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## Sharron recognized by coaching peers

When Tasje Sharron laced up her skates as a figure skating coach in 1990, she did it because she needed a job.

At the time, she had no idea how rewarding coaching could be. But 31 years later, she says she stopped viewing her coaching duties with the Shellbrook Skating Club and the Spiritwood Skating Club as a job a long time ago.

“Every session is a different coaching experience,” she said. “You need a plan for every session but have to be flexible enough to change it or abandon it altogether, which makes it challenging but also exciting.”

The past three decades have proven that Sharron is more than up to the challenges of being a coach. As a figure skater in her own right, she managed to balance coaching and achieving her own skating milestones in pursuing her Gold Dances — proof, she says, that you can still skate, learn, and achieve even as an adult.

Strictly as a coach, Sharron coached and managed a synchronized skating team in Ontario, and led it to a bronze medal at the 2008 Canadian Synchronized Skating Championships.

She also volunteered her coaching talents at two Saskatchewan Winter Games, and has inspired some of her students to pick up the coach’s mantle.

Last, but certainly not least, Sharron took one of her skaters, Ashlyn Schmitz, all the way from the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre to the 2019 Canada Winter Games, where she and her pairs partner, Tristan Taylor, claimed a pre-novice pair bronze medal.

“Knowing I played a big part in her skating foundation, which helped her get there, made me feel proud,” Sharron said. “But I certainly didn’t do that on my own. A handful of coaches played a part in her development too.”

These, of course, are just a few highlights from a long and storied career. And, after this past week, Sharron can add yet another accolade to her list: Skate Canada — Saskatchewan’s Carol Humphrey Pat on the Back Award.

The award, handed out by the Skate Canada — Saskatchewan Coaches’ Core Committee, recognizes a coach



Tasje Sharron’s coaching has taken her many places over the years, including the 2019 Canada Winter Games as an apprentice coach alongside local skater Ashlyn Schmitz. Here, she and Schmitz are pictured with Tristan Taylor (middle right) and Team Saskatchewan manager Dave Schultz (left).

who embodies the late Humphrey, a beloved Saskatchewan figure skating coach who was always the first to congratulate someone for their success or to thank them for a job well done.

In presenting the award to Sharron, the committee made it clear that she embodies these traits, and much more besides.

“She engages with her whole heart, she goes above and beyond for her peers, skaters and community. She is open minded, unbiased and approachable. She is dedicated to developing as a coach, she stays up to date and is willing to share information. She coaches

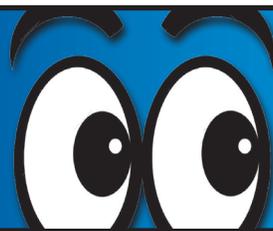
in multiple clubs, is a wife, mother and role model. Tasje Sharron is a great example what a coach should strive to be.”

Calling it humbling to be recognized by her peers, Sharron says the world always needs more kindness and grace, which is why she always strives to acknowledge and celebrate the accomplishments of others.

While she considers herself the type of person who sets ambitious goals and does the hard work to achieve them, Sharron also credits her accomplishments to those who have most inspired her to continue growing as a coach.

This includes her skaters, who push her to evolve and improve alongside them, and her fellow coaches, who have shared much with her over the years to help her become a better coach.

“Sharing information is vital to your personal and professional growth. It doesn’t matter if you are a professional or a passionate volunteer,” Sharron said. “Sharing your knowledge is only going to help you move forward. We have some amazing volunteers in our own community that share their knowledge and give it away freely year after year. We need to learn from their generous spirit.”



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# Cromartie joins Hockey Canada mentorship program

From Shellbrook, to the Big River First Nation, to nearly every corner of Saskatchewan, Brenda Cromartie's name is synonymous with hockey.

Though she grew up in a hockey family, Cromartie only ever got to practice as a child, and didn't lace up her skates and play until she was a University of Saskatchewan Huskie.

Since her playing days ended, she's spent the past 38 years serving as a coach, a referee, a mentor, and an avid cheerleader to hundreds of young, local hockey players.

For Cromartie, there's nothing quite like grassroots hockey programs, which give young kids equal opportunity to learn and play the game of hockey, without the expectation or pressure of one day going to the big leagues.

This is why she considers herself a coach of the fundamentals above all else.

"Mine's patience and consistency, and being able to analyze skills so that you can correct them and kids don't get frustrated and just quit," Cromartie says of the qualities that make a good coach.

When Cromartie hasn't been

busy coaching local teams, or coordinating the hockey program on the Big River First Nation, she's been heavily involved with the Saskatchewan Hockey Association.

She recalls the days, about 20 to 25 years ago, when female hockey was just taking off in the province and girls' jamborees and festivals became frequent occurrences, and the push started to get more U16 and U18 players into the game. And she's also led a few provincial ladies' teams to nationals in her time.

Now, as one of four Saskatchewan women to be named to Hockey Canada's Woman Master Coach Development (WMCD) Program, Cromartie is hoping to inspire more women to follow in her footsteps.

"There's a lot of good, athletic people out there who would be good coaches. It's a waste for them to sit on the sidelines," Cromartie said, noting that growing the number of female coaches will only benefit hockey.

"It is more inviting for young female players to want to play if there is a female coach on the coaching staff, which in turn promotes more female

players joining the sport," she added.

As one of just 29 women from across Canada selected to join Hockey Canada's WMCD Program, Cromartie will meet periodically with her provincial counterparts and take part in training seminars focusing on ethics, communication, and other skills that will assist her in mentoring young, female coaches.

Cromartie and her fellow mentors will then take what they've learned back to their home provinces and communities, and put it to use in hopes of getting more women on the benches.

"Saskatchewan has implemented a policy where you have to have a female coach on the bench if you're a female team. We definitely have to get in gear and get these people involved, so that they can feel supported and confident in their coaching abilities by the end of year," Cromartie explained.

"It's something that we've tried in the past. I don't want us to be having the same conversation in 15 years, so we need to stick with it."

Noting that there's no



**Brenda Cromartie has been deeply ingrained in local hockey throughout the years. Her contributions earned her a Builder Award at the 2016 Sports Awards Banquet. Now, she's hoping to mentor the next generation of female hockey coaches.**

shortage of coaching talent out there, Cromartie says the key step is to get them through the coach certification program. In an ideal world, she says she'd like to see this program turned into a credit in high school.

Until that happens, Cromartie says her focus as part of the WCMD Program will be to support her mentees to the best of the ability, and to encourage them to not be afraid of making mistakes.

"Every day is a new day, no matter how long you've coached or been in the sport, or any sport for that matter. You meet different people with different ideas," she said. "I want them to feel supported and not scared to make mistakes, and not to feel overwhelmed by it."

Sticking to her commitment to grassroots hockey, Cromartie says she hopes to work with Shellbrook Minor Hockey to host a female coach's clinic in Shellbrook. She says anyone who's interested is welcome to contact her.

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# Busy summer ahead for SARCS

It was an unusually quiet winter at the Spiritwood Recreation Centre as pandemic restrictions were amped back up in November, shutting down all adult recreation and limiting activities for youth.

Many members in the community will be happy to hear that SARCS has a fairly busy summer planned, as restrictions for outdoor activities start to be lifted.

T-ball and youth softball had kicked off already this spring with practices in cohorts of eight being allowed. With the lifting of some restrictions to outdoor recreation that took effect on May 30, youth can look forward to playing games against other teams this summer.

Adult slo-pitch is still up in the air, according to

SARCS Events and Recreation Coordinator, Kaeli Cross. While adult games are currently allowed under provincial guidelines, the notice may be too short for many to get teams together in time to have a league this spring.

Golf has been back on the menu since April 26 at the Spiritwood Golf Course. The popular Ladies and Men's nights started back up this week and SARCS has a tournament planned for Aug. 14. Many changes can be seen around the greens this year, including the new RV park, some new club signs, and some new staff.

SARCS held one Story Stroll around the dyke this past winter, featuring 'the Gruffalo,' and has a new one in the works for this spring.

The Story Stroll is funded through a ParticipACTION grant. SARCS is participating in the ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge that runs through the month of June. Community members can log their active minutes on the ParticipACTION App to give Spiritwood a chance to win \$100,000. More information on the challenge can be found under the News tab on the SARCS website.

Apart from organizing recreation, SARCS has always hosted numerous social events aimed at raising money to help pay the mortgage and bills for the centre. Many of these well loved activities had to be put on the back burner this winter due to restrictions, but there were a few the crew at SARCS were able to host successfully.

This summer the community can look forward to seven burger sales and a Mega 50/50. Ticket sales for the 50/50 will begin this week.

The popular 'Beer Survivor' has decided to make a second appearance. Team entries closed May 31, and the results of the draw will be announced June 5.



With restrictions on outdoor sports eased, local kids can expect to spend spring and summer on the ball diamonds in Spiritwood.

# Whispering Pine Place upgrades outdoor space

Submitted by Janice Muller

The Whispering Pine Place care home in Canwood is in the process of "Raising the Roof" over the newly expanded patio to accommodate its residents' outdoor activities and enjoyment.

The project was started in 2019 to increase the size of the back patio to have

more resident accessibility. Previously, there was a grass area where wheel chairs and broda chairs were difficult to push. The area is used for entertainment, exercise, visits, picnics, and crafting activities, and with the covered roof over the new 30 x 30 cement pad, it will be used for more outside enjoyment.

To kick off the fundraising for the project, resident family member, Janice Muller, and Epicure consultant, Taylor Agrey, both of Shellbrook, created an online and word of mouth book party as well as sales of a fundraising kit created by Epicure - \$10 from each kit sales went directly back to the fundraising, and Taylor also donated her commission from all sales.

During the month long party \$1,115 was raised for the new roof.

This is sure to be enjoyed by all residents of Whispering Pine Place.



Activities director Bev Irvine and resident Hildergarde Butz made the draw for an Epicure basket of goodies won by Nicole Dressler. Janice Muller, Taylor Agrey, and Emma and Kayden Stieb present the cheque.

## Re-Opening Roadmap

Starting Sunday, May 30th, Step 1 of the Re-Opening Roadmap will come into effect

### STEP 1 Sunday, May 30th

- Restaurants and bars open, maximum 6 at a table
- 30% capacity or 150 people (whichever is less) at places of worship
- Group fitness classes can resume, with three metres between participants
- Limit of 10 people at private indoor, outdoor and household gatherings
- Limit 30 people at public indoor gatherings
- Limit 150 people at public outdoor gatherings
- Measures for youth and adult outdoor sports will be lifted
- All long-term care and personal care home residents may welcome 2 visitors at a time indoors and 4 visitors at a time outdoors

### STEP 2 Sunday, June 20th

### STEP 3 To be determined

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## Administrator, RM of Big River, No. 555

The RM of Big River is currently accepting applications for the position of Administrator.

The Rural Municipality of Big River is located in north central Saskatchewan, west of the Prince Albert National Park and bound on the north by lands in the Northern Administration District. The geographical features of the land provide ample opportunity for agriculture, industry and tourism which has provided landowners and developers with a wonderful canvas for a variety of business and residential developments.

The RM encompasses 30 townships and has a permanent population of 889 living in both the agriculture and residential subdivisions, primarily within 9 of the townships. The RM also fosters a strong relationship with the forestry industry and their partners and is home to the Carrier Lumber Dimensional Saw Mill.

The RM Office is located in the Town of Big River and is shared with the Town of Big River.

The Administrator, being the administrative head of the Municipality will provide organizational leadership to municipal staff. This position is responsible to Council for providing overall administration of the Municipality and will ensure the effective utilization of the financial and administrative resources. As the principle advisor to Council, the Administrator is responsible for providing to Council all relevant information necessary to make informed decisions, along with providing leadership for planning and executing a strategic vision that meets the current and future needs of the Municipality.

As the Administrator, you will have strong interpersonal and communication skills, including the ability to build trusted relationships with internal and external stakeholders. You will be a strong decision maker with high integrity and have authentic leadership skills, providing guidance and support for staff and community. As the successful candidate, you will have a thorough understanding of municipal operations, including: legislation, finance, budgeting, infrastructure, planning and economic development. In addition to your understanding of municipal operations, you will have the knowledge of business, administration, financial management, strategic planning, policy development, and implementation, resource allocation and leadership.

As the successful candidate you will have a:

- Certificate in Local Government Administration or equivalent
- Rural Class "C" Certificate or Higher; or
- Be in the process of completing the LGA Courses to obtain a Rural Class "C" Certificate
- Experience with MuniSoft software including the Tax Roll, Hail Roll, General Ledger, Accounts Payable and PubWorks
- Strong Communication, Management, Organizational and Interpersonal Skills
- Experience in Residential, Agricultural and Commercial Development
- Experience with Financial Planning and Asset Management

The RM of Big River offers a competitive salary with a comprehensive benefits package including extended health and dental benefits, short-term disability and long term disability. Salary will be determined based on qualifications and experience.

Candidates seeking a rewarding career opportunity with a progressive and supportive Council are invited to submit their detailed resume including related qualifications, past and present work experience to:

[rm555@sasktel.net](mailto:rm555@sasktel.net) or by mail to RM of Big River, No. 555, Box 219, 606 First Street North, Big River, SK S0J 0E0, by June 9th, 2021.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those being considered for the position will be contacted.

## Trudeau must remember who he represents

There was a time when claims about Prime Minister Justin Trudeau being in bed with the Chinese government seemed like nothing more than the stuff of partisan politics and social media conspiracy theories.

As one of the most powerful nations in the world, China has been an often temperamental partner to Canada. In dealing with the Chinese government, Canadian governments of all political stripes have had to strike exactly the right balance between appeasement and deserved criticism.

Early in his government's mandate, it might have been easy to believe that Mr. Trudeau was merely following the strategy employed by his predecessors in Ottawa.

However, after Mr. Trudeau's latest attempt to shutdown questions about Chinese scientists who were escorted out of Winnipeg's National Microbiology Lab in 2019, it's hard not to wonder whose side he's really on.

The National Microbiology Lab isn't just your run of the mill scientific facility. It's the only Level 4 lab in Canada, and its scientists deal with dangerous pathogens, such as Ebola, and require high-level security clearances to do so.

When renowned Ebola researcher Xiangguo Qiu and her husband, Keding Chang, were escorted from the lab and had their clearances revoked by the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), questions and conspiracy theories naturally followed.

Their dismissal, after all, came just four months after Ms. Qiu had shipped samples of the Ebola and Henipah viruses to the Wuhan Institute of Virology (the Chinese lab often linked to the outbreak of COVID-19).

None of the viruses Qiu shipped were COVID-19, and the PHAC has consistently claimed that the scientists were dismissed for "possible policy breaches."

However, two sources more recently suggested that the PHAC had been tipped off by the Canadian Security Intelligence Service



JORDAN TWISS

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News Editor

(CSIS), which had raised concerns about the pair's contacts in China and the possible transfer of intellectual property.

This latest revelation prompted more questions from Mr. Trudeau's political opponents last week.

For his part, Mr. Trudeau made it clear he had no interest in providing answers.

"The rise in anti-Asian racism we're seeing over the past number of months should be of concern to everyone," Mr. Trudeau said after his attempts to evade discussion of the matter failed.

"I would recommend that the members of the Conservative Party, in their zeal to make personal attacks, not start to push too far into intolerance of Canadians of diverse origins."

You read it right. Asking pointed and justified questions about matters of national security is now tantamount to racism, if the matter involves anyone of Asian descent.

Sure, some of the questions being asked might not be relevant to the issue. And, perhaps, Mr. Trudeau's opponents are drawing connections and making insinuations that are helping to spread misinformation and fuel conspiracy theories about COVID-19.

But questions need to be asked. And Mr. Trudeau needs to provide answers, rather than shutdown debate by accusing others of being racist.

Unfortunately, pulling the racist card is becoming the go-to move for Mr. Trudeau, and so, too, is bending over backwards to avoid angering the Chinese government.

The question is why?

Over the course of the past few years, and throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, China has proven itself to be no true friend to Canada. So why is Mr. Trudeau always the first to jump to China's defence and the last to speak out against it?

It's time for Mr. Trudeau to grow a spine, and remember who he was elected to serve.

Our national security may very well depend upon it.



## Put up your hand

Dear editor,

I had a nasty grade one teacher. At the beginning of my Grade One year, I lived in a little French town with the unlikely name of Somerset, Man. If I broke my crayon, I would be slapped by the nun. If I put up my hand and did not hold it completely still, like Queen Elizabeth ie: if I moved my fingers in excitement, I would get slapped.

Lucky for me, my Dad got transferred to the Big City: Brandon, Man. only a month into grade one. Whew!

I often think of the rest of the children whom I left behind. But these

days, more often, I think of children in war zones or in poverty who do not have the opportunity to enjoy any kind of education at all.

Even before COVID, 9 out of 10 10-yr. olds attending school in low-income countries were unable to read a simple text, and a staggering 258 million children and youth were not in school at all. It bears repeating: there were already a quarter of a billion children not receiving an education before COVID-19 struck.

As Julia Gillard, former Prime Minister of Australia, and current Chair of the board of directors

of the Global Partnership for Education has said, "Nothing has greater power to transform the lives and opportunities of entire generations than a quality education."

It is easy for us all to be self-absorbed in the current COVID environment, worrying that other countries are ahead of us with their vaccinations, but let's not forget the rest of the world. Canada must invest in the Global Partnership for Education to the tune of \$500 million over the next five years to sustain learning and get children back in school!

Connie Lebeau  
Victoria, B.C.

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# Nu 2 U continues to serve community through pandemic

Volunteer initiatives have felt the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many have simply not been able to run while others have had to adapt to restrictions to keep functioning.

One of these initiatives is the Partners in Faith outreach, Nu 2 U. Started in 1986 by Rev. Graeme Brownlee and schoolteacher Heather Vermeerch, Nu 2 U has been a part of Spiritwood

Community for 35 years.

At the time, the project ran one day a week out of the basement of the Christ Church Anglican. What began as a single table and clothes rack gradually grew over the years, occupying half of the basement for a few years while other activities still made use of the space.

As the project grew in size, other activities such as preschool, exer-

cise classes, and meetings were moved upstairs and the downstairs area was renovated to include shelving and clothing racks. Nu 2 U was then occupying the whole basement.

Organized and run by volunteers, Nu 2 U has been serving the community through various means over the years. Whether it be a spot for people to stop in for coffee, a place to drop off

gently used items, or somewhere to find second-hand items in town, volunteers have been out twice a week to open the doors.

Nu 2 U has been a blessing for many, helping out those who have experienced major loss like a house fire, those who have received unexpected foster children or grandchildren, and those newly arriving to Canada with clothing and household items on a budget. Others in the community have also gone treasure hunting in the basement and have come up with some interesting finds.

Once a month, Community Living would send a truck to take out any items that exceeded what the project could handle.

The volunteer list, like the project, grew over the years as the Lutheran and United Churches joined the Anglican Church to become 'Partners in Faith.' Some volunteers also came from the Roman Catholic Church as they enjoyed the project

as well.

Nu 2 U had to close its doors for some time at the onset of the pandemic in 2020. When summer rolled around and restrictions started to be lifted, the volunteers were at the ready. With a bit of a different look, they opened the doors again, allowing three customers at a time with masking and sanitizing guidelines in place.

As cases increased into the fall, the outreach had to close its doors for a second time in November. As the Christmas season approached and people started becoming anxious, the volunteers started looking at new avenues to continue to serve the community. Clothing and decorations were posted on Facebook and pickup was done curbside.

The new system was working quite well, so they decided to incorporate it into the routine as Nu 2 U was able to open again in March 2021 for appointments.

Money raised from

the project goes to the church while some donated items have gone to a variety of causes over the years. Clothing packages have been given to public health, handed out to new parents in need, and to families who have lost their home and belongings in a fire. Extra winter gear such as hats, mitts, and pants have been given to the schools and daycare in case of emergencies and books have been donated to the day care. Nu 2 U has donated old blankets to Dog Rescue, clothing to victim services and RCMP and fabric to make 'angel dresses' for newborns who do not survive. Some items have also been donated to the Medstead School for recycled projects and costumes for the community dinner theatre.

Despite the challenges faced by many during the pandemic, Nu 2 U has been able to overcome the challenges and continue to provide an important service in the community.

## COVID cases hit Canwood, Shellbrook

New cases of COVID-19 have been identified at Canwood Public School and W.P. Sandin High School in Shellbrook.

The cases in Canwood came on a day last week in which cases were reported at five separate schools within the Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division (SRPSD), and affected the Grade 2/3 and Grade 7/8 classrooms, including all students and connected staff.

The Grade 2/3 cohort was expected to self-isolate until midnight on Monday, May 31, while the Grade 7/8 group was ordered to self-isolate until midnight on Thursday, June 3.

"This is an unexpected number of cases in a single day and it highlights the importance for families to plan for the SHA student vaccination program that is available now in various clinic locations and will begin next week in schools across the province," SRPSD director of education Robert Bratvold said in announcing the cases.

At the same time, another case of COVID-19 was reported among the Grade 11 cohort at W.P. Sandin High School. As the school is already learning remotely, due to a spike in COVID cases the week prior, this group had to extend its self-isolation to midnight on Wednesday, June 2.

Also extending its self-isolation is the Grade 12 group, after another case was reported over the weekend. This class, and all connected staff, were ordered to isolate until midnight on Friday, June 4.

Despite the surge in newly reported cases, Bratvold maintains that the SRPSD's schools remain safe places to learn due to the protocols each facility has in place. He also says there's no evidence to suggest that any of the cases were transmitted or acquired at the schools.

"The division deeply appreciates the support that

students, parents and community members have demonstrated, especially as the number of cases in our region climb. We all share responsibility to minimize the risk of COVID transmission."

As COVID-19 numbers seem to be surging in school communities in recent weeks, 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;
- practice proper hand hygiene;
- maintain physical distancing as much as possible;
- wear a mask when appropriate, and;
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**The deadline for written expressions of interest is June 18, 2021 and must include references with phone numbers.**

# Shellbrook Public Library gets set for summer

**By Dian Campbell**

We're gearing up for summer with some great Summer programming at the Library.

Our summer online book auction starts this week. Check out the amazing deals on gently used books on our Shellbrook Public Library Facebook page and send in your bid. Not on Facebook? No problem. Come into the library to view the books on sale and the librarian will enter your bids. New lots on sale each week in June. Support the Library and get some great summer reading deals. Our bi-annual book sale is the main fundraiser for our library. The library accepts donations of gently used books all year long (at present, due to lack of storage, we are only accepting adult fiction and children's books).

Our online book clubs are still ongoing. Evening book club will be on Wednesday, June 9 (via Zoom) at 7 p.m. Afternoon Book Club will be

on Friday, June 18 (via Zoom) at 2 p.m. Our afternoon book selection is 'The Indigo Girl' by Natasha Boyd. Contact the Library for the Zoom address.

Take Home Story Time Kits are ready to go. June's themes are: bugs, construction, pets and bears. A group of themed books and a craft or activity for your child to enjoy.

The Teen Take-Home project this month is "coloured sand in a bottle." Create a beach themed art piece with white sand and coloured sidewalk chalk.

The 'kindness rocks' painting project was a huge success. The library handed out 43 painting kits, which were used to spread kindness and cheer throughout our community.

The library is gearing up for the Summer Reading Club again this year. We will be following a take home activity format as we did last year. Great prizes for our readers, and lots of fun learning kits.

Register at the library and keep track of your reading. Those registered will also be entered into Wapiti Headquarters prize giveaways.

More information to follow in June.



Teen art project for June.



Take Home Story Time Kits.

## Our Leadership in Critical Minerals

Another Reason to Celebrate Saskatchewan Mining Week, May 30-June 5

These days, there is a lot of talk about critical minerals, which countries define as essential to their economic and national security. Canada has identified 31 such critical minerals. Did you know that Saskatchewan is home to 22 of them?

At the top of this list in Saskatchewan are potash and uranium. Our province is the world's top producer of potash and second-largest producer of uranium. But we also are home to significant deposits of zinc, nickel, copper, helium, lithium and more. The Saskatchewan Research Council is also developing a rare earth elements (REE) processing plant in Saskatoon, which will be the first of its kind in Canada.

Why does this matter? Critical minerals such as lithium and REE power batteries in everything from cell phones and computers, to flat-screen TVs and electric cars. It's important that North America becomes more self-reliant in sourcing and processing critical minerals.



This means more opportunities for growth and jobs in Saskatchewan's already strong mining sector. And the Government of Saskatchewan is creating the environment to help companies explore and develop these mineral resources.

# AGRICULTURE

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## Ag will feel ripple effect of global climate policies

In our world, very little operates in a vacuum.

The activities of the human race tend to be very inter-connected, with what happens in one sector having a ripple effect into other areas of our lives.

For example, there are those who focus a lot of attention on reducing the use of fossil fuels, in part because it is a finite resource, and of more immediate concern is the effect burning coal and using gasoline and diesel has on the atmosphere.

But, what is the impact of renewable energy op-

tions?

Do we need to worry about utilizing a finite farmland base to grow crops for biofuels in a world where we know people still go to bed hungry, and the populations continues to grow, meaning more mouths to feed?

And what of dealing with the storage of batteries when they fail? Or the blades and gears and towers of wind farms?

Certainly there is growing awareness of what we do with our garbage having a huge impact on the environment.



CALVIN DANIELS

The problem of plastics, which can take hundreds of years to degrade in nature, polluting world oceans is now a thing of headlines.

How we address that issue alone is a huge

question we must answer as caretakers of this planet.

We tend to look at agriculture as doing things rather well in terms of sustainability, with increased awareness to protecting waterways and wildlife.

However, a United Nations' Food Systems Summit, which will be held in New York this fall, may well show the sector, at least on a worldwide basis, is not doing so well.

And, if that is the case, what will the response be? It is likely going to

be a response which im-

pacts how farmers farm. It was the UN Conference of the Parties (COP) meeting in Paris in 2015 that got the ball rolling on the upcoming Food Systems Summit. Delegates attending the COP meeting learned that food production was responsible for 12 gigatonnes of the world's annual greenhouse gas emissions.

That was about 25 per cent of emissions, not from coal fired factories, or grid-locked cars on city freeways, or passenger planes and ocean

freighters.

Now the UN has never been quick in coming to binding agreements. Getting a deal on world agricultural trade tends to be a process that drags on for years, and typically ends up so watered down its impact is hard to notice. But world climate change has many much more focused on solutions, so what comes out of this process may hit sooner than later.

And it will impact farming and the energy sector. And, given their dual importance, it will ripple widely.

## Rural communities to receive LTE upgrade

The Villages of Leask and Mont Nebo are among 25 rural communities that are set to benefit from a \$4.3 million investment in rural 4G LTE infrastructure by SaskTel.

SaskTel's investment will see it install additional carriers on the towers serving each of these communities, increasing their 4G LTE wireless data capacity by up to 300 per cent. This added capacity will ensure that SaskTel wireless customers in these communities can continue to fully utilize their smartphones without being slowed by network congestion.

"SaskTel's continued investment in key infrastructure projects will be critical to ensuring that Saskatchewan families and businesses have access to the tools and networks they need to compete and succeed in a post-COVID world," said Don Morgan, Minister Responsible for SaskTel.

Work to upgrade the first towers is scheduled to begin in June, with all towers expected to be upgraded by the end of March 2022. These capacity improvements come as part of SaskTel's \$323 million capital investments announced for the 2021/22 fiscal year.

"SaskTel understands how vital communications services have become this past year, and it's this awareness that helps drive us to make these important investments in our networks to ensure our customers can take advantage of the economic, educational, and social resources the world has to offer," said Doug Burnett, SaskTel President and CEO.

In recent years, SaskTel has completed a number of initiatives to enhance its wireless network in rural Saskatchewan. Some of these initiatives include increasing the 4G LTE wireless data

capacity on over 75 towers in other rural communities.

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# Minutes of an R.M. of Leask meeting

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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 held in the Leask Community Hall on Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

Council Meeting was called to order by Reeve Hamilton at 9:03 a.m.

Present were Reeve Craig Hamilton, Administrator Riannon Nelson and the following Council members: Keith Junk - Division No. 1, Real Diehl - Division No. 2, Gordon Stieb - Division No. 3, Joan Sanftleben - Division No. 4, Robert Girod - Division No. 5, and Clarke Gossen - Division No. 6.

Stieb: That the minutes of the March 10, 2021, Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented. Carried

Junk: That the minutes of the March 25, 2021, Budget Meeting be approved as presented. Carried

Girod: That Council Indemnity be approved for payment as presented. Carried

Sanftleben: That we approve the payments as listed on the attached "List of Accounts for Approval" for a total of \$87,368.16, Council Indemnity for April, Fire Chief Direct Deposit for April and Payroll Direct Deposit for Pay Periods 5, 6 & 7 for 2021. Carried

Junk: That we receive the Bank Reconciliation for March, 2021. Carried

Gossen: That we approve the Statement of Financial Activities for March, 2021. Carried

Diehl: That we support the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation #102 Band Council Resolution 2021-39 regarding the reverting of the control and administration of the roads to Canada. Carried

Sanftleben: That Bylaw 03-2021 attached hereto and forming a part of these minutes, being a bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 to establish a Code of Ethics for Council also known as the "Code of Ethics Bylaw", now be read the first time. Carried

(Editor's note: Council unanimously agreed to give the bylaw three readings and adopt it.)

Superintendent of Public Works Mitchell arrived at meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Sanftleben: That Bylaw 04-2021 attached hereto and forming a part of these minutes, being a bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 to amend the Official Community plan, now be read the first time. Carried

Diehl: That Bylaw 05-2021, attached hereto and forming a part of these minutes, being a bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 to amend the Zoning Bylaw, now be read the first time. Carried

Junk: That we sell the A-Frame structure to the Superintendent of Public Works for \$100. Carried

Gravel Crushing and Hauling Tenders were opened at 11 a.m.

Gossen: That Kirsch Construction Ltd. be awarded the Crushing Tender for the 2021 gravel requirements of a minimum of:

- 5,000 cubic yards at Anderson pit at \$5.25/cu yard, and
- 10,000 cubic yards at the Enns pit at \$5.25/cu yard, and
- 10,000 cubic yards at the Ksyniuk pit at \$5.25/cu yard plus
- No mobilization fee,
- And a fuel surcharge of \$0.05/cu yard will be added if fuel hits \$1.15/litre, and
- A fuel surcharge of \$0.10/cu yard will be added if fuel hits \$1.20/litre
- With the possibility of additional crushing yards at the Dicus pit for the price of \$5.25/cu yard.

Stieb: That we accept the proposal from Kustaski Enterprises Ltd. for the gravel hauling 2021 at a rate of \$0.3175 per cubic yard mile and \$0.75 per cubic yard for loading. Carried

Junk: That we purchase our diesel fuel needs from TR Petro for May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022. Carried

Superintendent Mitchell left the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Delegation – Brian and Candice Ashby – Development – 12:58 to 1:39 p.m.

Delegation – Duane Shapka – Development – 1:39 p.m.

Gossen: That we agree with the proposed concept plan #2 as presented by Woodlands on Iroquois Lake as shown on the attached map. Carried

Duane Shapka left the meeting at 2:18 p.m. Superintendent of Public Works Mitchell returned to meeting at 2:20 p.m. and left at 3:30 p.m.

Diehl: That we allow Ashby's to operate Lac La Peche Resort on Parcel F and Parcel G for a total of 21 sites between the two parcels. Carried

Junk: That we approach the International Union of Operating Engineers representative Darryl Wilcox to discuss amendments to the collective agreement 2020-2022. Carried

Junk: That we set the rate for traffic gravel sales at \$22.00 per cubic yard plus actual for loading and hauling. Further that a maximum of 2 loads (44 yards) be sold to RM ratepayers per year. Carried

Sanftleben: That we put up 2 "Children at Play" signs along the Burnette Lake road. Carried

Gossen: That we notify the residents of Grand Place that they will no longer be able to use the Organized Hamlet of Pelican Cove garbage bins. The RM of Leask No. 464 does not supply garbage service but all ratepayers are able to access the RM of Leask No. 464 Landfill at regular operating times and will be required to pay fees for use. Carried

Stieb: That as per the "Notice Of Reduced Employment Premium Rate" received from the Canada Revenue Agency, we agree to return 5/12 of the savings back to the employees for a total cost of \$657.95. Carried

Diehl: That we acknowledge Martins Lake Regional Park Authority resolution to set the mill rate at 1 on the cabin lease owners for 2021, with the RM of Leask to retain 100% of that mill rate. Carried

Gossen: That we void Cheque No. 13225 dated March 10, 2021 to Brandt Tractor in the amount of \$7,785.06 as we had a credit on account. The cheque payment was replaced by Cheque No. 13256 in the amount of \$5,069.67. Carried

Diehl: That we void Cheque No. 13260 in the amount of \$1,141.25 payable to Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance due to a processing error. Carried

Girod: That the RM of Leask No. 464 donates one load of 20 yards of crushed gravel to be delivered to the Honeywood Heritage Nursery for placement on the nursery lanes. Carried

Gossen: That we notify the Resort Village of Pebble Bay that the RM of Leask No. 464 is in favour of forming a working group to work together on areas of common interest. Carried

Gossen: That we give the Resort Village of Pebble Bay permission to appoint the Administrator for the RM of Leask No. 464 as a person to call meetings in the event the Resort Village Administrator is unable to do so. Carried

Diehl: That we agree to remove the caveat from the Crown Hill Gravel & Excavating Corporation as per the owner's request. Carried

Stieb: That this meeting be adjourned at 6:18 p.m. Carried

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

### PARTNERS IN FAITH

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

### UNITED /ANGLICAN

Worship Services  
Glaslyn  
Time is on the sign  
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

### SEVENTH DAY

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Sat., 9:45 am -  
Sabbath School  
Sat., 11:00 am - Worship

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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 - 10:00 am

### BETHEL

Medstead  
1st Sunday, 10 am -  
Worship  
Pastor David Jensen  
3rd Sunday - 10 am  
Worship  
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Wed., 7:30 pm -  
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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

### COWBOY CHURCH

Spiritwood  
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Spiritwood Legion Hall  
Pastor Rick Martin

## Step Two of Re-Opening Roadmap Starts June 20

With over 70 per cent of residents age 30 and older having received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, Saskatchewan has reached the Step Two threshold on the province's Re-Opening Roadmap. That means Step Two will begin on Sunday, June 20 – three weeks after Step One which began on Sunday, May 30.



You can learn more at [saskatchewan.ca](http://saskatchewan.ca)

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# Balance: How biologicals work

**By Patricia Hanbidge**

The balance of nature is achieved when all that is part of the environment is in balance. The upper and lower limits of populations are mitigated by a complex combination of factors that affect populations. However, as we all know – there really are never constant numbers of anything but an infinite struggle between all factors.

When you introduce a biological control to reduce the numbers of a pest population it is essentially introducing something that is a natural pest in order to take control of the pest population. Last week the focus was biological fly control. In that case you introduce a parasitic wasp which very effectively breaks up the lifecycle of many species of pest flies and thus reduces the population of the troublesome pest. The parasitic wasps who ultimately reduce the fly population by laying eggs in the pupating fly, consume the contents of the pupating fly and then the parasitic wasps complete their life cycle. Their only focus in the short lives of these efficient biologicals is no different than any other part of our natural world where the focus is on reproduction and survival of the species. Any given species in a community lives at the expense of others that are attacked and fed upon. However, this balance is never retained at one level, because of the constant bat-



tle for balance in the natural world. Life is not a straight line but a series of ever undulating ebbs and flows that make up life.

Biological control of insects is generally the introduction of a predator, parasite, parasitoid or pathogen into the environment which then impacts the population of the pest of focus. They do not kill off the entire population of the pest but create an ecological dynamic that keeps that pest population at a minimum. Biological controls are effective, environmentally friendly and to a point

self-sustaining. For example, if you have an aphid problem you could introduce lady bugs to control that population, but keep in mind if you are not in control of the environment it will be difficult to manage the success of the introduced control. For example, if you are growing culinary herbs in a controlled environment like a greenhouse, the introduction of ladybugs might be a good choice. However, if you are trying to control aphids in the maple trees in your outdoor space, the introduction of a biological control will likely not be effective, as your ladybugs might easily migrate to your neighbor's tree and forget all about

the aphids in your maple tree as there is no easy way to control the outdoor environment in an open space.

Insects are found in all environments in our world, except for very high altitude frozen polar environments and in the immediate vicinity of active volcanoes. Insects make up more than half of all the living things on earth and have the ability to evolve very quickly and increase their numbers rapidly which aids in their survival over the long term. Hence, controlling an insect pest that may be costing you significant economic loss is no easy task.

Using a natural control regulates the numbers, preventing the population from becoming too high. It also will require periodic increases in numbers of the biological which is controlling the pest population creating that undulating balance of nature.

In order to achieve the best control balance, it is important to use a variety of mechanisms in which to gain the desired control of the pest population. Learning all that you can about the life cycle of the pest in key to choosing the safest and most effective control to be used at the appropriate time is the best practice.

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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](http://www.wapitilibrary.ca).

**BIG RIVER:** Wapiti Library - Appointment Only. Wednesday 11:30 am - 4:30 pm; Thursday 11:30 am - 4:30 pm. Phone # 306-469-2152

**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.

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# Minutes of a Town of Blaine Lake meeting

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of the council of the Town Of Blaine Lake held at The Blaine Lake Curling Rink Monday, April 19, 2021 at 4 p.m.

Mayor Al Sorenson called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Attending: Mayor Al Sorenson, Councillor Mayor Bev Breland, Rodger Pederson, Darlene Harder, Melissa Johnson and Jennifer Gutknecht and Administrator Brenda Lockhart. Councillor Jason Weber was absent.

Pederson: That the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of March 15, 2021 be accepted as presented. Carried

Johnson: That the Minutes from the Special Meeting of March 31, 2021 be accepted as presented. Carried

Harder: That the Minutes from the Special Meeting of April 15, 2021 be accepted as amended. Carried

Delegates:

Maintenance Foreman Russ Krysak – 4:15 p.m.

Rob Borne of Borne Consulting – 4:30 p.m.

Johnson: That we agree to check on eligibility for the purchase of water meters, fire hydrants, isolation valves and curb stops, reservoir upgrades and lift station pump under our current New Building Canada Infrastructure Grant. Carried

Councillor Jennifer Gutknecht declared Conflict of Interest with respect to the following resolution and left Council Chambers.

Breland: That we agree to install a culvert in the back alley of 4th Avenue E beside Grant Stonehouse's property. Carried

Councillor Jennifer Gutknecht returned to Council Chambers.

Breland: That we hire Daniel Reiter to re-install shingles on the pavilion roof. Carried

Pederson: That the Financial Statement for March 2021 be accepted as presented. Carried

Johnson: That the March 2021 Affinity & CIBC Bank Reconciliations be approved as presented. Carried

Gutknecht: That the Administrator Lockhart provide all financial institution statements for all financial accounts, and credit card statements and that they be redacted. Councillor Gutknecht called for a recorded vote

- Councillor Jennifer Gutknecht – Yes
- Councillor Bev Breland – Yes
- Councillor Melissa Johnson – Yes
- Councillor Rodger Pederson – No
- Councillor Darlene Harder – No
- Mayor Al Sorenson - No. Defeated

Harder: That Affinity Credit Union cheques numbered 1600 to 1668 and "Other (EFT)" payments Affinity and CIBC totalling \$996,386.78 be approved

for payment. Carried

Breland: That we agree to amend 16 to 43 Waste Management Bylaw #1 Schedule A as presented. Carried

Pederson: That we agree to 16 to 43 Waste Management tender for sale the land located at SE 05 – 43 – 11 – W3. Carried

Gutknecht: That we agree to set the campground rates as follows:

- \$20.00/day Electrical Sites
- \$15.00/ day Non-Electrical Sites
- \$100/per week for Electrical Sites
- \$75/per week for Non-Electrical sites
- \$800/per season from May 1 to Sept 30. Carried

Gutknecht: That we agree purchase 6 cooking pits mounted on poles for \$480.00 each and install at the campground. Carried

Harder: That we agree with the recommendations from the Fire Department committee that billing be done for all equipment in increments of 15 minutes after the 1st hour. Carried

Rodger: That Administrator Brenda Lockhart, Mayor Al Sorenson, Councillors Melissa Johnson and Rodger Pederson have signing authority on the Town of Blaine Lake accounts with Affinity Credit Union and CIBC. Carried

Breland: That we agree appoint Al Sorenson to the BLCA, Joint RM & Town, Thickwood Hills Committee and the Water Treatment Plant Committee. Carried

Harder: That we agree to obtain a legal opinion on enforcing and recovery of taxes owed on Lot 5 Block 33 Plan 62B07320. Carried

Councillor Jennifer Gutknecht declared Conflict of Interest with respect to the following resolution and left Council Chambers.

Breland: That we agree to pay the RM of Blaine Lake invoice sent to Associated Engineering in the amount of \$1221.00 for road repairs. Carried

Councillor Jennifer Gutknecht returned to Council Chambers

Pederson: That we accept the resignation of Deedra Mattice effective May 1, 2021. Carried

Harder: That we acknowledge the resignation of Debbie Rodwin from the BLCA Board. Carried

Gutknecht: That we move the meeting "in camera" at 6:22 p.m. for discussion of human resources and request that Administrator Lockhart leave Council Chambers.

Administrator Lockhart left Council Chambers The meeting was moved out of "in camera" at 6:38 p.m. and Administrator Lockhart returned to Council Chambers.

Breland: That we send letter to the Martin's Lake Regional Park Board in support of Councillor Pederson's position that he will not attend any further meetings until such time as the Board agrees to follow current COVID-19 Regulations. Carried

Pederson: That Bylaw No: 2021-002, a Bylaw of the Town of Blaine Lake in the Province of Saskatchewan to fix the rates to be charged for the use and consumption of water and to fix the rates to be charged by way of rent or service charges for the use of sewer, be given second reading at this meeting. Carried

Johnson: That Bylaw No: 2021-003, a Bylaw of the Town of Blaine Lake in the Province of Saskatchewan to establish waste and recycling collection fees, be given a second reading at this meeting. Carried

(Editor's note: council agreed to give both bylaws a third reading and adopted them)

Breland: That acknowledge the expression of Interest from Johnson Enterprises. Carried

Breland: That we advise Jack Hill that Council would consider rezoning the property at 302 2nd Street West to residential property only. Carried

Breland: That we agree to send an amended fire services bill to TJ Disposal in the amount of \$1,347.50. Carried

Breland: That we sign the consent regarding the appointment of an Administrator of an estate with respect to taxes and utilities for 207 3rd Avenue West. Carried

Gutknecht: That we agree to table the request from Stan Crowder to purchase the old Centennial Sign from the Town until further review of same. Carried

Pederson: That we agree to place a garbage can at the pull out on Highway 12 North and have maintenance staff check and empty as needed. Carried

Sorenson: That we advise Mike Linsley that we terminate his position as EMO Coordinator effective immediately and that the cell phone and any other equipment be returned and no further billing be accepted since November 2020. Carried

Breland: That this meeting adjourns at 8:35 p.m. Carried

## 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,  
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## Lack of hitting not a big hit with fans

What do the following people — Joe Musgrove, Spencer Turnbull, John Means, Carlos Rodon, Corey Kluber and Wade Miley — have in common?

Unless you're an avid fan of Major League Baseball, you might not know the answer is that the aforementioned sextet had pitched no-hitters in the first seven weeks of the 2021 season. The number would be seven if Madison Bumgarner's seven-inning no-hitter was counted, but MLB has said no-hitters won't be recognized if they happen in shortened games in doubleheaders.

Considering, for example, there were only two no-hitters thrown in all of 2018 and only one each in 2017 and 2016, having six occur in the first seven weeks of 2021 is rather remarkable. But it begs the question: What the heck is going on?

Easy. Pitchers are getting better, and hitters aren't.

The overall MLB batting average through May 23 was an abysmal

.235. Used to be that it was an insult to call somebody a .250 hitter, but these days, that number would be well above average.

In 1968, the overall MLB batting average was .236, with Carl Yastrzemski's .301 good enough for the American League batting title. As a team, New York Yankees hit .214. Baseball took action, lowering the mound to minimize the dominance of pitchers, and tightening the strike zone. This isn't 1968, but MLB may decide to do something drastic once again to get more hitting, more offence, more excitement, into the game.

Fans are staying away — and not just because of COVID-19 restrictions — because games are dragging, not to mention the excitement level. Home runs are up; doubles and triples are down. Teams rarely bunt anymore. Pitched balls are put into play less frequently. Strikeouts are up, again. A record number of strikeouts has been set every year since 2007. Pitchers



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who threw 95 miles per hour 20 years ago were freaks. Now every team has a couple of them, with most teams rostering a pitcher or two who regularly zoom past 100 on the radar gun. Said Marlins' manager Don Mattingly: "Sometimes it's unwatchable."

No-hitters are fun to watch, but an 11-8 game featuring 27 hits, stolen bases, wild overthrows and spectacular catches in my mind provides much more entertainment. Baseball has to figure out a way to reduce the former and increase the latter.

• Scott Ostler of the San Francisco Chronicle, describing a

night at the ballpark interviewing 'cardboard' fans: "At the A's ballpark, I interviewed one of those cardboard fans, the only one that was not smiling. Said the fan, 'I wasn't cut out for this.'"

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "MLB has had six no-hitters already. Normally they only have two no-hitters a year and sometimes none. Who would have guessed a symptom of COVID-19 would be batters hitting like one of the Kardashians?"

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "Police in Ireland broke up a fight after a player was found strategizing using a computer in the toilet. Imagine that: Plotting against kings and queens on the throne."

• Eammon Lynch of GolfWeek, on the proposed Super Golf League: "Imagine Gretzky having quit because Dancing on Ice offered more money. Or Jordan's Bulls deciding that joining the Harlem Globetrotters was better than winning champion-

ships."

• Comedy writer Eric Stangel, on Twitter: "While you were sleeping, nine more no-hitters were thrown."

• Sports figure Kyle Porter of CBS, on Twitter, describing Rickie Fowler's outfit during Day 1 of the PGA: "Rickie looks like he's in disguise as an undercover investigator into a complex Phil Mickelson cryptocurrency enterprise."

• Patti Dawn Swanson, on Twitter: "It isn't easy being green, but my favourite curler, Chelsea Carey, plans to see if the colour fits. Chelsea will be skipping a team from the Flattest of Lands next season, which means she'll be going after a rare trifecta—champion of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "So, which NBA team will be the first to hoist a '2021 Play-In Champion' banner next season?"

• Patti Dawn Swanson again: "It's official: The people at Guinness World Records have declared film of Corey Per-

ry's knee hitting John Tavares' head to be the most dissected piece of video evidence since Abraham Zapruder's home movie of the JFK assassination."

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• Another fark.com offering: "Shohei Ohtani is the most exciting player in MLB and will only see a World Series from the stands because he is on the Angels."

• Steve Simmons of Sunmedia, on double threat Shohei Ohtani of baseball's Los Angeles Angels: "In simpler Toronto terms, he is Vladimir Guerrero Jr. and Hyun-jin Ryu all in one person."

Care to comment? Email [brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca](mailto:brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca)

## Sask. begins Phase One of re-opening

Saskatchewan has taken the first step toward emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic, having reached Phase One of its three-phase re-opening plan on May 30.

With the beginning of Phase One, some of the current public health restrictions have been eased.

These loosened guidelines allow for restaurants and bars to open with a maximum of six people per table and two metres or barriers between tables. Dance floors and buffets will remain closed, however, the province has decided that VLTs can re-open.

Additionally, place of worship restrictions will return to 30 per cent capacity or up to 150 people (whichever is fewer), and group fitness classes involving intense training can resume with three metres between participants.

Private gathering limits will be loosened to allow for 10 people at indoor and outdoor household gatherings. Public gathering limits, meanwhile, will ease to 30 people indoors and 150 people outdoors, which opens the door

for outdoor graduation ceremonies.

In a last-minute addition to the Phase One's loosened guidelines, outdoor youth and adult sports are allowed to resume league play. Tournaments and interprovincial travel will remain prohibited, and will be reviewed when Phase Two begins on June 20.

"Saskatchewan people have reduced the spread of COVID-19 by getting vaccinated," Premier Scott Moe said while announcing the changes to his government's plan. "So, the next time you drive by a field of happy kids playing softball or football or soccer, please know that you made that possible."

Throughout Phase One, the current level of restrictions will remain in place for retail, personal care services, event facilities, casinos, bingo halls, theatres, art galleries, libraries and recreational facilities, as well as for all schools and childcare facilities.

The province-wide masking mandate will also remain in effect, and will through Phase Three of the re-opening plan.

With the province having met the vaccination threshold for Phase Two of the re-opening plan (as of Sunday 76 per cent of residents aged 30 and over had received their first dose), nothing stands in the way of the phase's June 20 start date.

Once step two is reached, there will be no capacity thresholds on retail and personal care services, but they must maintain an occupancy that allows for physical distancing. Similarly, restaurants and bars will have no limits on table capacity, so long as there is physical distancing or barriers between tables, but dance floors and buffets will remain closed.

Elsewhere, Phase Two sets a 150-percentage maximum capacity at event facilities, casinos, bingo halls, theatres, art galleries, libraries and recreational facilities. These facilities must also maintain an occupancy that allows for physical distancing, and restaurant guidelines apply at venues that serve food.

Phase Two will also see restrictions

on indoor youth and adult sports lifted and tournament play reconsidered. Additionally, private indoor gathering limits will be upped to 15 people, and public indoor and outdoor gathering limits will be set at 150 people.

Last, but not least, Phase Three of the province's re-opening plan will commence three weeks after 70 per cent of Saskatchewan residents aged 18 and over have received first doses, and three weeks after the start of step two.

As of Sunday, 72 per cent of Saskatchewan residents in this age range had received their first doses, clearing the way for Phase Three to begin as early as July 11.

In Phase Three, most remaining public health restrictions will be lifted. However, the province says guidance on gathering sizes and indoor masking will be developed based on the progress of the first two phases. Public health orders from Phase Two on gathering sizes and indoor masking will remain in place until that guidance is finalized.

OBITUARY

Roland (Ron) Fremont



Roland (Ron) Joseph Fremont – 1930-2021

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Roland (Ron) Joseph Fremont at the age of 90 years. Ron passed away on Thursday, May 20, 2021 at the Wheatland Lodge in Leask, SK where he has resided for the past 2 years.

Left to cherish Ron's

memory are his partner of 23 years, Marj Pool and her family, his brothers: Bernard, Victor, Charles (Fern) and Claude and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his siblings: Alphonse, Elizabeth, Henri, Paulette, André, Marcel and Emile.

At Ron's request there will not be a Funeral Service. Memorial contributions in memory of Ron may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Canada, Saskatchewan Branch - #1-2217 Hanselman Crt, Saskatoon, SK S7L 6A8 – phone: 306-664-8588 or toll free: 1-888-664-8588

Arrangements have been entrusted to Trevor Watts of Eternal Memories Funeral Service & Crematorium (306) 445-7570.

GOOD NEWS

THE BEST TIME TO PLANT A TREE IS YESTERDAY.  
THE NEXT BEST TIME IS TODAY.

Some seven years ago, Marlene and I developed an acreage close to the Town of Shellbrook. We were advised to plant trees right away. We followed that advice and have planted some 80 to 90 trees. There is a variation of the saying of the best time to plant a tree. It has also been put this way, "The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now!"

When I read that proverb, I see there is always hope. If I didn't do something I should have done years ago the thought is I can start today.

When I was in Calgary at the

University I was studying Social Work. One of our classes was on aging.

I was struck by the life of Harland Sanders, fondly known as Colonel Sanders. Sanders bounced around, taking on a number of jobs in early life. He was an insurance salesman and a filling station operator. Then, he got into chicken. He actually started selling fried chicken from his roadside café in Kentucky.

He was no longer a young man. I read he was 65 when he perfected his 'secret receipt.' When he was 73 years old, he sold his American KFC business, and, in 1965,

he moved to Mississauga, Ont. to oversee his Canadian operation.

Five years later Colonel Sanders, at the age of 80, was baptized in the Jordan River. It is never too late to come to Christ this side of heaven. God gave Sanders another 10 years to live.

It is great to remind ourselves as it is so well put "Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present." May we make the most of the present.

Blessings,  
Pastor Bodvarson  
Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly

Bursaries handed out to local nurses

The Shellbrook Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee has handed out bursaries to another crop of local nurses.

Receiving this round of preceptorship bursaries from Mayor Amund Otterson were Kennedy Manley (Black U of S sweatshirt), Robyn Chamberlain (white jacket), Kayla Chartier (green sweater) and Haley Enns (blue t-shirt).

In addition, bursaries were provided for the preceptor that hosted the students in the amount of \$250. As some of the preceptors shared a student, they also shared the bursary.

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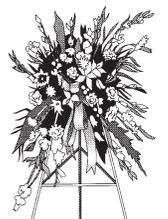
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