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Spiritwood Flowers 'N More welcomes new owners

Spiritwood Flowers 'N More welcomed new owners, Brenda and Rick Reddekopp, and opened its doors again in the beginning of August this year with a little soft opening for the first few weeks. Technically they started selling their first fresh flowers and opened for regular hours in the beginning of September.

Both Rick and Brenda were originally from the Hague area and have owned a cabin in the Village of Shell Lake for about 18 years. Rick was an accountant for two different businesses in Hague 33 years ago and has spent the past nine years (well, 10, once 2022 rolls around) working in real estate. The couple has been in the Spiritwood area for quite some time, and has loved the ambience of the small town.

"I've been in this store before and saw what's in it so I thought I would like to try it. I love plants, flowers and everything like that so the greenhouse is great to have. I've also always liked this community. Every time I come in to Spiritwood, it was just a bustling hub downtown and I always liked that. I'm a small-town girl so this is perfect for me," Brenda said.

Rick describes Brenda as a green-thumb and supports her in every way.

However, he is very much enthralled by collecting antiques. He goes around the countryside for his real estate business while also searching for items to catch his interest, which he figures is one of the advantages of owning the place.

In addition, Brenda and Rick say one of their goals is to support locally made products when sourcing their inventory as much as possible. To this end, they have reached out to some local people for homemade items.

Both Brenda and Rick believe that the most important aspect in managing a business is to have happy customers. "When I see someone coming in and I hand them over the stuff I made, which makes them happy, that's what I like and I strive for that," Brenda said.

Rick is in charge of ordering supplies and web configuration, while Brenda handles the greenhouse and customer orders section, which makes both of them a great team in this newly re-opened business.



Rick and Brenda Reddekopp are the new owners of Spiritwood Flowers 'N More, which reopened its doors earlier this year.



Whether customers are on the lookout for fresh-cut flowers or unique antiques, Spiritwood Flowers 'N More is likely to have it.

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Kin school snack program adapts and grows

In a province where one-in-four children live below the poverty line, going to school hungry is a reality for far too many students. And this reality has a profound impact on their ability to learn.

Enter the Shellbrook Kinettes and Kinsmen, who, since 2018, have been doing their part to tackle hunger

at Shellbrook Elementary School and WP Sandin High School through their School Snack Program (a program that runs parallel to and augments existing efforts at both schools).

When first introduced in February 2018, the snack program saw the Kinettes and Kinsmen spend between

\$100 and \$120 each month until the end of the school year to provide one monthly snack for every student at both schools, whether it be a muffin and grapes, or goldfish and grapes.

"As Kinsmen and Kinettes, we are always looking for ways to better our community, and add value to our town," said Kinette Tasha Cyr when the snack program was first introduced. "There are youth in every school, known or unknown, that don't get enough food. There are teachers and staff who help out, by providing lunches and snacks to those in need, and we really wanted to help take some of this off of the schools."

Seeing the program's success through its first five months, the Kinettes decided to expand the program by increasing the snacks and introducing a monthly fruit basket. Community organizations were eager to get on board, with the Parkside Community Club making a \$1,000 donation to the program (the Kinsmen provided an additional \$750, while the Kinettes directed \$95.26 to the cause with the proceeds raised by the silver collection at the Fall Shoe Party).

Shellbrook Bigway also got on board, doing the hard work of packing up a \$100 bucket of fruit, which was then split evenly and delivered to both schools.

With the new additions to the snack program, the Kinettes and their supporters contributed \$2,152.71 to making sure local kids didn't have to learn on an empty stomach.

"Teachers were making a



Tom Seidental (left) and Lynette Lerat (right) from Affinity Credit Union present Shellbrook Kinette Tasha Cyr with a cheque for \$1,000. The funds will give a boost to the Kinettes' School Snack Program.

point of letting us know how much they appreciated the monthly fruit," Cyr said. "The kids who needed it were benefiting, which, in the end, was exactly what we wanted."

After witnessing the positive impact the fruit baskets had, the Kinettes went back to the drawing board with the aim of revamping the snack program to focus on those who needed it most. Based on guidance from both schools, an emergency lunch budget of \$100 per month was set up for each school to allow them to purchase what they truly needed.

Starting with the 2019-2020 school year, which was cut short by the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic, the snack program was expanded yet again, with the spend on the monthly fruit basket increasing to \$150 and the emergency lunch fund coming into full effect (this was made possible with another \$1,000 donation from the Parkside Community Club,

\$500 from the Kinsmen, and silver collection proceeds from the Kinettes' Fall Trunk Show).

"Bigway was super helpful again, and we had it set up so that each school emergency lunch program was kept separately so we could see how it was helping," Cyr explained. "It wasn't utilized to its full amount for the first little bit, but the schools slowly increased their purchases as they saw what would be helpful."

With the start of the 2020-2021 school year, the snack program was hindered by public health measures that prevented the Kinettes from packing and delivering snacks and fruit baskets. True to form, the Kinettes adapted, providing each school with \$150 per month (up to \$1,500 for the school year).

It wasn't necessarily ideal, but it was the best the Kinettes could do in the circumstances and Cyr says she's happy the Kinettes worked to find a solution to the challenges they faced.

For its part, WP Sandin High School used its funds for more of a breakfast pro-

gram, having a breakfast cart available for anyone & everyone looking for some morning energy. Meanwhile, Shellbrook Elementary School focused its efforts on lunch items and snacks, but also considered adding breakfast as well.

"[The pandemic] made us think outside the box and come up with a better program," Cyr said. "By giving each school a monthly budget and letting them choose how they use it, I believe the program is working to the best of its ability for both schools."

As of Oct. 1, with the support of a \$500 donation from the Parkside Community Club and \$1,000 from Affinity Credit Union Staff Funds of the Shellbrook, Canwood, and Leask branches, the Kinettes were able to reintroduce the monthly fruit basket, providing each school with \$75 of fresh fruit per month.

With inflation bringing increased costs for groceries, Cyr says the hope is that community support for the school snack program will continue. In the meantime, the Kinettes are budgeting \$4,350 for the school year.

Lavoie wins Dec. dessert draw



Geraldine Lavoie was the very lucky winner of the Spiritwood Public Library's Dessert of the Month for December. Various baking delights from all the board members are hers to enjoy. Stop in the library to purchase your 2022 dessert tickets for chances to win something scrumptious! Your support of the library is greatly appreciated!

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Nomination forms along with the RM of Big River No. 555 Public Disclosure Form may be obtained from the RM Office.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 2021.

Michael Yuzik
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Knox makes large donations to community

In its nearly 110 years in Shellbrook and the surrounding area, the Knox United Church and its congregation have established a lasting legacy of giving generously to the community.

Though the church disbanded earlier this year, due to the increasing age and decreasing number of its congregants, its legacy continued this past Friday with one final act of generosity (or, rather, two acts of generosity).

As part of its disbanding process, the congregation was allowed to donate 50 per cent of the funds it had to local causes (with the remaining 50 per cent going to the head church to support the work it does).

After some deliberation, three-fifths, or \$49,066.67, were awarded to the Shellbrook and District Health Services Foundation to be used as it sees fit.

"It will go into the Shellbrook and District Health Services Foundation's funds," said Town of Shellbrook Mayor Amund Otterson, who was acting as a representative for the foundation at the cheque presentation.

"When we get requests, we'll consider them and distribute, if we think it fits the strategic plan or mandate to maintain the hospital and support the staff."

As for the remaining funds, one-fifth will support Camp Tapawingo, a faith-based, United Church-run camp located in Candle Lake. The remaining fifth, or

\$16,355.56, was presented to the Shellbrook Kinettes.

"We wanted the Kinettes to get a good portion, because of what you girls do [for the community]," Knox United Church chair Larry Chalifour said.



Shellbrook Mayor Amund Otterson (middle), representing the Shellbrook and District Health Services Foundation, accepts a \$49,066 cheque from the Shellbrook Knox United Church's Larry Chalifour (chair, left), and Ron Hollowell (treasurer).

Shellbrook Kinette Tasha Cyr, who accepted the cheque on the Kinettes' behalf, said discussions will be held in the new year to decide what to do with the funds.



Shellbrook Kinette Tasha Cyr (middle) accepts a \$16,355 cheque from the Shellbrook Knox United Church's Larry Chalifour (chair, left), and Ron Hollowell (treasurer).

Highlights of a Shellbrook town council meeting

Shellbrook's town council met for its regular meeting in person and via teleconference on Monday, Dec. 20.

In attendance were Mayor Amund Otterson, councillors Larry Batten, Peter Halayka, Cheryl Ledding, Brent Miller, and Kathleen Nording, and the town's CAO, Kelly Hoare.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Otterson at 5 p.m., and council began by approving the meeting's agenda and adopting the minutes of its Monday, Dec. 6 meeting. With no business arising from said minutes, council approved payment of the town's regular accounts, then moved on to provide its reports.

In an update on the PAR-WU Steering Committee and Board, and its proposed intermunicipal water pipeline, councillor Miller informed council that the board had moved to award the contract for the river crossing to Associated Engineering. He also said the river crossing will involve a directional bore through bedrock.

In Parkland Pool Steering Committee discussion, councillor Miller expressed eagerness for the committee to get its feasibility study completed and settle on its plans. He added that if the plan is to build a new pool, it will be helpful to know where it will be built, noting the decision could impact plans to move the old Rayside School building to Kinsmen Park.

Moving on, councillor Nording reported to council that the Theatre Committee will be resuming twice-monthly moves starting Friday, Jan. 7.

Shifting to unfinished business, council discussed its

plans to survey ratepayers about recreation in the community. In addition to engaging ratepayers in a discussion about local recreation, council's hope is to reduce the town's budgetary expenditures on recreation (without reducing services) or perhaps even turn recreation into a source of revenue.

Looking over recommendations from recreation director Jessica Kernohan, and proposals submitted by five companies, council eventually voted to accept the proposal from Altwest.

In new business, council began by approving a motion to transfer \$20,312.50 from its reserves for the purchase

of a fire truck for the Shellbrook Volunteer Fire Department. The sum represents half the total cost of the truck (\$40,625), and the other half will be paid by the R.M. of Shellbrook.

Next, council carried a motion to enter into an agreement with Matthewson & Co. Hoare encouraged the move, explaining that the firm would be used to assist with the town's strategic plan and asset management plans. She also noted that this will be a month-to-month agreement, which can be terminated if it's not proving to be beneficial to the town.

Closing out the new business, council carried a motion

to hire People First to conduct an HR Review of the Town of Shellbrook's organization. Hoare noted the town has been in a monthly agreement with the company and found it to be beneficial thus far.

Though she didn't oppose the motion, councillor Nording questioned how the consultants the town is contracting will fit into the budget.

Mayor Otterson said council will have to figure this out as budget deliberations begin in earnest in the new year.

Wrapping up the final meeting of 2021, councillor Miller paid tribute to former councillor Bruce Clements, who chose to retire from council earlier this month.

"He's left a real legacy that sets a wonderful example for

people in this community," Miller said.

With a by-election around the corner, Miller and council agreed that more should be done to find and encourage the right candidate to step forward to fill the vacant council position.

Council's next meeting will be on Monday, Jan. 17 at 5 p.m.

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New year calls for new rhetoric

The most commonly accepted definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different outcome.

Premier Scott Moe is far from insane. However, he (or, more accurately, his social media team) does have a habit of saying the same things over and over again, as if doing so makes them more true.

Take his latest two-part Twitter jab at Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in defence of Saskatchewan's energy sector.

"Our Minister of Energy and Resources was in Houston last week doing what the Prime Minister should have done at COP26, promoting Saskatchewan's sustainable energy industry," he Tweeted on Dec. 13.

"Sharing the stories of success in our enhanced oil recovery and CCS technology will only help others in recognizing the innovation being used to reduce emissions and how ineffective policies are not the solu-



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tion."

No one is disputing that it's Mr. Moe's job to defend the interests of Saskatchewan, or that the energy sector is one of those key interests.

However, the Sask. Party's government failed experiment with carbon capture and storage (CCS) at Boundary Dam 3 isn't a strong argument against Mr. Trudeau's "ineffective" policies.

Contrary to Mr. Moe's assertions, the CCS project has been nothing but a disaster since it came online in 2014.

Due to delays, regular equipment malfunctions and consistent underperformance, the experiment went so poorly in its first year that SaskPower had to pay Cenovus \$12 million for missing its obligations (plus another \$7.3 million for failing to deliver enough CO₂).

Indeed, throughout that first year, the plant routinely operated at 40 per cent of its generating capacity.

In the years since, says the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis (IEFFA), the plant has rarely, if ever, met SaskPower's goal of capturing 90 per cent of CO₂ emissions, forcing the Crown utility to lower its expectations to capturing just 65 per cent.

What's more, SaskPower boasted earlier this year that the CCS project reached a milestone of 4 million tonnes of CO₂ captured. The trouble is, it was supposed to reach this milestone in 2018.

"SaskPower is basically bragging about being only two-and-a-half years late to achieve a goal. Boundary Dam 3's operating performance hardly shows that the capture technology is financially viable," said IEFFA director David Schlissel.

Finally, we mustn't forget that in 2017 and 2018, both SaskPower CEO Mike Marsh and then-Energy Minister Dustin Duncan ruled out the possibility of pursuing future CCS projects at the Boundary Dam 4 and 5 plants.

If none of this screams ineffective policy, then consider the entirely fictional environmental benefits of carbon capture and storage.



Sure, carbon is captured. But, in the case of Boundary dam 3, that carbon is shipped off to oil and gas companies to be used for enhanced oil recovery. The recovered oil is then shipped to market where it is eventually burned by consumers, releasing all the CO₂ emissions that were "captured".

Instead of taking shots at the prime minister over events that

happened more than a month ago, Mr. Moe and his government should look inward at their own failing environmental policies.

Better yet, they should expel less CO₂ defending the energy sector and focus more on other issues, like poverty and healthcare.

A new year is upon us. Here's hoping Santa gives the Sask. Party some new rhetoric for Christmas.

Trudeau needs to make federal debt a priority

**By Franco Terrazzano
CTF Federal Director**

Sometimes it's what people don't say that reveals the most. And the federal government's failure to mention the deficit or debt in the Throne Speech is all too revealing for taxpayers worried about the erosion of Canada's national finances.

For a government that is nearly doubling its entire pre-pandemic debt in six years, deficits should be a top priority. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's apathy towards reining in government borrowing reveals how his government got into this mess.

In 2014, Trudeau said "the budget will balance itself." When he ran for prime minister in 2015, Trudeau said he would have a few "modest" deficits before returning to balance in 2019. He missed that target by \$20 billion while his government added more than \$100 billion to the debt between the end of 2015 and 2019.

Despite failing to balance the budget, the Throne Speech claims the government is

"prudently managing spending." But it's tough to square that circle when the government's inflation-adjusted per person spending was higher in 2018 – before the pandemic – than it was during any single year of World War II.

While the pandemic is partly to blame for the surge in borrowing, nearly two thirds of everything the government spent last year was not related to COVID-19, according to the Fraser Institute.

What's most concerning is where the federal government's finances are heading. That's because the feds are using COVID-19 to embark on a debt-fueled spending binge. Through budget 2021, Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland plans to increase permanent spending by more than \$100 billion by 2026.

The Parliamentary Budget Officer's data projects the feds running deficits until 2070. Interest charges on the debt would cost about \$3.8 trillion over those five decades. That's trillions of dollars that can't hire more nurses

or lower taxes because it's going to the bond fund managers on Bay Street.

There is nothing technically stopping politicians from reining in spending and balancing the budget far before 2070. But Trudeau wants to continue borrowing. The Liberal Party promised to spend an extra \$78 billion during the election. And the only time the budget was mentioned in the Throne Speech was to signal "increasing Canada's foreign assistance budget each year."

With government spending at all-time highs, maybe it's time to cut the waste flowing overseas before promising new money.

For example, Global Affairs Canada dished out \$8,800 for a sex-toy art show in Germany. Taxpayers also paid \$15,799 so successful artist Lynn Johnston could show off her cartoons in America and nearly \$10,000 so famous author Margaret Atwood could promote her book in Australia. The Kenyan company, M-Kopa, laid off 150 of its employees only two days after the federal government said it was giving the business \$12.8 million.

There's also government waste at home.

Maybe former governors general don't need a lifetime expense account to bill taxpayers \$206,000 every year? Maybe members of Parliament didn't need two pay raises during the pandemic? Why does Trudeau's cabinet cost taxpayers \$3 million more than it did in 2015?

When a government fails to do the little things right, taxpayers should worry about negligence on the big cost drivers. There were 312,825 federal government employees who received a pay raise while Canadians struggled through the pandemic. The feds continue to spend hundreds of millions on corporate welfare, including \$295 million for the Ford Motor Company, up to \$420 million for Algoma Steel and \$440 million for aerospace companies. The equalization program has ballooned by about 1,500 per cent since its inception, even after accounting for inflation.

It's time for Trudeau to stop turning a blind eye to his government's overspending and start prioritizing deficit reduction.

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Premier Scott Moe's Christmas message

Hello everyone,

Well Christmas is almost here.

And I want to wish everyone in Saskatchewan all the best, on behalf of my colleagues in government, working for you here in your legislature.

This is such a busy time of year.

There's so much to do.

There are so many people to visit.

In the bustle of the holiday season, we can sometimes lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.

A few years ago, my friend

Lyle Stewart put Christmas into perspective in an eloquent speech in the legislative assembly.

Lyle said, and I quote: "In such a grand building as this, dressed in our suits and ties, it's good to have a reminder each year that Jesus was born in a stable on the back side of an inn."

"He wasn't impressed with pomp or position, but chose to be born of a humble young lady. Today, Christmas may have filled up with busyness, distractions and bobbles, but when you pull off the wrapper,

Jesus is still the reason for the season."

Folks, 2021 has been another challenging year for Saskatchewan.

Another year where your resilience, perseverance, and compassion has seen us through.

It's been humbling and inspiring to witness so many selfless acts of courage, generosity and love.

Here's just one example.

In September, a fire destroyed the home of Delisle area farmer Tyson McKenzie.

Tyson lost everything.

Within hours there was an outpouring of support from the community.

Some people offered generous gifts of cash.

A neighbour hauled Tyson's cattle free of charge.

Another neighbour dropped by with a \$1,000 gift certificate for a clothing store.

An online silent auction was organized.

130 items went up for sale... everything from homemade pickles to a handstitched quilt to chainsaws...

\$36,000 was raised to help pay for the construction of a

new house.

Karla Poletz, who helped with the auction, said that's just what you do in a small town.

In times of trouble, you are there for your neighbours.

It's the Saskatchewan way.

And it is what Jesus counselled.

As the Christmas hymn says so well, "Truly He taught us to love one another, His law is love and His gospel is peace."

During this special season, that is the prayer from myself and my wife Krista to you and your family.

Merry Christmas everyone.

Christmas message from leader of the Opposition Ryan Meili

The people living in darkness, have seen a great light.

Whether your tradition is turkey or tortiere, eggnog or Christmas pudding, or all of the above, there's something incredibly special about gathering with family and friends around the table this time of year to share a meal, to relive old memories and make new ones.

This year too many in Saskatchewan will be setting one less place at that table, missing someone who's no longer with us, isn't healthy enough to join or is working overtime again. For too many families celebrating will be a little harder this year.

Christmas is a time of joy, a time of hope.

It's worth remembering when that joy seems just a little too far out of reach that the child we celebrate didn't come

into a perfect world, he came into a broken world. A world in need of healing. He came with a message of love and care for each other and with everything we've been through, now more than ever, it's important to remember that message. Remember the true meaning of this time of year: joy, hope and love.

And we've seen incredible examples of that spirit in our province. Healthcare workers who've risen to a challenge they could never have imagined. Teachers working so hard to give our kids the support they need to learn and grow. Local businesses who continue to give back generously to community even though there's less coming into the till. The farmers, the ranchers who despite a drought continue to put food on our tables and on tables around the world. Seniors, the young people, the ordinary

working folks who shared their story of struggle, so others wouldn't feel alone in theirs. Every person in this province. Everyone who continues to pull together in our time of need. Thank you.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. You are what makes this province great.

This last year has been no easy feat but brighter days are ahead and it truly is a season of miracles. We witnessed a miracle. Going from a brand new dangerous disease to multiple effective vaccines within a year is a feat of science, a feat of human ingenuity unlike anything we've ever seen before.

Thanks to the widespread availability today of those vaccines, and the willingness of so many of you to get that protection for yourselves and those around you. I'm excited because this year our

family as well as yours can safely spend some quality time together and celebrate those holiday traditions we all cherish. I know my boys Abe and Gus, they can't wait to head down to Moose Jaw to spend some time with their uncles and their grandparents. Whoever those special people are who you share the most important moments with, I wish each of you new memories of joy, hope and love this holiday season.

We still have challenges ahead but let's embrace the spirit of the season and remember what makes this province so special. That's the people who call it home. Let's be thankful for each other, let's celebrate what we have and let's have some fun along the way.

From my family to yours, Merry Christmas, Saskatchewan and here's to a happy new year.

Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty's Christmas message

Hello! Tansi. As we celebrate this special season, I am very pleased to extend greetings on behalf of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Queen of Canada.

Although we have experienced some difficult challenges this year, we have much for which to be grateful.

In particular, I want to thank everyone serving in the Canadian Armed Forces, police and fire services, and our first responders.

I also want to thank health care professionals, educators and front-line workers for going above and beyond the call of duty throughout the pandemic.

I am grateful to those serving in public office for providing leadership, especially during these

uncertain times.

In Saskatchewan, we are fortunate to be surrounded by generous and capable volunteers. I extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who is giving their time and energy to improve their community.

One of the difficult challenges we have faced this year has been the discoveries of gravesites at former Indian Residential Schools. These discoveries have been shocking for many people, and traumatic for many Survivors. As we move forward on the path of Reconciliation, we need to continue to learn about our history, and to build trust through respect. I am grateful to the many individuals and communities who are working to create understanding. I also want to express my

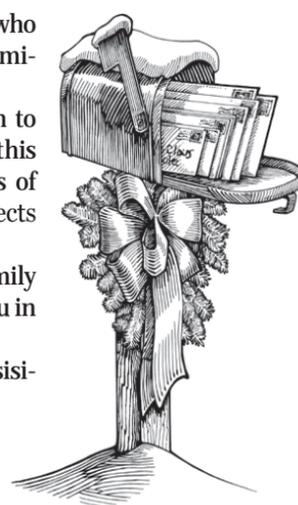
heartfelt thanks to the Elders and Survivors who have shared their stories with me. Kinanaskomitin.

I am grateful for everyone who has chosen to see challenges as opportunities to help others this year. Thank you for your inspiring examples of service. Giving back to our communities reflects the true spirit of the season!

I wish you Seasons Greetings from my family to yours. I will also share this greeting with you in my first language, which is Woodland Cree.

Nitha ikwa Donna ni cawasimisinanank, nosimin anak ochi.

Nipakosithitinau kahkithaw
Kita mitho makosikisikanisik
Merry Christmas!



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Timberwolves extend losing streak to five

The Spiritwood Timberwolves closed out 2021 on Friday evening, with a trip to Maymont and a showdown with the Maymont Settlers.

The Timberwolves entered the match hoping to avenge the 9-5 defeat they suffered at the hands of the Settlers on home ice the previous weekend. Instead, they were on the receiv-

ing end of an even bigger beat-down this time around, falling by a tally of 11-5.

Leading the way for the Timberwolves, who were playing with a short bench, was Colton Poulin with a hat trick. Colton Tuck netted a goal and earned two assists, while Colin Buban scored the Timberwolves' fifth goal. As far as assists go, Devin

Beebe earned three, while Tyler Cross, Aiden Nielson-Clark, and Dallyn Saam each had one apiece.

For the Settlers, Clark Thomas was the offensive leader with two goals and two assists. Conner Kortko wasn't far behind with two goals and one assist, while Chad Bernier, Shae Kiryk, and Levin Lightfoot scored a

goal and two assists, and David Lightfoot and Scott Lange both netted a goal and one assist.

Finally, Tyne Cole had a single goal, Mathew Johnson and Ryan McKay both had two assists, and Konnor Snyder earned a single helper.

With the loss, the Timberwolves have extended their losing streak to five games and

now sit at 1-7 on the season, good enough for the second last spot in the Saskatchewan Prairie Hockey League standings.

The team returns to action on Friday, Jan. 7, with a home game against the Battleford Beaver Blues at 8 p.m. The following night, they'll welcome the Maidstone Jets to Spiritwood at 8 p.m.

Carolers bring Christmas spirit to Canwood

Carolers from the Zion Lutheran Church Canwood and the Canwood Pentecostal Church joined their voices to sing Christmas carols throughout the community of Canwood on Friday, Dec. 17 from 5:30 p.m. til 6:30 p.m.

Areas of the village visited were Whispering Pine Place Nursing Home, Golden Acres Senior Housing, McOwen

Crescent, and then along Main Street stopping in front of the Canwood Café.

The group of carolers went to the Zion Lutheran Church and gobbled down some hot chocolate, cookies, and oranges. We appreciate the folks who organized and participated in the Christmas caroling celebration on this chilly but beautiful night.



PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Zion - Canwood
Sunday School,
Worship Sunday, 11 a.m.
St. John's - Shellbrook
Sunday School,
Live-stream worship
service on Facebook,
Worship Sunday, 9 a.m.
Rev. Emmanuel Aristide

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Parkside
10:30 a.m. Worship
Pastor Daniel Mooseely
306-747-3572
Shellbrook
Adult Study
9:30 a.m.
Sun., 10:30 a.m. - Worship
Pastor David Bodvarson
306-747-7235
Canwood
11:00 a.m. - Worship
Pastor Glenn Blazosek
306-468-2138

Leask Gospel Tabernacle
Sunday 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Lorne Valuck

PRESBYTERIAN

Mistawasis
Sunday worship
11:00 a.m.
Rev. Katherine Bretzloff

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

Parkside
11 a.m. - Worship

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Leask - All Saint's
Sunday Service - 9 a.m.
St. Andrew's - Shellbrook
Sunday, 11 a.m. Service
Canwood - Christ Church
Sunday, 2 p.m. - Service
Rev. Wendell Brock
306-460-7696
H.C. Service with Rev.
Brock - 1st Sunday of the
month

MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCH

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

EVANGELICAL FREE

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

UNITED CHURCH

Big River
Sundays
10 a.m. - Worship
at Anglican Church
Rev. Dave Whalley
306-747-2804

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Debden
Sun. Mass - 9:30 a.m.
Fr. Dong Doan
Big River - Sacred Heart
Sun., 11:30 a.m. - Mass
Whitefish
Sun., 2:30 p.m. - Mass.
Victoire
Sat., 7:30 p.m. - Mass.
Fr. Dong Doan
St. Agatha's - Shellbrook
Mass - Sunday 9 a.m.
St. Henry's - Leask
Mass - Sunday - 11 a.m.
Mistawasis
2nd & 4th Sundays, 1:30 p.m.
Fr. Phong Tran

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

Canwood Library holds December dessert draw



On Thursday, Dec. 16, with the generous donations from loyal patrons, library board members, and our librarian, Canwood's Wapiti Library branch had its Christmas baking, cranberry, and chocolate treats draw. Draw winners were Lauren Wyatt and Marie Anne Grimard. We appreciate the community's support through ticket purchases.

Canola crush growth is good for industry

One has to start wondering just how much canola can reasonably be crushed on the Canadian Prairies.

In terms of economic activity, the best answer to the question would be every bushel produced, since crushing product here means jobs at crush plants which is good for the local community where the crushers are located.

It was certainly a historic day when two crush plants were announced for Yorkton a few years ago. When Richardson and LDM both announced plans for plants there was a definite



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'Wow' factor, and an accompanying feeling one of the companies would blink and eventually move its plan to another locale, but even one plant was going to be a win for the local region.

Of course, neither company blinked, both plants were built, and expansions have followed. It has been a huge boon locally in terms of jobs.

And there have been spin-offs. Two truck washes have sprung up, and, while not specifically related to the canola plants, the steady flow of trucks hauling canola have to have been part of the planning process for the

businesses in terms of anticipated clientele.

Now, the canola crush sector appears on the verge of a massive expansion, which is taking production to facilities across the region, and in some cases into what not so long ago were not seen as typical canola production areas.

In April, both Viterra and Cargill announced intentions to build canola crushing plants in Regina.

The Cargill plant will also cost approximately \$350 million and have a one million tonne annual capacity.

Viterra's plant was still in the feasibility phase, but has a targeted capacity of 2.5 million tonnes and 100 full-time jobs.

In May, Ceres Global Ag unveiled a plan for a canola crushing facility at Northgate, Sask.

Minnesota-based Ceres Global was to construct a US\$350-million integrated canola crush facility in Northgate, just off Highway 9 near the Northgate Border Crossing. The plant has a planned capacity to process 1.1 million metric tonnes of canola and refine 500,000 metric tonnes of canola oil once it's operational in 2024 (barring any unforeseen delays).

In Alberta, Bunge is working through provincial regulatory processes toward building a facility in Lamont County east of Edmonton.

Whether all four plants move forward to construction might

still be something of a long shot, but some will and that is impactful in terms of the canola sector.

When a crusher is built it becomes a local market producer, which can have a level of confidence in always needing a supply of canola. It will not guarantee profitable prices for farmers, but they are markets which will require canola to stay operational and the investment in a new facility suggests a commitment to processing here long term.

In a year where drought hit canola yields, and impacted the oil content of the seed that was produced, the growth of the crush sector is certainly a positive for the sector.

NFU calls for status for migrant workers

The National Farmers Union (NFU) stands in solidarity with all migrant workers on International Migrants Day. The NFU calls on the Canadian government to extend permanent residency status to all those who grow our food.

In April 2021, former Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) Minister, Marco Mendicino, announced a Temporary Policy to enable up to 90,000 essential workers already in Canada to apply for permanent residency under a streamlined set of

eligibility requirements.

Agricultural workers were eligible to apply under Stream B, with an intake cap of 30,000, along with 94 other non-health care "essential" occupation categories. The cap accounted for only half of the 60,000 temporary foreign workers who arrive every year to perform skilled labour in Canada's agricultural sector. Overwhelming demand meant that within two months the quota for Stream B was met and the application period closed.

We applaud the Canadian

government for enacting this temporary policy. We recognize it as an acknowledgement of the valuable contributions of the women and men who travel to Canada to work in fields and greenhouses to produce the food we eat. However, requiring migrant agricultural workers to compete with the thousands of others who lack permanent resident status is divisive and unjust.

Barriers to migrant farm workers eligibility and access to the temporary permanent residency policy included:

- the equivalent of one year of full-time work experience within the last three years.
- completed English/French Language proficiency tests, especially when many language centres were closed and in-person training was unavailable due to the pandemic.
- the minimum of \$1,135 in application fees.

As war, climate change, and economic policies continue to displace millions around the globe, Canada needs to ensure its immigration and citizenship policies are timely, equitable, fair, and just. We should definitely be meeting or exceeding the government's goal of welcoming 411,000 new immigrants in 2022. But why not start by welcoming the estimated 1 in 23 people in Canada who lack permanent status but

who already learn, live, and work in the country?

In recognition of the United Nations' International Migrants Day (Dec. 18), the National Farmers Union (NFU) calls on IRCC Minister, Sean Fraser, to go beyond last spring's temporary policy and cre-

ate a permanent residency program that grants basic rights of citizenship to all migrant farm workers.

Rather than have different types of workers compete for limited permanent residency spots, we urge the recently re-elected government to create a perma-

nent, designated pathway for National Occupational Classification (NOC) codes specific to farming. Hailed as heroes during the pandemic, migrant farm workers should not be treated as expendable and replaceable by our immigration policies.

Miller wins Cookie Walk raffle



The holiday treats didn't end when the Shellbrook Kinettes' Cookie Walk was over. The Kinettes handed out a raffle basket to draw winner Dorothy Miller. The basket, presented by Kinettes Tasha Cyr and Becca Collins, contained some goodies, baking utensils, and more.

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Minutes of an RM of Shellbrook meeting

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

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council of the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493 held on Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021, in the Municipal Office Council Chambers at Shellbrook, Saskatchewan.

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

Absent: Division 5 - Derwin Joelson, Division 6 - Ron Herzog.

DELEGATIONS

10 a.m. Public Hearing Bylaw No. 07/2021

10:30 a.m. Amund Otterson Mayor Town of Shellbrook

11 a.m. Keith Oreel, Goats Beard discussions

11:30 a.m. Foreman Bill Aug, update on municipal operations.

Reeve Oleksyn called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Ferster: That the following items be added to the agenda: Holbein East Trail/Lagoon. Carried

Hamel: That the Oct. 6, 2021, agenda be adopted as amended. Carried

Skauge: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Sept. 8, 2021, be approved as amended. Carried

Skauge: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month September 2021 be accepted as presented. Carried

Ferster: That the List of Accounts dated Oct. 1, 2021, as attached hereto and forming part of these Minutes, being regular cheque numbers 12350 to 12400 in the amount of \$334,799.68 and payroll cheque numbers 14042 to

14070 in the amount of \$59,030.94 be approved for payment. Carried

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

Hamel: That the Administrators Report for the month October 2021 be accepted as presented. Carried

PUBLIC HEARING

Bylaw No. 07-2021 a Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493 to amend Bylaw No. 08-1981 known as the Zoning Bylaw.

Reeve Doug Oleksyn declared the Hearing open on this matter at 10 a.m.

Council's intention was advertised the weeks of Sept. 16, 2021, and Sept. 23, 2021, in the Shellbrook Chronicle and the information was mailed to all landowners within SE-19-49-01-W3.

Public Hearing was held Oct. 6, 2021, at 10 a.m. at the Municipal Office 71 Main Street Shellbrook, Saskatchewan to hear any submissions with respect to Bylaw No. 07-2021.

One written objection was received, and other verbal concerns were received.

Reeve Doug Oleksyn declared the Hearing closed on this matter at 10:35 a.m.

Skauge: That Bylaw No. 07-2021, being a Bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw 1981-08 as annexed hereto and forming a part of these minutes, not be given further consideration. Carried

Delegation Amund Otterson Mayor of the Town of Shellbrook entered the Council Chambers at 10:35 a.m. to discuss mutual interests.

Delegation Amund Otterson Mayor of the Town of Shellbrook left the Council Chambers at 11:35 a.m.

Delegation Keith Oreel entered the

Council Chambers at 11:35 a.m. to discuss Western Goats Beard/ Yellow Salsify.

Delegation Foreman Bill Aug entered the Council Chambers at 11:35 a.m. to update Council on Municipal Operations.

Delegation Keith Oreel left the Council Chambers at 11:50 a.m.

Hamel: That a letter be sent to Chelsea Neuberger, Plant Health Officer - SARM Division 5 requesting that Western Goats Beard/Yellow Salsify be designated a Noxious weed in The Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493. Carried

Delegation Foreman Bill Aug left the meeting at 1 p.m.

Skauge: That HJR Asphalt LP be contacted in regards to their offer to discount the cost of 39.73 Tonnes of Bituminous Mix that was mixed in error at Carswell pit NE-21-51-02-W3. Carried

Strube: That further negotiations be had with Zulu Aggregates in regards to purchasing gravel for the 2022 season. Carried

Hamel: That further information be provided in regards to the purchase of COVID-19 rapid tests for municipal employees. Carried

Ferster: That a letter be sent to the Department of Highways in regards to caving shoulder on Marchant Grove curve on Highway No. 240. Carried

Strube: That in response to letter received from Delbert Dynna Law Office dated Aug. 31, 2021, in regards to NE-16-52-03-W3 Road allowance, that the ratepayer be informed that any fence erected must not impede the municipal road allowance. Carried

Strube: That Foreman Bill Aug do an assessment of damages to the guard rail at the Sturgeon Lake Culvert on Oil Surface No. 693, and options to repair or replace be explored. Carried

Hamel: That resolution to adopt the updated Town and R.M. of Shellbrook Emergency Response Plan 2021 be postponed to the November 2021 Regular Meeting of Council. Carried

Strube: That further discussions in regards to Gunnar Slemming's stray animals be postponed to the November 2021 Regular Meeting of Council. Carried

Strube: That a second application of dust suppressant be approved for NE-21-51-02-W3, also that the ratepayer be given notification that the area effected may still be graded or graveled if deemed necessary. Carried

Skauge: That discussions in regards to infrastructure wish list be postponed to the November 2021 Regular Meeting of Council. Carried

Hamel: That pursuant to the provisions of section 23 of the Tax Enforcement Act, Six Months' Notice be prepared and served on property Blk/Par A-Plan 101545668 Ext 51, SW-21-50-01-W3. Carried

Hamel: That the Council of the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493 has no objection to the current landowner of Parcel N Plan 101716624 Ext. 89 to be consolidated with SW-21-49-3-3 Plan 70PA09392 Ext. 23 and SW-21-49-3-3 Plan O3110 Ext. 3 to be consolidated with SW-21-49-3-3 Plan 70PA09392 Ext. 27 and SE-21-49-3-3 Plan 70PA09392 Ext. 28. Carried

Strube: That this meeting be adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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 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.

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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Elks end 2021 with two more defeats

For the Parkland U18 AA Elks, all that remains is to resolve to play better in the new year. That's because the team closed out 2021 with another pair of losses — both coming at the hands of Saskatoon teams.

Elks (2) vs Icehawks (4)

The Elks hosted the Saskatoon Icehawks on Friday night, and both teams began the match fighting the puck. Though the Icehawks got the better of the back-and-forth action, the Elks were able to make the first half of the frame a battle up until they took an ill-advised penalty in the offensive end.

Suddenly put on the defensive, the Elks stumbled and the Icehawks swooped in, taking a 1-0 lead on a power play goal by Brock Chouinard, assisted by Quinn Pasqualotto.

The Elks bounced back, using a power play to swing the momentum back in their favour. Though they

didn't tally on the man advantage, they scored shortly afterward when Tylee Sylvestre took a long lead pass and tucked the puck into the Icehawks goal on a second chance. Kendon Skalicky and Tavis Galloway assisted on the play.

The Icehawks wasted little time retaliating, scoring on a perfect setup in front of the Elks goal. Tyrus Flory netted the go-ahead marker, beating Elks netminder Carson Ledding down low on an assist from Chouinard.

Minutes later, Flory scored with an assist from Chouinard again, when the Elks allowed them to execute an almost identical play in front of their goal. The goal prompted the Elks' coaches to swap Ledding out for backup goalie Shae Stewart.

Taking a penalty in the dying minutes of the frame, the Elks held on for dear life to keep the Icehawks from

doing any further damage in the opening period.

Though they started the second frame on the penalty kill, the Elks managed to keep the Icehawks off the board and allowed them to tally just one shot on goal in the first seven minutes of the period. The Icehawks eventually found their rhythm, racking up scoring opportunity after scoring opportunity but failing to get past Stewart.

The Elks also failed to make any of their chances count and ended the goalless period on another penalty kill.

Following a quiet second stanza, the Icehawks finally managed to sneak one past Stewart to take a commanding 4-1 lead. Chouinard netted the goal off of an offensive zone face off, with an assist from Flory.

Too little too late, the Elks struck one last time with just 27 seconds left on the clock to take a 4-2 defeat.



Saskatoon's Brock Chouinard dekes around Elks netminder Carson Ledding to score a goal in Friday night's match-up.

Sylvestre scored the goal on a rebound from inside the crease, earning assists from Anson Favel and Galloway.

Elks (3) vs Eagles (6)

After Friday night's loss, the Elks travelled to Saskatoon for a Sunday afternoon showdown with the Saskatoon Screaming Eagles.

In a penalty-ridden first period, the Eagles got the better of the power play opportunities, opening the scoring with a goal on the man advantage near the halfway point of the frame. Tayden Cousins netted the marker, on an assist from James Davidson.

Later in the period, the Eagles' power play struck again. Sedrik Murfitt scored the goal, taking assists from Carson Harder and Michael Clay.

The Elks got back in the game just 40 seconds later, when Jase Martin found the back of the net on an assist from Anson Favel. But the Eagles had an answer, closing out the period's score sheet on a goal from Harder, assisted by Keenan Bender and Alec Tratch.

In the second frame, it was the Elks who took advantage of the power play, with Kendon Skalicky scoring on an assist from Martin. The penalties came back to haunt the Elks, though, as Jackson Wingert put the Eagles back up by two on another Saskatoon power play. Cousins and Tratch earned helpers on the play.

Striking late in the period, Favel gave the Elks a fighting chance with an assist

from Stewart. Down 4-3 going into the third period, the Elks failed to mount a comeback and, instead, surrendered two more goals to go down by a score of 6-3.

Will Neederoff netted the first Eagles goal on an assist from Murfitt, then Wingert scored his second of the game on assists from Kalem Mantyka and Cousins.

Following the losses, the Elks sit at 1-22-0-1. With just nine games left in the regular season, they're 14 points back from their nearest rival.

The team returns to action on Friday, Jan. 7, hosting the Screaming Eagles in a rematch at 7:30 p.m. The following night, they head to Saskatoon to faceoff against the Saskatoon Sabercats at 5:30 p.m.

Shellbrook Elementary has quiet Christmas



For the second straight year, it was a quiet holiday season for Shellbrook Elementary School thanks to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Each of the school's classes made a decoration for the school's Christmas tree. Otherwise, the only festivities were classroom skits and songs, which were videotaped and compiled to be sent out to families.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

PARTNERS IN FAITH
Lutheran/United/
Christchurch Anglican,
137-2nd St. W.
Spiritwood
Worship 11:00 a.m.
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UNITED /ANGLICAN
Worship Services
Glaslyn
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Rev. Kun Kim
Rev. Don Skinner

CATHOLIC
SUNDAY
Spiritwood - 11:15 a.m.
Leoville - 9:30 a.m.
Shell Lake - 2:00 p.m.
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BRETHREN
Glenbush
10:00 am - Sunday School
Worship 10:50 am

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Glenbush
Worship - 11:00 am

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306-883-2380

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Pastor Floyd Berg

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Pastor Rick Martin

Silvertips close out 2021 with home loss

The Shellbrook Silvertips played the final game of the 2021 leg of their hockey season Saturday night, welcoming the Rosthern Wheatkings into the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre.

After what has been a mostly winning start to the hockey season, the Silvertips ended the year the same way they began it: with a hard-fought defeat.

The Wheatkings, who recently returned to their winning ways after a pair of losses, came out of the gate strong and drew first blood in Saturday evening's match-up. Airik Price netted the game-open-

ing-goal with a solo assist from Jesse Swanson.

From here on, the period belonged to the Tips. Around the midway point of the period, Cody Belair knotted the game at 1-1 on assists from Brendon Canaday and Dallas Galloway.

Late in the frame, Parker Turner put the Tips up 2-1 on a shorthanded goal, with assists from Austin Lamotte and Canaday. Two minutes later, Lamotte tallied on the power play, with helpers from Jody Blais and Canaday, to put the Tips up 3-1 heading into the second frame.

Where much of the first period belonged to the Tips,

the second stanza was dominated almost exclusively by the Wheatkings. The visiting squad put serious pressure on the Tips through the first 12 minutes of the period and the Tips folded, surrendering five unanswered goals to fall behind by a score of 6-3.

Jeremy Margeson scored the first goal of the period on an assist from Jesse Swanson, then Price netted his second of the night less than a minute later on a helper from Jordan Swenson. A minute after that, Swanson scored on an assist from Margeson.

After a lull in the scoring, Matt Pilon struck on the pen-

alty kill, with an assist from Matt Hildebrandt. Finally, two minutes later, Margeson scored his second of the night on an assist from Nathan Gardip.

From here, the Tips managed to stanch the bleeding. Taking advantage of a late power play, Daryl Blais got his team within two goals, on assists from Canaday and Lamotte, to send the action to the third period.

Following goal-heavy first and second frames, the third period was comparatively calm. Scoring unassisted on the penalty kill just after the six-minute mark in the period, Easton Neufeldt gave the Tips

hope for a comeback. Unfortunately, the Tips failed to find the back of the net and fell by the final score of 6-5.

With the loss, the Tips now sit at 7-2-0-1 on the season, good enough for third place in the Twin Rivers Hockey League standings.

The Tips return to action on Saturday, Jan. 8, with a home game against the Cudworth Tricky Maroons. Puck drop for the game is set for 8 p.m.

The following afternoon, the Tips hit the road for a rematch against the Rosthern Wheatkings at Beardy's Memorial Arena. The match has a 3:30 p.m. start time.

Sask. expands COVID booster eligibility

Effective Dec. 20, all Saskatchewan residents aged 18 and over are eligible for a booster shot three months out from their second dose.

"We have said from day one that vaccinations are our path through this pandemic, and that remains true today," Premier Scott Moe said. "As we head into the holiday season, I would ask the people of Saskatchewan to pick up a rapid test kit to have on

hand in their household as another tool in the toolbox, and to book their appointment for a booster dose to continue preventing severe outcomes as we continue our fight together against COVID-19."

The Government of Saskatchewan says vaccines are widely accessible through clinics and pharmacies in communities across the province. To date, the uptake of booster and third

doses for all eligible residents is at 38 per cent, with more than 159,649 administered.

Additionally, residents are being strongly encouraged to pick up rapid test kits that are widely available to the public free of charge. These tests are another important tool in surveillance of COVID-19 and will help keep families safe this holiday season. Over 8 million have been distributed to

date, with an additional 4 million on the way.

In light of a new international travel advisory issued by the federal government, Saskatchewan residents are encouraged to observe all local public health orders if travelling and are expected to fully comply with the testing procedures upon arrival and departure; residents should also conduct their own personal risk assessment.

RCMP seek Sturgeon Lake FN robbery suspect

On Dec. 14, 2021, at approximately 9:20 p.m., Prince Albert RCMP received a report of a robbery on Sturgeon Lake First Nation.

Investigation has determined that an adult male approached a vehicle and threatened the occupants with what was described as a firearm. The occupants fled and were not injured. It was reported the adult male, along with two other individuals, then attempted to steal the vehicle but were unsuccessful.

As a result of this investigation, Joshua Naytowhow (DOB: 1992-06-25) of Sturgeon Lake First Nation has been charged with: one count of robbery with firearm, one count of use of an imitation firearm while committing an offence, and two counts of failing to comply with probation

order.

A warrant has been issued for his arrest and Prince Albert RCMP are actively trying to locate and arrest him.

Joshua Naytowhow is described as approximately 6' tall and 150 lbs. He has black hair and brown eyes.

If you see him, do not

approach him. Call the Prince Albert RCMP at 306-765-5500. If you have information about his whereabouts or this incident, you can also report it anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

The investigation continues.



Joshua Naytowhow is a suspect in a robbery on the Sturgeon Lake First Nation.

New trespass legislation comes into force Jan. 1

The Trespass to Property Amendment Act, 2019, and The Trespass to Property Consequential Amendments Act, 2019 are coming into force on Jan. 1, 2022.

"This government has worked hard to balance the rights of landowners in rural Saskatchewan with those of recreational land users," Justice Minister and Attorney General Gordon Wyant said. "I'm pleased to see the legislation come into force and I want to thank everyone who has worked and consulted with us in its development."

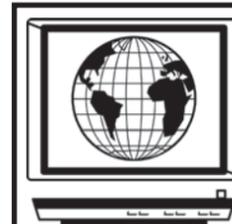
This legislation clarifies existing laws and ensures consistency in the rules regarding trespassing. Most notably, it moves the onus of responsibility from rural landowners to individuals seeking to access their property. Under the new legislation, those wishing to access a rural landowner's property for recreational purposes will need to gain consent from the owner. Consent can be provided in writing, electronically online, orally or through signage.

The legislation responds to concerns expressed by rural landowners about individuals who trespass on their property while still giving Saskatchewan people the opportunity to take advantage of our beautiful rural landscapes for outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and hiking.

Most people in Saskatchewan already seek permission to access rural property for recreational purposes. These changes are intended to formally support that best practice.

The legislation provides legal protection to landowners and occupiers against property damage and the risk of agricultural diseases and limits any liability that may arise from a trespasser's presence on their property.

Police and provincial enforcement officers will continue to be responsible for laying charges related to trespassing. Anyone who believes someone is trespassing on their property is urged to contact their local police service.



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Year in review part 1: Chuckles everywhere

Best of 2021: A selection of the top quips, quotes and anecdotes from the first six months of the year:

- English pro golfer Eddie Pepperell, on Twitter, prior to a December tournament in Dubai: "I'm trialing a 48-inch driver this week so if you're the owner of any property at Jumeirah, board it up."

- Gary Bachman, via Facebook, after Anthony Davis spent part of the Lakers' final preseason game trimming his toenails on the bench: "Perhaps he should be traded to the Clippers."

- The late Ed Chynoweth, president of the Western Hockey League, musing about resigning in the 1970s, as detailed in Gregg Drinnan's excellent history of the WHL "It is starting to bother me that all my friends in Saskatoon are going to the airport to take flights out for winter holidays. I go to the airport and fly to Flin Flon."

- ESPN broadcaster Dave Pasch, to NBCSports.com, on calling college-football games remotely from home because of COVID-19 restrictions: "At least I don't have to wait in line for the bathroom at half-time."

- Patti Dawn Swanson, aka the River City Renegade: "It's going to be weird seeing Zdeno Chara in Washington Capitals garb this winter. It'll be kind of like Pope Francis holding mass in Wrangler jeans, Tony Lama snake skin boots and a Stetson instead of his robe and pointy hat."

- Jack Finarelli of SportsCurmudgeon.com, on rumours the moribund Lions might be looking to trade QB Matthew Stafford: "I do not know if (Detroit) fans should be thrilled about that or not, but I think Matthew Stafford should be elated."

- Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "The Tampa Bay-New Orleans play-off game featured quarterbacks Tom Brady and Drew Brees, aged 43 and 42 respectively. You (could have placed) a bet in Las Vegas on which one is the first one to walk into the huddle and say, 'Now why did I come in here?'"

- RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "A spicy peanut butter six times hotter than the strongest chili was being sold in England under the label Instant Regret. No, wait — that may be the name of a new Jacksonville Jaguars season ticket package."

- Kaseberg again: "O.J. Simpson just posted a video of him getting the COVID-19 vaccination. Apparently priority is given to double-murderers over the age of 72."

- Another one from Patti Dawn Swanson, on the person who took a post-fight swing at Mike Tyson while the former champ was signing autographs following his recent fight with Roy Jones Jr.: "No arrests have been made, but police are searching for a man who's lost his mind."

- Jay Busbee of Yahoo Sports, on the scrambling required by the two Super Bowl quarterbacks: (Patrick) Ma-



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homes was running for his life, while (Tom) Brady had time to make himself a sandwich."

- Kaseberg again: "Not to say Tom Brady is getting up there, but when they asked, 'Tom Brady, you just won the Super Bowl. Where are you going now?' Brady said, 'Leave me alone, Jeopardy is on.'"

- RJ Currie again: "An ESPN talking head called one of Rob Gronkowski's nightclub partying videos, 'Just a man living the American dream.' Which in Gronk's case appears to be life, liberty and the pursuit of happy hour."

- Swansson again, on Mike Babcock returning to his roots by agreeing to be head coach of the University of Saskatchewan Huskies: "How fitting that an old-school coach would return to his old school."

- Bucs QB Tom Brady, 43, when chubby 42-year-old CBS 'Late Late Show' host James Corden asked if Corden could be drafted into the NFL: "You might be able to play for the Jets."

- Bruce Arthur of the Toronto Star, on Twitter: "Curling observation: Kevin Koe, whether

winning or losing, often looks like he's wondering if he left the stove on."

- Comedian Argus Hamilton, via Facebook, on the Rover's search for water on Mars: "They should've sent me there with my golf clubs. I'd have found water by my third tee shot."

- Currie again: "A brawl reportedly broke out at a New Hampshire retirement centre during a bingo game. It looked like a hockey fight, except with more teeth."

- Posted on the Leithbridge Hurricanes' scoreboard during a fan-less hockey game: "Free beer for all in attendance."

- Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Gov. Greg Abbott has lifted all COVID-19 restrictions in the Lone Star State, meaning the Texas Rangers' home opener might be a sellout. The rules there are now so lenient that even catcher's masks aren't mandatory."

- Headline at Fark.com: "NFL owners approve increased profits for NFL owners."

- Patti Dawn Swanson again, on squeaky-clean Edmonton Oilers star Connor McDavid getting fined \$5,000 for elbowing an opponent in the face: "I couldn't have been more surprised had I found a copy of 'Sinatra: The Rapper Years' at my local vinyl store."

- Doug Robinson of Salt Lake City's Deseret News, not looking forward to Zach Wilson's possible NFL-draft destiny: "The Jets are to quarterbacks what Larry King was to marriage."

- Steve Simmons of SunMedia, on the apparent grumpiness of a certain NHLer: "If Jeff Carter walks into a restaurant in Pittsburgh late in the afternoon do they cancel happy hour?"

- Another one from RJ Currie: "MLB hired former WWE 'sizzle planner' Brian Stedman for league strategy and development. Soon, instead of a manager sitting a pitcher down, he'll come out and hit him with a chair."

- Young fan's sign at a Cubs game: "Shhhhhh! I'm remote learning."

- Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com, on CDC guidelines now saying people can be outside without a mask if they're not in a crowd: "So Marlins fans should be fine."

- Ryan French, who runs the Monday Q Info Twitter feed, on Monday qualifying for a PGA Tour event: "It's like going in a free-throw contest to play for the Lakers."

- One more from Swansson: "You've heard of the Gordie Howe hat trick, we now have the Phil Kessel hat trick: 900 points, 900 consecutive games, 900 hot dogs."

- Jack Finarelli again, on proposals to allow even more instant-replay reviews in college basketball: "We need this as much as Olympic swimming events need life-guards."

- Scott Ostler of the San Francisco Chronicle, on Colin Kaepernick still unable to find employment in the NFL: "Good lord. Spouse-beaters, serial druggies, team cancers, dog killers — all are

welcome in the NFL! But if you quietly take a knee, God will wreak vengeance on your team!"

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

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

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

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

- Alex Meyers of Golf Digest, on Jon Rahm being told greenside that he had tested positive for COVID-19 and was out of the Memorial tournament: "The leader in the clubhouse was no longer even welcome in the clubhouse."

- Mike Whan, incoming USGA executive director, who is a fan of the use of range finders in the pro game: "There is nothing worse on TV than watching a golfer and caddie do arithmetic."

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Thomas (Tom) Henderson passed away after a courageous battle with cancer on Wednesday, De-

ember 15, 2021, at the age of 87 years.

Tom was born in the Bramshott, an area in the RM of Leask where he lived a full life until his passing. He went to Bramshott school but dropped out at 14 even though he was a good student to start working. He bought his first land at 15. He was a big help to his mother in the house and through her became an amazing gardener. Rows were straight, there were no weeds and he looked forward to the first potatoes and fresh veggies every year. He spent his life living in the area and

farming with his brother Alex. He worked hard, was down to earth, had a kind heart. He loved working with cattle and knew every animal on the farm as well as the history of each one. Tom spent over a decade driving the local school bus and many adults in the area fondly remember Tom as their bus driver. Tom loved kids. His nieces and nephews, along with neighbor kids have countless fond memories of Tom. He always took the time to take them for rides on the quad, take them to check cattle, teach them farm skills or invite them to just sit and chat with

him with a pop and candy. Tom loved visiting with friends and neighbours and loved seeing people swing in for a drink and a chat. He had many stories to tell and knew so much about the history of the area where he was born and raised.

He passed away in the Shellbrook Nursing Home where he had been residing for several months. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, January 7th, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at the Leask Lions Hall followed by a graveside service in the Leask Cemetery and fellowship & luncheon back at the hall.

He was predeceased by his parents, Thomas and Mae Henderson; his sister, Isabel (Friesen); his brother Alexander; and his brothers-in-law Jack Friesen and Don Wheaton. He is survived by his brother, James; his sisters, Margaret (Wheaton) and Barbara; his nephews, and nieces Peter (Shelley) Friesen, Lowell (Jill) Friesen, Gail Friesen, Jeffrey (Lori) Wheaton, Jennifer (Zoe) Wheaton, Arlen (Karen) Henderson, Kelly (Tammy) Henderson, Melissa (Boyd) Henderson and Curtis (Tracy) Henderson; as well as numerous great

and great great nieces and nephews. They, along with a host of friends will miss his many stories and relaxed approach to life.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Thomas to the Shellbrook & Districts Health Services Foundation. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home & Crematorium, Tammy Smart, Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK. 306-747-2828.

Minutes of a Village of Canwood meeting

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the Village of Canwood, held at 580 Main Street (Café), Canwood, Sask., on Monday, Oct. 18, 2021.

Present: Mayor – Robert Thompson, Deputy Mayor – Ken Moar, Councillors – Lorne Benson and Ron Willner, and Administrator – Erin Robertson

Willner: That the minutes of the Sept. 22, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council be approved as amended. Carried

Moar: That the Statement of Financial Activities and Bank Reconciliation for the month of September 2021 be approved as presented. Carried

Benson: That the water report for the month of September 2021 be approved as presented. Carried

Moar: That we acknowledge receipt of Maintenance Manager Calendar, Office Assistant and Administrator Attendance Statements for September 2021 as presented. Carried

Benson: That we issue Cheques 5400 to 5427 and Other payments totaling \$43,512.69, as detailed on attached

List of Accounts for Approval, Pay Period 13 and October payroll advance from the general account. Carried

Thompson: That we move to in-camera at 7:02 p.m., citing The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, section 15(1) (b)(ii) and section 23(1)(b) "personal information" and ask that the Administrator remain in Council chambers. Carried

Thompson: That we move out of in-camera at 7:27 p.m. Carried

Thompson: That we agree to instruct the Administrator to obtain further advise and legal services for progression of Tax Enforcement on Roll 34. Carried

Committee Updates: Café Committee – verbal report provided by Ron Willner

Benson: That we agree to support Administrator, Erin Robertson in the completion of the asset management training program sponsored by The Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP). Carried

Benson: That the correspondence be noted and filed:

- Resident complaint form, re: cats;
- Royal Canadian Legion Saskatchewan Command, request for advertising;
- Suppression System Report at 580 Main Street; and
- Occupational Health and Safety Officer Report.

Let the minutes note that Councillor Moar left Council Chambers at 9:09 p.m. and returned at 9:11 p.m.

Willner: That we acknowledge in these minutes that Robin Suderman and Vivian Isbister have accepted the restaurant (Café) lease agreement, dated Oct. 5, 2021, as attached to and forms a part of these minutes. Carried

Moar: That we approve the draft policy HR-4 COVID-19 Immunization Policy, with an ongoing review based on recommendations or stipulations from Saskatchewan Public Health Orders. Carried

Thompson: That we agree to the enrollment of any Council Member who is able to attend the Municipal Leadership Development Program module series in October 2021, for the cost of \$145 per attendee per module. Carried

Willner: That we approve the Application for Development Permit No. 2021-05, for the re-build of a deck on house located at Lot 3, Block 15, Plan 83PA09954, Ext. 0, civic address 1021 1st Street East. This approval is conditional to adhering to setbacks as indicated in the Villages Zoning Bylaw 2/1993, approval of Building Permit 2021-05 and compliance to stipulations as set out by the Municipal Building Inspector. Additionally, all applicable permit fees must be paid prior to commencement of construction. Carried

Thompson: That we agree to donate \$500 to the Canwood and District Bus Association, Canwood, Sask. Carried

Moar: That we agree to donate \$100 to the Canwood Regional Park, Canwood, Sask. Carried

Moar: That we agree to facilitate the Christmas Light Contest within the Village and donate \$50 in prize money towards the contest. Carried

Benson: That we adjourn at 9:58 p.m., with the next regular meeting to be at the call of the Administrator. Carried

Procurement begins for Vic Hospital expansion

The expansion and redevelopment of Prince Albert Victoria Hospital (PAVH) is one step closer. The Government of Saskatchewan has released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the project, which will provide residents of Prince Albert and northern Saskatchewan improved and expanded access to health services closer to home.

The RFQ is seeking teams interested in leading the design and construction of a new multi-level acute care tower addition to the existing hospital, and the redevelopment and renewal of the existing hospital space. It is expected that the new tower

will be built first, with the renovation and redevelopment of the existing space to follow.

Following the close of the RFQ in February 2022 and evaluation of the submissions, a shortlist of no more than three proponents will be invited to proceed to the next stage of procurement: a Request for Proposal (RFP) currently planned for release in spring/summer of 2022.

"We're pleased to see this significant project moving forward," Health Minister Paul Merriman said. "Being close to home when you're most vulnerable is important to a swift and

complete recovery. Increased hospital capacity and expanded services at Prince Albert Victoria Hospital will benefit residents for years to come."

When complete, the project will provide a larger emergency department, enhanced medical imaging services, and a 40 per cent increase in the number of hospital beds to 242 from 173, with shelled space to allow for future expansion. The province will pay 100 per cent of the capital cost of the project. The local community and Victoria Hospital Foundation will raise funds for furniture and equipment.

This project demonstrates a

shared commitment to Truth and Reconciliation through the partnership between the Government of Saskatchewan, Saskatchewan Health Authority, and Prince Albert Grand Council to ensure that culturally appropriate services and spaces are part of this project.

"On behalf of the Executive and our 12 Chiefs' of our member First Nations, I am pleased that our vision of a new hospital is closer to becoming a reality," Prince Albert Grand Council Grand Chief Brian Hardlotte said. "As one of the partners, I'm looking forward to our continued collaboration with the Gov-

ernment of Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Health Authority to ensure a welcoming, inclusive health care facility that we can all take ownership of."

"This project milestone has been long anticipated for the community and the SHA," Saskatchewan Health Authority Acting Vice President of Infrastructure, Information and Support Derek Miller said. "Once completed, the hospital will be better able to serve those in Prince Albert and northern Saskatchewan with expanded acute care and mental health and addictions services closer to home."

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By Bernadette Vangool

“On a given day, only the uppermost leaves on the tallest trees enjoy the luxury of direct sunlight from daybreak to nightfall. Most plants simply have to tolerate some period of shade during the growing day. From a gardening perspective, the definition of ‘full sunlight’ is therefore described as a block of at least six hours of direct sunshine during the mid-part of the solar day. Anything less is partial shade, meaning a plant’s growth and productivity is reduced unless they are among the ‘shade plants’ that have evolved various mechanisms over the millennia for capturing and using sunlight more efficiently to compensate for life beneath a canopy.” — Brian Baldwin

This column was inspired by one written by Brian Baldwin, one of the early submissions by the Saskatchewan Perennial Society and published in 2007. Brian was well known by the horticulture community for his sharp wit, as a teacher and as a writer of all things horticulture. He left us too soon, in 2009, but is fondly remembered by many.

The intensity of the sun changes over the seasons. The sun is much lower in the sky at the end of August, resulting in very different shade patterns in our landscapes. The best time to measure the sunlight in your yard is during the active growing months, after the trees have fully leafed out. In Saskatchewan that would be June and July. Observe and record the light in different planted areas over several days. A quick look

What is full sun?

out the window at each hour of the day, should suffice to give you a pretty good idea of which areas receive full sun. Six to eight hours for perennials and flowers and eight to ten hours for the vegetable garden.

Now for some more terms, that may or not be interpreted the same by gardeners. “Part sun”, or “full sun to part shade”, I would interpret as four to six hours of sunlight with most of those hours being in the afternoon when the sun tends to be hotter. If these are sun-loving flowering perennials, the more sunlight provided the more flowers you can expect.

Place plants that do best in “part shade” in the morning sun, with an exposure of three to six hours of direct sunlight.

“Full shade” plants can be placed under tree canopies. They still need some dappled light to thrive. Deep shade is seldom conducive to healthy growth. In my yard, I mulch deep shade areas and plant my shade loving plants around the drip-line of trees. No amount of fertilizer is going to make plants thrive in the dark (except perhaps some hardy dead-nettle or lamium). Full shade plants can tolerate some sun in the morning or late afternoon, but seldom do well in mid-day sun.

Some areas on the north side of buildings, may be consistently shaded, but still receive

an abundance of reflected light. This is especially true of those planted adjacent to light coloured buildings. Reflected light anywhere in the landscape is difficult to measure and can make a large difference in which plants will do well in a specific area.

No matter what the labels say, many plants are quite flexible. Over time you will become quite adept at choosing just the right location for individual plants. If leaves are curling up in the middle of the day, or the flowers on certain perennials are sparse, just moving them to another spot in your garden may be all that is needed. Make sure any such moves are done on overcast days, and water the transplants regularly. Treat them as newly acquired perennials, that need extra care until established.

Of course, light is not the only consideration when thinking about your plants well being. Good soil with lots of nutrients and adequate water, especially for those perennials close to large trees, (very adept at robbing moisture from their smaller cousins) are very important.

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Kat Macklin-Smith of the Shellbrook Kinnettes (and daughter Charlotte) accepts a donation from Shellbrook Bigway owner Chrissy Lanovaz.



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