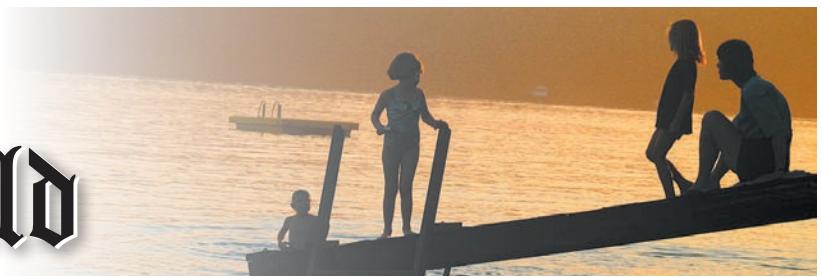


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## Lucille Scott wins international indie book recognition

When she was approached by Métis author and retired teacher Wilfred Burton at a craft sale in Wanuskewin in February of 2020, Lucille Scott needed just 30 minutes to decide that she'd illustrate his children's book, *Ride, Gabe, Ride*.

A self-taught Métis artist from Canwood, Scott is best known for her intricately detailed, small-scale feather paintings, but she's been creating art nearly her whole life.

"All my life, I've been a doodler. When I was supposed to be doing homework, I would doodle," she said. "I just watched things. I'd look at something and see if I could draw it. It was always a bit of a challenge for me to see if I could get it right."

Illustrating a book, however, was something entirely new for Scott, and it was an opportunity she wasn't sure she'd ever get again.

By March of 2021, she'd completed 14 illustrations on 16 x 25 inch canvases — much larger work than she was accustomed to — and 14 fillers for the book. She dedicated her work to her three-year-old grandson, Mason LaRose.

"He's the one who inspired me to not just sit back and do nothing with a God-given talent," she said.

In 2021, the book was self-published through Regina-based Your Nickel's Worth Publishing. Shortly after, Burton began entering it in a number of book award competitions, including the Next Generation Indie Book Awards, an inter-

national awards program for independent authors and publishers.

The book was met with approval from the judges of those awards, earning one of five finalist distinctions in the children's book category for Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour (BIPOC) authors and illustrators.

"When I got that email, and it told me I had won a medal, I cried," Scott said. "To get your name out there as an artist, that's a real great honour. It's not very often a person gets the opportunity to do that."

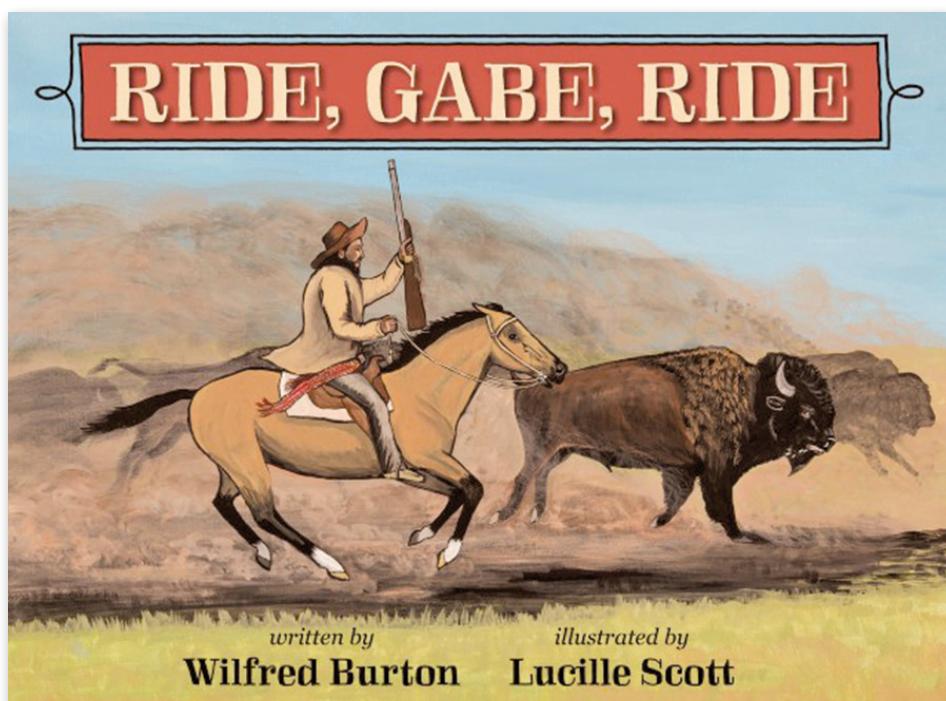
Based on historic events, *Ride, Gabe, Ride* tells the tale of a dangerous, exhilarating hunt led by famed Métis buffalo hunter, Gabriel Dumont.

As she went about creating the illustrations for the book, Scott says she had to do a lot of historical research to make sure she got every detail just right.

Scott says the research process was one of the most enjoyable aspects of illustrating the book, and that it was like "falling back into time." She also greatly enjoyed illustrating the action of the buffalo hunt, and the feelings her illustrations evoked.

Being Métis herself, Scott says she's glad she chose to illustrate *Ride, Gabe, Ride*, as it will help preserve her cultural heritage.

"As time goes by, we all have these stories handed down to us. If they're not put into books, those stories get lost," she said. "Now that it's illustrated in a book, it will be remembered forever."



*Ride, Gabe, Ride* tells the true story of a buffalo hunt undertaken by Gabriel Dumont.



Canwood-based Métis artist Lucille Scott is now an internationally recognized, award winning illustrator, having earned a finalist distinction in the Next Generation Indie Book Awards for author Wilfred Burton's children's book *Ride, Gabe, Ride*.



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# Plenty of summer left at Spiritwood Library

The Spiritwood Library has made use of its SARCS (Spiritwood Area Recreation, Culture and Sport Inc.) grant, with the purchase of four brand-new bean bag chairs that just arrived at the library.

According to Heather Gatzke, librarian for the Spiritwood Public Library, these beanbag chairs have been a big hit so far and provide a cozy reading space that is greatly appreciated by

readers.

The library's newly purchased books with the Canada Post Grant have also arrived, offering a great selection of board books, picture books, non-fiction, graphic novels, and young adult books.

Aside from the library's grant purchase updates, the library also had some activities on offer and still has more to come throughout the summer.



Summer student Emily Honish brought robotic mice to the library on July 27, allowing kids to learn programming and sequencing.

Four new bean bag chairs, acquired with a SARCS grant, are giving readers new, cozy spots to read.

## Spiritwood Co-op wins inclusivity award

Lake Country Co-op's Spiritwood team leaders, Michael Sarrazin and Karon Abdai, have been awarded the 2022 Saskatchewan Inclusive Employer award in recognition of their commitment to inclusive employment through support of their team member, Megan Allard.

Megan has been a Lake Country Co-op team member since the opening of their new C-store in De-

mber of 2021. Since that time, Michael, Karon and the team have gone above and beyond to ensure that Megan's role is not only meaningful to Megan but also to her coworkers.

They have supported her through an inclusive training process and provided a space for her to grow within her role and as an individual. To date, Megan has surpassed all expectations and is excelling in her role. Her

favourite part of the day is helping at the till and getting to talk to the community of Spiritwood.

Lake Country Co-op says diversity is a top priority for the company. It says it takes pride in creating a welcoming environment that promotes inclusiveness and social responsibility. It believes that providing an exceptional experience to their team members positively impacts each customer experience which in turn enhances the success and vibrancy of our communities.

Lake Country Co-op says it is honoured to have Megan, Michael, Karon, and the whole Spiritwood team as a part of the Lake Country Co-op family, and encourages the team to keep up the great work.



Mike Sarrazin, Karon Abdai, and Megan Allard accept the 2022 Saskatchewan Inclusive Employer Award from Inclusion Saskatchewan's Connie Andersen (second from right).

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# Carrier Lumber hosts employee tournament

## Submitted by Maisie Krienke

Carrier Lumber hosted its first employee-based golf tournament at the Big River Golf Club on June 25, 2022, with 36 teams participating in the event. Participants played two rounds of nine holes to complete the challenge.

MaryEllen Reed and Wyatt Dziurzynski were responsible for organizing this great event, which brought together many employees of Carrier Lumber and some of their golf connections. Carrier owner, Bill Kordyban, who unfortunately was not able to attend, showed his involvement by purchasing several hundred dollars of gift certificates, plus other

promotional items from the Club Pro Shop to award to participants. Volunteers from the Big River Golf Club prepared the steak supper, sponsored by Carrier Lumber, for all the participants.

Carrier is a prominent and important business in our community, producing high quality lumber and employing many men and women from Big River and the surrounding area. Carrier Lumber has focused on becoming one of Canada's most dynamic forest product companies, and Big River is proud to be the home of one of their lumber mills.

50/50 tickets were sold with Phil Grassic holding the lucky number and claiming the 'big bucks'.

Thanks to Phil, all those present — golfers as well as volunteers — enjoyed a refreshment! Maddie Meyers staked claim to the 'Ladies Closest to Pin' award, while Brent Reimer took home the 'Men's Closest to the Pin' award. Several other prizes were awarded as well.

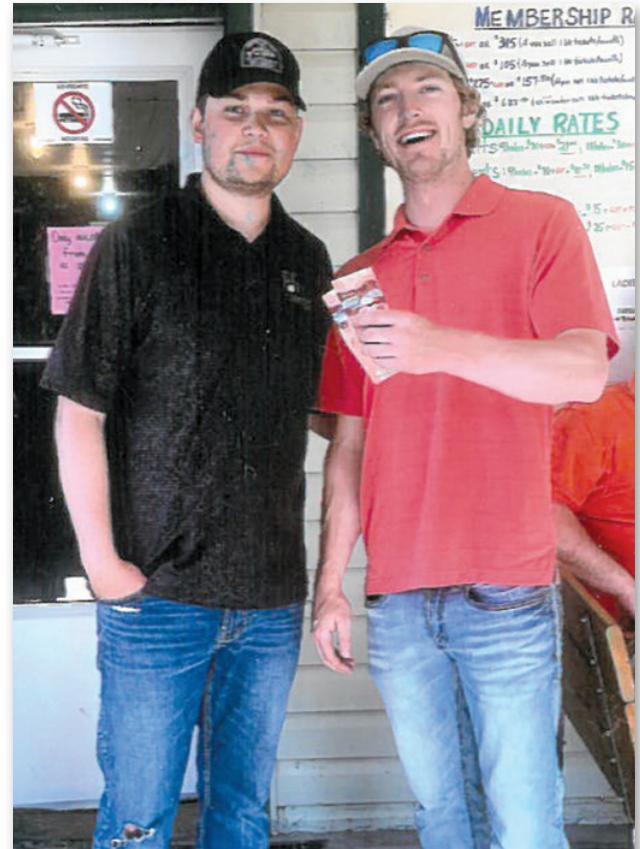
The Big River Golf Club was excited to be part of this event and looks forward to hosting year two, as hosting the tournament helps promote golfing in our community. Many of the participants were first timers and are already looking forward to the 2023 challenge. In the meantime, some of them may even take up golfing as their sport.



Phil Grassic (left) was the winner of the 50/50 big bucks. Wyatt Dziurzynski presented the prize.



Maddie Meyers accepts the ladies closest to the pin award from Wyatt Dziurzynski.



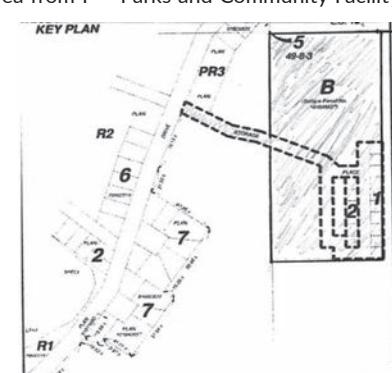
Brent Reimer (right) accepts the men's closest to the pin award from Wyatt Dziurzynski.

## RESORT VILLAGE OF BIG SHELL NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of Resort Village of Big Shell intends to adopt bylaws under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw 3-85 known as the Zoning Bylaw and Bylaw 2-85 The Basic Planning Statement Bylaw.

**Intent:** The proposed bylaw will rezone the affected area from P – Parks and Community Facility District to R – Residential, the land described below:

**Affected Area:** The affected area of land is legally described as Parcel B, Plan No. 102024638 and Part of PR3, Plan No. 89B15672 and part of SW ¼ Sec. 5-TWP 49-RGE8-W3rdM, Big Shell, Saskatchewan, which is shown in the shaded area of the map which appears as part of this notice.



**Reason:** The reason of the proposed alteration is to allow for the development of Storage Lots to be titled.

**Public Inspection:** Any person may inspect the bylaw(s) by contacting Tara Bueckert at (306) 427-2188 or by email at [villagebigshell@gmail.com](mailto:villagebigshell@gmail.com) Monday to Friday. Copies are available at cost.

**Public Hearing:** A public meeting will be held on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hall, 229 Loon Drive, Resort Village of Big Shell, Saskatchewan to discuss the proposal.

Any person(s) who wish to object to the proposed restructuring may file a written objection, stating clearly their reason for their opposition, with the administrator of the Resort Village of Big Shell at the address below. A written notice of objection must be received by the administrator by 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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# OPINION

## Canada's airport chaos is an utter embarrassment

As you read this, I should be at the tail end of my first trip back to Ontario since 2019 (thanks, COVID).

Since I'm writing this column in advance of my departure, I can only say *should* because I bought my plane ticket well in advance of the flight and that *should* be all I have to worry about.

However, this is 2022, a new era in which having a plane ticket isn't a guarantor that one will actually be able to board a plane and get to one's final destination.

Assuming one clears the first hurdle and gets on a plane, there's no guarantee one will depart or arrive in timely fashion. And it seems there's even less of a guarantee of your luggage arriving with you (I opted to bring carry-on only, but reports suggest even this isn't a sure thing).

Were this some backwater country, such dysfunction might be expected and begrudgingly tolerated. In an advanced industrialized country like Canada, topping the global standings in total number of flights delayed is absolutely inexcusable.

In fairness, many of the problems crippling Canadian airports are being experienced at airports around the globe, as the world begins to shake off its post-pandemic hangover.

It is, primarily, a challenge of human resources.

The aviation industry cut thousands of jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic as demand for travel plummeted. Now, with restrictions lifted in many jurisdictions, demand for travel has rebounded but staffing levels have not kept pace – whether it be for airport personnel like check-in agents, security screeners, and baggage handlers, or pilots.

In the face of these personnel shortages, Air Canada is cancelling 15 per cent of its summer schedule, or about 9,500 flights through July and August.

Meanwhile, WestJet, Air Canada's main rival, has cancelled 25 per cent of its summer flights.

But as John Gradek, a lecturer in McGill University's aviation management

program, contends, both airlines could have avoided this altogether – and mitigated the chaos at airports – had they not booked so many flights before airports were restaffed to adequate levels to handle the tsunami of passengers looking to fly.

"We all knew this was going to happen," Gradek said. "The airlines flew their airplanes, they fully booked their airplanes, passengers showed up at the airport, and now we're stuck in a situation where the people and the facilities can't handle that volume."

Perhaps more astonishing than the comedy of errors playing out at Canadian airports, is the fact that someone out there thinks airline customers are to blame for the situation because they want lower airfares (and *The Globe and Mail* actually decided to publish this opinion).

Ashley Nunes, a research fellow at Harvard Law School, suggests the problems at Canadian airports began in the 1970s, when the federal government supposedly stopped backing airlines and flung open the doors to competition.

"No longer shielded by government coffers, balance sheets soon took a beating as competition in the market intensified," Nunes wrote. "To save cash, work contracts were trimmed and where possible, tendered out to third party vendors that offered the lowest bid. The result for flyers was what they desired most: rock-bottom fares. The consequence for workers however was what they desired least, low pay and less attractive working conditions."

It's hard not to sympathize with airport personnel. Though critical, their jobs are often thankless ones and the conditions they endure – both in the work itself and in dealing with people – would be unbearable for most of us.

Something must absolutely be done to improve their working conditions and compensation. But history tells us that customers paying through the nose for a good or service isn't guarantee the labourers supplying those goods and services are fairly compensated for their



work.

For Ms. Nunes to conclude that the reason airport personnel can't be treated or paid well is because airline customers want "everything for nothing" and a "proverbial free lunch," is, quite frankly, insulting.

First off, the claim that airlines aren't backed by the federal government is flat-out wrong.

Just four months ago, Ottawa doled out a \$5.9 billion, taxpayer-funded aid package to Air Canada, so it can speed up customer refunds, protect industry jobs, and return service to some communities that were shuttered throughout the pandemic (even as the company doled out \$10 million in bonuses to executives while the aid package negotiations were going on).

Equally erroneous is the notion that Canadian flyers are somehow spoiled by low airfares.

Before the pandemic, travel site Kiwi.com ranked Canada 65th out of 80 countries when it comes to the cost of air travel. Indeed, when comparing the price of flights in Canada to flights in the United States, Canadians pay on average 108 per cent more for tickets.

Part of the reason for these higher prices are airport landing fees (or airport improvement fees). Unsurprisingly,

ly, Canada has some of the highest fees in the world, running, on average, 200 per cent higher than those in the United States.

With higher fuel and labour costs, airfares have increased 15 per cent from 2019 levels, with the average international flight now costing \$960.

While Canadians continue to be gouged by the duopoly of Air Canada and WestJet, the Canadian Transport Agency (CTA) spent the spring investigating ultra low cost carrier Flair Airlines over claims it "wasn't Canadian enough" because of a major American shareholder in the company.

After some concessions were made by Flair, the CTA eventually ruled in the company's favour, allowing it to keep its license to operate.

Still, it's hard not to see the whole sorry episode as an unsubtle attempt to quash fledgling competition and keep the cost of flying inflated at the expense of Canadian travellers.

In 2022, it shouldn't be this hard or this expensive for Canadians to fly within their own country.

If Air Canada, with its high fees and poor service (even before the pandemic), are an example of what it means to be Canadian enough to operate in Canada, we should all be demanding better.

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## Report from the Legislature

Just when Canadians should be coming together after two difficult years, the federal government is driving a wedge between east and west. In recent months, Trudeau's Liberal minority government has made several decisions that will negatively impact Saskatchewan and Western Canada. We will always stand up against these divisive and damaging policies to ensure our province has sustainable growth for the future.

Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, our province has been helping those impacted by senseless violence. Saskatchewan residents and businesses have made donations, opened their communities and helped hire Ukrainians who have arrived in our province. We should be helping as many people as we can, but Ottawa has diverted flights with newcomers away from Saskatchewan with no explanation. With the help of philanthropist Enrique Pineyro, our government organized a private flight



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to assist those who wanted to get to our province. A second humanitarian flight is being organized this month out of Warsaw.

We have the jobs and the capacity to assist these new residents, all while supporting a growing province. We know our province's needs and the labour market better than the Government of Canada. Their current approach does not align with the direction of Saskatchewan's growth.

To address our economic needs and gaps in the labour market, we need

more autonomy and flexibility with immigration. With that in mind, our government has put forward a detailed proposal to give Saskatchewan similar authority over immigration as the Province of Quebec. Under the Quebec Accord, Ottawa reviews immigrants only based on national security concerns. Quebec then selects the applicants destined for that province.

Saskatchewan is asking for the same rights so that our province is not limited to applicants who fit into economic categories deemed important by the federal government. We should also not be limited by caps on provincial nominee programs that Ottawa sets out. Saskatchewan will likely exceed our cap of 6,000 people under the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program. Without an increase, international recruitment of employees will be delayed. A proportionate share of national immigration, as contemplated in the Saskatchewan Immigration

Accord, would see, at minimum, 13,000 positions allocated to the province in 2022.

A Saskatchewan Accord similar to the Quebec Accord will enable our immigration strategy to meet the needs of Saskatchewan employers and improve the outcomes for our new neighbours. It could also speed up the process with current wait times reaching 40 months, something our province could help with. Currently, it takes Saskatchewan two to six weeks to process a request on the selection side.

Waiting on the sidelines to cause additional issues are the newly announced federal government's fertilizer emission reduction targets. This arbitrary goal wasn't even on the agenda when provincial and federal agriculture leaders met in July, yet the announcement came just days later.



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Provinces tried to push Ottawa to have a conversation about the targets but were disappointed to learn they were already set.

4R Nutrient Stewardship is a made-in-Canada approach that promotes environmental stewardship through best practices in science-based nutrient management. This innovative partnership is an example of govern-

ment, industry and farmers working together to achieve better environmental outcomes without reducing much-needed food production. Western Canada already accounts for almost all of the acres under 4R management in Canada. Saskatchewan farmers are stewards of the land, already producing the most sustainable agri-food products in the world. Our producers are being asked to supply the world with the food it needs but are being told to do it with less.

Saskatchewan is leading the nation in economic growth despite the roadblocks put up by the Trudeau minority government, supported by the NDP. We have the food, fuel, energy and jobs the world wants, and our government will continue to stand up against federal intrusion.

## Food, fuel, and fertilizer

As I travel Saskatchewan Rivers constituency this summer, it is heartening to see beautiful, lush crops in the fields. While conditions vary in the province, our region is producing abundantly.

Over the last decade or so, Saskatchewan has become known for supplying the world with "Food, fuel, and fertilizer". The three are tightly interconnected, with food production reliant on fuel to farm, and fertilizer to grow.

Our farmers are under attack, however, by their own federal government. In recent years they have had to figure out how to mitigate the extra costs carbon taxes have created for them. Then this year, the price of fuel skyrocketed (arguably due to federal policies). A third dagger cutting into any hope of profit for farmers is a recently announced (again federal) Fertilizer Emission Reduction Program.

While the latest program is touted as another tool to save the earth from climate change, it very well could have the opposite effect. With less fertilizer used, more land will be needed to grow the same amount of food. Using more land means farmers will need to use more fuel to farm that extra land, which means more emissions anyway.

To his credit, Saskatchewan Premier



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minister is talking about on the fertilizer reduction piece." and "Saskatchewan isn't going to be part of any of this type of policy as we move forward..."

Mentioning how Saskatchewan farmers already employ environmentally sound policies, Premier Moe also discussed the federal environment minister's fertilizer emissions reduction document. He noted that, "all of his (Minister Guibeault's) information is based on experiment, in some cases the data isn't accurate, in other cases there has been a lowering of emissions, and in other cases there's been an increase in emissions, so the whole document is null and void and is really an ideological policy .... that the (federal) government wants to push through with no science behind it."

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# Food, fuel, and fertilizer

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These assurances would be comforting except for one problem. What leverage could the Prime Minister hold over the Premier to force the province to implement this policy?

A year ago, Premier Moe promised Saskatchewan people that coerced injections and vaccine passports would not be imposed on Saskatchewan people. Yet only a few weeks later, after meeting with Prime Minister Trudeau, Premier Moe did indeed impose those mandates, even calling them a 'choice' while Saskatchewan people lost their careers, friends, and family relationships. Some were even denied health care because they refused to be coerced.

Ironically, this too was part of an experiment using products that still are not fully tested and, we now know, have horrific side-effects including death. The 'science' was not, and still is not, allowed to be officially debated.

Medical and scientific dissent from qualified professionals is silenced through censorship, sanctions and/or firings. Just ask Dr. Francis Christian, a former surgery professor at the University of Sas-

katchewan whose crime was to publicly question the use of these products, especially for youth. He was terminated by the U of S and the Saskatchewan Health Authority from multiple positions because he did not parrot the official doctrine. A clear case of "wrongsspeak". Dr. Christian has also publicly called for Premier Scott Moe to promote wellness protocols for citizens as strongly as it promotes pharmaceuticals.

Instead, the Sask. Party government is still pushing citizens to go get a third and fourth dose, (with no fulsome science proving efficacy behind it). This is despite an abundance of information now available, even from the drug manufacturers, of the devastating side-effects that many have experienced.

At what point will this government independently look at ALL of the data and boldly act accordingly to protect citizens? Or, if its hands are 'tied' by the feds, will it at least disclose what leverage the federal government holds over its decision making? Saskatchewan farmers will want to know as pressure builds to adopt the fertilizer emissions reduction policies.

**By Franco Terrazzano**

**CTF Director**

Politicians spent the last two years giving themselves pay raises while the rest of us suffered through pay cuts, tax hikes, inflation and restrictions.

The insult to injury? It's the increasingly well-heeled politicians who are responsible for the pain many everyday Canadians are going through.

Folks can't afford to fill their vehicles, they're struggling to pay for their groceries and they're watching interest rates take off. All while the fat cats in Ottawa get fatter.

Conservative Party leadership candidate Pierre Poilievre says he knows this is a problem.

"Trudeau thinks he's your boss," said Poilievre. "He's got it backwards, you're the boss."

During Poilievre's Conservative Party leadership campaign, he has claimed he wants to put "you back in charge of your life" and build a Canada where "the government is servant, not master."

Here's how Poilievre can really put the people back in charge: recall and referendums in Ottawa.

If the people are the boss, then the people should be able to routinely give politicians pink slips for poor performances.

If government belongs to the people, then the people should be able to repeal public policy if it goes against our wishes. A national recall and referendum law would go a long way in reaffirm-

ing the role of citizen as the boss.

Here's how it can work:

Recall would empower displeased voters to launch a petition in their riding. If that petition gets enough signatures, it triggers a by-election in that riding. The member of Parliament would then either re-run for their job in the by-election or resign if they reckon they can't win back the seat.

It's a grassroots performance check on a job and every single MP would be subject to it.

Referendum laws, often called citizens' initiative, work in a similar way. People could introduce or axe legislation if enough people vote to make it happen. Holding a referendum could have empowered Canadians to stop the latest carbon tax hikes, or outlaw the incoming second carbon tax.

Canada is no stranger to this form of direct democracy.

British Columbia first implemented recall and referendum laws in 1995 and it has been used successfully. B.C. MLA Paul Reitsma got caught sending fake letters-to-the-editor and resigned when it became clear that enough signatures had been collected to recall him. When the B.C. government tried to raise taxes while harmonizing provincial and federal sales taxes, voters forced a referendum and defeated the legislation.

Alberta introduced recall and referendums in 2021 and extended recall to the municipal level. As Premier Jason Kenney noted, be-

ing able to fire politicians between elections puts "voters back in the driver's seat."

While not directly triggered by provincial recall and referendum laws, the big vote in Calgary gave people the ability to strike-down the city's winter Olympic bid boondoggle. In B.C.'s Lower Mainland, voters turned-down a new transit tax.

Many countries have national recall and referendum laws.

"The origins of the institution can be traced back to the Roman Republic, where tribunes were occasionally recalled," according to the 2018 Routledge Handbook to Referendums and Direct Democracy.

In addition to about half of the American states having some form of recall and referendum laws, there are 19 countries that have national recall, according to the Routledge Handbook. About three dozen countries allow citizens to use direct democracy to influence laws.

With many examples to choose from, Canada's federal recall and referendum rules can strike the right balance between greater accountability and ensuring spiteful political chaos doesn't ensue.

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**Hon. Jeremy Harrison**  
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[jharrisonmla@sasktel.net](mailto:jharrisonmla@sasktel.net)



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MLA for Rosthern-Shellbrook  
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## Hudson Bay Railway funding a good sign

The Hudson Bay Railway has long been a route to ocean water which has been of interest to northeast Saskatchewan grain growers.

It is, after all, the shortest route to open water, at least for a short summer season, and that holds the potential to cost producers less.

When you have been a journalist in Yorkton for more than 30 years, and have covered agriculture all those years, the potential of the route north is not lost on you, especially if you met Willis Richford of Norquay before he died in 2005.

Richford and the rail line north were near synonymous for decades, as he was, for more than 60 years, a member, director, president and subsequently Honourary Life member of the Hudson Bay Route Association.

Richford worked tirelessly and was about as passionate as one can be about something, in his case advocating for greater use of the Port of Churchill and the Hudson Bay Route.

In the times we spoke, it was evident he was a true believer in the potential — which he felt was unrealized — of the



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railway and the port.

A large mural proclaims Norquay as the 'Home of Mr. Churchill Willis Richford' as does a medallion produced by the Norquay Chamber of Commerce in 2000.

I found myself reflecting on Richford when I read the Hudson Bay

Railway will receive \$133 million in new funding to upgrade and maintain the rail line which runs from The Pas, Man., to Churchill, Man.

The federal government will provide \$60 million, on top of its existing support, and the Manitoba government is contributing \$73.8 million to the project. The two levels of government made the announcement in Winnipeg Aug. 3.

It is funding Richford would have wholeheartedly supported, although it is likely he might suggest it was overdue funding too.

The funding is for two years and will go to the Arctic Gateway Group, a partnership between First Nations and northern communities. Arctic Gateway owns the railway, the Port of Churchill, the Churchill Marine Tank Farm, and other assets.

"The Hudson Bay Railway is an engine for economic development, job growth and tourism opportunities, and our government is proud to support this vital transportation network," Manitoba premier Heather Stefanson said in a recent [www.producer.com](http://www.producer.com) article.

It is a great statement, but frankly one various politicians have echoed in one form or another for decades. In the end, the suggested potential never seems to quite be achieved.

The latest injection of cash is clearly about economic growth in Northern Manitoba and not about grain going north to open water. That element of the port is likely a footnote of Prairie history related to unfulfilled potential — but the money does leave the route north with a pulse.

Richford would hope it is a step to more, but we will see if that happens.

## Crop Report: July 26 to Aug. 1

Harvest has just begun in the province. These few fields are mainly in west central and southwest regions where crops are further ahead in development. Parts of these regions received rainfall and this has delayed further harvest activities such as combining and desiccating. In the eastern regions harvest is at least seven-10 days away, since crops are behind in development and in some areas are just now beginning to fill with seed, although some earlier seeded crops are close to being ready for desiccation.

Rainfall varied significantly across the province last week with some areas getting nothing and others experiencing large, localized storms that resulted in flooding and crop damage.

The Unity area received 53 mm, the Briercrest area 49 mm, the Avonlea area 40 mm, the Mayfair area 37 mm, the Lake Lenore area 24 mm, the Bulleyea area 17 mm and the Swift Current area 9 mm.

Even with the rainfall received this past week, topsoil moisture across the province continues to decline slightly. Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as four per cent surplus, 64 per cent adequate, 25 per cent short and seven per cent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 65 per cent adequate, 20 per cent short and 13 per cent very short.

After receiving much more rain than last year, pastures in some areas of

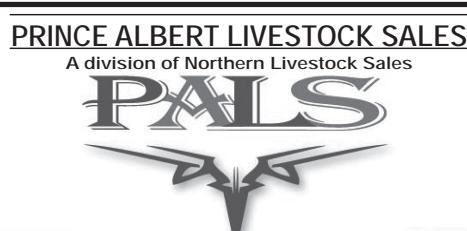
the province have recovered from the 2021 drought and pasture condition ratings have improved tremendously. Pasture conditions are rated as 16 per cent excellent, 41 per cent good, 25 per cent fair, 12 per cent poor and 6 per cent very poor. Many pastures in the west still had cattle pulled off due to a lack of vegetation or dried up water sources.

The majority of crop damage this week was due to minor flooding, drought, disease, wind, grasshoppers and hail. Several storms crossed the province over the last week leaving behind some substantial crop damage. Some crops were laid down and lodged by strong winds and heavy rain while others were destroyed by hail. Hail-

storms damaged crops from Marengo all the way to east of Lake Diefenbaker; buildings, machinery and vehicles were also damaged.

A complete, printable version of the Crop Report is available online at [www.saskatchewan.ca/crop-report](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/crop-report).

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# Minutes of a Spiritwood Town Council meeting

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

The regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Spiritwood was held in the Council Chambers at the Spiritwood Town Office, 212 Main Street, on June 28, 2022, at 7 p.m.

In attendance were Mayor Gary von Holwede, Councillor Brad Nemish, Councillor Bryan Wingerter, Councillor Ragnar Latus, Councillor George Pretli, and Acting Administrator Brenda Beaulac.

Absent: Councillor Kiera Andres, and Councillor James Bedi.

A quorum being present, Mayor Von Holwede called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Pretli: That the agenda be adopted as presented to form part of the minutes. Carried

Wingerter: That the minutes of the June 14, 2022, council meeting be adopted as presented. Carried

Wingerter: That we do not accept the request to amend the Town of Spiritwood's current Zoning Bylaw to limit the number of retail cannabis stores. Carried

Nemish: That the cor-

respondence be filed as presented. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve the Accounts for Ratification, Payments #849-868 in the amount of \$12,590.36. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve the following accounts for payment, Cheque No. 32099-32117 in the amount of \$155,054.55. Carried

Nemish: That we approve the Accounts for payment, Cheque No. 32118-32121 in the amount of \$89,482.05 as presented. Carried

Nemish: That the verbal reports be accepted as presented. Carried

Wingerter: The we authorize proceeding with title acquisition and request consent of the Provincial Mediation Board in accordance with the Tax Enforcement Act for the following properties:

- Lot 14 Block C Plan 63Bo1799
- Lot 13 Block 10 Plan AP518
- Lot 3 Block 34 Plan 78B14408
- Lot 5 Block 19 Plan 60Bo7120
- Lot 15 Block 9 Plan AP518. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve Form 1 Listing of Lands with Arrears of taxes as presented to

council at this meeting; and, that we advertise Form 2 in the Spiritwood Herald for one week with the exception that we do not include in the list, land in respect of which

the amount of taxes in arrears does not exceed one half of the immediately preceding year's tax levy with respect to that land, as per Section 3(3) of the Tax Enforcement Act. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve the development permit for 405 2nd Ave. East pending the approval of compliance to the Town of Spiritwood Zoning Bylaw and the building permit pending authorization from the Building Inspector. Carried

Nemish: That we ratify the building permit application for 617 3rd St. East, Spiritwood, pending approval of the building inspector. Carried

Wingerter: That we hire Nithyon Monoj and Kaleb White for the two full-time Summer Job Positions that were approved under the 2022 Canada Summer Jobs Agreement, at a wage of \$14/hr for 40 hours per week, effective July 4, 2022, until Aug. 31, 2021. Carried

Nemish: That we ratify the decision to replace the sidewalk at 218 Main St. in the quoted amount of \$3,150 from Lajcon Distributors. Carried

Nemish: That the Town of Spiritwood apply to the Ministry of Government Relations to be designated an eligible assistance area under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP), which provides

financial assistance for restoring essential services and property as a result of substantial damages caused by severe rainstorm, on the 23rd & 24th day of June. Carried

Pretli: That the Council meeting proceed to in Camera at 7:38 p.m. as per Section 23 of the Local Authority Freedom of Information to discuss matters relating to HR

and ask that the Acting Administrator Remain in the Council Chambers. Carried

Wingerter: That the council come out of in camera at 8:02 p.m. Carried

Council: That this meeting be adjourned at 8:03 p.m. and that the next meeting of Spiritwood Town Council be held at 7 p.m. on July 26, 2022. Carried

## Police find body of missing Ahtahkakoop man

A search for a 22-year-old man from the Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation has ended in heartbreak for his family and friends.

On Sunday afternoon, the Ahtahkakoop-SHELLBROOK RCMP Detachment reported it had located a body believed to be that of Isaiah Arcand, who had been missing since at least June 29 of this year.

Arcand was first reported missing on July 29, after his family and friends hadn't heard from him since June 29. Described as 5'9" tall with a slim build, brown hair, and brown eyes, Arcand was believed to possibly be on the Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation, or in Prince

Albert or Saskatoon (though, police were unable to confirm his whereabouts during their initial investigation).

Arcand's body was later discovered on the Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation. The Saskatchewan Coroners Service is now investigating and an autopsy will take place to confirm the identity of the deceased, but the RCMP currently don't consider Arcand's death to be suspicious.

The RCMP said Arcand's family have been made aware of the discovery.

"Our condolences go out to them during this undoubtedly very difficult time," the RCMP said in a release.



**Isaiah Arcand.**

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

### LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

### PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Parkside  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Pastor Daniel Mooseley  
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Shellbrook  
Adult Study  
9:30 a.m.  
Sun., 10:30 a.m. - Worship  
Pastor David Bodvarson  
306-747-7235  
Canwood  
Summer: 10 a.m. - Worship  
Pastor Bob Wrench  
306-468-2138

Leask Gospel Tabernacle  
Sunday 11 a.m.  
306-466-2296

### PRESBYTERIAN

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

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

Parkside  
11 a.m. - Worship

### ANGLICAN CHURCH

Leask - All Saint's Sunday Service - 9 a.m.  
St. Andrew's - Shellbrook Sunday, 11 a.m. Service  
Canwood - Christ Church Sunday, 2 p.m. - Service  
Rev. Wendell Brock 306-460-7696

H.C. Service with Rev. Brock - 1st Sunday of the month

MENNOMITE BRETHREN CHURCH

Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel

109 Railway Ave. W.  
Blaine Lake  
306-497-3316

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.  
Worship

EVANGELICAL FREE

Big River

11:00 a.m. - Worship

Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.

Summer: 10:30 a.m. - 12

306-469-2258

Youth Nite: Fridays

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Bible Study & Prayer

Sun., 11:00 a.m. - Worship

Pastor Bill Klumpenhower

### UNITED CHURCH

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

### CATHOLIC CHURCH

Debdene  
Sun. Mass - 9:30 a.m.  
Fr. Dong Doan

Big River - Sacred Heart

Sun., 11:30 a.m. - Mass

Whitefish

Sun., 2:30 p.m. - Mass

Victoire

Sat., 7:30 p.m. - Mass

Fr. Dong Doan

St. Agatha's - Shellbrook

Mass - Sunday 11 a.m.

St. Henry's - Leask

Mass - Sunday - 9 a.m.

Mistawasis

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 1:30 p.m.

Fr. Phong Tran

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407-2nd Ave E, Shellbrook

Sat., 9:45 a.m. - Sabbath School

Sat., 11:00 am - Worship

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Christchurch Anglican,

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Spiritwood

Worship 11:00 a.m.

Rev. Sarah Urano

### UNITED / ANGLICAN

Worship Services

Glaslyn

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Rev. Kun Kim

Rev. Don Skinner

### CATHOLIC SUNDAY

Spiritwood - 11:15 a.m.

Leoville - 9:30 a.m.

Shell Lake - 2:00 p.m.

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SATURDAY

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10:00 am - Sunday School

Worship 10:50 am

### FIELDS OF HOPE (HOFFNUNGSFELDER) MENNOMITE CHURCH

Glenbush

Worship - 10:00 am

1st Sun. (June, July, Aug.)

Worship - 10:00 am

at Rabbit Lake

Mennonite Church

### BETHEL

Medstead

1st Sunday, 10 am -

Worship

Pastor David Jensen</

# Minutes of an RM of Canwood meeting

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

A regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 was held in the Municipal Council Chambers, at 641 Main Street, Canwood, SK, on May 25, 2022, commencing at 9 a.m.

Present – Reeve Lyndon Pease, Administrator Lorna Benson and the following Councillors for their respective divisions: #1 Ralph Korody, #2 Dennis Benke, #3 Gordon Andrews, #4 Ray Duret, #5 Absent, and #6 Leonard Smith.

## Delegations:

9:30 a.m. Dwight Diehl, Public Works Supervisor, Municipal Operations Update

## 1 p.m. Councillor Indemnity

Korody: That the minutes of the May 25, 2022, Regular Council Meeting be approved. Carried

Duret: That the minutes of the June 8, 2022, Special Meeting be approved. Carried

Benke: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of May 2022 for the R.M. General Account be approved as presented. Carried

Duret: That we approve the payments as listed on the attached account listing for a total of \$356,514.89 Council Direct Deposits for May and Payroll Direct Deposits for 2022 Pay Period 12 & 13. Carried

Public Works Supervisor Dwight Diehl attended the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Pease: That we tender the Caterpillar 966C Loader for sale with a closing date of July 15, 2022, at 4 p.m. Carried

Duret: That we acknowledge the retirement of seasonal employee Larry Hatch, effective June 15, 2022. Carried

Benke: That in the matter of the Mistawasis TLE Land Selection, File 839.02 with regard to the NW 6-49-06 W3 and SW 7-49-06 W3:

- the road allowances are undeveloped; and
- the municipality does not wish to retain the road allowances located on the west side of the NW 6 and SW 7 49-06 W3. Carried

Benke: That in the matter of the request of the property owners of the NE and NW 36-49-07 W3, Plan 73B03384 Ext. 1 to purchase the right-of-way located on the north of Highway 3 on the West side and East side of the quarters, respectively, we hereby agree to offer for sale, with conditions, the said roadway, upon Ministry of Highways authorization and approval, in the amount

of \$4,200.00 plus the administration costs of the R.M. and the Ministry of Highways service fees for land transactions. Further to this, we instruct the Administrator to communicate the conditions to the property owners and prepare the documents as required by the Ministry of Highways and the Council of the Rural Municipality of Canwood. Carried

Benke: That Bylaw 2022-04 attached hereto and forming a part of these Minutes, being a Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 to provide for the closing and selling of a municipal road, now be read the first time. Carried

Korody: That Bylaw 2022-04 attached hereto and forming a part of these Minutes now be read a second time. Carried

Pease: That we agree to give third reading of Bylaw 2022-04 at this meeting. Carried unanimously

Olson: That Bylaw 2022-04 attached hereto and forming a part of these Minutes, being a Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 to provide for the closing and selling of a municipal road, now be read the third time and adopted. Carried

Benke: That we instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to make applications to the Rural Integrated Road for Growth Program (RIRG) under the Road Construction and Bridge and Large Diameter Culvert Initiative for the following projects:

1. Replacement of the Larsen Bridge located at ESE 11-50-06 W3 to large diameter culverts;
2. Replacement of the Wreford Bridge located at NNW 14-50-06 W3 to large diameter culverts. Carried

Public Works Supervisor Dwight Diehl left the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Duret: That in the matter of the Dedicated Lands Account Funding Agreement with the Village of Debden, dated May 5, 2020, to contribute to the rink resurfacing project, we authorize the payment of \$10,000. Carried

Smith: That we agree to provide funding of \$1,000.00 to the Village of Canwood for the operation of the 2022 Summer Youth Program to be held at the Canwood Public School. Carried

Smith: That Bylaw 2022-05 attached hereto and forming a part of these Minutes, being a Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 respecting the joint funding of certain recreation facilities, now be read the first time.

Olson: That Bylaw 2022-05 attached hereto and forming part of these Min-

utes now be read a second time. Carried

Andrews: That we agree to give third reading of Bylaw 2022-04 at this meeting. Carried

Pease: That Bylaw 2022-05 attached hereto and forming a part of these Minutes, being a Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 respecting the joint funding of certain recreation facilities, now be read the third time and adopted. Carried

Benke: That we authorize disposal of the following documents in accordance with the Records Retention and Disposal Schedule of Bylaw No. 2020-11 (list omitted). Carried

Benke: That we approve the Permit Extension Application of David O'Bertos, Saskatoon Sask., to complete new house construction on the NE 14-50-07 W3 at Sawmill Lake by May 31, 2023. Carried (*Editor's note: Council went on to approve three other permit extensions.*)

Andrews: That we approve the Building Permit Application of Brian and Michele Person, Canwood, Sask., to build an addition on their existing home on the NW 01-51-04 W3 Ext 1. Carried

Duret: That we approve the Devel-

opment and Building Permit Applications of Little Country Holdings Ltd. in care of Les Bilodeau, Debden, Sask., to complete renovations consisting of new windows and a new deck on Block C, Plan B0743 Ext. 4 at Victoire, with approval pursuant to Section 7.2.1(l)(a) of the H – Hamlet District, Municipal Zoning Bylaw 2003-7. Carried

Korody: That we approve the Development and Building Permit Applications of Matt Bonneau, Leoville, Sask., to construct a pedestrian walkway from Lot 2, Block 1, Plan 102065396 Ext 0 through Block E, Plan 101846022, at Morin Lake, with the following conditions:

- Permission be obtained from Water Security Agency; and
- Permission be obtained from the property owners of Block E Plan 101846022, Morin Lake. Carried (*Editor's note: Council went on to approve two more Development and Building Permits.*)

Pease: That we now file the correspondence. Carried

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

Pease: That we now adjourn at 12:15 p.m.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

**PARKSIDE:** Come join us in celebrating our 100th Church Anniversary 1922 – 2022, Parkside Pentecostal Church, 125 1st Ave. W, Parkside, SK. Sat., August 13 – Meet & Greet @ 2pm; BBQ @ 5-6pm; Evening Service @ 7pm (music and sharing night). Sun., August 14th – Coffee & Muffins @ 8-9:30am; Sunday Morning Worship @ 10:30am; Catered meal to follow service at Parkside Heritage Centre. Cost for meal ticket \$25 (pay @ door). R.S.V.P. by July 31st for meal tickets to: [wledding@gmail.com](mailto:wledding@gmail.com) or text/call 306-747-7645 (Wendy).

**SPIRITWOOD:** Spiritwood & District Horticultural Society – Horticulture & Craft Show, Spiritwood Civic Centre. August 15 – Registration & Entries Set-up from 1-9pm. August 16 – Show Day. Doors open 3pm for public viewing, coffee & pie served, awards presentations at 7pm. For memberships & info contact: Roberta Wasden 306-883-2865 or Alison Sullivan 306-841-8317.

**PARKSIDE:** Walter Willoughby Horticultural Society – 59th Annual Horticulture Show, Thurs., August 18th, 2022, Parkside Heritage School. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. Awards at 4:00 p.m. Everyone welcome. Youth & Adult show books available. Please contact: 306-747-3301 for more information.

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## OBITUARIES

*Nick Bold*NICK N. BOLD  
1927 - 2022

Nick was born on July 20, 1927 on the family farm east of Marcellin, SK to Nick G. Bold and Maria (née Galda) Bold, who both emigrated to Canada from Romania in the early 1900s. Nick was a first generation Canadian and the youngest of eight children. He grew up on the farm and attended nearby Ottawa School. He married Martha Blushke of Langham, SK in 1949; they lived and farmed in the Ottawa School District, where they had four children. Nick was a hard worker. He farmed with his brothers until the mid-1960s. Other jobs included log-cutting in Ontario briefly, nickel mining in Thompson, MB, elevator construction in several SK towns, and being a machine operator and 'jack of all trades' for area farmers. Nick loved hunting

and liked driving the countryside to see the local scenery, animals, and crops. He enjoyed being with people and helping others. He was a smart card player and an excellent berry-picker – he could pick pails of Saskatoon berries in record time. He was a memorable character! In later years, Nick moved into Marcellin for a while and then to Wheatland Lodge in Leask since 2015, where he received excellent care and passed away on August 4, 2022.

Nick is survived by his children, Ronald (June), Sharon (Michael Brokop), Leslie and Richard; by nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren; and by many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife of 70 years, Martha, and his granddaughter, Alyssa, in 2021, by his parents and all his siblings: Stephen (Vera), Trian, Elena Little (Bill), Mary Schlauch (John), Teresa Lepine (Ed), Nikodem and Victor.

Nick lived a long and full life, with both challenges and blessings. May he rest in Peace. To share memories and condolences, please visit Nick's tribute page at [www.saskatoonfuneralhome.com](http://www.saskatoonfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are in care of SASKATOON FUNERAL HOME (306) 244-5577.

IN LOVING MEMORY  
MARY KISZKA

Mary Kiszka (née Katelnikoff) passed away peacefully at Parkland Integrated Health Center in Shellbrook on July 30, 2022 at the age of 89.

Mary was born on May 27, 1933 to Sam & Polly Katelnikoff and lived with her parents and four siblings on the farm east of Marcellin. She attended Ottawa School, a one-room country schoolhouse near Marcellin along with her little sister Alice who was her constant companion growing up. At the tender age of 16 she met her one and only true love and soul-mate Joseph Kiszka. They were married on September 27, 1949 and shared 55 years together until they were parted by his death.

Together they worked hard to build a life centered on farming and family. Over the years they were blessed with four children, raising them with a firm yet loving hand and instilling in them their values of integrity, honesty, faith, and work well done. Mary always loved her family with her whole heart, brooding over them like a mother hen constantly concerned for each one's well-being, even after they were all grown up. She cherished her grandchildren, enjoying their many visits and always kept a sharp eye on them even when she sent them outside to play so she could "watch her stories" on TV. She was equally proud when her great-grandchildren came along.

Mary was an extremely hard worker as a farm wife, taking up the duties of farm hand in addition to her household chores. She worked alongside her husband in the fields using teams of horses and threshing machines and tended to the livestock,

feeding, watering, cleaning barns, milking cows – whatever job needed to be done. Her household chores, laundry, cooking (including for threshing crews helping at harvest time) were all done without modern conveniences and involved hauling in firewood and buckets of water to be heated up on the old wood cookstove. Yet somehow she managed to find time for her children and to make each one feel special.

She was an avid gardener, growing beautiful flowers and a huge vegetable garden – the overabundance was always shared with friends, neighbours, and relatives – after she had canned, preserved, pickled, and frozen enough for her own family's needs. Each summer she would look forward to berry picking; there were always jars full of jam and canned fruit. This past year she was able to do "visual gardening" enjoying the big planter outside her window full of flowers, lights, and seasonal displays.

She was an excellent cook, mostly self-taught and seldom using an actual recipe. With her husband's help she learned to prepare the traditional foods they both loved – Borscht, cabbage rolls, home-made bread and doughnuts, and she even made her own cottage cheese which she used in her "to-die-for" perogies. She always filled the little old farmhouse with love, warmth, and the aroma of good food cooking and baking.

Mary was skilled at needlework, working at crocheting and beautiful embroidery, often by the light of a coal oil lamp, making wool quilts, and sewing on her Singer treadle sewing machine which she proudly purchased second-hand with money saved up from her Family Allowance cheques.

She had a huge collection of salt and pepper shakers and always appreciated when friends would gift her with a new set as souvenirs from their travels. She truly treasured all her unique little ornaments when she was older and always waited for her family to bring new little trinkets to proudly display.

She had a way with animals, training them well to listen and obey. Besides the normal farm livestock of cows, pigs, and chickens, there was always an assortment of dogs (especially Tiny and Buddy), cats, rabbits, ducks, geese, and bantam roosters all living together harmoniously. She was especially proud of her two orphaned lambs given to her by a neighbour – she had to bottle-feed them but she successfully raised them and had them for many years, using their wool for her quilts.

Mary was a generous and hospitable person. Coffee was always on, everyone was welcome, and seldom a day went by that someone didn't stop in. If a visitor arrived at meal time there was always more than enough food and an extra chair at the table. Seldom did anyone leave without taking something home – garden produce, baked goodies, jam, pickles, butter, cream – she gladly and willingly shared whatever she had.

She enjoyed get-togethers with friends and neighbours, playing cards, going to dances, and good old gospel, country, and old-time music. Her radio was always on and even in her last years she still tuned in to the Saturday night Old Time Dance Party.

She loved looking through magazines and when her mobility declined her special hobby was her own version of "scrapbooking" – cutting pictures from magazines, calendars, greeting cards, etc. which she glued into scrapbooks to create collages.

Mary was a woman of faith, courage, strength and determination. An amazing character, she did her best to help and encourage others whenever she could. She was honest, forthright, and outspoken – you knew where you stood with her. She could make you laugh and cry, sometimes at the same time. Only those who knew her well could see the sweetness of her nature behind the sometimes gruff exterior which masked the heart of gold that had been bruised by life's hardships and hurts.

She touched the lives of all who knew her without even realizing the difference she made and the blessing she was.

She endured much suffering, pain, and illness during her lifetime, especially in her later years. She bravely passed through the waters of sorrow and loss, and kept on going, never wanting to be a bother to anyone.

After the loss of her beloved husband she continued to live at the farm for several years with the help of her children looking after her until she could no longer be at home safely and needed to go into long-term care.

She lived the Scripture words of Proverbs 31: 10 -31 – the capable wife, the loving mother, the faithful one who continued to love and pray in her own special way until the day that Jesus opened His arms and said, "Mary, welcome Home!"

Mary is survived by her son, Joe Kiszka; daughter, Lorraine Kiszka; grandchildren: Sheila Kiszka, Dale Kiszka (Tina Shaw), Angie (Tim) Aug; great-grandchildren: Devin Aug and Brendan Aug; daughter-in-law, Debbie Elles; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is predeceased by her parents: Sam and Polly Katelnikoff; loving husband, Joseph Kiszka; sons: John Kiszka and Rick Kiszka; her brother, Mike (Susie) Katelnikoff; sisters: Lena (Gus) Koolick, Tina (Nick) Kabatoff, and Alice (Peter) Korolchuk.

Special thanks to the doctors, nurses, and staff at Parkland Integrated Health Center, especially the staff at House A, for their kindness, compassion, and excellent care during all the time she was a resident there.

Memorial donations may be made to Parkland Integrated Health Center, Royal University Hospital, or the Heart & Stroke Foundation.

Service will be held at a later date.

Condolences for the family can be left at [www.etalmemoriesfuneral.ca](http://www.etalmemoriesfuneral.ca). Arrangements entrusted to Eternal Memories Funeral Service & Crematorium – Trevor Watts Funeral Director.

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## OBITUARY

*Howard Smith*

SMITH – Howard

The family of Howard Smith is deeply saddened to announce his passing on July 27, 2022, at Lakewood Lodge Care Home

in Big River, SK. Howard Lewis Smith born to Lewis and Evelyn Smith on January 24, 1943, at his grandmother's house in Erinferry, SK. He was the eldest of three children.

Howard grew up on a farm in the community of Lake Four. He worked on the family farm but decided to venture out on his own. He worked on the oil rigs, and at the Big River Sawmill until the farm needed his help and that is where he stayed and eventually took over the family farm. He met his wife Brenda Rask

from the Canwood area and they were married in 1968. They had five daughters and one son. Howard always enjoyed spending time with family. One of his favorite past times was driving around looking at the countryside and stopping in for coffee with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Brenda Smith; His daughters, Charlene (Lawrence) Vandal of Big River; Colleen (Cory) Wall of Big River; Pauline of Big River; Jolene (Randy) Argue of Lloydminster, SK; his son in law Jason

Bischler of Canwood; his grandchildren Landis, Beau and Kenya Vandal; Kaylee (Travis) Penner; Meagan Wall (Justin McKenzie); Sydney (Brandon) Beaulac; Cody Bischler (Danielle Rekve); Brett Bischler (Ciera Smith); Demery Bischler; Jenaya Bischler; Austin and Jayden Argue; his great grandchildren Desmond Nelson, Jack Beaulac and Renlee Penner; His brother Leonard (Martha) Smith; His sister Della Bergen; His brothers-in-law Brian (Lynn) Rask; Darrell Rask and Harold

Hanson; His sisters-in-law Myrna (Richard) Weir; Linda Zaparaniuk; Judy Caplette (Gary Servatius); Bonnie Rask, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents Lewis and Evelyn Smith; his parents in law Swan and Ruth Rask; his daughter Arlene Bischler; his son Colin Smith; his brother-in-law Dick Bergen; his sisters-in-law Sally Hanson and Karen Kingsley.

Celebration of Life for Howard was held on Wednesday, August 3,

2022, at 2:00 PM at the Big River Community Center. In lieu of flowers memorial donations in Howard's memory may be directed to Lakewood Lodge Auxiliary (Box 846, Big River, SK S0J 0E0).

Friends and family wishing to send online condolences may visit [www.beaulacfuneral-home.com](http://www.beaulacfuneral-home.com). Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, Lynn Anderson, Funeral Director, Big River SK. 306-469-2277.

## Sask. seeks greater autonomy over immigration

Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison met with the federal and provincial Ministers Responsible for Immigration and put forward a detailed proposal that would give Saskatchewan similar authorities over immigration that have long been guaranteed to the Province of Quebec. The new Saskatchewan Immigration Accord would give Saskatchewan sole authority to nominate newcomers moving to Saskatchewan control over the family class of immigration, a transfer of federal resources for settlement services to the Province of Saskatchewan and a guaranteed provincial allocation of nominees each year that would be proportionate to the population of Saskatchewan within Canada.

"Saskatchewan requires more autonomy and flexibility over immigration in order to meet its economic needs and address gaps in the labour market," Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Canada should be focusing its efforts on reducing processing times for applications and let the provinces select

immigrants and ensure their effective settlement."

Saskatchewan is seeking the same level of autonomy currently granted to the province of Quebec. Under the Quebec Accord, Quebec has the sole responsibility for the selection of immigrants destined to that province, while Canada has responsibility for their admission based on national security.

"When it comes to immigration Saskatchewan expects the same deal as Quebec. Immigration is a key component of our government's plan to grow the province to 1.4 million people and create an additional 100,000 jobs by 2030," Harrison said. "Provincial governments are in the best position to respond to local labour market needs with new Canadians. The provinces should not be limited by economic categories or caps on provincial nominee programs set by the federal government."

Saskatchewan expects to meet and exceed its current cap of 6,000 under the Saskatchewan Immigrant Nominee Program (SINP) this year. Without an increase to the

federal cap, international recruitment by employers will be delayed. A proportionate share of national immigration, as contemplated in the Saskatchewan Immigration Accord, would see at minimum 13,000 positions allocated to the province in 2022.

A new Saskatchewan Accord would reduce confusion among new Canadians and allow the province to create a continuum of services that would range from settlement to integration. This would better position newcomers for long-term success. It would also ensure that there are no gaps in response to humanitarian crises such as the conflict in Ukraine. The transfer in settlement funding would mean approximately \$42 million dollars would be transferred to the province annually.

"As Canada's longest serving Immigration Minister, I have long maintained that the transfer of these authorities makes sense from the perspective of the provincial and federal government - and most significantly - for new immigrants coming to Saskatchewan," Harrison said. "Our province

has gained a great deal of experience and developed very significant capacity in the past decade and a half in administering and managing the SINP. Simply put - we know our provinces needs and labour markets better than the Government of Canada. By transferring selection of all immigrants to our province, including in the family class, the federal government can focus on addressing the outrageous processing times for admissions that are causing such issues for hundreds of thousands of potential new Canadians. The transfer of responsibility for delivering settlement programming to the province also makes sense. We know our partners, local circumstances and needs better than the Government of Canada does."

The current federal approach to immigration does not align with the direction of Saskatchewan's growth. A Saskatchewan Accord will enable the province to ensure that its immigration strategy is meeting the needs of Saskatchewan employers and improving the outcomes for newcomers.

## Sask. prepares to welcome more Ukrainian citizens

Preparations are now underway to welcome a second humanitarian flight from Ukraine to Saskatchewan. The flight is tentatively scheduled to arrive in Saskatchewan on August 10, 2022, bringing approximately 230 additional Ukrainian citizens to the province.

"A number of community groups, organizations and individuals continue to help Ukrainian families settle into our province," Immigration and Career Training Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "Support for this important work has been awe inspiring, and we can't thank the people of

Saskatchewan enough for the generosity and kindness they've shown toward Ukrainian citizens."

Upon arriving in Saskatchewan, passengers will have access to temporary accommodations and a suite of services, support and information related to living in Saskatchewan. Officials have begun planning for the flight's arrival, and specific details will be confirmed in the coming days.

Following the success of the first flight, which landed in Saskatchewan on July 4, 2022, Saskatchewan is proud to once again partner with humanitarian organizations Open Arms and

## Government increases seniors income plan benefits

For the second year in a row, the maximum monthly benefit provided through the Seniors Income Plan (SIP) will increase by \$30 per month.

"Our government is following through on our commitment to make life more affordable for Saskatchewan seniors," Social Services Minister Gene Makowsky said. "This investment in the Seniors Income Plan will help seniors across the province participate in their communities while living more comfortably and securely."

The maximum SIP benefit will increase from \$300 per month to \$330 per month for singles and from \$265 per month to \$295 per month for each pensioner in a married, two-pensioner household, for a total of \$590 per month.

SIP provides financial assistance to seniors who receive little or no income, other

than the federal Old Age Security pension and the Guaranteed Income Supplement. SIP is a monthly benefit paid to seniors, who receive different levels of support depending on the amount of their pension, taxable income or living arrangement. The benefit is higher for seniors with lower incomes.

The Government of Saskatchewan committed more than \$34 million this year to SIP, which supports approximately 14,500 seniors across the province. SIP benefits will increase by a maximum of \$30 per month again in 2023-24. This marks the seventh increase government has made to SIP since 2008.

For more information about SIP, please visit: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/family-and-social-support/seniors-services/financial-help-for-seniors>.

Solidaire on this initiative.

Information about programs and services is available to Ukrainian newcomers on an ongoing basis by calling 1-833-613-0485 (toll free), by email at [ukraine-support@gov.sk.ca](mailto:ukraine-support@gov.sk.ca) or by accessing online resources at [www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/saskatchewan-supports-ukraine](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/saskatchewan-supports-ukraine).

The invasion of Ukraine by the Russian army has forced millions of Ukrainian people to flee their country in search of safety. With the arrival of this flight, more than 1,500 displaced Ukrainians have arrived in Saskatchewan since the conflict began.

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## Canadian athletes are world headliners

Canadians athletes were on top of the sports world over the July 23-24 weekend.

First, in a race usually dominated by Jamaica, the United States or Great Britain, the Canadian 4 x 100 relay team captured a gold medal in the World Athletic Championships in Eugene, Ore.

The next day, on a golf course at Evian-les-bains, France, 400 kilometres from Paris, Canada's golfing sweetheart, Brooke Henderson, survived a rather sloppy final round by rolling in an eight-foot birdie putt on the final hole to win the Evian Championship. The tournament is one of five majors on the Ladies Professional Golfers' Association calendar.

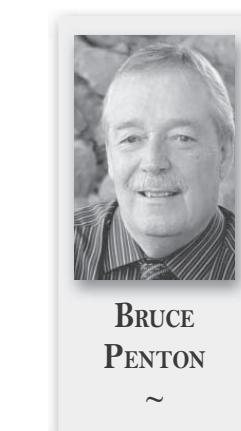
The relay team, consisting of Aaron Brown, Jerome Blake, Brendon Rodney and anchor man Andre De Grasse, posted a time of 37.48 seconds to nip the favoured U.S. by seven one-hundredths of a second.

"It means everything," De Grasse told the CBC's Devin Heroux. "We've been talking about this for a few years now ... It feels good to get it here ... a lot of Canadian fans here so it almost feels like home soil."

The quartet's time was a Canadian record, with De Grasse's leg timed at a jet-like 8.79 seconds.

Meanwhile, the 24-year-old Henderson kept Canadian athletes in the world sports headlines the next day by winning her second major title. She started the day with a two-stroke lead, lost it on the front nine (thanks in part to a four-putt), got back into a tie with a pair of birdies on the back nine and then rolled in the crucial winning putt on 18. She now has 12 LPGA titles to her credit and vaulted to No. 6 on the world-ranking list. Oh, she also won a cool \$1 million for her victory.

Henderson, of Smiths Falls, Ont., had been tied with Sandra Post and



BRUCE PENTON

Mike Weir for most major golf titles won by Canadians (one) and now sits atop that list, with more almost certainly to come.

"I stayed pretty patient, as patient as I could under the circumstances," Henderson said in a post-round interview reported by CBC. "Going into the back nine, the saying is that majors are won on the back nine on Sunday so I just tried to keep that frame of mind and knew I was still in it if I had a solid back [nine]."

The relay team needed not quite 40 seconds

to accomplish its feat, while Henderson needed four days and 72 holes to reach her pinnacle. But the headlines — big and bold — were the same size.

- RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "Golden Knights star Jack Eichel once said the NHL should ditch offsides — just sit at the other end 'and wait for the puck.' In related news, Pavel Bure is considering coming out of retirement."

- Former Mets and Phillies pitcher Tug McGraw, on whether he preferred grass or AstroTurf: "I don't know. I never smoked Astro-Turf."

- Pelicans forward Larry Nance Jr., via Twitter, when asked if he is the most famous person from Richfield, Ohio's Revere High School: "You would think so ... but, I'm not sure what I'd have to do to pass Jeffery Dahmer."

- Jerry Tarde of Golf Digest, in a fictitious interview with the late

Dan Jenkins, on the LIV golf tour: "I hear Patrick Reed got \$80 million to defect. The Saudis paid him \$20 million, and the PGA Tour put up the other 60."

- Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com, after Golden State Warriors' Andrew Wiggins said he still wishes he didn't get vaccinated against COVID-19: "About a million Americans would offer a rebuttal if they weren't like, you know, dead."

- Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "At the World Athletic Championships in Eugene, Ore., Mondo Duplantis set a world record in the pole vault of 20 feet, four inches. That is higher than Snoop Dog at one of his album release parties."

- Headline at theion.com: "Trump Hosts Saudi-Backed 'Jamal Khashoggi Was No Saint' Golf Tournament"

- Headline at fark.com: "Mike Trout diagnosed with rare spinal condition that's been

aggravated by carrying the Angels for the last 10 years or so."

- Vancouver comedy writer Torben Rolfsen, on Twitter, on the Blue Jays' 28-5 romp at Fenway: "Boston T-ball Party."

- Headline at The-Beaverton.com: "Pope Francis closes Commonwealth Stadium mass with 52-yard Hail Mary."

- Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "The Arizona Cardinals have removed the controversial 'independent study' clause from QB Kyler Murray's \$230.5M contract. But added one for cleaning up his room and being in bed by 10."

- Scott Ostler of the San Francisco Chronicle, on unvaccinated players: "As they say in baseball, we'll shoot any random stuff into our bodies, as long as it's not something that will help stop a worldwide killer pandemic."

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## Shellbrook lacrosse has strong first season

When "Try Lacrosse" sessions were held at Shellbrook's Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre in April, the turnout exceeded Ryan Sandry's expectations, allowing the community to field teams in 8U, 10U, and 12U age groups of the Prince Albert Lacrosse league.

Sandry, who has been involved with the Prince Albert Lacrosse Association for the past seven years and has focused much of his effort on outreach and grassroots programming in the Shellbrook area, felt Shellbrook was a perfect location for box lacrosse because the town is a hub for surrounding communities and First Nations.

"The only disappointment for me [this season] was that Mistawasis First Nation was only able to field two teams," he said. "We had originally hoped they would be the other main tenant for lacrosse at the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre, but they had some challenges with organizing their lacrosse program, mostly due to coming off COVID as well as turnover in their recreation department."

From the outset, Sandry knew the late start to the lacrosse season in Shellbrook would pose some challenges to getting the sport up and running.

First and foremost, there was the issue of finding certified coaches for the teams.

On this front, Sandry says the teams benefited from the dedicated parents and volunteers who spent a lot of time coaching. Those include youth coaches Ashton Tanchuk and Talon Sandry, parent coaches Kent Shindle, Marliese and Tyson Kasner, and Randi Hor-

ricks, and recruiters and team managers Kris and Melissa Moe.

Thanks to this core group, the 8U and 10U teams were both very competitive in their respective leagues, and the 10U team even gave the unbeaten Prince Albert team a run for

its money in the championship game. Meanwhile, for the 12U team, which was plagued by scheduling conflicts and a short bench for most of the season, the lacrosse season was mostly about learning the game.

"One of the challenges we faced this year was getting off to a later start," Sandry said. "Being better prepared for next year will allow teams to get in some essential practices to develop skills and an understanding of the game."

Looking forward to next season, Sandry sees plenty of reasons to be optimistic about lacrosse in Shellbrook. A local board is being formed to help with season preparations and growing the game locally, and if most of the athletes, parents, and volunteers are retained, Sandry sees no reason why the 10U team can't capture the league title.

"We are also hoping that Mistawasis First Nation will see a resurgence in their lacrosse program after coming off a couple of idle years," Sandry said. "Hopefully next year they will be using the rec centre for all age divisions."



A loose ball in front of the goal allows U10 Smokejumper Jake Shewchuk to lay a big hit on the PA Eightytwos' Lucas Bear, in action from Shellbrook's first lacrosse season.



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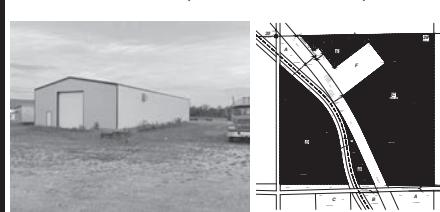
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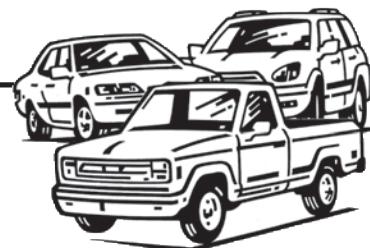
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## U of S cherries: enter D'Artagnan

By Sara Williams

Also called pie cherries, these are most often used in cooking and processing. Traditionally, Canadians call them "sour" while Americans call them "tart" regardless of the fact that many of the new ones are sweet enough to eat fresh. The shorter varieties bred at the University of Saskatchewan are referred to as dwarf sour cherries or bush sour cherries.

Sour cherries are believed to be descendants of natural hybrids between sweet cherries (*Prunus avium*) and Mongolian cherries (*Prunus fruticosa*). But *P. cerasus* and *P. fruticosa* easily interbreed so those two may be the same species.

'D'Artagnan' (along with 'Cutie Pie' and 'Sweet Thing') is one of the latest varieties from the University of Saskatchewan's fruit breeding program - plants should be available within the next 12 months. Named after the fourth musketeer in Alexandre Dumas' novel, it is closely related to most of the Romance cherries and has the same parentage as 'Juliet', 'Valentine', and 'Crimson Passion'. Considered the best variety for homeowners who want a hedge of cherries, it suckers more readily than those in the Romance series. Because

it is propagated on its own roots, the suckers will have the same high-quality fruit as the parent plant. Within a few years, it will fill in the row, forming a hedge of thin, flexible branches. And, it needs far less pruning than other varieties. Not until the plants are about 12 years old is there a need to thin out older branches. (Most of the other varieties

need pruning when 7 years old.)

Tested for over 15 years, 'D'Artagnan' has had consistent production with superior hardiness to 'Carmine Jewel'. It is shorter than most of the Romance series, reaching only about 6 feet (180 cm) in height while other varieties eventually attain 8 or 9 feet (240-275 cm). The burgundy fruit tastes similarly to 'Valentine' and 'Juliet'. Most years it ripens in early to mid-August.

To form a hedge, plant them about 3 feet (1 m) apart within a 3-foot (1-m) wide row. Mulch well to prevent grass or weed competition. Once suckers appear between the plants, allow them to fill in the rows.

### Sour Cherry History 101

In the 1940s, Les Kerr (then superintendent of the PFRA Sutherland Tree Nursery) began hybridizing sour with Mongolian cherries with the goal of developing sour cherries hardy to zone 2. His job description limited his breeding to trees and shrubs useful in prairie shelterbelts. Chastised by his superiors for working with sour cherries, Les went underground. He continued his clandestine cherry breeding, giving his seedlings to various farmer friends for planting out. In 1983, while gravely

ill and hospitalized, he met with Dr. Cecil Stushnoff, then head of the Horticulture Department. During that bedside meeting, Les revealed which farmers were maintaining his best seedlings. Les passed away a week later.

Dr. Stushnoff and technician Rick Sawatzky gathered Les' best selections and relocated them to the University test plots. Les' hybrids were a great improvement over the Mongolian cherries. By the late 1980s, Rick had begun crossing Les' best selections with sour cherries from northern Europe with the goal of improving fruit size and flavour. He released 'Carmine Jewel' in 1999, just as Dr. Bob Bors became head of the fruit breeding program. Together, Rick and Bob began selecting the cherries that would eventually become the Romance series. These new cherries fulfill, and in some way surpass, Les' original goal to develop sour cherries hardy to zone 2.

*Retired from the University of Saskatchewan, Sara's most recent book is Growing Fruit in Northern Gardens with Bob Bors.*

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