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Debden Roadrunners win National broomball gold



The Debden Roadrunners are Canadian Juvenile broomball champions, and are the first ladies' team to bring juvenile gold medals back to Saskatchewan.

The Debden Roadrunners have made broomball history, becoming the first Saskatchewan ladies team to claim Juvenile Nationals gold after an impressive tournament run in Cornwall, Ont.

For coach Dean Demers, and the 17 young ladies who make up this year's Roadrunners squad, the title was three years in the making.

"In 2020, we had a very strong team and were 100 per cent expecting to win Nationals that year," Demers said. "We had to wait two years to come back now, with half the team aged out."

"We expected to be strong this year. We knew we would have some good games. But once we got there and got going, we knew how good this team was."

Demers' confidence heading into Nationals was well-founded. In the lead-up to the tournament, his team lost just one game throughout the entire broom-

ball season. The team took the ice and made a statement on day one, topping the defending champion Palmerston Terminators 3-1 in their tournament opener and beating Québec-2 T-Miss by a tally of 3-2 in their second game.

They followed this up with dominant shutout wins of 4-0 and 5-0 over Québec-1 Blizzard and Ontario's Eastern Thunder, respectively, on day two of the tournament.

With a spot in the A semi-finals already clinched, the Roadrunners suffered their only setback in the form of a tough 1-0 loss to the Seaway Devils.

Through it all, the ladies kept their eyes fixed on the prize.

"The whole season was just a tune-up; we were playing this year to win nationals," Demers said. "Those girls knew when we got to nationals, it's not a race, it's a marathon. You have to play all seven games, and you have to win

those last two. Every day, and every game, we just kept saying that."

The team's mantra carried it through the A semi-finals, where it breezed past Québec-1 Blizzard by a tally of 3-0 to earn a rematch against Ontario's Eastern Thunder in the gold medal match.

Coming out on the attack, the Roadrunners jumped out to a 1-0 lead when Rhyen Amundson tucked a loose rebound into the Eastern Thunder net. Faith Lamotte assisted on the goal.

With time winding down in the first half, Marissa Skavlebo charged forward and descended on the Eastern Thunder net alone, flipping a shot over goalie Aurora Giroux. Skavlebo struck again on a similar play with 20 seconds left in the first half, putting the Roadrunners in command at 3-0. Lamotte assisted on both the goals.

Backstopped by Ayla Peterson, who allowed just four goals through seven

games, the Roadrunners were able to keep the Eastern Thunder off the board in the second half, cinching the Nationals gold for Debden.

"We prepared ourselves for it so much all year that when we finally won the national title, I don't think it sunk in for anybody," Demers said of the win.

"This was an amazing group of girls," he added. "All of them were willing to accept instruction and play the team system that the coaches created. All 17 girls wanted to be a part of the team and play the team style."

While he feels his team executed perfectly at every position, Demers gives much of the credit for the win — and the successful season — to first line forwards Skavlebo, Amundson, and Kenzie Demers, who he feels could go down as one of the best lines to ever play at Nationals.

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The numbers put up by the trio certainly support Demers' claim. Together, Skavlebo, Amundson, and Demers scored 15 of the team's 21 tournament goals. Skavlebo tallied eight goals and three assists, while Amundson netted three goals and eight assists, and Demers tacked on four goals and four assists.



Roadrunners forward Marissa Skavlebo accepts the tournament MVP trophy.

With their performance, they all received All-Star awards. Skavlebo, meanwhile, was named team MVP, A-Final MVP, and tournament MVP.

"I put them together three years ago for nationals, and they finally got to go now," coach Demers said. "Marissa has just emerged as an unbelievable talent. She had an unbelievable week there, and she totally deserved it."

In addition to the gold medal and the players' accolades, coach Demers was recognized with the All-Star Coach of the Year award — an honour he says is owed entirely to his team.

"When they announced it, I thought it was a joke," he said. "The tournament is all the kids. It's all for them. The way this team just got together and played as a team, that's why we won."

While this is the first national juvenile ladies title for Saskatchewan, The Village of Debden has a long history of broomball excellence dating back to the 1980s. While coach Demers wasn't around for the beginning of the broomball program, he hopes this will inspire more young ladies to try the sport and continue the community's legacy.

In the meantime, coach Demers already has his eyes set on next year's Nationals, which will be played in Saskatoon.

"We go back as defending champs, and we only have two players who are ageing out," he said. "In my mind, we're going back as the favourites, and we have a very good chance of winning again next year. I'd like to start a streak here."



Roadrunners goalie Ayla Peterson makes a save against the Ontario Eastern Thunder.



Debden Roadrunner captains Marissa Skavlebo, Morgan Gaudry, Kenzie Demers, and Faith Lamotte accept the Canadian Juvenile Championship trophy.

U20 Boys

While the Debden Roadrunners were making Saskatchewan broomball history, the boys of the U20 Debden Speedballs were also competing in the Juvenile National Championship.

The team, which had a number of 16-year-old players, had a rough start to its tournament, recording shutout losses of 3-0 and 2-0 to the Warriors and Québec-2 Blitz, respectively, on day one of the tournament. The Speedballs bounced back on day two with a 1-0 victory over Québec-1 Frost, before falling 1-0 to the Ontario-1 Mildmay Jr. Moose.

In a busy day three, the Speedballs started the

action with a 3-1 defeat at the hands of the Ontario-2 Panthers. Moving to the B semi-finals in a rematch against Québec-1 Frost, the team emerged victorious with a 2-1 score to earn a spot in the B gold medal game.

The Speedballs were mauled in that match, falling to the Ontario-2 Panthers by a score of 5-1 to take the B silver medals.



The Debden Roadrunners celebrate winning the national championship.



Kenzie Demers scores a goal against the Québec-1 Blizzard.

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SHS student advances to National Remembrance Day Contest

Spiritwood High School Student Sam Hornilla recently received great news from the 2021 Royal Canadian Legion's Remembrance Day Literary and Poster Contest, as his work of art has advanced to Nationals.

The Legion's poster contest is divided into two categories, black and white and colour, and judged across four age levels: Primary (Grades 1-3), Junior (Grades 4-6), Intermediate (Grades 7-9), and Senior (Grades 10-12).

Sam is currently in Grade 8 and submitted two entries in both categories last year. His black and white Intermediate Level poster won first place at the zone level and second in the district stage while his colour poster won first at the Zone, District and Provincial levels.

His colour poster will now head to the Canadian Finals to battle against students from all over Canada. Finalists are then forwarded to the Legion National Foundation in Ottawa to be judged at the na-

tional level. A panel, including professional artists, judges the finalists' work, and the national winners are named.

Sam came to Canada as an immigrant from the Philippines two years ago, but he was used to joining different art competitions even before he immigrated here.

"My parents said I already took interest into drawing as early as Kindergarten that whenever I see paper, I begin to draw lines and emerge colours," Sam said. "I started joining poster making contests around 7-8 years old and won my first national award in third grade."

He added that his type of art corresponds mostly in a cartoon or animated style and he usually likes to be resourceful while doing his work.

During his spare time, Sam likes to spend it productively by either painting or playing his favorite sport which is basketball. His goal in life is to become an architect, which he believes will help him hone his creativity.

Lastly, he mentioned that his inspiration from all of his work is his dad, who is also drawn into the art of painting and supports him in every possible way.

The date for the fi-

nal contest results has yet to be announced.

National first place posters will be displayed at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa for one year. Second and Third place national winners will be displayed at Parliament Hill during Remembrance week. All artwork will be returned to the artists through Provincial Commands.

Sam's parents, Ronald and Jenny Hornilla, as well as the staff of Spiritwood High School, expressed their thoughts of delight over Sam's achievements and look forward to seeing more of his work.



Sam's entries in both the black and white and colour poster contests have earned him quite the payday.



Sam Hornilla works on his colour poster for the Remembrance Day Literary and Poster Contest.



SHS Grade 8 student Sam Hornilla created this piece for the Remembrance Day Literary and Poster Contest. It's now headed to the national level.

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Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Village of Shell Lake intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw 5-87 The Basic Planning Statement Bylaw.

Intent: The proposed bylaw will update the Future Land Use Map No.1 by including previously annexed parcels within the municipal boundary of the Village of Shell Lake since the adoption of the original Basic Planning Statement in 1987.

Affected Area: The affected parcels of land annexed into the municipality since the adoption of Bylaw 5-87 as follows: 1) Parcel 10, Plan 63B09538, NE ¼ Sec. 11-50-08-W3rd - Residential; and 2) Parcel Surface Number 165149769, NE ¼ Sec. 11-50-8-W3rd - for future Residential: Short Range as shown on the map with a bold dashed line and appears as part of this notice.

Reason: To update the Basic Planning Statement mapping within the current municipal boundaries.

Any person may inspect the bylaw by contacting Tara Bueckert at 306-427-2272 or stop in at the Village Office Monday to Thursday. Copies are available at cost.

Public Hearing: Council will hold a public meeting on Monday, May 16th, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the Shell Lake Village Office, 210 Main Street, Village of Shell Lake, Saskatchewan to discuss the proposal. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or that is delivered to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of May, 2022.

Tara Bueckert, Administrator
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Dated at Shell Lake, Saskatchewan, this 14th day of April, 2022
 Tara Bueckert, Administrator

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 SEASONAL GRADER/EQUIPMENT
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The R.M. of Medstead No. 497 invites applications for an experienced full time Seasonal Grader/Equipment Operator. The Seasonal Grader/Equipment Operator will be responsible for public works operations, organizing their own schedule and work duties, have good communication skills and be able to prepare and maintain reports as directed by the Council. Pay rates depending on experience.

The R.M. of Medstead No. 497 is located in central Saskatchewan located approximately forty five minutes north of North Battleford.

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Submit written resumes stating experience, expected wage, two references and a current driver's abstract by 4:00 p.m. on May 9th, 2022. All resumes shall be marked "Seasonal Grader/Equipment Operator Position" and mailed, dropped off at the address below or emailed to rm497@sasktel.net.

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Council thanks all applicants for their interest in this position but only persons selected for interviews will be contacted.

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With three small words Moe speaks volumes

The strangest thing happened a couple of weeks ago.

Perhaps it was a classic Freudian slip. Or maybe it was a case of the mouth moving before the brain could rein it in. Or perhaps it was a case of a politician being honest for once.

Either way, at a recent luncheon with the Prince Albert Chamber of Commerce, Premier Scott Moe shared his opinion about Saskatchewan's ranking as Canada's per capita leader in carbon emissions (according to Environment and Climate Change Canada's 2021 National Inventory Report).

"A lot of folks will come to me and say, 'Hey, you guys have the highest carbon emissions per capita.' I don't care," Moe said during his speech.

"We have the highest exports per capita in Canada as well. We make the cleanest products and then we send them to over 150 countries around the world. This province is most certainly a part of the solution when it comes to a cleaner, greener economy. We're part of the solution to your energy security issues. We're part of the solution when it comes to your food security issues."

While he later admitted he could have made a less controversial statement than "I don't care," Mr. Moe stood by his comments when he was grilled by the Opposition in Question Period last Monday.

He also clarified that his main issue is with the per capita metric for measuring emissions, and argued the province should be judged by the emissions generated to create its products (and presumably not the emissions from the consumption of those products).

"I would put forward that anyone that is talking about per capita emissions really doesn't care about climate change in any way," he said.

"If someone is going to use the emissions per capita method, I don't think anyone should pay any attention to that. It isn't going to do anything to reduce emissions anywhere in the world."

Mr. Moe may not be entirely wrong to question the measurement of per capita emissions. With its small population, and an economy driven by oil and gas, agriculture, forestry, and mining, Saskatchewan is always going to receive low grades in this



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metric.

However, his statements come off sounding like the infamous line from the 1984 film *Dune*: "I reject your reality and I substitute my own."

In Mr. Moe's reality, he does care about the province being an environmental leader. And he also believes Saskatchewan is already there in many ways, producing the cleanest, most sustainable, and most ethical products in the world where oil and gas, potash, agri-food goods, and uranium are concerned.

If this is even remotely true, Saskatchewan is an environmental leader in spite of the Sask. Party government, not because of it.

Instead of showcasing leadership, the Sask. Party has spent years being dragged forward, kicking and screaming, on the environment and climate change portfolio.

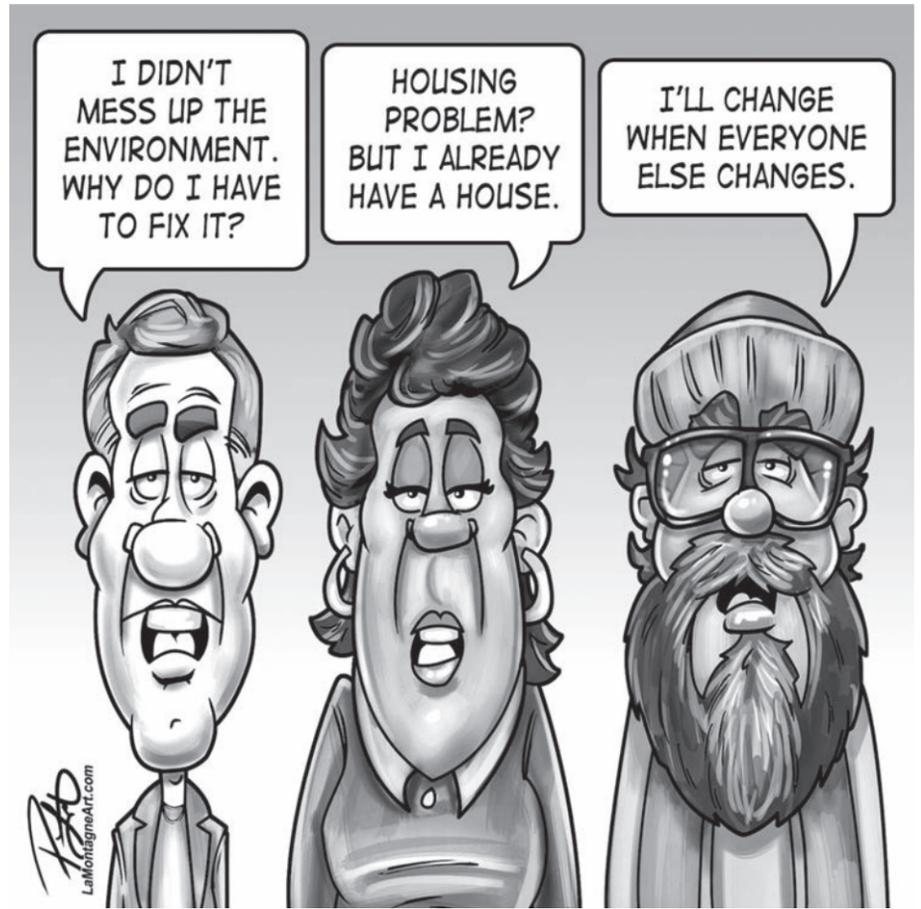
Rather than lead the way, it squandered time and taxpayer dollars on a fruitless legal challenge of the federal carbon tax (and, even after the defeat, Mr. Moe continues to decry the levy whenever the chance arises).

Rather than develop meaningful climate policy to exempt Saskatchewan from the federal levy, it came up with a carbon pricing scheme centered around a fuel rebate that undercuts the whole purpose of the tax (though, interestingly, it suddenly doesn't support rebating fuel taxes when people could really use the relief). It would also, apparently, prefer to see any carbon tax funds be redirected to big industry, even as it lambastes Ottawa for "making life unaffordable" for people.

Rather than make significant investments in more proven renewable energy sources, it wasted more time and money on its failed experiment with carbon capture and storage. And now, it's criticizing Ottawa for introducing tax credits to support the adoption of the technology because they don't apply to enhanced oil recovery – a practice that, once again, undermines the whole purpose of capturing carbon.

They say you should believe someone when they show you who they are.

Mr. Moe's flippant "I don't care" wasn't just a harmless gaffe. If it was, his actions, and the actions of his government, would prove it.



Were the mandates really legal?

Recently, I had the honour of speaking with one of the original creators of our Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Honourable Mr. Brian Peckford. Peckford also served the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador for 17 years as an elected Member of the House Assembly, 10 of them as Premier.

Last fall, when Canadians found themselves being coerced to take a medical procedure as a result of government mandates, Mr. Peckford stepped forward. He shares the concern that



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many Canadians can relate to: was it necessary for our people to be placed in such a state of exception?

In what has become known as the Peckford Recommendation, Mr. Peckford sent a letter to all Premiers and the Prime Minister encouraging them to test in their own Courts of Appeal, the legality of the measures and workplace policies that were imposed to determine if they are contrary to the law and, in particular, our Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

In March 2022, I asked

the Saskatchewan government if it would accept the recommendation and test its actions in court.

The government's response was that it does not intend to direct a reference to the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal regarding its former COVID-19 public health measures, and that it is confident that all of the measures were compliant with the Charter. They also stated that legal advice was obtained from officials within the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General about the public health protections respecting proof of vaccination (or negative test) and masking prior to implementation, and that the "precise nature of this legal advice is confidential."

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Report from the Legislature

With our provincial economy and finances back on track, the 2022/23 Provincial Budget will allow the Government of Saskatchewan to expand investments in healthcare. This budget represents the largest health investment in the history of the province, totalling \$6.4 billion.

Since 2007, our government has invested over \$2 billion into capital facilities and equipment. This investment has improved the delivery of healthcare across the province. Over the next four years, we plan to invest nearly \$1 billion more. Projects for this year include the re-development of the Prince Albert Victoria Hospital, the replacement of the Weyburn General Hospital, new Urgent Care Centres in Regina and Saskatoon, and long-term care centres throughout Sas-



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Our government is determined to make significant improvements to the healthcare system, despite the recommendations that we have received from the NDP. This month marks the anniversary of the former NDP government closing 52 health care facilities across the province. Recently, members

of the Official Opposition called for us to follow experts who recommend consolidating healthcare in rural areas even further. We will not accept those suggestions. We will work with our front-line staff and communities to ensure families have the services they need.

To attract more health-care professionals to staff these facilities, \$3.5 million in new funding will increase the number of specialty and family medicine residency training seats, expand intake for the Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment program and enhance rural practice incentives for physicians. The budget also includes a \$4.9 million increase to expand nurse training by 150 seats in the province, which is critical to meeting future demands in the

health system. Expanding foreign recruitment is also part of our plan to ensure residents receive timely care closer to home.

Rural and remote areas will benefit from a nearly \$11 million increase to support emergency medical services with more than 70 new paramedics, more ambulances, and more training. This funding will also support additional training and resourcing for community paramedicine in rural and northern communities.

Top of mind for many of us right now is getting back to normal following the COVID-19 pandemic. The last two years saw surgical wait times increase with several procedures put on hold. This budget will see a \$21.6 million increase specifically dedicated to reducing the surgical waitlist. Our goal is to perform



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work to expand intensive care unit beds to meet the future needs of a growing province. A further \$12.5 million investment will support the first of a multi-year strategy to create 31 additional ICU beds. We will start with 11 beds this year for a total of 90 ICU beds, the first step to achieving 110 beds to address capacity, ultimately leading to a higher quality of care.

Saskatchewan's economy is growing well past pre-pandemic levels. Our finances are strong, our fiscal plan is on track, and our commitment to healthcare is unwavering. This budget not only creates better facilities for staff and patients, but it lays the foundation to expand the healthcare system even further by attracting professionals to our great province.

an additional 7,000 surgeries this year, compared to normal, and eliminate the COVID-19 backlog by spring 2025. By prioritizing surgical plans and setting aggressive, achievable targets, Saskatchewan will deliver the largest volume of surgical procedures in the history of the province starting this year.

This budget will also

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The question is, was this extreme state of exception actually necessary? Does the government fear a judicial review? Is it because they, like Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland, viewed the coronavirus pandemic as a "political opportunity"?

It is vital that our constitutional documents maintain supremacy in fact, not just on the word of the government who may be in breach or acting out with their power. Especially when it concerns a provincial government that chose to act even earlier than their Federal counterparts, assuming that it would be in the interest of the population's health and safety. The Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms detailed in a scathing report** exactly how the Saskatchewan

Government had acted arbitrarily based on the data available to them, as well as acting ultra vires by enforcing mandatory two week quarantines for international travelers prior to the Federal Government's use of the Quarantine Act.

Considering its previous jumping of the gun, the measures enacted by this government must be tested against our country's most important legal documents to ensure that these measures were in fact fair, just, reasonable, and necessary for the protection of the public.

The people's trust of this government has been eroded over the last two years. Some of that trust could easily be regained by this government taking the steps to ensure that their measures were legal and not just

advised as legal.

**KINSELLA: No credible explanation for Freeland callously calling pandemic 'a political opportunity', by Warren Kinsella for the Toronto Sun, April 17th, 2021

**"The Unjustified Persistence of Lockdowns: A Charter Analysis of Saskatchewan's Response to Covid-19", Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms, September 14th, 2020

Government signs multi-year virtual care contract

The Government of Saskatchewan is pleased to announce Lumeca, a Saskatchewan company, is the successful vendor in an RFP to replace the platform for secure video conferencing for healthcare professionals. Under this service agreement, Lumeca will provide the virtual visits system to deliver healthcare virtually for clinicians, care providers and the 1.2 million people that reside in the province.

"This partnership will not only support health innovation but also local experts, local jobs and contribute to Saskatchewan's Growth Plan," Premier Scott Moe said. "We look forward to seeing Lumeca scale and bring success at home and abroad."

This exciting new development is the start of a new era for Saskatchewan health care. This new agreement will enable health care providers to offer more options for their practice by using virtual appointments to supplement in-person care, providing Saskatchewan patients and their families easier and more convenient communications with their providers. There will be a website and Apple/Android apps available for health care provider and patient use in the coming months.

"Recognizing the challenges of the pandemic and the need for better, equitable access to health care throughout the province, the government is pleased to announce the

rollout of quality virtual care for all the people of Saskatchewan," Health Minister Paul Merriman said. "This system will be of benefit to all Saskatchewan patients, especially those in rural or remote settings."

The new platform replaces the former tool used by health care providers during the pandemic.

"Lumeca is here to simplify the patient-doctor relationship. We are proud to be the provider of this new government program available to 3,500 health care providers across our great province," Lumeca Health Inc. CEO Tom Douglass said. "Our team has worked very hard to build this solution in Saskatchewan for Saskatchewan people."

The R.M. of Shellbrook No. 493

Is now accepting applications for the position of Full-Time Seasonal Equipment Operator/Labourer Class 1A would be a definite asset.

The applicant must work well with others and work unsupervised.

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VILLAGE OF SHELL LAKE NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Pursuant to subsection 214 of *The Municipalities Act*, notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Village of Shell Lake for the year 2022 has been prepared and is open for inspection at the Office of the Administrator from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the following days: Monday to Thursday, excluding statutory holidays.

Any person wishing to discuss the Notice of Assessment or potential appeal may contact the Assessor at (306)427-2272 (Village) or 1-800-824-2570 (SAMA).

Any person who wishes to appeal an assessment is required to file a "Notice of Appeal to the Board of Revision," by May 23, 2022, with Sauma Vaidyanathan, Secretary to the Board of Revision, Box 149, Meota, SK, S0M 1X0, along with the applicable fees, made payable to the Village of Shell Lake, which will be returned if the appeal is successful.

Dated at Shell Lake, Saskatchewan, this 21st day of April, 2022
Tara Bueckert, Assessor

Shell Lake Curling Rink fundraiser scores \$10,000

Efforts by the community of Shell Lake to rebuild its curling rink are \$10,000 closer to being reality, after a successful dance fundraiser.

Hosted at the Shell Lake Lions Hall on April 9, the fundraiser was a near-sell-out event headlined by local act The Dirt Rich Band. Doors opened at 8:30 p.m. and The Dirt Rich Band took the stage shortly after, keeping the crowd dancing into the early hours of the morning.

The night also included a midnight lunch, with meat, cheese, and fixings donated by the Shell Lake General Store, a 50/50, and a raffle table, with items donated by local and area community members and businesses.

"Everybody was so happy to get out, socialize, have some fun, and listen to some really good music for a change," fundraiser organizer Jeanette Primeau said. "After two years, it was definitely needed in our community."

The fundraiser was made necessary after the Shell Lake Curling Rink, which was built by the community in 1967, was destroyed by a fire last August.

With the \$10,000 raised through the dance, and the \$70,000 banked at a golf tournament held last September, a little more than \$80,000 has been raised to support the Curling Rink rebuild so far.

Primeau says the growing fundraising committee

is already mulling its next ideas, and is working on something for Shell Lake Hey Days, a time when there will be a lot of people in the community.

Though the curling rink had insurance, the rising costs of lumber, supplies, and contractors mean it isn't enough to cover the full costs of the rebuild. In addition to a committee devoted to fundraising, another committee is focusing efforts on obtaining grants to help the cause.

In the meantime, a building plan has been completed and possible locations for the rink are set to be a topic of discussion at an upcoming community meeting. For her part, Primeau is optimistic about the project.

"We're hoping we can get it done by wintertime. Even if the inside isn't complete, just as long as we can have some ice to curl on this winter, that is the big goal," she said, acknowledging that there's still a lot to be done before construction can even begin.

While Primeau hasn't participated in curling since the 1980s, she was one of many in the community who spotted the smoke coming from the curling rink on the day it burned down, and helped out however she could throughout the day.

The next day, she realized just how important it was to get the fundraising started right away, while the trage-

dy of the fire was still fresh in the community's mind.

For her, the desire to help is rooted in her late father's connection to the original Shell Lake Curling Rink, which he helped build alongside other community members.

"I went and visited him a couple days after it had burned... and he had all these amazing stories of how everybody worked together. That just made me want to work together with my community that much more," she said.

"It's heart-warming, and so nice to see our community pull together and work together on this. We've got a long way to go, but everybody is very supportive. That's the nice part of being from a small community. You're just one big family."



Building plans for the new Shell Lake Curling Rink have been completed. The hope is to have the facility up and running in time for winter.

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A bylaw pursuant to Section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to discuss the notice of assessment or potential appeal may contact the Assessor at 306-342-4898 (Village of Medstead) or 1-800-667-5203 (SAMA).

Any person wishing to appeal an assessment is required to file a "Notice of Appeal" to the "Board of Revision" by May 17, 2022, along with the applicable \$100.00 fee with the Village Office by May 17, 2022, which will be returned if the appeal is successful.

Dated at Medstead, Saskatchewan this 14th day of April, 2022.

Lora Hundt, CAO
Village of Medstead

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Pursuant to subsection 214 of *The Municipalities Act*, Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Resort Village of Echo Bay for the year 2022 has been prepared and is open to inspection by calling (306)427-2188 or emailing resortechobay@gmail.com for an appointment between April 21st and May 23rd, 2022. Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal with:

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Resort Village of Echo Bay
Box 130, Shell Lake, SK S0J 2G0

By the 23rd day of May, 2022

Dated at Shell Lake, Saskatchewan, this 21st day of April, 2022

Tara Bueckert, Assessor
Resort Village of Echo Bay

Town of Blaine Lake Assessment Roll Notice

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Town of Blaine Lake for the year of 2022 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the Assessor **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY** from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Thursday, April 8th to May 8th, 2022.

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal with: The Assessor, Town of Blaine Lake, Box 10, Blaine Lake, SK S0J 0J0 by the 8th day of May, 2022.

Dated this 8th day of April, 2022

Kristina Friesen, Assessor

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New science could offer big nitrogen fix

Every once in a while, there comes along what might be termed “game changers” across various industries.

For example, the first step toward zero-till farming began a rather core fundamental change in how farmers farmed.

Now, a report at www.producer.com notes “a field trial of genetically modified and gene-edited barley is due to be planted this April. The research is evaluating whether improved crop interactions with naturally occurring soil fungi promote more sustain-

able food production and reduce the need for synthetic nitrogen fertilizer.”

U.K. scientists hope the end result will be cereal crops that are able to pull more nitrogen and phosphorus from the soil.

The idea of producing a cereal grain plant capable of fixing nitrogen from the soil – much as legume crops do – is not a new idea, but so far nothing has come to the market for producers.

Certainly, part of the drag on research in the area is the concern from some quarters that ge-



CALVIN DANIELS

netic modification of plants is a dangerous path for research to take.

But, if one looks at canola, which is now the primary crop on the Canadian Prairies, with demand seeming to be exploding as evidenced

by an ever-expanding crush sector with several new builds announced, it is primarily GM varieties being grown. In the case of canola many of the varieties are tied being able to use specific crop protection products to combat in-crop weeds.

The tech being worked on with barley by U.K. scientists is actually a far more farmer-friendly one, since it would, in theory, reduce the reliance on purchased fertilizer. For a lower valued crop such as barley, that would be a massive development.

If you could reduce the cost of fertilizer, you could end up with a better bottom line for a crop which is already generally lower cost to produce with a bit more versatility in marketing, with the feed market always a fall-back position if a crop is off grade.

And, if the U.K. trials are successful, it could transfer the basic tech to other cereal crops, such as wheat and oats.

On the Prairies, anything that could enhance oat production should be of interest given production plants here, but in-

dustry might also be resistant to such tech. The oat sector has become much more careful regarding glyphosate than most, so it has perhaps a lower tolerance for anything it sees as being something its customer base would react to negatively.

Still, the technology needs to be explored. The potential of nitrogen fixing cereals is simply too great not to be developed, if not for now, then the future when farmers trying to feed a hungry world will need all the help it can get.

Animal health control order limits poultry events

An animal health control area order has been put in place in Saskatchewan to limit the co-mingling of poultry, due to the risk of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).

The order from Saskatchewan's Chief Veterinary Officer prohibits the movement to and participation of birds in shows, auctions and agricultural fairs, as well as any other events where birds would be brought together from multiple locations. The order is in effect immediately and will be in place until May 14, 2022, when the situation will be revisited.

The intent of this order is to temporarily reduce the likelihood of direct contact between birds from different locations during the period of time where the risk for HPAI outbreaks is imminent. By implementing this order,

the risk of disease transmission between flocks is reduced.

HPAI has been detected in multiple provinces in Canada with Saskatchewan reporting its first case in waterfowl on April 8, 2022. Several provinces have been or are currently experiencing outbreaks in domestic poultry, most recently in Alberta and Ontario.

Poultry producers and small flock owners are reminded to follow all necessary biosecurity protocols to protect their flocks from the disease by keeping wild birds away from poultry flocks and their food and water supply, limiting visitors and monitoring bird health. Small flock owners are encouraged to confine their birds indoors if possible, during wild bird migration.

Producers should contact their veter-

inarian immediately if they have concerns about the health status of their flocks. If HPAI is suspected, producers should also contact their local Canadian Food Inspection Agency office.

The provincial Chief Veterinary Officer has authority to make orders for

the purposes of disease prevention and control under Section 2-5 of The Animal Health Act.

Anyone with further questions on avian influenza in poultry can contact the Ministry of Agriculture's Veterinary Unit at 1-306-787-2150.



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Recreation, safety officer top public meeting agenda

Ratepayers in the Town of Shellbrook were given a rare opportunity to let Council hear their concerns, when the Town hosted a public meeting at the Shellbrook Theatre on Tuesday, April 12.

Mayor Amund Otterson led the presentation to the audience of about 50, touching on the town's strategic plan and budget, council's deliberations about employing a Community Safety Officer (CSO), the Town's ongoing Recreation Needs Assessment survey, and the proposed PARWU water pipeline.

Beginning with a brief overview of some of the matters Council is weighing as it finalizes this year's municipal budget, Mayor Otterson got the "bad news" out of the way first. Currently, Council is considering a 5 per cent increase to the mill rate and a \$50 increase to the base tax of \$1,200.

"A municipal budget has to be balanced, so we have to find ways to make it work," Otterson said. "The Town has had no increases in the past three years and prices are rising."

Other budget considerations

include \$65,000 for a storage facility for town vehicles, \$20,000 for a new pool liner (an expected expense every few years), an annual \$100,000 contribution to reserves for paving as well as to reserves specifically for the paving of 2nd Avenue West past the hospital, and \$66,000 for continued studies to develop the west side of town with a mix of residential, commercial, and industrial developments.

In hopes of stemming off another catastrophic sewer line failure like the one that shutdown Main Street in 2017, Council is also exploring the idea of financing money to complete what's left of its sewer relining project over the next year.

Currently, the Town is expecting to spend the next 10 years completing the project at an annual cost of about \$240,000, or a total cost of \$2.4 million. However, the Town is also forecasting three more sewer line failures over this same period, which could bring the total cost of the project to \$3.9 million.

Alternatively, Council could

finance \$3.2 million over a 15-year period, for annual payments of about \$184,000. In addition to sewer lining totaling \$1.65 million, the project would entail:

- SAGR Valve system - \$94,000;
- 1st Avenue relining 3.5 blocks of 36" sewer line (1 block 1st Ave W, 2 blocks 1st Ave E) - \$500,000;
- Removal of Lift Station #1 - \$560,000;
- Storm sewer fix on 7th Avenue (Adamson to Northridge Court) - \$216,000;
- Bypass water and wastewater pump - \$40,000; and
- Storm sewer/sanitary sewer on 3rd Ave & Main - \$80,000.

With the town's loan for the lagoon set to be fully paid off and its reserves slated to be fully allocated in 2026, Council anticipates the move could free up as much as \$815,000 to be reallocated to increasing potable water storage, curb and gutter and pavement, Main Street revitalization, or paying down long-term debt.

Elsewhere, after years of getting nowhere with bylaw enforcement services and voicing concerns about policing in the community, Council officially floated the idea of hiring a CSO. The plan would be to hire a single officer on an on-call/ varied hour basis, with initial setup and outfitting costs (vehicle, uniform, equipment, etc.) pegged at \$143,810.

While not a full-fledged police officer, The CSO would have the power to enforce parts of the criminal code, traffic laws, and municipal bylaws.

"We've had preliminary talks with the RM of Shellbrook on sharing this, and we're bounded by two other RMs and some villages," Mayor Otterson said. "We think we can get this program going and have it funded mostly by the town and supplemented by the others."

The CSO proposal drew perhaps the most questions from ratepayers throughout the two-hour meeting. One wondered what problems Council sees that require a CSO, while another asked where the funds from fines will go (most will remain in the municipality), and

a third asked about the Town's plans to tackle unsightly yards and homes that never get completed (a CSO could handle these issues, freeing up municipal administration).

Saying the Town has been "discouraged about its ability to enforce its bylaws" after a recent case in which a clear-cut bylaw violation was tossed out of court on a technicality, Councillor Brent Miller reminded ratepayers the idea is only being explored.

"This is something we're trying to gauge tonight," he said. "What do people think? Is this something that's important to our community? Is having a level of policing that's better than we have more important than having enhanced recreation?"

After council passed a motion to limit the recreation and culture deficit to 21 per cent of tax revenue for the 2022-2023 budget, and to 18 per cent for all budgets afterward, at its March 21 regular meeting, recreation was understandably top of mind for some ratepayers in attendance.

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Blending the Battlefords

Submitted by Andrea Stewart

It wasn't always easy for this registered nurse, farmwife, and mother of three very active boys, yet Karen Cubbon has been a part of Battlefords Blend since 1989.

Battlefords Blend Harmony Chorus became a chartered member of Sweet Adelines International in 1981. For those not familiar with Sweet Adelines, it is an international organization of women who sing acapella (without accompaniment) in the barbershop style.

Karen is one of two tenors in the 18-member chorus. That means she sings the high part while leads usually sing the melody, basses sing the low parts and baritones fill in the spaces.

"I just love singing the harmony," said Karen. "I also love all my sisters that I have met through Sweet Adelines."

"My boys grew up with me singing. The other members were very supportive and my boys still talk about some of the members being so nice to them when they were at rehearsal," she said.

"My husband was supportive as well, knowing that I sang on Tuesday nights, but during seeding and harvest he was not available. I used to pick the kids up from the babysitter, drive 14 miles home, feed them supper, drive one or five miles to pick up the babysitter – depending on who I could get – drive back home and then drive 14 miles back to North Battleford to rehearsal and do it all over again at the end of rehearsal."

When the boys got older and started playing hockey Karen would drop them off at hockey, tie skates, go to rehearsal and then leave rehearsal to pick them up and go back to rehearsal. There were times when Karen would have to leave early to get the boys to bed.

Karen admits it could be a bit of a whirlwind, yet it was worth it all. "The chorus was very understanding and I think they enjoyed the kids. When they were little babies I just brought them along – that was the easiest time – I just breastfed on the risers and sang at the same time."

Karen recalled a time when the chorus was at a workshop in Saskatoon. "One of my babies was fussing and our chorus was due to sing. Somebody from another chorus just stepped in to bounce the baby and we carried on. And he quit crying when we were singing and started up again when we stopped."

Regional workshops are held regularly and at least once every three years each group is required to compete in a regional contest. Karen has been to contests in Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton and Surrey.

Contest weekend usually

runs from Thursday to Sunday. It includes award presentations, introduction of the regional board, quartet contest, chorus contest and a show of champions featuring the top quartets and choruses.

Contest weekend also offers at least one educational component. One of the highlights is a mass sing. "All of the choruses get together to sing our regional song. It is a lot of fun," said Karen.

Besides these regional competitions, Battlefords Blend often performs in communities around the Battlefords. "We did a show at Livelong as a fundraiser for one of our members that was dealing with medical issues," said Karen. "This was very well received."

Some of the other shows Karen has been a part of were performances at the Dekker Centre, a Red Hat Ladies provincial meeting, "Those Were the Days", Festival of Trees in North Battleford and Maidstone, a performance for the Manitou Pioneers Museum in Neilburg, and Light up the Village at the Western Development Museum.

The chorus also sings at nursing homes and long term care facilities and has been hired for a number of private functions like birthday and anniversary parties.

Singing at these private functions and putting on shows at the Dekker Centre are part of their fundraising efforts. The group has also done some BBQs at the Co-op in North Battleford and have sold gift cards for the Co-op and for Northern Nurseries. Of course, bake sales and raffles are other methods they use to raise funds. The funds they raise help to pay for music, costumes and costs associated with going to competitions.

There are many memorable things for Karen as a part of Battlefords Blend.

"I'm proud of singing at the opening of the Dekker Centre – it is a beautiful facility and we're lucky to have it," she said.

At contest the chorus came in second one year in the small chorus category and one year they won "Most Improved". They were also the "audience choice" winner for the open division in Saskatoon which put them in the Show of Champions.

Karen went to San Antonio with three other members of the chorus for the International Education Symposium. She attended the first international convention held outside of the U.S.A. which was held in Calgary. She also attended an international convention in Seattle.

"It is a group of women of various ages and backgrounds but with one common theme – music. You get to meet a lot of very interesting people." Karen has met many people over the years and looks forward to new members joining now that COVID restrictions have been lifted.



Karen Cubbon (left) with Kailla Pilot (right) and Karen Caldwell (behind) getting ready for competition at a Region 26 Convention.

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Recreation, safety officer top public meeting agenda

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One ratepayer said he'd prefer to see Council nix the idea of the CSO if it comes down to a question of funding it or recreation and culture, calling recreation and culture "what draws people" to the community.

Another, meanwhile, wondered how the Town can reduce its recreation and culture deficit, which currently sits just under \$400,000, without sacrificing services or burdening user



Former Shellbrook Mayor George Tomporowski steps up to the podium to ask questions of Council at Tuesday evening's public meeting.

groups.

Councillor Miller tried to clarify that Council isn't looking to cut recreation and culture. Rather, the plan is to control spending by developing an efficient model to deliver recreation services, encouraging volunteering and fundraising, and finding ways to generate more revenue – such as bringing box lacrosse and pickleball to the rink during the off-season.

"We don't want to fall into the trap of thinking 'that's just going to be the town's responsibility.' There's a cost and a consequence to that," Miller said.

Also at Tuesday night's meeting, council presented the proposed \$52.5 million inter-municipal water pipeline with PARWU to the public.

The project is being pursued in lieu of the Town's original \$7.8 million plan to upgrade the municipal water treatment plant, increase potable water storage, activate the third greensand filter, and switch to blended reverse-osmosis water.

The project, which is a partnership between the Town, PARWU, and the Rural Mu-

nicipalities of Buckland, Duck Lake, and Prince Albert, will see PARWU construct a new water treatment plant, pipelines to Shellbrook and rural customers, and complete an under river crossing to deliver water on the south side of the river. Shellbrook's water treatment will also be maintained, and the third greensand filter added, to provide a redundant water supply in case of emergency.

Contracts for the engineering of the project have been awarded, ahead of what is hoped to be an approval for the project this fall.

While none of these details were new, Councillor Miller did offer one news item in response to a question about the town's need to increase water storage.

"Just today, I met Associated Engineering and the project manager from PARWU. They've interpreted that we're not going to have to add more storage, and the 30-year horizon we're planning for PARWU will be just fine," he said. "We were glad to hear that, because the truth is had we had to add storage in Shellbrook, that would have

killed the project."

Closing out the meeting, Mark Klaassen made a brief presentation on behalf the Parkland Pool Project Steering Committee. Klaassen, who chairs the committee, said the committee is currently at the feasibility study stage, which will help it determine the best course of action – either a retrofit of the existing pool, or a brand-new outdoor facility.

The study will hopefully be completed by the end of July. In the meantime, the committee plans to start its fundraising push in the coming weeks and

months.

Klaassen said the hope will be to keep the pool's operating costs near where they are now by improving efficiencies. He also outlined a number of potential locations the committee has considered for a new pool, including the current location in Kinsmen Park, a little further north near the Tourist Booth, over by the golf course and hospital, and in Centennial Park.

A fifth consideration would be to develop the pool as a joint-use facility with the proposed K-12 school in Shellbrook, if it ever gets the greenlight.



Shellbrook Town Councillor Brent Miller fields a question from a ratepayer at the Town's public meeting.

Sex assault suspect enters 11 guilty pleas

A 60-year-old man charged with sexual assault against numerous victims while acting as a traditional healer/medicine man has entered guilty pleas on all charges against him.

Appearing in a Saskatoon courtroom on April 13, Cecil Wolfe, 60, pleaded guilty to 11 charges of sexual assault in relation to incidents that are said to have occurred between 2013 and 2021.

In total, Wolfe faced four sexual assault charges laid by the Saskatoon Police, and seven charges from the Saskatchewan RCMP's General Investigation Section. The Saskatoon Police Sex Crimes Unit originally charged Wolfe in September 2021, but more victims came forward afterwards and more charges were also laid that month.

Police believed there could be more victims from the last 20 years in Blaine Lake, Loon Lake, Muskeg Lake Cree Nation, Saskatoon and surrounding areas and encouraged victims to come forward. Charges continued to be laid as the investigation continued, with the most recent coming on March 3.

Wolfe's sentencing has been scheduled for Oct. 26

Information for sexual assault survivors, including what will happen when you report the assault to police, is available at <https://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/relationship-violence/information-sexual-assault-survivors>.

The Saskatoon Sexual Assault and Information Centre's Crisis Line can be reached at 306-244-2224.

In other crime-related news, the Blaine Lake RCMP Detachment is requesting the public's help to identify these two males (pictured below) for a theft from a business that occurred on April 7 at approximately 8:12 a.m. in Blaine Lake.

According to police, a Dodge Caliber with four occupants (one female driver and three male passengers) entered the parking lot of the business. Two of the male passengers entered the store where the theft occurred.

Anyone with information regarding the incident or the suspects is urged to call their local RCMP detachment at 310-RCMP. Information can also be reported anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.sask-crimestoppers.com.



The Blaine Lake RCMP is seeking information about suspects involved in a theft from a business in Blaine Lake.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Theatre Movie Night, Fri., April 22, American Underdog; Fri., May 13, Spider-man: No Way Home; Fri., May 27, Peaceful. Doors Open 6:30 p.m. Showtime 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 ~ Canteen available!

BIG RIVER: Northern Lights Bluegrass & Old Tyme Festival – Music Camp: August 15-19, 2022; Festival August 19-21, 2022 at the Ness Creek Site, Big River, SK. Feat. The Price Sisters, Five Mile Mountain Road, Stanley County Cut-up's, The Local Group, Doggone Brothers, Raven She Hollers, Scott Cook, The Salt Licks, Eliza's C.A.M.P. Showcase. Friday/Saturday night dance in the Jack Millikin Centre. www.northernlightsbluegrass.com

CANWOOD: Canwood & District Health Services Co-operative Annual Meeting – Wed. April 27, 2022, Seniors Room – Elks Hall. Supper: 6:30 pm (\$15/person). Meeting to follow. Please come out and show your support for your community clinic. If you have any questions please call Sandi at 1-306-961-5217.

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*Robert Pierre Joseph Chalifour*

CHALIFOUR, Robert Pierre Joseph (Bob), age 90, passed away Thursday, March 24th, 2022. He was born in Leoville, Saskatchewan to Eva and Gédéon

Chalifour. Their favourite and only son, Bob attended school in Leoville where he farmed with his father. During the winter, he was involved with working in the oil patch, logging and mining. He married Claire Thibault in 1959 and together, they had five children. During his married life, Robert farmed in the Leoville area, ran a hotel in Biggar and worked for Eecol Electric in Saskatoon. Bob loved traveling and went on numerous family road trips throughout much of North America. Bob retired at 58 years old and he and Claire

enjoyed spending their winters in Arizona and summers at their cabin in Chitek Lake. During the 27 years spent in Arizona, Bob took part in pattern dancing, billiards, cycling, wood-working and frequent happy hours. In Chitek Lake, he enjoyed entertaining, fishing, quadding, gardening and walking.

There was absolutely nothing Bob could not do. He built two of the family's homes, renovated a third, fixed whatever needed fixing and became efficient as a carpenter, mason, electrician and plumber.

Bob loved to tell jokes and stories. When he entered a room full of strangers, he left as everyone's best friend. He was happiest when his house was full and loved to laugh and hear laughter. Bob believed that no matter what happened in a person's life, good or bad, it gave you a story to tell. Family was extremely important to Bob. Nothing brought him greater joy than when his grandchildren would come to visit.

Bob is survived by his wife of 62 years, Claire (née Thibault); children Paul (Jim Scavone), Denis (Pat Shier), Colette (Michael Hall); Adèle (John Scott); and Gisèle

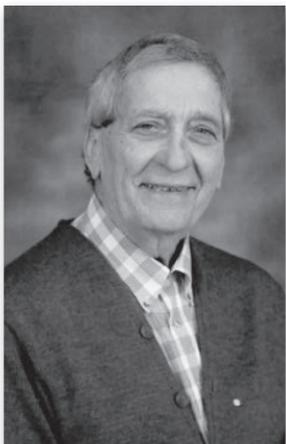
(Adrian Poirier); 14 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; his sisters Léa, Rita and Aline (Phil Marion) and numerous in-laws, nieces, nephews and friends. Bob was predeceased by his sister, Simone, his parents Gédéon and Eva Chalifour, his great-niece Nicole Rempel, his in-laws Yvette Schmaltz, Roger Hudon, Alphonse Trépanier, Adrienne Johnson and numerous extended family and friends.

The Funeral Mass was held at Sainte-Thérèse-de-l'Enfant-Jésus Catholic Church in Leoville on Saturday, April 9th, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. with Fr. Ramel Macapala as Celebrant.

Interment will take place at a later date.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the staff of palliative care at Shellbrook Hospital and Beau "Lac" Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

Friends and family wishing to send messages of condolence are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, R. Mark Muir, Funeral Director, Beau "Lac" Funeral Home & Crematorium, Spiritwood, SK - (306) 883-3500.

Andre Gilbert Joseph Dupuis

Andy Dupuis
June 12th, 1933 – April 10th, 2022

Andre Gilbert Joseph Dupuis was born June 12th, 1933, in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. His

Parents were Albert and Delima Dupuis and he was the 6th of 12 children. He attended school at Hoey, Duck Lake, Gravelbourg, Albertville and Henribourg obtaining a Grade 12 Education and Grade 8 Violin from the Toronto Conservatory of Music. His family moved from Hoey to Prince Albert when he was in Grade 10 when they purchased a dairy farm just outside of the city limits. In 1946 his father bought land in Foxdale where his farming career began, and he met Helen Terrel who he married in 1957. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, curl-

ing, hockey, weekends at Waskesiu and fishing trips at Clam Lake.

Andy is survived by his loving wife of 65 years Helen (Terrel). They have 6 children,

- **Lynne** (Rod) Elliot son Brett Elliot (Angelle Primeau) their children Joaquin and Anais; son Josh Elliot (Becky Nelson) their son Vincent;

- **Ron** (Tracy Carlson) daughter Chantal (Cory) Main and their children Kaya, Annabelle, Elizabeth, Alex and Will;

daughter Juste (Tyler) Hartinger their sons Cohen and Everett and son Braden;

- **Claude** son Jordan Archibald; daughter Robyn (Tyler) McComas their children Ella and Lily; daughter Taylor (Paul Janetski) their son Huxley; son Max Dupuis (Grace Gardner);

- **Lori** (Tim) Herzog son Aaron (Farren) daughter Mila; daughter Brittany; son Chesley; son Deagan (Chantal);

- **David** (Bernice Thompson-Dupuis) daughter Chantelle (Paul) Kangles their daughter Gia; son Scott (Kailyn Tyndall); daughter Kaitlyn (Ryan Philpot)

- **Lisa** (Neil) Schatkoske and their children Adam;

Josee; Ayli

He is also survived by his siblings Dorothy Gray, Eugene Dupuis, Lou (Donna) Dupuis, Paulette Ainsley, Bernard (Peggi) Dupuis.

He is predeceased by his parents Albert and Delima Dupuis, his sisters Therese Beauchamp, Denise Provencher, Lucille Dupuis, Helen Kendel, Alberta Nerbas, & Diana Mansfield, his in laws Gerry Beauchamp, Dominique Provencher, George Kendel, Harold Gray, Rod Nerbas & Jim Ainsley; his sister in laws Marie Almer and her husband Ken and Gladys

Brown and her husband George.

The Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, April 22nd at 10:30 a.m. at St Agatha's RC Parish in Shellbrook. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Town of Shellbrook – Rink (Box 40 Shellbrook, SK. S0J 2E0). 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.

Leo Pierre Fontaine

Leo Pierre Fontaine peacefully passed away on April 9, 2022 at Herb Bassett Home.

Leo owned numerous businesses throughout his life. He and Joanne enjoyed many years travelling, fishing, and time with friends playing cards. Most important was time spent with his family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Leo is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Joanne (née Lalonde); his 5 children: Sharleen (Dwayne) and her children Brooke (Tyler), Bree (Travis) and Lane (Becca); Laurie (Rick) and their sons Blair (Kelly) and Justin (Brittney); Colleen and her sons Taylor and Connor; Patty (Clint) and their children Brody (Riley) and Jessica (Mallory); Reg (Connie) and their daughters Ryan, Tobi and Piper; his great grandchildren, Maverick Petit, Adria and Kellan Barzeze, and Cadence Tripp and Hayes Hewitt; and his sister Carmelle Zurowski.

He was predeceased by his parents, Edgar and Claire (née Chalifour) Fontaine; his brother, Paul; his sister-in-law, Esther Serhan and her husband Bill; his brother-in-

law, Charles Lalonde and his wife Sandy.

The family would like to thank Dr. Lotz for his many years of compassionate care, the staff at Herb Bassett Home for their care over the past 5 weeks, and the staff at the Prince Albert Dialysis unit.

Funeral Mass will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 1401 4th Avenue West, Prince Albert, SK.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Leo may be made to Rose Garden Hospice - PO Box 2092, Prince Albert, SK. S6V 1E0.

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PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

PARTNERS IN FAITH

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Spiritwood
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Sarah Urano

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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.
Chitek Lake - Closed for
the Season
Everyone Welcome

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Shell Lake
Worship Services
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Pastor Sarah Urano
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Shellbrook
Sat., 9:45 am -
Sabbath School
Sat., 11:00 am - Worship
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VOAR 92.1 FM
Pastor Liviu Tilihoi
306-747-3398

**MENNONITE
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Glenbush
10:00 am - Sunday School
Worship 10:50 am

**FIELDS OF HOPE
(HOFFNUNGSFELDER)
MENNONITE CHURCH**

Glenbush
Worship - 11:00 am

BETHEL

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1st Sunday, 10 am -
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Pastor David Jensen
3rd Sunday - 10 am
Worship
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Sun., 10:30 am - Worship
Pastor Bill Klumpenhower

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COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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St., Spiritwood)
Sun., 11 am - Worship
Service & Sunday School
Pastor Michael Kluthe
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**BELBUTTE FULL
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11 am Worship Service
1st Sun., 7:30 pm
- Hymn Sing
Pastor Floyd Berg

COWBOY CHURCH

Spiritwood
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7 pm
Spiritwood Legion Hall
Pastor Rick Martin

OBITUARIES

Keith Allan Herzog



In loving memory

It is with great sadness that the family of Keith Allan Herzog announce his sudden passing on Monday April 4, 2022, at the age of 64.

Keith Allan Herzog was born in Prince Albert on January 23, 1958 to Clarence and Sally Herzog. He was raised

in Mayview, where his family had homesteaded for many years prior. Throughout the years he attended school at Mayview, Wild Rose and went on to complete high school in Prince Albert.

In 1977, at the age of 19, Keith purchased his first two quarters of land from his uncle, Alban Herzog. After purchasing land, Keith began farming and throughout the years worked away in many different professions to subsidize the farm. Keith worked for the Town of La Ronge, in public works with Pat Herzog, and eventually decided farming was his future. Keith would occasionally joke, "Thanks to his brother Cliff" he ventured into a 15-year farrow-to-finish

hog operation. Eventually his farm expanded with other livestock and he continued farming for 45 years.

October 28, 1978, he married the love of his life, Diane Jackson. They had three children together - Leigh Anne, Derek, and Janine. He continued the family tradition by raising his children on the Mayview farm. Keith had a passion for carpentry and enjoyed seeing his end results. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and playing cards. He loved gathering with friends and family, had a huge passion for music and was famous for playing a good tune on the spoons.

Keith spent 14 years on council for the RM

of Shellbrook where he met and made numerous lifelong friends. In 2009, Keith began working for the Saskatchewan Penitentiary in the maintenance department. He had a love for humanity and always tried to see the good in everyone, which allowed him to be a role model to many individuals who had lost their way in life. He was the most generous and caring person you would ever know. His goal in life wasn't about the material things he left behind, but the impact he left, which we can say mission accomplished.

Keith was predeceased by his parents Clarence and Sally Herzog, Douglas and Elsie Jackson; sister in-law

Carol Jackson; brother in-law David Jackson; and special friends Mac and Kathy MacIver.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Herzog; his children Leigh Anne (Shaun) Cripps, Derek Herzog, and Janine Herzog; his grandchildren, Macaylah, Arien, Brianne, Ryder, Mason, and Saige; his siblings Cliff (Vicki) Herzog, Don (Theresa) Herzog, Ag (Cal) Henderson, Mike (Elaine) Herzog, Shirley (Rick) Arnason, Con (Kim) Herzog, Ron (Maureen) Herzog; sister-in-law Linda Cunningham; brother-in-law Bob (Kathy) Jackson; extended family Shauna (Salah) Hussein and son Noah;

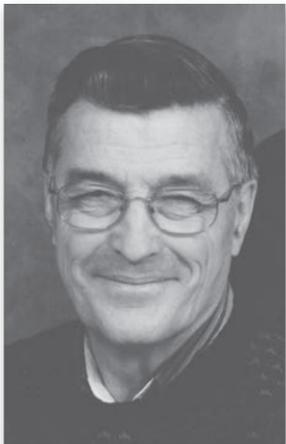
and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and close friends.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 2:30 pm on Friday, May 6, 2022 at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 1401 4th Avenue West, Prince Albert, SK.

Memorial donations in Keith's memory may be made to the Mont St. Joseph Foundation, 777 28th Street East, Prince Albert, SK S6V 8C2

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Hilliard Blake Jones



Hilliard Blake Jones

January 5, 1929 – April 5, 2022

Hilliard Blake Jones (Blake) moved on quietly in his sleep on April 5, 2022, at his home at the Diamond House long-

term care facility. He will be lovingly remembered and dearly missed by all his family and friends.

Blake was born in Mildred, SK, but moved north at an early age when his parents homesteaded in the Beaton / Paddockwood area. He married Stella Thompson on October 27, 1951. They farmed and raised their family at Beaton and retired to an acreage there. They moved to Shellbrook in 2005 to be closer to medical facilities and the convenience of town amenities. In 2020 they moved to an assisted Care Home in Prince Albert, but upon the loss

of his wife Stella in October 2020, Blake moved to Diamond House in Warman.

Blake and Stella's farm evolved from mixed farming to dairy farming in the later years. Blake took outside work occasionally to supplement the mixed farming income. He spent several years cutting pulpwood, operating heavy equipment, driving dump trucks, and occasionally working for other farmers. After retiring from farming Blake and Stella became very active in the church and community projects in 2001, they were named Christopher

Lake Citizens of the Year.

Coming from a very musical family, Blake, upon retirement, was able to pursue his love of music. He sang in the church choir and later joined other members of the church to form "The Christopher Lake Travelers". Their band played all over the area and traveled as far as Saskatoon entertaining seniors in the retirement homes and dances. Blake and Stella enjoyed dancing and were known for their old-fashioned polka. They even took first prize in a competition in Prince Albert.

Blake was predeceased

by his wife Stella, his parents, his 3 sisters, and one brother.

He is survived by his four children, Edwin Jones (Debbie), Yvonne McArthur (Donald), Marvin Jones (Joanne), Melvin Jones (Sandra), 12 grandchildren, 13 Great Grandchildren, his brother Jim Jones, brother-in-law Keith Thompson, sister-in-law Edith Thompson and numerous nieces and nephews.

Blake was always a gentleman and a kind, loving, generous person. He will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

His family would like to thank the supportive communities of Christopher Lake, Beaton, Paddockwood, and Shellbrook for their years of support, kindness, and the friendly, attentive staff at Diamond House in Warman, SK for their excellent and dedicated care.

A service will be announced at a later date. Condolences can be sent to the family on our website at www.mackenziechapel.ca. Arrangements in care of MacKenzie Chapel & Crematorium. Brian & Bev Stobbs, Mark Gyoerick - Matayah Loyst - Mel Curle. 306.763.8488.

Jim Naber



The Naber family would like to thank each one for the messages of condolences and kind words at the passing of Jim Naber on April 13, 2022. Jim enjoyed his final Walleye fish fry for

supper that evening and as he so often did after, sat down for a quick nap. We believe he closed his eyes for the last time as an 80-year-old man in a well-used body and opened them a few minutes later as a young man to the greetings of those that crossed the river in years passed. To all that knew Jim, his faith in The Lord was a reality and that gentle nature that showed so much love to everyone he bumped into was because of what God had done in his heart when he surrendered to that call as a young man. As quiet and humble as dad was, he definitely

walked to the beat of his own drum. His desire to always see over the next hill lead him and his family on many adventures, some of which at the time seemed undoubtedly absurd... always with his wonderful wife Betty at his side! We are thankful for that adventurous spirit and glad he passed on the fierce independence that made him a wonderful husband, father, and friend. Once again, from the hearts of Jim's wife Betty, their seven children, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, thank you to each one for showing your love. God

bless you all.

Jim will be lovingly remembered by his wife Betty and his children Tim (Dorothy) Naber and their children Levi (Naomi) and son Jonah; Josh (Kristen) and their children Ava, Wyatt and Wesley; Matthew; Savanna. Tom (Leah) Naber and their children Luke (Debi) and their children Mylo, Natasha, Dawson, and Bennet; Jessica (Justin) and their children Rowlin, Chase, Amaya, and Ema; Sam (Special friend Julianna Hare). Tamara (Dale) Johnson and their children Zoe and Zane. Tabitha (Ray) Adrian

and their children Alisha (Jeff) Doel and their children Elliot, Lillian, and Titus; Amara (Luke) Seminiuk; Anthony (Kaitlynn); Anna. Trina Naber (Special Friend Roger) and children Angel (Rene) Grimard and their children Amelia and Sophia; Isaiah Lunsford; Abigail Lunsford; Josiah (Becky) Lunsford and their son Ezra. Ted (Cadee) Naber. Talitha (Joshua) Rinas and their children Joy, Grace, Isaac, Angelica, and Nathan Rinas.

He is predeceased by his granddaughter Johanna Naber. Memorial

Luncheon will be held at 3:00 PM on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at Shellbrook Community Hall. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Jim's honor may be directed to the Shellbrook and District Health Service Foundation Box 33, Shellbrook, SK S0J 2E0 or VOG Recordings. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, Lynn Anderson Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK 306-747-2828.

Baseball traditionalists have lost DH fight

Interesting tidbits about the 2022 Major League Baseball season, which got underway April 8, a week later than normal, but early enough to placate hardcore baseball fans and to complete the 162-game regular season.

— The National League will adopt the designated hitter rule, finally bringing baseball into the 21st century, but driving traditionalists — who never gave up hope the American League would abandon the DH — over the bend.

— The Cleveland Indians have ceased to exist, in name only. The team is now known as the Guardians, because what says ‘Cleveland’ more appropriately than ‘Guardians’?

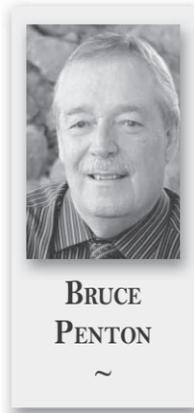
— Albert Pujols had a busy spring. He: A) Decided not to retire, even at age 42, and coming off a .236 season and 17 homers with the Angels and Dodgers; B) Accepted a one-year free-agent contract from his original big league team, St. Louis Cardinals; C) An-

nounced he and his wife, Deidre, and mother of five, were getting divorced after 22 years together, shortly after Deidre underwent surgery for a brain tumour; and D) Set his sights on joining the 700-homer club, from which he is 21 short.

— Who are the three members of the 700-homer club? (Answer below)

— Under the radar team to watch in 2022? How about the Seattle Mariners, who won 90 games last year, but really weren’t in contention for a playoff spot, and then bolstered their pitching staff by signing Cy Young award winner and former Blue Jay Robbie Ray in free agency.

— While the Los Angeles Dodgers are the popular pick to win the World Series by the majority of writers and broadcasters who make up the group called “experts,” the gambling public has apparently leaned more heavily on the Mets. (That’s why they call it ‘gambling.’) The Mets won only 77 games last year



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and while they added starting pitcher Max Scherzer and all-star outfielder Starling Marte, they’re still the Mets.

— There are hot rookie prospects every year, but two of the biggest ones this year are flame-throwing pitcher Hunter Greene of Cincinnati and Bobby Witt Jr., a power-hitting shortstop with Kansas City who is the son of, shocker!, Bobby Witt, a pitcher who won 142 games with a variety of teams, mostly Texas, in the 1980s and ‘90s. Investors note: Find a Witt Jr. rookie card, keep it in a safety

deposit box and 50 years from now it might be worth some big bucks. Or, if he has a mediocre career, 50 cents. But you get to enjoy the gum.

— The 700-homer club? Barry Bonds (*), Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth. It’s an exclusive group.

(*) — steroid-assisted

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: “North Macedonia scored in stoppage time to beat Italy 1-0 — Italy’s first defeat in 60 home World Cup qualifiers — and knock it out of a second consecutive World Cup appearance. The reaction in Rome? Let’s just say that, if Nero were alive, he’d be fiddling.”

• Blogger Patti Dawn Swansson: “Interesting factoid about the Hockey Night in Canada panel: Jennifer Botterill went to Harvard; Kevin Bieksa went to Bowling Green; I think Kelly Hrudey just went bowling.”

• NHLer James Van Rimmersdyk, on Arizona’s Phil Kessel soon to become the NHL’s ironman (most con-

secutive games played): “I’m sure a lot of the strength and conditioning specialists are at a loss for words.”

• Patti Dawn Swansson again, on the TV networks’ extreme Tiger Woods hype prior to the start of the Masters: “By the time he tees it up tomorrow, I’m sure they’ll be telling us that he’s made a quick side trip overseas and restored peace in Ukraine.”

• Columnist Norman Chad, on Twitter: “Nothing like signing up for ESPN+ to get Masters coverage, but every time I click on the Masters stream, I get a college hoops documentary. And when I go to ‘live chat’ to solve the problem, I get gibberish. Feels like a rat in a maze, and my only way out is to call Chris Berman.”

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg, on word that Tiger Woods was planning to playing the Masters: “One word of advice, Tiger: Uber.”

• Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: “Top five

story lines for the Masters: (1) Will Tiger Woods play? (2) Will Tiger Woods not play? (3) Will Tiger Woods make the cut? (4) Will Tiger Woods contend on Sunday? (5) Does Tiger Woods know where Phil Mickelson is hiding out?”

• Headline at fark.com: “Atlanta Braves OF Ronald Acuna, Jr., apparently unaware that journalists often write down the things you say about former teammates.”

• At @NOTSportsCenter, on Twitter: “Breaking: Due to LeBron James being eliminated from playoff contention, ESPN has officially canceled the 2022 NBA playoffs.”

• Mike Bianchi again on the Lakers’ expected scapegoating of coach Frank Vogel: “There’s only one person to blame for the Lakers’ abysmal performance this year, and that’s the general manager who put this team together — LeBron James.”

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Care of turf areas in early spring

By Patricia Hanbidge

Spring is wonderful as the sun rises earlier each day and the birds welcome us to the day even before the sun comes up. However, the spring weather is far from stable so we need to choose our outdoor garden chores by what the current weather is. If you have any turf or lawn areas in your landscape, then getting the lawn ready for summer is a great early spring chore.

Hopefully, you did some work on your lawn in late fall as it is important to keep mowing your lawn right until freeze-up so the lawn does not go into winter too long. Lawn that is too long or has lots of leaves or other debris left on it when the snow fell will likely give you more issues for the spring cleanup. If your turf areas are packed down, then you will need to give it a good rake to remove the debris and get the individual blades to stand up again. However, be sure to not rake it when it has not suitably dried out.

This spring will likely give us a lot of snow mold issues so ensure if you have sensitivities or allergies you do that first raking with a respirator and shower as soon as you are done! Snow mold is a funny type of fungus that thrives right around 32°F or 0°C. You may find some dead patches, so rake these patches well and fertilize with a fertilizer containing phosphorus to encourage new rooting of the turf.

Dethatching is the term given to removing some of the "thatch layer" in your lawn. The thatch is the layer of partially decayed cut blades of grass that get trapped in the turf above the soil layer. Excessively deep thatch (more than 1.5 cm) can cause problems. A deep layer of thatch will hold moisture and entice roots to form in this layer. When dry, hot weather or unusually cold weather occurs, these tender roots can be damaged. About 1 cm of

thatch is most desirable. Thatch helps to keep the crown (growing part) of the grass cool, helps to eliminate moisture loss through evaporation, protects the crown during seasonal changes and cushions the crown

against wear and tear. Thatching should only be done if necessary and if needed be done prior to the lawn turning completely green. Please note that dethatching should only be done when necessary.

Aeration is necessary when lawns become compacted. Lawns planted on heavy soil, or those receiving a lot of foot traffic tend to get compacted. This means that only small amounts of oxygen can enter the hardened soil. When plants are deprived of oxygen in the root zone layer they do not grow at their optimum rate. Compacted soils are also very difficult to water, as runoff will occur before enough water is applied. Aeration is only necessary for lawns that are subject to compaction. Lawns especially susceptible should be aerated annually.

When mid-May rolls around, it is time to think about fertilizing your turf areas. If you are using conventional fertilizer then your lawns should be fertilized three times throughout the growing season, with applications made about six weeks apart. Do not use conventional fertilizer prior to the middle of May but slow release fertilizers can be used throughout the growing season and in both early spring or late fall. Using a slow release fertilizer, whether it is organic or inorganic is a much more recommended practice. The nutrients are released slowly in a more natural fashion to give the lawn area nutrition on a more gradual basis. There is also no worry about burning the lawn if you apply too much conventional nitrogen.

Happy Spring!
Hanbidge is the Lead Horticulturist with Orchid Horticulture. Find us at www.orchidhort.com; by email at info@orchidhort.com; on facebook @ orchidhort and on instagram at #orchidhort.



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Studio 747 shines in return to competition

Dancers from Studio 747 made a long-awaited return to in-person competitions over the last week, representing the community in Saskatoon at Dance City Promotions' #meetinyxe2022.

Calling the competition, which was the first of many to come this season, a phenomenal experience, Studio 747 owner and director Kelly Woodley says his dancers performed beautifully and enjoyed every second of the return to competing.

He was also pleased with the overwhelmingly positive environment at the competition, as dancers from studios across the province cheered each other on and congratulated each other on their triumphs.

"Getting back into how competition runs, and the work that goes into it, is like riding a bike," he said. "After a few years, you may feel rusty and nervous. But once you get into it, it's like no time has passed and you're back to those familiar feelings of joy and excitement."

If Woodley's dancers felt any nerves or experienced any dance floor rust, they shook it off quickly. Throughout the week, most Studio 747 dancers placed at the top of their categories, achieved personal best marks, and made new friends.

The studio's senior jazz routine, *Livin' For Love*, was crowned winner of the Group Elevation Challenge, bringing home a prize of \$2,000, while dancer and coach Teanne Couture won the Maxi-

mum Elite Performer for the 15 to 19 age group and a \$500 prize. Woodley was also recognized for his work, and was awarded with most outstanding choreography of the week honours.

"While these successes and accolades feel amazing, seeing our dancers back on stage at competition is far greater a reward than any medal or cash prize," Woodley said. "We as a studio have gone through so much the last few years, but being back in our element, making new friends and memories made all those struggles worth it."

After a busy week in Saskatoon, Studio 747 spent the Easter break at the Battleford Dance Festival, where Woodley said he and his dancers were looking forward to creating more fun memories.



Studio 747 dancer and coach Teanne Couture (right) won Maximum Elite Performer honours in the 15-19 age group, and a \$500 prize, at #meetinyxe2022.



Studio 747's senior jazz number, *Livin' For Love*, earned it the Group Elevation Challenge prize of \$2,000 at Dance City Promotions' #meetinyxe2022.

Sask. expands fourth dose availability

Saskatchewan residents most at risk for severe health outcomes due to COVID-19 are now eligible to receive their second booster dose (fourth dose) four months following their third dose.

Those now eligible include all Saskatchewan residents 70 years and older, and all residents of First Nations communities and the Northern Service Administration District 50 years and older. This is in addition to all residents of long-term and personal care homes, and those with designated health conditions who have been eligible for fourth doses since February.

Eligible populations may start booking fourth dose appointments with the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) through 1-833-SASKVAX (727-5829) and with participating pharmacies. The SHA's online booking system is not available to book appointments for this group at this time.

It is anticipated that Saskatchewan will offer fourth doses to all residents 50 years and older by the first week in May. Further expansion of the booster dose program will be publicly announced.

The province has also updated its booster dose in-

terval from its previous five-month interval.

All Saskatchewan residents 12 years and older are eligible to receive their third dose. Those groups may now receive their third dose four months after their second dose. Groups eligible for fourth doses can receive it four months after their third dose.

Severely immunocompromised individuals may still receive their fourth dose three months following their third dose.

Information on intervals for all residents eligible for third and fourth doses is available at saskatchewan.ca/covid-19.

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At the beginning of our ministry in Saskatchewan, Marlene and I pastored Native New Life Church in Saskatoon. We spent some seven years at Native New Life Church. During that time, we got to know and appreciate other pastors.

One pastor in particular I appreciated was Bill Turner. He was from Sturgeon Lake First Nation. Sturgeon Lake is a Cree First Nation Reserve located on the eastern shore of Sturgeon Lake. It is about 30 km from Prince Albert.

What I find interesting is that on Aug. 23, 1876, Chief William Twatt signed Treaty Six and it became known as the William Twatt Band. William Twatt was the Grandson of Magnus Twatt, who came from the North coast of Scotland in 1771 to work for the Hudson's Bay Company. The reserve's name was changed in 1963 to Sturgeon Lake Band and later to Sturgeon Lake First Nation.

I read that Magnus Twatt took a Cree wife, known as Margaret, who bore him two

sons, and a daughter named Elizabeth (Betsy). Betsy later married Alexander Bremner, by whom she had 12 children.

Alexander and Elizabeth would be my great-great grandparents. I would never have known that I have roots connecting me to Sturgeon Lake First Nation unless my son Tim James Bodvarson (our family historian) informed me.

Life is a journey, and one, over the course of time, discovers things. When someone was five years old, he was told by his mother that happiness was the key to life. When he went to school, he was asked what he wanted to be when he grew up. He wrote down "happy." He was told he didn't understand the assignment, and he told them they "didn't understand life."

Kind of heart-warming to know a little more about one's roots.

Blessings,
Pastor David Bodvarson
SPA