



## Village of Debden celebrates 100 years



Local and area veterans march in the Centennial parade.

Residents of the Village of Debden – both past and present, and near and far – gathered in their hometown from July 29 through 31, to celebrate the Debden Centennial. The weekend-long celebration was filled with activities steeped in Debden's cultural, spiritual, and linguistic heritage, and plenty of opportunities to have fun, visit, and reminisce.

The festivities began Friday night, with the focus put on history and faith. First up was the rededication of the Fatima in the village's World War II Memorial.

The statue was erected by Monsignor Joyal and the Debden parishioners in gratitude to the Holy Mother, who carried prayers for the protection of the more than 40 soldiers who shipped out to fight in the war. Miraculously, all of the men returned from the war.

The rededication included prayers, songs, a reading of the veterans' names, and the laying of a wreath by the Canwood Royal Canadian Legion branch.

The rededication was followed by a one-

hour theatrical production honouring the important role the St. Jean Baptiste Church has played in the history of the Village of Debden. The fully narrated, interactive production featured actors in historical costumes, sound effects, and overhead photos to help depict the story.

Headlining Friday evening's festivities was a friendly match between the U18 Debden ball team and the U15 Parkland Predators, who were fresh off winning a silver medal at Provincials.

Providing a little entertainment for all ages, Saturday morning's Centennial itinerary began with a parade and bike parade. History was again in the spotlight during the afternoon's Heritage Sessions, beginning with history tours led by local resident Urgel Bilodeau. The tour included tidbits about Sam Kelly, a notorious outlaw who escaped to the Debden area to live a quiet life, the Cold War bunker in the former railroad station, and the St. Jean Baptiste Church (including an answer to one of the village's most endur-

ing mysteries: why the church is so big).

Other afternoon highlights included a concert by Freddie and Sheila Pelletier at the community centre, and a car and machinery exhibit at the sports grounds. Visiting and remembrance were also on the agenda, during a come and go memory sharing hosted by the Comité Culturel (cultural committee).

On the fun side, Saturday also included a beach volleyball tournament, bouncy castles and other inflatable attractions, curbside games and laser tag, a petting zoo and mutton busting hosted by the Lockhart family, and free carnival concessions provided by L'Association Jeunesse (youth association).

Rounding out Saturday's festivities on a musical note, local artists Josh & Dyan Nordquist, Rick Hinson, Jersey Lamotte, Laurina Parent, the Debruijn family, and Cyndi Aarstad performed after the official welcome. Meanwhile, Stephanie Rose, Layton Ferster, Misdeal, Break, and River's Edge headlined the Cabaret in the evening, keeping the celebration going until 2 a.m.

The Centennial activities picked up again early on Sunday, with the Eucharist Celebration, followed by a second showing of the 100th Anniversary theatrical production, and a pancake breakfast for the whole community.

Freddie and Sheila Pelletier took the stage again to end the morning, making way for an artisan's market, cultural teachings from members of Indigenous and Métis communities, including musician Bruce Isbister, dancers, and more, and an arts and crafts corner hosted by L'Association Jeunesse.

There was also a human foosball tournament, tours of the school, strolling magic shows put on by Hadlen, and old-timer's fastball.

As afternoon turned to night, the celebration ended with a bang in the form of a fireworks show. Simultaneously, a family dance was being held from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m., with DJ services and equipment donated by Les Bilodeau.

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# Shellbrook Library upgrades furniture with grant

With the help of grant funding from Canada Post, the Shellbrook Public Library is looking a little different these days.

The \$3,000 Canada Post Community Foundation grant allowed the library to update the desks and furniture in the library, which were very out of date. Smaller desks were put in place of the existing ones, freeing up space for a more comfortable sitting area for reading, featuring two new comfy chairs.

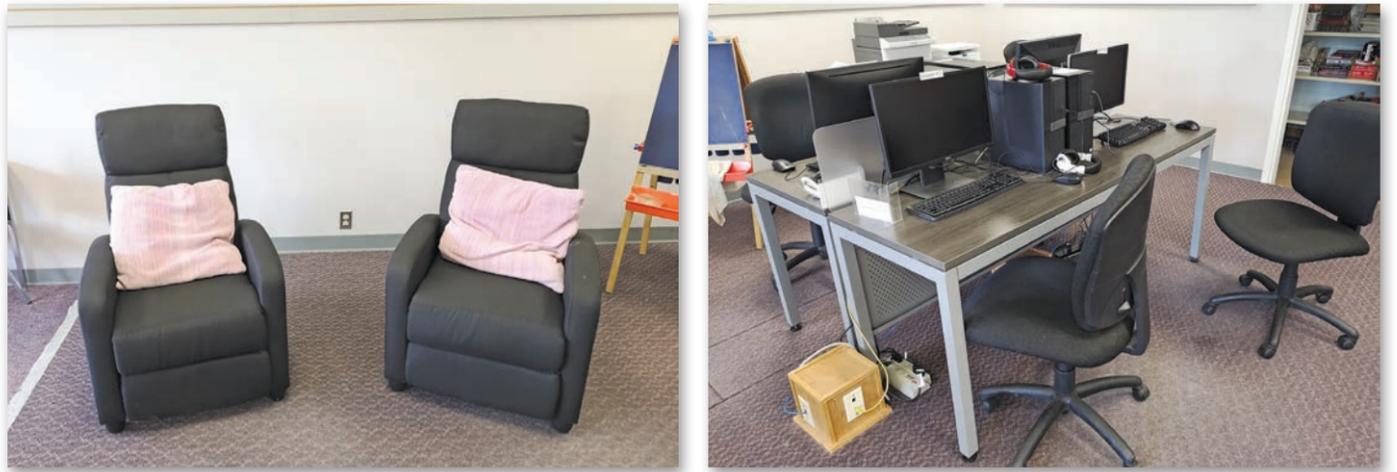
"The space in the library is better utilized now and more welcoming," Shellbrook Public Library board member Laura Gallimore said.

"The library in Shellbrook has become a bit of a community centre over the years for people to meet like minded individuals (through programming provided). The more welcoming the atmosphere is, the more foot traffic we get, the more people we can provide and encourage reading for," she added.

With summer in full swing, programming is keeping the library plenty busy. Story time is offered every Friday at 10:30 a.m., and the Summer Reading Program is running for kids aged three and up. The library is also continuing its partnership with PA Regional Kids-first, which came out to lead story time and activities on Friday July 29 and was slated to return on Friday, Aug. 12.

Elsewhere, the library is running a book sale fundraiser through the summer and accepting books for future fundraisers, and Nutrien stepped up to sponsor free wi-fi and the phone at the library for the year.

While programming is lending a sense of normalcy to the library, thanks to the library board and substitute librarian Beryl Peake, who has agreed to stay on for the



Thanks to a \$3,000 grant from Canada Post, the Shellbrook Public Library was able to purchase smaller computer tables and comfy chairs for a cozy reading area.

summer, it is proving to be challenging to fill the void left by the termination of former librarian Dian Campbell.

"The board is working hard to keep the library running and keep regular programming going," Gallimore said. "We hope to offer more programming once someone permanent has been hired."

Unfortunately, Campbell's future at the library remains in limbo, as she continues to work through the labour dispute process.

"What I can tell you is that she is very missed by the entire community," Gallimore said.

According to all accounts, Campbell's notice of termination was unexpectedly delivered by Wapiti Regional Director and CEO, Tony Murphy, the Wapiti Regional Board Chair, April Phillips, and another Wapiti Regional staff member at a Shellbrook Library Board meeting held the evening of

Feb. 22.

While Wapiti personnel policy states "the staffing and supervision of branch employees is the responsibility of the branch library board, in consultation with Wapiti," those in attendance said the Shellbrook Library Board wasn't consulted and the board's objections to the unexpected decision were ignored.

Responding to emailed questions about Campbell's termination, Phillips' only statement was, "Wapiti cannot comment on internal HR matters due to confidentiality." In the meantime, the Town of Shellbrook has been working with Wapiti to keep the library open and operating under a substitute librarian.

With Campbell's termination sparking confusion and anger in the community, community member Nicole Philp took the initiative to call a meeting in early March

to formulate a unified community response. That response included a letter writing and video submission campaign targeted at all Wapiti Regional Board members and Murphy, a petition that received nearly 300 signatures, and the launch of a trust fund to support Campbell.

"We take on battles we may or may not win, but there's a huge victory in even being able to show Dian that this many people care," Philp said at the meeting. "It matters."

As librarian at the Shellbrook Public Library since 2015, Campbell oversaw a period of exponential growth in library usage. She was also the mastermind behind a wide array of library programming for all ages, including Lego Club, MakerSpace, story time, book clubs, elder art galleries, seminars and speaker sessions, take home crafts, and a partnership with PA Regional KidsFirst that introduced a sensory room.

## SaskTel announces rural 4G LTE upgrades

By Rebecca Fajt, Intern Reporter

SaskTel has announced a \$10 million upgrade to improve 4G LTE data capacity, to be completed by March 2023.

The notice on July 27 stated that installations of Samsung RAN (Radio Access Network) equipment will occur in 30 rural communities including Big River First Nation, Blaine Lake, Canwood, Rabbit Lake and Shellbrook. The

upgrades will increase data capacity by over 100 per cent "...so that (the communities) may take full advantage of the economic, social, and educational opportunities the modern world has to offer," said Don Morgan, Minister Responsible for SaskTel, in a statement.

This is among other initiatives in recent years, including a \$107 million investment by adding 34 new towers to expand the High Speed Fusion Internet Network, and construction on 190 cell towers near rural communities, highways, and provincial parks.

"In addition to enhancing the wireless experience that our customers receive today, these upgrades will lay the foundation for the deployment of 5G in the future as we continue our work to bring the next generation in wireless technology to our customers across the province," said Doug Burnett, SaskTel President and CEO, in a statement.

From its annual revenue of \$1.3 billion, SaskTel plans to invest \$1.5 billion over the next five years on improvements for the base of 1.4 million "customer connections" tallied in its annual report for 2021.

The other communities to benefit from the new improvements include: Baidon, Bruno, Cando, Choiceland, Crooked River, Cutknife, Glaslyn, Gravelbourg, Greenstreet, Hafford, Hodgeville, Ituna, Kipabiskau Regional Park, Lake Alma, Leader, Lestock, Montmartre, Nekanet Cree Nation, Norquay, Oxbow, Quill Lake, Turtleford, Warmley, Willow Bunch, and Witchekan Lake.

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# Vidal holds local meet and greets

Gary Vidal, Conservative MP for Desnethé-Missinippi-Churchill River, hit the road for a constituency tour ahead of the Civic Holiday long weekend, making stops in Shell Lake, Leoville, Spiritwood, and Big River.

The tour kicked off Wednesday with a meeting with Shell Lake Mayor Anita Weiers and stops at local businesses, and concluded with a meet and greet in Leoville.

The next day, Vidal travelled to Spiritwood with constituency director Dion Petz, setting up shop at Spiritwood's Town Square for a meet and greet from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

During the three-hour window, local residents stopped by to say hello, chat, and air some of their concerns. In an open conversation with residents from Spiritwood, the RM of Spiritwood, and elsewhere in the constituency, Vidal spoke of many of the issues in the area. Both Vidal and Petz were forthright about the work they are doing regarding the concerns they've heard about the proposed change of the constituency's boundaries.

Reflecting on the campaign theme from his 2018 campaign, "Opportunity for all," Vidal said he feels it's still relevant four years later. He says he's still working to deliver on this campaign theme, focusing on three specific factors.

The first is to create good jobs and promote entrepreneurship within the area. Second, is for economic stability and third is to provide hope. He believes that the latter will help mitigate negative social influences and suicides, which he believes to be a crisis at this time.

When he was asked about what needs to be done to overcome the riding's challenges, Vidal said he believes business and economic development, especially in natural resources partnered with northern and Indigenous communities, is key. He added that it's important to promote partnerships that are respectful of the people and the land.

Vidal says he feels strongly that everyone has a sense of pride and

satisfaction that come from being a productive person and wants to grow that inner self worth. He says he wants to serve all in his riding, is proud of the work he's done and is doing, and wants to do the right thing every day. Following Thursday af-

ternoon's meet and greet, Vidal stayed around in town, sampling local food from Merchants Café and Papa Rene's Pizzeria. He even stuck around for Men's Night at the Spiritwood Golf Course, after receiving an invite from Spirit-

wood Town Councillor Jim Bedi, and Lloyd Fisher.

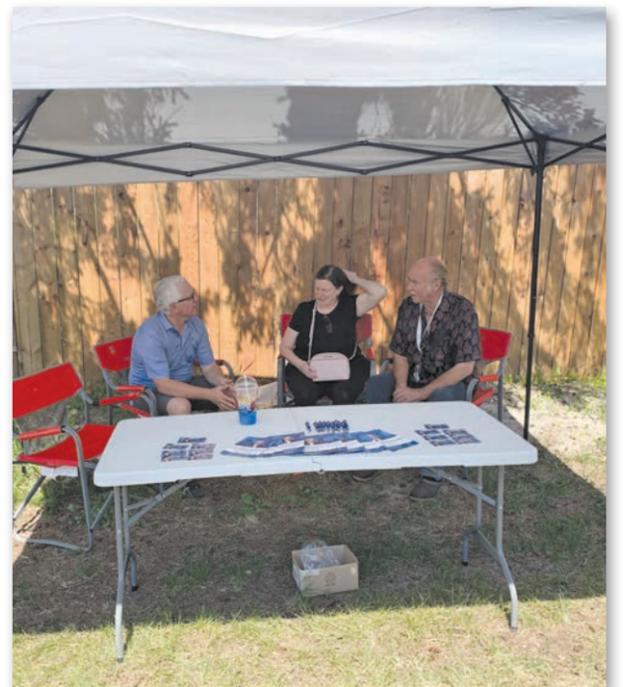
The next day, Vidal wrapped up his tour in Big River, setting up a tent at the Big River Flea Market for a meet and greet with local residents.



MP Gary Vidal was at Spiritwood's Town Square on Thursday, meeting with local residents and officials.



MP Gary Vidal kicked off his constituency tour with meet and greets in Shell Lake and Leoville, taking time to listen to residents' concerns.



MP Gary Vidal stopped at the Big River Flea Market and sat with constituents for a chat.

## TOWN OF BIG RIVER PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Big River intends to adopt a bylaw pursuant to Section 207 of *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 2015-02, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

### INTENT

The proposed bylaw will amend: Section 9. R1 - Low Density Residential District subsection 9.1 Permitted Uses to add Modular Homes and to remove them from subsection 10.2 Discretionary Uses.

### AFFECTED LAND

The affected land is R1 - Low Density Residential District.

### REASON

The reason for the amendment is to allow for Modular Homes to be a Permitted Use in the R1 - Low Density Residential District.

### PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the Town Office in Big River on any judicial day from Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. excluding statutory holidays. Copies are available at cost.

### PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on August 15, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Big River Community Centre, 606 1<sup>st</sup> Street North, in Big River, Saskatchewan to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. 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 July, 2022.  
Noreen Olsen, Administrator

## 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.

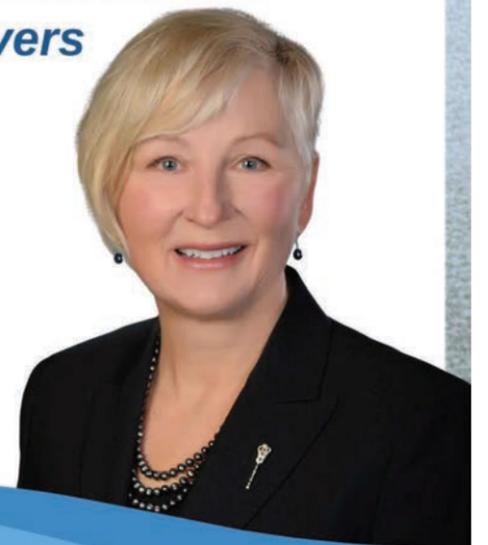
Any person(s) who wish to object to the proposed restructuring may file a written objection, stating clearly their reason for their opposition, with the administrator of the Resort Village of Big Shell at the address below. A written notice of objection must be received by the administrator by 3:30 p.m.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

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Issued at Shell Lake, Saskatchewan, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022  
Tara Bueckert, Administrator



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## Senior's healthcare: a record that keeps repeating itself

When 93-year-old Lois McGuire was hospitalized in Saskatoon for a bladder blockage just after Christmas, one can only imagine what she must have felt.

It's an unfortunate reality, but when you reach a certain age, even a routine illness or medical procedure becomes a crapshoot. A simple cold can become a fatal case of pneumonia. The unconsciousness brought on by anaesthetics can become permanent.

By all accounts, however, Ms. McGuire entered the hospital in positive spirits and mostly good condition (save for early dementia and the aforementioned bladder blockage). According to her son Mike, who documented her healthcare journey and all but lived at the hospital with her for her two-month stay, she was able to walk, talk, drink, and eat.

Yet, instead of getting better and going home, Ms. McGuire gradually got sicker and sicker during her hospital stay.

"Days of little movement caused her muscles to deteriorate," the *Saskatoon StarPhoenix* reported based on Mike's accounts. "On one of her first days, McGuire remembers her happily eating a piece of farmer's sausage and potatoes. A few weeks later, she was being fed through a tube."

On March 19, Ms. McGuire drew her final breaths.

"It is the untold story of hospitalizations of older adults," said Dr. Rose Compton, a nursing professor at the University of Saskatchewan who has seen cases like Ms. McGuire's many times.

For elderly patients, Compton says the ordeal of a hospital stay can be as much a danger as the sickness that brought them to hospital. Too often, the sudden transition to hospital, the loss of routine, and stress can trigger delirium, disorientation, and decline.

Tragically, patients who experience this are in a difficult position, in which they're too ill to be discharged from hospital, even though the hospital stay is, in some ways, contributing to their



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illness.

"It speaks to the fact that we, as an organization, as a health authority, and providers, need to look at the system and see what we can do better," said Dr. Krista Lagimodiere, a Saskatoon-based geriatrician.

According to Dr. Lagimodiere, one in three older patients develop some form of delirium during hospital stays. Despite how common it is, few nurses and doctors are well equipped to address

it properly.

Further exacerbating the issue, is the reality that there are currently only two geriatricians practicing full-time in Saskatchewan – including Dr. Lagimodiere.

"I'm not sufficient to support the numbers of patients we have," Dr. Lamogidiere said. "We don't have an inpatient geriatric psychiatry unit. We don't have a geriatrics unit or an acute care for the elderly unit. We're missing a lot of really key pieces for supporting patients with dementia in acute care."

The problem isn't unique to Saskatchewan. And as Canada's population ages, it's almost sure to get worse before it gets better, unless the right mix of healthcare professionals and resources are put in place.

Saskatchewan Health Minister Paul Merriman said the provincial government is responding by hiring two new graduating students as geriatricians starting this summer. A good first move, but little more than a band-aid being placed over a bullet wound in the long run.

Moving forward, healthcare professionals and the province need to focus on reducing the number of days patients spend receiving Alternative Levels of Care (ALC).

In a nutshell, the ALC designation means a patient is receiving care that doesn't actually match their needs. One in 20 Canadian hospital patients are put under this designation.

In 2020, a study into long waits at Saskatoon emergency rooms identified one of the challenges as the high num-



ber of patients considered ALC, and showed it was a growing problem before the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the 2016-17 fiscal year, SHA spokesman Doug Dahl said, there were 105,559 ALC "days" recorded across the health authority. In 2019-20, it grew to 129,771.

In a rare show of contrition and admission of wrongdoing from a government, Minister for Seniors Everett Hindley acknowledged Ms. McGuire didn't receive the care she required.

"It's not acceptable. It's not what Mike should expect for his mom, Lois. That's not what I would expect for my parents or loved ones," Mr. Hindley said in March.

Yet, when Mike requested a sit-down meeting with Health Minister Merriman, it took his office four months to reply. The reply was just a list of spending priorities and investments the provincial government is making in long-term and seniors care.

Saskatchewan has stepped up funding of home care services in recent years. It's also sought to expand access to long-term care by increasing the number of beds across the province.

While the former is a good step and will free up hospital beds for patients who are better suited to that level of

care, increasing beds is a reactive approach, not a proactive and preventative strategy for tackling the challenges of caring for the elderly.

Improved access to long-term care is all well and good, so long as the healthcare system has adequate personnel and resources to handle the load. Under the Sask. Party government's watch, this hasn't been the case over the past decade, and, too often, the government has proven unwilling to listen.

For years prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, officials warned the Sask. Party government of serious gaps in Saskatchewan's long-term care system. In report after report, they told of overburdened staff, meaningless standards, and ineffective oversight from government bodies tasked with keeping vulnerable seniors safe.

The end result was the death of 41 seniors during an outbreak at the privately operated Extencare Parkside long-term care facility. This, at last, made the Sask. Party pay attention, prompting it to end the practice of allowing four beds per room and cancel Extencare's contract in the province.

It was too little, too late. And if the Sask. Party doesn't act on addressing the treatment seniors receive in healthcare, history is sure to repeat itself.

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## High gas prices hurting? That's what Trudeau wants

**By Franco Terrazzano, CTF Director**

The Trudeau Liberals must be patting themselves on the back every time they pass a gas station, after all, these unaffordable pump prices are precisely what they want.

Inflation hasn't been this high since the Pierre Elliott Trudeau government back in the early 80s. Canadians are struggling to afford groceries and other basics. But that hasn't stopped the current Trudeau government from divulging its plan for a second carbon tax.

Feigned concern about high pump prices has been dropped in Ottawa.

This is deliberate.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's second carbon tax is part of new fuel regulations that require producers to reduce the carbon content of their fuels. When companies can't meet those requirements, they'll be charged the second carbon tax, which is then passed to the consumer.

Trudeau knows who will bear the most pain. His government's own analysis spells it out.

"Increases in transportation fuel expenses will

disproportionately impact lower and middle-income households, as well as households currently experiencing energy poverty or those likely to experience energy poverty in the future," reads the government's analysis.

"Single mothers are more likely to live in lower-income households, and may be more vulnerable to energy poverty and adverse impacts from increases to transportation. Seniors living on fixed incomes may also face higher transportation costs resulting from the regulations."

Trudeau knows the second carbon tax will increase the pump price.

The government's numbers show that it could increase gas prices by 13 cents per litre and cost a family about \$220 in 2030.

These costs are layered on top of the current carbon tax that Trudeau has hiked three times since the onset of COVID-19. By 2030, Trudeau's current carbon tax will cost nearly 40 cents per litre of gas and ding a family more than \$1,100 annually even after the rebates.

The Trudeau government has also made it harder to increase the supply of Canadian oil and gas through its "no more pipelines" law, its discriminatory tanker ban on the West Coast, and when it rejected the Northern Gateway Pipeline and moved the regulatory goalposts on Energy East.

To be clear, the government knows it could reduce the price of gas by up to about 30 cents per litre today through tax relief. It's not like Ottawa's politicians have been working so hard that they haven't noticed governments around the world cutting fuel taxes.

President Joe Biden is pushing for gas tax relief south of our border. So is the European Parliament's largest political party. The United Kingdom, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, Ireland, Israel, India, Peru, Poland, 25 Indian states and union territories, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Florida, Alberta, Newfoundland and Labrador and Ontario have already announced gas tax relief.

Those pulling the levers in Ottawa aren't dummies who need to brush up on basic economics. They know they are driving up the price of gas. They want high gas prices. If you don't believe it, listen to Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland's recent "let them eat cake" moment.

During a press conference in Brampton, Ontario, a RED FM reporter shared concerns with Freeland from truck drivers who are hurting from high fuel prices.

"This price increase in fuel costs is a reminder of why climate action is so important and why as a country we have to work even harder and move even faster towards a green economy," responded Freeland.

Freeland might as well have told struggling drivers to take out a loan to buy a Tesla or told truck drivers to transport their goods with public transit.

The Trudeau government hasn't provided relief at the pumps because it wants high gas prices.

Hardworking Canadians who cannot afford these prices are going to have to drag this government kicking and screaming if they want some relief at the pumps.



### R.M. OF CANWOOD NO. 494 MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS

The R.M. of Canwood No. 494 is currently inviting applications for a permanent Administrative Assistant to provide support to the Public Works Supervisor in management of the municipality's assets.

#### General Duties:

- Attending to inquiries in person, on the telephone and by written communication.
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- Maintaining an adequate inventory of office supplies.
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- Assisting with the development of reports/charts/tables to track equipment performance and associated operating costs.
- Preparing reports and summaries for presentation to Council as the need arises.
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**Hon. Jeremy Harrison**  
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[jharrisonmla@sasktel.net](mailto:jharrisonmla@sasktel.net)

**Hon. Scott Moe, Premier**  
MLA for Rosthern-Shellbrook  
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# Prairie Homestyle Bakery brings sweetness to Shellbrook

Having grown up on family farms, husband and wife duo Kegan and Melodie Thiessen learned early that you need to work hard if you want to live.

Those childhood lessons have served them well into adulthood, as they've taken on their own farming operation and trucking business. And they're hoping those lessons will continue to prove helpful with their latest venture, Prairie Homestyle Bakery, which opened its doors on Shellbrook's Main Street on Monday, July 18.

"We learned that an eight-hour day didn't work; you didn't get much done," Kegan said. "Big days on the farm help us with the big days here."

"My family also ran a lot of small businesses," Melodie added. "We did farmer's markets in Prince Albert. We sold eggs and honey for years. That got me into the mindset that you can make something, and people will buy it."

Prairie Homestyle Bakery offers many of the breakfast and lunch mainstays you'd expect from a small-town café, from coffee and tea, to baked goods and desserts, to soups

and sandwiches, all of it crafted with love and care.

For Melodie, the business endeavour was a natural fit. She's always loved baking and got plenty of experience decorating cakes in high school. More recently, she spent three years working in and managing the bakery at Shellbrook Bigway.

When she decided she wanted to do more baking, Kegan was there to support and encourage her vision. Then, all the right things happened.

"We talked about it for awhile and things just fell in place," Kegan said. "A building opened up, and help came along."

The building, located at 12 Main Street, was formerly the home of Neighborhood Caterers, but had been sitting unused for a long time (briefly, a sign for a different restaurant went up on the front of the building, but it soon vanished and nothing happened).

Knowing there was nothing like Prairie Homestyle Bakery in Shellbrook, and having seen how busy Main Street is, the couple felt it would be a good addition and would succeed in the community.



**Wife and husband duo Melodie and Kegan Thiessen are the owners of Prairie Homestyle Bakery, which opened on Shellbrook's Main Street on July 18.**

"There's a big surrounding area, and Shellbrook is very supportive," Melodie said. "They really want to support their local businesses."

Getting Prairie Homestyle Bakery up and running was a three-month process of preparing the building, setting up suppliers, bringing in equipment, and learning new lessons about running a success-

ful business — namely, about all of the legalities they hadn't encountered in their previous ventures.

As opening day drew near, the team of four full-time employees (including help from Melodie's sister and mom) spent four days pre-baking to ensure supplies would last. That four days of hard work was gone by their second day of

business.

"We expected lots of support, but we have about double the business we thought we would have," Kegan said. "It's been an exhausting week, but a good week."

"We're getting it more organized," Melodie added. "We learned lots of things we needed to do differently, and that everything's got to have its place. That really helps you with being efficient and prepping."

Expressing appreciation for the support they've received from customers and local businesses, both Melodie and Kegan say they're looking forward to what the future holds. In the meantime, their main goal is to go beyond "just selling things" and be a benefit to the community.

"If you walk in sad, we'd like you to walk out happy. That's a goal us and our employees really have, is to make people happy," Melodie said.

"It's more than just a business plan to us. We want to get to know people, make friends, and impact people in a positive way," Kegan added.

## Minutes of a Village of Canwood meeting

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the Village of Canwood, held at 651 Main Street, Canwood, Sask., on Monday, June 20, 2022.

Present: Mayor - Robert Thompson, Deputy Mayor - Ken Moar, Councillors - Lorne Benson, Kaytlyn Mitchell and, Administrator- Erin Robertson.

Absent: Councillor Ron Willner.

Mitchell: That the minutes of the May 16, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented. Carried

Benson: That the minutes of the May 24, 2022, Special Meeting of Council be approved as presented. Carried

Moar: That the minutes of the June 6, 2022, Special

Meeting of Council be approved as presented. Carried

Mitchell: That the Statement of Financial Activities and Bank Reconciliation for the month of May 2022 be approved as presented. Carried

Moar: That the water report for the month of May 2022 be tabled to next meeting. Carried

Thompson: That we acknowledge receipt of Maintenance Manager Calendar, Office Assistant, Labourer and Administrator Attendance Statements for May 2022 as presented. Carried

Mitchell: That we issue Cheques 5597 to 5625 and Other payments totaling \$153,075.45 as detailed on attached List of Accounts for Approval, June payroll advance, and Pay Period 04 and 05 from the general account. Carried

Thompson: That we move to in-camera at 7:23 p.m. citing The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, section 15(l)(b)(ii) and section 23(l)(b) "personal information" and Human Resources and ask that the Administrator remain in Council chambers. Carried

Thompson: That we move out of in-camera at 8:31 p.m. and note that all members of Council and Administration are in attendance. Carried

Committee Updates:

Highway 55 Waste Management- verbal summary provided by Mayor Thompson and Councillor Benson

Public Works Committee - March 29, 2022, minutes and verbal report provided by Councillor Mitchell

Moar: That we agree to the recommendation from the Public Works Committee and use of the draft Agreement to Enter Upon Land form as presented. Carried

Mitchell: That Council provide a letter of correspondence to the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission addressing concerns and timeline with the proposed changes in the Federal Electoral Boundaries for the Village. Carried

Thompson: That the correspondence be noted and filed:

- JS Industries Water System Review, dated May 31, 2022;
- Village of Marcelin, withdrawal from Urban Development Appeals Board;
- Village of Debden, withdrawal from Urban Development Appeals Board;

- MEPP transition to non-profit corporation;
- ATAP site visit report from Dec. 30, 2021; Saskatchewan Agriculture, report on rabid bat in surrounding community;
- SAMA Annual Report;
- Honorable Member of Parliament Stubbs, Kurek & Gourde request to attend townhall regarding federal funding for rural communities;
- Resident concerns about trees;
- Resident complaint regarding dogs;
- Resident complaint regarding pool;
- Water Security Agency Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory issued June 13, 2022; and
- Water Security Agency June 17, 2022, rescinding of Precautionary
- Drinking Water Advisory. Carried

Moar: That we appoint Western Municipal Consulting, Meota, Sask., to act as our Development Appeals Board for the remainder of the 2022 year, and as such pay the required retainer fee. Additionally, we instruct the Mayor and Administrator to sign the Service Agreement on behalf of the municipality. Carried

Moar: That the Council hereby declares the land located on Lot 5, Block 2, Plan Y3516 Ext. 0, the civic address of the property being 550 Main Street, Canwood, Sask., to be a nuisance under Section 8 of Bylaw No. 2018-04 the Nuisance Abatement Bylaw, for the following reasons: Overgrown grass and weeds.

That the Designated Officer is hereby authorized to issue an order to the owner of the said property requiring them to undertake the following work: Mow all grass/weeds and whipper snip around buildings and fixtures.

With said work to be completed on or before July 13, 2022; and that if the work noted above is not completed by the date noted above, the municipality is authorized to take whatever steps are necessary to complete the work and recover the costs. Carried

(Editor's note: Council declared three more properties to be nuisances for the same reason, including Lot 7, Block 2, Plan Y3516 Ext. 0 (570 Main Street), Lots 20 to 23, Block 2, Plan Y3516 Ext. 0 (650 Railway Avenue), and Lot 14, Block 4, Plan Y3516 Ext. 0 (625 2nd Avenue East).)

Mitchell: That we adjourn at 10:30 p.m.

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## The next Agricultural Policy Framework is set

The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership is a five-year (2023–2028) investment by federal, provincial, and territorial (FPT) governments meant to strengthen and grow Canada's agriculture, agri-food, and agri-based products industries.

FPT Ministers of Agriculture agreed this new plan would take effect on April 1, 2023, replacing the current Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP). SARM is pleased the new plan will provide \$500 million, a 25 per cent increase in new funding for cost-shared activities, over the \$2 billion currently provided under CAP.

This plan also calls for improved data sharing and results reporting; \$250 billion in

sector revenues and \$95 billion in sector export revenues by 2028; an increase in funding for Indigenous Peoples, women, and youth recipients; and a 3-5 MT reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

"Saskatchewan farmers are already helping the environment by sequestering carbon and have been conservative in their fertilizer use. This approach has been effective in managing environmental impacts as farmers work with agronomists to ensure soil testing, nutrient management, and chemical applications. They continually invest in new equipment and technology to mitigate their environmental impact and product waste," said SARM President Ray Orb.

These further measures make it challenging for our farmers to remain globally competitive and SARM would have liked to see discussions with the federal government, but this topic wasn't even on the agenda of the recent annual meeting of FPT Ministers of Agriculture, which took place in Saskatchewan. This target has been set by Prime Minister Trudeau and Minister Bibeau and SARM would have liked to see real discussions before these reductions were put in place. It is important to consult with those who are most knowledgeable but also most affected. Those on the ground with a working knowledge should be the ones to help set goals that are both attainable

and won't devastate entire sectors of an industry.

Some highlights in this package are the Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program (RALP), the boost to the AgriStability compensation rate and the promised Business Risk Management (BMR) program review; All agreed in principle by the FPT ministers, with details to follow. RALP is receiving \$250 million to support the ecological goods and services provided by the agriculture sector and promises to be established based on nationally consistent principles, tailored to regional needs and conditions, and be cost-shared and administered by provinces and territories. The AgriStability ag income

stabilization program is going to 80 percent, up from the current 70, and is expected to provide another \$72 million per year for enrolled farmers. As for other BRM programs operating under the partnership, the ministers committed to a one-year review on "how to integrate climate risk and readiness." Provinces would identify "potential incentives" and then launch a pilot for producers who adopt environmental practices that also reduce their production risks.

SARM asks that ministers work and consult with industry leaders on new programs and regulations that directly affect agriculture, agri-food, or agri-based products industries.

## Crop Report: July 19 to 25

Where rain was received this past week, crops have continued with normal development, while areas in the west central region that remain very dry the crops have begun to go backwards in development and condition. Crops in areas that have received semi-regular rain showers are faring much better and some producers are expecting a better crop compared to last year. Some grain producers in the southwest and west-central regions have begun desiccating some of their pulse crops to get them ready for combining as the heat and dry conditions has shortened the growing season.

Rainfall varied this past week, ranging from none in many areas to 69 mm in areas around Bienfait. The Lipton

area received 51 mm, the Duck Lake area 32.5 mm and the Kindersley, Eyebrow and Vanguard areas received 22 mm.

The hot weather across the province last week has caused a slight decline in topsoil moisture, with the highest concentration of dry soils being in the western half of the province. For this past week, cropland topsoil moisture is rated as five per cent surplus, 63 per cent adequate, 26 per cent short and six per cent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as two per cent surplus, 62 per cent adequate, 26 per cent short and 10 per cent very short.

Due to a break in the extreme heat and some timely rains, crop conditions

are largely rated as fair to good. Some areas of the province have large portions of crops rated as excellent with the highest ratings being seen in cereals.

Some adverse weather has made haying difficult for some producers and has resulted in lower quality hay than some were expecting. However, haying operations are now at 24 per cent standing, 24 per cent cut and 52 per cent baled or silage. Hay quality is rated as 19 per cent excellent, 62 per cent good, 18 per cent fair and one per cent poor. Hay yields for dry land hay range from 1.06 tons/ac to 1.84 tons/ac; for irrigated hay, the yields range from 2.16 tons/ac to 2.97 tons/ac. Some producers are able to replenish their feed stocks from last year while others are still worried about go-

ing into the winter short on feed.

Strong winds, drought stress, hail, heat, grasshoppers and crop disease were the main issues of concern. Many producers are still actively spraying fungicides to protect their crops from fungal diseases as they continue to get rain followed by hot days that create ideal conditions for pathogens. The most common diseases being reported are anthracnose, ascochyta and root rot on pulse crops like lentils and field peas, and some cereals are being pressured from fusarium and rust (stem, leaf or stripe).

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

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# Minutes of an R.M. of Leask meeting

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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 held in the Leask Community Hall on Wednesday, May 11, 2022.

Council Meeting was called to order by Reeve Craig Hamilton at 8:58 a.m.

Present were Acting Reeve Craig Hamilton, Administrator Riannon Nelson and the following Council members: Keith Junk - Division No. 1, Real Diehl - Division No. 2, Gordon Stieb - Division No. 3, Joan Sanftleben - Division 4, and Clarke Gossen - Division No. 6.

Vacant: Division 5

Gossen: That the minutes of the May 11, 2022, Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented. Carried

Junk: That Council Indemnity be approved for payment as presented. Carried

Diehl: That we approve the payments as listed on the attached "List of Accounts for Approval" for a total of \$181,775.74, Council Indemnity for June, Fire Chief Direct Deposit for June and Payroll Direct Deposit for Pay Periods 10 & 11 for 2022. Carried

Stieb: That we receive the Bank Reconciliation for May 2022. Carried

Delegation – Fire Chief Devon Donohue arrived at 9:30 a.m.

Gossen: That we approve the Statement of Financial Activities for May 2022. Carried

Delegation – Fire Chief Donohue left the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Junk: That we acknowledge Fire Chief Devon Donohue's resignation from the position of RM of Leask Fire

Chief effective today, June 8, 2022. Carried

Superintendent Martin arrived at the meeting at 11 a.m.

Diehl: That we agree to the counteroffer from Myron Schmalz in the amount of \$1,250/acre. We will offer the same to the others along the road. Carried

Stieb: That the administrator report be accepted as presented. Carried

Council adjourned for lunch at 12:34 p.m. to 12:55 p.m.

Junk: That council recess the regular meeting at 1:04 p.m. for the Public Hearing for Bylaws 2 and 3 – 2022. Carried

Diehl: That we reconvene the regular meeting at 1:06 p.m. Carried

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Diehl before the following resolution was read.

Gossen: That as resolution #237/20 did not include any fencing conditions we are prepared to supply the material for the fence and gate to a maximum cost of \$7,500 and request the Royal Community Pasture Ltd. to supply the labour for the fence removal and new fence placement. With the fence to be placed before Oct. 31, 2022. RM will retain ownership of the gate. Carried (4 in favour, one opposed, one abstention)

Junk: That due to the volatile cost of fuel we add a fuel surcharge of 25% to all custom work as of June 8, 2022. Carried

Diehl: That we accept Superintendent of Public Works John Martin's written and verbal reports as presented. Carried

Stieb: That we hire Elk Point Drilling to repair the well damage as per quote dated May 26, 2022, in the amount of

\$1,016 and submit a claim to the SARM Liability Self Insurance Plan. Carried

Gossen: That we send Superintendent Martin and Employee Gallant to chainsaw training in Mayfair on July 5, 2022. Carried

Junk: That we acknowledge the resignation of employee Dennis Ledoux effective May 26, 2022. Carried

Councillor Diehl left the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

Superintendent Martin left the meeting for the day at 2:13 p.m.

Stieb: That Bylaw 2-2022 attached hereto and forming a part of these minutes, now be read a second time. Carried

Gossen: That Bylaw 2-2022 attached hereto and forming a part of these minutes, being a bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 to remove Municipal Reserve designation, now be read a third time and adopted. Carried

Councillor Diehl returned to the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

Junk: That we notify Community Planning Branch that we are waiting on legal advice on the proposed walkway on SW 19-48-07 W3. Carried

Diehl: That as per the request from the lot owners we allow the consolidation of Lot 10 and 11, Block 2, Plan

84B13551. Carried

Stieb: That we acknowledge the resignation of Patricia Henbid from the Organized Hamlet of Pelican Cove Board effective May 7, 2022. We appreciate all her hard work over the years. Carried

Gossen: That we acknowledge the resignation of Larry Henbid as Pelican Cove Hamlet maintenance man as of May 7, 2022. Carried

Junk: That we acknowledge the tender sale of the Organized Hamlet of Pelican Cove Playground Equipment in the amount of \$2,662, with removal to occur as soon as possible. Carried

Diehl: That we agree to train Employee Sheila Kiszka on Munisoft Programs necessary for compliance with the Software Support Agreement. Carried

Stieb: That the correspondence be received and filed. Carried

Gossen: That this meeting be adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

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Sunday School,  
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Worship Sunday, 11 a.m.  
Rev. Emmanuel Aristide

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

**ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
Leask - All Saint's  
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St. Andrew's - Shellbrook  
Sunday, 11 a.m. Service  
Canwood - Christ Church  
Sunday, 2 p.m. - Service  
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**MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCH**  
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10 a.m. - Worship  
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Whitefish  
Sun., 2:30 p.m. - Mass.  
Victoire  
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**MENNONITE BRETHREN**  
Glenbush  
10:00 am - Sunday School  
Worship 10:50 am

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# RCMP warns of dangerous offender's release

In the interest of public safety, the Saskatchewan RCMP is advising residents of Mont Nebo, Leask, Mistawasis First Nation, Shellbrook, Prince Albert, and surrounding communities of the release from prison of an offender who is considered to be at high risk of reoffending sexually and/or violently.

"The following information is intended to enable members of the public to take suitable preventative measures, not to embark upon any form of vigilantism or other unreasonable conduct directed at this individual," the Saskatchewan RCMP said in a statement.

The offender, 54-year-old Roland Clifford Morissette, was released from prison the morning of Aug. 2, after serving the entirety of his sentence, and shared with the Saskatchewan RCMP his intentions to reside at Mont Nebo and to visit occasionally the areas of Leask, Mistawasis First Nation, Shellbrook and Prince Albert. He is described as a 54-year-old Indigenous male of slim build, (5'10", 140 lbs), with brown eyes and short black hair. He has a tattoo of a buffalo skull on his upper left arm and a large five-inch vertical scar on his abdomen. He has smaller visible scars on his left cheek, left wrist, chest and chin.

Morissette has a criminal record that contains both violent and sexual offences connected to substance use and a history of reoffending and non-compliance with release conditions. During his periods of incarceration, Mr. Morissette completed several educational programs for sex offenders,

substance abuse, anger management and living skills.

Roland Clifford Morissette's criminal history and limited progress during these educational programs has led Saskatchewan RCMP to believe he is at a high risk of reoffending sexually and/or violently after his lawful release.

To help mitigate the risk to public safety and contribute to Morissette's rehabilitation, the Saskatchewan RCMP High Risk Offender Unit is currently working with its provincial partners to have conditions imposed on Morissette for a period of two years.

Morissette has been ordered by court to obey, among others, the following conditions:

- Keep the peace and be of good behaviour.
- Live at an approved residence and not change residence.
- Stay inside the approved residence from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. every night.
- Not have unsupervised contact with any child under the age of 16.
- Not be within 100 metres of any park, playground, school, or any other location where children under the age of 18 usually go.
- Not possess or consume alcohol, cannabis or drugs not prescribed by a medical doctor.
- Not enter or be in any place of which the main purpose is to sell cannabis or alcohol, such as cannabis stores, bars or liquor stores.
- Not possess any firearm, ammunition, or any other weapon.
- Notify his romantic partners of all

his past criminal convictions.

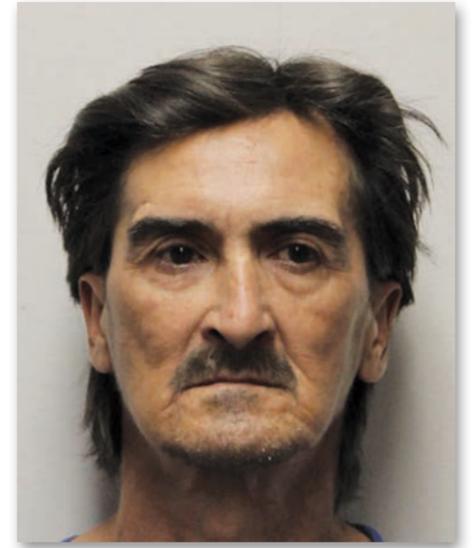
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To report an incident involving Morissette being in violation of his

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To report an emergency, call 911.



Ronald Clifford Morissette.

## Highway 3 twinning on pace to finish late November

By Rebecca Fajt  
Intern Reporter

The Highway 3 twinning between Prince Albert and the Shell River bridge that began in spring will be finished late November, says Steve Shaheen, Senior Communications Consultant for the Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways.

The project covers roughly 7.5 kilometres of road surface and will result in four lanes and T-intersections, a concrete centre median, and new lighting being added to the stretch of highway. The new project will cost the provincial government \$21.4 million.

Shaheen says the highway sees approximately 3,000 to 6,000 vehicles per day, with those numbers increasing as you get closer to the city.

According to SGI, 414 collisions and 67 fatalities have occurred on Highway 3 in the past decade. Following a

string of fatalities during Christmas 2020, the Ministry of Highways announced its plans to twin the section of Highway 3 to reduce further incidences. This is in addition to three sections of Highway 3 where passing lanes were added west of Prince Albert near the Hamlets of Holbein and Crutwell, and Kachur's Golf Club. The lanes were completed in October of 2021 at a cost of \$9.1 million.

While the highway twinning is ongoing, drivers passing through Shellbrook on Highway 3 may have noticed that the lines on the road from Holbein to just west of Shellbrook have suddenly vanished and been replaced by reflectors.

Shaheen says there's a reason for this. Seal work is scheduled to be completed in the Crutwell and Shellbrook areas in mid-August.

Sealcoating is a common type of road resur-

facing done on highways. It involves the application of a special mixture to the road that protects the road base from additional wear and tear. When this work on Highway 3 is completed, the road lines will be repainted.

"We understand the importance of pavement marking, although it does fade over time due to our harsher climate," Shaheen said.

"The crews are extremely busy at this time of year. They repainted nearly 21,000 kilometres of centre lines and more than 38,500 kilometres of edge lines on Saskatchewan highways last year. If all those lines were placed end-to-end, they would be more than long enough to circle the earth."

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**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

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**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: wledging@gmail.com or text/call 306-747-7645 (Wendy).

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## Money making noise in world of sports

If you have a child and like money, groom him or her to be a sports star. Sports is where you'll find the real loot.

Money has become the talk of the sports world lately, and here are a couple of examples:

— Juan Soto, a baseball player of considerable talent for the Washington Nationals, said thanks but no thanks to a contract offer of \$440 million over 15 years. C'mon, he's got a family to feed. Soto thinks that was an insulting offer, considering it averages out to less than \$30 million per year and some of his fellow major leaguers, whose stats don't measure up to his, are already making in excess of \$30 million. Another mitigating factor? Soto is only 23 and two-plus years away from free-agent eligibility, so he has a couple hundred games to put up even more impressive stats before some team (probably the Yankees or Dodgers) pushes his offer to a cool \$500 million for

.... oh, 12 seasons.

— The Saudi Arabian money pit that has thrown a wrench into the world of professional golf is on the verge of winning the battle because players can't say no to offers of life-changing riches. Could you turn down \$90 million, as was reported to have been offered to Cameron Smith, winner of the Open Championship at St. Andrew's in Scotland? Is there a chance Phil Mickelson would have said thanks, but no thanks to \$200 million showing up one day in his chequing account? If you were Richard Bland, Kevin Na, Pat Perez or Taylor Gooch, would guaranteed millions of dollars for fewer 'working' days be attractive enough to say 'sayonara' to the PGA Tour, as Japanese star Hideki Matsuyama is expected to do one of these days?

The catch-phrase slogan about money being the root of all evil may have some legitimacy, but money can also be



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the root of a great deal of happiness. Just ask lottery winners, or Michael Jordan, whose net worth is \$2.2 billion, or soccer star Lionel Messi, who pulled in \$130 million last year, \$75 million for playing soccer, and \$55 million from off-field income. LeBron James made twice as much (\$80 million) off the basketball court than he did on it (\$40 million), while aging tennis star Roger Federer pulled in only \$700,000 last year for his tennis accomplishments, but is keeping creditors at bay thanks to \$90 million in off-course

income.

And then there's Tom Brady. He's 44 years old, still playing quarterback in the toughest league in the world, and making \$84 million in on- and off-field income. And his net worth of \$250 million ranks second in his family. His wife Gisele Bündchen, one of the world's highest paid supermodels, has a net worth of \$400 million. It's safe to say Tom and Gisele can afford extra butter on their popcorn when they take in a movie.

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "According to Orange News, a farmer who built his own submarine tested it by diving to the bottom of a nearby lake. He christened it the Cincinnati Red."

• Super 70s Sports, on Twitter, recalling a line from former Houston Oilers coach Bum Phillips, after Earl Campbell failed to complete a one-mile run in practice: "When it's first and a mile, I won't give it to him."

• Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "I'm still having a hard time grasping why nobody complains when American corporations and, yes, American presidents do business with Saudi Arabia, but American golfers get ripped for it."

• Greg Cote of the Miami Herald: "Steph Curry will host The ESPYs. . . poor guy is finally getting some attention!"

• Steph Curry, hosting the ESPYs, on Tom Brady at age 44: "He's the only guy I know who'd rather get hit by Aaron Donald than hang out with a supermodel."

• Hockey Unplugged, on Facebook: "The reason they built the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto is so that Leafs' fans can go see what the Stanley Cup looks like."

• Another one from Greg Cote: "Juan Soto rejects \$440 million offer from Nationals. Dude. You're hitting .250."

• RJ Currie again: "A fang-toothed vampire

deer was recently spotted in Afghanistan for the first time in 66 years. Speaking of rare sightings, the Seattle Mariners are in a playoff spot."

• Headline at fark.com, after USA Today ran a story detailing the most overrated player on each NFL team: "Well, except for the Texans because they're all accurately rated as terrible."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times; "Magnus Carlsen, Norway's five-time world chess champion, announced he will not defend his title but denied he is retiring. What, are the Saudis going to bankroll a LIV Chess Tour too?"

• David Whitley of the Gainesville (Fla.) Sun, on 769 nudists plunging into the Atlantic Ocean last week: "That broke the previous record of 391 naked people in Rob Gronkowski's hot tub after the Bucs won the 2021 Super Bowl."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

## Feds, provinces reach new ag partnership deal

The federal, provincial, and territorial (FPT) Ministers of Agriculture reached an agreement in principle for the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership at their Annual Meeting in Saskatoon. This new five-year agreement will inject \$500 million in new funds, representing a 25% increase in the cost-shared portion of the partnership.

To enhance economic sustainability, Ministers agreed to improve Business Risk Management (BRM) programs, including raising the AgriStability compensation rate from 70% to 80%. Under the cost-shared envelope, they agreed in principle to the \$250 million Resilient Agricultural Landscape Program to support ecological goods and services provided by the agriculture sector.

"As the provincial-territorial co-chair, we are pleased with the increased funding all parties have committed to today. I believe we have found the proper balance between economic and environmental objectives to ensure our industry remains globally competitive," said David Marit, Saskatchewan's Minister of Agriculture,

in a statement. "This balance will be vital as Canada's producers seek to provide the food the world needs. The improvements made to our Business Risk Management suite demonstrate our continued commitment to making programs more timely, equitable and easier to understand. We look forward to the benefits this partnership will achieve for our industry."

The new agreement includes stronger targets such as a 3-5 MT reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, increasing sector competitiveness, revenue and exports, and increased participation of Indigenous Peoples, women and youth. There will also be a focus on measuring the results of framework investments.

The agreement, which will require appropriate authorities by each jurisdiction, will mark an ambitious path forward to advance the five priorities agreed to in the Guelph Statement. It will position our sector for continued success as a world leader in environmentally, economically and socially sustainable agriculture. It will enable an innovative

and productive internationally competitive sector that can continue to feed Canada and a growing global population at a time when rising costs and global food security are significant concerns.

Over the course of the agreement, Ministers agreed to implement new measures to the suite of BRM programs, which will make them more timely, equitable and easy to understand as well as to better protect producers against climate risk. Ministers will continue to collaborate with producers to ensure they have a suite of programs they can rely on when they face extraordinary situations.

In addition to the new agreement and BRM improvements, Ministers advanced discussions on other priority areas including the country's unique opportunity to feed Canadians and the world through global leadership. Ministers discussed market access, food supply chain, and trade issues, and how to help maximize Canada's contribution to global food supply. Ministers also discussed the importance of reducing barriers to interpro-

vincial trade and welcome four pilot projects focussed on domestic trade in border regions and Ready to Grow plants.

Ministers also discussed the importance of ensuring that efforts to reduce emissions from fertilizer or other agricultural sources do not impede Canada's ability to contribute to domestic and global food security, now or into the future. Ministers agreed to continue to work together and with the sector's value chain to build on producer's efforts to reduce fertilizer-related emissions while maintaining competitiveness and Canada's reputation as a top producer of quality crops.

Elsewhere, talks around African Swine Fever prevention and preparedness were advanced, including lessons learned from the recent Avian Influenza outbreak response. They discussed labour and ongoing work towards a federal National Agricultural Labour Strategy and regulatory priorities. Ministers discussed progress made on a Code of Conduct for grocery retailers and suppliers, which included a presentation by the industry

steering committee on concrete elements of a code. They encouraged industry to present a complete code by November 2022.

Finally, ministers addressed the importance of the health of bee populations, domestic and native, to Canada's economy and the environment. They agreed to work together to make science-based decisions about the safe import of honeybees. Ministers also noted the ongoing collaboration between the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and cattle sectors to perform a risk analysis to potential changes to the bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) control measures to maintain its negligible status within the World Organization for Animal Health.

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## OBITUARIES

## Marvin Bittner



Marvin is second from the left in both Bittner family pictures, taken in 1953 and 1968

Marvin Bittner  
March 2, 1944 – July 19,  
2022  
Marvin Edwin Bittner

was born at the family residence in the Bittner general store in Bright-holme, 12 miles east of

Leask. Mrs. Karl Sterzer, the nearest neighbour, was the first person to hold him. Reverend and Mrs. Sterzer lived in the parsonage across the road from St. John's Lutheran Church, which unfortunately burned to the ground in the 60s.

Marvin was an exceptional student who not only excelled in math and science but was also interested in literature. In high school he wrote several short stories, always with a gothic twist or surprise element. The family moved to Saskatoon where he completed high school and achieved the

highest marks in the province when he graduated. A testament, not only to his intelligence, but to the excellence of the Silver Grove School, which he'd previously attended. Silver Grove was a one-room schoolhouse, teaching grades one to twelve. The older kids helped the younger ones learn. Always the student to get the highest marks, his cousin, Jeannette Clark, was jealous not of his marks but of the quarters he got from the teacher. He was self-conscious about his academic abilities and downplayed any attempt to congratulate him. But

he liked the quarters.

After another family move, he attended the U. of A. in Edmonton. He dropped out after only one year, saying he wanted to earn a living.

He certainly did that. He was driven and focussed in anything he tried. A star golfer, he competed in tournaments and liked to play with the pros. Family and work obligations soon took over, however. Marvin and his brother Art founded Bittner Bros. Construction and built, among other things, apartment buildings. They eventually went their separate ways and then built

luxury homes on acreages they purchased east of Edmonton.

Marvin was predeceased by his parents Irma (Stieb) and Ted Bittner, his brother Art and his daughter Jennifer. He is survived by his daughter Angela, his ex-wife Gwen, his friend Hannah and his sisters Doreen Smith, all of Edmonton, and Diane Waldo of Toronto.

Cremation has taken place; no service is planned. If you wish to honour his memory, take a child or children to a bookstore or library and introduce them to the joy of reading.

## Garry Mamchur



MAMCHUR – Garry Garry Reinhold Mamchur was born on July 1, 1945, in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. He grew up on a farm in the Parkside area and attended school in Parkside and finished in Shellbrook. He enjoyed visiting his uncle, aunt, and

cousins in Debden, and had cherished memories of spending time with his grandparents. He left home the day after he graduated and moved to the Estevan area and stayed and worked with his 'cousin' Ted Rina's until he started working at John Deere. While he became enamored with all things green and yellow, he fell in love with Berva Jean McAllister, and they were married the day after a major snowstorm in Estevan on April 22, 1967.

Garry and Berva started out and continued to live in mostly Estevan until the spring of 1970, when they purchased land in the Kilwinning area. There they began to grow a mixed farming operation

and then a family of their own. With a growing family, there was a need for a larger home, so Garry took the lead in building a new home that they moved into in 1982.

Family was always of incredible importance to Garry and quality time was spent working on the farm, looking for crocuses in the spring, and on getaways whenever possible. Many family memories were made in the mountains, at lakes and in Disneyland. He loved to take the odd day and go fishing. One of the places he loved to visit had been enjoyed by all generations of his family, Cowan Dam.

Over the years Garry and his family enjoyed commu-

nity events at Kilwinning and in the area. Long lasting friendships were something that Garry treasured.

Garry was willing to help and serve in the community whenever and however he could. He spent years as a Leask Lion's Club member, Boy Scout Leader in Leask, and was a founding member of the Parkland Youth Initiative in Shellbrook, was a school board member in the Blaine Lake School Division, served as secretary at the Honeywood Cemetery, and was proud to serve as a member of church council at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Parkside.

Living and working on the farm was a passion of Garry's. He and his wife

lovingly raised their children to learn the value of hard work. He remained working on the farm every day until his body would no longer allow him to continue. He was proud of all of his children and grandchildren and happy to see the legacy continue.

Garry is survived by Berva, his loving wife of 55 years; his son Scott (Tricia) and grandchildren Aidan, Cale and Annie of Calgary; his son Trent (Jodi) and grandchildren Mason and Sawyer of Parkside; and daughter Cherise (Tyler) and grandchildren Jarren and Rogan of Edson. Garry was predeceased by his infant daughter Vicki in 1977.

Garry passed away

peacefully while a resident of Long-Term Care in the Parkland Integrated Care Facility in Shellbrook on July 17, 2022, at the age of 77. A service was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Parkside on July 22, 2022, led by Pastor Chris Dean.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Garry to the choice of the donor.

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

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# U of S cherries: dwarf sour cherries

By Sara Williams

The dwarf sour cherries bred at the University of Saskatchewan since 1999 are dwarf but not always sour. Many can be eaten fresh right off the bush. Rather than trees, they are grown as multi-stem shrubs, 8 to 9 feet (240-275 cm) high, but can be easily maintained at 6 to 7 feet (180-215) through regular pruning.

Bush cherries often start fruiting in their fourth or fifth year when they are about 4 feet (120 cm) tall. By the time they are 6 x 4 feet (180 x 120 cm), they are generally yielding 20 to 30 pounds of fruit.

In Saskatchewan, most of these cherries fruit from the last week in July to the second week of August. The fruit can be bright red, burgundy or almost black when fully ripe.

### Some of the early releases

'Carmine Jewel' (1999) is hardy to zone 2. The first dwarf sour cherry to be released, it is also the first cherry to ripen, often the last week of July. Fruit averages 3.5 grams with a very small pit and is black when

ripe. Bushes are 6 to 7 feet in height, sucker slightly, and produces good yields. With good flavour and aroma, they are very good for processing and are sweet enough to eat fresh.

'Cupid' (2003) is hardy to zone 2. It has the largest fruit size (6.5 grams) and blooms a week after other varieties which could help it avoid late frosts. The tangy black fruit ripen in early August. The large fruit may be too large for many pitting machines. Yields are about half those of the other varieties and it usually takes an extra year to come into production. Its flavour is especially tangy. The large fruit size and unique flavour may make it the best cherry for dipping in chocolate or canning whole. The bushes are 7 to 8 feet (215-245 cm) in height.

'Crimson Passion' (2003) is hardy to zone 3. It has firm flesh and a good blend of sweet and sour that rivals 'Romeo' for fresh eating. Its bushes are the smallest of the dwarf sour cherries (4 to 5 feet / 120-150 cm) and it rarely suckers, making it ideal for smaller spaces.

'Romeo' (2003) is hardy to zone 3 and probably the best for fresh eating but also good for processing. It comes into production a year before other varieties and has a tendency for over production that may lead to lower yields in off years. Fruits are a dark burgundy, average 4 grams, and ripen in early August. The bushes are very similar to those of 'Carmine Jewel'.

'Juliet' (2003) is hardy to zone 2. The burgundy-red fruit average 5 grams. The bushes are 7 to 8 feet (215-245 cm) high with strong, spreading branches. It tends to bloom a couple days before other varieties and goes dormant a week or so earlier.

'Valentine' (2003) is rated to zone 2. This is the only dwarf sour cherry with bright red fruit. It is preferred for drying because it maintains its attractive red colour (while other varieties appear black) when dried. The average fruit size is 4.5 grams. The bushes grow 8 to 9 feet (245-275 cm) tall if not pruned. This is the most productive of the dwarf sour cherries, partially due to its

larger bush size.

### Planting and care

Sour cherries prefer well drained soil and do not like "wet feet". They do best in full sun on weed-free loam and sandy loam soils or well drained clay soils.

To form a hedge, plant them 3 feet (1 m) apart, allowing suckers to form within the row. To grow cherries as individual shrubs, give them five-foot (150-cm) spacings. Mulch after planting.

Do not to over-fertilize cherries. This reduces their hardiness by encouraging growth into late fall and winter. If fertilizer is needed, apply it in spring or early summer, not in late summer or fall.

Sour cherries are self-compatible and do not need pollen from another variety in order to set fruit.

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

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

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