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Bud Dicus Memorial makes for great day of golf

By David Jensen

The Shell Lake Fifty Plus Club hosted the Annual Bud Dicus Golf Tournament on Aug. 26. As with many events lately, this annual tournament was last held two years ago in 2019, for the same reason so many other events had to be cancelled in 2020.

With more than just a little apprehension, the Fifty Plus Golf Committee decided to proceed. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some modifications were made for registration and for the meal. For safety reasons, while inside the club house, the volunteers wore masks, and participants were encouraged to gather outside.

Rather than the usual buffet lunch, lunch was smokies on a bun with Caesar and potato salad served by mask wearing volunteers. Absent was the usual large dessert table with an assorted variety of delicious and decadent desserts.

It was gratifying to see so many of the usual participants come out for the competition and the pure joy of seeing each other once again. Twenty-one teams of four members were randomly chosen during registration between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. Golfing competition began with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. They played a best ball format, with each team member having at least three drives off the tee for the 18 holes.

Three feature holes gave people the opportunity for extra prizes. The Hole #1 Closest to the line, sponsored by Morris Sanitation, was won by Murray Heck and Mary Sukkau.

Meanwhile, the Hole #10 Closest to the pin, sponsored by Shell Esso, was won by Bernie Noble and Joyce Willick, and the Hole #16 longest putt, sponsored by Heather Sarrazin, was won by Luke Demers and Linda Pauls.

After a chilly night, God blessed the day with warm sunshine and gentle breezes. The pure joy of getting together after such a long time was evident throughout the day. There was laughter, there was cheering, there was joking, and it was an all-round great day with friends.

When the day was done there were some very nice scores, and two teams came in with the lowest score of 67 and shared the prize for first and second.

The co-winning teams were Albert Collee, Blair Hunter, Pat Tibbs, and Bruce Tibbs, and Corrie Battersby, Jerry Bighead, Norman Poirier, and Percy Wright.

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The team of Albert Collee, Blair Hunter, Pat Tibbs, and Bruce Tibbs were co-winners.



Corrie Battersby, Jerry Bighead, Norman Poirier, and Percy Wright were the co-winners.

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50+ Golf Tournament has strong showing

The 50+ crew was out on the greens at the Spiritwood Golf Course for a tournament on Wednesday, Aug. 18. The event drew in 59 players from Spiritwood, Leoville, Medstead, Chitek, Calgary, Turtleford, Debden, Shell Lake, Saskatoon, and Shellbrook.

The weather was perfect, according to Lloyd Fisher.

The day kicked off with some coffee and muffins over the registration hour as the golfers got suited up and ready to hit the course for the 10 a.m. shotgun start. Everyone golfed nine holes throughout the day, with a break in between for lunch.

The golf course staff put on a wonderful lunch with salads, meat and cheese

trays, and buns. Everyone at the tournament had a blast and there were even a few requests to hold two tournaments of this kind next season, according to Fisher.

The low score of the day was shot by Lloyd Fisher, Neil Buswell, Lorraine Diehl, and Val Willick, who came in at 62. They won the big prize of \$160.

In second place was the team of Dennis Simonar, Linda Pauls, and Robert Bonneau who scored 63 on the day. They took home \$120.

In third place, Raby Duret, Don Doryk, Helene Fisher, and Terrel Hill shot a 64 earning them a prize of \$100.

The fourth-place finish was a three-way tie

between the foursome of Kelly Schneider, Randy Orange, Rod Ennes, and Dave Hettinger, the team of Don Turgeon, Bruce Spencer, Grace Becker, and Joyce Willick, and the John Duncan, Luke Demers, Laurie Mayo, and Ron Jess quartet. The three teams split the fourth-place prize of \$80.

Two lucky teams were drawn for extra \$80 prizes, with the lucky winners being Glen and Lee Stevens, Paul Dauvin, and Jim Koetse and Jack VanDyke, Ben Duret, Bev Levesque, and Calvin Thomas.

Six specialty holes were out on the course for the day and the winners of these holes each took home \$40. On hole #4, there was 'closest to the pin' which was shot by Reg Bertsch. Hole #16 was another 'closest to the pin' and was taken by Neil Buswell. Hole #9 was a 'long putt' won by Jim Bedi, while Bob Anderson won the 'long putt' on hole #14. On hole #1, there was a 'closest to the line' hole that was won by Lorraine Diehl. Last but not least, the 'closest to the poop tank' on hole #15 was won by Corrie Rush Battersby.



A team of golfers out on the greens enjoying the day.



Golfers at the club house waiting to hear the results of the day.

Big River FN mandating vaccines for employees

The Big River First Nation is mandating vaccines for its roughly 300 employees.

"The biggest reason we're trying to do this is our school has hardly been open for the last two years," band CEO Derek Klein said.

"We've only been open probably 50 or 60 days. Most of the kids aren't getting educated because of COVID-19."

Big River First Nation's decision comes as only about 20 per cent of roughly 3,000 band members living on reserve are fully vaccinated, Klein said.

According to Klein, about 800 students go to school on the First Nation, but less than half of its teaching staff are vaccinated. Roughly 20 per cent of the First Nation's daycare staff, who serve about 30 children, are vaccinated.

The requirement is a necessary move for the First Nation as it faces down a fourth wave of COVID-19 that has added 13 more local cases in the last two days, Klein said.

To spur vaccination, the First Nation has offered a vaccine clinic five days a week, mounted an education campaign, and introduced pop-up clinics. While opposition to the vaccine has persisted, Klein says getting the job is a matter of public safety for vulnerable community members.

"We just had to draw a line in the sand here. We just

had to (do so) because no one was taking us seriously all this summer."

In requiring its employees to be vaccinated, the Big River First Nation is following in the steps of other large Saskatchewan organizations, like Saskatchewan Polytech, the University of Saskatchewan, and the University of Regina, which have mandated vaccines for employees and students while the province has refused to do so for provincial employees.

Providing an update as the COVID-19 pandemic enters its fourth wave and new daily case numbers tick upward, Health Minister Paul Merriman said a vaccine mandate would infringe on personal rights. He also said there are no plans to reintroduce public health measures.

The comments earned scathing critiques from the NDP opposition, which called on Merriman to resign and for the Sask. Party government to heed the advice of medical health officers to introduce indoor masking mandates for public spaces and require proof of vaccination in public spaces for adults.

TOWN OF BLAINE LAKE



NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS MUNICIPAL BY-ELECTION

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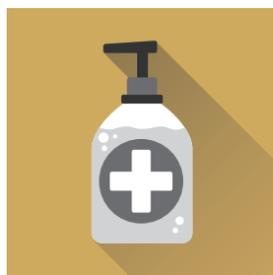


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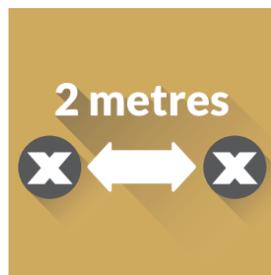
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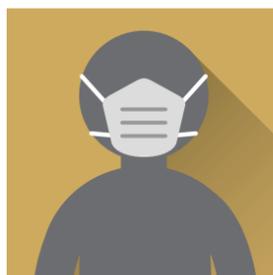


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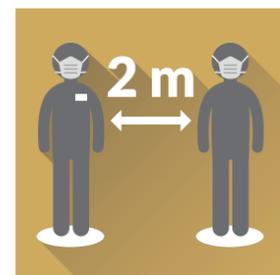
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Liberals show hypocrisy in private healthcare debate

Whether you live in Saskatchewan, Ontario, or the Yukon, you've likely learned that accessing Canada's healthcare system for anything beyond a simple check-up or a minor malady requires you to wait.

Need an MRI or a CT scan done? You wait.

Need to consult a specialist? You wait.

Need to have a surgery (especially one deemed not to be an emergency)? You wait.

Of course, the amount of time you have to wait for healthcare services depends on where you live.

Looking at MRIs specifically, the Canadian Wait Time Alliance, an organization focused on identifying the longest medically acceptable amount of time a patient should wait before receiving treatment, suggests that the wait for service should be no longer than 30 days.

That was far from the case before the COVID-19 pandemic, as the average Canadian was waiting 89 days for a scan (Saskatchewan was just below this, with an average wait of 87.7 days).

Wait times have only grown through the pandemic, as procedures were delayed. And come 2022, the Conference Board of Canada expects average wait times for MRIs to balloon to 135 days.

Meanwhile, as of March 2021, the most recent date for which data is available, the average wait for an MRI in Saskatchewan had grown to 105.7 days.

It's unacceptable, and as Canada's population gets older and demand for scant healthcare resources increases, we can only expect to see wait times increase even more. Unless, Ottawa and the provincial governments can come up with a solution more creative than throwing more money at the problem.

This would naturally require Ottawa and the provinces to get along, and if Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Liberal government is still steering the ship after the Sept. 20 election, that's unlikely to happen for Saskatchewan.

After a slow start to the campaign, the Liberals shifted to all-out attack mode



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last week, focusing much of their attention on healthcare.

In their frenzy, they hacked up footage of Conservative Party leader Erin O'Toole like a victim in a slasher flick, painting him as a proponent of private, for-profit healthcare and queue-jumping.

The "artistic liberties" earned Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland a rebuke from Twitter, as well as from the person who had been questioning Mr. O'Toole in the manipulated footage.

But this didn't stop Mr. Trudeau and his party from continuing the attack throughout the week.

When they grew tired of that, they renewed their fight with Saskatchewan and Premier Scott Moe over the province's private MRI scanning clinics, which have been in operation since 2016.

Here, Ottawa issued another stern warning to Mr. Moe's government: stop allowing people to seek private scans, or face a clawback in federal health transfer funding.

You read that right.

Mr. Trudeau's government is ready to withhold vital healthcare funds, thereby doing real harm to Saskatchewan residents who need medical treatments, because it is the "only champion of Canada's public healthcare system."

You seriously can't make this up. Seeing the threat for the incomprehensible, hypocritical nonsense it was, Mr. Moe rightly called out Mr. Trudeau for his lax stance on the private healthcare clinics operating in his own riding in Montréal.

To be certain, Canada's public healthcare system needs to be maintained and bolstered to serve all Canadians. But this doesn't mean private healthcare services can't exist in Canada, so long as they run parallel to the public system rather than drawing from its resources.

There are many possible solutions to our public system's woes. If Mr. Trudeau and his government refuse to explore every possible avenue, they don't deserve our votes.



This election, let's prioritize electoral reform

Do you support pharmacare for Canada? If you do, you stand with 88% of Canadians. Transferring this into the House of Commons, Bill C-213, An Act to enact the Canada Pharmacare Act, should have passed with 297 votes.

While the government declares pharmacare is a "priority", they rejected the bill saying future collaboration with provincial-territorial jurisdictions was needed.

Let's take a look at the word priority. Historically it was singular for the first or most important thing. In the 1900s the plural appeared but how can we have multiple first or most important things?

If pharmacare is a priority (singular or plural) for the government, why don't Canadians have it? Is it because if we have it, it can no longer be an election promise?

Not enacting pharmacare so it can remain an election promise was a joke (but every good joke has a kernel of truth). Is our electoral system our problem? Has it been our problem since 1921, our first election with more than two major parties?

My priority this election is promoting electoral reform with proportional representation so we can achieve most important things like pharmacare. I want Canada to reap the benefits

other countries enjoy, including higher voter turnout, diversity in representation, healthier citizens, increased social trust, stronger economies, and environmental stewardship.

These benefits derive from relatively stable proportional power sharing election to election between parties. This supports enduring harmonious collaborations rather than unending discordant competition.

Please make your first priority voting for a candidate who supports electoral reform with proportional representation.

Nancy Carswell
Shellbrook, Sask.

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Report from the Legislature

Saskatchewan is well-positioned for a strong economic recovery from COVID-19.

BHP has announced a \$7.5 billion investment in the Jansen potash mine, the single largest private sector investment in Saskatchewan's history. This will create 3,500 jobs during peak construction and offer 600 permanent full-time jobs while producing 4.35 million tonnes of potash per year.

Cargill has also announced that their new \$350 million canola processing facility will be constructed at the Global Transportation Hub, west of Regina. With a target open date of 2024, the processing facility will add 50 full-time jobs and support our government's Growth Plan goal of crushing 75 per cent of the canola grown here in Saskatchewan.

These projects build on other exciting announcements that will add value to the products we produce, create local jobs, and support economic growth. These include Richardson International doubling their canola crush capacity in Yorkton; Viterra building of the world's largest integrated canola crush plant outside Regina; and Ceres investing \$350 million to build a canola crush facility in Northgate. Red Leaf Pulp Ltd. has also announced a \$350 million wheat straw-based pulp mill for Regina while Brandt Group of Companies announced plans to hire 1,000 new employees with half of those new hires to occur in Saskatchewan.

S&P Global Ratings recently affirmed Saskatchewan's credit rating at AA with a stable outlook in a recent report. All three major rating agencies have now updated their credit rating and outlook for Saskatchewan following the 2021-22 Budget, and we continue to have the second-highest overall credit rating among Canadian provinces.

We are pleased that the major rating agencies continue to have confidence in our gov-

ernment's fiscal and budgetary approach, despite the significant challenges posed by the global COVID-19 pandemic. The S&P report states that "we expect that with the resumption of economic growth, the province's revenues will begin to recover, and its fiscal results will materially improve in the next two years." The report adds that "Saskatchewan's creditworthiness is supported by what we view as the province's strong financial management ... With respect to revenue and expenditure management, the government has historically demonstrated a willingness to take corrective steps to control spending to offset revenue volatility. Debt and liquidity management policies and practices are prudent and risk

averse."

S&P also noted that economic reopening and higher commodity prices should help Saskatchewan's economic rebound gain traction through the remainder of 2021.

Saskatchewan has one of the most competitive business environments in all of Canada, and we continue to be leaders in the nation in our key sectors of oil and gas, forestry, agriculture, manufacturing, and others.

Manufacturing sales are trending upwards with a 61 per cent (seasonally-adjusted) jump in sales in June of 2021 compared to June 2020, the second highest increase among provinces. Manufacturing sales were valued at over \$1.7 billion.

Monthly sales saw June 2021 increase by 7.5 per cent compared to May 2021 (seasonally-adjusted), the highest increase among provinces.

Nationally, manufacturing sales grew by 20 per cent, year over year.

June 2021 wholesale trade also recorded a seasonally adjusted increase of 2.5 per cent year over year. The value of Saskatchewan wholesale trade for June was approximately \$2.4 billion.

As we continue to transition back to normal life,



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Vaccines are now widely accessible in every part of the province, so if you haven't done so already, I strongly encourage you to get vaccinated.

There are no COVID-19 vaccines approved for children under 12. All those who are eligible are encouraged to be fully vaccinated to afford these groups the best circle of protection possible.

As students of all ages return to class, school divisions have been working with local medical health officers to tailor back-to-school plans based on local circumstances, vaccination rates, case counts, and other factors. This flexibility allows local boards the ability to develop plans that are best for them.

At minimum, it is recommended that children under the age of 12, unvaccinated teachers and unvaccinated support staff wear masks in common spaces such as hall-

ways, washrooms, lunchrooms, libraries, and school buses. While there may be some circumstances where students can socially distance or remove masks, these decisions are best made by local divisions in consultation with local medical health officers.

As always, if you have questions, comments, concerns, or require assistance with provincial government programs or services, please contact our Constituency Office.

we are looking to limit the spread of COVID-19 without imposing widespread public health orders and restrictions, as was necessary before vaccines were widely available.

New COVID cases and serious outcomes from those cases are now overwhelmingly among unvaccinated individuals. Getting vaccinated remains the most important step you can take to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

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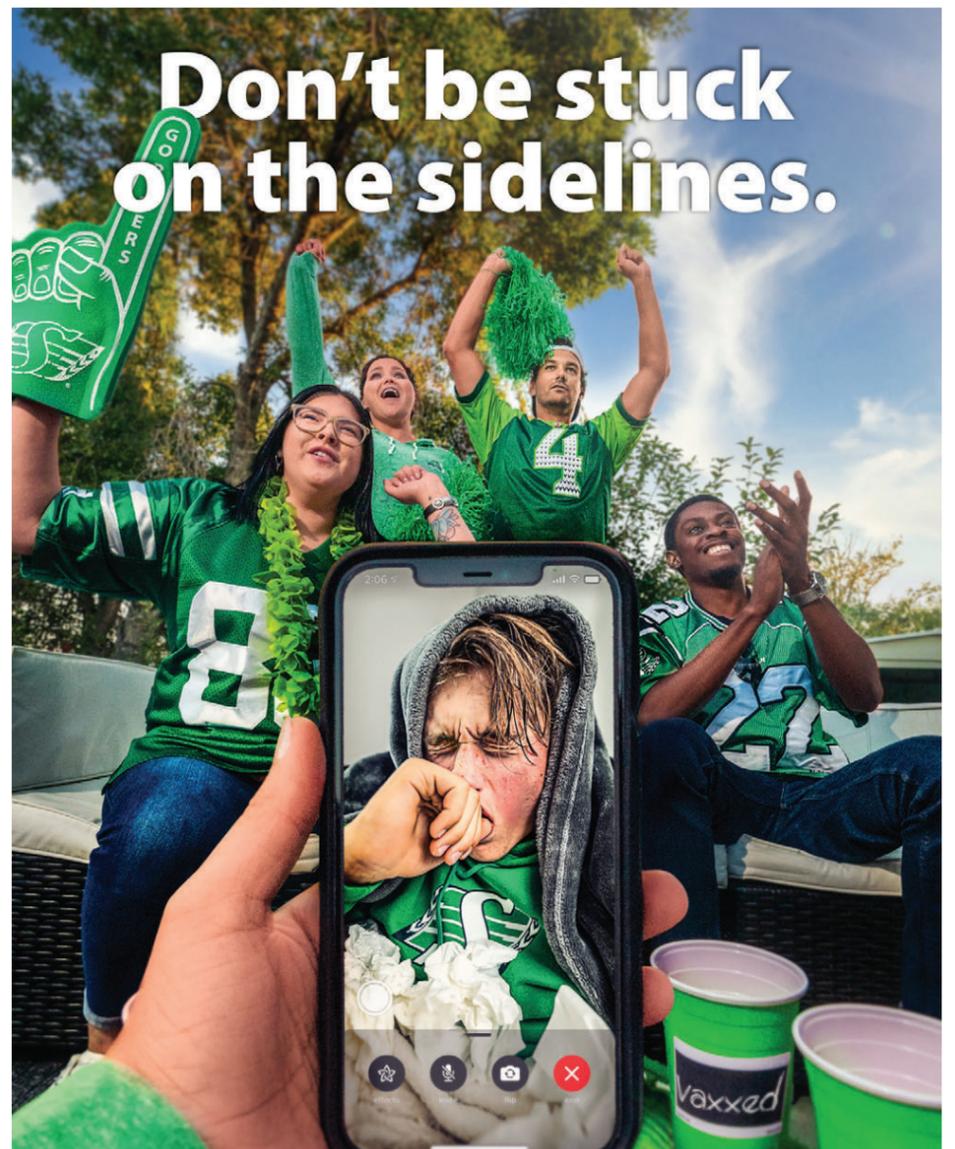
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Hoback grills up funds for swimming pool

For the second straight summer, Randy Hoback, the Conservative incumbent for the riding of Prince Albert, and his team spent early August grilling for a good cause.

Accompanied by colleague and Desnethé-Mississippi-Churchill River incumbent Gary Vidal, Hoback and his team stopped in Shell-

brook on Aug. 14, where, along with local volunteers from Shellbrook's Town Council, they were serving up burgers and hot dogs for the Shellbrook Swimming Pool.

Hoback says the idea to host these fundraiser barbecues in communities throughout the riding came from a drive-thru fish fry hosted by

the Prince Albert Legion in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Recognizing that local charities were having trouble fundraising due to public health guidelines, Hoback decided to do his part to help out.

"They go over really well, and the nice thing about it is that the money stays local. We're not looking for any type of political contribution," Hoback said, giving credit to the volunteers who came out to help the cause.

"At the end of the day, the burgers probably end up costing \$20 each instead of \$2, because people like to come and support local initiatives."

Hoback's first community barbecue in Shellbrook, which raised funds for the new seats at the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre, grilled up \$2,076.95. This summer, with the Shellbrook Swimming Pool selected as the worthy cause and a scorching hot day to contend with, the community

barbecue raised about \$1,100.

Calling successful community fundraisers like these "feel good" events, Hoback says what he enjoys most about them is the chance to get out and meet his constituents, listen to their concerns, and keep his finger on the pulse of what's happening throughout the riding.

With Saskatchewan having spent the past year-and-a-half in varying degrees of lockdown, Hoback adds that events like these are even more important, because they give friends and neighbours a chance to reconnect and rebuild community spirit.

"When you can bring people together safely, and let them visit and



Gary Vidal, Conservative incumbent for Desnethé-Mississippi-Churchill River, joined Hoback at the barbecue and spent time listening to constituents.

talk, it builds more community spirit. That's got to be healthy," Hoback said.

"I still remember the days of fall suppers in every community in every hall in rural parts of Saskatchewan. I sense in this next generation there's a real strong desire to see that happen again. Whatever we can do to support that, we're glad to do it."

Regardless of whether the era of fall suppers and large community gathering returns, Hoback is clear on one thing: he doesn't want these community barbecues to stop.

"Next year may be the Senior's Centre, or whatever seems to be the project. They're going over very well and people like them, so I plan on sticking with them if I'm re-elected."

Hoback's community barbecue wasn't the only fundraiser held for the Shellbrook Swimming Pool this summer.

The pool's lifeguards also volunteered their time to host a pair of night swims and raise money for pool equipment, like life jackets and pool toys.

The first night swim, held on July 17, raised \$1,000 for the cause.



Randy Hoback, Conservative incumbent for Prince Albert, chats with Shellbrook Town Councillor Bruce Clements during a community barbecue to raise funds for the Shellbrook Swimming Pool.

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Dated August 27, 2021
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Election has real implications for agriculture

A question that has to be in the minds of many in the agriculture sector is how to make their concerns a priority in the middle of a federal election.

While the sector is still a significant one in terms of foreign trade, and as an economic driver, the number of votes associated with agriculture, especially in terms of primary production, continues to shrink.

The number of voters is important because a bigger block of potential votes has greater impact in terms of having politi-

cal parties focusing attention on issues of importance to those voters.

Of course, there are two types of issues for the farm sector.

The first is direct needs related.

At present that need tends to be focused on the drought, and how the federal parties would help address the impact if elected.

There are other direct issues too, that are perhaps not being as broadly discussed including federal help in terms of ensuring access to foreign markets and how



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to best have the people of Canada invest in crop research to ensure development of new crop varieties.

While such issues are not exactly hot topic items for this election,

others that are being much discussed have significant interest for the agriculture sector even if they are not seen as sector issues.

Leading the list would be the idea of carbon taxes.

Such taxes have an impact on farmers, and how each party will handle the tax has to be something farm sector voters are listening to very closely.

The carbon tax is related to the environment for many, and while some may not agree with the current form of the

tax, farmers should also be concerned with party policies which focus on a sustainable environment that can sustain farming long term. How the parties propose to do that should be something farmers are looking at closely.

Tied into the idea of carbon taxes and the environment is the issue of oil and gas production, and the idea of pipelines to better distribute the resource across Canada and for export.

Certainly a more prosperous oil and gas sector is good news for provin-

cial governments and that can lead to better agriculture investments.

Pipelines might also hold oil and gas prices lower which is good news for the agriculture sector, including the crucial area of fertilizer production.

So while the words farming and agriculture might not be in as many election speeches as the sector might like, there are still important issues related to agriculture for rural voters to be listening closely to and deliberating on as they decide who's best to vote for.

Big Hole tourney scores big for Hidden Hills

How do you tell if a golf tournament's successful?

In the case of the Shellbrook Bigway Big Hole tournament, which was held at the Hidden Hills of Shellbrook Golf Course over the weekend, the proof is in the fact that people have already been calling to make sure they can take part next year.

"That just doesn't happen," general manager Larry Ritchie said, calling the Big Hole tournament the "most fun day" at the golf course every year.

"It proves what a great time it is and what a great job [Shellbrook Bigway] do sponsoring it."

With a near-perfect day for

golf, this year's tournament saw a full contingent of 28 teams, or 112 golfers, come out to have fun, play for prizes and enjoy some good food. As title sponsor, Shellbrook Bigway handled everything from the prizes to the lunch, the chicken supper, and the free burgers on Hole #5.

All Hidden Hills had to do was make two salads, and reap the rewards of another great tournament. This year, once all the proceeds from alcohol sales, entry fees, draws, games and contests, and donations are factored in, those rewards are in excess of \$10,000.

All of these funds, Ritchie says, will go right back into

improving the golf course.

"We're always trying to make the golf course better, and there are always projects," Ritchie said, giving credit to Matt Harris and his ground-keeping team for the work they do to keep the course in tip-top shape.

"We've spent a lot of money on expanding the parking lot, and we've still got some fences to build around there. We also built a new maintenance shop this year, and that was expensive."

While the Shellbrook Bigway Big Hole Tournament is more about fun than competition, there are still a handful of performance-based prizes to go

around. The foursome of Brendon Canaday, Dylan Smith, Brett Mason, and Sheridan Folden earned the low team prize, while the quartet of Chézanne Shewchuk, Lisa Karpinen, Nicole Erb, and Jayde Gouldhawke was crowned the most honest team.

Shewchuk also took the ladies' closest to the pin on Hole #3, alongside Jerad Buckingham on the men's side, while Gayle Draper and Dorin Canaday had the longest women's and men's drives on Hole #6.

Though the dust has barely settled on the Big Hole tournament, Hidden Hills is already preparing for its upcoming two-person cash bash on Sat-

urday, Sept. 11. Like the Big Hole tournament it's already full up, continuing a trend of what has been a very busy season at Hidden Hills.

Giving more credit to Harris and his grounds crew, Ritchie says the pristine condition of the golf course helps make it a big draw.

"We've been way luckier than most other golf courses, where we've had a reasonable supply of water," he said.

"Everybody that comes through the Shellbrook golf course says it's the best greens of anywhere, and in the best shape of any other golf course they've played. That's huge for us."

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Three running in Shellbrook by-election

It's back to the polls again for residents of the Town of Shellbrook, after three nominees threw their names in the hat to fill town council's vacant councillor seat.

The seat was left vacant by former councillor John Hughes, who resigned to focus on his health.

Running for the single seat are Peter Halayka, David Knight, and Donovan Kultgen.

Halayka has been a resident of Shellbrook since 2011, and, though he's now retired, has an extensive career history in fire protection services and building inspection. From 2007 to 2019, he operated his own building inspection company, serving numerous municipalities, including Shellbrook.

Knight, meanwhile, settled in Shellbrook in December 2010 and worked for more than 40 years in the forestry sector. He also served as a town councillor from 2013 until earlier this year, when he resigned to focus on his recovery from a stroke he suffered in August 2020.

Lastly, 40-year-old Kultgen moved to Shellbrook with his family in 2014, just one year after he concluded 15 years of service in the military. He is employed as a Health, Safety, and Environmental Advisor to a company in the Oilsands, and serves on the board of directors for Happy Hearts Child-

care Centre.

Now that the nominations window has closed, election day is set for Wednesday, Sept. 29, with ballots being cast at the Shellbrook Community Hall. An advanced poll date has been set for noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25 at the Scout Hall by the Shellbrook Swimming Pool.

The town will also be accepting mail-in ballots.

The Town of Shellbrook isn't the only municipality that's looking to fill a vacant seat at the council table. The Village of Canwood is looking for a councillor (nominations end Sept. 15), and so are the Village of Medstead (nomination deadline is Sept. 8), and the Town of Blaine Lake (deadline is Sept. 15).

The R.M. of Big River, meanwhile, is accepting nominations for the Reeve's seat (nominations close Sept. 8).

Ahenakew's death accidental, finds inquest jury

The public inquest into the 2018 death of Brennan Ahenakew-Johnstone concluded last Thursday, with the jury agreeing with the RCMP's conclusion that the 20-year-old's death was accidental.

But though the testimonies given by investigators and key witnesses offered no grounds for the six-person jury to suspect foul play, that didn't stop it from making a number of key recommendations to the RCMP.

Chief among the recommendations, the jury found that the Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook RCMP detachment needs more staff, more vehicles, and more resources to ensure that staffing and vehicle shortages don't delay future investigations.

After many inquest witnesses had difficulty recalling the details of May 10, 2018, the jury also called for RCMP officers and investigators to be better prepared when called to testify, encouraging them to bring notes and review reports before appearing so they can adequately answer any questions.

Calling the outcome of the inquest "disappointing," Brennan's family members said they were happy it was held.

"I never got my hopes up for this process to give me some sort of re-opening of the case or anything like that," Lisa Johnstone, Brennan's mother, told reporters following the inquest's conclusion. "It was more of a closure of a chapter for me in my life. For three long, dark years, I've lived in the shadow of my son's death in trying to find justice and for my voice to be heard in regards to how I feel our people are treated."

Though the jury found Brennan's death to be accidental based on expert testimony from SGI collision experts and RCMP investigators, who said it was "highly unlikely" the vehicle fire was deliberately set, non-police witnesses testified to a night of partying at a residence on the Ahtahkakoop First Nation. Those witnesses also testified that Brennan and another witness, Diamond Knife, got into a fight that left both of them bloodied and bruised.

Brennan's body was found in his blackened 2002 Pontiac Grand Am, which had caught on fire and come to a stop in a bushy area on the Ahtahkakoop First Nation, late the next day.

The Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook RCMP detachment initially received a complaint about a burning vehicle early that morning but the officer who responded, Cpl. Shayne Brown, testified that he did not search the vehicle due to the danger posed by the ongoing fire. Cpl. Brown also testified that he had planned to return to the scene later on, but was prevented from doing so because there weren't enough vehicles for all the on-duty officers.

Officers only returned to the scene later on in the day, after receiving missing persons reports and information that there may be human remains in the vehicle.

According to RCMP Identification specialist and forensic anthropologist S/S/Cst. Ernest Walker, who testified at the inquest, the high heat and duration of the fire made it difficult to identify the remains. Only 30 kilograms of remains were collected by investigators from the

scene, and much of Brennan's body and skin were gone.

Meanwhile, forensic pathologist Shaun Ladhams testified that he found soot inside the lungs of Ahenakew-Johnstone, indicating he was alive and breathing inside the car at the time of the fire.

Ahenakew-Johnstone was described as six-foot, three inches, and 250 pounds. A toxicology report shows that he had traces of cannabis in his system and an extremely high blood alcohol level of 371 mg, and Ladhams also testified that there was no sign of injury to the body from natural or unnatural causes or trauma.

Following their investigation, police ruled Brennan's death an accident.

On Jan. 24, 2019, the coroner released a report supporting the RCMP's conclusion that Brennan died of "smoke inhalation and burns due to a single vehicle collision and subsequent fire."

For Glenn Johnstone, Brennan's great-uncle, it remains clear that Brennan's death should have been ruled a homicide, and that the RCMP didn't consider an Indigenous person's death a priority.

He's calling on more oversights to be put in place to ensure all investigations are conducted professionally.

"Oversight would make people more accountable and would help prevent stuff like that from happening, but the jury can't recommend so much; they can only recommend how [to] prevent a death," he said.

"There's a lot of racism behind this," he added. "I don't want to whine and cry about that, but it is what it's about."

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AFFECTED LANDS

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REASON

The reason for the amendment is to accommodate a request to subdivide a yard from the balance of the quarter.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

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PUBLIC HEARING

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Dave Knight for Shellbrook Town Council

My name is Dave Knight, and I am once again seeking your support as I run for Shellbrook's Town Council.

For those who don't know me, my wife and I moved to the town of Shellbrook in December 2010. We have lived in Chase, Hope and Vernon, BC, High Prairie and Slave Lake, AB, and Meadow Lake and Shellbrook, SK.

Having retired after a long career in the forestry sector, I am a business manager with 40+ years of progressive, innovative, and cost-effective management leadership, primarily in Western Canada. For much of this time, I focused on Government Relations leading to partnerships with Crown Corporations, Indigenous Nations and Municipal entities.

After settling down in Shellbrook, I served as a town councillor from 2013 to 2021. My term on council, which I enjoyed immensely, was cut short when I suffered a stroke August 2020. I resigned to be able to focus on my recovery, and I am happy to say I am now fully recovered and looking forward to once again serving the people of Shellbrook.

If elected to rejoin council, my goal will be to serve the ratepayers and customers of the town of Shellbrook through a new open approach to communication founded on a collaboratively built, results-based, and best practices-driven strategic plan.

I will support a cultural shift in the way we do "the business of Shellbrook," benchmark

municipal best practices, push for a customer-focused organizational redesign, redesign the town's strategic planning and approach to government relations, recreate a suitable framework for tax paying new business opportunities, and encourage the town to support the local businesses that are the economic backbone of the community.



I will also strive to make money available for urban renewal, attract new business in town, and work towards immediate tax reduc-

tions for all residents.

For more information about me, or to share your thoughts and concerns, contact me at 306-714-7130.

Peter Halayka for Shellbrook Town Council

I, Peter William Halayka, resident of the Town of Shellbrook since 2011, wish to officially announce my candidacy for a position as a Councillor in the upcoming Town of Shellbrook election.

I was born in 1949 and raised in the City of Prince Albert. I completed elementary school at St. Michael's school and high school at P.A. Technical High School (now Carlton High School) and graduated with an award in Electricity. During my years in high school I drove school busses to and from school around the City of Prince Albert and city busses evenings and weekends for P.A. Northern Bus Lines.

After high school I took training as a firefighter/fire inspector, worked for the Prince Albert Fire Department from 1969 to 1980 as a firefighter and fire inspection officer for the City of Prince Albert.

From 1980 to 1982 I worked as a Fire Protection Coordinator for Northern Saskatchewan and worked out of La Ronge, Sask. I organized fire departments in all Northern Saskatchewan communities, trained the firefighters, conducted fire inspections

and investigations as required. I then worked for the Saskatchewan Fire Commissioners office from 1982 to 1993. I was then the Building/Fire Inspector for the City of Prince Albert from 1993 to 2007. I operated my own building inspection company for numerous municipalities, including Shellbrook, from 2007 to 2019 when I retired.

I was previously a member of the P.A. Lions club and the High noon

Optimist club in Prince Albert and a board member for the Shellbrook Housing Authority.

As a resident of Shellbrook, I find the town to be well managed and maintained. As a councillor I would like to be a part of the decisions that are made to maintain the town, and will work to improve municipal roads and water.

Please support me with your vote in the upcoming election.



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- Manage the daily maintenance of the condo.
- Ensure grass / grounds care is done on a regular basis as required. Grass / grounds care includes but is not limited to: watering, fertilizing, cutting, whipper snipping, cleaning of excess grass clippings from decks and lawn surfaces, aeration, weed control and any other maintenance required. Condo will provide fertilizer and weed control products as required.
- Ensure snow removal is done from all driveways, walkways, front and back decks, as well as providing access to the garbage and recycle bins. Snow removal includes but is not limited to: clearing of driveways, walkways and front & back decks. Walkway access to garbage & recycle bins. Snow removal from roof if accumulation dictates that is necessary. Any other climatic conditions that arise.
- Ensure the garbage and recycle bins emptied on a regular basis and monitor for non-compliant use.
- Ensure underground sprinklers are functioning properly. Blowout winterizing in fall and reactivation in spring.
- Maintain outside taps and repair leaks.
- Clean and maintain eavestrough regularly including removal of fold downs in fall and installation in spring.
- Ensure outside windows are cleaned, spring and fall. Monitor and maintain the proper function of all doors and windows and other outside amenities.
- Ensure all air conditioning units are cleaned and serviced annually and are functioning properly.
- Ensure roof vents, shingles etc are in good condition and repaired or replaced if necessary.
- Look after any outside extermination required. Inside pest removal or extermination is the responsibility of the Condo Owners. Manager may assist in contacting professionals if required.
- Work required may be contracted out if a professional is required but all such contracts are to be approved by the Condo Board prior to any work being commenced. With any work that is contracted out, the Manager will have to ensure it is done in a timely and cost effective manner.
- All inside work is the responsibility of the Condo Owner.
- Compensation to be determined.

Proposals should be emailed to:

Dona Bedi - Secretary bedi@sasktel.net

Jim Bedi - Interim Manager jamb60@gmail.com

All questions should be directed to Jim at 1-306-841-7761

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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 at the Spiritwood Civic Centre on June 23, 2021 at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

Neil Gaboury entered the council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Neil provided an update with projects completed and ongoing with the public works department, as well as the updates with the water line repairs on the 100 block of first street east and second street east.

Neil Gaboury left the council meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Bedi: That the Accounts for Approval, Cheque No. 31520 to 31537 and on-line payment #423 in the amount of \$26,735.98 be approved as presented. Seconded by Kiera Andres. Carried.

Wingerter: That we approve the 2021 Operating & Capital Budget as presented. Seconded by Ragnar Latus. Carried.

Wingerter: That Bylaw No. 535/21, a bylaw to control and regulate the water and wastewater utilities, be read a first time. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

Andres: That Bylaw No. 535/21, a bylaw to control and regulate the water and wastewater utilities, be read a second time. Seconded by Jim Bedi. Carried.

(Editor's note: The bylaw was given three readings and adopted)

Nemish: That we rescind Policy No. 1 Sanitary Sewer Connections, as it has been replaced through Bylaw No. 535/21 known as the Utility Management Bylaw. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Wingerter: That we rescind Policy No. 2 Construction, Maintenance, Repair & Replacement, as it has been replaced through Bylaw No. 535/21 known as the Utility Management Bylaw. Seconded by Brad Nemish. Carried.

Wingerter: Whereas the Town Council appointment to the Spiritwood Library Board is vacant, we appoint Kiera Andres as the town representative for the remainder of the 2021 year. Seconded by Brad Nemish. Carried.

Wingerter: That we do not accommodate the request for funds towards the Marion Aquatics Swimming Pool Fundraiser. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

Latus: That we approve Postcard Portables to advertise a Bodnarus Auctioneering 5ft x 10ft Sign in Spiritwood north of the Esso along the west side of the highway, at a cost of \$42 plus GST for a 1 month term in 2021. Seconded by

Kiera Andres. Carried.

Wingerter: That we approve the temporary closure of the following street within the Town of Spiritwood for the Spiritwood Volunteer Fire Department to host a street dance on Saturday, August 14, 2021; Main Street from the first back alley south of Railway Avenue to First Avenue from 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 14, 2021 until 3 a.m. on Sunday, August 15, 2021. This temporary street closure will include the intersection of First Avenue and Main Street to accommodate the semi trailer for the band and foot traffic/line-ups into the event. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

Nemish: That we support Spiritwood Area, Recreation Culture & Sport Inc. application submission June 25, 2021 to Canada Healthy Communities Initiatives for SARCS SAD SAAC Ball Diamond Restoration project. Seconded by Kiera Andres. Carried.

Wingerter: That we approve the proposed plan from the Sask. Health Authority to repair their water service line, with the condition of providing two days notice and working in conjunction with the Town Foreman; Whereas, the Town will provide temporary water supply from the Town Water Treatment

Plant during the repairs. Seconded by Ragnar Latus. Carried.

Councillor Jim Bedi left the council meeting at 8:22 p.m.

That we approve the proposal from the Spiritwood Golf Course to load and haul the leftover mulch from the Town Square project, approximately two loads to the RV Park Location, in exchange for a \$100 donation to the Town Square.

Councillor Jim Bedi re-entered the council meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Wingerter: That we approve the quote from Armtec to purchase culverts and hardware at a cost of \$1673.30 plus taxes. Seconded by Jim Bedi. Carried.

Bedi: That Bylaw No. 540/21, a bylaw to provide for mill rate, be read a first time. Seconded by Ragnar Latus. Carried.

Bedi: That Bylaw No. 541/21, a bylaw to establish mill rate factors, be read a first time. Seconded by Brad Nemish. Carried.

(Editor's note: Both bylaws were unanimously given three readings and adopted by council)

Latus: That this meeting be adjourned at 8:28 p.m. Seconded by Kiera Andres. Carried.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPIRITWOOD: Wapiti Regional Library - Tuesday 9 am - 5 pm; Wednesday 9 am - 5 pm; Friday 9 am - 5 pm

LEOVILLE: Wapiti Regional Library - Wednesday 10 am - 4 pm; Thursday 10 am - 3 pm

SHELL LAKE: Wapiti Regional Library - Tuesday 12:30 pm - 4 pm; Wednesday 12:30 pm - 4 pm

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

BIG RIVER: Wapiti Library - 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. Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm; Thursday 10 am - 4 pm; Friday 12 pm - 4 pm.

DEBDEN: Wapiti Library hours: Tuesday 10 am - 3 pm; Wednesday 3 pm - 7 pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon

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

MARCELIN: Wapiti Library - 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: 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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Shellbrook Library looks forward to Fall Programming

By Dian Campbell

As summer programming winds down and schools open again, the Shellbrook Public Library is once again offering in-library programming. The library has been taking part in both virtual and take-home programs but is ready to once again offer these in person.

Story Time for ages 2-6 will begin on Friday, Sept. 10 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., featuring stories, music, activities, and crafts.

Our Sensory Exploration Room is ready to go, offering a great opportunity for children to play and learn using their senses. Parents must accompany their children and call the Library to book a time.

After School Programming will begin with Library Makerspace on Monday, Sept. 13 and 27 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Play, create and learn using S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

L.E.G.O. Club: We are

looking for and adult willing to help with our L.E.G.O. Club every second Monday from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Do your kids like to build? Call the Library for more information. 306-747-3419

Evening Book Club: Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. Come and share what you have been reading.

Afternoon Book Club: Friday, Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. This month's book 'American Dirt' by Jeanine Cummins. Copies are available at the library.



Ava Naber enjoys the Pirate Scavenger Hunt activity kit.



Raelynne and Elijah Klumpenower pick up their Summer Reading Club prize.

Votto boosts hall of fame credentials

Larry Walker and Ferguson Jenkins are almost guaranteed to have some Canadian company in baseball's Hall of Fame a few years from now.

Toronto's Joey Votto nearly guaranteed election to the fabled Hall by surpassing the 2,000-hit mark in a mid-August game for the Cincinnati Reds, and showing no signs of slowing down.

Next stop: 3,000 hits? Anyone who amasses 3,000 hits is a shoo-in for Cooperstown but even if the 38-year-old Votto falls short of 3,000, he has the credentials in other categories — particularly the important on-base percentage, in which he was the NL leader seven years in a 10-year span — to one day share space in the hallowed Hall with baseball's all-time greats. (A story in *The Athletic* says the only other major leaguers to lead their league in OBP seven times or more are Ted Williams, Babe Ruth, Rogers Hornsby, Barry Bonds and Ty Cobb ... not

too shabby a list to join.)

Votto, who will turn 38 in September, needs only about 150 more hits to surpass Walker as the most prolific Canadian hitter in Major League Baseball history. That should be no problem, considering the Reds' first baseman discovered something in his approach to hitting earlier this year that should bode well for two or three more years of stardom for the Reds.

The 2021 season has been one of Votto's best, at a time when it appeared his skills were diminishing and his career might be winding down. With 28 home runs in mid-August (17 in his first 33 games after the all-star break), Votto was on pace to surpass his career high for dingers — 37 in 2010. He smacked 36 homers in 2017, but then slipped to 12, 15 and 11 over the next three seasons.

Votto was struggling in similar fashion late last year until he completely revamped his approach



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to hitting, and the results were almost immediately apparent. A *Sports Illustrated* story says Votto's average was an anemic .191 last August when he "did not just tweak his setup and approach at the plate. He overhauled it." Since then, his numbers have been sensational. His slugging stats trail only four of the game's best young stars — Fernando Tatis Jr., Shohei Ohtani, Ronald Acuña Jr. and Vladimir Guerrero Jr. — and earlier this year he belted a homer in seven straight games, one shy of the MLB record.

The Reds were wise to

sign Votto to a 10-year contract seven years ago, meaning he's tied up for 2022, 2023 and 2024. By then, not only will he have sailed past Walker to be the all-time No. 1 Canadian hit leader, but he'll have an unobstructed path to Cooperstown, N.Y.

• Pre-round trash talk from golfer Phil Mickelson, prior to a practice round with journeymen Harry Higgs and Keith Mitchell, saying he'd be using a ball with a logo of himself on it: "It's from when I won the Masters. What are you guys using?"

• Jay Hart of Yahoo.com, on what former Detroit Lion QB Matthew Stafford is out to prove now that he's a member of the Los Angeles Rams: "That he's a Tier 1 QB when given the keys to something with a little more pizzazz than a Ford Taurus."

• Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hamp-

ton, Va.): "So after three hours of tailgating in the Las Vegas sun, alcohol-fueled Raiders fans will be asked to show proof of COVID vaccination before entering the stadium. What could go wrong with that?"

• Columnist Norman Chad, on Twitter: "I love the Field of Dreams concept, I love the Field of Dreams buildup, I love the Field of Dreams setting, but then.... It's just another MLB game that takes forever to get from a 1-0 count to a 2-2 count."

• Phil Mushnick of the *New York Post*: "How I know I've recovered from a head injury: 1) short-term memory has returned, 2) long-term memory has returned, 3) short-term memory has returned."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "The Jacksonville Jaguars cut Tim Tebow after his comeback attempt as a tight end. It turns out as a tight end, Tebow was a tremendous

baseball player."

• Kaseberg again: "A tissue that a tearful Lionel Messi wiped his nose with in his press conference to announce he is leaving Barcelona, sold at auction for \$ 1 million. This brings new meaning to blowing your money."

• Scott Ostler of *San Francisco Chronicle*, in a pre-game tweet to allay concerns to fans about the 49ers' rookie quarterback: "Trey Lance playing catch pre-game. He's 14-for-14!"

• RJ Currie of *sports-deke.com*: "My sister-in-law's terrier will bark when it sees baseball on TV. Honest. Except when the Orioles are on; then it rolls over and plays dead."

• Headline at *fark.com* after tennis starts shuts down his season due to foot surgery: "Rafael Nadal ends his 2021 season due to foot fault."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Schools begin year with indoor masking

When K-12 students and staff in the coverage area of the *Shellbrook Chronicle* and *Spiritwood Herald* returned to the classroom this week, it was with masking mandates in place.

The week prior to the return to classes, the Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division (SRPSD), the Prairie Spirit School Division (PSSD), the Living Sky School Division (LSSD), and the Light of Christ Catholic Schools (LCCS) each sent out letters to parents and school staff advising of the policy.

While the SRPSD, LSSD, and LCCS have opted for indoor masking across the board, including students and teachers from Kindergarten to Grade 12, and all school staff, the PSSD is only requiring indoor masking for elementary school students born after 2010 and all connected school staff.

Where all four school divisions agree, is that masks will be required on all school buses. They won't, however, be required for outdoor activities (though, students and staff can choose to wear them, if they feel more comfortable).

"The added layer of protection provided by masks indoors will allow extracurricular clubs, sports, and activities to resume with appropriate protocols and enable parents to re-

turn to some in-person connections in schools," the SRPSD said in a press release.

The full details of each school division's back-to-school plan are available on their respective websites. These plans will be reviewed on an ongoing basis, and revised in consideration of the experiences of students, families, staff. They will rely on local Health advice and data related to transmission risk, case rates, vaccine rates, and local epidemiological evidence.

In the meantime, the school divisions say they are making contingency plans should a hybrid or remote learning approach be required, and are encouraging families to prepare for such a possibility as well. Public Health will also still conduct case investigations and be communicating with parents and schools where necessary.

Lastly, students and families are reminded to continue to be diligent in performing daily health screening, staying home if ill, calling the Health-Line at 811 if exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, practicing proper hand hygiene, maintaining physical distancing as much as possible, wearing a mask when appropriate, and doing everything we can to keep each other safe.

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OBITUARIES

Craig Alistair "Ali" Booker

BOOKER: Craig Alistair "Ali" (Oct 5, 1941 – June 30, 2021)

After many years disconnected from his family & community of origin, Craig "Ali" Booker passed away in Coquitlam, BC. Although he had chosen not to remain in contact with family & local friends, it has been discovered he continued to subscribe to the "Shellbrook Chronicle", & followed the lives of many family & friends. Over decades, his family used phone books, the internet, & other sources to try to find him, with no luck.

Family became aware of his location & death

through the B.C. Office of Guardians & Trustees. We have learned Craig/"Ali" lived a very humble, reclusive life, frequenting libraries, shelters, & soup kitchens. It seemed he had a core of friends whose lives resembled his own. His small suite was filled with books & many documents, reflecting a simple lifestyle, but with hopes of travel.

As family, we have chosen to bring Ali "home". A small family gathering will take place Sat., Sept. 4, 2021 at the Sturgeon River Cemetery, 1:00pm, where Ali's remains will be buried near family & commu-

nity members. Anyone interested in joining the informal memorial is invited. He is predeceased by his parents, Frank & Grace, & all his siblings: Kay, Bill, Margaret (Peg), Keith (Corky), Norma, Terry.

As we continue to put the puzzle pieces of Ali's life together, the family would greatly appreciate any stories, memories, or information you may have about our Uncle's life. He was missed for many years! Please contact:

Pam Booker: pobooker@sasktel.net, or Box 410, Christopher Lake, SK SOJ ONO. Many thanks!

Shelley May Nichol

NICHOL – Shelley May
June 17, 1962 – July 23, 2021

Shelley was born on June 17, 1962 in North Battleford, SK and passed away peacefully on July 23, 2021 after a lengthy battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) surrounded by the love of her family.

Shelley leaves a legacy of love and laughter and will be greatly missed by her son Zachary and

his wife Linda Grace, her mom Gloria (Verbonac) Nichol, her brothers Barry (Sharon) and Kevin, her niece Chelsea Turlock (Zak) and nephew Taylor Nichol and their mom Christine (Dwayne) and many great friends.

Shelley was predeceased by her grandparents Angela and Joseph Verbonac, Sam and May Nichol, uncles Gerald and Gilbert Verbonac and aunt Cynthia Verbonac Sigurdson, cousin Celeste and aunty Claudette Verbonac, uncle Keith Hummerstone and her father Sam (Glenn) Nichol.

Shelley graduated from O'Neill High School in 1980, worked at McDonalds, Degelmans, Regina Exhibition and Sasktel which became Westbridge and then ISM. Shelley graduated from

the University of Regina with a Software Analyst diploma and continued at ISM for approximately 25 years. Shelley loved her holidays in Mexico, Las Vegas, the Bahamas, Hawaii, Cuba and Orlando, Florida, and the numerous concerts she attended with friends and family. In May of 2019 Shelley was diagnosed with ALS. The news was devastating to her and her family, but this did not deter her from living each day with a big loving smile.

Shelley was always a loving and generous person, although her battle with ALS ended; she was able to give the gift of life through organ donations. Shelley encourages everyone to sign up to be an organ donor.

Interment in Leask Cemetery on September 5, 2021.

Janice Marian Mennie

MENNIE – Janice Marian
1946 - 2021

Janice Demro married her love, Wayne Mennie, 56 years ago. They started their life together in Edmonton and then Beaverlodge, AB, where they became a family of 4, with daughter, Denise and son, Bob. In 1976 they moved back to the Mennie family farm near Parkside, SK, where they have resided ever since.

Jan was a hardworking and successful woman. She played an active and important role in both their grain farming and leafcutter bee businesses. She and Wayne spent many years traveling between the farm in Canada and their leafcutter bee business stationed in Nampa, Idaho. Jan was always busy as cook, farm labourer, book-

keeper, and manager of all things!

But her favourite title and role in life was that of "Nan". Her three granddaughters, Taya, Jillian, and Leah, meant the world to her. You could see the joy and love in her beautiful blue eyes whenever she spoke of her "girls". She loved that her "girls". She loved that their little farm girls made their home right next door to Nan. She adored spending time with the girls, and together they built precious memories and traditions.

Jan enjoyed and excelled at crafting scrapbooking, pottery, baking, and cooking. She enjoyed music and was a fan of sports, especially baseball and tennis. She loved camping and traveling in their motorhome. She had fantastic style and was a very generous gift-giver. She could tell great stories and loved to visit. She knew how to love, and was well-loved in return.

Jan lived with COPD for many years. She inspired us with her strength and will to live. But, with no cure for this disease, her health declined over the last few years. Her daughter, Denise, and the home care

nurses provided such wonderful care to Jan which allowed her to stay in her own home to the end.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Jan "Nan" will be forever cherished, loved, and missed by her family.

Husband: Wayne Mennie; Daughter: Denise Mennie; Son and Daughter-in-law: Bob and Nicole Mennie; Granddaughters: Taya (Carter), Jillian (Brett), Leah; Her sister: Chris (Lawrence) Kocil and family; Numerous nieces and nephews

Jan was predeceased by:

Her parents: Gus & Irene Demro; Her sisters: Betty Thachuk and Peggy Daniels

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Shellbrook Home Care, Box 70, Shellbrook, Sk. SOJ 2E0.

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

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau"Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, Fred Pomrenk, Funeral Director, Shellbrook SK. 306-747-2828.

GOOD NEWS

THE OLDER I GET

My mother would remind me of the brevity of life. She would say things like "I won't be around forever." When I was 12 or so, it didn't have such impact as it does now. The older I get, I catch how fleeting life is. Most are here for some years but when you reflect on it seems like a moment.

I have had some close calls in my life and I am only still here because of the grace of God.

Some 7 years ago or so I was up on scaffolding placing siding on the north side of our house. You know how hindsight is 20/20? I should have nailed the board to the scaffolding. I didn't and for some reason I kicked the board and lost my footing and sailed down to the ground. I hit the ground and my left shoulder took the brunt of the fall. I think I fell some 14 feet. I managed to wiggle myself up.

My wife Marlene eventually showed up. She knew something was up so I explained what happened. I got checked out by the doctor and to his surprise I hadn't broke a bone! I was extremely grateful. God had spared my life and spared me from a serious injury.

I guess it wasn't my time. So I read the Psalms and they speak to me like Psalm 90. Psalm 90:12 says "Teach us to understand how many days we have." Some translations say, "So teach us to number our days."

The older I get the more thankful I am and more reflective. I read things like it's not what we gather that is important but what we scatter, and I get that. It is not what we accumulate that counts but what we give. Giving includes even words of encouragement.

When we pastored in Southern Sas-

katchewan, one preacher would say to me, "There are 2 kinds of people givers and takers."

The older I get, the more I desire to be a giver.

The song writers Adam Wright, Hai-ley Whitters, and Sarah Turner put it best:

"The older I get
The more I think
You only get a minute, better live
while you're in it
'Cause it's gone in a blink.
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Missing: Danita Bigeagle

Date of Birth: Mar 6, 1984 MISSING SINCE: Feb 11, 2007
FROM: Regina, SK Height: 5' 6"
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.
PARTICULARS: Danita was last seen in the 800 block of Victoria Avenue, at approximately 10:00 P.M.

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The Ron Fisher, Wayne Reddekop, Belinda Reddekop, and Russel Berezitzki team won third prize with a score of 68. The next team had a score of 69 and they are Angie Wright, Don Turgeon, Linda Pauls, and Dennis Simonar.

Last prize, with scores of 70, was again shared by two teams. Co-winning was the Lorraine Diehl, Lloyd Fisher, and Murray Heck team, and the Anette Naytowhow, Darryl Thomas, Larry Bear, and Robert Svendsen foursome.

This report would not be complete if we did not mention the people who contributed to the tournament's success, including the Memorial Lake Regional Park board and staff who provided such a wonderful gathering place and venue for golfing in our community.

There were also the sponsors, who generously donated prizes. And, finally, the Golf Committee's Planning Committee, whose members worked hard to register golfers, prepare and serve food, sit at feature holes, and much, much more.

It was a great day because of all who helped.



Joyce Willick was the women's closest to the pin winner on Hole #10.



Bernie Noble was the men's closest to the pin winner on Hole #10.



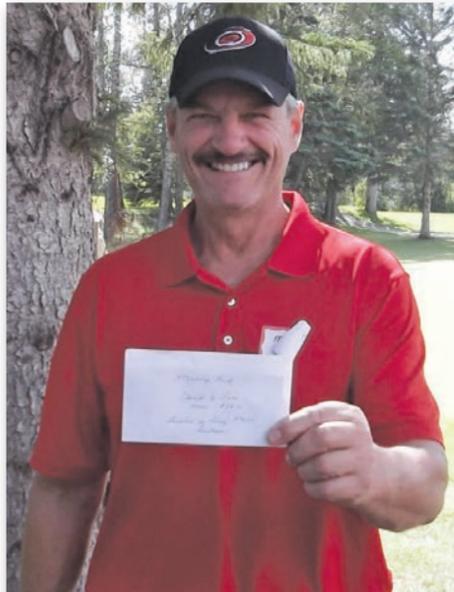
Mary Sukkau was the women's closest to the line winner on Hole #1.



The Ron Fisher, Wayne Reddekop, Belinda Reddekop, and Russel Berezitzki team won third prize.



Angie Wright, Don Turgeon, Linda Pauls, and Dennis Simonar finished fourth.



Murray Heck was the men's closest to the line winner on Hole #1.



The Lorraine Diehl, Lloyd Fisher, and Murray Heck team tied for the final prize.



Anette Naytowhow, Darryl Thomas, Larry Bear, and Robert Svendsen tied for the final prize.



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AgriRecovery details announced

Agriculture Minister David Marit has announced details of the AgriRecovery program, now referred to as the 2021 Canada-Saskatchewan Drought Response Initiative. Producers can submit applications toward the Initiative as of Sept. 1, 2021.

The Initiative will consist of two payments totaling up to \$200/head for cattle, with adjustments based on animal unit equivalents for other livestock. The initial payment will provide producers with \$100 per breeding female equivalent in inventory as of Aug. 1, 2021. Secondary payments will be up to \$100 per breeding female equivalent in inventory as of Dec. 31, 2021.

"We are here to support livestock producers during this difficult time," Marit said. "We have worked efficiently to solidify initiative details and understand producers need financial assistance to help offset costs associated with herd management decisions. We are eager to begin accepting applications for the Initiative on Sept. 1."

Eligible livestock for the Initiative include Canadian-owned female beef and dairy cattle, bison, elk, sheep or goats that are bred or intended to be bred. The number of open replacement females that can be considered eligible livestock is 15 per cent of the total number of bred females.

Earlier this month, Agriculture Minister David Marit announced \$119 million in direct support for drought-affected livestock producers under the AgriRecovery program. AgriRecovery is part of the Canadian Agricultural Partnership agreement, with funding shared on a 60-40 federal-provincial basis.

The 2021 Canada-Saskatchewan Drought Response Initiative will provide financial relief to help offset the extraordinary costs livestock producers face related to the current drought, with a per head payment on female breeding livestock.

Further details on the Initiative and applications will be available on the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation's website, www.scic.ca.