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## Tips go 1-1 in return to action



Cudworth netminder Riley Stevenson is left looking over his shoulder after a scoring chance for Gage Helm bounces off the top of the goal.

The Shellbrook Silvertips came back from their holiday season break over the weekend, hosting the Cudworth Tricky Maroons on Saturday evening before travelling to meet the Rosthern Wheatkings on Sunday.

### Tips (10) vs Maroons (3)

The Shellbrook Silvertips were in championship contender form against the Cudworth Tricky Maroons on Saturday night, coming out of the gate strong. Despite some solid early pressure, it was the Maroons who opened the scoring when they forced a turnover in the Silvertips' end.

Darrell Holt netted the game-opener, with assists from Tanner Medernach and Mackenzie Medernach.

The Silvertips took an ill-advised penalty shortly after this, but throughout the match they would prove that their penalty kill was as much of a threat as the Maroons' power play by generating a plethora of scoring opportunities.

Though Tips offensive leader Dylan Smith failed to capitalize on a short-handed 1-on-1 with the Maroons goalie, he followed up the missed opportunity by tying the game with a goal off an offensive zone faceoff. Mathew Kutnikoff and Justin Kerr assisted on the play.

The remainder of the period was all Tips. Keeping the pressure on after a power play, Dallas Galloway pounced on a loose rebound and redirected it top shelf to put Shellbrook up 2-1. Gage Helm and Nathaniel Martin assisted on the goal.

Closing out the period, the Tips penalty kill finally got on the board, with Gage Helm scoring an unassisted marker after another scoring chance for Smith.

Taking the ice for the second period with a 3-1 lead, the Tips piled on another five unanswered goals over the course of 20 minutes.

Gage Helm picked up where he left

off in the first stanza, taking feeds from Kutnikoff and Smith en route to his second goal of the night. Minutes later, Brett Smith followed up with a goal off an offensive zone faceoff, assisted by Easton Neufeldt and Sam Miller, and Kerr scored after a beautiful give-and-go with helpers from Smith and Helm.

Late in the frame, Smith finally translated his many scoring opportunities into a pair of goals, taking a setup from Helm on the Cudworth doorstep to put the Tips up 7-1, then striking on the penalty kill with assists from Brendon Canaday and Helm.

The Tips' penalty kill remained dangerous in the third period, with Neufeldt blasting a sniper shot into the back of the net on assists from Brendon Beaulac and Kutnikoff.

Rounding out the Tips' scorecard, Smith tacked on one more goal for good measure on a solo helper from Kerr.

Playing for little more than pride, the

Maroons' power play came alive near the midway point of the frame, racking up two goals. Holt scored the first, with another pair of assists from Tanner and Mackenzie Medernach, and Tristan Hackl netted the second a minute later, on an assist from Tanner Brockman, to seal a 10-3 defeat.

### Tips (4) vs Kings (7)

Following up on their dominant victory Saturday night, the Tips headed to Beardy's Memorial Arena on Sunday and looked ready to continue their scoring ways. To this end, Dylan Smith opened the scoring five minutes into the match, with assists from usual suspects Justin Kerr and Gage Helm.

Following a 10-minute scoring lull, however, the league-leading Wheatkings proved they'd come to play, knotting the game at 1-1 on a goal from Matt Hildebrandt, assisted by Jeremy Margeson and Devan Thiessen.

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In the dying seconds of the period, the Wheatkings struck again, with Michael Epp scoring on helpers from Matt Pilon and Hildebrandt.

Where the Silvertips didn't get much time on the power play in Saturday night's match, they made the most of what little they were given against the Wheatkings, as Helm scored a pair of goals two minutes apart to put them up 3-2. Evan Williams and Smith as-

sisted on the first, with Smith earning a solo helper on the second.

The teams settled in once again after this, until Tyler Olsen tied the game at 3-3, with assists from Aiden Forseille and Thiessen.

Heading to the third stanza with a clean slate, the Wheatkings took full advantage of an early power play to reclaim the lead. Margeson netted the goal, with assists from Airik Price and Thiessen.

The Silvertips' penalty kill proved dangerous once again, when Helm scored just over a minute later to tie things back up. Helm's hat trick goal was unassisted.

Mirroring the two previous periods, the middle of the third frame

was marked by a lull in the scoring highlights. Then, late in the period, the Wheatkings struck twice within 30 seconds to all but put the game out of reach.

Hildebrandt scored the first goal on assists from Paul Ayres and Pi-

lon, while Price netted the second with helpers from Justice Gardypie and Ryley Hawkswood. With 50 seconds left, Margeson tacked on an empty netter on assists from Ernie Muller and Hildebrandt to cement Rosthern's 7-4 victory.

After the win and the loss, the Tips sit at a respectable 8-3-0-1 on the season, good enough for a fourth-place tie in the Twin Rivers Hockey League standings.

This Friday night, at 8:30 p.m., they host the Birch Hills Blackhawks.



With help from his defenders, Silvertips' goalie Jon Nelson turns away a Cudworth scoring opportunity.

## VILLAGE OF MEDSTEAD ADMINISTRATOR

The village of Medstead is currently accepting applications for the Position of Administrator. The ideal candidate will possess an Urban Standard Certificate or a willingness to learn.

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Remuneration will be discussed with potential applicants.

Applications with Resume should be submitted to the Village of Medstead office or to any Council member.

Village of Medstead, Box 148, Medstead, Sask. S0M 1W0

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## Sask won't mandate vaccines, says Moe

On a day when Saskatchewan was setting a single-day record of 1,173 new cases of COVID-19, Premier Scott Moe made it clear his government would not be mandating vaccination.

Giving a statement on Friday afternoon, Premier Moe called vaccination a personal choice and said vaccines shouldn't be mandated by governments.

"The Government of Saskatchewan will not be implementing mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations," he said. "While we strongly encourage everyone to get vaccinated to protect yourself and others from serious illness, in Saskatchewan this is a personal choice."

Moe's statement was a response to federal Health Minister Jean-Yves Duclos, who suggested last week that provinces should consider introducing vaccine mandates in the face of the omicron-driven fifth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"What we see now is that our health care system in Canada is fragile, our people are tired. And the only way that we know to get through COVID-19, this variant and any future variant, is through vaccination," Duclos told reporters at a press briefing last week.

Duclos said that it's his personal view, but one that is based on conversations with his provincial health minister counterparts and informed by what he's been tracking both domestically and internationally. "Whether they move

forward or not, that's going to be their decision to make," he said.

In addition to his clear stance against vaccine mandates, Premier Moe has also proven unwilling to budge when it comes to introducing limits on public and private gatherings, despite the fact that omicron cases have spread much faster than the province's modelling data predicted.

The province's modelling data projected that daily cases would surpass 300 by Jan. 20 without additional public health measures from the province.

This data prompted Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Saqib Shahab to recommend that people limit their gatherings. A call he repeated last Thursday.

"We need to do everything to blunt the wave. This is not the time for any gatherings at all. You should do what is essential, which means going to work and going to school. But otherwise not having any contact with anyone outside your household," he said.

Prior to this, Premier Moe had said his government wouldn't introduce any public health measures that would shutdown activities, restrict businesses, or limit personal freedoms so long as "serious cases and hospitalizations remained manageable."

He's also said we need to learn to live with COVID and can't "lock-down communities, events, and businesses forever."

Duclos' comments about mandatory vaccinations received an

equally chilly reception from Alberta Premier Jason Kenney, who used his Friday public address to reiterate his government's opposition to mandatory vaccination.

"Alberta's Legislature removed the power of mandatory vaccination from the Public Health Act last year and will not revisit that decision, period," said the premier.

"While we strongly encourage those who are eligible to get vaccinated, it is ultimately a personal choice that individuals must make."

According to the latest federal figures, more than 88 per cent of Canadians aged five and older had received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine as of Monday and 81 per cent were fully vaccinated. This means millions of Canadians have still chosen to not receive a single COVID-19 vaccine dose.

In Saskatchewan, meanwhile, 85.7 per cent of residents aged five and up had received a single dose of a COVID-19 vaccine as of Monday, while 78.3 per cent were fully vaccinated.

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# Sask. government outlines school COVID plan

With Saskatchewan seeing an unprecedented rise in COVID-19 cases due to the spread of the omicron variant, the province has outlined its strategy to ensure students and staff can safely return to the classroom following Christmas holidays.

“We know that in-class learning is critically important to students’ overall mental and physical health and development,” Education Minister Dustin Duncan said.

“That is why the Government of Saskatchewan is supporting all students and staff in finding ways to reduce risk while we learn to live with COVID in our everyday lives. School staff have done a phenomenal job in ensuring our schools remain as safe as possible while continuing to ensure that parents have access to timely information about COVID in our communities.”

Per the province’s ex-

isting policy, schools will continue to provide notification of COVID-19 cases based on self-reporting from students and staff. With the announcement that asymptomatic, vaccinated individuals no longer require a confirmatory PCR test following a positive rapid antigen test, schools are updating their process for notifying close contacts of cases, with an aim to ensure that there continues to be timely notification.

Fully vaccinated students and staff who are close contacts will follow the current process of self-monitoring. They are able to attend school and other activities as long as they remain asymptomatic. Fully vaccinated students and staff who test positive are required to self-isolate for five days.

Students who are close contacts to cases in non-household settings (i.e. at school, daycare,

public recreation activities) and not fully vaccinated are able to continue to attend school, take the bus, and attend child care as long as they are asymptomatic. However, they are not permitted to attend any extra-curricular activities for the 10-day self-monitoring period.

If the transmission occurred in the household setting, all unvaccinated students are required to isolate for 10 days, including not attending school or childcare.

Staff members (teachers, educational assistants, bus drivers, etc.) who are deemed a close contact and not fully vaccinated must self-isolate for 10 days following last exposure.

In the case of an outbreak in a school, which is defined as three or more cases in a class or cohort of students, public health will continue to investigate and may advise further mitigation

measures for either the class or the entire school.

“Increased cases in the community will result in an increase in cases in schools. However, with a layered approach to preventative measures including continued masking, access to rapid tests, increased sanitation, cohorting, and students and staff staying home when they are sick, schools are providing a safe learning environment,” Duncan said.

In addition to the policies in place, the province says school staff continue to have access to disposable, medical grade surgical masks and more than 1.6 million rapid antigen tests have been distributed to families through elementary schools since the federal allocation began arriving in Saskatchewan.

Additionally, the province says rapid tests will now also be available in high schools with an additional 250,000 rap-

id tests currently being distributed to schools across the province.

The Sask. Party government’s plan was roundly criticized by NDP education critic Carla Beck, who said it isn’t a plan at all.

“We need a concrete plan, not a flowchart for what to do once you’re a close contact or already sick. Everyone wants to keep schools open, but we must take decisive action,” Beck said. “Sticking our heads in the sand and ignoring the realities taking place across Canada and around the world is not a strategy. We need all hands on deck to tackle this fifth wave and protect our students.”

The NDP has since outlined its own Safe Schools Strategy, which includes calls to keep schools open by public reporting school outbreaks and absenteeism of students and staff, hire retired, substitute, and casual school staff full-time through fifth wave, implement evidence-based isolation policies to prevent outbreaks, and outline clear

metrics that would trigger remote learning.

The NDP also wants the province to bring back school-based vaccination programs, ensure staff and students have access to N95 masks, ensure classrooms are properly ventilated, and introduce guaranteed sick days to ensure parents can stay home.

Launching a new line of criticism Monday morning, the NDP called for Premier Scott Moe to replace Duncan as education minister on the grounds that he “lied” about his consultations with education stakeholders.

Last Wednesday, Duncan claimed he had consulted divisions and school boards on the return to classes.

The NDP says this claim was directly contradicted by SSBA President Shawn Davidson who said “There was never any indication given to us from the government that they were contemplating responding to that request.”

More information can be found at [saskatchewan.ca/COVID-19](http://saskatchewan.ca/COVID-19).

## Lions present service awards



Service awards were presented on behalf of Lions International by Spiritwood Lion President Sonja Nielsen (centre) to Lion Darlene Ferguson (15 years) and Lion Joe Horn (40 years).

The Spiritwood and District Lions Club presented service awards to two long-serving members at the Sept. 9, 2021, meeting of the club.

The membership chevrons recognizing the service of Lion Joe Horn and Lion Darlene Ferguson were sent to the club from Lions International, and presented by Spiritwood Lion President Sonja Nielsen.

Lion Joe received a chevron in recognition of his 40 years of service to Lionism as a member of the Spiritwood Club.

Lion Darlene’s chevron recognized her 15 years as a member of the Spiritwood Lions. However, her service to the community goes back much further. Lion Darlene was inducted into the Lioness Club shortly after her arrival in Spiritwood in 1986. She was a member of that club for over 20 years, holding membership in both for a few years.

### R.M of Leask No. 464

#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR

The RM of Leask No. 464 invites applications for a full-time permanent Assistant Administrator in the municipal administration office. The successful candidate may have various types of experience in office assistant administration and possess well developed interpersonal communication and organizational skills. Preference will be given to candidates who possess or is willing to obtain the following:

- Local Government Administration or other Certificate from a business-related program.
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office programs
- Knowledge in basic accounting principles and practices
- Working knowledge of the Munisoft computer system
- Excellent communication skills, both verbal and written
- Ability to deal effectively with the general public and to work independently

The municipality offers a competitive salary and benefits package in accordance with qualifications and experience. The successful applicant start date will be as agreed upon. Please state salary expected.

Qualified individuals are invited to submit a resume with current references and cover letter detailing how their qualifications match those listed above. **Deadline for applications is 4:00 p.m., Friday February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.** Council wishes to thank all applicants, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

RM of Leask No. 464  
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For further details, contact Vera Cadieu, manager, 306-883-8779 (If necessary, leave message with name and phone number)

Please submit written resume by Jan 28 to:

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## Councils must keep the public record public

Those who run for public office generally do so with nothing but the best of intentions.

By and large, Reeves, mayors, and councillors, especially those in small towns and villages like those in the Shellbrook and Spiritwood areas, are the folks you see coaching kids at the rink or volunteering at local events.

They aren't in it for fame, glory, or a paycheque – indeed, considering the work that goes in to being on a small-town council, most are grossly underpaid and underappreciated for their efforts.

They are community-oriented people first and foremost, and, for them, sitting on council is just another avenue of serving and improving their community.

There are exceptions to every rule, of course. Like the Reeves, mayors, and councillors (and even, in some instances, administrators) who come to council with an agenda and refuse to back down until their vision is realized, making life at the council table miserable for everyone and ignoring their obligation to the ratepayers they swore to represent.

In most cases, these rare bad apples are easy enough to pluck from the tree.

However, the vast majority of problems around the council table aren't attributable to corruption or malicious intent but are instead a product of simple human error. No one is perfect, after all.

For its part, the *Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald* does its best to document the good, the bad, and the ugly of municipal councils, often by publishing council minutes.

In recent months, though, avid readers of these council minutes may have noticed a glaring absence where one community that once regularly appeared in the paper is concerned.

This absence isn't due to the council in question's minutes suddenly being unavailable. To its credit, the administration does an impeccable job of keeping the town's website up to date.

No, the absence is due to a motion of council, in which it said it no longer agrees to have its minutes published.

This motion, which was passed in November, is problematic for a few reasons, the least of which being the fact that council has no real authority to make

such a demand.

Council minutes are public record and are (or should be) freely available to anyone who wants them. If someone wants to project the latest council minutes on the face of the moon for the entire world to see, they're within their rights to do so and council has no power to stop them.

When the *Chronicle & Herald* sought a justification for council's decision, it was told that council felt the publication of the minutes was sowing confusion among ratepayers and creating more work for council.

Council also cited errors that had been published in the minutes. Though, the *Chronicle & Herald* was only informed of such errors on one occasion (in this case, the mistake was regrettably our own, and a correction was promptly published).

In the absence of a better rationale, the only thing this council's motion accomplishes is to give ratepayers a very good reason to question why council is so opposed to making its minutes more visible (remember, not everyone has access to or uses the internet on a regular basis).

What, ratepayers may ask, is council trying to hide?

In all likelihood, there's nothing nefarious behind council's motion and council is genuinely seeking to avoid any undue confusion for ratepayers.

But in an age when people are demanding more transparency and accountability from their governments, the optics of this decision are undeniably bad.

And while this council is certainly an outlier, it isn't the only one in the Shellbrook and Spiritwood area that seems hesitant to make its business more public.

Over the years, certain councils for other municipalities in the area have denied multiple requests to have their minutes published in the *Chronicle & Herald*. Worse, they don't publish minutes online, meaning ratepayers can only access council minutes in person.

Ratepayers need, deserve, and, most importantly, have the right to know what their elected officials are up to, and governments should be using every medium at their disposal to share this information with them.

Democracy demands transparency.



## Feds consider new tax on homes

By Franco Terrazano  
CTF Federal Director

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation is sounding the alarm in the wake of a brand-new federally funded study pushing for a surtax on Canadian homes.

"Both the Liberals and Conservatives just spent the last election promising Canadians that they wouldn't hit us with a home equity tax," said Franco Terrazano, Federal Director for the Canadian Taxpayers Federation. "Now we find out that the government is using our tax dollars to dream up new ways to tax Canadian homeowners and that's unacceptable."

"We are not going to tax our way to more homes. You build more homes with hammers, not tax hikes."

The study was released on Jan. 5 by the University of British Columbia-based group Generation Squeeze.

The recommendations in the report include targeting the "housing wealth windfalls gained by many home owners while they sleep and watch TV."

The report was funded by the federal government's Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. It recommends

charging annual surtaxes of 0.2 per cent to 1 per cent on the value of a home beyond a million-dollar threshold. The tax would accumulate until the home is sold or inherited.

Even at a rate of 0.5 per cent, an average home in Toronto or Vancouver that's sold after 10 years of ownership could face a new surtax close to \$10,000.

"It's very easy to be living in a home assessed at more than a million dollars in Vancouver and Toronto, so this is going to hit homeowners and potential home buyers hard" said Kris Sims, B.C. Director for the Canadian Taxpayers Federation. "This could increase the listing prices of homes because this tax will just be tacked on."

The report estimates this home tax could cost Canadians \$5.8 billion per year.

That would cover the spending of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government for less than five days.

In 2020, it was revealed that CMHC had spent \$250,000 on a study that included a consideration of home equity and capital gains taxes on primary homes in Canada.

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## Report from the Legislature

A bold, confident Saskatchewan that can also offer hope and opportunity will allow us all to meet the challenges before us. The last two years have certainly presented new challenges, and we have answered them with perseverance, courage, faith, and compassion.

Lending a helping hand to those who need it is a Saskatchewan trait, and our government is pleased to see new services coming. Our investment of \$6 million in annual funding has provided for 77 new mental health treatment beds in four communities, two more beds than first announced. So far, 67 beds are serving residents in Saskatoon, Regina and North Battleford, with 10 additional spaces opening in Prince Albert this March.

Residential mental health beds offer client-centred services for people who have severe and persistent mental health needs. These beds

help people live more successfully in the community while reducing the pressures on emergency rooms, police cells, and homeless shelters. The initiative allows for a better focus on recovery by providing a supportive living environment and understanding the challenges clients face each day.

The 77 beds move us towards our promise of adding another 150 treatment spaces over the next three years. We will continue to partner with charitable organi-

zations and third-party providers to achieve that goal. Those relationships will support individuals as they focus on recovery goals, maintain optimal living conditions and work through stability barriers.

As we work towards better access to health care for northern Saskatchewan, our government has released a Request for Qualifications for the redevelopment of Prince Albert Victoria Hospital. When complete, the project will provide a larger emergency department, enhanced medical imaging services, and a 40 per cent increase in hospital beds, growing from 173 to 242. The province is paying 100 per cent of the capital costs with the Victoria Hospital Foundation fundraising for furniture and equipment.

Following an extremely difficult year of drought, the Water Security Agency (WSA) is helping producers prepare for the

future. Free online workshops are being offered through April of this year, focused on innovative techniques to best manage water on their land. Managing water effectively has made significant contributions to our province and can be an important economic tool for farmers and ranchers. Facing increased challenges due to climate change, the WSA wants to assist in planning for agriculture drainage projects that are adapted and resilient to weather extremes, such as floods or drought, while increasing productivity.

We are also investing in water development across the province. We have tripled funding through the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure program to improve and build dugouts, wells, and pipelines. This year, a \$2.5 million commitment will build on existing irrigation development to increase the number of irrigable acres.



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The Lake Diefenbaker project is a major initiative that will transform agriculture in the province. When complete, the project will increase irrigation opportunities, help diversify crop production, attract value-added processing, and improve water security for communities in the area. It has the potential to boost Saskatchewan's gross domestic product by as much as \$80 billion over the next 50 years.

Water planning aside, there was some good

news in the 2021 Conditions at Freeze-Up Report. Weather modelling data for December through March indicates parts of Central and Northern Saskatchewan could see wetter than normal conditions. The modelling is also predicting near-normal precipitation for the rest of Saskatchewan. While constantly changing, this data indicates some relief could be on the way following drier conditions last year.

Our government is committed to making sure Saskatchewan is ready for the future. We see a Saskatchewan that has thriving vibrant communities, more people, more jobs, and more opportunities. To accomplish these goals and more, we will work towards better access to health care, a stronger economy, safer communities, better education, and a more independent province that will lead the nation for years to come.

## Timberwolves get back in the win column

The Spiritwood Timberwolves cheered up the Spiritwood Recreation Centre after scoring a big win against the Maidstone Jets on Saturday, Jan. 8.

The Timberwolves had racked up consecutive losses over the past few games, including their tough battle with the Beaver Blues Friday, wherein they were defeated by a score of 11-1 (due to errors on the scoresheet, the *Chronicle & Herald* was unable to obtain the point breakdown).

Though it wasn't a good start of the year for the Timberwolves, they were able to rebound with a hard-fought one-goal win over the Jets the next night.

### Wolves (7) vs Jets (6)

During their clash with the Jets, Raymon Harris provided the major offensive highlights for Spiritwood by scoring a hat trick. Patrick Robinson and Kirk Chief were able to score a goal and a helper apiece, while Devin Beebe and Tristan Kroeker each managed to score a goal.

In the assist column, Marcus Tipewan, Dalton Bill, and Carson McNabb earned one point each.

Meanwhile, en route to the Maidstone Jets' defeat, Jared Lajoski netted a hat trick and a single assist, while Brock

Potratz provided a goal and one assist, and Chase James and Luke James both scored one goal each.

As far as assists go, Brady Hintz scored three and Ryden Ross earned one.

During the first and second period, the Jets were trailing the Timberwolves, with the Timberwolves holding on to a two-point lead. Though the Jets were able to pull within one, the Timberwolves were able to hold on for the victory.

The Timberwolves hit the road this weekend for a pair of games. On Saturday, Jan. 15, they head to Turtleford for a showdown with the Turtleford Tigers. Puck drop is at 8 p.m.

The next evening, they're off to Radisson to face off against the Radisson Wheatkings. Sunday's game has a 5 p.m. start time.

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# Saskatchewan clubroot map released

The Government of Saskatchewan and SaskCanola have released the 2021 Saskatchewan Clubroot Distribution Map, which outlines the rural municipalities (RMs) where clubroot has been identified.

Over 750 fields in 200 RMs were examined during the 2021 clubroot survey. Looking at the area, clubroot symptoms were identified in more than 10 fields in the RM of Spiritwood, and in 1 to 9 fields in the RMs of Shellbrook and Meeting Lake.

Clubroot is a declared pest under Saskatchewan's Pest Control Act. Visible symptoms have been confirmed in 80 commercial canola fields since 2017. This has increased by five fields since the 2020 clubroot update. The number of fields where clubroot pathogen DNA has been detected in soil samples (no visible symptoms) increased by nine in 2021, for a total of 38 fields in the province. These results are compiled annually through ministry surveys and reports/samples submitted by producers and agronomists.

"The Ministry of Agriculture is dedicated to early detection, tracking, and managing clubroot," Agriculture Minister Da-

vid Marit said. "This protects our producers, landowners, and our strong canola market."

The landowners of all fields with visible clubroot symptoms or fields with the presence of the pathogen DNA have been contacted. The locations of these fields have also been shared with the appropriate RM office if they have enacted a clubroot-specific bylaw and visible symptoms were present. The specific land locations are not shared publicly to protect the privacy of producers.

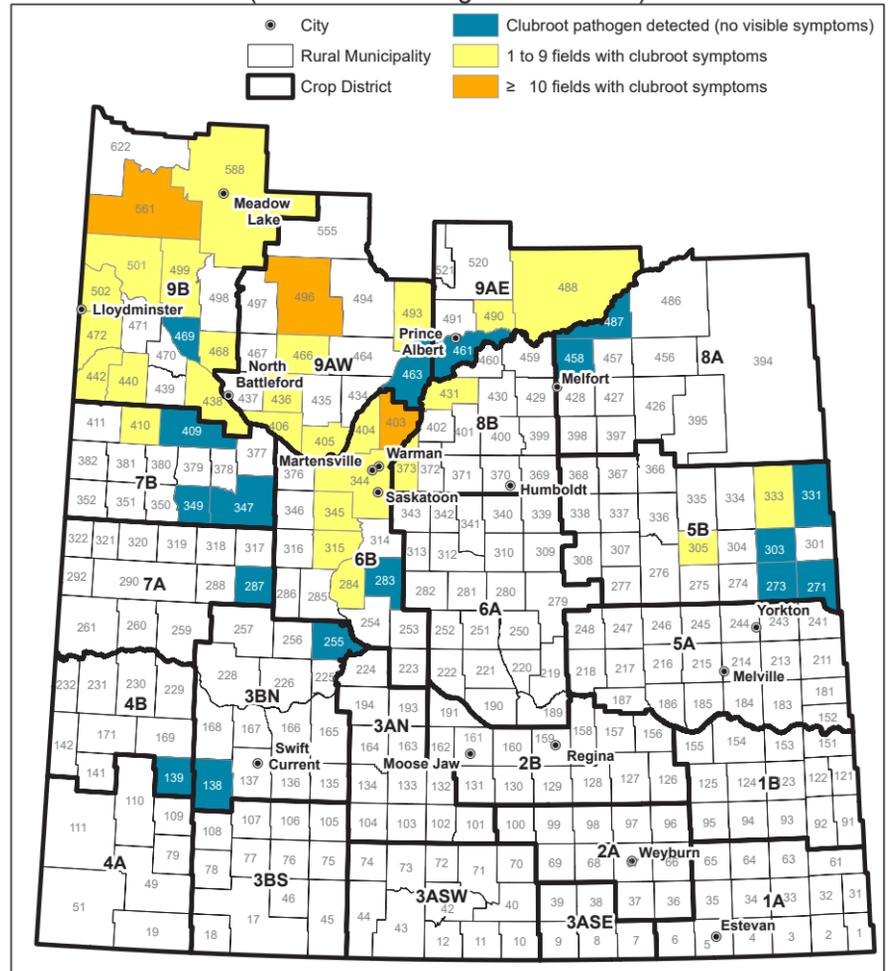
Last year, the ministry and SaskCanola encouraged producers to voluntarily test their soils for the presence of the clubroot pathogen. Producers and agronomists could receive a free soil testing kit via the ministry's website, a regional office, SaskCanola office, participating rural municipalities offices and Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities plant health officers. In all, 100 soil samples were submitted through the voluntary soil testing program. Of these soil samples, there was one positive result. SaskCanola covered the costs of the soil tests. The other eight positive soil samples identified in 2021 were

collected through the provincial clubroot risk-based and general canola diseases surveys.

"Ongoing clubroot surveying in Saskatchewan is critical for early detection and diligent management," SaskCanola Board of Directors chair Bernie McClean said. "We continue to invest levy dollars into the provincial clubroot survey program to help farmers manage this disease with evidence and data."

The goal of the tests is to detect the pathogen when spore levels are low to minimize potential impact on canola yields. A proactive and science-based clubroot management strategy should include the use of clubroot-resistant canola varieties in a minimum three-year rotation. An extended crop rotation helps minimize yield losses while protecting the effectiveness of clubroot-resistant canola varieties.

Clubroot Distribution in Saskatchewan (cumulative testing 2008 to 2021)



## Sask. boosts funding to care for children with specialized needs

The Government of Saskatchewan is partnering with the Saskatchewan Foster Families Association to launch Phase Two of the Parent Resources for Information, Development and Education (PRIDE) Levels of Pay that will help increase the number of foster homes able to care for children with specialized needs. Phase Two recognizes the enhanced caregiver training needed to best support complex behavioural, developmental, or medical needs and emergent trauma care.

"When a child or youth cannot safely remain in their family home, placement in a family-based setting is the next best option, whether that be an extended family caregiver, trusted family connection, or foster home," Social Services Minister Lori Carr said. "For children and youth with exceptional needs, finding appropriate family-based care can be

challenging. Implementing this leveled payment structure will encourage foster parents to complete specialized training which, in turn, will allow more children and youth with specialized needs to reside in family-based care."

The new payment structure supports the goal of keeping children in a family-based care setting that can support their needs. Training requirements address the unique needs in each level, with mandatory training as well as child-specific training available to support foster families.

"PRIDE Levels of Pay - Phase Two will equip caregivers in providing specialized care to children and youth with complex needs," Saskatchewan Foster Families Association Executive Director Deb Davies said. "This enhanced education and payment structure recognizes the additional skills, training and commitment

of caregivers to ensure they provide the best care to children and youth."

The Government of Saskatchewan has allocated an additional \$1.506 million in 2021-22 for Phase Two. This funding is in addition to \$2.74 million for the Phase One payment structure. PRIDE Levels of Pay - Phase One was successfully implemented in late 2019 and has positively impacted participation in training, recruitment and retention of foster families.

The Saskatchewan Foster Families Association manages recruitment, training and support for foster families. Anyone interested in learning more about how they can help vulnerable children, youth and their families, or what is required to become a foster parent, is encouraged to call the Saskatchewan Foster Families Association at 1-800-667-7002 or visit [www.saskfosterfamilies.ca](http://www.saskfosterfamilies.ca).

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**Increased Support for People Experiencing Mental Health Challenges**

As part of Saskatchewan's *Mental Health Addictions Action Plan*, 77 new mental health beds will safely help people experiencing mental health challenges transition from hospital back into their communities. These supportive residential mental health beds offer client-centred services for people who have severe and persistent mental health needs to live more successfully in the community while reducing the use of emergency rooms, police cells, homeless shelters and mental health beds in hospitals.

The new beds are currently operational in Saskatoon, Regina and North Battleford. Prince Albert's beds will be operational in March 2022.

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## Science is unlocking canola's full potential

When you live in Yorkton where the economic impact of two major canola crush plants is obvious, it's hard not to pay attention to developments surrounding the crop.

The same can be said provincially and across the Prairies, as canola has become the primary crop, at least in terms of value for many producers.

Of course, the focus of the canola industry is the production of canola oil, which has carved out a significant market in terms of human consumption – the veg-oil sector being a massive one where canola often wins out based on its unique oil.

While the market for

food oil grows, there is also the potential for biofuels, an area where interest is strong, but often reined in based on the cost of canola oil being prohibitive to be used for fuel.

But, while oil is the key commodity from canola, the crush process leaves carloads of canola meal as a by-product, which has a more limited market.

While the meal is used as a livestock protein source, it is not exactly a hugely lucrative market.

And while there is obviously increased interest at present in non-meat alternatives to meat using grains as a base, protein-high canola meal has not proven particularly



CALVIN DANIELS

palatable for human consumption – at least yet. I say yet because science is likely to eventually crack the palatability issue and open canola meal to a huge new market.

But, in the interim, a recent Canadian Light Source release (which you can read in full below) has to have both producers and

crushers taking notice.

After years of meticulous research, Dr. Ajay Dalai's exploration of canola meal pellets as an eco-friendly alternative to coal and natural gas for both heat and energy is poised to move into its next phases – scaled-up pellet production and commercialization, begins the release.

"Eventually, the world is going to phase out coal because of pollution," said Dalai, Canada Research Chair of Bio-energy and Environmentally Friendly Chemical Processing in the University of Saskatchewan (USask)'s College of Engineering in the release. His quest is to find ways to turn leftover materials

from crop production, like canola meal, into biocoal. It is already happening in the forest industry but not in agriculture, he said, despite an ample supply of biomatter.

In 2019, Canada produced over 18 million tonnes of canola and 10 million tonnes came from Saskatchewan. The oil extraction process leaves behind canola meal, which is about 60 per cent of the original crop by weight. Some canola meal is exported and about 40 per cent is fed to livestock. The remainder is what Dalai sees as potential biocoal, detailed the release. The challenge is to produce high-quality pellets suit-

able for storage and transportation to facilities where it can be burned to produce heat and power, he said.

"The potential of using biomass for bioenergy is enormous and exciting," said Dalai. In addition to generating significant revenue for the agriculture industry, "We all have a responsibility to create an environment that will be good for our children and grandchildren."

This is the sort of future market development which holds promise for not just canola meal, but other crop by-products such as flax meal, and even straw residue as alternative heating options become more popular.

## Heating our homes with leftover canola

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Dalai and colleagues have been using computed tomography techniques at the Canadian Light Source at USask to examine lab-produced pellets. When he first visited a synchrotron in the U.S. about 25 years ago, Dalai saw things nobody can

see with the naked eye. "It ignited a passion in me to apply these techniques to biomaterial," he said.

"We need to know how they look on the inside, what the structure looks like," he explained. "Tomography allows us to assess the impact of different additives and different amounts of water on the mechanical strength of the pellet and the amount of energy produced when you burn it."

His latest research, published in the *International Journal of Hydrogen Energy*, demonstrates the optimal amounts of various additives that serve as binders and lubricants to create a canola meal

pellet that will not absorb too much moisture or crumble when stored or transported. It is a recipe that is now ready to be tested in the real world.

"We've been working for five or six years on this project. It's time to produce the pellets on a large scale to see the consistency of the product."

The team's pellet-making equipment has arrived and, working with industry partners, they will conduct an economic analysis of the canola meal pellets. "Are we ready to formulate and produce on a large scale for export? No, but our dream will come true one day," he stated.

As the upscaling continues, Dalai's team will investigate alterna-

tive, lower-cost additives and apply their recipe to other biomaterials, including canola hull, mustard meal and hull, and oat hull. Supplies are plentiful "because we don't have enough cattle in Saskatchewan to eat all of the biomass." Dalai is also interested in combining agriculture biomass with forest residue to create new formulations.

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# RCMP news highlights

Two men have been charged with the November 2020 murder of a Mistawasis First Nation man.

RCMP have announced that as a result of extensive investigation by the Saskatchewan Major Crime Unit, in collaboration with Yorkton General Investigation Services, Meadow Lake, Shellbrook and Prince Albert Detachments, and in consultation with Crown Prosecution, two males have been arrested and charged in relation to the Nov. 17, 2020, homicide of Troy Watson from Mistawasis First Nation.

Roy Lasas, 21, from Mistawasis First Nation, is charged with second degree murder.

A second male from Mistawasis First Nation has also been charged with second degree murder. He cannot be identified, as per the Youth Criminal Justice Act, because he was a youth at the time of the offence.

Both individuals have been remanded into custody and were scheduled to appear in Prince Albert Provincial Court on Monday, Jan. 10.

The charges stem from an incident on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020. Just before 9 p.m., the Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook RCMP detachment received a call to assist local EMS with an unconscious adult male located outside of a residence on the Mistawasis First Nation in Saskatchewan. Thirty-six-year-old Troy Watson was pronounced deceased on the scene by EMS and



**Tanner Ballantyne is wanted in connection with a shooting in Pelican Narrows.**

an autopsy was scheduled.

Police secured the scene and requested additional resources from the Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crimes Unit North (MCU-N), Prince Albert and Tisdale RCMP Forensic Identification Services and the Saskatchewan Coroner's Service to assist with the investigation.

Based on preliminary information received by police and by working in consultation with the Saskatchewan Coroner's Service, the death of the adult male was investigated as a homicide. The Saskatchewan RCMP MCU-N took carriage of the investigation.

## Pelican Narrows

The Pelican Narrows RCMP is seeking the public's assistance in locating a man believed to be involved in a new year's eve shooting in Pelican Narrows.

According to a release, the Pelican Narrows RCMP received a complaint about a shooting at a residence within the community at approximately 3:40 a.m. on Dec. 31.

Police responded to the call, and an injured adult male was located at the residence. He was transported to hospital with what were described as serious injuries.

As a result of investigation, Pelican Narrows RCMP have charged Tanner Ballantyne (DOB: 1999-10-14) of Pelican Narrows, Sask. with one count of discharging

a firearm with intent, one count of aggravated assault, one count of possession of a firearm while unauthorized, one count of possession of a weapon contrary to order, and one count of possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

The Pelican Narrows RCMP is actively trying to locate and arrest Ballantyne.

Ballantyne is described as approximately 5'11" and 155 lbs. He has black

hair and brown eyes.

Ballantyne is believed to have connections to Pelican Narrows and Prince Albert.

He should be considered armed and dangerous. If you see him, do not approach him. Report sightings or information to Pelican Narrows RCMP at 306-632-3300. Information can also be submitted anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com).

## Marcelin shines bright for Christmas

The Village of Marcelin was all aglow in the lead-up to Christmas, as the Marcelin Events Committee hosted its annual Light Up Marcelin event.

More than 30 houses entered the competition for a chance at a prize. Votes were tallied based on Facebook likes and text message votes.

Once all those votes were tallied, Jim and Pat Wasylkowski were crowned the winners of the top prize of \$100. In the spirit of Christmas, the couple said it would be donating its winnings right back to the Marcelin Events Committee.

Following the Wasyl-

kowskis, Gabe and Sylvia Clouthier scored a second-place finish and a prize of \$75, while Lance and Sarah Milliken rounded out the top 3 and won \$50.

In a pair of draws separate from the decorating competition, Matt Delorem won a light up tree, and Omer and Jacqy Bonin won an inflatable Santa.



**Jim and Pat Wasylkowski won top prize in the Light up Marcelin event with their penguin-themed display.**



**Gabe and Sylvia Clouthier finished in second in the Light up Marcelin event.**



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

**CANWOOD:** Canwood Branch of Wapiti Regional Library. Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm; Thursday 10 am - 4 pm; Friday 12 pm - 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

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# Belbutte Hall association supports community

The Belbutte Community Hall Co-operative Association Ltd. has been making donations to several non-profit community organizations.

All told, \$1,600 was donated to the Medstead Volunteer Fire Department, \$1,250 to Medstead Central School, \$400 to the Medstead Skating Club, \$500 to SARCS, \$1,250 to MADRA, \$1,000 to the Bapaume Cemetery, and \$1,000 was donated to the Belbutte Lutheran Cemetery.



**Terry Amendt, director of The Belbutte Community Hall Co-operative Association Ltd. Presents a \$1,250 cheque to Rae Short of Medstead Central School.**



**Cheyenne LaClare accepts a \$1,250 cheque for MADRA from Terry Amendt, director of the Belbutte Community Hall Co-operative Association Ltd.**



**Terry Amendt, director of the Belbutte Community Hall Co-operative Association Ltd., presents a \$1,600 cheque to Desmond Boyd of the Medstead Volunteer Fire Department.**

## Saskatchewan, Feds invest in agriculture research

Canada's Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Marie-Claude Bibeau and Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit announced a total of \$9.1 million in funding for new crop-related research projects in 2022.

This year's funding will support 55 crop-related projects in Saskatchewan through the Agriculture Development Fund (ADF).

"Canada's crop sector has navigated a challenging year marked by extreme climate events with resilience and determination," said Bibeau. "Together with the Government of Saskatchewan, our federal Government is committed to investing in science and innovation through critical initiatives like the Agriculture Development Fund. Investing in science is essential to give our farmers the tools they need to realize our vision of a sustainable agriculture sector in Canada."

"Saskatchewan's agriculture sector is uniquely well-equipped to accommodate the kind of growth we're anticipating in the decade ahead – not simply by increasing capacity, but also through innovation driven by academic research with strong support from industry partners," Marit said. "Investments

are only the first step; the real work is being done by researchers on a range of topics that will deliver long-term benefits for producers."

Examples of research projects include: study of the effect of intercropping on disease levels in various pulse crops; researching innovative ways to mitigate root rot in peas; and strategies for removing undesirable characteristics of protein ingredients from canola, hemp and flaxseed.

Support for these and other ADF projects is awarded each year on a competitive basis to researchers focusing on areas of importance to Saskatchewan agriculture producers and industry partners, which creates future growth opportunities and enhances the competitiveness of the agriculture sector.

In addition to commitments from the federal and provincial governments, approximately \$4.1 million was contributed by the following industry partners in support of these projects:

- Western Grains Research Foundation (WGRF)
- Saskatchewan Canola Development

- Commission
- Saskatchewan Flax Development Commission
- Prairie Oat Growers Association
- Saskatchewan Pulse Growers
- Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission
- Alberta Wheat Commission
- Manitoba Crop Alliance
- Mustard 21
- Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR)

"It is evident from the substantial investment by WGRF, and all industry partners, that producers are committed to investing in agricultural research," WGRF Chair Dr. Keith Degenhardt said. "We know the knowledge and tools research provides are vital for our continued success. The ADF continues to provide a great forum for producer groups to collaborate and co-fund agricultural research that improves production and sus-

tainability for western Canadian producers."

The ADF is supported through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a five-year, \$3 billion investment by federal, provincial, and territorial governments to strengthen and grow Canada's agriculture, agri-food and agri-products sectors. This includes a \$2-billion commitment that is cost-shared 60 per cent federally and 40 per cent provincially/territorially for programs that are designed and delivered by provinces and territories. This includes a \$388-million investment in strategic initiatives for Saskatchewan agriculture.

For more information, including a full list of funded projects, visit <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/business/agriculture-natural-resources-and-industry/agribusiness-farmers-and-ranchers/agricultural-research-programs/knowledge-creation/agriculture-development-fund>.

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

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Mont Nebo  
Wed., 7:30 pm -  
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Sun., 10:30 am - Worship  
Pastor Bill Klumpenhower

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St., Spiritwood)  
Sun., 11 am - Worship  
Service & Sunday School  
Pastor Michael Kluthe  
306-883-2380

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11 am Worship Service  
1st Sun., 7:30 pm  
- Hymn Sing  
Pastor Floyd Berg

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Spiritwood  
Every Wednesday Night  
7 pm  
Spiritwood Legion Hall  
Pastor Rick Martin

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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

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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 Bretzlaff

**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  
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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  
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Mont Nebo  
Bible Study & Prayer  
Sun., 11:00 a.m. - Worship  
Pastor Bill Klumpenhower

**UNITED CHURCH**  
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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.  
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306-747-3398

# Minutes of an R.M. of Canwood meeting

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

A regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 was held by teleconference on Nov. 16, 2021, commencing at 9:05 a.m.

Present: Reeve Lyndon Pease, Administrator Lorna Benson and the following Councillors for their respective divisions: #1 Ralph Korody, #2 Dennis Benke, #4 Ray Duret, #5 Richard De Bruijn, and #6 Leonard Smith.

Vacant: Division #3

Delegations: Dwight Diehl, Public Works Supervisor, Municipal Operations Update

Public Works Supervisor Dwight Diehl attended the meeting at 9 a.m.

Benke: That the minutes of the Oct. 19, 2021, Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented. Carried

Councillor Richard De Bruijn left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Duret: That we adopt the minutes of the Oct. 19, 2021, Public Hearing. Carried

Benke: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the

month of October 2021 for the R.M. General Account be approved as presented. Carried

Korody: That we adopt the COVID-19 Directive as amended. Carried

Councillor Leonard Smith joined the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Korody: That we approve the payments as listed on the attached account listing for a total of \$265,523.20, Council Direct Deposits for October, and Payroll Direct Deposits for 2021 Pay Period 20, 21 and 22. Carried

Benke: That in the matter of civic addressing, the accessory road that branches off Sawmill Road will be called Hopie Way until it reconnects with Sawmill Road. Carried

Korody: That in the matter of civic addressing, and further to Resolution No. 15 and 24 of December 15, 2020, we hereby agree to designate the following roads:

- Township 510 retracts to Grid 790
- Victoire Grid retracts to Grid 793
- Hilldrop Road changes to Grid 694. Carried

Duret: That in the matter of

civic addressing, we acknowledge the urban naming system recommended by the Civic Addressing Registry and agree to change the civic addresses at Morin Lake. Carried

Duret: That Bylaw 2021-11 attached hereto and forming a part of these Minutes, being a Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 to maintain, sustain and regulate cemeteries, now be read the first time. Carried

Pease: That Bylaw 2021-11 attached hereto and forming a part of these Minutes, being a Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 to maintain, sustain and regulate cemeteries, now be read the second time. Carried

Korody: That we agree to give third reading to Bylaw 2021-11 at this meeting. Carried unanimously

Smith: That Bylaw 2021-11 attached hereto and forming a part of these Minutes, being a Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 to maintain, sustain and regulate cemeteries, now be read the third time and adopted. Carried

Smith: That we acknowledge

the resignation of Division 3 Councillor Levi Schutte effective Oct. 22, 2021. Carried

Korody: That we set the date for the by-election of Division 3 Councillor for March 30, 2022. Carried

Duret: That in the matter of the proposed Debden Centennial Celebration in 2022, we contribute a monetary donation in the amount of \$5,000. Carried

Smith: That we agree to purchase Lake Country Co-op gift cards in the amount of \$100 for each employee. Further to this, in lieu of the Christmas celebration, we agree to purchase one ham and one turkey for each employee. Carried

Benke: That we approve the Development and Building Permit Applications of Ralph and Yvonne Schoff, Estevan, Sask., to construct a cabin on Lot 18 Block 1, Plan 102043909, Sawmill Lake, with approval pursuant to Section 9.1.1(1)(a) of the LD – Lakeshore Development District, Municipal Zoning Bylaw 2003-7. Carried

Pease: That we approve the Development and Building Permit Applications of Faron

Anderson, Canwood, Sask., to construct a screened-in sunroom on the SE 20-52-04 W3, with approval pursuant to Section 5.1.3(4) of the AR – Agricultural Residential District, Municipal Zoning Bylaw 2003-7. Carried

Duret: That we approve the Development and Building Permit Applications of Robert Janzen, Saskatoon, Sask., to construct a detached garage on Lot 1, Block 1, Plan No. 102065396 Ext 0, Morin Lake, with approval pursuant to Section 9.1.2 of the LD – Lakeshore Development District, Municipal Zoning Bylaw 2003-7. Carried

Duret: That we agree to the request of Guy Lafond, Spruce Home, Sask., to consolidate Lot 1, Block 5, Plan 77B09994 Ext 0 with Lot 2, Block 5, Plan 77B09994 Ext 0 at Morin Lake. Carried

Korody: That we approve the Council's Indemnity as presented. Carried

Duret: That we now file the correspondence. Carried

Pease: That we now adjourn at 3:05 p.m. with the next regular meeting of Council to be held on Dec. 14, 2021, at 9 a.m.

## Maples that endure on the prairies

By Sara Williams

Although the Japanese maple doesn't stand a chance of overwintering on the Canadian prairies, the Amur or ginnala maple (*Acer ginnala*) is about the same size but is tougher than nails. It is easily pruned to form a small, graceful tree and turns a brilliant scarlet in autumn.

It is native to China, Japan, Siberia, and Manchuria, including the Amur River valley, from which it gets its common name. The species name, from the Greek *ginnos* ("a small mule"), refers to the plant's size and toughness.

Fast growing, it can be left as a large shrub, but is more pleasing when pruned to a single trunk, to form a small, rounded tree of about 5 m (15 ft.) tall. The flowers, produced in May, are greenish-white and inconspicuous. The leaves are three-lobed, with the middle lobe longer than the side lobes. The leaf veins and petioles are red, as are the paired, winged seed-pods or samaras of late summer that ripen to a straw color by fall.

Several selections are available. 'Flame' is slightly smaller than the species (4.5 x 4.5 m/13 x 13 ft.), has a rounded form, a single trunk, and as its name suggests, intense orange-red fall color. 'Royal Crown' is a University of Minnesota introduction with clump form and resistance to iron chlorosis (yellowing leaves with green veins), a common problem in prairie soils.

Although they tolerate partial shade, Amur maples prefer well drained soil with a pH below 7.0 and full sunlight for the best fall color. Older varieties are susceptible to lime-induced chlorosis in very high pH soils (i.e. many prairie soils), but some of the newer introductions have been selected for resistance to

this problem. Once established they are amazingly drought tolerant.

This is an excellent choice for smaller urban yards or massed in larger spaces, as an informal (untrimmed) hedge, or for screening. The seeds, retained through winter, are a treat for grosbeaks and other birds.

The Manitoba maple or box elder (*Acer negundo*) has been a part of the prairie scene forever. Familiarity sometimes breeds contempt, but without this tree, life would have been considerably more difficult for early settlers. It still has its place in larger landscapes.

*Acer* is the classical name for maple. The word *negundo* is more convoluted; from the common name for the chaste tree which has similar foliage. The common name box elder comes from the similarity of the whitish wood to that of the boxwood. As the other common name implies, Manitoba maple is native to the prairies and has been used extensively as shelterbelt, shade and boulevard trees.

It is fast growing, and able to attain a height of 10 to 13 m (30-40 ft.) or more during its 60-year life span. The leaves resemble those of ash – compound with three to seven irregularly leaflets.

Male and female flowers are on separate trees with only the female trees producing seeds. The female flower is greenish-yellow in drooping clusters. The male flower is a dense red tassel. Both appear before the leaves. The seed pods are winged and V-shaped and persist into winter.

'Baron', introduced from the Morden, Manitoba, Agriculture Canada Research Station, is a male (seedless) selection of about 12 m (40 ft.) with an upright, oval

to round growth habit and bright yellow fall foliage.

'Durone' (Ventura) is a hybrid of Tartarian and Amur maple developed by Rick Durand. It is hardy to zone 2 and resistant to iron chlorosis (6 x 5 m/20 x 15 ft.).

Manitoba maples are adapted to full sun and a wide range of soils. They do not do as well in shade. Problems include sensitivity to 2,4-D (in shelterbelts when adjacent fields are sprayed) and their attractiveness to aphids that excrete "honeydew" onto decks, picnic tables and vehicles below the tree canopy.

In spite of their faults, they are invaluable for large landscapes and tough sites. Although their size precludes them from smaller urban lots, they are excellent for shelterbelts, farmsteads or acreages, and

second-to-none for tree houses and as a kids' climbing tree. As well, they provide food and cover for a wide variety of birds and may be tapped for maple syrup.

*Sara Williams is the author and coauthor of many books including Creating the Prairie Xeriscape, Gardening Naturally with Hugh Skinner and, with Bob Bors, the recently published Growing Fruit in Northern Gardens. She continues to give workshops on a wide range of gardening topics throughout the prairies.*

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Amur Maple in front yard.

Photo credit: Bernadette Vangool

## Always room for more in sports

It's a new year, and most resolutions begin with 'I want more' ... as in, 'I want more good health'; 'I'd like to make more money'; 'more wins for my favourite sports team'; or 'more birdies than bogies.'

But 'less than', or 'fewer than' can also be something to covet ... as in, 'fewer annoying social media posts'; 'fewer weather tragedies'; 'less gibberish by sports announcers'; or 'fewer injuries for the best athletes'.

So here's a number of 'more thans' (and the occasional 'less than') to look forward to over the next 12 months.

**Canadian Football League:** More full houses in stadiums again. Nothing better than, say, a raucous full house at Mosaic Stadium in Regina for the Labour Day Classic; more wins for the Edmonton Elks, whose team fortunes have fallen on hard times; more attention given the league by the national broadcasters; less talk about the CFL abandoning its unique rules and adopting some

U.S.-style features, such as four downs.

**National Hockey League:** More Connor McMagic. The Oilers star brings fans and viewers out of their seats or off the couch when he produces breath-taking Houdini-like moves; more calls for cross-checking, which is getting out of control again; more hope in Buffalo; one fewer team based in Arizona, where the Coyotes seem to be in constant peril.

**Major League Baseball:** More exciting young stars to join the likes of Fernando Tatis, Jr., Vladimir Guerrero, Jr., Ronald Acuna, Jr. (are all the young superstars 'juniors'?), Juan Soto and Wander Franco; more complete games by pitchers; less use by managers of 'the shift'; fewer televised Sunday Night Baseball games featuring the Yankees and/or Red Sox.

**Professional golf:** More televised coverage of LPGA events, giving exposure to international stars like Canada's Brooke Henderson, Australia's Minjee Lee, New



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**Zealand's Lydia Ko,** South Korea's Jin Young Ko and American Nelly Korda, the latter two the dominant pair as we head into 2022; less 'contrived controversy' surrounding Brooks Koepka and Bryson DeChambeau; more brilliance from Collin Morikawa; and more tournament sightings (one or two, anyway) of Tiger Woods.

**Basketball:** More play-off success for the Toronto Raptors, who captivated Canadian fans with their title run three years ago; more three-pointers by Golden State's Steph Curry, the best pure shooter in the game; more updates on

the next (or better) LeBron James, a 17-year-old Michigan player named Emoni Bates; and even more Canadians in the NBA (currently 25, but only three from Western Canada: Saskatoon's Trey Lyles and Kamloops' Kelly Olynyk of Detroit, and the Memphis Grizzlies' Brandon Clarke of Vancouver).

**Sports broadcasting:** More Jay Onrait, less Jack Armstrong and those annoying Rogers 5G commercials; more Darren Dreger and less Jeff O'Neill; more Sarah Davis and less Kate Beirness; more Vic Rauter and less Glen Suiter, more Scott Oake, Evanka Osmak, Harnarayan Singh, Ray Ferraro, Amanda Balionis, Elliotte Friedman, David Amber and Farhan Lalji.

• **Headline at TheOnion.com:** "Star high-school quarterback blissfully unaware he'll be Jets starter four years from now."

• **Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times:** "Jackson State linebacker Abdul-Malik McClain allegedly filed at least

\$903,688 in COVID-related unemployment benefits. He faces 10 counts of mail fraud, two counts of aggravated identity theft and very illegal procedure."

• **Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg via Twitter,** on the 6.2 earthquake hit off the Northern California coast: "To give you an idea how strong that is, a 6.2 earthquake could shake a New York Jet into the end zone."

• **Another one from Kaseberg:** "There are so many players being brought up to replace COVID listers, a phrase heard in an NFL locker room was, 'Does the side with your name on it go in front or back?'"

• **RJ Currie of sports-deke.com:** "The IIHF has cancelled the World Junior Hockey Championship. Russia's Matvei Michkov and Canada's Connor Bedard showed some brilliance, but the Omicron variant skated away with a shutout."

• **Vic Tafur of the Athletic,** on the Falcons' quarterback: "Matt Ryan has somehow led the Fal-

cons to seven wins this season, but he is slower than Heinz ketchup."

• **Another one from Dwight Perry:** "Another reason it's a shame actor John Candy died so young: His outsized persona would have been perfect for 'Boom! The John Madden Story.'"

• **Perry again:** QB Ben Roethlisberger said 'this could be it' — on the Jan. 3 game likely to be his final home game after 18 seasons as a Steeler. "If anybody knows it's time, it's a guy known as Big Ben."

• **Corpulent Chiefs coach Andy Reid,** to reporters, on whether he has any New Year's resolutions: "I was going to say eat less, but then I'd feel like Pinocchio."

• **North Carolina football coach Mack Brown,** to reporters, on his potential mayonnaise bath in the Duke's Mayo Bowl: "If we won a game, I'd let someone hit me in the face with a frying pan. I don't care."

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## Parkland Elks score victory in weekend split

The Parkland U18 AA Elks were back in action over the weekend, hoping to turn the page on what was a difficult 2021 leg of their regular season campaign. The team hosted the Saskatoon Screaming Eagles on Friday night for a shut-out defeat, then travelled to Saskatoon for a showdown with the Sabercats, where it claimed just its second victory of the season.

### Elks (0) vs Eagles (5)

Where the Elks spent much of 2021 struggling to compete with their opponents and rack up shots and scoring chances, 2022 started off in more promising fashion. Indeed, the Elks kept pace with the Eagles where shots were concerned, but failed to translate those opportunities into goals.

The Eagles had no such prob-

lem, with Tayden Cousins opening the scoring on a late first period power play. Kalem Mantyka earned the only assist on the play.

Shifting to the second period, Jackson Wingert added an insurance marker for the Eagles with an assist from Nate Berezowski. Then, with the Elks getting themselves into more hot water with penalties, the Eagles tacked on two more power play goals.

Keenan Bender struck first, with assists from Hudson Mantyka and Carson Harder, and Wingert scored his second of the night, on assists from Cousins and Bender, with just 12 seconds left in the period.

In a quiet third frame, Kalem Mantyka provided another power play highlight for the Eagles to

secure their 5-0 victory. Cousins and Bender provided assists on the goal.

### Elks (7) vs Sabercats (3)

After Friday night's tough defeat, the Elks hit the road to faceoff against the Saskatoon Sabercats and looked like a completely different team. Following Friday night's penalty troubles, the Elks instead made use of the power play, with Tylee Sylvestre opening the scoring on an assist from Kaiden Couture.

The Sabercats had an answer three minutes later, when Matthew Paquette tied the game up on assists from Nate Allardyce and Cole German, but the Elks' Kendon Skalicky fired right back on a helper from Peter Bird to give the Elks a 2-1 lead heading into the second stanza.

After a solid first period, the

Elks came out strong and extended their lead to two on an early goal from Cody Morosh. Bronson Parker provided the lone assist on the goal. Later in the frame, Sylvestre proved dangerous on the power play again, netting his second of the game on assists from Anson Favel and Jake Boettcher.

Closing out the period, Darrin Caisse struck late for the Elks, thanks to assists from Kendon Skalicky and Sylvestre.

The Elks' domination continued through the first few minutes of the third frame, as Tavis Galloway put his team up 6-1 on an assist from Brendan Aug. But the Sabercats retaliated on the power play, with German scoring on assists from Peyton Chestolowski and Paquette.

After a mid-period offensive

lull, Skalicky tacked on another Elks goal for good measure, with assists from Sylvestre and Boettcher. Though it was too little too late, Saskatoon's Allardyce scored in the final minute of play, with an assist from Greg Rivard.

With the loss and the victory, the Elks sit at 2-23-0-1. The team has a weekend off, but will return the weekend of Jan. 21 with three consecutive home games over three nights.

On Friday, Jan. 21, the Elks host the Saskatoon Riverkings at 7:30 p.m. The next night, they welcome the Martensville Marauders with another 7:30 p.m. puck drop.

Closing out the busy weekend, the Elks will face the Humboldt Broncos. That game has a 2:30 p.m. start.



## CHECK IT OUT!

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## OBITUARY

## Eva Beaulieu



Beaulieu – Eva  
June 14, 1921 –  
December 25, 2021

Mom passed peacefully in her sleep on December 25, 2021 (Mom and Dad's wedding anniversary) at the Debden Heritage Manor. She was 100 years old. Eva was predeceased by her husband Oscar

in 1988, her daughter in law, Diane, and her great grandson Daniel.

Mom is survived by her nine children: Norman (Mariette), Claire Parkin, Conrad (Lucelle), Rene, Andre (Doreen), Sylvia (Robert Tremblay), Lorraine (Guy Lajeunesse), Richard (Dolores), Louis (Debbie Graham). Her 42 grandchildren and 45 great-grandchildren. (Mom's first great-grandchild is due to arrive in April 2022).

Mom was the last of her generation, predeceased by all 13 siblings. She enjoyed gardening, berry picking and feeding everyone who showed up at her home. Her face would light up when she received visits from her many

grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was always able to quiet a little one by bouncing them on her knee.

There will be a service held for Eva at a later date to be announced.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Eva to the Debden Heritage Manor (Box 608 Debden, SK. S0J 0S0).

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 and Crematorium, Tammy Smart Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK 306-747-2828.

## GOOD NEWS

## ALWAYS LOOK FOR THE RAINBOW

Ever been struck by lightning? My mom was, well not directly. I understand that the lightning went through a ring-er washer while she was washing. My mom, Theresa Bodvarson, survived. She told me as a little guy she went to receive medical attention. The advice she got was to go home and rest. She got another opinion. A neighbour told her don't rest, Theresa, get busy doing something. Wash your floor, keep the blood flowing. She did and lived to tell about it. She sure appreciated that neighbour's advice.

Over the years, if you are like me, you likely logged a lot of advice. Like, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush," "Choose the hills wisely on which you must battle," "Focus on what's right in your world instead of what's wrong," and "The best cure for a short temper is a long walk."

The one I have been pondering lately is "Always look for the rainbow."

I know some if not most are creatures of habit. I read Grandma Thatcher was no different. She was in church Sunday morning, and she was in her usual place: fifth pew back on the piano side. She smiled at everyone as she made her way to her seat. When asked how she was, she would answer "Just fine!"

But things weren't fine. Her husband wasn't terribly thrilled she attended church and he often would tell her. She wasn't too fond of the winter and was concerned about the rising costs of heating her home. If it wasn't for her large print Bible and her Christian friends, Grandma Thatcher would have given up a long time ago.

When the Pastor stepped up to the pulpit to preach, Grandma Thatcher silently prayed, "Father, give him something special. I need it!" The text he recited was Genesis 9. The pastor had been preaching a series of messages on Genesis and this was the 22nd. He called his message "God talks to Noah."

A few weeks later, the Pastor went to a conference; the guest speaker was a retired missionary who had served in the mountain country in South America. The odd thing was, the missionary's text was Genesis 9. He called his message "Always look for the Rainbow."

The missionary began describing a rainstorm he had experienced as a missionary. Then, he began to apply his message.

"Storms are part of life," he reminded the church. "God has made it that way. But I've learned a secret that helped me all these years and its still helping me: Always look for the Rainbow."

He closed his Bible and said, "Dear friends, you and I will experience storms until we are called to heaven, and then all the storms will cease. Expect the storms and don't be afraid of them because God is always faithful. Just remember God's message for us today, 'Always look for the rainbow.' Depend on the faithfulness of God. Sometimes He'll show you the rainbow after the storm, sometimes during the storm, and sometimes before the storm. But He will never fail you."

Great advice, especially for the season we are living through.

Blessings,  
Pastor David Bodvarson, SPA

## Minutes of a Shell Lake council meeting

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Shell Lake in the Province of Saskatchewan held on Monday Oct. 18, 2021, at 7 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Anita Weiers, Councillor Greg Ardagh, Councillor Joe Delisle, Councillor Al Sulymka, Tara Bueckert, administrator, and one attendee.

Absent: Councillor Dillan Simonar

A quorum was present, Mayor Anita Weiers called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Ardagh: That the agenda be accepted with the following additions: Delegation – John Duncan. Carried

Delegation: John Duncan attended the meeting from 7:01 p.m. to 7:08 p.m.

Sulymka: That the minutes of the Sept. 21, 2021, meeting be adopted as presented. Carried

- Business arising from the minutes: Curling Rink is being cleaned up.

Sulymka: That Council proceeds with Tax Enforcement on sending out the six-month notice for Lot 5 Block 7 and Lot 19 and 20 Block 2 as prescribed in The Tax Enforcement Act. Carried

Sulymka: That Council approve the presented Bank Statement for the month of September as presented. Carried

Ardagh: That Council approve the presented Financial Statement Summary for month of September as presented. Carried

Councillor Ardagh stepped out from 7:30 p.m. to 7:35 p.m.

Delisle: That Council approve the list of accounts presented cheque number 6187-6196 and the manual online payment in the amount of \$15,925.22. Carried

Sulymka: I move to rescind the motion

193-21. (Editor's note: In the motion, council agreed to pay up to \$4,000 to help John Duncan with installing a water pump to fill tanks.)

Sulymka: That the Village of Shell Lake pays the invoices submitted by J. Duncan for the installing of the Fire Department waterspout located on MB3 buffer. Carried

Weiers: That a cheque be made out to the Shell Lake Curling Rink in the amount of \$27,997 for donations received. Carried

Delisle: That the verbal Maintenance, Administrator, Mayor, Fire Chief, and Water reports be filed as presented. Carried

Weiers: That we move to in-camera at 7:50 p.m. Carried

Weiers: That we move out of in-camera at 7:58 p.m. Carried

- Send letter to RP to go ahead with spreading gravel
- Send letter to JW that it is okay to spread gravel and does not change property value
- Send letter to GN to change direction of downspout

Sulymka: That the correspondence be filed. Carried

Sulymka: That Village of Shell Lake hire Meridian Surveys out of Prince Albert, Sask. to survey the 14 campsites and 4 lots for sale. Carried

Ardagh: That we move to in-camera at 8:10 p.m. Carried

Weiers: That we move out of in-camera at 8:35 p.m. Carried

Delisle: That Village of Shell Lake adopts the Employee Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination Policy. Carried

Sulymka: That Village of Shell Lake adopts the Visitor Proof of COVID-19 Vaccination Policy.

Weiers: That the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Carried

## Building permit growth soars in Saskatchewan

In November 2021, Saskatchewan building permits were valued at \$191 million, placing the province second overall in terms of percentage change for both month-over-month, and year-over-year.

Saskatchewan building permits jumped by 57 per cent (seasonally-adjusted) from November 2020 to November 2021 and increased by 49.5 per

cent (seasonally-adjusted) from October 2021 to November 2021. The national month-over-month increase was 6.8 per cent.

"The strong growth in Saskatchewan's building permits in November shows renewed confidence in our economic recovery," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Over the past year, we have seen significant in-

vestments into Saskatchewan and the increase in both residential and non-residential building permits further demonstrates we are building a strong Saskatchewan."

Non-residential building permits grew by 73.9 per cent year-over-year from November 2020 to November 2021, and residential permits were also up just over 50 per cent during this period.

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- Establish a local support network. Support can be just as valuable as supplies when confronting power outages. The Red Cross urges individuals to identify people who can help them during an extended power outage. Such individuals may help you stay at home or evacuate if the power will be out for a lengthy period of time. Support networks can include relatives who live in nearby towns, but also neighbors. A single street can be served by different substations and main power lines, so friends or neighbor across the street may keep their power when your house does not, or vice versa. When the power goes out, support networks can pool their resources in various ways, including sharing refrigerators or allowing neighbors without power to access the internet. Such support makes it easier for everyone to get through the outage with as little interruption

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- Print a list of important contacts. If the power is out, it's only a matter of time before smartphones lose their battery power. Phones can always be plugged into vehicles to get a quick power boost, but that's not the most practical way to keep phones charged, especially if local roads are closed. A printed list of important contacts, including nearby relatives like seniors who may be incapacitated, doctors and school officials, ensures people whose phone batteries have died can still contact their loved ones and other important individuals so long as they can use a neighbor's or a loved one's phone.

- Learn to use your generator. Consumer Reports notes that improper operation of a generator can quickly prove deadly. If carbon monoxide concentrations are too high, individuals can lose their lives in as little as five minutes. And this is no insignificant threat, as the Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that 95 people died from generator-associated carbon monoxide poisoning in 2017. CR recommends operating generators at least 20 feet away from the house.

Individuals should familiarize themselves with their generators upon purchasing them so they aren't forced to endure a trial by fire when the power goes out.

- Stock up on essentials. The Red Cross recommends keeping a two-week supply of nonperishable food and water in the house, making sure to date each container of water and replace it every six months. Keep some extra coolers in the house so food can be stored on ice before it spoils in

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