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École Debden Public School celebrates graduation



École Debden Public School's Class of 2021. Back row, l to r: Liam Thiessen, Elijah Pott, Matthew Graham, and Pascal Marchildon. Front row, l to r: Rhea Peterson, Janaya Bilodeau, Kenzie Demers, and Jasmine LaMotte.

On the evening of June 11, École Debden Public School held a small outdoor graduation ceremony for our 8 graduates and their families. The rainy weather cleared up and we had a lovely evening for our ceremony, which was live-streamed.

The ceremony began with our Emcees, Jennifer Clark and Kyra Johnson, announcing our graduates, who made a grand entrance to the ceremony on their own golf cart (courtesy of the Canwood Golf Course), making this a fun and unique way to celebrate this occasion. Janaya Bilodeau and Rhea Peterson welcomed our guests, followed by greetings from our School Superintendent, Mr. Michaud, and our Principal.

Kenzie Demers received the honour

of giving the Valedictorian speech, and then our Principal, Mrs. Schwehr and Vice Principal, Mr. Tetreault, presented the certificates, awards, and scholarships.

Janaya Bilodeau won the Outstanding School Involvement Award, Opening Doors to Tomorrow Career & Job Fair Bursary, and the Shaye Amundson Cheering You On Memorial Scholarship.

Kenzie Demers graduated with High Honours and she won awards for Congeniality, English, Français, Mathematics, Physical Education, Physics, Sportsmanship and Most Proficient. Kenzie also received a Diamond North Credit Union Member Scholarship.

Jasmine LaMotte graduated with Honours and won a PAATA Schol-

ship. Pascal Marchildon graduated with Honours and won the Biology and PAA Awards.

Rhea Peterson graduated with High Honours and won the Mathematics and PAA Awards. Rhea was also awarded a Diamond North Credit Union Member Scholarship.

Liam Thiessen graduated with Honours and he won the Chemistry and History Awards. Liam also received a Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship Industry Scholarship, and a PAATA Scholarship.

Liam Thiessen and Pascal Marchildon extended their appreciation to the school staff, while Jasmine LaMotte and Kenzie Demers expressed a heartwarming thank-you to the parents. Next was the traditional 'Most Likely

To,' lighthearted predictions of the graduates, given by Elijah Pott and Matthew Graham. Finally, a memorable slideshow of our graduates, prepared by Kenzie and Rhea, was shared virtually to the audience.

After the ceremony finished, the graduates did a parade through Debden on their golf carts led by the RCMP. The community came out to show their support by cheering on our graduates and giving waves and honks as they went by.

Congratulations Class of 2021.

This year's graduating class is: Janaya Bilodeau, Kenzie Demers, Matthew Graham, Jasmine LaMotte, Pascal Marchildon, Rhea Peterson, Elijah Pott, and Liam Thiessen.

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Matthew Graham and his fellow grads arrived at the ceremony in style, thanks to the Canwood Golf Course.



Valedictorian Kenzie Demers gives her address at École Debden Public School's graduation ceremony.



Rhea Peterson and her fellow grads arrived at the ceremony in style, thanks to the Canwood Golf Course. *Story on page 1*

Work to start soon on Highway 3 passing lanes

Summer is going to be filled with road work for the Ministry of Highways, and the stretch of Highway 3 between Shellbrook and Prince Albert is set to receive some long-desired upgrades.

Highway 3 — especially the stretch between Prince Albert and the Shell River — has long been an area of concern, with an estimated 414 collisions and 67 fatalities occurring over the past decade. However, calls for safety improvements were further amplified

after two accidents resulted in three deaths in the lead up to Christmas, with the council for the Town of Shellbrook joining the push.

In the weeks following the fatal accidents, the Ministry of Highways said its 2021 plans for the Highway included three sets of passing lanes (six lanes total). Patrick Book, a senior communications consultant with the Ministry of Highways, has confirmed the locations for each of the passing lanes, which will stretch for two kilometres each.

The eastbound passing lanes are just west of Holbein (34 kms west of Prince Albert), just west of Crutwell (22 kms west of Prince Albert), and just west of Kachur's Golf Club (10 kms west of Prince Albert).

The Westbound lanes will be between Shellbrook and Holbein (37 kms west of Prince Albert), between Holbein and Crutwell (25 kms west of Prince Albert), and east of Crutwell (17 kms west of Prince Albert).

Book says work on the passing lane project is planned to start in mid-to-late June, with completion anticipated for late fall.

However, there's more in store for Highway 3 in the near future, as the province's 2021-2022 budget also included funds for the twinning of the highway.

"We got listening to the people who are around P.A. and Nadine Wilson (Saskatchewan Rivers MLA) was a great advocate for 'Maybe we should do something more,'" said Minister of Highways, Fred Bradshaw, when the project was announced. "We're always looking at safety, and the more she talked, and the more we heard from other people, we decided that it would be best to twin that section."

Providing a brief update on the status of the project, Book said the hope is for it to be tendered by the end of August so that any preliminary work can be done in the fall. Completion is expected in spring or summer of 2022.

While the initial announcement said the highway would be twinned from Prince Albert to the Shell River Bridge, Shellbrook's Town Council is hoping the province will consider including the bridge in the project.

To this, Book said only that nothing is set in stone. "Work is continuing on design, and consultations will be held with the communities and residents to discuss design options," he said.

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Spiritwood's Dirty Pitches host first Home Run Derby

One of Spiritwood's slo-pitch teams, the "Dirty Pitches," held their first annual Home Run Derby this month raising \$1,597.50 in the Calcutta.

Bidding opened on May 28, with minimum bids starting at \$100 a player and minimum increases at \$10. Bidders had until June 4 to bid on the player in both the men's and women's divisions who they thought would take the top spot.

The rules of the derby allowed players to "pick their pitch" with a marked strike zone. If the ball landed in the strike zone and the player did not swing, the pitch counted. If the ball landed outside of the strike zone without a swing, the player could get another pitch.

There were a total of 6 rounds, with a decreasing number of chances to hit over the fence. The wom-

en's division hit from 2nd base while the men's hit from home plate. Chances decreased from 4 in the 1st round to 1 in the 6th, with 2 rounds each for 3 and 4 chances.

For players who won their division, their highest bidder would receive 50% of the division's total pot. For added fun, two signs from Blaine Lake Liquor store, the team's sponsors, were added to the field and any player who hit one of the two signs won their higher bidder a \$50 gift card to Blaine Lake Liquor and Hardware.

In the men's division, Jeff Caffet brought in the highest bid from Don Caffet at \$320. Austin Lehouillier bid \$290 on Chris Robinson, Delrae Poulin bid \$270 on Colton Poulin, TJ Tipton had \$200 on Bryce

Wadsen, Jill May put \$150 on JR Bussiere, Levi Miller had \$150 on Tyson Poulin, Austin Lehouillier put \$130 on Patrick Robinson, Vic Kuffert had \$130 on Cole Goller, Robyn Doell took Sheridan Lehouillier at \$120, and Gail Radke bid \$110 on Anthony Radke. The payout for the men's division was \$935, which went to Don Caffet after Jeff placed in the top spot.

In the women's division, the highest bidder was Aaron Dauvin, who put \$325 on Taylor Kuffert, followed by Jeff Caffet with \$320 on Shirley Lehouillier, Levi Miller with \$300 on Keera Tiringier, Lauren Iverson with \$220 on Kaeli Cross, and Frances Weber with \$160 on Karissa Weber. Kaeli Cross came in the top stop of the women's division earning her bidder, Lauren Iverson, \$662.50.

Frances Weber and Aaron Dauvin each took home \$50 gift cards to Blaine Lake Liquor and Hardware after their bids, Karissa Weber and Taylor Kuffert, hit the sponsor signs.



The Dirty Pitch's Homerun Derby women's division winner was Kaeli Cross.



Jeff Caffet came in the top spot in the men's division for the Home Run Derby.

PIHC elders enjoy simple pleasures

For many elders at Parkland Integrated Health Centre (PIHC), going for a country drive is considered one of the simple pleasures in life. As a therapeutic recreation student here at PIHC, I have had the privilege of witnessing the excitement that country drives bring. Although we are not able to get off the bus yet, due to restrictions, it is amazing to see what a difference a change of scenery can make for a person.

A destination that is a favourite among our elders is Honeywood Heritage Nursery near Parkside, Sask. Driving through the site and seeing all the beautiful flowers, fruit trees, and green grass reminds many elders of when they had their own gardens. Their eyes sparkle as they share stories of when they would tend to all varieties of plants and flowers and how hard they worked to produce a good yield.

Jerry Watier, one of our elders, loves to go to Honeywood. He was able to purchase 4 lilies at a great price and proudly displays them in his room. It is the highlight of his summer. The drive to Honeywood is often talked about for many days afterwards, with the elders sharing how great of a trip it was.

Another activity that our elders have found joy in is art. Many have discovered a talent that they never knew they had. At PIHC, staying in touch with the local community is important, and so we want to share with the artwork of our elders with you.

We will be hosting a virtual art gallery and auction July 5-16, 2021. Be sure to check out the Shellbrook Library Facebook page for all the details.

Submitted by Morgan Janz, Therapeutic Recreation Practicum Student from Lethbridge College



Honeywood Heritage Nursery is a favourite summertime stop for many of Parkland Integrated Health Centre's elders.

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With friends like Biden, who needs enemies?

When United States President Joe Biden was inaugurated at the end of January, many breathed a deep sigh of relief.

His presidency was supposed to signal a return to gentlemanly diplomacy – a marked departure from the bluster and bravado his predecessor Donald Trump was known for.

To be certain, the tone coming out of the White House has changed drastically under Mr. Biden.

But the change is superficial, no more than pretty words to serve as window dressing for the same old policy of American self-interest above all else.

It's disappointing, of course, but not unexpected.

In marking the occasion of Mr. Biden's inauguration, I warned that his presidency



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came with no guarantees of a more friendly or mutually beneficial relationship for Canada.

Proof of this came early, when Mr. Biden issued an executive order to revoke the permit for TC Energy Corp.'s Keystone XL pipeline.

Legitimate environmental concerns notwithstanding, the pipeline project would have been a massive economic boon for the prairie provinces and the U.S.

Now TC Energy Corp. has walked away from the project, abandoning it after more than a decade. And with the pipeline's cancellation, the prospects for any future cross-border projects are looking rather grim.

On its own, Mr. Biden's decision on Keystone XL wouldn't be so bad.

However, there are plenty more reasons to question Mr. Biden's sincerity when it comes to the so-called friendship between Canada and the U.S.

Back at the beginning of March, when nations around the world were scrambling to administer as many COVID-19 vaccines as possible, the U.S. stated unequivocally that it wouldn't be sharing any vaccines with Canada or Mexico.

Had it been a simple case of the U.S. not having enough vaccines for its own population, the decision would have been understandable.

But when Mr. Biden's administration eventually decided it would share with its neighbours, we learned the U.S. was holding onto millions of doses of AstraZeneca vaccine that hadn't even been approved in the States yet.

And to make the whole scenario more galling, Mr. Biden's administration said the 4 mil-



lion vaccines were being offered not as a show of friendship, but as a loan.

If none of this was bad enough to make us question our friendship with the U.S., the Biden administration's next act was to double the tariffs on Canadian softwood lumber imports, starting a fresh chapter in a trade dispute that dates back to 1982.

The fact that all of this has happened in just five months, suggests that it's going to be a bumpy ride for Canada over the next three years of Mr. Biden's first term.

Will Mr. Biden do enough to sour the Canada-U.S. relationship? Probably not.

But it's hard not to ask, "With friends like Mr. Biden, who needs enemies?"

YOUR TWO CENTS

Our vaccine program raises ethical questions

Dear editor,

Quite a few of the toilet paper jokes of a year ago are still very funny. As is the security camera video of this guy sneaking out of a washroom holding two of these large industrial rolls of toilet paper which he was attempting to steal.

You and I and all of our friends were too smart to get caught up in the toilet paper frenzy. In this same time period until now, a huge majority of us have fallen for the ongoing health panic. Previously, we

knew that our bodies were awesomely created with the ability to fight disease and keep us healthy. There were things we had to do to allow our body to do its work. Mottos like, "Let your food be your medicine and medicine be your food," were quoted as truth.

Yes, there were debateable points such as "what is a safe temperature to let a body temperature rise up to – to kill a virus?" I was in the camp that the body knows the correct temperature to go up to and the brain damage argument was a straw argument. Go to bed, get some rest, drink lots of fluids and let her buck.

How things have changed in one year. We now have learned that our body is inadequate in fighting bugs and we must as much as possible eliminate human contact with social distancing, group size, masks and

hand sanitization. Drugs on the market, considered extremely safe for many years, are no longer safe and are too dangerous to be given to dying COVID patients. There is only one answer and that is the double shot vaccine with either a 6 month or yearly booster.

There are serious ethical questions you will need to answer. Are you going to support a government and system which will discriminate against old timers as myself who would rather die than take the vaccine shots? If you are willing to participate in this gross abuse of my human rights, there will be more decisions to be made in the future as the system becomes more and more repressive and eventually, you will be wondering how your grandchildren got to be enslaved.

Laverne Isaac, Saskatoon, Sask.

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An Open Letter to PM Justin Trudeau

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau:
 The media outlets publishing this letter are competitors. We publish news in every region in Canada. In both languages. We don't always see eye-to-eye.
 So an open letter to you – and the prominence we're giving it in our publications – is unprecedented. But then so is the threat to news media in Canada. And, frankly, so shocking is the inaction of your government that it demands this unprecedented step.
 For months, you and the Minister of Canadian Heritage, Steven Guilbeault, have promised action to rein in the predatory monopoly practices of Google and Facebook against Canadian news media. But so far, all we've gotten is talk. And with every passing week, that talk grows hollower and hollower.
 As you know, the two web giants are using their control of the Internet and their highly sophisticated algorithms to divert 80% of all online advertising revenue in Canada. And they are distributing the work of professional journalists across the country without compensation.

This isn't just a Canadian problem. Google and Facebook are using their monopoly powers in the same way throughout the world – choking off journalism from the financial resources it needs to survive.
 The difference is that other countries are putting their foot down. Australia's parliament – with support from all parties – has enacted comprehensive new legislation requiring the two web giants to negotiate collectively with that country's media. And they've backed up these new rules with enforcement teeth.
 Time and again, you and your government have committed to similar action. The Minister of Canadian Heritage has specifically and repeatedly committed to tabling legislation this spring. But after months of promises, there is still no legislation. And with the summer parliamentary recess approaching and the strong possibility of a fall general election, words alone will not sustain Canadian journalists through the long months of legislative inaction and relentless power plays by Google and Facebook.
 Indeed, recently, Facebook announced short-term

commercial arrangements with a few Canadian media outlets. Until all news media in this country can negotiate collectively with Google and Facebook, the two multinationals will continue to use their market dominance to drive terms that are in their interests.
 Let's be clear: Canadian news media are not looking for new funding or new taxes, or user fees. We're not calling for – and certainly don't want – restrictions or regulations affecting freedom of speech.
 In fact, the health of our democracy depends on a vibrant and healthy media. To put it bluntly, that means that you, Prime Minister, need to keep your word: to introduce legislation to break the Google/Facebook stranglehold on news before the summer recess. It's about political will – and promised action. Your government's promise.
 The fate of news media in Canada depends on it. In no small way, so too does the fate of our democracy.
 Signed,
 Jamie Irving
 Chair of News Media Canada

Op-ed: Politicians are lying about their carbon taxes

By Franco Terrazzano
CTF Federal Director
 When you got straight A's on a report card, it's a good bet you rushed home from the school bus to show your mom and dad. Maybe they even stuck it on the fridge. But if that report card was covered with F's you probably weren't that eager to bring it up at dinner time.
 When it comes to their carbon tax plans, both Liberal and Conservative politicians are acting like the youngster who's trying to hide their bad report card from their parents.
 Politicians aren't being truthful with taxpayers.
 Before the last federal election, the Trudeau government told voters it had "no intention" of raising its carbon tax beyond \$50 per tonne.
 In the midst of COVID-19, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau promised not to raise taxes or costs.
 A few months later, Trudeau then blindsided taxpayers and announced that he would hike the carbon tax to \$170 per tonne by 2030 and layer on a second carbon tax through fuel regulations.
 Conservative Party Leader Erin O'Toole also misled Canadians.
 When he was running for party leader, he signed the Canadian Taxpayers Federation's pledge to fight carbon taxes. The pledge was unequivocal:
 "I will: Immediately repeal the Trudeau carbon tax; and, reject any future national carbon tax or

cap-and-trade scheme."
 Less than a year after signing the pledge, O'Toole announced he would introduce a carbon tax of his own.
 Why are party leaders hiding their true intentions from Canadians?
 Maybe it's because politicians know voters would give their carbon tax plans a failing grade?
 More than half of Canadians don't support plans to raise carbon taxes every year for the next nine years, according to a Leger poll commissioned by Secondstreet.org. The same poll showed that more than two thirds of Canadians oppose paying \$20 in carbon taxes to fill up their car.
 With the high taxes Canadians are already paying for fuel, there's no wonder they don't want politicians driving up the price of gas even higher.
 Taxes already account for between 31 and 42 per cent of the price at the gas pumps when you factor in all the different provincial and federal gas and sales taxes, a potential transit tax and the carbon tax. In Montreal, drivers are hit with six different taxes when they fuel up.
 The average total

tax bill for each litre of gas in Canada is about 45 cents. That means a family is already being soaked for nearly \$35 in taxes every time they fuel up their minivan. That's equivalent to more than a \$200 per tonne carbon tax, even before Trudeau and O'Toole hike the federal carbon tax any higher.
 Despite lighter wallets, emissions continue to go up.
 British Columbia has the highest carbon tax in Canada, but emissions have still gone up

11 per cent between 2015 and 2019. Canada's emissions also increased during the first year of Trudeau's federal carbon tax.
 With Canadian emissions accounting for only 1.5 per cent of the global total, even if we completely eliminated emissions, it still wouldn't do much for the global environment. Even Trudeau acknowledged this.
 "If Canada stopped everything tomorrow, and the other countries didn't have any solutions, it wouldn't make a big difference,"

Trudeau said on Tout Le Monde En Parle.
 O'Toole also acknowledged that "there's nothing inherent in a carbon tax that actually lowers greenhouse gas emissions" and that a carbon tax "is not a climate change plan, the carbon tax is a tax plan."
 Politicians owe taxpayers the truth. And the truth is that our already big tax bill at the pump is going up because politicians are breaking their carbon tax promises.



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Spiritwood Beer Survivor wraps up

The popular 'Wine Survivor' fundraiser's cousin 'Beer Survivor' made its second appearance in Spiritwood recently with locals finding teams, brainstorming names, and entering for their chance to win the summer beverages.

The game is pretty simple, a team of 6 participants come up with a creative team name and each member contributes \$50 to the fundraiser. \$20 goes towards SARCS, while the remain \$30 goes in

the pot to purchase beer.

An elimination draw is held, where individual names with the corresponding team are drawn from a bucket. The team is still considered active until the final member is pulled. Prizes are won based on the position that the team is eliminated in.

This turn of Beer Survivor, SARCS raised \$7,560 on the fundraiser and was able to purchase 378 12-packs of beer. There were 63 teams

entered, with 378 participants.

The first name out of the bucket won beer. After that 7 of the teams eliminated along the way to the top 4 were awarded beer.

The 4th place winners were "Wobbly pops make wobbly legs" who took home 18 12-packs, with "Cozy Creek Crazy's" coming in 3rd place winning 37 12-packs.

"Hops, Sip, & Drunk" were the 2nd place finishers, rak-

ing in 75 12-packs of beer, while the grand prize of 169 12-packs of beer went to "Grass Busters."

The event was running as planned despite some connectivity issues those tuning into the live stream experienced. Viewers ended up with an unexpected "commercial break" when draws were getting down to the wire, as organizers discovered one more name left in the bucket they were not expecting. It seems one team had been prematurely eliminated. The group was quick to adjust and a few results got shuffled around before the draws finished up.



The winning SARCS Beer Survivor team, "Grass Busters," took home 169 12-packs of beer.

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Leoville School returns to online learning

Following a spike in COVID-19 cases over the past week, students from Leoville Central School are heading back to the digital books.

In its weekly COVID-19 update, covering June 7 to 13, the Living Sky School Division reported that five cases of COVID-19 had been identified at Leoville Central School. Given the high number of students and staff self-isolating or self-monitoring due to COVID exposures, the division made the decision to move the school to Level 4 effective June 14.

The remote learning restrictions will be in place until Thursday, June 24, at which time public health will re-evaluate the school's status. During this time, students are expected to engage in full-time, compulsory off-campus learning and the regular curriculum will continue to be taught.

The Living Sky School Division says all potential contacts have been notified of the possible exposures, and the school has received a deep cleaning and sanitization in accordance with the division's health and safety protocols.

The Living Sky School Divisions reassures parents that its school plans contain clear and important measures to decrease the risk of COVID-19 entering schools, including promoting proper hygiene, implementing mask wearing, maintaining cohorts, and asking students and staff to stay home when experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms.

Everyone entering one of the division's schools is encouraged to monitor for any symptoms of COVID-19.

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Niche crops come with rewards and risks

When I was growing up, the Canadian Prairies were widely known as “the bread basket of the world.”

At least that was the thinking in this country. It is likely other major wheat producers – the United States and Australia as examples – might have taken exception to that label.

Regardless, in the 1960s and ‘70s Canadian Prairie farmers did an outstanding job of growing high quality hard spring wheat, which made great flour that was turned into fine bread.

Producers had wheat

production techniques that worked, and got good yields as a result. Wheat was the king of crops.

But things change.

Canola was created out of rapeseed, and the crop landscape began to change.

Where wheat had competition from other exporting countries, canola, with its specific oil profile, was a new crop and almost exclusively Canadian. Production has been on an upward swing from day one, and with massive growth announced for the canola crushing industry on the Prairies, more acres will



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be required.

Farmers, of course, like crops where they can plant big acres and generally see good returns. They are good at growing wheat. They have become experts at growing canola. The mix works for

most producers.

But that does not mean other crops have been entirely abandoned. Although growing acres in non-canola crops is a challenge, given the aforementioned growing producers can’t just grow canola year after year because of the threat of disease and fungus build up.

So, alternative crops are required.

For example, a few farmers are growing fenugreek, one of the spices which can be grown under field conditions familiar to Prairie farmers.

Most people have prob-

ably not heard of fenugreek unless they’re into experimental cooking, and fewer still probably recognize it is produced and even processed in Saskatchewan.

The processor is Emerald Seed Products, located near Avonlea, Sask. The company has an interesting challenge as is the case of any producer of a product flowing into niche markets: how to grow the potential sales, keep producers interested in bothering with a crop that is produced in very limited acres, and of course making a dollar along the way.

It would seem the key is finding new markets, but for fenugreek to work in a new market, the customers have to be convinced to try something new. Often that means being a lower cost alternative, and while that might gain you market, does it do so at a profit?

The risk and reward of niche crops is always something producers need to balance before planting. But there is industry merit in a more diverse cropping profile than just canola and wheat, so the risk-taking, niche crop growers are important.

Minutes of an RM of Shellbrook meeting

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

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council of the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493 held on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 in the Municipal Office Council Chambers at Shellbrook, Saskatchewan.

Present: Reeve - Doug Oleksyn, Division 1 - Cliff Skauge, Division 2 - Phil Hamel, Division 3 - Christine Strube, Division 4 - Jay Ferster, Division 5 - Derwin Joelson, Division 6 - Ron Herzog, Administrator - Duane Storey.

Reeve Oleksyn called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Ferster: That the meeting moves in-camera at 8:35 a.m. to discuss Human Resource matters. Carried

Skauge: That the meeting reconvenes at 8:49 a.m.

Joelson: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Feb. 3, 2021 be approved as presented. Carried

Herzog: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month February, 2021 be approved as presented. Carried

Ferster: That the accounts payable dated March 1st, 2021, as attached hereto and forming part of these Minutes, being regular cheque numbers 11962 to 12020 in the amount of \$153,530.27 and payroll cheque numbers 13878 to 13893 in the amount of \$32,723.21 be approved. Carried

Joelson: That the reconciled bank statement for the month of January 2021 be approved as presented. Carried

Joelson: That the contract documents presented by Associated Engineering Ltd for Grid 788 Road Improvements be approved for tender. Carried

Joelson: That the cost estimate in the amount of \$1398.60 to repair the overhead door at new maintenance shop by Henry’s Construction be accepted. Carried

Delegation: Chelsea Neuberger, Plant Health Officer with The Ministry of Agriculture joined the Regular Meeting of Council by conference call at 10 a.m. to discuss Clubroot Bylaw inquiries with Council.

Neuberger left the meeting at 10:26 a.m. Ferster: That the repairs to the undercarriage on the John Deere Excavator be approved. Carried

Delegation: Foreman Bill Aug entered the Council Chambers at 11:15 a.m. to update Council on Municipal Operations.

Skauge: That approval be given to enter into a Digital Data License Agreement with Inside Outside Studios Inc. for the use of the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook 493 digital map on the I Hunter app. Carried

Joelson: That discussions on Clubroot Bylaw No. 01/2021 be postponed until the April 7, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council. Carried

Skauge: That if the Hamlet of Crutwell wishes that immediate identification of the Métis Local 66 be added to the Official Community Plan that they incur all costs associated with the addition. Alternatively, the addition can wait until the municipality to makes future amendments. Carried

Skauge: That gravel crushing services for 2021 be awarded to Triple R Contracting Ltd for \$5.00/yard plus applicable taxes. Carried

Joelson: That 2021 budget development session be set for March 10, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. at the Municipal Office Chambers. Carried

Hamel: That the Hamlet of Crutwell Board forward a motion to Council requesting name change from Pine Avenue to Oskatukaw Avenue. Carried

Skauge: That the request for interest abatement on Roll 013-100 be denied. Carried

Herzog: That Division 1 Councillor Skauge inform ratepayers through the Neighbourhood Crime Watch Group on What’s App, of the availability of Rural Crime Watch Signs at the Municipal Office. Carried

Herzog: That the Road Ban Committee be given authorization to start implementing Road Bans as needed, effective March 1st, 2021. Carried

Ferster: That North Central Transportation Planning Committee membership at a cost of \$600 be approved for 2021. Carried

Ferster: That the Airport Road SW-27-

49-03-W3 design proposal presented by Associated Engineering be approved without the tender services. Carried

Ferster: That the Administrator be instructed to reply to RCMP with a list of areas of concern in regards to policing within the municipality. Carried

Hamel: That the meeting moves in-camera at 2:50 p.m. to discuss Human Resource matters. Carried

Joelson: That the meeting reconvenes at 3:15 p.m. Carried

Joelson: That the meeting be adjourned at 3:26 p.m. Carried

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Local nurse receives settling assistance



Caitlin Chilliak is the latest local nurse to benefit from incentives offered by the Shellbrook Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee, having been awarded \$3,000 for settling assistance. Here, she accepts the cheque from Mayor Amund Otterson.

Adolph & Esther Benson celebrate 70th anniversary



A milestone was accomplished by Adolph and Esther Benson as they celebrated their 70th Wedding Anniversary on Wednesday, June 9. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, coffee and cake were shared with immediate family. As one niece from Tennessee put it, "You won the lottery Uncle Adolph." If you see this couple, congratulate them on this wonderful occasion.

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Sunday School,
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service on Facebook,
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Pastor Daniel Mooseely
306-747-3572
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Adult Study
9:30 a.m.
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306-747-7235
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11:00 a.m. - Worship
Pastor Glenn Blazosek
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Rev. Katherine Bretzlaff

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Parkside
11 a.m. - Worship

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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

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Student Minister
Jon Worrall
Big River
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Worship

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Mont Nebo
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Pastor Bill Klumpenhower

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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
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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 regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Spiritwood was held via Sasktel Teleconference Call on May 11, 2021 at 7 p.m.

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

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

Bryan Wingerter: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried

Marvin Loewen joined the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Marvin discussed tender pricing submissions for the Sewage Pumping Station Replacement Project, the unforeseen material price increases and some options to consider for proceeding with the project. He will gather further information regarding options for this project and provide them to council as soon as possible.

Marvin left the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Jim Bedi: That the Accounts for Ratification, Cheque No. 31429 to 31436 & CAFT and On-Line Payments #358 to 381 in the amount of \$47,981.49 be approved as presented. Carried

Bryan Wingerter: That the Accounts for Approval, Cheque No. 31437 to 31465 and On-Line Payments #382 to 383 in the amount of \$63,855.73 be approved as presented. Carried

Brad Nemish: That the Bank Reconciliation for the month of April 2021 be approved as presented. Carried

Bryan Wingerter: That the Financial Statement for the month of April 2021 be approved as presented. Carried

Jim Bedi: That we accept the proposal from the RM of Spiritwood to move and relocate the Spiritwood Fire Department and all the equipment associated with it, to the existing RM Shop as soon as it becomes available after construction of the new RM Shop. Carried

Jim Bedi: That we hire Colton Balasz and Jaron Beaulac for the two full-time Summer Job Positions that were approved under the 2021 Canada Summer Jobs Agreement, at a wage of \$14/hr for 40 hours per week, effective June 21, 2021 until Aug. 31, 2021. Carried

Bryan Wingerter: That we approve the Spiritwood High School Graduating Class of 2021 to have a parade on a route within the town limits on June 30, 2021 at approximately 4 p.m. Carried

Kiera Andres: That Bylaw No. 537/21, a bylaw to repeal Bylaw No. 536/21, be read a first time. Carried

(editor's note: the bylaw was given three readings and adopted)

Bryan Wingerter: That correspondence be sent to the Local Government Committee regarding repeal of Bylaw No. 536/21, and that new application be made to the Local Government Committee for permission to borrow by way of long term loan or debenture up to the sum of nine hundred and fifty

thousand dollars (\$950,000.00), in the year 2021 repayable over a period of fifteen (15) years for the purpose of financing the municipal investment portion of the Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program - Sewage Pumping Station Project;

And that, if by way of long term loan that the said debt shall be payable in equal annual instalments of principal and interest in the years 2022-2037 inclusive, with interest at an estimated rate of 3% per centum per annum; and that, if by way of debenture so that the principal and interest are combined and made payable in equal annual instalments during the term of the securities interest at an estimated rate of 3% for the term of the debenture fifteen (15) years per centum, per annum, payable at least annually. Carried

Bryan Wingerter: That we approve the amended estimate from Lajcon Distributors for Phase 2 of the Sidewalk repairs, on the west side of Block 1 & 2 on Main Street in the amount of \$65,325.75, which is being funded through the Gas Tax Program. Carried

Jim Bedi: That we submit bid solicitations through Sask Tenders for the Gas Tax Sewer Line Upgrade Project, as required per the Section 184(2.1) of the Municipalities Act, and Part II Article 14(1c) of the New West Partnership Trade Agreement. Carried

Bryan Wingerter: That we provide funds from the 2021 budgeted operating expenses to SARCS for their general operations in the amount of \$35,000.00. Carried

Jim Bedi: Whereas, the Federal Government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

And whereas the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for suicide prevention services by 200 per cent;

And whereas existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a 10-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold; and whereas in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 988 crisis hotline;

And whereas the Town of Spiritwood Council recognizes that it is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Spiritwood Council endorses this 988 crisis line initiative; and that Staff be directed to send a letter indicating such support to the local MP, Federal Minister of Health, the CRTC and local area municipalities to indicate our support. Carried

Kiera Andres: That this meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Carried.

Shell Lake Lions continue cottage calendar drop

Submitted by
Gary Taylor

The goal of the Shell Lake Lions has been to raise funds for the Shell Lake Community Hall, and this project was successfully completed while exercising COVID precautions. The Cottage Calendar drop was a great success.

Preparation of the calendar began in January of 2021 by the volunteers of Blaine Lake Liquor, who contacted the supporting vendors. Preparation was completed and delivered to Shell Lake Lions in April.

The many volunteers filled bags with calendars, advertisements, and information. The bags were delivered to 2,200 cottages and camp sites before the long weekend in May, ready

welcome our summer residents.

The funds raised will be used for maintaining the Community Hall, and supporting the girls ball team.

Like many other community endeavours, this was made possible by volunteers, community support, and generous sponsors. For instance, Blaine Lake Liquor organized the calendar sponsors and printing of the calendars, while coach Dillan Simonar, his family, and his girls ball team, helped prepare and deliver 620 out of the 2,200 calendars.

Club History

The Shell Lake Lions Club was formed in 1977. The community hall was built by the Lions in 1978, with the grand opening in April 1979, and has

been maintained since then by the commitment of our club members.

We are a small, local and proud organization. Some members have been with us since 1977 and are still active. We do a few major projects throughout the year, such as the Spring Fling & Silent Auction in April, and November Fest dinner.

We rely on our community and neighbouring communities to support our fundraising. Part of our Club income includes renting of the hall for weddings, funerals, reunions, and gatherings of all types.

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

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

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Hoback home security bill defeated in House

A private member's bill brought forward by Prince Albert MP Randy Hoback has been defeated at its second reading.

The legislation, Bill C-234, An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act (home security measures), was first proposed by Hoback in 2020 and would have made home security systems more affordable for Canadians by establishing a Home Security Tax Credit.

The non-refundable tax credit would have been applicable to the installation, maintenance, and monitoring of a security system installed in an individual's home. This would have included any structure that is separate from an individual's home, such as a garage or barn.

The maximum dollar amount eligible for the tax credit was set at \$5,000 per year.

Hoback's bill was inspired by rural crime town halls held in Prince Albert in 2016. Hoback

says the turnout illustrated the seriousness of crime in the region, and further conversations with his colleagues in Alberta and Saskatchewan made it clear it was a more widespread issue.

Hoping to come up with an answer to the problem of rural crime, Alberta MPs and the Saskatchewan Conservative Caucus formed separate rural crime task forces and came up with suggestions, one of those being a home security tax credit.

"In this case, it's not just rural crime. If you live in the town of Shellbrook, or Prince Albert, you still qualify for the tax credit," he said. "It's one piece in the puzzle to get things started."

Other pieces of the puzzle, according to Hoback, are to get tougher on repeat offenders and to deal with addictions, mental illness, and other life factors that lead a person to commit crime.

"When we did our first

meeting, I was talking to one of the RCMP constables about how we ended up in this scenario after the oil boom crashed," Hoback said.

"You had a lot of people who were working, making good money, who have addictions. All of a sudden they're not working, but still have addictions, and are now stealing to feed those addictions."

Acknowledging that there are still other factors to be addressed at the provincial and federal levels, Hoback says his bill would have helped people feel more secure in their homes, while giving police more evidence to go on when crimes occur and possibly deterring some criminals.

After its defeat in the House of Commons last week, Hoback thanked his Conservative Party colleagues for their support of his bill, and offered a stern rebuke for the Liberal and NDP MPs who voted it down.

"Sadly, NDP and Liberal MPs instead dismissed the increase in crime now being experienced in Western Canada by voting against my legislation," he said in a statement. "Their dismissal of

these increasing crime rates only shows how out of touch both the NDP and Liberals are with the concerns of Western Canadians, both rural and urban."

"I very much wanted to

get my Bill to Committee Stage to address all MPs' concerns in order to get it through the House and on to the Senate. I am very disappointed that this now will not happen."

Shellbrook library set for summer of reading

With summer just around the corner, the Summer Reading Club at the Shellbrook Library is promising children in the community a season filled with reading (and, for some lucky kids, a few neat prizes to boot).

The Summer Reading Club is offered through libraries across the country, and is sponsored by TD. This Summer, the Summer Reading Club's slogan is "Start with a Book," but Librarian Dian Campbell hopes kids won't stop there.

Each week throughout the summer, The library will have books based on a theme, along with learning materials, family crafts and activities. With CO-

VID protocols still in place, activity kits will be packaged and sent home for children to enjoy at home.

Children and their parents are encouraged to read books and keep a log for a chance to win books, and weekly prizes.

The boy and girl who read the most books over the summer will take home the grand prize of a Razor scooter.

Registration for the Summer Reading Club opened June 15. Parents can register their children at their local participating library, or online at www.wapitilibrary.ca or www.tdsummerreadingclub.ca.



Shellbrook Librarian, Dian Campbell, with some of the Summer Reading Club prizes that are up for grabs.

Spiritwood RCMP investigate death on Little Shell Lake

A man from Spiritwood is dead, following a boating mishap on Little Shell Lake.

According to the Spiritwood RCMP, which is investigating the incident, the detachment received a complaint about a missing 59-year-old male around 6:10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 8.

Reports say that the deceased male and a family member were

boating on Little Shell Lake the evening of June 7, when their boat overturned. Both men attempted to swim to shore. The family member made it to shore safely, but lost sight of the missing man. The family member walked all night through the bush to return to their campsite to call for help.

Spiritwood and Blaine Lake RCMP officers,

along with Saskatchewan RCMP Police Dog Services, began searching both the water and shore near where the boat capsized. Officers recovered the body of the male in the water at approximately 9 a.m. on June 8.

Though the deceased's next of kin have been notified, his identity has yet to be released to the public.

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Mickelson chasing history at U.S Open

Phil Mickelson made history last month at Kiawah Island, winning the PGA at age 50. Can he make history two months in a row?

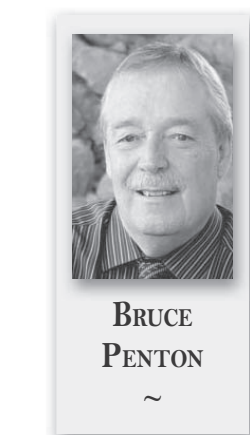
The ageless wonder, whose skills had been deteriorating appropriately with his ascending age, defied most golf experts' opinions by capturing the Wannamaker Trophy, seemingly out of the blue. Now, this week at Torrey Pines in San Diego, an even greater challenge awaits: Can Mickelson conjure up another week of magic to win the elusive U.S. Open, his kryptonite?

Mickelson famously has six runner-up finishes in the U.S. Open, but no wins, and capturing the trophy on Sunday would not only complete his career Grand Slam, but it would stun the golfing world in even greater fashion than did his victory at Kiawah Island.

With 45 professional victories, six of which

are majors, one would think at least one measly U.S. Open would be on that list. But no, he was runner-up in 1999, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2009 and again in 2013. He has four other top-10s. The second-place finish in 2006 at Winged Foot in the state of New York hurt the most. He was leading by one stroke teeing off on No. 18, needing only a par to win. but he drove it left, hit a tree on the way out, finished with a double-bogey six and handed the title to Geoff Ogilvy of Australia. His famous post-round uttering, 'What an idiot I am' might be one of a number of epithets on his gravestone.

Unless, that is, he can win this week at Torrey Pines, where the stars are aligning for another Phil Mickelson show. He grew up in San Diego. He knows nearly every blade of grass at Torrey Pines. He has won twice on the course, taking what is



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now the Farmers Insurance tournament title in 2000 and 2001. Now that he knows the secret to winning at age 50, can he duplicate it by winning at age 51? He turns 51 the day before the start of this week's event and it would be the birthday present of all birthday presents to earn the career Grand Slam by finally winning a U.S. Open.

Don't say he can't do it. The golfing world said that about Phil at Kiawah Island and look what happened. Torrey Pines has been the scene of some

greatness before (Tiger Woods winning in 2008 while hobbling along on a stress fracture in his leg) and it could happen again.

Phil the Thrill? What will Phil do next? The golfing world awaits what might be another stunner.

• Patti Dawn Swansson, on Twitter: "CivicScience polled 2,651 adult Americans and they had Aaron Rodgers trailing only all-time quiz whiz Ken Jennings as the preferred choice to succeed Alex Trebek. Meanwhile, in a poll of Green Bay Packers fans, Rodgers was the No. 1 choice to be tarred and feathered."

• Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "I just saw where Joe West set an MLB record by umpiring his 5,376th game. By my calculations, that means he's been cussed at exactly 1,978,455 times."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times (currently recovering from a serious

health issue): "Browns running back Nick Chubb will soon have his own breakfast cereal, called 'Chubb Crunch.' Some other possibilities: Ricky Williams: Weedies; Sidney Crosby: ForeChex; Philadelphia fans: Jeerios."

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "Denis Shapovalov's loss in the Geneva Championship to Casper Ruud left Canadians 1-17 in the last 18 ATP Tour finals. So not a surprise, but a Ruud awakening."

• Swansson with an imagined headline in a Toronto newspaper after the Leafs fell to Montreal: "THE CHOKE'S ON US".

• Comedy guy Steve Burgess of Vancouver, on Twitter: "Grammarians are upset about the new name Edmonton Elks. Fans of the Toronto Maple Leafs are currently too upset to comment."

• Steve Lambert of CBC Winnipeg, on Twitter: "Can Winnipeg avenge

the playoff loss to Montreal in (checks notes) 1908?"

• Jay Busbee of Yahoo Sports, on chatter that the USFL might again attempt a spring football season: "Christmas music sounds weird in July, and football feels wrong in April."

• Peter Vecsey, on Twitter: "Fans at today's Belmont Stakes are reminded not to try to smuggle in — among other things — aerosol cans, alcohol, firearms and Bob Baffert."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "Two 'Jeopardy' clues were identify the last words of the Gettysburg Address and what team did Gordie Howe play for? Nobody got them right. That sound you hear is Alex Trebek spinning in his grave."

• Headline at fark.com: "Minnesota catcher needed surgery after a foul tip into the Twins."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

U11 Knights brave weather for win

Rain, thunder, the occasional bolt of lightning. Nothing could keep the U11 Shellbrook Knights from hitting the ball diamonds at the Shellbrook Sports Grounds for the second home game of their inaugural season on Thursday evening.

The conditions may have been absolutely miserable, but the Knights had a blast and put on a show for their fans, topping the visiting Prince Albert Royals (different team, same name) by a score of 20-6.

After an impressive showing in the Knights' first home match, Caleb Philp earned the start on the mound.

Philp struggled against the wet and slippery conditions at first, allowing the Royals to score a single run on a hit to the outfield before finding his Rhythm and shutting the visitors down.

The Knights launched their counteroffensive in their first turn on the sticks, scoring two runs just on walks.

Camden Olsen drove in two more in the bottom of the

first, with a blast to the Royals outfield, to give the Knights a comfortable 4-1 lead.

Buoyed by his team's offensive performance, Philp easily retired the Knights in the top of the second inning and only surrendered one walk in the process.

Moving to the bottom of the inning, Olsen sent home another run on a short grounder, thanks to a fielding error by the Royals.

The Knights then cashed in another four runs on walks to close out the inning with a commanding 9-1 lead (per league rules, teams can only score five runs in an inning).

With Ty Keyowski taking over on the mound, the Knights continued to dominate the Royals through the third inning, allowing just one runner on base before sending their opponents back out to the field. In their turn at bat, the Knights tacked on another two runs on walks, pushing their lead to 11-1.

The game all but out of reach,

the Royals' bats came alive in the top of the fourth. Two big hits to the outfield scored one run for the visitors, while another shot to deep right field cashed in two more. The inning ended on a deep grounder that sent all the base runners home.

Continuing to show patience at the plate, the Knights tallied another three runs on walks in the bottom of the fourth. Keyowski tacked on a fourth point, sending a runner home on a bouncing grounder to the outfield, to push the score to 15-6.

After giving up one big inning from the Royals, the Knights decided they'd seen enough and shutdown their opponents through the fifth and sixth innings.

With a big lead, and more than enough walks under their belts, coach Jamie Capner gave his team the green light to swing at everything. This paid off for Marek Tait, who blasted a three-run shot to deep right field in the bottom of the fifth.

The Knights tacked on one final walk in the bottom of the sixth for good measure, securing their huge 20-6 victory.

With the win, the Knights now sit undefeated at 4-0 on the season. Their final regular season games on home diamonds are scheduled for June 17 and 24.

Along with Capner, the U11 Knights are coached by Curtis Olsen and Dave Philp, and managed by Britney Capner. Marliese Kasner is the team's COVID rep, while Rob Forbes and Lonach Farms are the team's home run sponsor.



As the game wore on, the Knights were given the green light to swing at everything.

OBITUARIES

Garry Rudolph

Garry Rudolph
March 3, 1944 - May 25, 2021

Age 77 years young

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of a very special Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather.

Born March 3rd, 1944, to Daniel and Mary Rudolph of Hague, SK., Garry lived on the family farm and when ready, left to go to Saskatoon to start a career in the electrical trade obtaining his electrical journeyman's in 1967. Garry met and married Sandra Carduner resulting in three children: Natalie, Kirk and Lori. Following the electrical trade resulted in sev-

eral moves between Calgary and Saskatoon and eventually to Unity, SK in 1971 opening a partnership electrical company. The partnership dissolved and Garry's Electric was formed. In 1979 a move to Shellbrook, SK occurred, and Rudolph's Tire shop was built. Garry and Sandie divorced, and he met Lois Stewart whom he remained happily married to for 27 years until his death.

The tire shop business was sold and for 18 years Garry worked at Action Petroleum until he retired at the age of 65. After he retired, he went to work for Sweeny Electric and continued full time until the age of 74; however, continued to consult for several years after.

Garry's last move was to Holbein, SK in 1984 finding his little piece of heaven which included Lois' terrific company and love. He enjoyed several recreational activities throughout his life including snowmobiling, quadding, boating, camping, waterskiing, hunting, roasting

hotdogs, and marshmallows. Spending time with a variety of family members and friends was always something he enjoyed; the coffee pot was always on.

Survived by: His Wife: Lois Rudolph, Children: Natalie (Randy) Wilke, Kirk Rudolph, Lori (Kevin) Affleck: Grandchildren: Arnold Rudolph, Andy Rudolph, Devon Koski, Darnell Koski, Cole Larson, Rowena (Gage) Larson, Great Grandchild: Matthew, Rile:, Stepchildren: Gerry (Kathy) Stewart, Wade (Joanne) Stewart, Lori (Darryl) Kennedy: Step Grandchildren: Brad Stewart, Justin Stewart, Matthew Stewart, Brandon Stewart, Tory Stewart: Great Step Grandchildren: Camryn, Channing, Lucien, and Bailey: His Brothers: Elmer (Kathy) Rudolph, Allen Rudolph: Sister: Carol (Glen) Schadeli: Sisters-in-Law: Clara Rudolph, Phylis Rudolph: Numerous nieces and nephews.

Predeceased by: Parents: Daniel and Mary Rudolph: Sister and brother-in-law: Violet and Martin

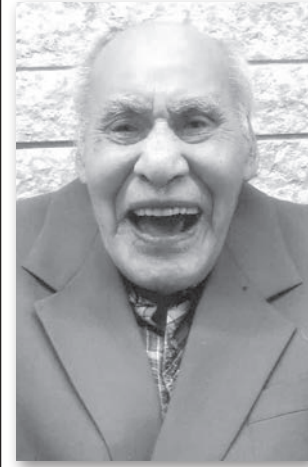
Ham: Brother and Sister-in-law: Ed and Delores Rudolph: Sister and Brother-in-law: Rosalind and Vic Rempel: Brothers: Herman Rudolph, Wilfred Rudolph: Niece: Rosalie Schadeli: Sister-in-law: Margaret Rudolph
He will be missed by many.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations in Garry's memory may be directed to Shellbrook and District Health Services Foundation Box 33 Shellbrook, SK. S0J 2E0.

There was a Graveside Service held for Garry on Saturday, June 5, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. from the Shellbrook Cemetery with Rev. Emmanuel Aristide officiating. Covid regulations were being observed.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com

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Henry Lucier

HENRY LUCIER

Henry John Lucier passed away on June 2, 2021, in the Spiritwood Long Term Care at the age of 86 years.

Henry always had a smile that filled a room with joy. Laughter was contagious as always with Henry. He enjoyed being with friends and family. Henry enjoyed watching sports and doing big puzzles. When able he enjoyed woodworking at Kin Enterprises along with friends. Henry had a wonderful view of all. He would sit with his sisters when visiting, watching the local wildlife. His favorite sea-

sons were spring when things came to life and the hot days of summer.

Henry will be lovingly survived by his sister, Alice Lucier of Leask, SK; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Henry is predeceased by his parents, John & Mary Lucier; his sisters, Louise Lucier, Bernice Lucier, Mary Lucier, Edna Lucier, and Veronica Lucier.

Henry will be laid to rest in the Leask Cemetery at a private family interment. In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Henry to the Kin Enterprises (300 - 15th Ave East, Prince Albert, SK. S6V 2N7).

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GOOD NEWS

TAPWE

When I was a boy growing up in Hay River, N.W.T there was a newspaper that sold for 10 cents. At least that is my recollection. It was called the Tapwe. Even as a little guy I enjoyed reading the paper.

When I moved to Saskatchewan and pastored among the Cree people, I discovered that the word Tapwe could be translated to mean "true or really."

Marlene and I pastored Native Life Church in Saskatoon in about 1984. There was a desire to start a newsletter, and it was decided it would be called Tapwewin, which means "the truth."

I was just reading "before you can hold the truth you have to be able handle the truth."

I always liked the question that Pilate asked Jesus, "What is truth?" (John 18:38) Pilate had interrogated Jesus likely for hours and that is likely the best question he asked Christ. Yet Jesus was silent. Someone once said Jesus was saying to Pilate, "Sir, you have examined me and you are ask-

ing me what is truth. If you don't know truth when you see it, you wouldn't understand if I tried to explain it to you."

The Gospel of John records several different moves that Pilate made as he questioned Jesus. (John 18:29; 33, 38; 19:1,4,9,13) It seemed Pilate was looking for a loop hole, but couldn't find one. I understand that Pilate has gone down in history as the man who tried Jesus, three times declared him not guilty, and yet crucified Jesus just the same.

The search for Truth is not a new issue. Jesus came into this world and spoke those unforgettable words in John 14:6. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

It is like God understands before we can handle the truth we need to hold the truth in our hearts.

Hope you have come to truth. If not, there is still time.

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Johnstone receives SHSAA Service Award

Submitted by Faye Johnstone

Karen Johnstone of Pierceland, and formerly of Shellbrook, has been awarded the Saskatchewan High School Athletics Association's Service Award.

Karen's nomination was submitted by the North West High School

Athletic Association for her contributions as a teacher and coach at the school, district, and provincial level.

Under Karen's tutelage athletes from Pierceland and other schools in the area have garnered numerous track and field medals at Provincial High School Champion-

ships. She has also applied her organizational skills to the staging of many local and district track meets in the Northwest District.

Karen is the granddaughter of Iris Johnstone, who is currently a resident of the Parkland Integrated Health Care Center in Shellbrook.



Missing: Danita Bigeagle

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Weight: 118 Lbs. Hair: Dark Brown
Eyes: Brown File: 3195 SR

CHARACTERISTICS: Danita is known to be shy, but friendly and at times can seem restless.

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Akeira Anseth – Provincial Saskatchewan Legion Command – Two Second Place (Color & Black/White Drawings)

Inspiration Award

The Inspiration Award is given to students who inspire others through their actions in school-based activities and/or in the community. They may inspire others through their leadership, giving of their time to others, or through exemplary attendance at school.

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Special Projects

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SRC – Instill Pride and Joy in Students and Staff:

Hannah Wurz, Addison Eurich, Rylan Boser, Claire Patton, Olivia Gardeski, Keely Olfert, Foxtyn Bazylinski, Cody McKenzie, Paris Scheidt, Cole Ostrowski, Emerson Thrun

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SRC – Promote a Positive Community and Recognize the Accomplishments of Peers:

Jenna Humenny, Anika Cottini, Daly Haas, Aisley Haas, Marusia Shevchuk, Jael Basaraba

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