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## Studio 747 dazzles at year-end recital

From the tiniest tots to the most experienced dancers, every student of Shellbrook's Studio 747 had an opportunity to showcase their passion and talent, when the studio held its first annual year-end showcase at the Shellbrook Theatre since COVID-19 mandates were put in place.

Not only that, over the course of their Friday and Saturday evening performances, they got to leave it all on the stage in front of sold-out crowds that cheered for their every move.

The audience was also highly supportive of the 50/50 over both shows, helping to raise \$1,000 for the Parkland Pool Project Steering Committee, which is in the midst of fundraising and exploring options to replace the Shellbrook Swimming Pool.

"Our return to in-person recitals was an overwhelming success. Our dancers danced their hearts out for their home audience, and the audience returned the love and energy," said Kelly Woodley, Studio 747's owner and artistic director.

The pandemic cut short the 2019-2020 dance season and deprived dancers of the opportunity to perform in recitals and competitions, which are always the highlight of the season. When Studio 747 was forced to close its doors for a time, Woodley and his team of instructors did their best to keep dancers engaged and sharp through online classes.

Then, when the studio was allowed to re-open, but with social distancing and gathering limits in place, Woodley and his team were forced to improvise again, taping grids onto the dance floors to ensure dancers were kept far enough apart while they learned and rehearsed.

In hopes of providing a little more normalcy through the 2020-2021 dance season, Studio 747's dancers were given the opportunity to participate in virtu-



The Tiny Tots put on a show filled with enthusiasm, smiles, and sass. Dancers included: Hazel Bergen, Everleigh Buote, Harper Canaday, Jovie Caswell, Everly Chmil, Domisaya Holowachuk-Cooper, Elijah Klumpenhower, Claire Kultgen, Victoria Reiter, Malcolm Sansom, Parker Senger, Ella Skarpinsky, and Ella Turner.

al competitions by submitting videos of routines. To make the experience more authentic, Woodley rented the Shellbrook Community Hall to give the dancers a large enough stage to perform on and brought in curtains, flooring, and light and sound equipment.

The videos recorded for these competitions provided a little normalcy to the community as well, when they were screened drive-in style to take the place of Studio 747's year-end recital.

After two years of pandemic uncertainty, Woodley says all he could do was hope for more normalcy with the 2021-2022 dance season.

"This year's dance season started out very uncertain. We were hopeful that we would see the stage, but there was a lot of uncertainty as to what that would look like," he said.

"Thankfully we were able to have a normal year, with in person competitions and recitals. We were able to remove our masks and have picture days, and endless amounts of fun with our teammates," he added, expressing gratitude to his dancers, their families, and the broader community for their support through the pandemic.

Studio 747's dance season included the return of the mini showcase in March, followed by a gauntlet of competitions throughout April, and culminating with Friday and Saturday's year-end showcases.

The showcases featured 27 routines choreographed by Woodley, instructor Lauren Myers, and junior instructor Teanne Couture (as well as two special routines choreographed by Cassie Florida), ranging from tiny tot ballet to se-

nior hip hop.

The evenings closed with Woodley bidding a fond and tear-filled farewell to Studio 747's graduating dancers, Teanne Couture, Kyra Johnson, Cassidy Saam, Haiden Sanchez, Emma Sutherland, and Madison Verbonac.

"I've taught the majority of these dancers since they were eight or nine, and I couldn't be more proud of them. They're not just dancers in my eyes. They're part of me. They're part of my family," he said.

"Having spent as much time as we have together, our bonds will be long-lasting. You will always have a home here at Studio 747. I love you."

Studio 747 also presented two awards for the most promising dancers to Brielle Nahorniak and Hannah Nordin.

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# Spiritwood Library celebrates Children's Book Week

The Spiritwood Public Library brought in children's author, Eric Walters, to students in Hartley Clark and Rivier Elementary school through a virtual presentation, as part of Canadian Children's Book Week on the morning of May 4.

The presentation was geared for Grades 3 to 6 students in both schools.

The Canadian Children's Book Centre (CCBC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to encouraging and supporting the reading, writing, illustrating, and publishing of Canadian

books for young readers.

Every May, hundreds of readings are given to children, teens, and adults in about 100 communities across the country. The organization also aims to specifically reach out to rural areas across the country.

This month, the Spiritwood Library was able to host Eric Walters via a Zoom Presentation. He also made virtual visits to schools in Kamloops, BC, the Northwest Territories, New Brunswick and elsewhere in Saskatchewan.

Walters is an author from Ontario. His target audience is students from kindergarten to Grade 12, and he writes a mix of middle grade fiction, teen fiction, and picture books. Throughout his career, he's published 115 novels and picture books.

On May 4, Walters provided a multi-media presentation featuring a slideshow, video, readings, and a Q&A segment for the students in Grades 3 to 6. The presentation featured age-appropriate books, content, and grade appropriate pacing that he developed through his career as a teacher, writer, and presenter.

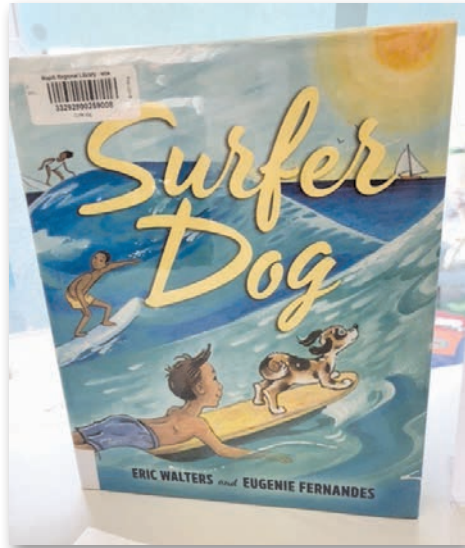
He highlighted his beginning as a teacher who became a writer, and spoke of the importance of research in the writing process. Specific books included the *Tiger by The Tail* series, *Between Heaven and Earth* (and the entire *Seven* series, sequels and prequels), *Elephant Secret*, *Hockey Night In Kenya*, the *Camp X* series, and his Governor General Winning book, *The King of Jam Sandwiches*.

Walters has already made over 300 virtual visits, during which he shared his expertise and technical skills to provide students with an educational, entertaining, and interactive presenta-

tion.

The Spiritwood Public Library was honoured to have Walters on board virtually with the younger students in town, and feels he

has provided them with good influence in reading and writing as a way to celebrate the Canadian Children's Book Week.



The Spiritwood Library hosted the Canadian Children's Book Week festivities, highlighting Walters' books, like *Surfer Dog*.



Canadian author Eric Walters visited the students of Hartley Clark and Rivier Elementary School as part of Canadian Children's Book Week.

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## RCMP seeks information on Danielle Nyland's death

Seven years after her remains were discovered just outside of Holbein, the Saskatchewan RCMP is renewing calls for information into Danielle Nyland's disappearance and death as part of an effort to solve cases involving missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.

“The eldest sibling of three, Danielle Nyland was a caring, generous, family-oriented woman who was starting a career in nursing,” the RCMP said in a release. “She was bubbly, smart, and carefree. Danielle loved hockey – she cheered for the Montreal Canadiens. Her friendly smile and laugh drew people to her.”

Nyland was 22 at the time of her disappearance and death. Nyland was out with friends on the night of June 7, 2015, and was spotted at Movado's on the south side of Prince Albert, and at a party in the east flats. She was last seen the following morn-

ing at a gas station in the Shellbrook area.

Nyland was reported missing by family on June 10. The next day, the RCMP reported that Nyland's phone had been located at the end of a driveway about 9.5 kms east of Shellbrook. It would take another eight days for search teams to locate Nyland's remains in a wooded area only 500 metres south of the location where her phone was found.

Though a subsequent autopsy was unable to determine a cause of death, police deemed her death suspicious. Investigations in the nearly seven years since her disappearance and death have yielded little beyond a few vehicles of possible interest.

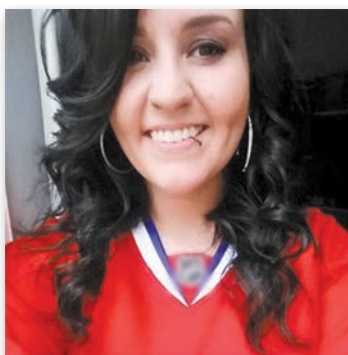
On the anniversary of her disappearance, the RCMP released surveillance footage

of a black Chevrolet Cruz at a gas station in Shellbrook. Police believed the vehicle was of interest because it initially pulled up at the gas station with four passengers, only to return an hour later with only two passengers.

A clerk who worked at the store in question said they did recall seeing Nyland that morning, “passed-out” in the back seat of the vehicle. Since then, however, there have been no updates on the case.

“Danielle's family and friends are searching for answers, justice, and closure,” the RCMP said.

Anyone with information regarding Nyland's disappearance and death is urged to contact any RCMP detachment, comment or send a message to any RCMP social media account, or call crime stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.



Seven years after her disappearance and death, the RCMP is renewing calls for information about what happened to Danielle Nyland.

### Hidden Hills of Shellbrook Golf Course Incorporated ANNUAL MEETING Monday, May 30, 2022 at 8:00 p.m.

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Members of the Hidden Hills Golf Course are invited to attend the annual general meeting. Presentation of the operations for 2019, 2020 and 2021 will be presented.

The election of the board of directors will be for a 3-year term.

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# WP Sandin badminton teams enjoy strong season

Badminton playoffs are in full swing, and for the second consecutive year (if you exclude the two years of competition lost to the COVID-19 pandemic) a student from WP Sandin High School is headed all the way to Provincials.

When Marissa Skavlebo last took the court at Provincials in 2019 (the first year in which she was eligible to compete), she capped off an undefeated season by claiming the SHSAA Girl's Singles Provincial Championship title.

With the 2022 Provincial tournament set for this weekend, Skavlebo is hoping history will repeat itself. For his part, coach Devon Thorpe thinks she's got what it takes to claim another title.

"Marissa is very skilled at shot placement, game management, and endurance. She works hard at everything that she does and takes pride in doing her best job. She continues to be a role model for all our ath-

letes at WP," he said.

"She is the defending champion in girl's singles and will face tough competition at Provincials."

It's been a busy few weeks for WP Sandin's senior badminton team as a whole. The team kicked off playoffs with the Parkland Conference Playoffs in Debden on April 27. In order to advance to the next round of playoffs, individuals and teams had to finish in the top two of their category.

After some stiff competition, Ben Lafond (1st in boy's singles), Marissa Skavlebo (1st in girl's singles), Ali Lamotte (2nd in girl's singles), Mya Sommerfeld and Megan Cameron (1st in girl's doubles), Shelby Woytiuk and Jesse Nyberg (1st in mixed doubles), and Josee Schatkoske and Jake Boettcher (2nd in mixed doubles) all punched their tickets to the District playoffs in Canwood.

Of those nine advancing players, seven made it through Districts to reach Regionals in Humboldt. Ben Lafond finished second in boy's singles, Marissa Skavlebo topped girl's singles again, Ali Lamotte earned another second place in girl's singles, Mya Sommerfeld and Megan Cameron topped the girl's doubles contest, and Josee Schatkoske and Jake Boettcher secured another second-place finish in mixed doubles.

At Regionals, Skavlebo captured gold in girl's singles after another undefeated run. Her biggest challenge came in the finals, where she lost her first set of the tournament by a score of 21-15, before bouncing back to claim sets two and three by scores of 25-23 and 21-14, respectively.

Aside from Skavlebo and the senior team's triumphs on the court, WP Sandin's junior badminton also enjoyed a successful season, claiming the Rural Extravaganza

team banner back in April as the team with the most points following playoffs.

The Rural Extravaganza was played in Debden and featured players from Shellbrook, Big River, Canwood, Debden, and Ahtahkakoop First Nation.

In individual competition, Aiden Tait and Cashian Sandry earned a one-two finish in boy's singles, while Kyleigh Schmalz and Brooklyn Klaassen finished first and second, respectively, in girl's singles.

In doubles action, Jesse Krees and Sara Verbonac topped the competition in mixed doubles while Hunter Smith and Emmy Ledding finished fifth. On the boy's doubles side, the duo of Matt Muller and Ayston Aiken came in second while Davin Schmitz and Xander Dupuis came in fourth.

Finally, in girl's doubles, Addison Kyliuk and Ayli Schatkoske finished third and the team of Paige Herndier and Brielle Nahorniak came in fourth.



**WP Sandin's senior badminton team at Regionals. Front row (L-R): Ali Lamotte, Megan Cameron, and Josee Schatkoske. Back row (L-R): Marissa Skavlebo, Jake Boettcher, Ben Lafond, and Mya Sommerfeld.**



**WP Sandin's junior badminton team. Front Row (L-R): Brooklyn Klaassen, Adison Kyliuk, Sara Verbonac, Kyleigh Schmalz, Paige Herndier, Brielle Nahorniak, Ayli Schatkoske, and Emmy Ledding. Back Row (L-R): Kevin Koroluk, Hunter Smith, Jesse Krees, Aiden Tait, Ayston Aiken, Cashian Sandry, Devon Thorpe, Matt Muller, Xander Dupuis, Davin Schmitz, and Kelly Herndier.**



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## Minimum wage hike is important first step

A few folks have commented recently that I've been really hard on Premier Scott Moe and his Sask. Party government (and maybe not as hard on Prime Minister Justin Trudeau as they'd like me to be).

As a news editor, it's certainly my duty to hold the feet of governments of all levels to the fire, and I strive to do so regardless of the political stripes of the government in question.

There's undoubtedly much to criticize where Mr. Trudeau is concerned, and as such there's no shortage of ink already being devoted to critiques of him – some by myself, and even more by far more prestigious columnists and reporters.

Can the same be said of Mr. Moe and his government?

Aside from the ineffectual volleys being lobbed every day by the Saskatchewan NDP, and the occasional opinion piece from Regina Leader-Post political commentator Murray Mandryk, the answer is not really.

So here I am, another voice in the political wilderness of Saskatchewan, writing not with any delusions that I might change the Sask. Party's mind on points of policy, but with the hope someone will read these words and feel seen and advocated for.

Still, those who have suggested I've been too hard on Mr. Moe lately may have a point. So let's change things up, shall we?

Last week, Mr. Moe genuinely surprised me when he teased, then promptly announced, an increase to the province's minimum wage beyond his government's modest annual Consumer Price Index increases.

Per Mr. Moe's pledge, the minimum wage will increase to \$13 per hour on Oct. 1 – a boost from the current wage of \$11.81 per hour, which is the lowest in Canada. The minimum wage will then climb to \$14 per hour in 2023 before reaching \$15 per hour in 2024.

The announcement was shocking because, when the province's minimum wage last made headlines (all the way back in 2018), Mr. Moe saw no reason to deviate from his government's formula.

Granted, 2018 feels like a lifetime ago thanks to the one-two punch of the COVID-19 pandemic, and soaring inflation caused by



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global supply chain backlogs and exacerbated by the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

But, belatedly or not, it's still encouraging to see the Sask. Party change course on the issue.

For the province's estimated 45,000 minimum wage workers, who make up about 8 per cent of the workforce, it will mean an extra \$200 per month, before taxes, starting in October (assuming a 40-hour work week).

Some would like to see the minimum wage increased to \$15 immediately. And, given the state of the world, this would do much more to lift people out of poverty.

According to Campaign 2000's 2021 Saskatchewan Child and Family Poverty Report, authored by University of Regina professor Miguel Sanchez, the poverty line cut-off for a single person in 2019 was an after-tax income of \$22,518.

If one were to work a 40-hour work week at the \$13 per hour minimum wage, one would secure an after-tax income of \$21,393, well below the 2019 poverty line cut-off (and the cut-off has almost certainly risen dramatically over the past three years).

Even a \$15 minimum wage, earning one an after-tax income of \$24,053, only puts one above the 2019 poverty line by about \$1,500, meaning its certain to be inadequate by 2024 (again, if it isn't already).

Debates over the adequacy of the minimum wage hike aside, the Sask. Party deserves credit for taking a step in the right direction, incremental though it might be. Consulting business groups on the plan and taking an incremental approach was also a wise move, as small businesses have been just as battered by the pandemic as the rest of us.

That said, The Sask. Party mustn't view this step as an end stage. Instead, it must treat it as the beginning of its work to bring down the province's inexcusably high poverty and child poverty rates.

Per the previously referenced Child and Family Poverty report, child poverty in Saskatchewan peaked in 2004 before going into a slow but steady decline.

Although the percentage of children living in poverty has dipped over the past decade, dropping to 26.1 per cent in 2019 from 29.1 per cent in 2009, the number of children



living in poverty has actually increased to 73,520 from 71,720.

Moreover, the province's child poverty rate is well above the national average of 17.7 per cent, and only Manitoba and Nunavut have worse report cards on child poverty.

Beyond child poverty, the province had an overall poverty rate of 18.8 per cent in 2019 (also slightly higher than the national average), with nearly half of First Nations families and single parent families living below the poverty line.

These numbers, you may have noted, all predate the COVID-19 pandemic, which has almost certainly deepened and broadened poverty in Saskatchewan.

Some may dismiss poverty as an individual problem. But poverty impacts all of us, and its costs are steep.

Indeed, a 2014 study commissioned by the Saskatchewan Health Quality Council pegged the yearly economic costs of poverty at \$3.8 billion (including increased health-care costs, social program costs, justice system costs, and lost tax revenue). With overall poverty having rebounded upward from 2015 onward, it's almost guaranteed that these costs have increased.

Poverty will always exist to some extent. But in a province as rich as Saskatchewan, there's no reason it should run so deep and affect more than 217,000 people.

The Sask. Party's promised minimum wage

increases are just one tool to mitigate this problem. Going forward, it must dig deep, get creative, listen to those who are impacted by poverty, and offer real solutions and real hope to the province's most vulnerable.

Last week, the Sask. NDP offered one such solution in the form of a 1 per cent Windfall Profits Surcharge to the provincial resource surcharge when WTI oil prices exceed \$90(US) per barrel and/or potash prices exceed \$700 (CDN) per K20 tonne.

According to the NDP, the small increase could add \$250 million to provincial coffers this fiscal year, offsetting the province's PST expansion and leaving \$125 million for a "cost-of-living" dividend to be distributed to every household in the province (about \$105 per person).

Mr. Moe met the idea with an immediate no, calling it a threat to investment in the province and saying his government isn't interested in raising taxes.

"We won't be increasing the taxes on those wealth-generating industries in our province," he said. "Those industries that are employing people, providing jobs for Saskatchewan."

Mr. Moe did add, however, that his government is "always looking at what options are available to make life more affordable."

Those living in poverty can only hope it comes up with something sooner rather than later.

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## Report from the Legislature

Saskatchewan is in a position of immense opportunity. Our Growth Plan has goals and actions to attract more jobs, people, and investment. We have been fortunate to see major achievements already, with the 2020s shaping up to be Saskatchewan's decade.

As we work to ensure the growth is sustainable for future generations, our government is exploring the future of energy production. We are promoting Saskatchewan-made innovations, supporting investment in our economy, and partnering with other provinces to make advancements in clean technology.

With a growing population and economy comes a need for safe, reliable, cost-effective and environmentally friendly energy production. We have been working with

the governments of Ontario, Alberta, and New Brunswick to evaluate the development and deployment of Small Modular Reactors, or SMRs.

Currently, fossil fuels generate 76 per cent of our electricity here in Saskatchewan. SMRs are one way to help meet customer demand for reliable power while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

This evaluation process

takes time, and we do not expect a final decision on whether to build SMRs in Saskatchewan for several years. Properly engaging with Indigenous rights holders, stakeholders, and the public is a large part of this process.

Extensive planning will ensure the safe, responsible deployment and operation of this new source of emissions-free electricity that our growing province needs. If this new technology meets those criteria, the industry could put Saskatchewan at the forefront of nuclear research and innovation.

One of the major benefits of SMRs is that they can provide a baseload of sustainable, clean electricity to large, small and even remote off-grid communities or industrial sites. They are scalable, meaning they can be designed to support the immediate area

or easily expanded to support the provincial electrical supply. A 300 Megawatt SMR can generate enough electricity each year to supply 300,000 homes. SMRs would complement renewable energy sources such as wind, solar, or hydro, creating a reliable power network.

Additionally, this technology will utilize more Saskatchewan products. Northern Saskatchewan has large quantities of the best uranium on the planet. The world is already looking to our province for this natural resource. By utilizing SMRs here at home, there is an opportunity to grow the industry further.

The proposed SMRs have the potential to create thousands of new jobs in mining, construction, facility operations, nuclear and non-nuclear supply chains, and research and development. Many of these new ca-

reer opportunities will be in Northern Saskatchewan, creating billions of dollars in economic benefits.

Exploring the possibilities of reactor use is nothing new to our province. The Saskatchewan Research Council has been involved in this field for over four decades. The SLOWPOKE-2 research reactor was first commissioned in 1981 and was a tool for neutron analysis. Over that time, the reactor showed

that nuclear technology is safe, reliable, and sustainable.

Exploring SMRs will build on the research and development gained from operating the SLOWPOKE-2 research reactor. This is an opportunity to create and promote an entire industry from start to finish. We will continue to explore this exciting new field with a keen eye on safety, environmental impact, and meeting the needs of our province. This is just one of the many fields in Saskatchewan's expanding and diversifying economy.

Saskatchewan is growing, and our need for reliable utilities is on the rise. Our government is committed to exploring new ideas and innovations that everyone can benefit from. These advancements draw new industries to the province, creating more jobs and strengthening our communities.



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## Looking for accountability

In February, 2022, a non-profit group now known as Sask Alliance\* requested information from the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) under the Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (LAFOIP). They were looking for answers to a host of questions concerning the last two years.

In March, the request was revised and resubmitted to the SHA and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health. In a recent update, Sask Alliance advises that the Ministry has responded to the request, and is now working through the process with them.

Curiously, according to the update, the SHA has yet to respond, which may place it in a precarious position with the Information and Privacy Commissioner as the response time limit of 30 days has been exceeded.

The FOIP/LAFOIP contains 270 record requests focusing on 12 topics including: Transmissibility, Natural Immunity, Deaths, Hospitalizations, Daily Case Counts, Adverse Events, The 4 Pillars of Pandemic Response, Risk Stratification, Free Speech & Integrity of Evidence, Privacy, Informed Consent, Pregnancy/Breast Feeding/Family Planning.

These are topics that I continue to receive emails about, from people across the province. Everyday I receive links to peer-reviewed studies concerning



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side effects of the vaccines and of course, the now infamous Pfizer documents\*\* which are only being released due to a court order after the FDA tried to have them sealed for 75 years.

Most concerning to me are the emails and phone calls I receive from people who describe severe health situations which occurred after injection, and the refusal of their doctors to investigate and/or report it as an adverse effect.

One person was in tears as they described how they were losing their job for refusing to take a second shot after a severe reaction from the first one.

Another who needed heart surgery for pericarditis, was incredulous when the hospital advised they would not receive surgery without taking the shot. With the knowledge that side effects can include pericarditis and myocarditis, they were terrified the shot would kill them.

The uncompassionate, over-reaching politicization of health followed by a lack of transparency has and is fueling mistrust of government and the systems that deliver health care. It is time to be accountable to Saskatchewan people.

\* <https://saskalliance.org/>

\*\* <https://www.reuters.com/legal/government/paramount-importance-judge-orders-fda-hasten-release-pfizer-vaccine-docs-2022-01-07/>



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# Town of Shellbrook tables 2022-2023 budget

After last year's budget of "restraint and maintenance" in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic and a relatively new council, the Town of Shellbrook's 2022-2023 budget offers a glimpse of normalcy.

With this normalcy comes a 5 per cent increase in property taxes, due to a mill rate increase to 4.17 from the mill rate of 3.98 set in 2019. Along with this, the budget also ups the base tax on all properties to \$1,250 from \$1,200.

"It's kind of a catch-up budget because we haven't had any increases for three years. With inflation, carbon tax, and wages, five per cent is really the minimum," said Town of Shellbrook Mayor Amund Otterson, noting that municipalities are legally required to deliver balanced budgets and that taxes are one of the few tools for them to do so.

Going over a handful of budget highlights, Mayor Otterson says the town will be undertaking a long-in-the-works paving job on 2nd Avenue West leading up to Parkland Integrated Health Centre. The project, which covers about 500 metres of road, carries a price tag of about \$400,000.

Mayor Otterson says the paved surface will be a major improvement.

"It will be a paved surface with two lanes, and an additional 10 feet of shoulder as a walking and biking lane," he said. "A lot of people walk out that way to make use of the hospital or just to walk in general. Having that delineated pedestrian lane on the south side will be really

good."

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

Originally, the town was expecting to spend the next 10 years completing the project at an annual cost of \$240,000, or a total cost of \$2.4 million. However, the town was also forecasting three more sewer line failures over this same period, which would have brought the cost of the project to \$3.9 million.

To avoid this, the town will finance \$3.2 million over the long-term, for annual payments of about \$184,000. In addition to the sewer relining totalling \$1.65 million, the project will entail:

- Automatic SAGR valve system - \$94,000 (this will keep the SAGR reactor running in the event of a power outage, preventing ammonia from leaking into fish-bearing waters);
- 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.

"We've come to the conclusion that doing it all at once might save us quite a bit of money and head off some potential sewage line breakdowns in the future," Mayor Otterson said of the project.

The town is also eyeing the development of land on the west side of town. It's already completed a preliminary study, and the 2022-2023 budget contains funds to complete phases two and three of the project this year. Working with Associated Engineering to complete the required design and environmental studies, the hope is the land can be developed into residential and commercial properties.

"A few years ago, prior to the hospital being built and prior to the expansion of the golf course, the town made the strategic move of purchasing a couple hundred acres of farmland that bordered the town," Mayor Otterson explained. "Strategically, it was to allow for expansion."

Elsewhere, after years of listening to concerns about the level of police service the town receives, Council found room in the budget to spend about \$135,000 on hiring and outfitting a community safety officer (CSO).

The plan is to hire a single officer on an on-call/varied hour basis. While not a full-fledged police officer, The CSO will have the power to enforce parts of the criminal code, traffic laws, and municipal bylaws.

Mayor Otterson says a CSO likely won't be in place until the third quarter of this year, as there are training and HR issues to be dealt with. He also notes the town likely won't bear the cost alone.

"The beauty of that is that we have initial reaction from surrounding municipalities that would be able to make use of the service as well. That kind of expenditure taken on by the town alone would be excessive beyond our means," he said. "The Town of Shellbrook will be the main provider and hire the service out to others."

Looking to recreation and culture, which has been top of mind for many ratepayers after Council signalled it wants to find efficiencies in program and service delivery and new sources of revenue while encouraging more fundraising and volunteerism, Mayor Otterson says the

recreation deficit sits around 20 per cent.

He calls this level reasonable.

"I don't expect those kinds of services to be profit centres. It's part of what the town is responsible to provide to its residents."

With budgeting getting tougher for everybody in the face of inflation, Mayor Otterson says council was lucky to not have to make any significant concessions in its budget due to good planning.

Still, there were some challenges, as the town faces uncertainty in the level of funding it will receive through the province's Municipal Revenue Sharing program, and the federal government's Canada Community-Building Fund (formerly the Gas Tax Fund).

"The good news is that our population went up by 4.5 per cent in the last census.

That's influenced our per capita [share] in those provincial and federal programs," he said.

Otterson also notes the town is lucky to be in a good position because it has a good inventory of its needs, and healthy reserves for its priorities and any other issues that may crop up.

"We made a conscious effort to put funds in those accounts over the past few years. At one time, we had accounts with nothing in them. It's a positive trend not just of this administration but of the last 10 years."

Looking beyond the budget, and to a future in which the town's sewer and water infrastructure is secure beyond a doubt, Mayor Otterson says paving is likely to become a big priority. He says new areas, such as Brook Crescent, are at the top of the list.

## Shell Lake Legion welcomes new members



The Shell Lake Royal Canadian Legion branch #15 welcomed two new members at its last meeting, Carrie and Marty Gottselig. Comrade Jack Klassen presented them to the members, Comrade Christine Wollms presented them with a Legion pin and membership scroll, and they were given a hearty round of applause before we got down to the business of the meeting.

### 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, May 6<sup>th</sup> to June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Any person who wishes to appeal an assessment is required to file his/her notice of appeal with the required fees to the Secretary of the Board of Revision, Western Municipal Consulting, Box 149, Meota, Sask. S0M 1K0 by the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022

Gina Bernier, Assessor

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### The Village of Marcelin invites applications for Full-Time Foreman.

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The successful applicant must be in possession of a valid Class 5 Drivers License and be able to provide a current drivers abstract with SGI medical and a current criminal record check. They also must be willing to obtain their Level 1 Water and Wastewater Certification within 6 months of Employment.

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Please submit a resume with qualifications, references and expected rate of pay to:

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## Question unanswered: how do we feed 8 billion people?

There are days as a columnist you sit at the keyboard thinking about your next effort and you realize just how isolated from the greater realities of the world we are here in Saskatchewan.

It is with great confidence I suggest the vast majority of people in this province have spent no time abroad, and quite likely have never spent time in Vancouver or Toronto even.

I have had cups of coffee and little more in both Canadian cities, and can assure a trip to the Hockey Hall of Fame and

a Blues Jays game has little to do with what a huge city like TO actually is. Nor was a one-day work conference and a short night in a hotel reflective of life in Vancouver.

When we travel, either for business or pleasure, we almost always only see the best of where we are going.

People vacationing in Mexico do so at a resort, not the slums of a big city.

The idea of slums, gun play on the streets, people starving, carrying water (and not always clean water), and a long list of other issues impacting



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daily life are thankfully foreign to most of us here in Saskatchewan.

That of course is a positive for those of us living here, but we are just more than a million people in a world of close to 8 billion.

For farmers, that 8 billion is the mouths they must feed, and they must do it in a world where there are volatilities, which are frankly hard to get your head around from the relative safety and security of Saskatchewan.

It's hard to really understand the terror the people of Ukraine are facing with the Russian invasion, but it certainly impacts food production. Ukraine is a major crop producer and that is threatened, and sanctions make buying anything from Russia un-

popular if not illegal.

Drought is hitting East Africa — Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya — and it's a bad one, creating a humanitarian crisis endangering up to 25 million people.

Real, life-threatening hunger is again hard to imagine, and the situation is made worse at present with grain prices so high, and money often as short as food in many countries.

And when you think of drought, the resource of water refocuses. We know of major cities facing rationing — do lawns

really need watered? But there is a bigger question about where the priority is when water resources dwindle? Do our taps still work — if you have taps, and many in this world do not? Or does farm irrigation or big business use the water?

Food and water are paramount to life, and in Saskatchewan we generally have both, but that is not something all 8 billion can say. This suggests that we as a planet still have to answer the question of how we look after everyone's most basic needs.

## Funding announced for agriculture strategic field program projects

The Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan have announced more than \$484,000 for six projects through the Strategic Field Program (SFP) which offers funding for field level demonstrations and evaluation of targeted agriculture practices and technologies.

The SFP funding supports field-level demonstrations and research that are relevant to agriculture producers, such as studying the effect of dugout aeration on greenhouse gas emissions and the use of virtual fencing on forested pasture.

"Investments in research are leading us toward increasingly efficient and sustainable food production," said Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Marie-Claude Bibeau. "These applied research projects will give producers sustainable solutions that will contribute to the industry's growth."

The development of project proposals and applications for the SFP is led by Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture specialists. Funding is awarded on an annual basis. Successful projects in 2022 will be conducted by University of Regina, University of Saskatchewan, South East Research Farm, Judd Street Associates-Crops Consulting Services, Spencer Horticultural Solutions and the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association.

"Our government understands the importance of investments in research to not only test best practices in agriculture, but to help discover new ones," Agriculture Minister David Marit said. "The continued success of this industry has helped establish Saskatchewan as a global leader in agricultural production and expertise, and is driving us toward the economic targets we've set for our future growth."

"We appreciate the governments' continued investment in research to advance innovation and profitability in the agriculture sector," Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association President Kelcy Elford said. "Work of this nature keeps our industry competitive and established as a model for best practices in agriculture."

The SFP is funded through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP), a five-year, \$3 billion investment by federal, provincial and territorial governments that supports 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, including a \$388 million investment in strategic initiatives for Saskatchewan agriculture.

Targeted investments in field level demonstration and applied research projects provide producers and extension staff with new information that enhances the long-term sustainability and competitiveness of the provincial agriculture sector. Provincial agricultural research funding in 2022-23 is a record \$33.8 million, which includes \$2 million in new funding for the Global Institute for Food Security related to the sector's contributions to improved environmental outcomes.

For more information, including a full list of funded SFP projects, please visit <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/business/agriculture-natural-resources-and-industry/agribusiness-farmers-and-ranchers/canadian-agricultural-partnership-cap/science-research-and-innovation/strategic-field-program>.

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# Kinettes host 174 for Mother's Day Brunch

It was all about pampering mom on Sunday, when the Shellbrook Kinettes hosted their annual Mother's Day Brunch for the first time since 2019.

As usual, the Kinettes team took care of all the behind-the-scenes work, from planning the meal and promoting it, to cooking, baking, and frying up the food, to setting up and decorating the Shellbrook Community Hall,



Adam Knaus was the lucky winner of the Spring into Summer Booze Basket

to running the buffet and tackling the clean-up.

All told, 174 people sat down to enjoy the Kinettes' buffet-style brunch and spend some quality time together.

"I think it's a wonderful thing to have all these moms, grandmas, and great-grandmas out for a cooked meal," said Kinette Tasha Cyr. "Pampering these ladies is important. They all deserve a morning without waiting on someone else, and it's nice to be able to do this and bring some smiles.

The Kinettes launched the Mother's Day Brunch in 2016 to do something special for all the mothers in the community. After the COVID-19 pandemic forced the Kinettes to cancel the brunch in 2020 and 2021, Cyr says it was nice to get out and host the event again.

"It is great to see families come out and spend the morning together," she said. "We had groups come in and push tables together so they could all sit together. There were a lot of smiles in the main hall, and in the kitchen."

While much of the hard work in-

involved in putting on the Mother's Day brunch falls to the Kinettes, their efforts were supported by Shellbrook Bigway, which helped out by sponsoring the event.

"We couldn't continue to do these

things without our community support," Cyr said.

In addition to hosting the meal, the Kinettes also raffled off their Spring into Summer Booze Basket. The lucky winner of the draw was Adam Knaus.



It was all smiles in the kitchen, as the Kinettes cooked up the food for Sunday's Mother's Day brunch.

## Take precautions for ticks outdoors

Saskatchewan residents are being reminded to watch for ticks as they venture outdoors this spring.

Ticks are most often found in tall grass, brush, or wooded areas. They cannot jump or fly but

will grasp onto people or pets who brush up against them.

"People should be vigilant and check for ticks on themselves, their children and their pets after being outside," Saskatchewan Chief

Deputy Medical Health Officer Dr. Julie Kryzanowski said. "Taking precautions against ticks is the best way to reduce the risk of a tick bite."

To prevent tick bites:

- Wear light-coloured clothes so ticks can be easily seen.
- Wear pants, long-sleeved shirts, and shoes that do not expose your bare feet.
- Pull socks over your pant legs to prevent ticks from crawling up your legs.
- Use insect repellents that contain DEET or Icaridin. Apply repellent to clothes as well as your skin. Always read and follow the directions on the label. Some repellents may have age restrictions.
- In Canada, clothing that has been treated with the insecticide permethrin has been approved for use by people over the age of 16.
- Shower or bathe as soon as possible after being outside to wash off loose ticks and inspect for attached ticks.

If you find a tick attached to your skin or on your pet:

- Carefully remove it with fine-tipped tweezers and grasp the tick's mouthparts as close to the skin as possible.
- Pull slowly upward and out with firm, steady pressure.
- Be careful not to squeeze, crush or puncture the body after removal.
- Do not put Vaseline, gasoline, or other harmful substances on an attached tick.
- Submit photos of the tick using the eTick system, and please keep ticks in a secure container until you receive the identification results. Ticks can be euthanized by placing them in a bag and storing it in the freezer 24 hours.

Most ticks found in Saskatchewan are the American dog tick. This species is active from mid-April to the end of July and cannot transmit Lyme disease to people.

The risk of exposure to Lyme disease is low in Saskatchewan.

Blacklegged ticks, which can cause Lyme disease, are rare in Saskatchewan, though they can be introduced by migratory birds in early spring and remain active

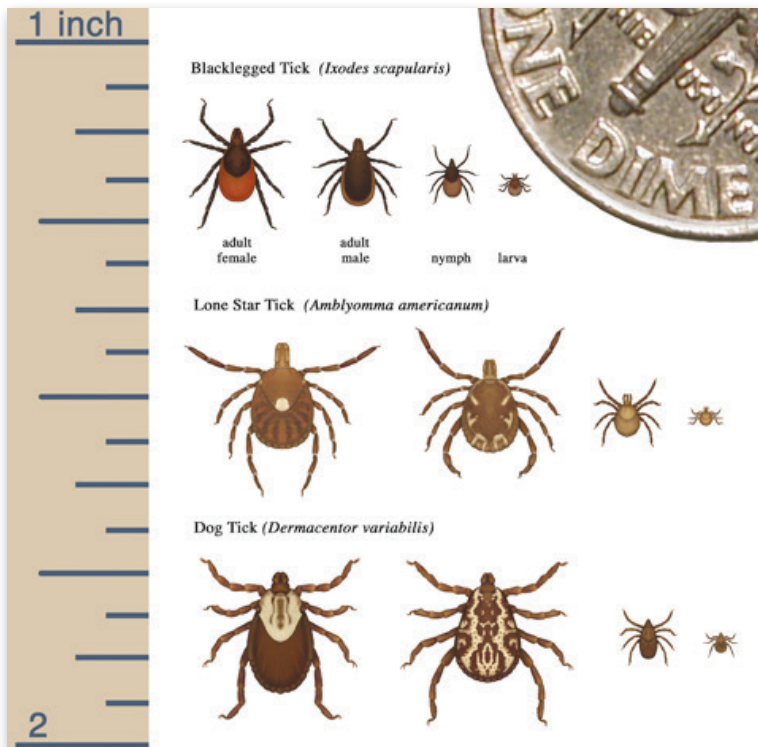
throughout fall.

Saskatchewanians can submit photographs of ticks found on humans or animals using the eTick online system at [www.etick.ca](http://www.etick.ca) to receive timely identification of the type of tick that attached to a person, pet, or livestock animal and information on the risk of exposure to tick-borne diseases.

While awaiting identification results, keep the tick(s) in a secure container. eTick administrators may request that some ticks be submitted, by mail, for quality control purposes or if the tick species is one of medical concern. Ticks should not be submitted by mail unless requested.

In 2021, 969 ticks were identified in Saskatchewan and only 15 were blacklegged ticks. Nine of these were submitted for testing and none of them tested positive for the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.

For more information on ticks and Lyme disease, including how to submit a tick for identification and testing, visit [saskatchewan.ca/lyme](http://saskatchewan.ca/lyme) or <https://research-groups.usask.ca/ticks/#Passivesurveillance>.



Relative sizes of several ticks at different life stages.



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## Supporting Mental Health in our Schools

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**Hon. Scott Moe, Premier**  
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# Honeywood Happenings

## By Judy Harley

Our long cold winter is finally over!! The snow is gone & the grass is starting to green up! We had hoped to be open for Mother's Day, but the snow was slow to leave the nursery, so we decided to open a week later on May 14. The nursery will be open daily 9 am to 5 pm until Sept. 18.

Great News! We will once again have a greenhouse full of annuals and bedding plants, thanks to our friend Malcolm Jenkins and his Prince Albert Canadian Tire store. The supply will be restocked weekly, so there will be something new every week. If you are looking for annuals and/or bedding plants for your gardens, please check us out first!

Our bright and beautiful gift shop/garden store will be open and ready for shoppers! It will be stocked with our homemade Honeywood jellies and jams; Carol Hofford gift items; garden hand tools and necessities

(some compliments of Canadian Tire); a selection of seeds; seed potatoes and so much more. Remember to check it out when you come to Honeywood for a visit.

It's been a long two years since we last invited our friends and neighbours to join us for a Honeywood event. We are extremely happy to say that we will once again host all three events this year!!

Dates to mark on your calendar are: Artists in Bloom Sunday, June 26 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Lilies in Bloom Sunday, July 17 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and A Touch of Autumn – Sunday Sept. 18, from 1 p.m. to 4. We look forward to showcasing local craftspeople and artists for all three events.

The Canada Summer Jobs program has been instrumental in making it possible to hire local youth to work at the nursery during our summer seasons. We have once again been successful

in our application for assistance to hire two youth to work with us. A lovely young lady, Charlie, started at the nursery on May 2 and will stay with us until the end of August. Our 2nd student will start on July 4 and work through to the end of August as well. Their help and enthusiasm is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to working with them this summer!

The old Honeywood greenhouse, originally built in the early 80s, has finally succumbed to the ravages of time. Untreated lumber used in the building of the greenhouse has yielded to wood rot; wind, sun, rain, and time finished the job of damaging the greenhouse by totally destroying the plastic cover and collapsing the frame. In order to make it useful again, the framework needs to be rebuilt and new greenhouse plastic applied. We are very thankful to the Saskatchewan Heritage Founda-

tion for their financial assistance in rebuilding and making the greenhouse an active and important functioning asset to the nursery once again.

Maintaining the old buildings at Honeywood is always ongoing. The log house is in the process of a facelift and repairs. Our maintenance man, Mark, spent his 'spare' hours last summer filling holes and sealing the logs on the south side of the house, and it looks amazing. Mark has already started on the rest of the house, with work on the west side and the old porch mostly completed. Knowing the dedication of our staff, I know the restoration of the log house will be completed this year and will be good for many

years to come.

Last fall we made an application to Affinity Credit Union for funding to purchase commercial, metal picnic tables for the nursery. We were very happy to receive assistance from them for the purchase of two tables. Our friend and supporter, Connie Peake, took up the challenge of finding funding for more tables for the nursery. She was very successful in her campaign and secured funds for seven more tables!

Every year, there is a lot of work involved in getting Honeywood ready for the season open date. The main yard gets a raking and cleaning; the selling area is swept and pallets are placed; potted lilies and perennials are brought out of stor-

age and pots are cleaned up; the greenhouses are cleaned out and made ready for plants; the new gift/garden shop is stocked; and, of course, our 2,000 lily bulbs are potted. Whew! Lots to do and not much time to do it, but our staff are great and it will be ready for visitors, customers, and friends on opening day.

We greatly appreciate all the tremendous support, both from donors and by the volunteers, that we have received throughout the years! Without the help of you, our friends and neighbours, Honeywood would not be the great place it is today.

We hope to see you once again this year, enjoying the beauty and tranquility of this special place.



Once again, the greenhouse at Honeywood will be filled with annuals and perennials, thanks to Malcolm Jenkins and his Prince Albert Canadian Tire store.

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**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., 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!

**BATTLEFORDS:** Battlefords Blend Harmony Chorus - New members welcome! Real Women, Real Music, Real Fun! Call: Andrea Stewart: 306-398-3777 or Linda MacDonald 306-490-2452. Check our Facebook Page.

**PARKSIDE:** Honeywood (Dr. A.J. Porter) Heritage Nursery Inc. *Provincial Heritage Site* Parkside, SK SEASON OPENING: SATURDAY, MAY 14. Open daily 9 am - 5 pm. Canadian Tire Annuals, Fruit & ornamental trees, New & old lily varieties, Assortment of perennial plants. Gift/Garden Shop - Honeywood Jellies, Seed Potatoes & Much More! Ph: 306-747-3307, email: honeywoodn8@gmail.com.

**LEASK & CANWOOD:** Walter Willoughby Horticultural Society - Annual Bedding Plant Sales. Leask Seniors Centre - Wed., May 18th @ 12:30 p.m.; Canwood Elks Hall - Wed., May 25th @ 1 p.m. Pie & Coffee served at both sales!

**LEASK:** Leask Community Garage Sale Days - May 20th & 21st. Multiple Garage Sales around the Village. Indoor Garage Sale at the Seniors Hall (Friday 9am - 5pm); Used Book Sale at the Library (Friday 9am - 5pm & Saturday 1pm - 4pm)

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# Crop report: April 26 to May 2

Cool temperatures and early spring snowstorms have delayed seeding for many producers across Saskatchewan. Currently, one per cent of the 2022 crop is now in the ground, well behind the five-year average (2017-2021) of five per cent. Once conditions are favourable, producers will be working very hard to get their fields seeded.

Very little precipitation was reported in the past week, which will allow fields to dry up enough for seeding to begin in regions where it was previously too wet. The most rain was reported in the Marengo area with 10

mm followed by the Marquis, Rockglen and Webb areas reporting five mm of rain. Although beneficial for pastures and hayland, farmers are hoping the rain will hold off until seeding can be completed.

Topsoil moisture for cropland, hay and pastureland is still less than ideal for proper seed germination and pasture growth. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as five per cent surplus, 55 per cent adequate, 26 per cent short and 14 per cent very short. Hay and pastureland are rated as two per cent surplus, 52 per cent adequate, 29 per

cent short and 17 per cent very short.

Spring runoff for the province has slightly improved compared to the runoff seen in 2021 and this has allowed dugouts, sloughs and other small water bodies to fill throughout many areas. Runoff was rated as five per cent above normal, 44 per cent average and 51 per cent below normal. This replenishment of water in dugouts is extremely important for livestock producers who have struggled with finding good quality water for their animals. Going into the warm summer months, timely rains will

be needed to keep water quality and quantity at acceptable levels.

Livestock producers have also struggled to ration their available feed supplies through the winter until pastures are able to sustain grazing. Forage feed supplies are rated as 35 per cent adequate and 65 per cent inadequate, while feed grain supplies are rated as 55 per cent adequate and 45 per cent inadequate. Producers will need a good hay crop this year to replenish their feed supplies and ensure they have more than enough to feed their livestock next winter.

Pasture conditions

across the province did not fare well throughout the drought of 2021 and they did not have the rain they needed in the fall for adequate regrowth before winter arrived, which has resulted in less than desirable pasture conditions to start the year. Pasture lands are rated as zero per cent excellent, 12 per cent good, 22 per cent fair, 37 per cent poor and 29 per cent very poor. Warm days with minimal wind are needed along with good rains to improve conditions and allow enough forage growth to support cattle throughout the summer.

There have been reports

of winterkill on winter wheat, fall rye and other fall seeded crops; producers are busy assessing the damage and determining whether to reseed. The hardest-hit areas are in the southwest where snow cover was not adequate enough to protect the crop. Producers who are not able to seed are waiting for their fields to dry and preparing their equipment while others who can be in the field are spreading fertilizer and applying herbicides.

A complete, printable version of the Crop Report is available online at <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/crop-report>.

## Sask. revises spring runoff outlook

The Water Security Agency (WSA) has updated the province's spring runoff conditions for 2022.

In the north and into the Churchill Basin, the melt is in the early stages. Although no runoff related issues are expected at this time, WSA cautions that with the higher-than-normal snow accumulation in this part of the province, the potential for higher runoff remains. The amount of runoff will depend on a number of factors, including the speed of melt and the impact that additional snow or rain might have.

In the southern half of the province, spring runoff is either largely complete

or well underway.

Southwest Saskatchewan, the area most affected by last year's extreme dry conditions, saw higher than expected runoffs from the spring melt in 2022, with some additional late-winter storms that helped improve moisture and water supply conditions even though runoff in this area was below normal. Water levels in Lake Diefenbaker have improved with the spring melt but remain below normal. WSA is waiting to see how much of the alpine snowpack runoff arrives later this summer.

In the southeast, the melt and runoff is largely complete, and the risk of lo-

calized flooding from the combination of two late winter storms, plus warming temperatures and additional rain has also receded. Flows along the Souris River have peaked and are beginning to drop. WSA expects the Grant Devine reservoir will fill later in May at around the same time apportionment releases to meet international obligations begin.

In the east-central area of the province, seasonal temperatures have resulted in a nearly complete melting of the snowpack. Some snow remains in the Porcupine Hills, the upper portions of the Assiniboine River Basin northwest of Preeceville, areas in the Swan River Basin near the Manitoba border and the Pewei River Basin. Flows in some rivers in the area have peaked and were near or slightly above normal. Flows along

the Swan River are still rising and while WSA has not received any reports of flooding in this part of the province as yet, additional rainfall like we saw near Hudson Bay and Deschambault Lake over the past weekend could see higher water levels remain in place for longer that could lead to localized flooding.

Along the Qu'Appelle River system, the melt and runoff is largely complete and flows are receding over lower areas. WSA has been making diversions into Last Mountain Lake to help bring it up to desirable summer operating levels. Crooked Lake is now at its desirable summer operating level and stoplogs will be installed to maintain it for the season.

The WSA will continue to monitor conditions across the province and provide updates as they change.

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Sunday Service - 9 a.m.  
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Sunday, 11 a.m. Service  
Canwood - Christ Church  
Sunday, 2 p.m. - Service  
Rev. Wendell Brock  
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Sat., 7:30 p.m. - Mass.  
Fr. Dong Doan  
St. Agatha's - Shellbrook  
Mass - Sunday 11 a.m.  
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**CATHOLIC SUNDAY**  
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Chitek Lake - Closed for  
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Medstead - 6 p.m.  
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10:00 am - Sunday School  
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## Curlers chase dreams with new teams

Free-agent frenzy is one of the most interesting days for fans of the National Hockey League, but the shinny game has nothing on curling.

You might actually need a program listing team personnel next season if you want to keep track of who's throwing stones for whom as teams target the next Olympic Games cycle. Hardly a single team has remained intact, other than Colton Flasch in Saskatchewan, whose rink is in the second tier of talent on the men's side.

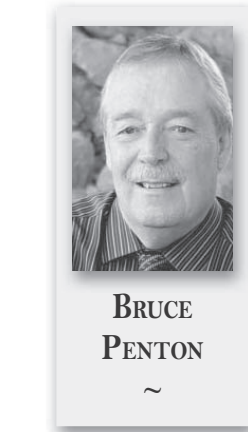
Let's start at the top of the men: Brad Gushue's Brier championship team is losing Brett Gallant, who moves to Alberta and will curl with Brendan Bottcher, whose front end of Karrick Martin and Brad Thiessen jumped ship to join Kevin Koe. The veteran Koe has picked up promising B.C. youngster Tyler Tardi to throw third stones. Gone from Koe's 2022 rink are third B.J. Neufeld, who is teaming up with Matt Dunstone in a return-to-Manitoba

adventure, second John Morris (retired to concentrate on mixed doubles) and Ben Hebert, who will curl with Bottcher.

Got all that? Well, there's more. Plenty more.

Brad Jacobs of Sault Ste. Marie is taking the year off, and his second, E.J. Harndon, is rumoured to be the replacement for Gallant on the Gushue rink. Harndon's brother, Ryan, will throw lead stones for Dunstone (along with Neufeld and Colton Lott). Marc Kennedy, the third for Jacobs last year, will fill that role on the Bottcher rink. Mike McEwen and long-time third Reid Carruthers have split, with Carruthers wanting to skip his own rink and McEwen rumoured to be considering joining John Epping's Toronto foursome. Joining Carruthers are longtime skip Jason Gunnlaugson at third, Derek Samalgaski at second and Connor Njegovan at lead.

There were almost as many significant changes



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among Canadian women's teams as there were with the men. Rachel Homan and Tracy Fleury, two of the top skips in Canada, have joined forces. Who will skip remains to be seen. Leaving the team was Joanne Courtney while the front end will consist of Sarah Wilkes and former third Emma Miskew, who moves down to allow for the addition of Fleury. Veteran Winnipeg skip Jennifer Jones and her third, Kaitlyn Lawes, have parted ways, with Jones taking over the youthful Mackenzie Zacharias foursome, which won the Manitoba

Scotties' title this year. Lawes will skip her own rink with ex-Jones second Jocelyn Peterman at second, and two former members of the Fleury team, Kristin McCuish and Selena Njegovan, filling out the squad. Chelsea Carey has juggled her Saskatchewan-based team, adding Liz Fyfe, daughter of the late Brier champ, Vic Peters, at second. Casey Scheidegger of Lethbridge keeps her sister, Jessie Haughian, and adds two members of Laura Walker's team, Kate Cameron at third and Taylor McDonald at second.

"Programs, programs, get your lucky programs., You can't tell the players without a program."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "LSU outfielder Gavin Dugas has been hit by a pitch 13 times in his first 103 plate appearances this season. Twins scouts love him, saying he'd be a perfect fit for Target Field."

• Comedy writer Brad Dickson of Omaha: "The

world's oldest woman has died at 119. She went out happy doing the things she loved — posting on Facebook and playing pickleball."

• R.J. Currie of sportsdeke.com: "A Chinese dad made headlines for outfitting his son in pants and a hat made from watermelons. Lucky the kid wasn't dressed like that in Regina on Labour Day — no one would notice."

• Headline at theonion.com: "Washington Commanders let Make-A-Wish kid announce pick, become new team president, take fall for financial irregularities"

• Here's another one from theonion.com: "Yankees attribute offensive slump to terrified hitters closing eyes during swing."

• Steve Simmons of SunMedia: "I'm keeping a list of memorable quotes from Toronto general managers Bobby Webster (Raptors) and Ross Atkins (Blue Jays). To date, I have none."

• Janice Hough of left-

coastsportsbabe.com, on why immediately evaluating NFL draft picks is like a great Tinder first date: "Some do result in long-term relationships. Some in short-term relationships. And some ... well, maybe it was a great night."

• Charles Barkley, to the Dan Patrick Show, on what fellow TNT host Shaquille O'Neal's weight: "If he gets on the scale it's gonna be saying, 'One person at a time, please.'"

• Scott Ostler of the San Francisco Chronicle, on trying to box off Nuggets centre Nikola Jokic from the offensive boards: "I've seen grizzly bears who are more polite when barging into a cabin full of snacks."

• Jay Busbee of Yahoo!Sports, with an observation from the opening night of the NFL draft: "Derek Carr showed up with a haircut that looked like he'd made his stylist very angry."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

## Lacrosse scores big in Shellbrook

A little over a month after box lacrosse was introduced to Shellbrook through a pair of try lacrosse nights hosted by the Northern Sask. Predators, Shellbrook's inaugural box lacrosse season is already in full swing with a U10 and a U12 team competing in the Prince Albert Lacrosse league.

Though it was anticipated that there wouldn't be too many games played at the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre due to the logistical challenges of bringing officials out to Shellbrook, both teams got their start at their home rink on May 2.

In a pair of physical, fast-paced matches, the U10 Shellbrook Smokejumpers were snared by the Prince Albert Trappers and lost by a tally of 8-3. Meanwhile, the U12 Smokejumpers were sunk by the Prince Albert Rivermen, losing 10-4 in their first-ever match.

Two days after losing in their home opener, the U10 Smokejumpers travelled to Prince Albert to faceoff against the Prince Albert Eightytwos, coming out on the wrong side of a 7-6 match.

Both the U10 and the U12 Smokejumpers returned to action at home Monday night, with the U10 squad hosting the Eightytwos, and the U12 team taking a second

shot at the Rivermen.

### U10 Smokejumpers

In a low-scoring affair compared to the 7-6 scoring gallery the two teams put on in their first meeting, it was the Smokejumpers who jumped out to an early lead over the Eightytwos by playing a highly physical game and keeping the pressure on in the offensive end.

The Eightytwos turned the tables, giving the Smokejumpers a taste of their own medicine and tying the game at 1-1 early in the second period. Facing a penalty kill, the Smokejumpers rallied and reclaimed the lead once they were

back at full strength. Then, making the most of a powerplay early in the third frame, the Smokejumpers scored to go up 3-1.

While the Smokejumpers continued to pour on the pressure, it was the Eightytwos who closed the gap to 3-2 by capitalizing on a turnover off a failed Shellbrook scoring attempt.

It was too little too late, however, as the Smokejumpers were able to pounce on a turnover in the Eightytwos' end and bury a ball in the back of the net to claim a 4-2 victory and their first win.

The U10 Smokejumpers will

return to action in Shellbrook on May 16, when they host the Trappers for a rematch.

### U12 Smokejumpers

Hoping for redemption against the Rivermen, the U12 Smokejumpers instead found themselves down early as the physical game played by the Rivermen opened the door for a breakaway rush. And after the Smokejumpers failed to get any momentum going on a four-minute powerplay, the Rivermen turned a missed Shellbrook scoring opportunity into a 2-0 lead.

Though the Smokejumpers sab-

otaged another powerplay by taking a penalty of their own, they managed to pull within one by scoring on an odd-angled shot. Moments later, they tied the game up with a beautiful pass and a well-placed shot.

This, however, was as close as the Smokejumpers would get for the rest of the game, as they buckled beneath the constant pressure and hard hits of the Rivermen and surrendered five unanswered goals to go down by a final score of 7-2.

The U12 Smokejumpers' next game in Shellbrook is set for May 16 against the Prince Albert Fort.



A loose ball in front of the goal allows U10 Smokejumper Jake Shewchuk to lay a big hit on the PA Eightytwos' Lucas Bear.



U12 Smokejumper Caleb Philp finds himself with a wide-open shot but fails to tally during Monday's game against the PA Rivermen.



## OBITUARY

*Sylvia Raymonde Lepage*

Sylvia Raymonde Lepage was born May 3, 1955, Shellbrook, SK and passed away April 24, 2022, Leoville, SK at the 66 years of age.

Sylvia is lovingly remembered by her loving husband of 47 years: **Dwayne** Lepage, her 4 children: **Chad** (Daralyn) Lepage and family: Chelsea and her children Casi, Cara, and Bella, Daymon, Bryden and Maren. **Jamie** (Byron) Soucy and family: Wyatt and Jordyn, **Riley** Lepage and family: Hadley and Kipp, **Faryn** (Ed) Anderson and family: Bryer, Paisley

and Cooper. Her loving father: Sylva Bisson, her brother-in-law: Alphonse Bruneau, her sister: Denise (Camille) Dumais, her brother-in-law: Gerald Doetzel, her sisters-in-law: Valerie (Hubert) Turgeon; Bonnie (Ken) Wasden also numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins.

She was predeceased by: Infant daughter: Crystal; Parents-in-law: Bob and Doris Lepage; Sister-in-law Dianne Doetzel; Nephew: Dustin Wasden; Step-niece: Amanda Bruneau; Mother: Thérèse Bisson; Sister: Irene Bisson.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, April 30, 2022, 11:00

am Ste. Therese Roman Catholic Church, Leoville, SK, Father Ramel Macapala and Sister Rita Bisson concelebrated the Funeral Mass. Sylvia's final resting place will be in the Leoville Cemetery, Interment will take place on June 11, 2022, at 2:00 pm. Memorial donations may be made to Kinsmen Telemiracle 2217C Hanselman Ct, Saskatoon, SK S7L 6A8. 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, R. Mark Muir Funeral Director, Spiritwood, SK (306) 883-3500.

## GOOD NEWS

## TAKING THE HIGH ROAD

I must say at times taking the high road is not always easy to do. But I read things like "holding a grudge doesn't make you strong; it makes you bitter. Forgiving doesn't make you weak; it sets you free." I was reminded lately, "If you continue to carry the bricks from your past, you will end up building the same house."

I read about David in the Old Testament and have to admit I admire his faith and courage as he was willing to take on Goliath. But as the years go by, I've started to admire David even more for when he was willing to take the high road.

I see that very plainly in David's dealing with King Saul. What is tricky about his relationship with King Saul is that Saul is not only David's king, but also his father-in-law. King Saul has this thinking that David wants to harm him. So, for a number of years David is hiding from King Saul. They play this cat and mouse game. Twice, King Saul comes in arms length of David and David could have easily taken his life.

But here is why I admire David. He says no. He decided to take the high road.

One preacher put it this way "On two occasions, David had Saul in his power and could have killed him (I Samuel 24,26), but he refused to do so. Instead, he showed mercy. Some of his men wanted David to kill their enemy; they argued that God had brought Saul into their power. But David knew that his real power was not in killing but in showing mercy."

Romans 12 begins with surrender and ends with, "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head."

If people throw stones at you, don't throw them back. Build something with them. Take the high road.

As Romans 12:21 reminds us, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Blessings,  
Pastor David Bodvarson  
SPA

*Beets: easy to grow and tasty*

**By Sara Williams and Jackie Bantle**

If you haven't seeded your beets in the garden, it's not too late. Beets (*Beta vulgaris*) are one of those root vegetables that can be seeded early in May but because of their relatively short growing season (55 days or so), they can be seeded as late as mid-July for a fall harvest.

Beets are a member of the goosefoot family (*Chenopodiaceae*) because their leaves were supposed to resemble those of geese. The word beet is from the Celtic word, *bett*, meaning red.

For those of us who make beet leaf "roll-ups" stuffed with rice, it's reassuring to learn that beets were indeed first cultivated for their leaves rather than their roots, as seen in 8th century BC cuneiform tablets from Babylon. They were well established in the Mediterranean region by Greek classical times where they were used medicinally and for flavouring.

The large roots that we use today were not known until the Christian era. Beets gradually spread through Europe where they were first called "Roman beets", indicating that the swollen red taproots had been developed and introduced from Italy during the Roman era.

In his 1597 Herbal, Gerard wrote that "The greater red bet or Roman beet, boyled and eaten with oyle, vinegre and pepper, is a most excellent and delicate salad."

These early beets tended to be coarse, misshapen and hairy. The smaller globes were not developed until the 1800s. By 1828, four varieties were listed in American seed catalogues. 'Detroit Dark Red', still a favourite today, was first listed in an American catalogue in 1892.

Beets can be seeded early in spring although if seedlings experience many days of cool weather (5°C or below), this may encourage plants to bolt, forming flowers and seed heads instead of good sized roots. Extreme heat in summer can also cause bolting. Plant beet seeds 5 mm deep, either in a scatter row or 30-45 cm between rows. Thin plants to 5-7.5cm spacings within the

row. There is no need to 'hill' beet roots with soil if they push out of the ground; the feeder roots remain below ground.

Staggered plantings for beets are recommended to provide a long harvest period of tender, juicy roots: older beet roots tend to be oversized and may also have a tough, woody texture. By seeding a new row of beets 2-3 weeks apart until mid-July, one can ensure that the beets you harvest will have excellent texture and flavor right through to fall.

Young beet seedling leaves are a favorite of sparrows: don't be surprised to see your morning beet seedlings disappear by the time you come home from work in the late afternoon. To prevent bird damage, cover beet rows with crop covers or supported bird netting early in the season.

Beet roots come in a variety of colours; from red to striped white and red, pink, black to orangish yellow and white. The flavour among all of the beet types is very similar. Beets that are used to make sugar (ie. sugar beets) are different than garden beets. Sugar beets have a sugar content of 15-20% and are a long season crop whereas garden beets usually contain only 5% sugar content. Garden beets are not only grown for their edible root but they can also be grown for their edible leaves; used in salads and beet-dough roll-ups. 'First Crop' and 'Early Wonder Top' are two beet cultivars recommended for their large, flavourful leaves.

Beet harvest can start as soon as roots are the size that you desire. Most beet roots have reached their prime flavor when they are 5-7.5cm in width. Cut petioles at approximately 4 cm above the top of the root. As with all root crops, do not cut off the root at the bottom as this will lead to desiccation in storage as well as beet 'bleeding'. Beets will tolerate some autumn frost and will sweeten up with cool autumn temperatures.

Ideal storage conditions for beets are just above 0°C and high humidity. Storing root crops in a plastic bag in a fridge or in moist sand in your garage (just above 0°C) are

good locations. Remove excess soil before storage. If you must wash roots before storage, wash gently: new wounds will encourage bacterial rots.

Betacyanin, the pigment responsible for the red colour, is extremely water soluble. Which is why borscht is red. And in some individuals, lacking the requisite genes to properly metabolize betacyanin, beets turn their urine pink.

Retired from the University of Saskatchewan, Sara's most recent book is *Growing Fruit in Northern Gardens* with Bob Bors. She's been hosting garden tours for over 20 years - to Great Britain, Ireland, Europe, Turkey and Iceland. Join her for a tour of French gardens this September [Contact Ruth at 1-888-778-2378, [www.worldwidecotours.com](http://www.worldwidecotours.com)]

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*This column is provided courtesy of the Saskatchewan Perennial Society (SPS; [saskperennial@hotmail.com](mailto:saskperennial@hotmail.com)).*



**Fully grown 'Detroit Dark Red Beets' seeded in May and harvested in mid-July. Photo credit: Jackie Bantle**

NOTICE OF  
PASSING*Raymond  
Laventure*

It is with great sadness that the family of Raymond Laventure announces his passing on May 2nd, 2022 at the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon.

The Graveside Service will be held in the Leoville Cemetery on Saturday, May 14th at 11:00a.m. with Father Ramel Macapala officiating.

Lunch and fellowship to follow at the Leoville Community Hall.



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Lorne James Person  
July 11, 1938 -  
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at the age of 74.  
Gone but not forgotten.  
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