

## Students of Kerri English showcase talent at recital



**Burke DeBruijn and Kael Bick delighted the audience by playing and singing their rendition of "Davy Crockett," complete with hats.**

For the first time since 2019, the Shellbrook Theatre came alive with the sound of the music of Kerri English's students when they took to the stage for their spring recital.

With proud parents and loved ones cheering them on from the theatre house, English's 19 students — and one special guest alumnus — bowed, plucked, picked, strummed, and sang their way through 26 separate numbers, including some solos, some duets, and even some larger ensemble pieces.

As is always the case with the spring recital, the performances were almost as diverse as English's students, ranging from traditional fiddle jigs and waltzes, to old-time numbers, to classic and contemporary country tunes, and even a couple classic rock and blues songs.

Yet, for all their many differences, each number had one important thing in common: they all got the audience's toes tapping and hands clapping, right from the opening group number to the closing ensemble tune.

In the program for this year's recital, English once again expressed gratitude to band members Dennis Adams (guitar, and vocals on one number), Mick Gratias (bass), and Dean Kushneryk (drums), who spent a lot of time rehearsing with the students, giving them a valuable opportunity to play with professional back-up musicians.

English also thanked Jeff Lake from Spectrum Sound for running sound and lights for the show and everyone else involved in making sure the show goes off without a hitch, including the students'

families and her own family.

English also took a moment to reflect on the past two years of grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I am so proud of my students and their family supports for being so resilient throughout all the changes we have had to adapt to over the last couple of years," she wrote. "In-person lessons were moved to online lessons for a good portion of that time. I congratulate my new students for embracing their new music experience in the midst of masking and restrictions."

English also had words of encouragement for her students as they continue their musical journeys.

"It is so rewarding to watch you progress and to see you shine and grow as you share your talents on the stage," she said.

"Keep up the good work and remember — music is a universal language and easy to carry with you wherever your path may lead."

Students performing in Sunday afternoon's recital included Kael Bick, Kally Bick, Chance Buckingham, Sofia Buckingham, Burke DeBruijn, Raef DeBruijn, Winston DeBruijn, Anna Dinsdale, Natalia Gallegos, Ginny Gradin, Dayton Graham, Hudson Henry, Keira Howden, Cindy Painchaud, Marcail Philp, Rebecca Schutte, Gavin Smart, Elyse White-side, and Becky Wilson.

Jaden Schutte was the special guest alumnus, who showcased his talents on electric guitar with a pair of numbers: "Nervous Breakdown" and "The Thrill is Gone" (with vocals by Dennis Adams).

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# SARCS' Pie In the Eye a huge success

A long-standing tradition in Spiritwood, Pie In the Eye has raised money for a variety of community causes over the years.

The biennial event has become one of the major fundraisers for paying down the debt on the recreation centre in Spiritwood and with the break due to COVID-19, it wasn't a sure bet that starting up again would yield the same types of profits that had been seen in the past.

However, some of the people who attended Happy Hour one Friday talked about it and felt that it was worth trying, and they were right.

This year's event, which took place on April 23, brought in over \$40,000, which is a substantial portion of the mortgage payment on the recreation centre. Every dollar spent on the voting, pies, and the donations that were made went directly into the mortgage account to help pay down the debt on the recreation centre. Bar proceeds from the event are general operating funds, but even that was a huge boost for the recreation centre, with the bar gross proceeds being over \$3,000.

Jill Mayo, Cari Cross, and Kaeli Cross got together in February to decide how they were going to proceed with this fundraiser, and it was decided that the format from the past worked well, and with a couple of small tweaks, it would proceed as it had. The major difference from past years is that

e-transfers are more widely used, and that proved to be a valuable tool.

The top 15 vote-getters would be asked to attend the event on April 23 to receive a "Pie In the Eye." Votes cost \$1 each, and could either be e-transferred to SARCS directly, or dropped off at the Town Office. At the event itself, there would be a live auction for the right to throw a pie at those top 15 vote-getters, as well as 15 or so "wild cards." Those would be chosen by the top bidder at the auction from those in attendance.

Voting started off a bit slow, but the last day proved that anything can happen. Many of those who had been in the running for the top 15 were knocked off that list by a few last-minute voters. At the top of the list in the end was Kendall Gaboury, whose employees, family, and friends rallied together on the last day to send in \$350 to ensure that Kendall got to receive a pie in the eye.

The second-top vote getter was also a new name to the list. Mike Sarrazin had 280 votes. Third place for votes was JR Bussiere, followed closely by co-worker Bryce Wasden. Martodam Motors must have been busy collecting those votes! Also on the top 15 list was Don Tipton, Kaeli Cross, Adam Gatzke, Doug Dyck, Jeff Caffet, Brad Nemish, Abby Fiala, Aiden Neilsen-Clark, Maurice Bussiere, Shawna Schira-Kroeker, and Travis Penner.

All told, the voting for top 15 brought in \$4,102, which was a pleasant surprise to those who were organizing this year's event.

April 23, the rec centre mezzanine was buzzing with excitement, and the good-natured banter among those in attendance proved that our community is strong and friendly. A 50/50 draw, manned by Liz Valette, Heather Gatzke, and Joyce Willick, was guaranteed for \$500 by Timber Spirit Supply, and Tara Johnson was the winner, taking home \$680.

The ladies also sold tickets for the SARCS Mother's Day Raffle, which is another fundraiser that SARCS is holding, with some beautiful prizes. Sales for that were also booming, and will help with the operating costs for the recreation centre.

Boyd Stuart was the auctioneer for the night, and did a fantastic job of keeping the bids going, and entertaining the crowd. This was Boyd's first Pie In the Eye, and the crowd made sure to make him feel welcomed, by making him the recipient of a pie himself at the end of the night. It was with a big smile that he took a pie, too. In all, bidding for the chance to throw a pie at one of the top 15 brought in \$11,950, with the top bid for one of the top 15 pies being \$1,375.

The wild card pies proved to be a friendly back and forth toward the end of the evening, with some of those in attendance getting



Heather Sarrazin gives fellow real estate agent and good sport Shawna Schira-Kroeker a pie in the face during SARCS' Pie in the Face fundraiser.

"pied" multiple times, and some of those intending to throw a pie ending up on the receiving end of one while waiting on what they expected to be their recipient. It was all in good fun, and the pies sold following those shenanigans were sent right back to most of those involved.

In the end, Tyron Bill, Daniel Drieschner, Debbie Allan, Deryk Franson, Bevrá Fee, Jason Gaboury, Aaron Dauvin, Jordan Walter, Abby Fiala, Lane Reid, Al Caffet, Michael Sarrazin, Glenelda Saam, Landon Swityk, Brad Nemish, Cassidy Evans, Abby Fiala and

Emily Fiala, Maurice Bussiere, Les Walker, and Boyd Stuart all ended up getting "pied." All of the wild card pies brought in \$18,725, with the two highest of those pies going for \$1,200 each.

Throwing the pie wasn't always done by the bidder, though. In some cases, the purchaser had a spouse throw the pie at the recipient, but there were a few surprises that came out as well. Jeff and Raquel Caffet's daughter, Charli, was asked to throw the pie at Kaeli Cross, one of the top 15, and Joyce Willick had to be coaxed into throwing a pie at Bevrá Fee, as Les Walker purchased the pie just to ensure that our long-time caretaker and ice maker at the arena, Joyce, would be included in the

action.

The other unexpected surprise of the evening was the "surprise pie" to be thrown by the person who had a picture of a lady throwing a pie taped to the bottom of their chair. The person who was to receive the pie had a picture of a man with pie in his face under their chair. It turned out that Jadelyn Tiringier was to throw the pie at 6-year old Charli Caffet. The crowd took pity on Charli, allowing her to choose another person from her table to receive the pie, and Tyler Cross got the honours.

All told, the Pie In the Eye proved that the community of Spiritwood was ready to get back to having events and is, as always, ready to support SARCS and the recreation centre.

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## Shellbrook Museum

Have you or you family donated an item to the Shellbrook Museum and you wish to have it back?

Shellbrook Museum volunteers are currently compiling Shellbrook relevant artifacts from the museum and organizing them to be displayed in permanent locations throughout the community. The remaining artifacts within the Shellbrook Museum are currently in the process of being decommissioned. Artifacts not being used for displays will be offered back to individuals of families that originally donated them. Individuals/families must provide proof of donation of the item. After the item return date has expired, items will be offered to Museums throughout Saskatchewan. If there are items left at the end of the decommissioning process they will be auctioned.

**Contact the Town Office by May 26, 2022**

For any questions, please contact Jessica Kernohan, Recreation Director, at the Town Office: 306.747.4900  
[recdirector@townofshellbrook.ca](mailto:recdirector@townofshellbrook.ca)

# Big River Super 50/50 grows to \$6,665

**Submitted by Maisie Krienke**

The Big River & District Recreation Improvement Association once again hosted its Annual Super 50/50. This is a project the association sponsors in lieu of not being able to host its Annual Ice Fish Derby. Several board members sold various packages of tickets working the jackpot up to \$6,665.

Shortly after Marco picked one ticket from the huge draw drum on Thursday, April 28, Maisie made a phone call. Even though Wendy was busy on another call, she quickly dropped that phone and moved to listen to the news being reported on Kelly's phone.

Kelly quickly asked, "Could you

please repeat that?"

Message repeated, "Congratulations Kelly and Wendy Greenhough. You are the lucky winners of the Super 50/50 jackpot of six thousand, six hundred and sixty-five dollars."

Kelly's response, "Oh, my God, could you repeat that one more time... just want to make sure I heard it right!"

The Recreation Improvement Association had hosted the Annual Ice Fishing Derby for 19 consecutive years when COVID restrictions brought it to a halt. The fishing portion of this event is hosted on Cowan Lake. However, much of the event takes place at the Community Centre, starting out early

with a pancake breakfast and registration and followed by the awards presentation with a bar and concession later in the day.

It was an event that raised \$15,000+ each year. Due to restrictions, it was not possible to host the event at that level. In order to recover some of the fundraising dollars, the Super 50/50 was instituted in the past two years. It has been a great fundraiser. However, it does not replace the Fish Derby event, which will be back next year. Be prepared by marking your calendar for the 2023 Ice Fishing Derby.

This association made a donation of \$20,000 towards the purchase of

the new groomer for Timber Trails SnoRiders in 2021. Eighty per cent of the net profits from all funds raised by this association in 2022 and 2023 will go toward capital projects at Big River Golf Club and Ski Timber Ridge.

Other major projects hosted by this group include the Annual Monthly Lottery, October Community Auction, and Festival of Trees. These events have historically been attractions, not only for our local folks but also for tourists, as well as an opportunity for many people to return home for a weekend for fun social gatherings.

We always look forward to the great participation of our fans in these events.

Once again, congratulations to Kelly and Wendy on their big win!

## Local artist presents first children's book

**Submitted by Gerda Bruner**

On Tuesday, April 26, at 1 p.m., Wapiti's Canwood Library Branch welcomed teacher Mr. Tibbs and his Canwood School Grade 7 and 8 class, to a book presentation by local artist and illustrator Lucille Scott.

*Ride, Gabe, Ride* is a children's book released in 2021, and is Lucille's first adventure as a children's book illustrator.

Author Wilfred Burton had asked Lucille to do the illustrations about legendary Métis leader Gabriel Dumont, because he knew she could capably draw horses and buffalo. The events in the book are based around an actual, incredible hunting story involving Gabriel Dumont. Mr. Burton also asked Lucille to include a painting of a clever raven in every double page to help capture the attention of eager young readers.

On display for the reading was an intricately carved buffalo horn mounted on part of a deer antler, created by carver Ben Forest of La Ronge, that was shared for viewing by Roger Provencher's Canadian Bison business. Dave Letendre's hand-crafted mini Red River cart was also displayed. Lucille's unique birch bark basket was filled with her feather painted bookmarks, and she later gave one to each delighted student. A perfectly framed Partridge feather painting by Lucille was also on the display table.

Two Métis sashes graced the display table. One hand-woven sash originally came from Winnipeg with the second being a manufactured piece. Lucille spoke of the many practical uses of the Métis sash. The weight of the

displayed buffalo hide coat originally manufactured by The Prince Albert Fur Company many years ago, surprised students as they took turns lifting it. The five mounted buffalo horns arranged as a coat hanger, proved further that an attempt was made to use every part of the harvested animals.



Artist Lucille Scott presents *Ride, Gabe, Ride*, a children's book she illustrated for author Wilfred Burton, to Grade 7 and 8 students from Canwood School.

Following the book discussion, Lucille led the students in the sketching of a raven. She emphasized the physical and life differences between the raven and a crow as they drew.

As Lucille's interesting presentation came to a close, the library was filled with the tantalizing aroma of freshly cut bison jerky for each student to taste. The treat was brought into the library on behalf of Canadian Prairie Bison by Amie Svendsen and Marie-Anne Grimard.

The class left the library with their gifted bookmarks, bagged snack treats and perhaps an inspiration that they, too, could become a book illustrator.

We eagerly await the second children's book authored by Wilfred Burton and illustrated by Lucille Scott, that is now in the process of being published.



Big River Super 50/50 winners Kelly and Wendy Greenhough took home a prize of \$6,665.

### PUBLIC NOTICE Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the RM of Big River No. 555 intends to adopt a bylaw pursuant to Section 207 of the *Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 1/19 known as the Zoning Bylaw.

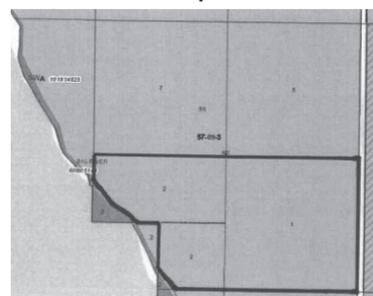
**INTENT**

- To amend zoning district map by rezoning from A - Agriculture District to LR1 - Low Density Lakeshore Residential District the land described as LSD 1 36-57-09 W3 Ext 16, LSD 2 36-57-09 W3 Ext 19, SE LSD 2 36-57-09 W3 Ext 20, listed below as Map 1.
- To amend zoning district map by rezoning from A - Agriculture District to LR1 (Hold) - Low Density Lakeshore Residential District (Hold) the land described as Blk A, Plan 101814825 Ext 21 in SW 36-57-09 W3, LSD 7 36-57-09 W3 Ext 17 and LSD 8 36-57-09 W3 Ext 18, listed below as Map 2.

**AFFECTED LANDS**

Section 36-57-09 W3 and Parcel A, Plan 101814825, in the RM of Big River No. 555 shown within the bold line on the following maps.

Map 1



Map 2



**REASON**

The reason for the amendment is to accommodate residential uses.

**PUBLIC INSPECTION**

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the RM Office on any judicial day between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Council will hold a public hearing on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the Big River Community Centre at 606 First Street North, Big River, SK at 10:45 a.m. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office before the hearing.

Issued at Big River this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

Michael Yuzik  
Rural Municipal Administrator

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## Sask. Party must get serious about suicide

On Nov. 27 of last year, Nadine Ness, the founder of Unified Grassroots, posted a video on YouTube lamenting the fact that Premier Scott Moe and other Sask. Party MLAs wouldn't meet with her to hear her concerns about the province's proof of vaccination mandate.



JORDAN TWISS

News Editor

"I've tried to get a hold of Scott Moe, I've called their MLAs several times," Ness said in the video. "No one seemed to listen to our concerns. They seem to have their own way of doing things and they're not open to listening and representing the people of Saskatchewan."

A week later, Ms. Ness was singing a different tune when she revealed she'd had a "good, productive" hour-long talk with the premier.

And a month after that, the Sask. Party refused to confirm or deny whether MLAs attended a Unified Grassroots event headlined by Drs. Francis Christian and Peter McCullough, both prominent pandemic and vaccine skeptics. And not too long after this, the province began dropping its public health measures.

In the face of criticism over his decision to take the call with Ms. Ness, Mr. Moe stood his ground. Quite rightly, he said it's important for us to engage in open conversations with others – especially when we might disagree with them.

Funny, then, that the same philosophy didn't apply in 2018, when the Justice for our Stolen Children Camp was set up on the doorstep of the Saskatchewan Legislature building. The camp was established to protest injustices against Indigenous people in the child welfare, justice, and corrections systems.

In this case, it took 120 days for members of the Sask. Party government to schedule time to meet with representatives of the group.

Three weeks after this meeting, the government sought a court order to have the camp disbanded, on the grounds it was in violation of Wascana Park bylaws. In September of 2018, a judge sided with the government and ordered the camp to be dismantled. An appeal of the ruling is making its way through the courts.

In the aftermath of the initial court ruling ordering the camp to be removed, Mr. Moe said he never met with any of the protesters and never saw the need to.

Two years later, nearly the same scenario played out when Tristen Durocher undertook a 28-day, 635-kilometre walk to Regina to bring attention to the suicide crisis in northern Saskatchewan communities.

To their credit, Minister of Rural and Remote Health Warren Kaeding and Minister of First Nations, Métis, and Northern Affairs Lori Carr, took just six days to meet with Mr. Durocher.

The very next day, however, it was confirmed that the government was seeking to have Mr. Durocher removed, once again for violating Wascana Park bylaws.

This time its court action failed, and Mr. Durocher left voluntarily on Sept. 13 after completing a 44-day hunger strike (oddly, on Oct. 1, Mr. Moe said he wouldn't rule out an appeal of the court's decision).

Even with Mr. Durocher's efforts, it wasn't until April 30, 2021, that the Sask. Party government passed Saskatchewan Strategy for Suicide Prevention Act (Bill 601), a private member's bill brought forward by NDP MLA Doyle Vermette.

The unanimous approval came after similar bills were voted down on two occasions (prompting Mr. Durocher's protest). For whatever reason, the government was vehement in its denial that Mr. Durocher was the catalyst for its change of heart.

Bill 601 requires the Ministry of Health to "enter into consultations with relevant non-governmental organizations, relevant entities within the governments of the provinces and territories and relevant federal departments" within 180 days of its passing.

The information gathered is to be used to create a provincial suicide prevention strategy, and the ministry is required to produce annual updates on that strategy starting in April 2023.

A year after Bill 601's passing, Mr. Vermette is concerned the Sask. Party is already abandoning its responsibility.

The Ministry of Health, meanwhile,



says it's already engaged with an advisory group, including other ministries, law enforcement, a psychiatrist, the Saskatchewan Health Authority and the Saskatchewan Prevention Institute, for Pillars for Life, a suicide prevention plan it released in 2020.

The ministry says Pillars of Life, which includes five "pillars" of specialized supports, training, awareness, restriction of means of suicide, and surveillance, meets the definition of a suicide prevention strategy under Bill 601.

Yet, advocates and families affected by suicides disagree, and say they're concerned by the lack of progress and consultation on a real suicide prevention plan that includes tangible targets and permanent resourcing.

Sally Ratt, a resident of Stanley Mission whose daughter died by suicide in 2016, would like to see more programs targeted at youth, especially victims of bullying, and more accessible mental health services (there's only one child psychiatrist practicing in northern Saskatchewan).

"I think they were under public pressure to come up with something so they agreed with what was being asked, but they never really intended it," said Saskatoon resident Marilyn Irwin, who lost her son to suicide four years ago.

"I think this might have to go back to

the people of Saskatchewan – back to square one."

In 2018, the last year for which complete data is available, the provincial coroner's service reported 241 deaths by suicide (an all-time high for the province). Preliminary numbers for 2019 through 2021, show 207, 198, and 163 deaths by suicide, respectively.

With 38.9 suicides per 100,000 people, Saskatchewan leads the nation in per capita suicide rates.

However, suicide rates in First Nations are considerably higher – 90 per 100,000 people for males aged 20-29, and 50 per 100,000 for girls aged 10-19, according to a study published by the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations. Indeed, between 2010 and 2016, suicide was the leading cause of death for people aged 20 to 41 in northern Saskatchewan.

The suicide crisis is real and it's here. Yet, the Sask. Party government's 2022-2023 budget for mental health reduces spending as a share of overall healthcare funding, and the funding increase to \$470 million from \$458 million isn't even enough to keep pace with inflation.

If it only took the issue as seriously as it did the minority opposition to pandemic mandates, perhaps this government could come up with an effective suicide prevention strategy.

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## Report from the Legislature

This past month has reminded us just how unpredictable weather on the prairies can be. At the start of April, a winter snowstorm hit many areas. Around Maple Creek, SaskPower crews and contractors replaced more than 600 power poles while repairing 50 kilometres of power lines. This past weekend, more damage was recorded as another storm rolled in with nearly 25,000 customers in southeast Saskatchewan left without power.

Thank you to everyone who worked during and after the storm to restore services to those in need.

These two storms serve as a reminder about how important reliable utilities are. Our government is committed to investing in Saskatchewan's Crown corporations. With the 2022/23 Budget, we will spend nearly \$1.8 billion on

capital projects to maintain and enhance utility infrastructure while supporting economic growth.

SaskPower will invest a record \$1.1 billion to improve reliability, replace aging electrical infrastructure, and meet customer demand. This will include increasing our ability to generate electricity for our growing province. Work has started on a new nat-



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ural gas-fired electrical plant just south of Moose Jaw and updates at the EB Campbell Hydroelectric Station will extend its life and increase access to clean, reliable power.

This budget invests more than \$272 million into Saskatchewan's natural gas transmission and distribution system to ensure safe, reliable and affordable services to SaskEnergy customers. This year, the Crown gas company will expand the Regina East and West transmission lines, complete connections to supply the Moose Jaw electrical plant with natural gas and expand the distribution system to support new customers.

For SaskTel, the telecommunications company remains focused on connecting people to the world by investing \$337 million into the province's information and communication

technology infrastructure. Investments will support quality networks, continued deployment of fibre service to rural customers and modernization of network infrastructure with the rollout of SaskTel's 5G wireless network.

With our growing province comes a growing need for sustainable water and wastewater systems. SaskWater will invest nearly \$53 million to support significant industrial growth along with continued investment in the water systems.

Support for our water network extends over to the Water Security Agency (WSA) with \$72 million in funding. Our economy has been growing by leaps and bounds in recent years and many of those new industries require water for their production facilities. Our communities are growing as more people move



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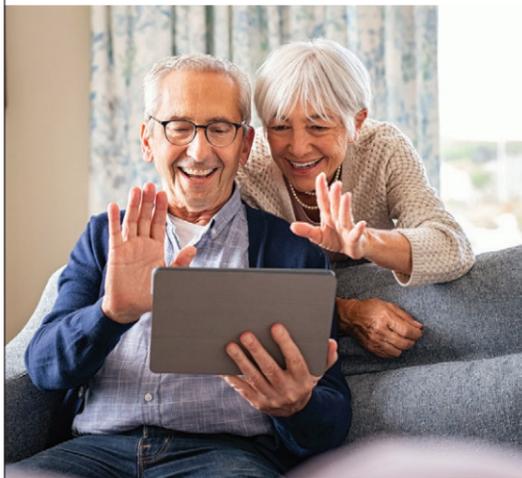
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to Saskatchewan. This growth presents unique challenges, and this budget will support WSA in its efforts to ensure a safe and secure water supply. Their efforts will increase the sustainability of our economic growth while building a water supply network that is resilient to extreme weather patterns like the 2021 drought. To help manage that water supply,

\$45 million will rehabilitate infrastructure such as dams and other water control structures. Another \$25 million will support large and small irrigation projects that contribute to economic, irrigation and food security goals.

In our Growth Plan, we set goals to create 100,000 new jobs, grow private capital investment to \$16 billion annually and increase the provincial population to 1.4 million people by 2030. In order to support that growth, our Crown corporations will invest more than \$8 billion over the next five years to make capital infrastructure improvements.

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# Highlights of a Shellbrook Town Council meeting

Shellbrook's Town Council met for its regular meeting in person and via teleconference on Monday, May 2.

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Otterson and council began by approving the meeting's agenda and adopting the minutes of its April 18 regular meeting. With no business arising from said minutes, council moved on to review and approve its draft 2022 budget.

Having gone through the budget (the *Chronicle & Herald* will provide an in-depth exploration of the budget once it obtains a copy), council moved into its reports. Starting with the CAO's report, Hoare noted she'd heard some concerns about the gas station at the current Co-op Agro Centre being closed down once the new facility opens on the east side of town, as some people don't

like having to cross the highway to fill up.

Councillor Nording shared some of these concerns, arguing that the town needs two gas stations. Mayor Otterson agreed that it's a question that could be put forward to Lake Country Co-op.

While there was no major public works items to discuss, Mayor Otterson noted that the public works crew has been stretched thin at times due to illnesses and holidays. Then, providing an update on the PARWU committee and board, Mayor Otterson said the board is looking at potential candidates to take over as chairperson, and that the design phase of the project is still ongoing.

In the Parkland Pool Project Steering Committee, updates were provided on the committee's fundraising efforts. In addition to \$2,500 from memorial donations for Dr. John Hughes, the committee hosted its first fundraiser at Kerri English's fiddle recital, and will be hosting another at Studio 747's year-end show. With the feasibility study still to come, Councillor Nording said she doesn't see

how it will make sense to renovate the old pool. She added there are lots of fundraising ideas floating around among the committee.

Shifting to hospital and clinics discussion, Mayor Otterson reported on a meeting with officials from the SHA. The officials toured Parkland Integrated Health Centre, and heard from nurses, doctors, and long-term care residents and staff.

While Mayor Otterson couldn't say what will come out of those discussions, he said there remain some gaps and the pandemic can no longer be blamed. One of the gaps is in the director of care position, which has seen a lot of turnover through the years.

Mayor Otterson said there hasn't been a lack of effort in recruiting, and the Recruitment and Retention Committee is ready to offer financial incentives to anyone willing to sign a return for service contract. Still, the position remains difficult to fill due to the demands of the job.

Mayor Otterson said one idea has been to split the position and have directors of care for acute

care and long-term care.

Rounding out reports, Hoare brought forward concerns from the library board about programming and the potential for library hours to be cut. Noting there's no concern about cuts yet, she said she expects programming will pick up over the summer when Wapiti sends a summer employee to assist with programming at the library.

Moving into unfinished business, council approved the Recreation Committee's proposed fee schedule for the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre, which includes an across-the-board two per cent increase for ice rentals, and a 1 per cent increase on the curling side.

While there was some concern about the increase not keeping up with costs, Councillor Ledding said the town's rates are already consistent with Prince Albert, and a larger increase could turn away users. Councillor Nording added that this year will be a true test of how sustainable current rates are, as user groups try to recover from the pandemic. Mean-

while, Mayor Otterson added that the goal needs to be to increase the user base.

Moving to new business, council's first order of business was to give three readings to and adopt the mill rate bylaw. After the mill rate was held steady for three years, this year sees a 5 per cent mill rate increase, bringing the rate to 4.17 mills from 3.98 mills. The base tax is also increasing, up to \$1,250 from \$1,200.

In other new business, council approved the terms of reference to establish a committee for the Shellbrook Volunteer Fire Department and approved a request from the department to purchase two "emergency scene ahead" signs with stands at a cost of \$513 each. As always, the costs will be shared 50/50 with the R.M. of Shellbrook.

Finally, after a public hearing yielded no objections council approved a discretionary use permit for the addition of shipping containers at Shellbrook Storage.

Having no further business to discuss, council adjourned for the evening.

## Shantaia joins First Up with RBCxMusic roster

Spiritwood-born country music sensation Shantaia is continuing to make waves in the music industry.

Just weeks after being named a semi-finalist in SiriusXM and the Canadian Country Music Association's (CCMA) Top of the Country competition, the singer-songwriter has announced she's been added to the roster of the First Up with RBCxMusic program.

As part of the program, artists benefit from performance opportunities, financial grants, media and promotional marketing support from RBCxMusic and its network of industry partners, including Live Nation Canada, AWAL (an alternative to traditional record label deals), Conscious Economics, Artscape, Trevor/Peter, and rock-it promotions.

Participating artists will also have access to curated

mentorship and networking opportunities with industry experts to help them take their craft to the next level.

"Selected artists were chosen based on a number of criteria, including active and upcoming projects and music releases, social media presence, and more," RBC said in a statement, noting it also prioritizes artists across diverse genres, experience levels, locations, and personal backgrounds.

"Not only is Shantaia a talented emerging artist, but she has been an absolute pleasure to work with. We can't wait to see all that she will accomplish in her career."

Shantaia has almost always known that she wanted to be a performer.

Under the tutelage of her older cousin, Riley Siebert, she began learning to play

guitar at age six. Then, by the time she was nine, she was already penning her own songs. Moving on to enter competitions in Saskatchewan, Alberta, and Manitoba, Shantaia got her first taste of the recording studio at 13 when she won CKRM's Big Country Talent Show competition.

She followed this up by winning Rawlco Radio's 10K20 Project, securing a prize of \$10,000 to record a full-length album with eight tracks.

Having grown up in a small town like Spiritwood, Shantaia comes by her musical influences honestly. Her family wasn't necessar-

ily musical, but the classic country music of Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton, and Loretta Lynn was always playing at home or blasting from the farm truck.

These deeply ingrained country roots were sprinkled with rock influences from her cousin Riley, who taught her to play Creedence Clearwater Revival and Aerosmith.

Though she grew up with a small-town mentality, Shantaia says there was always a part of her that wanted a little bit more. She pursued this something more by moving to Saskatoon at 16, finishing out her

high school career at Walter Murray Collegiate, where she played sports and joined choir, and getting more involved with Saskatchewan Country Music Association.

Through this, and by playing any venue, show, and festival she could, Shantaia says opportunities and new doors continued to open to her. All the while, her love of creating music, and having people relate to or connect to her creations, has only fueled her passion.

Having already devoted a decade of her life to the pursuit of her musical dreams (she's still only 24 years old), Shantaia made the move to Toronto, where she worked with a team to release new music in April 2020. Then,

after deciding Toronto was a little too big for her, she took the leap across the border and moved to Nashville in October 2020.

Now, with her latest single "Broke to Brand New" charting in the Top 40, and the Top of the Country competition and the First Up with RBCxMusic program on her plate, everything seems to be aligning for her.

"Being a part of First Up with RBCxMusic has opened so many doors for me, as well as many other fellow Canadian artists," Shantaia said. "I am so grateful for the networking and mentorship component of the program. As an emerging artist, having this type of support is so important."

### R.M. OF SHELLBROOK NO. 493 ASSESSMENT ROLL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll of the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493 for the year of 2022 has been prepared and is now open for inspection in the office of the Assessor from 8:30 a.m. to Friday 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday from May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 to June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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 appeal his/her assessment is required to file his/her notice of appeal accompanied by \$200.00 appeal fee per roll number with The Assessor, R.M. of Shellbrook, Box 250, Shellbrook, Sask, S0J 2E0, by the 10<sup>th</sup> of June, 2022.

Dated at Shellbrook, Saskatchewan, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

Duane Storey  
Administrator

### RM OF SPIRITWOOD NO. 496 NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 for the year 2022 has been prepared and is open for inspection at the Office of the Assessor from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 excluding statutory holidays.

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 306-883-2034 (RM of Spiritwood) or 1-800-667-5203 (SAMA).

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her Notice of Appeal with the Board of Revision, namely Western Municipal Consulting, Box 149, Meota, SK, S0M 1X0.

An appeal fee of \$75.00 per property and payable to the RM of Spiritwood must accompany the appeal. The appeal fee will be returned if the appeal is successful.

Dated at Spiritwood, Saskatchewan, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

Colette Bussiere,  
Assessor

### NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL R.M. OF BIG RIVER NO. 555

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll of the Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555 for the year 2022 has been prepared and is open to inspection at the office of the Assessor from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the following days: Monday to Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, to June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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

Any person wishing to discuss the notice of assessment or potential appeal may contact the Assessor at the RM of Big River No. 555, Box 219, Big River, SK S0J 0E0 or at the RM Office at 606 1<sup>st</sup> St N or call 306-469-2323.

Any person wishing to appeal an assessment is required to file a "Notice of Appeal to the Board of Revision", by June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, with Mike Ligtermoet 642 Agnew Street, Prince Albert, SK S6V 2P1 along with the applicable fee(s), made payable to the RM of Big River No. 555, which will be returned if the appeal is successful.

Dated at Big River, Saskatchewan this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

Michael Yuzik  
Assessor

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## Canola as biofuel takes another step forward

A recent announcement in the U.S. should have canola producers cautiously optimistic that a massive new market might open for their production.

"The United States Environmental Protection Agency published a proposed rule on April 12 that paves the way for canola oil to be used to make renewable diesel, jet fuel and other products," noted a recent article on [www.producer.com](http://www.producer.com).

"The EPA determined that canola oil meets the greenhouse gas emission reduction threshold of 50 percent required to qualify for advanced biofuel renewable

identification numbers under the U.S. Renewable Fuel Standard."

While currently open for feedback, if the rule moves forward it could be huge for the industry.

The Canola Council of Canada estimates "five to eight percent of Canada's annual canola production or about 1.8 million tonnes of seed are currently consumed by the North American biofuel sector," according to the article.

And, if the EPA's final ruling is positive, CCC president Jim Everson said, "very preliminary information would say that it could be as high as



CALVIN DANIELS

six to 6.5 (million tonnes) by 2030."

Certainly, on the market side for producers this is big news, and has to be seen as nothing but positive.

The biofuels industry in this case would be North American domestic in na-

ture meaning production plants and jobs for the canola sector, which is already providing jobs all over the Canadian Prairies thanks to a growing crush sector.

On the fuels side, it should be a good thing too.

There are good reasons to move to cleaner burning fuels in terms of protecting the environment and the atmosphere. While some will argue the answer lies away from the internal combustion engine, we remain some time away from developing alternatives when it comes to jets and huge ocean ships and even farm tractors and semis hauling our goods.

But the development of a vastly larger market for canola oil as fuel will mean the food production of a lot of farmland acres is lost too.

In the case of canola, it is the oil we consume, the leftover meal still almost exclusively a by-product of crushing that goes to livestock feed. One day, science will likely find a way to make the high protein canola meal palatable and useable for human food, but so far that is not the case.

It might be suggested the impact of the EPA decision won't be hugely impactful in terms of acres moving to produce fuel, not food. But

of course, the U.S. is only one country in a world where most are looking for biofuel options.

And let's not forget the world food market is also a volatile one. Droughts and frosts and wars happen all too often impacting food production, while populations inch higher.

This potential new canola market might not hurt food production, but the question needs to be asked: how much non-human food production becomes more than the system can absorb before people go hungry as grains and oilseeds flow to alternative markets?

## Sask. extends 4R nutrient stewardship agreement

The Government of Saskatchewan has re-signed a 2016 Memorandum of Co-operation (MOC) with Fertilizer Canada to support continued education, training and expansion regarding 4R Nutrient Stewardship in the province for an additional three years.

Adoption of a fertilizer management strategy that incorporates the Right fertilizer source at the Right rate, at the Right time, and in the Right place (4Rs) enhances environmental sustainability for producer operations by reducing greenhouse gas emissions while increasing crop production. A made-in-Canada program, 4R Nutrient Stewardship promotes such environmental stewardship through best practices in science-based nutrient management.

"Saskatchewan is a champion of 4R Nutrient Stewardship, and each year

more of our producers are strengthening their operations and our agriculture industry by adopting proven best practices such as this one," Agriculture Minister David Marit said. "Cooperating with Fertilizer Canada is a powerful way to encourage more producer participation, driving growth and, most importantly, increase environmental sustainability solutions, farm-by-farm, across the province."

Saskatchewan accounts for nearly half (46 per cent) of all 4R-designated acres in western Canada.

Land under 4R stewardship is among the five measures and targets within the province's Climate Resilience Measurement Framework that represent related priority areas for the agriculture industry. Saskatchewan is currently working toward a goal of 25 per cent of its crop-

land being under 4R designation by 2025.

"Saskatchewan has shown strong leadership in sustainable agriculture with their 2025 4R commitments," Fertilizer Canada President and CEO Karen Proud said. "We are thrilled with the extension of the MOC and the positive impact it will have on the environment, as well as offering farmers sustainable solutions for their crops. With the continuation of the program we believe we will continue to see the program grow and results increase for the province."

The 4R Nutrient Stewardship Advisory Committee - established by the Ministry of Agriculture with Fertilizer Canada, industry stakeholders, and the scientific community - provides guidance on awareness and adoption of the 4R practices. Saskatchewan also

encouraged adoption of 4R practices through 20 Agriculture Demonstration of Practices and Technologies (ADOPT) projects being carried out at Applied Research Management (Agri-ARM) field sites across the province, co-funded under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) and with co-funding from Fertilizer Canada for select projects that are related to 4R. The ministry has also offered CAP funding under the Farm Stewardship Program for a variable rate mapping beneficial management practice, and held four virtual 4R workshops in January 2021.

More information on 4R Nutrient Stewardship and sustainable farming in Saskatchewan is available at <https://fertilizercanada.ca/nutrient-stewardship/4rs-across-canada/saskatchewan/>.

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# Population holds steady throughout region

Statistics Canada has officially published population data gathered through the 2021 Census, and those figures suggest the population in the coverage area of the *Shellbrook Chronicle and Spiritwood Herald* is holding steady.

Among towns, the Town of Shellbrook saw a population increase of 66 residents, climbing to 1,510 from 1,444 in the 2016 Census. The Town of Spiritwood also saw its population increase, to 966 from 913, and the Town of Blaine Lake's population grew by 10, to 509 from 499. The Town of

Big River was the outlier, its population dropping to 666 residents from 702 in 2016.

Looking at villages in the region, many saw slight population dips. The Village of Parkside was an outlier, growing to 132 residents from 121, and so was the Village of Shell Lake, which grew to 189 residents from 175 in 2016.

Otherwise, the Village of Canwood saw its population dip to 314 from 332, the Village of Debden declined to 327 from a population of 337, and the Village of Leask's population fell to 379 from 399. Elsewhere, the Village of Leoville's

population dipped to 364 from 375, the Village of Marcelin went to a population of 142 from 153, and the Village of Medstead dropped to 121 residents from 130.

The 2021 Census brought a more mixed bag for Rural Municipalities in the region. The population in the RM of Big River increased to 994 from 889, and the RM of Blaine Lake saw its population climb to 301 from 281. Elsewhere, the RM of Spiritwood's population grew to 1,245 from 1,223, and the RM of Leask saw a major population increase, growing to 857 from

681.

Otherwise, the RM of Shellbrook saw a slight population dip, to 1,581 from 1,587, the RM of Medstead's population fell to 489 from 508, and the RM of Canwood's population dropped to 1,351 from 1,381.

First Nations in the area also saw a mix of population increases and decreases. Mistawasis First Nation saw a big gain, growing to 741 from 681, and so did Sturgeon Lake First Nation, growing to 1,224 from 1,174. Meanwhile, the population of Muskeg Lake First Nation grew to 271 from 241.

Rounding out the 2021

Census population numbers, Big River First Nation's population dipped to 1,535 from 1,553 and Ahtahkakoop First Nation saw its population fall to 1,402 from 1,472.

Looking at Saskatchewan as a whole, the province saw its population grow to 1,132,505 from 1,098,352, an increase of just over 3 per cent.

Breaking down the population by age, 19.7 of the population was aged 0-14, 62.8 per cent was aged 15 to 64, 17.5 per cent was aged 65 and over, and just 2.7 per cent was above the age of 85. The average age of the population was 39.8 years.

## Spirit Award winner Sandra Halseth

By Andrea Stewart

Sandra Halseth of Livelong, Sask., has received the Sweet Adelines International Region 26 Carol Poole Spirit of 26 Award for 2022.

Sandra has been a member of Battleford Blend Chorus since 2007, after she and her husband moved from Saskatoon to Turtle Lake. Prior to that time, she was a devoted member of Magic City, the Saskatoon chorus of Sweet Adelines International which she joined in 1973.

With 49 years on the risers, Sandra continues to enjoy the music, the travel, and especially the camaraderie in the chorus. That's why she continues to drive

an hour and a half each way to attend rehearsals in the Battlefords on Tuesday nights.

When Battlefords Blend first got their charter, Sandra was singing with Magic City Chorus in Saskatoon. "Our chorus travelled to North Battleford on a bitterly cold winter night in 1982 to 'sing them in', officially welcoming our new 'sisters in song.'"

That's where she formed a friendship with two of the Blend's charter members, which grew when they met at various regional events, for training or competition.

Travelling is not unusual for Sandra, as she has made several trips to various locations

for Region 26 competitions. She's been with her chorus to Regina, Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Burnaby, and Victoria and even attended the International Competitions in Indianapolis and Calgary.

When it comes to the competition weekends, she says, "My favourite part has always been the Mass Sing – a public performance of 500 to 800 singers!" In addition to that and actually singing with her chorus, Sandra attends the classes that are presented on a certain aspect of performances and coaching sessions by area directors. Whenever possible, she invites family members living in the host city to attend the Saturday evening show of champions.

In addition to the competitions, choruses also put on shows of their own and Sandra has been a part of those shows in many capacities, beyond singing as a lead. She has held various positions as a member of the board of directors, and been in-

involved in show planning and fundraising.

With all of her experience, she is the one in the chorus who can answer most questions regarding Sweet Adelines protocol and routines. She is also one who typically welcomes new or potential members whole-heartedly, knowing how much they can learn, do and enjoy with this group of women.

Although the travel and shows are a lot of hard work and fun, she says, "I find it very rewarding to entertain for seniors in nursing homes." Like many community-minded people, Sandra loves to give back to the community. And sometimes her community gives back to her.

"My sisters in the chorus brought me to tears with a show they brought to Livelong to support me during a three-year health struggle I had," Sandra says. "It was so appreciated." Even through her health struggles, she attended rehearsals when she could and continued to keep up with learning



Sandra Halseth has been a part of Sweet Adelines International since joining Magic City Chorus, Saskatoon, in 1973. She transferred her membership to Battlefords Blend Chorus in 2007, after she and her husband moved to Turtle Lake.

her music.

It sometimes takes a family to be a Sweet Adelines singer. "My older daughter was less than a year old when I joined Sweet Adelines," said Sandra. "My husband has always been supportive, to the point of trying to curl her uncurl-able hair the night before school pictures!"

Sandra's husband, Alden, and her children attended every

show and Alden helped with whatever he could. Her two daughters were even angels in one Christmas show and sang in "The Hills Are Alive" show with a group of Sweet Adelines kids.

With her experience and dedication to Battlefords Blend Chorus, Sandra is a worthy recipient of the Sweet Adelines International, Region 26 Spirit Award.

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# WP Sandin students broaden global horizons

Six students from WP Sandin High School got to continue becoming more worldly, when they participated in the 2022 Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) in Winnipeg last Thursday and Friday.

The students had previously participated alongside others at the in-person MUNA in Prince Albert. Connecting via Zoom this time, Ben Lafond and Megan Cameron represented the Russian Federation, Storm Rudolph and Graham Lamontagne presented on behalf of Uruguay,

and Ethan Klaassen and Daniel Vidal were tasked with debating from Yemen's perspective.

Participating along with more than 100 students from high schools across Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Ontario, North Dakota and Minnesota, the students spent much of the two days exchanging ideas and debating two key resolutions.

First, delegates discussed a resolution to develop "a framework for regulating social networking companies regarding data storage,

usage, transparency, and terms of use to safeguard democracy." Next, they focused their efforts on a resolution to "build a post-COVID-19 circular world economy for mitigating and enhancing resilience to future climate change."

Given current global events, there was also discussion of Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine. But when all the serious business had been addressed, delegates were given time to present more "fun" resolutions.

"I've always been interested in the way countries work and the way they run things. This was just an opportunity to broaden my knowledge of that," Ethan Klaassen said of what interested him about participating.

"The opportunity to learn the proper knowledge about how the UN does work, and the proper procedures, is interesting. It opens up lots of opportunities for the future," Storm Rudolph added.

Of course, participating in MUNA isn't as simple as attending and making up what the country you're assigned would say about the issues being debated.

There are clear and strict procedures to learn, and Klaassen says there's hours and hours of research involved in learning a country's stances on topics of discussion and arguing from that perspective.

"The crazy thing is taking the perspective of that country, even if your personal views don't align with that," said WP Sandin teacher Kirk Pilon, who coaches the students alongside Natasha Kostyniuk, the founder of the extracurricular program at WP Sandin.

"Being able to make a statement and defend that point is really beneficial to them, and it's going to apply in different aspects of their lives as well," he added.

For Ben Lafond, who had prior MUNA experience, representing Russia and having to defend the country's actions in Ukraine made for an interesting experience — especially when it can be difficult to get a word in.

Despite this challenge, he says he was impressed by his fellow participants

and the speeches and ideas they presented.

That said, he didn't exactly mind when the mood lightened near the end of day two.

"I really like seeing the fun resolutions at the end," he said. "All day for the past two days, we talked about really serious issues that have real-

ly big implications in our society. But at the end, in the last hour or so, we were talking about fun subjects these kids came up with on the spot."



W.P. Sandin High School's Model UN Assembly – Winnipeg participants, from left to right: Daniel Vidal, Ethan Klaassen, Graham Lamontagne, Storm Rudolph, Ben Lafond, and Megan Cameron.

## Parkside Community Club donates to local causes



Kelsey Segberg of the Parkside Community Club presents a \$1,000 cheque for the Parkland Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee to representative Amund Otterson.



Jory Segberg, president of the Parkside Community Club, presents a \$5,000 cheque to Dennis Simonar to support the Shell Lake Curling Club's effort to rebuild their rink.

### 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.

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# Moe calls for Wilson's resignation

Premier Scott Moe said a former Sask. Party MLA should resign her legislative assembly seat, after she rehashed old party drama while raising concerns about the government's proposed changes to security in the Legislature building.

During question period, now-independent MLA Nadine Wilson asked how changes to legislative security under the government's proposed Bill 70 would affect surveillance in the building.

If the legislation is passed, security of the building would largely change hands from the sergeant-at-arms to a force that reports to the Ministry of Public Safety. The officers would be government staff.

The sergeant-at-arms would still have ceremonial duties, but would only be responsible for security in the chamber.

In her line of questioning,

Wilson referenced an incident in 2002 involving a hidden camera and a theft in another MLA's office.

The incident Wilson raised, which was revealed in 2007, saw the Sask. Party caucus use a hidden camera in the office of former MLA Brenda Bakken-Lackey. They caught a staffer allegedly taking a small amount of cash from Bakken-Lackey's purse.

While the caucus asked for and received the employee's resignation, Moe told reporters that the party learned it should have brought the matter to the sergeant-at-arms earlier.

"That advice has been taken, but we haven't had an incident since then," he said.

Wilson, who said she is opposed to Bill 70, told the assembly the bill "protects the state more than the citizens." She asked how changes in se-

curity would deal with possible surveillance issues.

"What would be the consequences for individuals knowingly conducting surveillance in the legislative assembly without the knowledge of the sergeant-at-arms?" Wilson asked. "It happened in the building. How is the government going to deal with this with Bill 70?"

Wilson tabled two affidavits, signed this month, from former Sask. Party MLAs Jason Dearborn and Denis Allchurch. The affidavits state the MLAs were informed a "surveillance operation" was undertaken in Bakken-Lackey's office, revealing a staffer allegedly committed a theft and was later dismissed.

Moe said he wasn't sure if there was a protocol review after the incident, but added such matters haven't happened again. Moe also said he has

caucus support for the new legislation, which is meant to ensure safety of people who work and come to the building.

The Opposition NDP has previously called on the government to scrap the bill, arguing the security of the building needs to be independent. NDP Leader Ryan Meili told reporters he was surprised to learn of the 2002 incident.

With plans to move security to the ministry, he said he has worries about what happens in MLAs offices.

"It's a very upsetting situation, and not something we would want to happen," he said. "And if it did, we'd want to know and have a resolution, but we have a sergeant-at-arms. There's a process for that."

In response to Wilson's line of questioning in the Legislature last Thursday, Moe said

he's heard from constituents who would like a by-election for Wilson's seat because they didn't vote for an independent MLA.

"Are these the questions that are appropriately representing the constituents that she serves in this assembly? I'm not sure that they are," Moe said. "She could step down and ask for a by-election at any point in time and we would call it immediately."

Wilson told reporters she is staying put, and said she's heard nothing from her constituents about wanting a by-election.

"I'm not resigning," she said. "I'm there for the people."

Wilson, who represents Saskatchewan Rivers, resigned from the Sask. Party caucus last September over allegations she misrepresented her COVID-19 vaccination status.

## Shellbrook Legion hands out zone, district awards

Shellbrook Legion members Helen Dagenais, Henri Dagenais, and Brett Ethier stopped by Shellbrook Elementary School and WP Sandin High School to hand out the Zone and District prizes for the 2021 Remembrance Day Poster and Literary Contest.

Awards for these Remembrance Day submissions are given out across four age groups: primary for students from Kindergarten to Grade 3, junior for students from Grade 4 to Grade 6, and intermediate for students from Grade 7 to Grade 9, and senior for students from Grade 10 to Grade 12.

The entries are also part of a broader Canada-wide competition. Winners at the branch level move on to a larger Zone contest. Then, if they're successful in the District and Provincial levels, they go all the way to the National level.

While no local students made it past the District competition this year, there were still plenty of prizes to be awarded.

Starting at Shellbrook Elementary School, Avery Wallin scored a second place finish at Zone level with her primary black and white poster. Meanwhile, Bella Ledding earned third place at Zone with her junior black and white poster and Nguyen Phan also finished in third place in the Zone contest for her junior colour poster.

Over at WP Sandin High School, Marcail Philp scored a pair of first place finishes at the Zone level for her intermediate essay and poem. Her poem went on to win second place in the District contest. Elsewhere, Sophia Kolodychuk won top prize in the Zone contest for her senior colour poster, then earned a third place finish at the District level.

Rounding out this year's prizes, Abigail Kyliuk won second place at the Zone level for her senior poem, Storm Rudolph came in second at Zone with his senior essay, and Reese Galloway finished in third place at the Zone level with her intermediate colour poster.



Remembrance Day Poster and Literary Contest prizes were handed out at WP Sandin High School on Monday morning. Back row: Storm Rudolph, Shellbrook Legion members Henri Dagenais, Helen Dagenais, and Brett Ethier, and Abigail Kyliuk. Front row: Sophia Kolodychuk, Reese Galloway, and Marcail Philp.



The Shellbrook Legion's Henri Dagenais, Helen Dagenais, and Brett Ethier present Remembrance Day Poster and Literary Contest prizes to Shellbrook Elementary School students Nguyen Phan, Avery Wallin, and Bella Ledding.

## Shell Lake 50+ Club honours Gladys Simonar

Submitted by  
David Jensen

At its regular meeting for April 2022, the Shell Lake Fifty Plus Club had an opportunity to honour one of its long serving members, Gladys Simonar. Recently, Gladys enjoyed her 90th birthday and was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in the Shell Lake Fifty Plus Club.

She has been attending events at the Fifty Plus Club a good many years. When the opportunity to join happened, she became a full member and continued for more than thirty years. Gladys was encouraged by others to become involved both locally, and also in the wider Saskatchewan Seniors Association Incorporated. Locally she served on numerous committees, on the executive as secretary and also as chairperson.

On the larger scale, she served as regional director for the surrounding communities. Her husband Ed was also very involved, serving as Provincial Chairman for a number of years. Because of their positions, Ed and Gladys travelled to national conventions in many Canadian communities in the provinces of Newfoundland and Labrador, Prince Edward Island, Ontario, and British Columbia. Gatherings under the SSAI umbrella provided opportunities to

meet and become friends with many people in other communities, in the province and also in the rest of the country.

When asked about her time involved with the Fifty Plus Club, Gladys' quick reply is, "It was so much fun!" She enjoyed when clubs joined with other clubs for evenings of entertainment. Some nights were dedicated to skits, some nights it was music, and sometimes they gathered around feasting. The Club provided many opportunities to gather around game nights, including kaiser nights, afternoon curling, and golfing.

When asked what was most rewarding, Gladys again quickly replied that her time was rewarding because she was able to serve others.



Gladys Simonar recently celebrated her 90th birthday. In return for her years of service, she was honoured with an Honorary Life Membership in the Shell Lake Fifty Plus Club.

## Impressive displays by athletes worldwide

We're only a little over four months into 2022, but already the list of impressive athletic achievements is growing. Impressive? Here are a few examples:

— Pitcher Roki Sasaki went almost two complete games in the Japan Baseball League without allowing a baserunner. He first made worldwide news by throwing a 19-strikeout perfect game on April 10, and then, unbelievably, followed it up with eight perfect innings in his next start. What happened in the ninth inning of the second game? His manager removed him after eight, citing a growing pitch count and concern over fatigue.

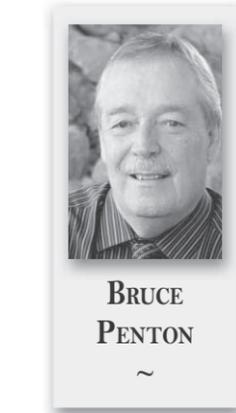
— That Japanese league manager may have taken a cue from Dodgers' manager Dave Roberts, who pulled Clayton Kershaw April 13 after the ace left-hander threw seven perfect innings in his first start of the season. There have been only 23 perfect games in MLB history and

the impressive part of this story is that Roberts had the courage to remove Kershaw with only six outs to go.

— Sidney Crosby, no longer Sid the Kid, isn't slowing down. He recently became only the third NHLer (behind Wayne Gretzky, of course) to average more than one point a game for 17 consecutive seasons. At 17 straight, he's tied with Gordie Howe. At age 34, there's no reason to think Crosby won't catch, or surpass, Gretzky, who holds the record with 19.

— On Feb. 1, Scottie Scheffler had zero PGA Tour wins and was ranked 15th in the Official World Golf Rankings. Then he won tournaments at Phoenix, Bay Hill, the Match Play, and the Masters in a nine-week stretch and sits comfortably as No. 1 in the world. Four wins in a career is pretty good. Four in seven weeks is otherworldly.

— Johnny Gaudreau of the Flames and Jonathan



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Huberdeau of Florida are trying to chase down Edmonton's Connor McDavid for the NHL points' title. Gaudreau has been more than impressive down the stretch, averaging two points a game over a 17-game stretch to pull to within a couple of points of the Oilers' star. Huberdeau had 30 points over an 18-game period to add some drama to the scoring race.

— Impressive is the current stat line, and projected stat picture, for Toronto's Vladimir Guerrero, Jr., who highlighted the first week of MLB with a

three-homer game in New York. With five home runs in his first 14 games, he was on pace for a 58-homer season. Given his talent, finishing around that number wouldn't really be a surprise. A Vladdy at-bat has become must-see TV.

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "The new Grambling women's volleyball coach cut the entire team. Upon hearing this, New York Jets coach Robert Saleh said, 'Wait, you can do that?'"

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: MLB suspended Brewers catcher Pedro Severino after he tested positive for Clomiphene, a drug to treat infertility — in women. He'll miss 80 games, or well into the season's second trimester."

• Monday Q Info, on Twitter, on the excessive green fee to play Harbour Town at Hilton Head: "The day I pay \$350 to play a golf course, please Chris Rock me."

• Patti Dawn Swansson, after former world heavy-

weight champ Mike Tyson punched a fellow airline traveller: "Apparently Jet-Blue immediately changed its slogan from 'You'll Want To Fly Again!' to 'Let's Get Ready To Rumble!'"

• Alex Kaseberg again: "Saw the season's first USFL game and it was a pleasant surprise. USFL did not, like I thought it might, stand for Untalented Scrubs Failing Laughably."

• Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "One animal rights activist glued her hand to the floor and another chained herself to the basket stanchion to protest Minnesota Timberwolves owner Glen Taylor, who owns a chicken processing plant. I guess you could say the protesters identified Taylor as a flagrant fowler."

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "Jazz forward Rudy Gobert, 7 foot 1, once claimed his biggest problem is hitting his head on things. I'm guessing it was said bashfully."

• Headline at fark.com: "Junior college pitcher who tackled opposing player for hitting home run receives four-game suspension, invitation to walk on the football team."

• Another one from Dwight Perry: "The A's drew crowds of 3,748 and 2,703 — their worst two gates since 1980 — last week in back-to-back games. Team publicists, not missing a beat, retroactively proclaimed them Social Distancing Nights."

• Mike Bianchi again, on only five NBA players appearing in all 82 of their team's games this season: "In the NBA, they call it 'load management.' In other jobs, it's called 'not showing up for work.'"

• Tigers slugger Miguel Cabrera, on nearly reaching 3,000 hits against the Yankees: "A scout from the Yankees told me, 'If you make it, it's going to be as a pitcher.' He got fired."

Care to comment? Email [brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca](mailto:brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca)

## AgriStability enrollment deadline extended to June 30

Federal Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau and Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit have announced the AgriStability enrollment deadline for the 2022 program year has been extended without penalty to June 30. This step, agreed to by federal, provincial, and territorial governments, will help producers manage the impact of avian influenza (bird flu), current market disruptions, increased expenses and production challenges facing many farm operations.

"Our government is doing everything it can to support producers to ensure they make it through the challenges today, and are better positioned for the future," Bibeau said. "Many producers are facing stress and uncertainty due to circumstances beyond their control. This step to extend the enrollment deadline will help more producers manage the impact of challenges facing their farm operations and provide them with more time to take advantage of

the support available under AgriStability."

"Producers cannot control every risk impacting their operation, but they can control how they prepare for them," Marit said. "The uncertainty of this year's growing season reinforces the importance of our Business Risk Management Programs. This deadline extension gives producers additional time to customize their risk management package for their operations."

AgriStability is a low-cost, business risk management program. Coverage is personalized for each farm by using historical data to calculate a program year margin and a reference margin. AgriStability helps protect a producer's bottom line against production loss, increased costs or market conditions. In the last five program years, Saskatchewan producers have received over \$435 million in benefit payments.

Recent changes to the AgriStability Program make it more responsive for producers. Removing

the reference margin limit from the AgriStability Program means payments are more predictable, more equitable and more efficient across all agriculture sectors.

Enrolling in the AgriStability Program is easy. Saskatchewan producers can provide all the necessary information over the phone through a brief conversation. Producers can also

complete the short contact form to begin the application process and request a call back from AgriStability staff. The contact form is available at [https://www.scic.ca/agristability/how-](https://www.scic.ca/agristability/how-to-enrol)

[to-enrol](https://www.scic.ca/agristability/how-to-enrol). Staff are available to assist producers over the phone at (1-866-270-8450) or through email ([agristability@scic.ca](mailto:agristability@scic.ca)), Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Spiritwood KoC hosts hockey challenge



The Spiritwood Knights of Columbus held a hockey shoot for the Grades 5 and 6 students in Spiritwood. Knights member Kendall Gaboury presented certificates to the winners of each age category. Pictured, left to right: Knights of Columbus representative Kendall Gaboury, and winners Cain Madden, Ace Alejo, Nixon Simonar, Lexi Kajner, and Trinity Harris.

## OBITUARIES

*Marcella Mary Irene Emma Boudreault (Labrecque)*

Marcella Mary Irene Emma Boudreault (Labrecque)

July 25, 1928 – April 27, 2022

93 Years Old

It is with heavy hearts we announce Mom's passing.

She is lovingly survived & remembered by her four children:

Luc (Sandie Hodgson) Boudreault, Madeleine (Peter) Saunders, Elaine (Claude) Ruel, Lila (Randy) Zentner

Seven Grandchildren:

Nadine (Rod) Palmer, Eric (Krystal) Boudreault, Jeffrey (Erin) Ruel, Steven Ruel, Jonathan (Julie) Ruel, Gillian (Sjoerd)

Holwerda, Trevor Zentner  
Nine Great-Grandchildren:

Lilyanna Palmer, Bella & Emma & Kaelyn & Scarlet Boudreault, Braysen & Liam Ruel, Rogue & Nova Ruel

She is predeceased by:  
Her Husband: Roland  
Daughter-in-law: Lynn Boudreault

Grandchildren:  
Monique Boudreault & Jordan Zentner

Her Siblings and Roland's Family

Mom was born in Moxee City, Washington, U.S., she immigrated to Canada with her parents Leontine & Ernest (at the age of two) to settle in Debden, SK. She became a Canadian Citizen in her adult life.

Mom attended Normal School (Teacher's College) in Saskatoon and started her career in Ormeaux School in 1949, then on to Winslow Lake School at Mattes. She met and married Dad, became a farmer's wife and raised her family, while being a sub-

stitute teacher for a period then returned to full-time teaching in Debden where she retired after 25 years.

Mom was first and foremost – always and forever a School Teacher! Which continued right on to Samaritan Place where her care partners told us she would correct them and also attended their "staff meetings" (shift changes). Meanwhile telling her family that she's going to have to "let her job go as it was getting too hard!"

She was a very supportive and loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother. There were many doilies and tablecloths tatted; many trips taken with her sisters Marg and Jeanne and her friend Gloria; many laughs, card and yahtzee games with Lucille and Elsie and Yvette; many visits with neighbor and dear friend Eva; many discussions on teaching strategies with Anita; huge gardens planted and harvested; tons of bread

loaves baked; and later in life loved to do jigsaw puzzles. Mom was always busy and never afraid to try new things.

We would like to thank all the staff at Samaritan Place for their compassionate care provided to Mom since 2020. Please know that it is greatly appreciated beyond words.

A farewell mass will be celebrated at 1 PM on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at St. Jean Baptiste Roman Catholic Church, Debden, Saskatchewan.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mom's memory will be gratefully accepted for The Debden Heritage Manor, Box 608, Debden, Saskatchewan SOJ OSO

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 Lynn Anderson, Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK 306-747-2828.

*Valorie DeLaittre*

DELAITTRE – Valorie

Valorie Jeanette DeLaittre passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 21, 2022, surrounded by her family at the age of 72 years. Val was born on February 19, 1950, in Swan Plain, SK. She grew up and went to school in Norquay, SK. Val married the love of her life, Jerry DeLaittre and they lived in Pilot Butte, SK, where they raised their 3 children, Jason, Vanessa, and Chad.

Once the kids were grown, they moved to

Shellbrook, SK, where Val continued to work in the healthcare field. She had many hobbies such as her love of carving, sewing, painting and her much loved hobby of gardening. In her time in Shellbrook she made many great friends and truly loved the community.

A Celebration of Life will be held in August, the exact date will be posted at a later date.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Val to the SPCA (Box 1832 Prince Albert, SK. S6V 6J9).

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com)

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*Joseph Clinton "Clint" Mason*

MASON, Joseph Clinton "Clint"

Joseph Clinton "Clint" Mason was born on February 27, 1952, in Shellbrook, Saskatchewan to Ernest and Eileen Mason. He grew up on the family farm in the Camero/Hilldrop area. Their family farm was very close to his grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and close friends. He loved being raised on the farm. He helped with many chores. He loved having a close family. They spent a lot of time together at birthdays, community dances and family celebrations. Clint attended Hilldrop School for grade 1. He then went to school in Shellbrook from grades

2 – 12. During his school years he played football and baseball. He worked for farmers and had a part time job at Rocky's Husky Service. In 1969-1971 he attended Saskatchewan Technical Institute in Moose Jaw and graduated with a Radio-TV & Communications Servicing Certificate. He started dating Gloria Lovberg in September 1969. In 1971 he went to work for Houle Electric and Furniture in Prince Albert. In 1972 he started working for George Laberge in Shellbrook. Clint and Gloria were married in Shellbrook on August 11, 1973. They lived in a mobile home in Grandpa Mason's farmyard until they moved to Canwood in 1974. In 1975 Clint and Gloria bought The Drug Store and radio-television repair shop from Bill Wilcox. Clint fixed radios, televisions, and installed satellite systems. They had their first son, Christopher, on May 22, 1975. They had their second son, Paul, on September 2, 1976. They also opened a laundromat in

Canwood. Clint spent many years coaching and playing softball and hockey during that time. Clint started working for Mutual Life in 1988 and they moved to Prince Albert, Saskatchewan in 1989. He enjoyed watching his boys' sports and volunteering for various organizations. They then moved to Melfort, Saskatchewan in 1998 and have lived there ever since. He was a board member for the Chamber of Commerce and the Melfort Mustangs during his time in Melfort. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends whenever possible. He loved camping and then their cabin at Memorial Lake. He had a lot of fun hunting, fishing, and golfing. Clint loved his work and extended family at Sun Life. They enjoyed many conventions with Sun Life and vacations with family. Puerto Vallarta was his favorite holiday destination. Clint loved his children and grandchildren. The love of his life was Gloria and they spent most of their time together.

Clint will be forever remembered by his wife Gloria; Son Christopher (Lisa) and grandchildren Reese and Davyn; Son Paul and grandchildren Austin (Samantha Hayduk), Riley, and Kayla; Sister Pat (Leroy); Sisters-in-law Helen Mason, Barbara Mason, June Vargo (Brian), Joy Anna Bunes (Don), and Kim Smith (Rick); numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, and cousins.

Clint is predeceased by his parents Ernest and Eileen Mason; Brothers Tom Mason and Terry Mason; Brother-in-Law Gene Kimbley; nephew Darrel Mason; mother and father-in-law Leif and Florence Lovberg.

Clint loved spending time with his extended family and friends. He cherished his children and grandchildren.

Funeral Mass was held from Our Lady of Consolation Roman Catholic Church, Melfort, on Friday, April 29, 2022 at 10:00 AM. His interment will take place at a later date in the Shellbrook Cemetery.

Friends so wishing may make memorial contributions to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Canada, 235 Yorkland Blvd., Suite 600, Toronto, ONT M2J 4Y8.

To leave condolences for the Family and to

watch the live stream of the service, please visit his online guestbook at [www.fedusiakfuneralchapel.com](http://www.fedusiakfuneralchapel.com).

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Fedusiak Funeral Chapel & Crematorium, Melfort. (306)752-3838.

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## Mary Walter



WALTER – Mary

It is with heavy hearts and great appreciation for a long life well lived that we announce the passing of our dear mother, grandmother and great grandmother at Spiritwood Long Term Care on April 9, 2022, with family at her side.

Mary Rohacs was born in Rabbit Lake Hospital on February 21, 1930, to Michael and Maria Rohacs,

who immigrated from Hungary in August of 1929.

Mom attended Temesvar Country School which was 3 miles across country from her home and she walked there in the spring and fall, but could not attend regularly during the winter months. She was a very intelligent person and loved school and learning new things. Mom attended school until Grade 8, when she would have been required to attend town school, which was not possible. She was very appreciative of the educational opportunities available to her children and grandchildren.

Mom met and fell in love with a handsome young man named George Walter and, at the tender age of 16, she married him on October 18, 1946. They homesteaded the quarter of land right next to her parents

and together they built a home. She worked right beside Dad constructing buildings and clearing land for growing crops. She also was involved in the harvesting of those crops, driving the tractor while he was on the binder. It was not unheard of to see a baby bundled into an apple box riding along with her on the tractor. She planted large gardens and raised chickens, ducks, geese, pigs, and cows ... and children.

Left to mourn her passing and to honor her life are: her son Edward (Sandra) Walter and family; Seona (Mark) Scott – Emma & Rhett; Dawn Walter – Robert; Julia (James) Topinka – Sebastian; Derek (Kristin) Walter – Nicholas & Malcolm; Alexander (Penny) Walter – Chase & Logan; her son Albert

(Ethel) Walter and family: Carmen (Colin) Durovick – Tristan & Ryanne; Candice (Trent) Harris – Avery, Trinity & Morgan; Constance (Tyler) Poulin – Brayden & Hunter; Coral (Troy) Soldan; her daughter Loraine Youst and family: Loriann (Charlie) Salisbury – Holley & Warren; Dean (Holly) Youst – Wyatt & Cort; her daughter Diane (Terry) Allchurch and family: Dustin (Charonne) Allchurch – Austin, Vienna & Vincent; Troy Allchurch – Ava, Jayna & Reid; Christie Allchurch (Anthony Clarke); her daughter Elaine (Alain) Turgeon and family: Alaina (Don) Dunn – Cole; her son Dennis (Glenna) Walter and family: Travis (Kaylee) Penner – Renlee; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was predeceased by: her husband, George Walter; her parents, Michael and Maria Rohacs; her infant brother, Joseph Rohacs; her son-in-law, Edward Youst, her parents-in-law, George and Karolin Walter; her brothers/sisters in law, John (Rachel), James (Helen), Alex, Joseph, Frank and Gordon Walter, Caroline (John) Goetz, and Mary (Steve) Bedi, and numerous cousins and friends.

Mom loved her children, more so her grandchildren, and especially so her great-grandchildren. She loved her farm with her cows, her dogs, and her gardens. Flowers grew abundantly wherever she planted them and, sometimes, even where she did not plant them. She loved to read, to bake, to sew, knit and crochet. She was

still knitting and crocheting at the age of 90+. She was very skilled at making and arranging flowers, and tried her hand at painting a time or two. Mom was a very artistic person and she loved to create beautiful things. Every piece she created whether it was a quilt, an afghan, sweaters, slippers, mittens or a holiday flower arrangement, came from the heart.

A celebration of her life was held on April 16, 2022, and interment was in the Spiritwood Cemetery beside her husband.

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

### YOU ARE NOT ALONE

A number of years ago, Marlene and I pastored Native New Life Church in Saskatoon when it was still on the east side of the river. 303 Maple Street to be exact. Our boys were still quite small. I had picked up a Bachelor of Theology degree from Central Pentecostal College.

Wanting more, I entered Lutheran Seminary in a pursuit of a Master's of Divinity. Well, our salary wasn't terribly high and life had its demands. I was able to complete one course and decided that maybe it wasn't to be. In the course of my time at the Seminary, I was asked to have a conversation with the president at the time.

I guess the deal was he wanted to

meet the Pentecostal students that entered the school. I was one of them. I headed to his office and we struck up a conversation. In my attempt to build a bridge with him, I mentioned I was Icelandic on my dad's side. I am French and Cree on mom's side. I informed him that the state religion in Iceland was Lutheran. All information he likely knew.

I got this feeling that he must have pastored among the Icelanders. What he said next was quite a surprise, he said “Icelanders are Lutheran, but they never go to church.”

I have never forgot that. In defense of the Icelanders, I am sure that it is a general observation and there are like-

ly some faithful church attenders.

Pastoring now with my wife Marlene for some 38 years, I can tell you we certainly appreciate those who consistently take the time to come to church and be involved. For those who feel that their church is the wide-open space or the mountains where they commune with God, I get it. I just think there is more to church than that.

As we gather together, there is something about corporate worship that is encouraging. Proverbs 27:17 says “As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.” So, church has a way of sharpening us. The wonderful thing about church is it is a “body or team ministry”, where the gift

that God has given to you can be exercised. Believe me, the church needs you.

There are several reasons why one should be encouraged to be part of a local church, including some I already listed. Another is you get the sense “you are not alone”. Church is community coming together, and we are better together.

Hebrews 10:25 says, “not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Blessings,

Pastor David Bodvarson  
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## Ahtahkakoop man sentenced for murder

A man from Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation has been sentenced to seven years in prison for second degree murder.

Tyrell Knife, 25, was handed the sentence for killing his grandfather, 51-year-old Jimmy Williams, on June 15, 2021. Knife, who claims the murder occurred just one day after a cousin's wake while he was black-out drunk, had previously pleaded guilty to manslaughter last January even though he says he has no memory of the incident.

The murder occurred on the Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation. According to the statement of facts read in court by Crown Prosecutor Kristen Hubbard, Knife went

to the home where Williams lived in the early morning hours of June 15, 2021.

“Almost immediately after arriving, the accused began to assault the victim,” Hubbard said.

Knife's sister was at the home with her grandfather watching television, and was the one who called 911. Despite her best efforts, she was unable to stop her brother.

“The accused had blood on his fists at that point,” Hubbard said.

The sister ran from the house and called for help.

When later found by police, Williams was lying on his back and had swelling on his face, numerous abrasions and his jaw

was broken. The autopsy determined he died from blunt force trauma as well as asphyxiation.

About three hours after the murder, Knife called the police and turned himself in. He was still heavily intoxicated at the time.

“He told officers he had consumed a significant amount of drugs and alcohol the night before. He was upset with the victim because he believed he was a pedophile and a pervert. He did not remember going to the victim's house or assaulting him,” Hubbard said.

Williams' family declined the opportunity to provide a victim impact statement, but indicated

to Hubbard that the event had a “significant impact on them.”

Defence lawyer Rebecca Crookshanks noted Knife was very remorseful for his actions and had been prepared to enter a guilty plea from the first time she first met him after his arrest. She also noted how Knife had turned down the opportunity for a bail hearing and opted to stay in custody.

When describing what led to Knife's heavy drinking and drug use, Crookshanks explained how he had lost a number of family members. Most recent was his cousin who had committed suicide. It was her wake the family was attending the day prior to

the murder.

In his closing remarks, Judge Bryce Pashovitz addressed the family members present in court and explained how prior to that morning, he had known the case only through what was on paper.

“I did not know this was a case of a grandson and a grandfather. I am sincerely sorry for your loss. I cannot imagine what the family has gone through since this incident,” he said.

With credit for time spent in remand, Knife has roughly five and a half years left on his sentence. Upon his release, he will be prohibited from owning or possessing any firearms or explosives for a period of 10 years.

# The Leask Bowling Alley: Part II

By Norma Galambos

Part 1 of this story was published in the April 28, 2022 edition of the Chronicle & Herald

## Pool

A four-foot fluorescent light fixture illuminated each table at the pool hall and bowling alley. Cue racks, scoreboards and ashtrays hung on the walls amongst cigarette and pop posters. Seating was available along the wall.

The loser paid for the game. If groups played poker or pea pool, they paid the winner and the winner paid for the game.

Nicky Sally, another memorable local man, helped out in the pool area. When it wasn't busy, he loved to teach teens to play pool. He felt a strong sense of ownership of the billiards area and closely watched over it.

The names of some of the local pool sharks tossed in my direction include Murray Stevens, Barry Pearce and Bruce (Juggy) Fiddler. Pinball, shuffleboard and bumper pool provided additional entertainment.

## Restaurant

When you entered the building, a display counter for chocolate bars, chips, candy and cigarettes with a cash register perched on top sat to the left. A pop cooler was situated adjacent to the counter.

The kitchen was twenty feet long by twelve wide and was equipped with a combination grill and burner stove, deep fryer, fridge, freezer and sinks, but no dishwasher.

A low counter with six red vinyl and chrome stools and basic chrome and pedestal table and chair sets made up the customer seating area. The restaurant could seat forty people.

A daily special was served on weekdays. The restaurant was known for its signature "Bowling Alley Chicken," which was pressure-cooked KFC style. When Jerry and Shirley first started, they purchased chicken seasoning from the previous owner. Eventually, Maggie Toth and Jerry developed their own blend of herbs and spices, which remains a closely guarded secret. They catered to local events, providing individual chicken dinners in takeout boxes.

## What things cost & wages

In the 1960s and 70s, \$.50 went a long way:

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 French fries - \$.25/gravy \$.10 extra  
 Coke was \$.17 a bottle, increasing to \$.32  
 chips - \$.15  
 chocolate bar - \$.25  
 cigarettes - \$.75  
 staff hourly wage \$1.05 - \$2.00 (minimum wage)  
 pinsetter wage - \$.10/game

## Challenges

Interest in the facility's activities waned, the customer base grew smaller, and the income decreased. There were more home entertainment options and the population was more mobile, often travelling to larger centres on the weekends.

It was hard to keep ahead of expenses; the overhead on such a large building was crushing. Whenever there were any available funds, the leaky flat roof always needed repairs.

In the seventies, the building was sold to Peter Bell then twice more after that, including to Charlie Mack of the Paris Cafe, but it was never reopened. The gentlemen who owned the building after Peter had a kitchen fire in 1975, causing damage to the interior.

The equipment and furniture were sold. The lanes were cut into sections, loaded onto a flat deck trailer and unceremoniously hauled away. Eventually, the building became the property of the village.

## Leask Sales and Service

Norman Mattock and Melvin Coleman purchased the building in 1982 for a new business, Leask Sales and Service, an automotive repair shop.

They removed the roof and the wall between the bowling and pool areas and built the walls six feet higher in the front third of the building for their shop. A new back wall with two overhead doors was added and the outside walls in the rear two-thirds of the building were left standing at their original height. This open area in the back was used for parking and storage. They installed a peaked roof and shingled it. White siding was added to the top of the outer walls where they were built higher.

In 1992 the Village of Leask purchased the building for a maintenance shop, and it remains in use today. The exterior and roof were redone in beige metal siding.

## ENDNOTES

The business world evolves, new ideas

are implemented and ideas from the past are introduced to new generations.

In the early years of this country, general stores were popular; then, specialty stores became a big deal. Shopping preferences went back to general stores with all shopping needs available under one roof, just on a larger scale like Walmart. I wasn't around when the first general stores existed, but I remember when some big box stores opened, and people were excited about one-stop shopping.

Although the bowling alley was only in operation for a dozen years, it left its mark on the memories of many. One of people's fondest memories is of the chicken and fries cooked to perfection and of the thick milkshakes. Friends to visit with, games to play, crispy chicken, golden fries and thick brown gravy - the stuff dreams are made of. Man, those were the days. Now you can't even look at a chicken for a dollar.

There is a part of me in every story I write, but I could never write this type of story without help from the community. Jerry and Shirley Heinbigner, Wendy Toth Neville, Maggie Toth, Norman Mattock, and Murray Stevens all contributed to this project. It's awesome to work with people who share cherished life memories.

Norma Galambos is a blogger, freelance writer, podcast host and small business owner from Leask, Saskatchewan.

Find out more at <https://Linktr.ee/normagalamboslifestyle>



Back view of Leask Sales and Service.



The former bowling is now owned by the Village of Leask and serves as the shop.

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# Op-Ed: Make Room for Nature; Sask. must halt sale of Crown lands

In which direction is Saskatchewan going when it comes to protected places and what is the Government doing to increase or at the very least retain protected places in Saskatchewan?

Canada's native grasslands are among the most endangered biomes on the planet. Sadly, it is estimated that less than 14% of native grasslands in Saskatchewan including aspen woodlands remain in Southern Saskatchewan. The health of these lands are of critical importance. They support many plants and animals, including at least 30 species at risk, they store carbon and protect our land from the effects of climate change and they contribute directly to the economy and livelihoods of local people.

In 1992, Saskatchewan signed on to the "Statement of Commitment to Complete Canada's Network of Protected areas" and

at that time 12% was set as the target for formally protecting a percentage of each province's total area. This target has not been updated since it was created! When other Governments (International, Federal and Provincial/Territorial) recently updated their own biodiversity goals and targets to 25% and 30% of the land base, Saskatchewan did not. Saskatchewan continues to fall behind other provinces and territories when it comes to officially protected places. The province has designated protection for less than 10% of its land base.

Starting in 2010, the Government of Saskatchewan took steps to remove protection and conservation management from tens of thousands of acres of Crown lands in the south where we can ill afford to lose an acre.

It began with an announcement that some of the land

protected under the province's Wildlife Habitat Protection Act (WHPA) would be reclassified and then removed from the act and put up for sale. Thousands of acres of WHPA public land, once protected from sale, have been removed from the Act and sold, many without conditions of protection. Land with a recognized ecological value is sold with a Crown Conservation Easement (CCE). However, fines are insignificant, monitoring and enforcement are not consistent and conditions of the CCE are often ignored.

The loss of native grasslands in Saskatchewan continues. The Government of Saskatchewan has and continues to sell-off Crown lands, many acres of which hold great ecological value. It is estimated that since 2007 more than 1.5 million acres of public lands have been sold. Over time

the selling of Crown grasslands leads to grassland loss. History has shown us that if the land is in any way useful to cultivation and growing of crops, it will over time be broken and seeded to crops. Most private lands that have not been broken are either still owned by families who value native grassland and have resisted the financial incentives to sell or convert the land to annual crop production OR the land is not at all suitable to growing crops. With rising land prices, it has become affordable and even profitable for farmers and producers to convert native land cover and seed it to crops. And conversely larger farmers have begun to see any non-cropped land cover as a liability. These factors are driving an accelerated loss of habitat in farm country—in native grassland in the south and southwest and in aspen parkland bluffs and

wetlands in central and east-central Saskatchewan.

Liquidating Crown land is permanent and irrevocable. We need to ensure that the remaining public lands in Southern Saskatchewan remain in the public domain. While the province has added protected areas in the north of the province in the past few years, there have not been any additions to the protected areas program in the prairie regions. When we remove protection and conservation programming from Crown lands — particularly in our grasslands ecoregions, which are already under so much pressure for development — we are in a sense robbing the future of its biodiversity.

*Jordan Ignatiuk is Nature Saskatchewan's Executive Director, and Lorne Scott is Nature Saskatchewan's Conservation Director.*

## Why we give mom flowers on Mother's Day

By Ginnie Hartley

We give flowers on Mother's Day for lots of reasons. Maybe because they look and smell good; or because she loves flowers; or because that's what you do. She probably loves chocolates and pedicures too, but it's the blooms that win on Mother's Day. And there's a historical reason for giving flowers on Mother's Day.

In the years before the Civil War in the United States, Anne Reeves Jarvis of West Virginia helped start "Mothers' Day Work Clubs" to teach local women how to properly care for their children. In 1868, she organized "Mothers' Friendship Day" where mothers gathered with former Union and Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation. Anne died in 1905 and her daughter, Anna Jarvis, decided to honor her mother's memory by organizing the first official Mother's Day celebration in 1908. A Philadelphia department store financed this first celebration and thousands of people attended a Mother's Day event at the store. Anna also handed out 500 white carnations to all the mothers in attendance at her mother's church, carnations being her mother's favourite flower.

After the success of the first Mother's Day, Anna, who herself remained unmarried and childless, worked to see her holiday added to the national calendar. Deciding that American holidays were biased toward male achievements, she

started a massive letter writing campaign to newspapers and prominent politicians, urging the adoption of a special day honoring motherhood. By 1912, many states, towns, and churches had adopted Mother's Day as an annual holiday and in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson officially signed a measure establishing the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

But that success didn't sit well with Anna and she began to have concerns. She had established Mother's Day as a day of personal celebration for families, when the focus was supposed to simply be wearing a white carnation and visiting one's mother. However, when it became a national holiday, florists and card companies jumped on the bandwagon and the day became more and more commercialized. Anna began urging people to stop buying flowers, cards, and candies. She eventually started a campaign against Mother's Day profiteers and even launched lawsuits against groups that used the name. By the time of her death in 1948, she had disowned the holiday altogether and actively lobbied the government to remove it from the American calendar.

Despite Anna's later misgivings, carnations became synonymous with Mother's Day, with different colours having specific meanings. White carnations represent the purity of a mother's love and are often used to remember a mother who has passed away. Pink carnations stand for "always on my mind." It is believed that pink carnations were the first flower to grow on the holy ground where the Virgin Mary's tears fell when she wept at Jesus' suffering. Red carnations mean deep admiration and love.

Of course, other flowers also have their place on Mother's Day. Gerbera daisies and tulips mean happiness. In Asia, azaleas and day lilies symbolize womanhood. Bluebells are for constancy; camellias mean longevity and gratitude;

and pink roses are for gratitude and appreciation.

So, what should Mom do with the beautiful flowers you give her? They will do best if she puts them in room temperature water with flower food. She needs to strip off any leaves that will be submerged as they will rot quickly and make the water cloudy. Tell her to set the vase away from direct sunlight and to change the water every third day. She should cut off the stem ends with a sharp knife (not scissors) when she re-

ceives them and then recut them when she changes the water. Potted flowers are another option, that can last longer than cut flowers.

So, there is plenty of choice to give Mom some beauty and color on her special day.

*Ginnie Hartley is a retired Speech-Language Pathologist who loves gardening almost as much as she loves words.*

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

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Tiny (Leona) POSTY  
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You are missed each and every day, for you were someone special who meant more than words can say.  
xo Judy and John

### PERSONALS

ST. JUDE - O Holy St. Jude, apostle and martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracle near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need.  
To you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg you to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance, help me in my present urgent petition, say three Our Fathers, three Hail Mary's and three Gloria's promise publication. St. Jude pray for us and all who invoke your aid. This novena must be said for nine consecutive days.  
Thanks, St. Jude and Sacred Heart

### CARD OF THANKS

The Postnikoff, Reed and Allard families and LaVerne would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, flowers and visits after the passing of Peter Postnikoff.  
God bless you all.

### AUCTIONS

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**ONLINE FARM AUCTION**  
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## Saskatchewan to implement minimum wage increase

On Oct. 1, 2022, the provincial minimum wage will increase from \$11.81 to \$13 per hour.

"World events continue to put upward pressure on the cost of living in Saskatchewan and across Canada," Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Minister Don Morgan said. "Our government is committed to ensuring life is affordable for our low-income residents by increasing the minimum wage over the next three years. This commitment to affordability will support Saskatchewan workers, and ensure Saskatchewan is the best place to live, work, and raise a family."

On Oct. 1, 2023, the minimum wage will increase to \$14 per hour, and on Oct. 1, 2024, it will increase to \$15 per hour. This will represent a 27 per cent increase to the minimum wage by 2024.

The increases to the minimum wage reflect a market adjustment, rather than using the province's traditional indexation formula. The indexation formula gives equal weight to changes to the Consumer Price Index and Average Hourly Wage for Saskatchewan. However, for this year as well as 2023 and 2024, the increase to minimum wage will reflect a move to more closely align workers' salaries with changing market forces.

"As we continue to grow Saskatchewan, we want to attract quality investments and jobs so that all citizens can benefit. Making this change to the minimum wage is a step in that direction," Morgan said.

In 2007, the minimum wage in the province was \$7.95. By 2024, there will have been a total increase to the minimum wage of nearly 89 per cent.

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# Students of Kerri English showcase talent at recital



Elyse Whiteside played and sang "Friends Don't".



Chance Buckingham channelled Johnny Cash with his rendition of "Big River".



Kiera Howden played "Shady Nook Jig".



Winston, Raef, and Burke DeBruijn, going by the name The Stump Lake Slough-Thumping Brothers, performed the classic "Dueling Banjos".



Becky Wilson and Kerri English opened the second act with a medley of tunes.



Former student Jaden Schutte made a guest appearance, showcasing his guitar talents on a pair of tunes.



In a rare treat, Ginny Gradin played cello and performed "Neil Gow's Lament for the Death of his Second Wife".



Marcaill Philp performed "Monsieur Poisson".



Cindy Painchaud played "Arkansas Traveler".



Kally Bick, Sofia Buckingham, Rebecca Schutte, and Natalia Gallegos combined for a medley.