helping out at the rink, ball diamonds, and 4-H events for his children's activities.

Sandra came into his life in 1975 and they were later married. They had many enjoyable years farming together, spending time with family and friends, and working in the community. They also enjoyed their large yard and garden, berry picking, and playing cards. Many benefitted from the garden produce that they freely shared with others.

His faith was very important to him and he was very active in the Anglican Church. He strongly believed in helping others and was well known for his kindness and ability to see the good in everyone.

He passed away peacefully in his home on his farm near Canwood surrounded by family on February 23, 2021, at the age of 91 years.

He will be lovingly remembered and dearly missed by his wife, Sandra; his children Mervin (Char), Cindy (Neil), Sheryl (Mik), and Brad; his grandchildren, Julia and Jaxx; his sisters Lietta Adrian and Grace Bartzen; his mother-in-law Marian Campbell; brother-in-law Bill (Brenda); his sisters-in-law Irene (Ken), Doris (Reg), Dian, Mary (Bill) and Bev, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and many close family friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, Thomas A. and Joyce Boyle; his brothers-in-law Art Adrian and Len Bartzen; and his sister-in-law, Linda Campbell. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the family will have a private graveside service held for Leslie in the Canwood North Cemetery.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Leslie to the Whispering Pine Place Recreation Dept. (Box 418 Canwood, SK S0J 0K0). Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Tammy Smart, Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK. 306-747-2828.

Derek Donald Gunn



Derek Donald Gunn
16 September 1952 - 1 February 2021

Derek, unique among men, died peacefully at the age of 68, in Calgary, on 1 February, 2021, after a determined two-year fight against cancer. Derek is survived by his best friend, partner, and cherished wife of almost-forty-years, Martha McDonagh, and by their beloved sons and Derek's greatest joys, Philip (Suvisa) and Patrick. He will

be remembered with love by his sister, Janet; his brother, Gerald, and his sister-in-law, Arlene; and his Aunt Sheila Coles. Derek revelled in family, and he loved to share happy memories of his mother, Pat (deceased, 2020), and his father George (deceased, 1975). Derek will be remembered always by his sister-in-law, Sheila, and his brother-in-law, Mark, and by his niece, Laura, and nephew-in-law, Jody. He is remembered most fondly by many cousins, nephews, and friends in Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Manitoba, and around the world.

Derek was born in Shellbrook, and grew up on the Gunn family farm in Foxdale. He always embraced life and adventure, and before and throughout his career as a geologist the prospect of being posted to, and living somewhere new, energized him. His first foreign post was to Saudi Ara-

bia where he decided that the study of geology would be his academic and professional pursuit. Derek was an accomplished professional geologist and worked his long career in the global oil and gas industry. His postings included Canada, Nigeria, USA (twice), Brunei, India, Malaysia, Egypt, and the UK. His personal goals in each country were to immerse himself in local culture and history, and to be the best personal ambassador for his country that he could be by living and modelling his values of kindness, integrity, generosity, and professionalism. He mentored many. Derek was a citizen of the world, but a true son of Saskatchewan.

Memorial gathering to take place in summer, 2021, at the Foxdale Cemetery. All are welcome. Donations in Derek's memory may be sent to his favourite charity, Doctors Without Borders (Canada), 551 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5V 0N8.

BOYLE - Leslie Thomas
It is with heavy hearts that the family of Leslie announce his passing. He was born October 29, 1929, in Prince Albert, SK, the only son of Thomas A. and Joyce Boyle (nee Ridler). He was raised on the family farm north of Canwood with his two younger sisters Grace and Lietta.
Les received his education in a one-room schoolhouse at Moose Valley. When he finished school, he farmed with his Dad and acquired land of his own at an early age. In the winters he worked in B.C. logging in the mountains. He had many harrowing tales of his adventures there!
When he married Tena Unrau, he built a home and second-yard site on the family farm and raised 4 children. A

OBITUARIES

Joseph Thomas Fusick



FUSICK, Joseph Thomas

February 11, 1931 – February 25, 2021

With family at his side, we are very saddened to announce the passing of Joe Fusick at his home in Saskatoon.

Joe was predeceased by his wife, Helen Fusick (nee Striga) in 1985; his parents, John and Annie Fusick; his brothers, Steve, Johnny; and his infant sister, Maria. He is survived by his loving

wife, Iris Feist; his children, Andy (Joan) Fusick, Barry (Audra) Fusick, Marlene (Willy) Vogelaar; brothers, Bill (Dail), Mike (Vivian); sister-in-law, Rhonda Fusick; grandchildren Patrick (Maria), Darran (Aly), Raquel (Brenden), Vanessa (Derek), Joey (Steph), Scott; 6 great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Joe was born at home on a farm in the Lorenzo area north of Hafford, SK. In 1947 his family moved to the Woodhill district located south of Shell Lake, SK. where they took on a new farm life. Joe spent some time working in BC; however he stayed committed to working with his parents on the farm before meeting and marrying Helen Striga in 1961. They raised 3 children while establishing their

own mixed farm. Joe was a successful farmer. He also trapped and did some commercial fishing on the side. Unfortunately by the time the children were teenagers, Joe began having significant health problems from being exposed to the various types of dust on the farm and Helen was diagnosed with cancer. After struggling with these issues for several years, they sold the farm and moved to Prince Albert. At that point, Helen and Joe had to take on a new type of work life. Joe established a carpentry and painting business, performing small projects and general maintenance. In 1985, Helen's battle with cancer had caught up with her and dad found himself without his soul mate. He continued with his business for several years until he married Pearl Nelson and the two of them established an accomplished elk farm near Holbein, SK. In 2003, Joe took on being fully retired at his seasonal homes in Yuma,

Arizona and Weyakwin Lake, SK. Joe married Iris Feist in 2011 and they had good years together providing each other with great companionship. enjoying winters in Yuma, frequent trips to Weyakwin Lake, gardening, cooking and canning.

The experiences and knowledge that Joe gained over his work life was considerable. He logged, operated a mixed and elk farm, operated a construction and maintenance business, trapped and did some commercial fishing for short periods.

Joe thrived and shone at what could be described as being "close to earth". Besides growing various farm crops he was an avid gardener of vegetables and fruit, loved to be around all the farm animals, trapped furs, hunted, picked mushrooms, picked and canned several species of wild berries and cut & split his firewood. He was very proud of his grapefruit and orange trees at his home in Ari-

zona. His most relished pastime and what he was most well-known for throughout his entire life was his unlimited appetite to fish. He spent many hours on Iroquois Lake, Big Shell Lake, White Swan Lake, Namekus Lake and Weyakwin Lake. Once he started visiting Yuma it did not take him long to figure out how to catch Tilapia in the irrigation canals. He enjoyed his ocean fishing trips to BC and Alaska.

He was well known for his hospitality; it was difficult to leave his place without having some of his proudly made homemade stew, soup, fruit, homemade beer or wine, or a good cold "made in Saskatchewan" beer.

Joe loved to watch the roughriders on TV and tune to CKBI radio to listen to the games of the Prince Albert Raiders.

Joe had a fulfilling life, always worked hard and was good at everything he did. His willingness to take on any challenge, especially in the later stages of his life, inspired

everyone around him.

Joe leaves a legacy of having been a loyal friend to many and was well respected by those who knew him.

Joe repeatedly expressed his appreciation for the care he received in the palliative care program. On behalf of the family we would like to recognize and thank Dr. Andrea Symon, the staff at the cancer clinic and the palliative care nurses and care aids for all the great care, respect and compassion that he received. A private memorial service will take place on Monday, March 8, 2021 at Hillcrest Funeral Home with interment to follow in Prince Albert Memorial Gardens. To view the service and leave condolences, please visit <https://www.arbormemorial.ca/en/hillcrest/obituaries/joseph-fusick/62892>

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Norman Russell Reidt



REIDT – Norman Russell

With heavy hearts, yet many fond memories, the family of Norman Russell Reidt announce his passing on February 22, 2021 at the age of 90.

Dad was born November 19, 1930, to Anna and John Reidt, the fourth child in a family of five. He entered the world on the farm that his grandfather homesteaded, in the Silver Grove district. He grew up there attending school and working alongside his parents and siblings on the farm. As a young adult, he spent a few months as a cab driver in Edmonton, set up machinery for an implement dealer in Leask,

as well as worked his way up to high-pressure welder during some winter months. In 1958 he bought the adjacent farm from his uncle, which became home when he married Lucille Robin in 1960. They raised their two girls and continued to farm there until they moved to Leask in 1989 upon semi-retirement.

Dad was an accomplished farmer, welder, carpenter and general craftsman. If he needed something unique or specific, he fabricated it precisely and skillfully. Just one example of his handiwork, a brush piler, remains in the Silver Grove District. In his retirement years he fabricated beautiful wrought iron plant pots and in earlier years, harvesting and milling trees was a true passion. Along with other local farmers, the group enjoyed many days in the woods working toward their goal of processing lumber for use in their various personal building projects. He could eyeball a spruce tree and come to within fractions of an

inch in estimating its circumference. As recently as 2018 we would enlist his help as we stacked firewood in the front-end loader bucket as he was able to fit a considerably larger load with his meticulous placement skill.

He had a strong and independent work ethic; "if it needs doing just do it." He was a realist. Integrity, honesty and the highest of moral values was applied in all he endeavored. He shared his gifts freely. As a member of All Saints Church in Leask, he served on the vestry and worked with others to ensure that all repairs were completed, and any other needs were met. During his time with the Leask Lions' Club, he was a committee member on various projects including the founding and construction of the Leask Community Hall, Wheatland Lodge and the Medical Clinic. He enjoyed working at the fundraising bingos as it was yet another opportunity to visit with people. Being quiet and humble, he very much enjoyed meeting and hearing other people's experiences and stories.

Dad was so very inquisitive and adventurous. Touring with RV's, exploring new places, cities and buildings and meeting new people were paramount in his life. Mom and Dad enjoyed camping and fishing in beautiful northern Saskatchewan. Dad loved antique cars. Along with relatives and friends, they would set out on golfing excursions within the province, each with their own collector's car. They visited most of the United States, toured Alaska and the eastern Canadian coast. For fourteen years they spent a few months in southern warmer climates during the winter.

Mom passed away in November 2012. In June 2013 Dad had an auction, sold his acreage in Leask and made his home at Preston Park II Retirement Residence in Saskatoon. He fit right into the Preston Park family, made great friends and participated in the many activities. As an avid and accomplished billiards player, he looked forward to the tournaments. The annual All Seniors Games was the highlight of the year. We never saw

the competitive side of him until it came to billiards. Calm, cool and collected he mastered several medals and a national gold within the All Seniors' facilities.

We extend heartfelt thanks to the St. Paul's Hospital Chronic Kidney Disease Clinic, Preston Park II staff, National Care Services, the Saskatchewan Health Region Palliative community team, and the Palliative Unit at St. Paul's Hospital for the compassionate care provided on his journey with kidney disease.

Survived by: Daughters Sandra (Murray) Galambos of La Ronge, Connie (Andy) Jessop of Leask; grandchildren Brett (Cara) Galambos of Warman, Kelby Galambos (Angela Wallace) of Saskatoon, Jillian (Colton Smith) Galambos of Osler, Lynnae (Patrick) Gauthier of Blaine Lake and Nolan Jessop (Shawna Battersby) of Leask; great-grandchildren Ethan and Arlow Galambos, Camille Gauthier and baby Smith to arrive in the spring, his sister Lillian Reynolds, sisters-

in-law Ella Reidt, Marie Robin, Ingrid Robin; brother-in-law's wife Terry Coates, brothers-in-law Leon (Audrey) Robin, George (Olga) Robin. Predeceased by: His wife Lucille, parents John and Anna Reidt, sister Charlotte Coates, brothers Milton and Lloyd Reidt, parents-in-law Arthur and Marie Anne Robin, brothers-in-law Ernest Coates, Frank Reynolds, Paul Robin, Oliver Robin, Emile Robin, Paul Garand, Albert Garand; sisters-in-law Gaby Verbonac, Therese Garand and Olive Garand. A celebration of life will be held at Silver Grove in the spring. For those who wish, donations in his memory may be made to Parkland Integrated Health Centre, Box 33 Shellbrook, S0J 2E0 or Leask Legacy Museum, c/o Village of Leask, Leask, S0J 1M0

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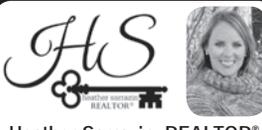
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COVID cases hit Debden, Big River schools

Though COVID-19 case totals have been slowly, but consistently, trending downward in recent weeks, cases at schools in the Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division (SRPSD) seem to be ticking upwards.

Over the weekend, the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) identified three positive cases, one at École Debden Public School, and one each at TD Michel Public School and Big River High School.

According to the SRPSD and Public Health, there is no evidence to suggest any of the cases were acquired or transmitted at school, allowing in-person learning to continue for the rest of the school.

In the case of École Debden Public School, all connected individuals have been notified of the positive case and are isolating and continuing with remote learning as directed by the SHA.

As for TD Michel Public School, the affected classroom, including students and staff, will be isolating and carrying on with remote learning until March 10.

And finally, for the case at Big River High School, no classroom isolations were deemed necessary.

In his notice to the public, SRPSD director of education Robert Bratvold extended the school division's get well wishes to the students, and pledged the division's support for the broader school community and families.

While highlighting the COVID-19 measures SRPSD schools have in place, he also said that COVID-19 is becoming more prevalent in the community, and urged students, teachers, and parents to be diligent in their efforts to prevent its spread.

"The division deeply appreciates the support that students, parents and community members have demonstrated, especially as the number of cases in our region climbs," he said. "We all share responsibility to minimize the risk of COVID transmission."

Despite the challenges, Bratvold says it's important that students, families and community members continue to:

- be diligent in performing the daily health screening and self-monitoring;
- stay home if ill;
- call the HealthLine at 811 if exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms;
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- maintain physical distancing as much as possible;
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- do whatever we can to keep each other safe.

As always, no further details about any of the cases will be shared, out of respect for privacy.

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Growing your own vegetable transplants

By Jackie Bantle

As you look forward to spring and warmer weather, its time to start exercising those green thumbs. Consider growing your own transplants for your garden. The excitement and challenge of planting seeds, waiting for them to emerge and caring for the tiny plants until they are ready to be released to the outdoors is an excellent late winter activity for children and adults. Growing your own transplants also enables you to grow vegetable cultivars that might not be available at your local greenhouse. It is time to start planting some of those seeds!

Vegetables that must be transplanted in order to mature during our relatively short growing season include: tomatoes, peppers, celery, eggplant, Spanish onions, leeks and Brussels sprouts. Vegetables that benefit from transplanting in the Prairie garden but are not required to be transplanted include: cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage, melons, squash, pumpkins, cucumbers and corn.

Not all vegetables should be seeded immediately. Some vegetable seed takes longer to germinate or, grows very slowly once it has germinated. Other vegetables dislike having their roots disturbed and are best transplanted outdoors when they are only 1-2 weeks old.

Vine crops and corn do not like to have their roots disturbed. Grow these transplants in a Jiffy 7 peat pellet or a biodegradable container. Both the container and the Jiffy 7 can be planted directly in the ground without disturbing the plant roots: the developing roots will grow through the netting or the container.

A few basic guidelines for growing your own transplants indoors will help ensure success.

1) Use a commercially prepared media that has a mix of peat, vermiculite and perlite. Garden soil is NOT recommended for any container since it does not drain properly and can be a source of insects and disease.

2) Containers should be clean and must have drainage holes in the bottom to ensure excess water drains away; thereby preventing root rot diseases.

3) Adequate lighting is crucial for growth of healthy transplants. Supplemental lighting will be necessary. Grow-lights can be purchased at most garden centers. Place the lights 30-45 cm above the seedlings for 12-14 hours per day. To test if the lighting is sufficient, the shadow cast on a white piece of paper at midday by an object 10-15 cm above the paper should have a definite outline.

4) Most commercial medias contain very few nutrients. Apply a water soluble 20-20-20 fertilizer once/week. Mix according to label directions.

The ideal transplant has a good root system but is not root bound. The stem will be strong and the internodes between the sets of leaves will be small. Transplants that are too tall will tend to break and dry out more easily once planted out into the garden. To control transplant height, lightly brush the tops of the plants with a wooden stick or a rolled up towel or, place an oscillating fan approximately 3 feet from the transplants for 6 to 8 hours/day. The gentle brushing or the gentle breeze will tend to decrease transplant height and strengthen stems.

A large difference between day and night temperatures can also result in elongated transplants. Warm days followed by cool nights tend to increase the internode length, resulting in 'stretched' plants. Aim to keep the day and night temperatures within several degrees of each other to help minimize the length between internodes.

'Damping Off' is a fungal disease that can be a problem when starting seedlings. Symptoms include poor seed germination or water-soaked, soft spots on the stem just above the soil line in newly emerged seedlings. The seedlings topple over where the stem has become constricted.

No treatment is available for Damping Off. Prevent the disease by using clean pots, providing adequate air movement around seedlings and resisting overcrowding seedlings.

Good luck growing your transplants. Spring will be here before we know it!

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Seeding tomato seeds in late March into soilless media. Transplants will be ready for planting out in late May. *Photo credit: Jackie Bantle.*



Two week old pumpkin transplants growing in jiffy 7 peat pellets and ready to plant out in late May. *Photo credit: Jackie Bantle.*

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