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## Spiritwood C-Store holds ribbon cutting

The new Lake Country Co-op C-Store that has been anticipated by nearly everyone in town officially opened its doors on Dec. 7, 2021.

During the grand opening for the store, which is situated on Highway 3, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held at 11 a.m., conducted by branch manager Mike Sarrazin. Many people in town came by to take a peek at what the new convenience store in town has to offer.

Although there was already a prior physical Co-op store in town, Sarrazin said that the goal was to always have their own stand-alone convenience store.

"For the last 25 to 30 years we've had fuel, agro, hardware and building supplies all together, which made quite a bit of mass confusion on the front side which is where the convenience store was located. After many years of trying, we finally got through," Sarrazin said.

Sarrazin also added that the previous Co-op building is going nowhere and will mainly focus on animal supply, farm, building and hardware. The new C-Store, by comparison, is going to be in a fast paced "in-and-out" setting.

Furthermore, for the previous months that the C-Store was still in the building process, the people in town have been talking and making suppositions as to what franchise restaurant is going to be coming to Spiritwood.

Sarrazin said that they still don't currently have the official date on when they will be announcing the restaurant's opening, as they're still waiting for the lease agreement to be signed. But what they can ensure is that it'll be starting up around the spring of 2022 and its definitely going to be a huge franchise.

An area is already built within the building, which will be where the franchise restaurant is going to be situated. A drive-thru experience



The ribbon cutting for the new Spiritwood C-Store was held on Tuesday, Dec. 7. From left: Tim Keller (CEO), Ian Lauder (board president), Karon Abdai (C-Store team leader), Dannie Wreford (board director), Dave Hudak (VP of facilities), and Mike Sarrazin (branch manager).

will also be one of the major concepts that's going to be expected with this upcoming addition.

As of now, the mystery of the fast-food franchise remains unsolved. But it should be a great event for people in Spiritwood and area to look forward to next year.

For the last three years, Lake Country Co-op in Spiritwood has grown its numbers drastically, bringing in between \$2 and \$3 million in revenue. This is why Co-op thought it only fair to give everyone in the community, including Co-op employees, the additional service.



The new Spiritwood C-Store was busy after the grand opening ceremony, as people dropped in to see what the store has to offer.

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# Kinettes return with Cookie Walk, Twinkle Tour

The Shellbrook Kinettes had their busiest day of the year on Saturday, Dec. 11, helping to ring in the holidays with the return of their annual Cookie Walk and the second rendition of the Twinkle Tour.

The last Cookie Walk was held in 2019, a time before the world knew about the COVID-19 pandemic. The Kinettes were left with no choice but to cancel the 2020 edition of the Christmas treat-fest, due to the public health measures in place last December.

With the Cookie Walk making a comeback, the Kinettes' bakers-in-chief pulled out all the stops, piling cookies and other baked goodies onto tables at the Shellbrook Legion Hall to ensure there was more than enough for everyone.

Even after a year off (or perhaps because of it), the Cookie Walk was every bit as successful as it has been since it was originally introduced all the way back in 2002, selling out of baked goods and bringing in \$1,423.25 to help the Kinettes execute their community project plans throughout 2022. The raffle basket, meanwhile, added another \$125 to the Kinettes' take.

"This is the event where our members give so much to make it happen, and I am grateful for all their help," Kinette Tasha Cyr said, giving credit to her fellow Kinettes, family members, and past Kinettes. "Our members bake about five to 10 dozen cookies each (some lots more) to make this event a success."



**Santa was greeted with excitement at the Cookie Walk. Though, some kids were a little shy.**

Helping other community organizations is something the Kinettes are well versed in, of course. On top of the Cookie Walk, the Kinettes also offer families an opportunity to get pictures with Santa without the hassle of travelling to Prince Albert.

And for the past five Cookie Walks, pictures with Santa have been by donation to the Shellbrook and District Ministerial Food Bank.

"This community always makes me smile," Cyr said. "The amount of stuff families were bringing to donate was amazing, and if they forgot, people were giving cash, which is always welcome. We brought over a back seat full of donations after the Cookie Walk was over."

As day turned to evening, and the town was lit up by



**"Vintage Christmas" (seen in part here) finished in second place.**

Christmas lights, a parade of decorated vehicles, led by the Shellbrook Kinettes, lined up on Elevator Road for the second annual Twinkle Tour. Once there, the convoy, including elders from Parkland Integrated Health Centre and Whispering Pines Place in Canwood, rolled out to take in the displays and stop by the health centre to honour local healthcare workers and visit residents who didn't join in on the tour.

After last year's tour exceeded expectations, with 35 entries and a procession of about 100 vehicles, this year's Twinkle Tour was a more intimate event, with just 14 contestants taking part and more people choosing to do the tour at their own leisure.

Despite the drop in contestants, the Twinkle Tour still brought in an impressive haul for the Food Bank.

"Donations picked up along the way were wonderful, and all the donations collected at the Hospital were amazing," Cyr said, noting that the Food Bank is always in need of more donations of food, winter gear, and gently used toys, and that Christmas donation bins will be around town until early next week.

After more than 100 votes, The display titled "Grinch Gang" (208 Sanjun Drive) took home the top prize, followed by "Vintage Christmas" (500 4th Avenue East) in second place. "Christmas Wonder" (209 2nd Street West) came in third place.

"I love when people can just get in a vehicle or even go for a walk and enjoy an activity that doesn't cost you anything," said Kinette Melissa Moe. "We are thinking maybe next year we'll extend the voting a little bit longer that way more people can get out as our lives do get a little bit busier."

Now that another Cookie Walk and Twinkle Tour are behind them, the Kinettes are entering their slow time of the year — if the group can be said to have a slow time.

They'll be back at it again early in the new year, of course. Once February rolls around, the Kinettes will be hoping for a stretch of warm weather as they gear up for Telemiracle and what they hope will be the return of their normal door-to-door town canvas.



**"Christmas Wonder" rounded out the Twinkle Tour's top three.**

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Notice is hereby given that the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493 will be passing a Bylaw at the December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Special Meeting of Council to Prevent and Control Malignant Catarrhal Fever (MCF). If you have any questions or concerns please contact Administrator Duane Storey at 306-747-2158.

Dated at Shellbrook, Saskatchewan, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

Duane Storey  
Acting Administrator

### FORM H [Section 66 of the Act] Notice of Call for Nominations TOWN OF BIG RIVER

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the offices of:

Councillor: Town of Big River  
Number to be Elected: one (1)

will be received by the undersigned on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. local time and, during regular business hours on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at the Town of Big River Municipal Office located at 606 1<sup>st</sup> Street North, Big River, SK.

Nominations forms must be accompanied by a completed version of the Town of Big River's Public Disclosure Statement, as required pursuant to *The Municipalities Act*, and *The Local Government Election Act*, 2015.

Nomination forms, along with the Town of Big River Public Disclosure Form, may be obtained from the Town Office.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021

Noreen Olsen  
Returning Officer

# Nativity Parade brings Christmas spirit to Parkside

It may have started as just one person's idea, but, with the hard work of the community, the Parkside Nativity Parade became a reality on Saturday, Dec. 11 and helped instill a lot of Christmas spirit in the community.

All the hard work paid off in spades, with estimates that as many as 300 people came out to watch the parade, gathering either at the Parkside General Store or the Immanuel Lutheran Church, or lining the streets along the parade route.

"I just thought why not do something that's community involved and correlate it with the carolling and the [Christmas tree lighting]," Natalie and her husband, Steven, recalled prior to the event, noting that they wanted an event that would be more than just a 10-minute drive-by. "The first night, there were more than 20 people who came out to a meeting just for the idea."

The couple certainly got what they wanted. Taking Natalie's idea and running with it, the Village of Parkside, the Immanuel Lutheran Church, the Parkside Pentecostal Church, and a number of community groups and individuals all chipped in.

The end result was a parade featuring eight floats, each of them with fully realized sets, and live actors and animals. Each float was designed to represent a scene from the Nativity story, and, as they travelled along the parade route, the floats stopped at the narration points at the Parkside General Store and the Immanuel Lutheran Church for narration to play out.

In addition to the Nativity Parade, the village's annual Christmas tree lighting and carolling, the evening's festivities included hot chocolate and warm apple cider, sheepherds handing out candy bags, and skating at the community's outdoor rink.

"Things really fell into place and went pretty good. I don't think it could have gone any better," Steven said, thanking all who attended and participated in making the event happen. "It was a team effort. That's what makes everything work: having a good team."

There was a lot of work



Pastor Chris Dean provided narration at the Parkside General Store location.



The Parkside Nativity Parade told the Nativity story on a series of floats, featuring live actors and animals.

for the team of about 60 people to do, from making props and sets, to lining up trailers, drivers, cast members, and narrators, to securing generators, power sources and p.a. systems, and coordinating traffic, parking and the parade route (and keeping everything clear of snow).

"It was something we had never done before," David Moe, Mayor of Parkside, said, giving credit to the Jonassons for initiating the idea and putting in a lot of the work. "We're pretty happy with the way it turned out."

After such a successful first outing, both the Jonassons and Mayor Moe believe this won't be the last.

"We're planning for it to be maybe an annual thing," Steven said. "A lot of people are looking forward to it next year, I think."

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- St. Andrew's Anglican Church,  
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- Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly,  
Shellbrook 7:00 pm
- First United/Anglican Church,  
Big River 6:00 pm
- St. Agatha's Roman Catholic Church,  
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- St. Henry's Roman Catholic Church,  
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- Our Lady of the Poor Roman Catholic Church,  
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## MEETING LAKE REGIONAL PARK Restaurant and Store Concession Request for Proposals

The Meeting Lake Regional Park Authority is inviting proposals from individuals, groups, organizations, and/or businesses for the operation of the Park's concession for a period of two years with an option for an additional two years.

Concession to operate from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, every weekend from the May long weekend until the last weekend in June and seven days a week until the weekend after the September long weekend.

All applicants must provide a business management plan that includes:

- Budget
- Safe food plan to be approved by the health authority
- Sample menu selection with prices (Picture of the current previous menu is available)
- Catering activity plan
- Record of past performance
- References
- Any other information that may be pertinent to operating a successful concession

Viewing of the facilities is required prior to submitting and proposal and further contract specifications and requirements are available to bidders at time of viewing.

If you have questions, need clarification or to book an appointment to see the facilities, contact the Park office by email at [MLRP@sasktel.net](mailto:MLRP@sasktel.net) or call the office at 306 841 8411 and leave a message, we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Proposals should be submitted to:

**Meeting Lake Regional Park Authority, P.O. Box 40, Rabbit Lake, SK, S0M 2L0**

**Deadline for receipt of proposal is February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**

The MLRPA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals for any reason, or to accept any proposal received which the MLRPA in their unrestricted discretion deem most advantageous. The greatest of any proposal may not necessarily be accepted.

# OPINION

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## On healthcare, Sask. Party's silence serves no one's interests

We're now two weeks removed from the sudden resignation of Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) CEO Scott Livingstone, and the revelation that SHA COO Suann Laurent quietly retired at the end of October.

These are arguably the two most important cogs in the administrative gear works of Saskatchewan's healthcare system, and they've stepped down in the midst of a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic.

But based on the almost complete silence from the Sask. Party government, you'd think the unexpected departures, which also include senior SHA board member Dr. Janet Tootoosis as well as countless frontline healthcare workers, were just any other day.

The silence, disappointing as it is, hardly comes as a surprise anymore.



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News Editor

Silence seems to be the Sask. Party's way of doing business (unless it's blustering about affronts to the province's energy sector or creating a more independent Saskatchewan, that is).

The Sask. Party government has been silent about the 26 per cent of Saskatchewan children who live in poverty.

It's been silent, or evasive, when confronted about its failures in long-term care prior to and throughout the pandemic.

And, when it comes to burnt out healthcare workers, all Premier Scott Moe has had to say is, "I have family that work in healthcare, so I understand this on a very personal basis."

That's all well and good. But if Mr. Moe understands, then why did his government spend late summer and early fall ignoring the modelling data that predicted the pan-

demic's fourth wave, and rejecting the recommendations of healthcare professionals?

If it was, as some have suggested, pandering to a small but vocal base of pandemic naysayers, the gambit backfired.

This same small but vocal base isn't too fond of Mr. Moe right now.

That's why it brought a so-called "Freedom Parade" to his hometown on Nov. 26 and unfairly targeted the business of his wife, who has no say in the government's pandemic policy (here, too, it's been radio silence from Mr. Moe and his government).

That's also why one of this minority's leaders, Nicholas Ewanchuk, was calling for a citizen's arrest of Mr. Moe and the installation of a new government (Ewanchuk didn't bother to show up in Shellbrook after making his cowardly threats, and in a now-deleted Facebook post said he was taking his family and fleeing, good riddance).

Though Ewanchuk is no longer polluting social media, others like



him remain, seeing lies and conspiracies in every word uttered and action taken by the Sask. Party government.

The mid-pandemic departures of key healthcare figures like Mr. Livingstone and Ms. Laurent give the naysayers more things to speculate about, and the Sask. Party's silence only makes things look worse.

As the head of a government

agency, Mr. Livingstone was a public servant. Whether from Mr. Livingstone himself, or from the Sask. Party government, Saskatchewan residents deserve to know the reasons for his resignation – even if those reasons are personal and can't be explained in full.

On healthcare, more silence from this government will only add more fuel to the flames of conspiracy.

## Is anyone in Ottawa going to do anything about inflation?

By Franco Terrazzano  
CTF Federal Director

The federal government is putting on a masterclass about how to increase the cost of living. It's doing everything from raising taxes during the middle of a pandemic, to massive government borrowing and money printing. Now the question is: will any politician do anything to fight inflation?

The latest report from Statistics Canada shows prices jumping 4.7 per cent over the year. That's the highest annual price increase in nearly two decades.

A main driver of this inflation is soaring energy prices.

"Energy prices were up 25.5 per cent year over year in October, primarily driven by an increase in gasoline prices," according to Statistics Canada.

Making it more expensive to fuel your car and heat your home is the goal of the federal carbon tax, which has increased twice during the pandemic. In April, the carbon tax will

increase again, this time to 11 cents per litre of gasoline.

Carbon tax hikes don't stop there. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said he will increase his carbon tax to nearly 40 cents per litre by 2030 and impose a second carbon tax through fuel regulations that could add an extra 11 cents to the per litre pump price.

What has the Official Opposition said about rising gas prices?

Conservative Party Leader Erin O'Toole wants to impose two carbon taxes of his own that will cost a family \$20 every time they fuel up their minivan.

Canadian politicians could immediately provide relief at the pumps. South Korea just reduced its gas taxes by 20 per cent. India is providing relief too.

"The reduction in excise duty on petrol and diesel will also boost consumption and keep inflation low, thus helping the poor and middle classes," reads the Indian government's news release.

Canadians are even facing higher taxes every time they pick up a six pack or a bottle of wine. The feds have hiked alcohol taxes twice during the pandemic and are getting ready to increase taxes again next April. Taxes now account for about half of the price of beer, 65 per cent of the price of wine, and more than three quarters of the price of spirits.

Another source of higher prices is the government's printing press, which has been on overdrive during the pandemic. When the government prints more dollars, the dollars in your salary and savings account buy less.

The central bank has created \$370 billion during the pandemic by purchasing financial assets such as government debt. That 300 per cent growth in the Bank of Canada's assets far outpaces the growth that occurred during the recessions of the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. In fact, it far outstrips the growth from the beginning of 2008 until the beginning of the pandemic.

What is the central bank buying with its

freshly printed dollars? Government of Canada debt makes up 85 per cent of the assets the Bank of Canada buys. That means the government is financing a good chunk of its deficits by devaluing your money.

The obvious first step to rein in this inflation tax would be to stop creating so much government debt for the Bank of Canada to purchase in the first place.

But every federal party leader just spent the last election promising more government borrowing. The Liberal Party, Conservative Party, and New Democratic party promised to increase spending by \$78 billion, \$51 billion and \$214 billion, respectively.

Families are getting soaked by higher prices while politicians are asleep at the wheel. The government needs to cut taxes and stop borrowing, but politicians want to raise taxes and spend billions more. It's time for politicians to wake up from their slumber and provide Canadians with a concrete plan to stop these rising prices.

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## Report from the Legislature

A successful fall sitting of the Legislature has concluded; significant progress was made on the goals outlined in the Speech from the Throne. As we plan for the future, we look to make Saskatchewan stronger, safer, healthier, better educated, and more independent.

A stronger Saskatchewan will be built on a strong economy. Already, Saskatchewan is forecast to lead the country in economic growth in 2022, and our labour force has recovered to 99 per cent of its pre-pandemic levels. Saskatchewan's unemployment rate is the third-lowest in the country, and we are forecasted to see a total of nearly 16,000 new jobs by the end of the fiscal year.

This year saw nearly \$10 billion in capital investments supporting major projects throughout Saskatchewan. To ensure our workforce is skilled and ready for employment, we continue to invest in skills training programs like the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission. A new pilot program under the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program was launched to address hard-to-fill positions.

Our government is addressing the need for affordable child care to support working families. A partnership with the federal government will see more than 600 new regulated child care centre spaces allocated in 20 communities across the province. This is the first step toward delivering on our commitment to increasing the number of regulated child care spaces by 6,000 in 2021-2022 and by 28,000 over the next five years.

This session, we took significant actions to ad-



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to deal with outstanding warrants, transporting illegal firearms, human trafficking, and the seizure of criminal property. We want criminals to know if they commit a crime, they will be caught.

In a significant moment in Saskatchewan history, members from both parties unanimously adopted a motion to amend the Saskatchewan Act and the Constitution of Canada. Section 24 is a relic from a time when our province was not treated as an equal partner in Confederation. It is unfair that decisions were made in 1880 that provided CP Rail with substantial tax exemptions in Saskatchewan. Removing the section will level the playing

field for all businesses while supporting Saskatchewan's autonomy.

As we move into the New Year, our government's commitment to build a healthier Saskatchewan means taking action to address the surgical backlog COVID-19 caused. We will also have short-term and longer-term targets to expand intensive care capacity.

Our goal is to achieve a three-month surgical wait time by 2030; our initiative will see an additional 7,000 surgeries in 2022-23 over pre-pandemic levels. There will be an emphasis on surgical procedures with higher numbers of long-waiting patients, including hip and knee replace-



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ments, ear/nose/throat, dental, and general surgeries.

We will expand permanent ICU beds from 79 to 90 by June 2022. This is the first step to achieving 110 ICU beds in the province, better preparing for surges in ICU

demand, and ensuring access to services. The Saskatchewan Health Authority and the Ministry of Health are developing a long-term plan to achieve these targets while ensuring the right mix of critical care services across the province.

The new decade did not start in a way that anyone was expecting. The past 20 months have been stressful for everyone. But, Saskatchewan's greatest strength is its people, and now, more than ever, it's important to take the time to listen to one another. Our brightest days are ahead of us, and we can have confidence that the 2020s will be Saskatchewan's decade.

dress the crime rates in rural communities. We brought forth initiatives to make real changes to address policing and public safety gaps in our rural communities. These include a new Provincial Protective Service unit, strengthening law enforcement's ability

### EMERALD LAKE REGIONAL PARK Call for Letters of Interest for Board Members

The R.M. of Leask and the Village of Leask invites ratepayers and patrons of Emerald Lake Regional Park wishing to make a positive contribution to the Park to submit a letter of interest outlining their experience and potential contribution to the board if appointed. The R.M. and Village will be appointing members in January 2022.

Letters of interest can be sent to: R.M. of Leask, Box 190 Leask, SK, S0J 1M0, Email: [rmlask.464@sasktel.net](mailto:rmlask.464@sasktel.net) or fax: 306-466-2091. Alternatively, Letters of Interest may also be sent to: Village of Leask, Box 40, Leask, SK, S0J 1M0, Email: [village.leask@sasktel.net](mailto:village.leask@sasktel.net).

Please call the R.M. Office at 306-466-2000 or the Village Office at 306-466-2229 for more information.

Deadline for submissions is December 31, 2021.

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Town of Blaine Lake ADMINISTRATOR

The Town of Blaine Lake is a rural community of approximately 500 people located about 85 km north of Saskatoon. We are centrally located near several lakes with great opportunities for outdoor activities including water sports, hunting, snowmobiling, etc.

We are seeking a forward-thinking individual with strong leadership skills for the position of Administrator. The ideal applicant will have a minimum Class C certificate in Local Government Administration and have previous municipal administration experience. Excellent organizational, communication and interpersonal skills are required.

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The Position is available immediately, however, it will remain open until a suitable candidate is found. Successful applicant will be required to submit a clear criminal record check.

The Town of Blaine Lake thanks all interested applicants, however only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

### Tax Enforcement List Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493 Province of Saskatchewan

Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before the 28<sup>th</sup> of January, 2022, an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

Note: A sum for costs in an amount required by subsection 4(3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act* is included in the amount shown against each parcel.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY								
Part of Lot	Lot	Block	Plan	Hamlet/ Meridian	Title No.	Total Arrears	Advertising Costs	Total Arrears and Costs
Part of Lot	Sec	Twp	Range					
NE	35	50	3	W3	148465772	\$ 9,244.83	\$ 33.23	\$ 9,278.06
NE	16	49	Blk/Par B-Plan 70PA12498 Ext 1	W3	133195620	\$ 3,443.88	\$ 33.23	\$ 3,477.11
NE	21	52	Blk/Par C-Plan 102139006 Ext 0	W3	145036212	\$ 2,453.37	\$ 33.23	\$ 2,486.60
SW	10	49	Lot 4-Blk/Par 2-Plan 76PA00132 Ext 0	W3	139563636	\$ 1,410.37	\$ 33.23	\$ 1,443.60
SE	27	52	Blk/Par A-Plan 101526689 Ext 42	W3	147033468	\$ 1,695.49	\$ 33.23	\$ 1,728.72
NE	5	49	Blk/Par W-Plan 101648998 Ext 0	W3	126533897	\$ 1,275.06	\$ 33.23	\$ 1,308.29
SE	30	51	2	W3	138917076	\$ 1,034.42	\$ 33.23	\$ 1,067.65
SW	30	51	3	W3	151637788	\$ 854.16	\$ 33.23	\$ 887.39
NE	20	51	1	W3	149726144	\$ 850.34	\$ 33.23	\$ 883.57
SW	10	49	Lot 1-Blk/Par 1-Plan 76PA00132 Ext 0	W3	138578945	\$ 776.30	\$ 33.23	\$ 809.53
NE	10	14	Blk/Par G-Plan 101842444 Ext 0	W3	128523393	\$ 667.29	\$ 33.23	\$ 700.52
NE	12	50	3	W3	117533910	\$ 536.98	\$ 33.23	\$ 570.21
NE	16	49	Blk/Par B-Plan 70PA12498 Ext 1	W3	133195620	\$ 489.96	\$ 33.23	\$ 523.19
NE	27	48	3	W3	129155003	\$ 438.51	\$ 33.23	\$ 471.74
SW	2	49	3	W3	119177657	\$ 416.38	\$ 33.23	\$ 449.61
NE	21	48	3	W3	110680770	\$ 397.42	\$ 33.23	\$ 430.65
SW	10	49	Lot 7-Blk/Par 3-Plan 76PA00132 Ext 0	W3	144980141	\$ 396.49	\$ 33.23	\$ 429.72
SE	21	48	3	W3	110680792	\$ 393.18	\$ 33.23	\$ 426.41
PT SW	24	49	2	W3	127682769	\$ 329.48	\$ 33.23	\$ 362.71
SE	27	48	3	W3	111244430	\$ 270.90	\$ 33.23	\$ 304.13
NW	12	50	3	W3	117533954	\$ 242.16	\$ 33.23	\$ 275.39
NE	10	14	Lot 4-Blk/Par 6-Plan AV541 Ext 0	W3	147837392	\$ 223.71	\$ 33.23	\$ 256.94
SE	27	48	Blk/Par A-Plan 101752556 Ext 80	W3	111244429	\$ 220.39	\$ 33.23	\$ 253.62
NW	22	48	3	W3	119174698	\$ 172.24	\$ 33.23	\$ 205.47
NW	29	52	3	W3	149201625	\$ 638.78	\$ 33.23	\$ 672.01
SW	31	52	3	W3	149201591	\$ 529.68	\$ 33.23	\$ 562.91
SE	31	52	3	W3	149201580	\$ 505.54	\$ 33.23	\$ 538.77
NE	30	52	3	W3	149201412	\$ 490.27	\$ 33.23	\$ 523.50
NW	31	52	3	W3	149201636	\$ 344.51	\$ 33.23	\$ 377.74

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2021  
Duane Storey, Administrator

**Advertising  
Deadline is  
Friday  
4:00 p.m.**

# Spiritwood Housing Authority honours two

The Spiritwood Housing Authority (SHA) made two presentations at their annual Christmas supper, held Dec. 10 at the home of Vera Cadieu.

Vera was one of those honoured. She received an engraved clock, presented by Spiritwood Board Chairman Michael Swityk on behalf of the local board and the Saskatchewan Housing Authority, recognizing her 35 years of service to the local authority as a member of the Board of Directors. She was appointed to the Board in 1986.



**Vera Cadieu was presented with an engraved clock recognizing her 35 years of service as a member of the board of Directors of the Spiritwood Housing Authority.**

Vera recently stepped down as a board member to become the Manager of the Spiritwood Housing Authority, replacing Dave Senum, who had retired in May 2021 after serving for the previous three years.

Michael Swityk presented Dave with a gift on behalf of the local Board of Directors, along with their thanks for his service as manager.

The Spiritwood Housing Authority manages and maintains 28 senior units and 11 family units – five houses and six townhouse units.



**Dave Senum was presented with a gift in appreciation of his three years of service to the Spiritwood Housing Authority as manager.**

A week after the Spiritwood Timberwolves marked their third loss in a row, they added another loss to their record Saturday, Dec. 11 against the Maymont Settlers.

The Maymont Settlers, who had recorded three consecutive losses as well, got their first taste of victory, trampling the Timberwolves by a score of 9-4.

During the match-up with the Maymont Settlers, Dallyn Saam and Devin Beebe provided the main offensive highlights for Spiritwood, with each scoring one goal and one helper apiece. In addition, Carson McNabb, Aiden Nielson-Clark and/or Patrick Robinson are each credited with a goal (an assist was incorrectly tallied as a goal on the digital score sheet).

In the assist column, Colton Poulin was able to attain two points, while Tyler Cross earned one.

On the Maymont Set-

tters' scorecard, three players were able to accrue two goals, including Clark Thomas, Shae Kiryk and Scott Lange. Thomas and Kiryk both earned an assist as well.

Elsewhere, Chad Bernier scored one goal and accumulated three assists, Simon Gentes was able to score a goal and a helper, and Tyne Cole scored a goal.

On the assist side, Paul Cubbon earned two helpers during the game. Meanwhile, five players were able to tally one point, namely Cole Pillar, Chase Moss-

man, Levin Lightfoot, Mathew Johnson and Cody Bulyaki.

To sum it all up, none of the last four match ups have been in favor of the Timberwolves and almost all the games have been quite crucial.

The Timberwolves' next scheduled game will be on Friday, Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. It will be another face off with the Maymont Settlers, this time in Maymont.

The Timberwolves' next home game will not be until next year, Jan. 7, with the Battleford Beaver Blues.



**The Spiritwood Timberwolves fight for the puck in front of the Maymont Settlers' goal.**

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Saskatchewan is the number one potash producer and second-largest uranium producer in the world. We're also home to the highest grade uranium deposits in the world, with exciting new exploration projects underway in northern Saskatchewan. Potash helps feed the world while nuclear power is key to global strategies to lower carbon emissions.

Our resource sectors are driving growth in our communities, creating jobs for families and building a



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better Saskatchewan with a strong economic future. Investors have demonstrated their confidence by announcing almost \$10 billion in new investments in the province this year, which will create nearly 10,000 jobs. With one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country and the sustainable resources the world needs, our province will continue to be a land of opportunity.

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## For many, cost of food trumps GMO concerns

It was interesting to read a recent Western Producer article which noted, "at last count the world has 256 herbicide resistant weeds that are resistant to 167 herbicides in 93 crops grown in 70 countries."

The interest is simply based on the numbers, considering that there is a perception out there that the consumer is generally concerned with herbicide use and specifically has reservations about genetic modification.

But perhaps that concern is more of a reality in certain locales than

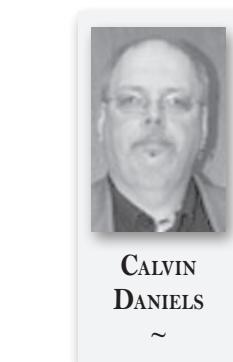
a general worldwide one.

Or it might be a case where it comes down to how one asks the questions of a consumer.

Asking questions can be something of an art form, and questions can be formulated in such a way as to illicit a certain response.

So, if you ask someone walking the aisles of a grocery store would you prefer a genetically modified food, or one that is not, almost all are going to suggest the non-modified option.

But, add in that the modified option is half



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the price and the response is going to be modified too.

And you can tweak that same question in various other ways, each influencing responses just a little.

There are no doubt ex-

pert firms out there getting well-paid by various groups to fashion questions in just the right way to achieve wished for results.

The factor of cost is also a huge one in terms of what is acceptable for food.

The greater one's income, the less they worry about the cost of the grocery bill, allowing the consumer to buy whatever they want for the table – and if the cheese is imported and high priced, or the beef steak higher than ground beef, so be it.

But low-income shop-

pers often shop with one primary focus, the lowest-cost food options to put meals on the family table three times a day.

And sadly, we all know far too well, that there are many in Canada who simply do not have the money to buy food for three 'squares' a day, and that is why food banks are doing more business every year.

On a worldwide basis, the situation is worse in certain locales. Food shortages based on poor local harvests, poor wealth distribu-

tion, and poor food distribution systems, all contribute to far too many going to bed hungry every night.

For the poor, the hungry, the question isn't one of GM or non-GM, but simply where the next meal they can afford will come from.

And that is where GM crops can play a role. They are designed to offer farmers options to grow bigger and better crops, and that is at least the first step to filling bellies around the world – a source of food with good science behind it.

## Farmers not to blame for rising food prices, says NFU

Retail food prices are rising. To explain these increases, many commentators point to rising prices for farm products and cite drought, other production problems, the pandemic, or supply-chain issues. This is not an accurate explanation. Public data shows that corporate food processors and retailers have relentlessly, for decades, pushed up retail prices even as the prices paid to farmers remained largely stag-

nant.

"Consumers need to know that less and less of the money they spend on food actually makes it back to the farmer. Retail food prices are high because meat packers, other large processors, and big retailers are taking ever larger shares. For most food products, the farmers' share continues to shrink," said Stewart Wells, NFU Vice-President of Operations and Saskatchewan farmer.

NFU President and

"Big processors, packers, and retailers are charging consumers more, paying farmers as little as possible, suppressing workers' wages, and taking more for themselves. That's why retail food prices continue to increase, not because of rising grain or livestock prices, COVID-19, or supply issues. It's important that policymakers and all Canadians know who's behind the rising cost of food," added Wells.

NFU President and

Ontario farmer Katie Ward explained that "Governments' misplaced priorities have facilitated food sector concentration and paved the way for the high retail prices we're seeing. Federal approvals for waves of packer, processor, and retailer mergers and the closures of processing plants have increased the power of these corporations. Food price increases are just one effect of this rising corporate power. Another

effect, as the pandemic and supply-system shocks have revealed, is that our highly concentrated system is fragile — lacking resilience, diversity, and adequate local and regional capacity and access."

NFU President Katie Ward concluded: "Processors and retailers are overcharging because they can; mergers and concentration have multiplied their power. This is creating many negative effects: on farmers, workers,

the environment, the climate, animals, and, as rising retail prices show, on all Canadians. To reverse these negative effects, we need smaller scale, local and regional processing, and we probably need the breakup of the largest packers, food processors, and retailers. Rising market power and declining competition has led to steadily rising retail prices; governments must intervene to curb all of these damaging trends."

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# WP Sandin crowned Sask's most informed school

The students and staff of WP Sandin High School were celebrated via Zoom call last Thursday, after the school earned the inaugural title of Saskatchewan's Most Informed School.

The school earned the crown, as well as a \$350 prize, as part of a contest hosted by Skills Canada Saskatchewan and ChatterHigh, a digital learning platform that encourages students in Grades 6 through 12 to explore career and post-secondary education options.

The contest, which ran from Oct. 25 to Nov. 4, sees students login to complete a 10-question daily quiz about career or education paths. Each

question contains a link to a website that contains the answer, meaning students must engage and dive deep to answer questions correctly (and earn potential rewards).

After students complete their quizzes, they're asked to fill out a survey about their level of interest in the topics they were asked about. Over the course of the competition, they develop a comprehensive profile of their interests, giving them a clear picture of the career and post-secondary education paths they may wish to pursue, and information on how to pursue those paths in the province.

"These are the kinds of

things we want to help students figure out as soon as possible, because soon they'll be making decisions," said Lee Taal, founder and CEO of ChatterHigh. "When we believe in a goal we can reach and a path we can follow, that's the biggest indicator of success."

WP Sandin's efforts in the competition were spearheaded and supported by teachers Kirk Pilon and Rhonda Berzowski. With their guidance, 100 students participated in the competition, visiting more than 2,200 post-secondary and career web pages.

In addition to winning Saskatchewan's inaugural Most Informed



**WP Sandin High School teacher Kirk Pilon, with students Payten Keyowski, Ethan Klaassen, Storm Rudolph, Graham Lamontagne, and Logan Smith, and the Saskatchewan's Most Informed School banner.**

School competition in the AA division, which includes schools with populations of 100 to 299 students, three WP Sandin students — Payten Keyowski, Ethan Klaassen, and Graham Lamontagne — won \$20 bursaries for answering at least 75 questions correctly.

WP Sandin also took part in the national Let's Talk Careers competition hosted by Skills Canada and ChatterHigh, scoring a third place finish in the

AA division against 81 other schools with populations of 100 to 499 students. The finish earned the school a \$400 prize.

"You are the definition of very small but mighty. Congratulations to everybody," said Colin Phippard, executive director of Skills Canada Saskatchewan. "I'm glad that students are finding out what path is theirs. That's a really important piece. There's so much out there."

For Payten Keyowski,

who entered the competition with certainty about her post-secondary path, the experience was a positive one.

"I've always wanted to pursue veterinary medicine, specifically equine," she said, noting that the quizzes broadened her knowledge about the field and other paths she might consider. "It's comforting to know that there are other opportunities that are suited for me."

Also attending Thursday's celebratory Zoom call were Shellbrook Mayor Amund Otterson, who brought congratulations on behalf of the Town of Shellbrook, and Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division superintendent of schools Jennifer Hingley.

In her brief remarks, Hingley praised the competition for helping develop the citizens who will be responsible for designing infrastructure, providing healthcare, and teaching.

"I'm really pleased that these tools can help these students think through these things. It strengthens our communities," she said. "It's very hopeful to think about our province being turned over to young people who are so committed."



## CALL FOR BOARD MEMBER

The Gabriel Dumont Institute of Native Studies and Applied Research invites applications for the following:

### MEMBER, GDI BOARD OF GOVERNORS

**WESTERN REGION I (Meadow lake, Cochin, Leoville, Peirceland, Glaslyn, Chitek Lake, Livelong, Rush Lake, Brightsand, Spiritwood, Midnight Lake, Dorintosh, Paradise Hill)**

**Overview:** The GDI Board of Governors has representation from the (12) Regions of the Organization, who are ratified by the Provincial Métis Council (PMC) of the Métis Nation—Saskatchewan (MN—S). The PMC Member who is assigned the Education portfolio sits as the Chairperson of the Board of Governors. All persons selected to the Board of Governors will be for a period of three years. A member who is an employee/staff person/manager of an affiliated organization of the MN—S shall not be permitted to sit on the Board of Governors of the Institute.

**Responsibilities:** The Board of Governors oversees the Gabriel Dumont Institute and is responsible for its operation and governance in all matters, including: to adopt policies for the effective operation of GDI; to formulate a strategic plan and to oversee its implementation; to approve annual budgets, audits and programs; to function as ambassadors for GDI and to encourage students and potential students in their study and career plans; to represent GDI to all levels of government, persons of Métis ancestry and to the public generally; and to appoint a Chief Executive Officer to be directly responsible for implementation of policy and the day-to-day management and operations of GDI.

**Qualifications:** All appointments to the Board must be of Métis ancestry with knowledge of the cultural, historical and social circumstances of Saskatchewan Métis. Ideally the collective skills on the board will represent a number of different disciplines and perspectives. Some of the preferred skill and training areas include education or post-secondary education; finance and administration; business; human resources (personnel); law; and communications. Individuals with extensive Métis culture and language experience are encouraged to apply. This will ensure a wide range of skills and perspectives are available when decisions are considered. A *criminal record vulnerable sector check* must be completed and accompany the resume submitted.

**Process:** Candidates can apply directly to the MN—S region or the Institute who in turn will forward the application to the appropriate MN—S region for consideration. The MN—S region then submits the name of their selected representative forwarded from a duly called and administered regional council meeting. The name of the new board member is then sent to the PMC for ratification. Finally, the name is forwarded to the Minister of Advanced Education.

**Starting Date:** 2022 (Once process is complete – 3 year appointment with the possibility of renewal)

**Deadline for receipt of applications:** January 31, 2022

**Please submit resume to one of:**

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Gabriel Dumont Institute  
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## RM of Meeting Lake No. 466 is Accepting Applications for Seasonal Full-Time Employee

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- Service and maintenance of equipment

### Submit resume including

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- Certifications
- Current drivers abstract
- Three references

The candidate must have well developed interpersonal and motivational skills, be able to take direction from Foreman and/or Council, must be able to complete physically demanding work and work independently or as a team.

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*We thank all applicants in advance. Only those under consideration will be contacted.*

## The "Take a Break" Campaign officially launches

This new public awareness campaign encourages children and teens to "Take A Break" from social media and screen time. We want to remind children, teens and adults alike that it's important from time to time to take a step away from their screens and find a healthy lifestyle balance for mental health and physical well-being.

For more information visit [saskatchewan.ca/TakeaBreak.ca](http://saskatchewan.ca/TakeaBreak.ca)



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# Silvertips climb standings with pair of wins

The Shellbrook Silvertips played a home and road split over the weekend, facing off against the Warman Wildcats then travelling for a showdown with the Cudworth Tricky Maroons.

Continuing a strong season, the Tips fought their way to two well-deserved wins and rose to second place in the Twin Rivers Hockey League standings.

## Tips (10) vs Wildcats (6)

As they did in their first meeting of the season (the Wildcats remain the Tips' only regulation loss), the Wildcats put the Tips through their paces in the early going of Saturday night's showdown in Shellbrook, jumping out

to a 2-0 lead just over three minutes into the game.

Rather than fold, the Tips fought back, closing the gap on a goal from Dylan Smith. Austin Lamotte and Gage Helm assisted on the goal.

After a nearly 10-minute lull in the action, Shellbrook's Dallas Galloway knotted the game up at 2-2 on an assist from Cody Belair. Then, Helm combined with Smith and Lamotte to put the Tips up 3-2.

The Wildcats roared back to life at the end of the frame, scoring with just nine seconds left to take a 3-3 tie into the second period.

Warman drew first blood in the second stanza as well, but Dylan Smith had an unassisted answer to tie the game back up. He went on to score his hat trick later in the period, this time with assists from Dorin Canaday and Evan Williams, putting the Tips up 5-4.

In a repeat of the first period, the Wildcats tied it up at 5-5 with less than a minute to go in the period.

Seeking a change of pace, the Tips struck early and struck often throughout the third period, netting five goals while limiting Warman to just one.

Jody Blais opened the offensive showcase with assists from Justin Kerr and Daryl Blais, then Lamotte scored on helpers from Smith and Williams, before the Wildcats pulled back within one.

Shutting down the Wildcats after this, Daryl Blais scored on an assist from Mathew Kutnikoff around the midway point of the period.

Late in the frame, Braiden Turner scored on assists from Nathaniel Martin and Brendon Beaulac, then Smith scored his fourth of the night on a solo assist from Brendon Canaday to give the Tips a 10-6 win.

## Tips (9) vs Maroons (6)

After a short rest, the Tips travelled to Cudworth with a small roster to face off against the Cudworth Tricky Maroons on Sunday afternoon.

Getting out to a slow start, the Tips eventually drew first blood on a goal from Easton Neufeldt. Sam Miller and Braiden Turner assisted on the play.

The Tricky Maroons got back into the game late in the frame to take a 1-1 tie into the second period.

In the second stanza, the Tips jumped

back out to an early lead, with Dylan Smith striking less than 90 seconds into the period on assists from Brett Mason and Nathaniel Martin.

The Tricky Maroons had a pair of answers, scoring twice in quick succession to take a 3-2 lead and trigger and back-and-forth scoring war.

Smith kept the Tips in the action, swinging the momentum the other way with his second and third goals of the night. Martin assisted on the first goal, with Brendon Canaday and Evan Williams assisting on the second.

The Maroons responded in kind, scoring two more goals to go up 5-4, and the Tips fired back with a return salvo to take a 6-5 lead into the third period.

Braiden Turner scored both goals, drawing assists from Smith and Neufeldt on the first, and Smith and Canaday on the second.

Despite their short bench, the Tips showed no signs of fatigue as they scored three goals within two minutes to put the game out of reach in the third period.

Smith drew first blood, with assists from Canaday and Turner, then Martin scored on helpers from Brendon Beaulac and Mathew Kutnikoff. Finally, Smith netted his fifth goal of the night on assists from Mason and Canaday.

The Maroons tacked on a later power play marker, closing the game with a 9-6 loss at the hands of the Tips.

With the pair of wins, the Tips now sit at 7-1-0-1 on the season.

This Saturday, they host the Rosthern Wheatkings before heading into the holiday break. Puck drop for the game is set for 8 p.m.

## Shellbrook Seniors host Christmas dinner

About 30 Members of the Shellbrook Seniors Association gathered at Arnie's Grill on Friday evening to ring in the Christmas season with a Christmas dinner.

"During the past months we have all felt a void in our lives," the association said. "We missed our friends at the Senior Citizens' Centre, missed the games, the laughter, and the sharing of joys and sorrows. To try to make a fresh start, this supper has been planned."

The Seniors Association is hopeful that the dinner will be a harbinger of the good things to come in 2022, and looks forward to the return of its monthly meetings and birthday celebrations, Thursday night kaiser, Monday afternoon games of choice, Forever in Motion exercises, old time dances, potluck lunches, and other social events when it is safe for them to resume.

In the meantime, Friday night's Christmas dinner at Arnie's Grill was filled with much festive merriment, reconnecting with old friends, and good food.

Edith Henry, Debbie MacKenzie, Sandy Hislop-Forrest, and Wendy Watt served as the host elves for the Shellbrook Seniors Association's Christmas Dinner.



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## Wild rose 4-H beef club news

### By Lisa Brodacki

We have just recently had our weigh day for our steers that we will be showing in June. The point of the weigh day is to find out how much our steers are starting off at so we can figure out how much to feed them. This year, there are 14 steers and then a couple spare steers in case something happens to the ones that they are showing.

We have eight different families in 4-H, and seven families with steers. There are also three new members. Two of them already had older siblings in 4-H and the other one moved here but was in 4-H for many years. Our next meeting will be in the new year.

Wild Rose 4-H wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

**Shellbrook Chronicle  
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to  
December 31/21**

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## OBITUARIES

*Darren Cain*

CAIN – Darren

On the 17th of November 2021 Darren, aged 52, passed away in hospital surrounded by his family. Darren Anthony Cain was born on the 4th of May 1969 in Winchester, England to Bernard "Tony" and Anne Cain. In 1974 they moved from England to Holbein. They moved to a farm near Shellbrook, then to Big River, then back to the farm where he completed high school.

Darren completed a heavy-duty mechanic course and then his 1A. He also moved to Alberta for a while and worked. In 1994 he met Angeline Hanson and they lived together in Prince Albert. Deciding that a small town was better for their family, they moved to Canwood where they raised their three children.

Darren worked many different jobs during his life, including delivering gas for the Co-op and working as a farmhand. He loved trucking, and at one point proudly owned his own semi. He worked quite a few years for Wally Wilson Trucking. He

also spent a season on the ice roads in the Northwest Territories. While on these trips he would have his dog, Deke, as a companion and take pictures to show his children when he came back home.

From a young age, Darren loved the outdoors. He was happiest when he was hunting, fishing, trapping, or camping and enjoyed taking his family on these outings. When not outdoors he was most likely in his shop fixing something or building something for his next project. In the summers he took pride in his garden and the vegetables he grew. In more recent years he took

up leatherworking and created beautiful pieces for his friends and family.

Darren will be remembered for being a hard worker and having a sense of humour. When asked how he was doing he always replied, "Oh, still alive and kicking and getting uglier," which usually got a laugh out of the person who asked. He will also be remembered for how deeply he cared for his family.

Darren is survived by his wife Angeline "Lynn" Hanson; children Lynette (Saskatoon), Waylon (Regina), Briar (Holbein); his mother Anne; sister Louise

(Vernon, BC); and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. Darren was predeceased by his father, Bernard "Tony"; his uncle Christopher; his grandparents, and several aunts and uncles.

A private get-together to celebrate Darren's life will be held in the spring.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home & Crematorium, Tammy Smart, Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK 306-747-2828.

*Wade Douglas Dieno*

DIENO – Wade Douglas  
It is with sadness we announce the passing of Wade Douglas Dieno at the age of 72 years. Our precious Lord took Wade by the hand and

has led him home. Wade passed away on his mother's birthday with the love of his life Colleen, his family and close friend Ed by his side. Wade loved fishing, hunting, singing, and playing his guitar, riding his Harley, coffee with neighbors on the deck and trips to their place in Mexico.

Wade completed his school in Young, Sask., where he grew up and went on to further his education to become a plumber/pipfitter. Wade had a plumbing business in Watrous, Sask. (Dieno's Plumbing). Wade also worked at the Potash Mine at Colonsay, Sask. and finally at

Key Lake for Cameco, where he worked until 2019.

Wade made his home at Chitek Lake in 1995 where he lived till his passing. This is where he met Colleen 17 years ago. She has been the love of his life. She supported and cared for him until his final hour. Wade had many friends and could strike up a conversation with anyone. Wade will be surely missed by all who came to know him and of course, his dog Tucker.

Wade is survived by his loving wife Colleen of Chitek Lake, his children Bobbie Jo (Brian) Clunas and children Dawson and Kolby of Russell, Man., Scott Hope of Mission, B.C., his stepson Sheldon Kirchner of Saskatoon, Sk., his siblings

Sharon (Callen) McFadden of Candle Lake, SK, Brenda (Reg) Allen of Watrous, SK, Donalee (Gerry) Lamontagne of Saskatoon, SK, Shelley Dieno of Mission, B.C., his aunts and uncles Elmer Dieno of Saskatoon, SK, Judy Dieno of Nanaimo, B.C., he was predeceased by his parents Egon and Irene Dieno, a brother Kelly Dieno, a brother in law Dwaine Dieno, his godparents Max and Mona Dieno.

Donations in memory of Wade may be made to The Saskatchewan Cancer Society, 55 St. Clair Ave West, Suite 300, Toronto, Ontario, M4V 2Y7

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ing to send online condolences are welcome to visit [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to the care

of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, Delores Beaulac Funeral Director, Spiritwood, SK (306) 883-3500.

*Terry Orange*

ORANGE – Terry

It is with sadness that the family of Terry Orange announce his passing on December 4, 2021.

Terry was born on November 21, 1966. He grew up on the family farm with 4 siblings: MaryAnne (Doug) Reed, Barb (Tom) Beebe, Connie (Jerry) Tuck, and Barry (Sheila) Orange. He had a large extended family and was always surrounded by aunties, uncles, and cousins.

He started driving truck in the bush at age 11 against his mother's wishes, but work came first. Terry loved to operate equipment of all kinds - trucks, tractors, loaders etc. - if it had a motor he tried it.

At age 18 he bought his first truck and started hauling logs in the winter. He switched to hauling gravel in the summer. Terry did this till he was 27. He met his wife Carmen Dimond in 1992. After he let her drive his prized possession it was love at first sight. They were married in 1993.

Terry bought a corral cleaning business that he operated for 4 years. During this time the family was blessed with the first 2 children, Baillie and Joshua. He was a very proud Daddy. Af-

ter the corral cleaning business, Terry did a series of jobs including driving truck, making pizzas, loading gravel and hauling cows. In 2000 the final installment of the family was added. Mikhal joined them and their family was complete. In 2003 Terry and Carmen bought the butcher shop in Medstead. They ran it together until 2010 when Terry started working outside of the shop as well. He ran heavy equipment then made ice roads. He landed a job with the Department of Highways, and worked there until his health forced him to stop.

Terry loved to play music, loved baseball, and enjoyed being with family and friends. His best memories were always the goofy shenanigans that he would get into with his friends and family. He loved to talk, visit and play cards.

He is at rest and has joined the family that he greatly missed.

The Funeral Service was held at 2:00 pm, on Saturday December 11, 2021 at the Medstead Hall, Medstead, SK. Interment will follow in the Belbutte Lutheran Cemetery.

Donations in Terry's memory may be made to Star's Ambulance - STARS Donations, 1441 Aviation Park NE, Box 570, Calgary, Alberta, T2E 8M7, or online at [stars.ca/](http://stars.ca/).

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*Sandra Ann**Kardash*KARDASH, Sandra Ann  
1953 – 2021

Sandra Ann Kardash, formerly of Blaine Lake passed away on December 4, 2021 in Edmonton, Alberta. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, December 18th, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. MST at Baker Funeral Chapel in Wetaskiwin, Alberta. Anyone who is wishing to view the livestream may do so by visiting [www.womboldfuneralhomes.com](http://www.womboldfuneralhomes.com), and clicking on Sandra's obituary.

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## OBITUARIES

*Blanche E. Pott (née Hotvedt)*

Blanche E. Pott (née Hotvedt)

Born October 16, 1924, passed away November 18, 2021 at 97 years of age.

Blanche was born on the farm in the Camp Lake area and grew up on a farm near Mont Nebo. She was around nine when they moved back to Camp Lake. She went to school in the Camp Lake school and finished her high school in Shell Lake. Blanche got her teachers certificate and taught in rural schools around Shell Lake and spent eight years at Resolute School south of Spiritwood, then up to Lake Four near Park Valley then home to Shell Lake to finish her teaching career.

She married Arthur Pott in 1947. They had four children: Nora, Danny, Christine and

Ian and continued to teach. Blanche retired from teaching just a few years before Arthur passed in 1986. They spent time together gardening and working around the yard. 12 grandchildren came along, were babysat and loved, 21 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great grandchildren. After Arthur died, Blanche continued to live on the farm for 35 years alone. She was President of the Shell lake Local 81 Métis Nation for 40 years assisting many people to get help with grants and such and was still our President. She was also a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary for about 40 years, a legion member for 12-13 years. As Arthur was a returned veteran she never missed many remembrance days.

Blanche filled her days with writing letters, sewing, reading, crocheting, baking and looking after her chickens, dogs and cats.

Christine travelled with Blanche to England, and Washougal, USA, a city in the state of Washington, USA

on the eastern sea shore. She always wanted to see The Bay of Fundy and the Minus Basin, known for extreme high tides. She wanted to wade in both oceans across Canada. But when they got to the eastern ocean she wouldn't take off her socks and made Christine do it for her. Blanche was a great traveling partner and never complained about the speed, the heat or anything else. Anyone who travelled with Blanche will miss her companionship.

Blanche was a member of the Saskatchewan Retired Teachers Association. She attended most meetings and all gatherings until COVID changed our lives this past year. She was planning on going to a Christmas party in Debden and she missed the "To hell with the Bell" brunch as she got the dates mixed up. She loved going out for a meal or a party, loved staying in motels and attending meetings. Then there was Memorial Hill, it became a family tradition for Grandma Blanche, Adele and

horses", "Go lay an egg", "Go chase yourself". People of every age enjoyed conversations with Mary. She was easy to talk to.

The Schira home, before and after John's passing (1988), was open to all. Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter were especially celebrated with family and relations gathering, playing cards and games and eating. Mary's pancake breakfasts and Sunday socializing went on for decades.

Mary and John inspired their children with a love for music. They encouraged playing instruments, singing, dancing and whistling. Mary taught her children that gifts given from God are to be shared.

Mary's quiet genuine Christian faith was exemplary. She was humble. She spoke with kindness, care, wisdom and brilliance. Mary could see what wasn't good, but chose to only say good things about others.

As to how one can cope in today's world, Mary lovingly exhorted: "It all comes down to living THE TEN COMMANDMENTS." Mary's love, in her manner and tone, is a legacy itself. Family, former students, neighbours and relations loved and respected her.

Mary's manner was gentle but firm. Times could be tough, but she kept a sense of humour. She'd use quirky expressions to discipline her children like "Hold your

Christine and whoever wanted to join on a nice fall day to take a trek up Memorial Hill to enjoy the fall colors. I believe Blanche holds the world record for the most trips up that hill after the age of 90. Oh and it was always about 11:00 am so everyone could go to the Lark for a dinner date afterwards. Maybe the hill should be renamed the Blanche Pott Memorial Hill.

The last 40 years or more she made numerous trips to Prince George, B.C. to visit family. She loved yard sales and second hand stores, where most of her egg cups came from. She was a collector of egg cups, tea pots, spoons, cream jugs, pop bottles and anything that caught her eye. She loved to make things from paper. She always said when she started teaching things were hard to get for crafts, or art as it was called back then. Blanche remembers the first roll of Scotch tape she bought. She had to cut the pieces off with scissors. Paper clips were expensive so she just folded over the corners of 2 sheets of paper then ripped two little rips in it and folded it down.

She had some pen pals from the USA and people she wrote to in Canada. Christine mailed some Christ-

mas cards after Blanche had passed as they were on the table ready to go.

People still stop on the street or at the flea market and ask how she is doing and say how nice she treated them when she was their teacher. A quote sent to me from one of her students reads "She was my grade 5 teacher and I remember like it was yesterday, she told me that I was pretty and I was the best singer in the class and she made me feel special at a time I needed it. She gave me a real foundation to build on and I will always remember her as a special lady!"

Blanche is lovingly remembered by:

Her children:  
Nora Pott and family:  
Kristi-Ann (Doug)  
Morphet and family: Kara, Curtis;

Sean (Wendy) Watrin and family:

Kristian & children:  
Kazen, Graycee  
Brandon (Kristen) Watrin & children: Liviya, Hallie, Ella, Chantelle, Janelle, Rheagan;

Bobbielee (James) Davie and family: Rowan, Katlyn  
Danny Pott and family:  
Melanie (Dwayne) Hupaelo and family:

Patrick (Jayd) & children:

Bryton, Dominic;  
Pamela Pott and family:  
Riley & daughter: Seneca;  
Aaron Pott (Tyler) and family: Danielle, Bailey, Asher

Christine Wollms and family:

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Farin & son: Huntley  
Mellisa (Anthony) McEwen & son: Everick

Megan;  
Blaine Laughren (Darlene) and family:

Devin & daughter:  
Adalynn  
Kimberly, Jacob

Ian (Audrey) Pott and family:  
Cherie Ahenakew & children: Avery, Shayne, Joel, Josh, Elaina;

Tina (Scott) Dreaver & children: Walter, Chloe, Gabriel, Noah, Isabella;  
Becky Ahenakew, Tyrone, Elijah, & Desireé

Her siblings:  
Helga (Leonard) Grove, Ernest (Joan) Hotvedt, Christina Hotvedt  
Her sisters-in-law:  
Margaret Hotvedt, Erma Hotvedt

Numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.  
We will all miss her in everything we do. Rest in Peace Grandma Pott.

*Mary Emilie Schira*SCHIRA – Mary Emilie  
October 8, 1924 –  
December 1, 2021

Mary and her parents Amalia and Steven Matula moved from Vecs, Hungary to Canada in 1926. They farmed west of Leask, Saskatchewan.

As the eldest child, Mary was given several responsibilities, some daunting and scary for a little girl. She told of how she, at 6 years old, walked alone through a pasture to her first day of school. An unfriendly bull with a chain in its nose snorted and pawed nearby. Her heart in her throat, Mary's little legs pushed past the brute. Fortunately, she was unharmed. Courage and coping skills began early and would be needed throughout her life.

Mary had a zest for life and learning, saying "The sky is the limit". She enjoyed art and writing. She was co-editor for the Spiritwood Scribes Writing Club and published stories and poems in their Anthology books. As her children grew older, Mary worked as the Spiritwood librarian and as reporter for the Spiritwood Herald.

Mary's manner was gentle but firm. Times could be tough, but she kept a sense of humour. She'd use quirky expressions to discipline her children like "Hold your

be lovingly remembered by HER CHILDREN AND 34 GRANDCHILDREN:

DANIEL Prince Albert, SK - Brian (Kari), Chris, Marty, Roxanne (Claude) Martine

SYLVIA Prince Albert, SK - Serena (Darcy) Andres, Tanya (Jeremy) Wright, Jodi Snider, Vicki Snider

EMILIE Saskatoon, SK - Andrew (Tina) Dubourt, Naomi (Steven) Redl, Elisabeth (Mark) Angus

DENNIS North Battleford, SK - Danielle (Rob) Marrin, Holly (Gilbert) Zonneveld, Derek (Sherry) Janzen

CHARLES (Claire) Spiritwood, SK - Clayton (Lindy), Warren (Tasha), Darcy (Erin), Dallas, Dana (David) Lockhart

ROSALIE (Ed) Scott Winnipeg, MB - Carmen Scott (Mike McMurray), Riley, Craig (Claire), Shaun, Lindsay

RONALD (Carol) Saskatoon, SK - Travis, Amanda (Luc) Thibodeau, Craig (Kelly), Landon (Brittany)

GISELLE (Don) Booth Spiritwood, SK - Jeremy, Curtis (Janai), Kevin (Jill)

67 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN

- Her sister Magdalene St. Arnaud of P.A. Sask.

- Numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives

SHE WAS PREDECASED BY:

Husband, John Schira; Parents, Steven and Amalia

(Yezovitsky) Matula; Infant brother, John Matula; Parents-in-law, Sebastian and Suzanne (Servo) Schira; Siblings-in-law, Anne (Sid) Worth, Steve (Mary) Schira, Elizabeth (Steve) Klits, Ferd St. Arnaud; Granddaughter-in-law Alyson Schira; Great grandson Jayden Wright.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Mary to the Sa-

cred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Spiritwood for funeral mass intentions. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home & Crematorium, Mark Muir, Funeral Director, Spiritwood, SK. 306-883-3500.

*Donald Nelson Perrault*Donald Nelson Perrault  
October 7, 1950 – December 3, 2021

Don passed away on Friday December 3, 2021, peacefully with his children Kent, Hunter (Maddie), Yzann, and best friend Gregg by his side, finally ending the battle with cancer that he had endured over the last few years.

Don lived his life enjoying the great outdoors, spending time on the lake fishing

both summer and winter. His greatest passion was hunting. Golf was a big part of his life, he always made sure to get on the course for a few rounds each summer. He combined his enjoyment of the sport with work by being employed at Kachur's Golf Course for the last several years.

Don loved being a grandfather to Paisley and Mila, they were his everything and gave him a never-ending smile.

There will be a Celebration of Life at a later date.

Donations in Don's memory may be directed to the Donors Choice.

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# SPORTS

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## In hindsight, it was a pretty good year for sports

After a forgettable 2020, when almost all sports were COVID-halted, and fans were kept away even when the pro sports leagues resumed play (except for the Canadian Football League, which missed an entire season), a shadow of the status quo in the world of sports presented itself to fans in 2021.

And, looking back, it wasn't that bad a year. So let's do a quick recap:

— Athlete of the year: Damian Warner of London, Ont., laid claim to the title of world's greatest athlete by winning the decathlon at the Tokyo Olympics, setting a points record by exceeding the 9,000 mark. Toronto swimmer Penny Oleksiak won three more medals to become the most decorated Canadian Olympian ever, with seven medals.

— Canadian baseball fans saw the emergence of a superstar in Vladimir Guerrero, Jr., who covered first base for the Toronto Blue Jays and created terror for opposing

pitchers. Guerrero, only 22, belted 48 home runs and ... well, Jays' fans can hardly wait for the 2022 season. As spectacular as he was at the plate, Guerrero took a back seat in Major League Baseball headlines to Shohei Ohtani, the Japanese phenom who crushed 46 home runs and also posted a 9-2 pitching record with a 3.18 ERA for the Angels. His pitching/hitting performance was unprecedented in the modern era. Long-suffering Atlanta Braves fans celebrated in early November as the team won its first World Series in 26 years.

— Speaking of long-suffering: How 'bout those Montreal Canadiens? Their fans were ecstatic as the team made July's Stanley Cup final (losing, however, to Tampa Bay) for the first time since winning it all in 1993, but languishing among the NHL's worst teams as the current season got underway.

— Still with hockey, the flashy Oiler, Connor McDavid, continued to prove



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he's in a class by himself, scoring highlight-reel goals almost on a weekly basis.

— If 2021 proved one thing, it was that age isn't much of a deterrent to success. Tom Brady at age 43 led Tampa Bay Bucs to the Super Bowl in February, and 50-year-old Phil Mickelson became the oldest golfer ever to win a major title, taking the PGA championship at Kiawah Island in May.

— The biggest golf story of the year, however, was Tiger Woods' car crash in February, which resulted in injuries so serious that the competitive career of the greatest golfer of all

time is likely over. What isn't over, though, is the continued ascension of Canadian golf stars on the PGA Tour, with Corey Conners (34th) and Mackenzie Hughes (39th) both among the world's top 40 players. Brooke Henderson is No. 10 in the world among women.

— One of the most uplifting sports stories with a Canadian perspective was that of Leylah-Annie Fernandez, only 19, who burst upon the pro tennis scene by making it all the way to the final of the U.S. Open. She didn't win it, but man, what a future awaits.

• Headline at theonion.com: "Baker Mayfield Struggling To Tune Out Booing Progressive Fans On Commercial Set"

• Headline at fark.com: "Angry pro snooker player says amateurs shouldn't be allowed in tournaments because: A) it lowers the standards of the game; B) fewer people want to watch amateurs play; C) he lost."

• Reader Todd J., reacting to a story on yahoo-

sports.com about coach Lincoln Riley leaving Oklahoma and signing with USC Trojans: "Riley didn't build a damn thing (at Oklahoma). He was handed the keys to a Mercedes, kept up with oil changes for a couple of years, then drove it off a cliff."

• Columnist Norman Chad, on Twitter: "Here's the thing about Ravens coach John Harbaugh: I root against him even when he's ordering lunch at Popeyes."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "Tampa Bay receiver, Antonio Brown's, in-house chef accused him of buying a fake vaccine card. They suspected the vaccine card was fake when it claimed to declare Brown immunized by Aaron Rodgers."

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "Why the NHL handed Brendan Lemieux a five (for biting) game suspension: 5. To show incisive leadership; 4. His action left a bad taste; 3. To put more teeth into the rules; 2.

That's the molar of the story; 1. It was a gnashional disgrace."

• Headline at Fark.com: "Cowboys coach Mike McCarthy tests positive for COVID-19, blames the officials."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times, who called this snippet 'Tooth and Consequences': "The NHL suspended Kings winger Brendan Lemieux for biting the hand of the Senators' Brady Tkachuk, drawing blood. Just Tkachuk's luck — getting in a skirmish with a hockey player who actually has teeth."

• Fox's Joe Buck, on Packers QB Aaron Rodgers getting a pregame injection on his injured toe: "So Aaron is telling us he's had that toe immunized."

• Another headline at fark.com: "Brady-Belichick Super Bowl looking more and more likely. For whom would you root? Besides giant meteor, I mean."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

## Elks fall in pair of low-scoring affairs

The Parkland U18 AA Elks played at home and on the road over the weekend, hosting the North West Stars on Friday night before travelling to Humboldt on Saturday to face-off against the Humboldt Broncos.

In both matches, the Elks did well to keep their opponents from racking up the points. But they failed to put up significant numbers of their own, taking a pair of losses

### Elks (1) vs Stars (3)

In a word, the opening period of Friday night's match between the Parkland U18 AA Elks and the North West Stars was sloppy. Both teams fought the puck in the early going, struggling to complete passes or sustain any meaningful offensive pressure.

On an early power play, the Elks squandered the opportunity by recording just one shot on goal and playing more defence than offence. Meanwhile, the Stars were able to run up their shot count on a pair of later power plays, but were denied by Elks goalie Carson Ledding.

After 20 minutes of messy play, the Elks found themselves facing a 14-4 shots on goal deficit.

In the second frame, the stars burst to life in the early going, scoring on a quick rush. Jaxton Sayers netted the game opener, with an assist from Jeremy Hanson.

Though they now found themselves trailing the Stars, the Elks stayed in the game and killed off a four-minute major. It was

all for naught, though, as the Stars struck shortly after to take a 2-0 lead. Hanson scored the goal on another offensive rush, beating Ledding down low. The goal was unassisted.

Presented with a power play late in the frame, the Elks finally managed to create some offensive zone opportunities. The pressure allowed Anson Favel to get the Elks back in the game, with assists from Peter Bird and Bronson Parker.

The Stars nipped any comeback hopes in the bud, scoring just a couple minutes later. Jess Borschneck tapped home a rebound

from inside the crease, earning assists for Camron Soulsby and Devante Pratt.

The goal sent the action to the third period, where both teams returned to the sloppy play of the first stanza and generated few scoring opportunities. Despite a promising power play, the Elks couldn't find the back of the net and fell by a score of 3-1.

### Elks (2) vs Broncos (4)

Less than 24 hours after their loss to the Stars, the Elks travelled to Humboldt for an afternoon showdown with the Humboldt Broncos. In a low-shooting first period, the Elks tallied just three shots on goal to the

Broncos' 10.

It was the Broncos who made their shots count, taking a 1-0 lead after just six minutes of play. Tyler Gudjonson scored the game-opener, with assists from Matthew Solar and Rylan Leroux.

In a more action heavy second period, the Elks knotted the game up at 1-1 thanks to a power play goal from Tylee Sylvestre, assisted by Kendon Skalicky.

The Broncos had an answer, scoring just eight seconds later, then tacking on another goal a minute after that. Ty Sundholm restored the Broncos' lead with an assist from Hayden Smart, then Tristin Ziola netted the eventual game-winning-goal on helpers from Edward Knittig and Rhett Vedress.

Fast forwarding to the third period, the Elks pulled within one on another power play marker. This one came from Corvan Stewart, on assists from Jase Martin and Sylvestre.

The Broncos struck back in a near-perfect mirroring of the second period, with Hadley Nakonechy scoring just 10 seconds later. Gudjonson earned the only assist on the goal.

With the losses, the Elks have fallen to 1-20-0-1 on the season. The team will close out the 2021 leg of the season with a pair of games this weekend.

On Friday, they host the Saskatoon Icehawks at 7:30 p.m. Then, on Sunday, they travel to Saskatoon for a 2 p.m. showdown with the Saskatoon Screaming Eagles.



Elks netminder Carson Ledding sticks a pad out to stop a North West Stars scoring opportunity.

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**Shellbrook Royal Purple  
news highlights**

### By Elaine Perkins

The Shellbrook Royal Purple welcomed six new members to the lodge on Dec. 9. The Christmas meeting started at Amanda's Pizza for supper, then we moved on to the Shellbrook Community Hall for meeting and fellowship.

A motion was made to purchase two park benches from Stu Danberg of Canwood. They will be placed at Centennial Park by the playground in the spring.

The annual BrainLove meet-



The Shellbrook Royal Purple held a meeting and fellowship at the Shellbrook Community Hall on Dec. 9.



The Shellbrook Royal Purple has welcomed six new members. Back row, from left: Pat Radchuk, Carolyn Anderson, Brenda Ahenakew, and Gail Buckingham. Front row: Wendy Watt and Wendy Otterson.

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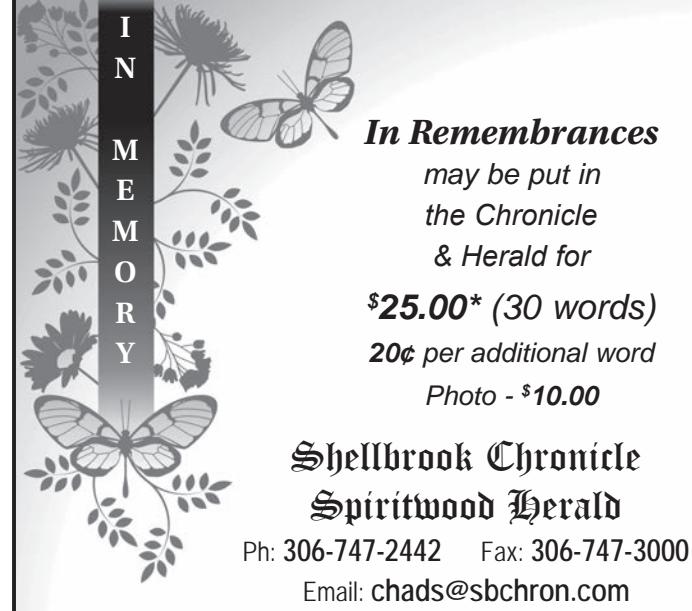
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**BLAINE LAKE:** Wapiti Library - Wednesday 11 am - 6 pm; Friday 11 am - 5 pm; Saturday 10 am - 4 pm. Contact us for more info 306-497-3130, www.wapitilibrary.ca.

**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 1 pm - 5 pm. Kids Club is Fridays 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm; Crafter's Choice is the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

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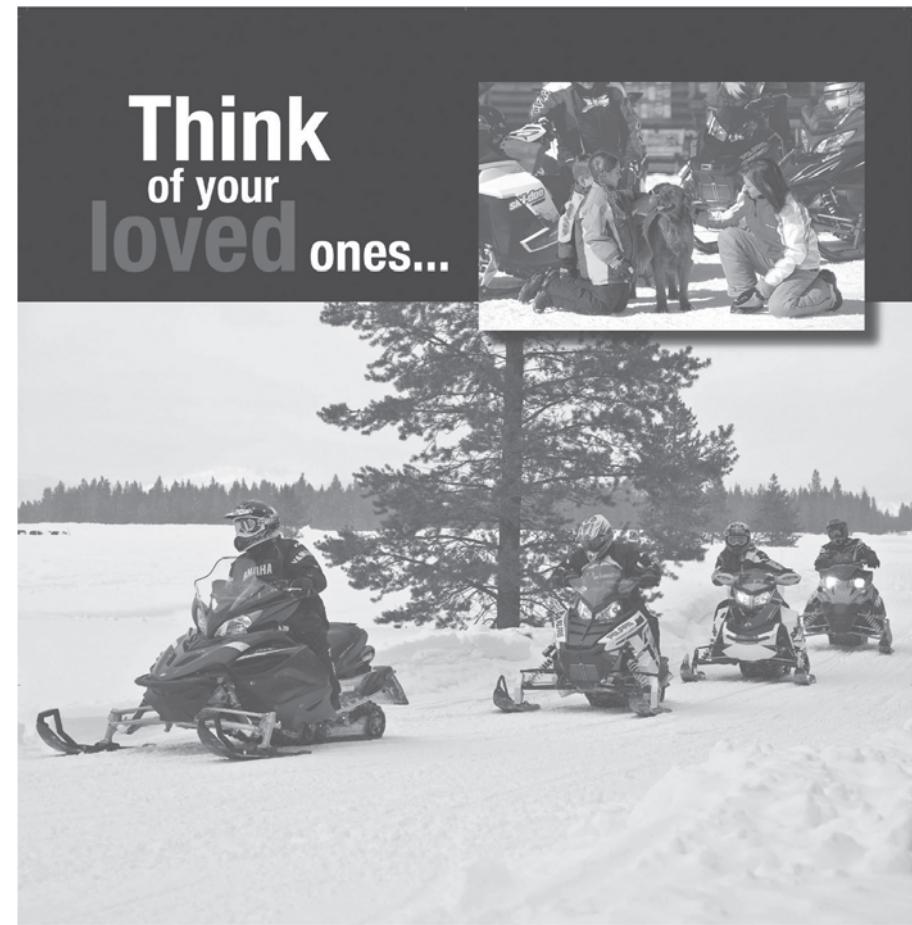
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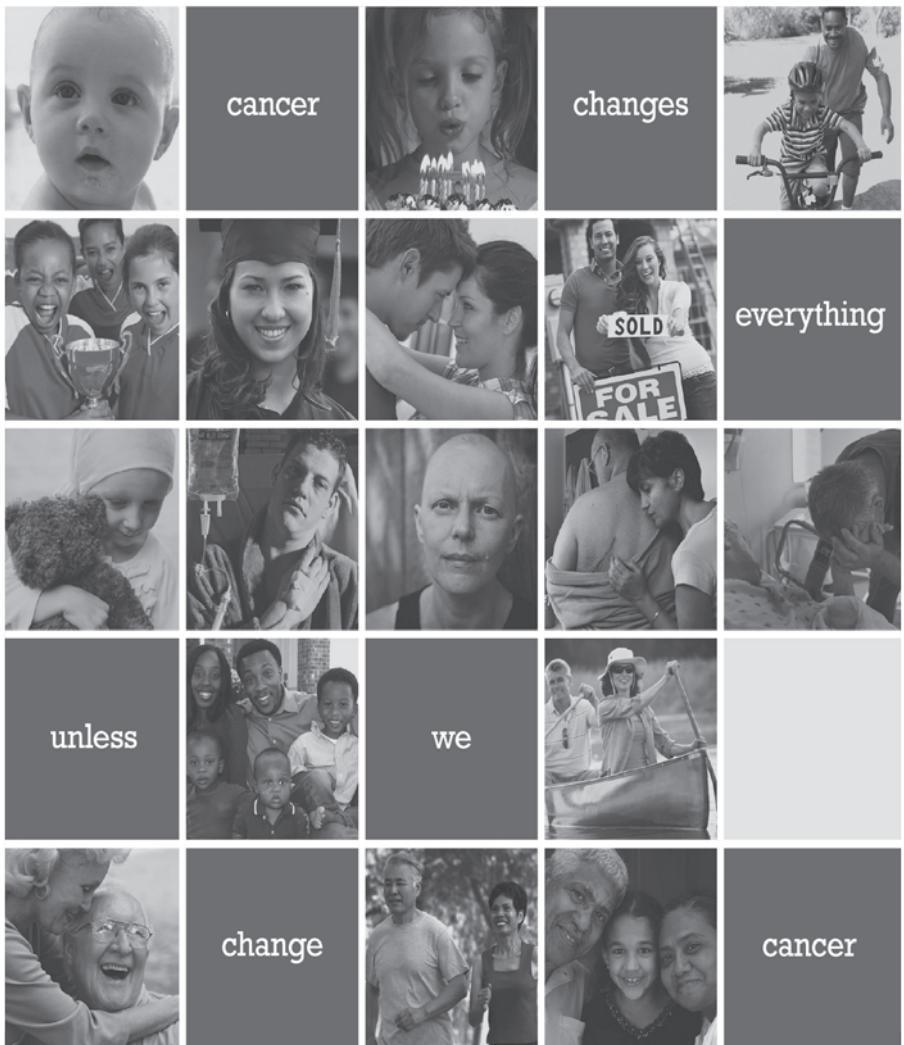
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# Governor inducts new lions

Lion Marianne Kramchynsky, Governor of Lions District 5SKN, inducted two new members into the Spiritwood and District Lions Club at her official visit to the Spiritwood Lions on Dec. 2.



**George Pretli won the Lions Presidential Leadership Award.**

The induction ceremony welcomed Caroline Zinz and Andre Austin into the world of Lions International. While the pandemic has seriously impacted fundraising and service projects in the past couple of years, the two new Lions are eager to contribute to the community in what projects the Lions are able to conduct in the foreseeable future.

The new Lions were sponsored by Lion Shelley Allard.

One project the Lions hope to hold is the annual Cordwood Bonspiel, which would be held at the end of the regular curling season. The Curling Club has been notified of this intention, and the rings will be installed.

However, the event will depend on health restrictions in force at the time, which will have an effect on the project.

Recent projects cancelled include the Craft Sale and the Seniors Supper, as well as the \$1,000 Cash Raffle that has been a staple of the club for many years.

In her address, Lion Governor Marianne encouraged the Lions to connect to the wider world of Lions through so-

cial media and other opportunities for networking and gaining new ideas.

"Facebook pages such as 5SKN Lions, Global Lions Forum Canada, and the Burmester Virtual Bar are excellent sites for fellowship and exchange of ideas."

There are also Lions YouTube channels that are excellent, she said.

Lion Governor Marianne also explained the value of the dues submitted to Lions International, and also the work of the Lions International Foundation of Canada. LIFC funding was already at work assisting with recovery from the recent flooding in parts of

British Columbia.

She also talked about the current movement to connect Lions from province to province. Currently, most Multiple Districts are structured north and south. For example, Saskatchewan Lions are in Multiple District 5 with Lions of North and South Dakota, with little contact with the Lions of Manitoba and Alberta.

"The goal is more east-west connection," she said.

The Spiritwood Lions presented Lion Governor Marianne with a cheque for \$200, to be forwarded to the Lions Foundation of Canada.



**Lions District Governor Marianne Kramchynsky (left) inducted Caroline Zinz and Andre Austin into the Spiritwood and District Lions Club. Lion Shelley Allard (right) sponsored the new members.**

## Donations pour in for Shellbrook Food Bank

Grade 1 and 2 students from Shellbrook Elementary School made the snowy trek over to the Shellbrook Pentecostal Church, with arms laden down with non-perishable food items, to make a donation to the Shellbrook and District Ministerial Food Bank on Friday, Dec. 10.

Chezanne Shewchuk, the school's secretary, sent a note home to parents the week of Nov. 29, asking them to send students to school with Food Bank donations with a deadline of Dec. 15. In less than a week, the school's hamper was overflowing, prompting the students to make an early delivery.

The donation follows a significant contribution made by the Shellbrook Youth Council through their Christmas Movie Night

on Dec. 3. That fundraiser brought in four boxes of food and \$311 for the Food Bank.

This was the second event hosted by the newly formed Shellbrook Youth Council, which is made up of local

high school students and guided by Bruce Clements and Nicole Philp. For Halloween, the group hosted a Hoot 'n Howl and scared up \$300 for the Shellbrook Public Library.



**Grade 1 and 2 students from Shellbrook Elementary made a special delivery to the Shellbrook Food Bank on Friday, Dec. 10.**



**Members of the Shellbrook Youth Council hosted a Christmas movie night on Dec. 3, hauling in four boxes of food and \$311 for the Shellbrook Food Bank.**

## GOOD NEWS

### SOMETIMES THE STRUGGLE IS THE BEST THING FOR US

There is quite the story of the student who decided to snip off the end of the cocoon to help the monarch butterfly emerge. What that student did was no help at all. The butterfly plopped out. Unfortunately, only half the top of it looked like a butterfly. The bottom half was large and swollen. The monarch butterfly crawled about, and a short time later died.

I love the lesson the biology teacher taught his students the next day. The teacher told them the butterfly's struggle to get through the tiny opening was necessary. The struggle forced the fluids from the swollen body into the wings so they would be strong enough to fly. It is an amazing thing, but without the struggle the wings would never develop.

Someone saw an application. He said, "Struggles cause numerous things in our lives to develop. Rather than struggle against struggle, we need to struggle through our struggles!"

I like that thought, "struggle through our struggles."

I grew up in Hay River, N.W.T. The original town of Hay River was built on Vale Island.

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and the Dene Village were flooded. I was 4 years old at the time. Our parents, Theresa and Slim Bodvarson, were there raising six kids, with me being the youngest.

I would have never thought I would stumble over a nugget, but a while back I found an interview that was written in a Manitoba newspaper. Our dad was from Manitoba and folks in the Gimli Interlake region were interested in how he was faring. Al Arnason, a reporter, asked my father about the flood.

One can hear the struggle he was going through as he told the reporter, "All we have is what we are standing in. I don't think there is anything left – the house is absolutely demolished. I don't think a man can get flood insurance here."

"But money is a problem. I couldn't buy timbers for the foundation. We're so broke we can't get out of here."

Well, I am glad our mom and dad stuck it out, stayed, and learnt some valuable lessons along the way.

Let me give you a personal example of a struggle. I joined TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) on Oct. 10, 2020. I was 230 lbs. I wanted to lose at least 30 of those lbs. It took me six months, but with the Lord's help by March 2021 I reached my goal.

Now, I aim to keep on goal or below. That is a struggle. But I need to learn the lesson: "not to struggle against struggle but struggle through my struggle."

Blessings,  
Pastor David Bodvarson  
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