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Spiritwood Horticulture and Home Show returns

The Spiritwood Horticultural Society had a successful Horticulture and Homecraft Show this year, coming back after a two year break due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Despite heavy rain and hail early on in the year, the show turned out pretty good," said society president Roberta Wasden.

Entries were down a bit, but the flowers and houseplants brought in really stole the show. There were 34 entrants this year, down from 43 in the 2019 show. There were no entries in the rural ground and gardens this year, while urban entries consisted of four grounds, three gardens, two condos, four business pots, and two business frontages.

The Quilt Raffle winner was Vrana Purdy, who took home a beautiful sunflower quilt made by Susan Siegel. The second prize, which was a basket full of gardening items, went to Anne Thomas.

Each of the baking categories had at least one entry. Fern Millar took first place for her brownies, angel food cake, and chiffon cake. Barb Hepp came out on top with her butter tarts, homemade bread, and muffins. Eleanor Pallo took the top prize for her fruit pie, and Amber Mudrak won the cookies made with honey category, receiving honey as her prize.

There were two junior exhibitors this year, Treyton Ledinski and JR LeClare. JR was awarded the Best Junior Craft of the Show for his Lego aquarium, while Treyton took home the Junior Grand Aggregate Award.

Photography entries were submitted in three categories prior to the show, and the winners were as follows:

Wildlife – Sue Kahl 1st, Roberta Wasden 2nd

Single Bloom – Sue Kahl 1st, Roberta Wasden 2nd

Floral Garden – Daune Dewhurst 1st, Roberta Wasden 2nd

Awards in the crafts section were as follows:

Best Craft of the Show was won by Cheryl Smith, who had a beautiful cross stitch picture on display.

The Grand Aggregate Craft winner was Roberta Wasden, who brought a plethora of crocheted items. Pearl Baynes was the runner up.

Awards in the horticulture sections were as follows:

Suteau Shield for best potato collection went to Adele Wasden.

The Best Cut Flower of the Show,



Gilles Oullette (left) of the Spiritwood Lions presenting Eleanor Pallo (right) with the Grand Aggregate Trophy.

sponsored by the Fruit Basket (Shannon and Glen Caffet), was awarded to Cheryl Turgeon for her beautiful red zinnias.

The Best Arrangement of the Show went to Eleanor Pallo for her fragrant lily piece that featured a stunning black lily.

The Best Urban Grounds, sponsored by Irene Roth in memory of Steve Lendvay, was awarded to Marie Status, while Eleanor Pallo was given second prize.

The Best Urban Garden, sponsored by Scotiabank, went to Marie Staus and

second prize to Eleanor Pallo.

Best Novice Urban Grounds, sponsored by Fred and Marlene Walter, went to Jennifer Seminoff, while second prize was awarded to Analyn Pano.

The Best Novice Garden in town went to Analyn Pano.

The Best Condo, Patios, and Pots entry went to Marion Gatzke, while Dot Gaboury came in second.

In first place for Commercial Pots was Spiritwood Good Health Pharmacy, while Spiritwood Flowers 'N More came in second.

The Grand Aggregate for the Horticulture Show was Eleanor Pallo, who took home the big trophy sponsored by the Spiritwood and District Lions. The Novice Grand Aggregate, sponsored by Spiritwood Credit Union, was awarded to Barb Hepp.

The show ran smoothly with the help of all the volunteers who came out to make it a success. The society is hoping to see everyone out again next year, as well as any new faces looking to join in the fun.

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An advertisement for Spiritwood Pharmacy Grocery. The background is a blurred image of a grocery store aisle with a shopping cart. In the foreground, there is a close-up of an orange pill bottle with white pills spilling out. The text is centered in a white box with a green border. The logo consists of a green 'S' and a black 'D' forming a stylized 'SD'. Below the logo, the text reads: "SPIRITWOOD PHARMACY GROCERY", "306-883-2391 | 120 MAIN STREET".

Sask. government details affordability plan

After months of waiting and speculation on the part of Saskatchewan residents, the Sask. Party government has detailed its four-point affordability plan to help people address the rising cost of living.

"Higher global commodity prices are driving growth in Saskatchewan's economy, creating jobs and improving our budget position," Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Donna Harpauer said, during the release of the province's 2022-23 First Quarter Financial Report.

"However, higher commodity prices are also driving up the cost of almost everything you buy. Saskatchewan people own the resources. Saskatchewan people should benefit when resource prices are high. That's why we're going to use higher resource revenues to help address rising costs and to retire up to \$1 billion of the province's debt."

Point one of the plan is the Saskatchewan Affordability Tax Credit payment. All Saskatchewan residents who are 18

years of age or older as of Dec. 31, 2022, and who have filed a 2021 tax return as a resident of Saskatchewan, will receive a \$500 Saskatchewan Affordability Tax Credit cheque this fall.

Saskatchewan residents who have not filed a 2021 tax return are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. The cost to Government of the tax credit is estimated at \$450 million, with an estimated 900,000 cheques to be mailed.

Point two of the plan is the removal of fitness and gym memberships and some recreational activities from the planned October PST expansion on admissions, entertainment, and recreation.

PST will not be charged to residents under 18 years of age participating in recreational activities, including golf, curling, hockey, tennis, basketball, and similar formal sporting activities where the individual participates in a league or service where a round, game, or match are completed. These activities will be taxable for individuals 18 years of age and older. It

will also not be applied to fitness classes, as well as personal training and other fitness activities offered through municipal recreational facilities. PST will also not be applied to arts, cultural and sports programming and league of membership fees like gymnastics fees, art classes, or acting classes, for example.

Additionally, businesses that qualify as small suppliers for GST purposes will be exempt from collecting PST.

However, PST will still be applied to ticket admissions to sporting events, concerts, trade shows, fairs, rodeos, movie theatres, professional water parks and entertainment admissions like escape rooms, batting cages and arcades.

This change will reduce the government's PST revenue this year by an estimated \$3 million.

Point three of the plan extends the 0 per cent small business tax rate retroactive to July 1, 2022 and delays the restoration of the rate to 2.0 per cent to July 1, 2024. The government says this will help small businesses as they continue to recover from the pandemic, while facing new challenges like inflationary pressures, interest rate hikes, and supply chain issues.

It will save small businesses \$93.1 million over the next three years, on average \$3,000 for each small business. There are approximately 31,000

small businesses in Saskatchewan.

Lastly, point four is the retirement of up to \$1 billion in operating debt.

The government says debt is now forecast to be \$1.7 billion lower by fiscal year-end than projected at budget, the province's projected surplus provides the ability to retire up to \$1 billion in debt, and the province no longer needs to borrow for operations due to the improved financial position.

Debt retirement and lower borrowing results in lower financing charges due to an estimated \$49 million decrease in interest costs.

"Helping Saskatchewan people through a time of higher costs, as well as taking the prudent measure of retiring debt, strikes the right balance and helps our province move forward," Harpauer said. "That's growth that works for everyone."

Though it applauded the Sask. Party government for taking action, the Sask. NDP said it's been calling on the government to act for months and criticized the affordability plan as being "too little, too late."

It also accused the government of hoarding windfall non-renewable resource profits, and waiting until the eve of the upcoming Saskatoon-Meewasin by-election in a bid to buy votes.

"Families are set to spend six per cent more on sports and entertain-

ment, and some face \$200 in lunchroom fees," NDP Finance Critic Trent Wotherspoon wrote in a release. "Next year, they will have to pay hundreds more for utilities alone. The plan announced today does not recognize the cost burden families are facing, as a childless couple is set to receive more than a single parent of three."

Meanwhile, NDP leader Carla Beck criticized the

Sask. Party government for failing to invest any of its surplus in health-care — a move Harpauer rejected, saying it wouldn't be prudent to do so during a temporary boom.

"The choice to put a billion in the government coffers, with nothing for healthcare is a mistake. You don't pay down the mortgage when the roof is about to collapse," she said.

Aristide wins summer reading draw



The children's Summer Reading Program at the Shellbrook Public Library has wrapped up for another year. As part of the program, readers had their names entered into a draw for a \$50 cash prize for every five books they read. Hannah Aristide was the lucky winner of the draw, and received her prize from librarian Beryl Peake.

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Whalley connects with family in the UK

Six decades and one long, anxious flight after it began, Dave Whalley has finally found out what it means to have family.

Before

Whalley was born in a Canadian military hospital in Nottingham, England, in the midst of World War Two. When he was just six months, he and his mother, Peggy, were evacuated from the base because Nottingham and Sheffield were getting pounded by German air raids, and they resettled on a farm just south of Battleford, Sask.

Though he was evacuated with his mom, Whalley spent the first six years of his life living with a family he believed to be his own while his mother was in hospital in North Battleford (to this day, he still doesn't know why she was there).

His was a normal life for a child in those days, until the man he now calls Uncle Fred turned his world on its head by telling him he was going to meet his mom.

Whalley says those words filled him with fear, and he ran away and hid. And matters only got worse when the woman who was supposed to be his mother spoke with a British accent.

This rocky beginning to Whalley's relationship with his mother characterized their relationship throughout his childhood and adulthood.

By stark contrast, his relationship with his father, who was a Canadian Air Forces pilot in World War Two and the Korean War, was largely positive, even though they didn't meet until he was nine. Tragically, it was cut short just six years later when his father died, leaving Whalley with just his mother, who refused to tell him anything about his family roots.

After searching for his own answers from the age of 13, the first opportunity to find them presented itself when he discovered his cousin, Lance, who had emigrated from England. Following a heated exchange and a warning to Whalley to be careful what he wished for, Lance relented and shared the contact information of two more of his cousins, Lisa Durant (from his mother's side) and Louise Kopyrko (from his father's side), from the United Kingdom.

As it turned out, Lisa and her mother had been searching for him since 1968, after they found some old letters referencing him and his mother in some old family

belongings.

Not only was Lisa eager to get to know him, she was also more than happy to end the decades of secrecy. Finally, about two years ago, the search for answers bore fruit, providing Whalley with some long overdue answers to his many questions and closure.

His mother had been born out of wedlock to Jane Parry. For reasons still unknown, the two had been homeless for at least some time, sleeping in a garage up until Jane's sudden death in 1919. After this, family records suggest Whalley's mother was taken in by various family members.

Not content to end his search with the answers to his questions, Whalley began to make plans to meet Lisa and the rest of his family once COVID-19 travel restrictions were eased.

Finally, this summer, Whalley's decades long wait came to an end.

After

"Before I left, I was pretty nervous. It's relatives that I never knew I had. Was I go-

ing to be accepted?" Whalley says he wondered prior to departing for the UK with his wife, Leslee, to meet the family he'd been denied a connection with his entire life.

"Where my feelings of apprehension really disappeared was in Chester, when my cousin Lisa and her partner Jon were there [when we got off the train]. They were so happy that they were crying."

Calling his trip a pilgrimage, Whalley says he was sure he was going to meet three or four cousins. By the end of the trip, he'd met a total of 19.

After days filled with talking, breaking bread, and connecting, Whalley says he learned a lot, and that the experience was eye-opening and healing for all sides.

"It's given me a feeling of belonging to a family that I've never had," he said. "I learned what family means, and I've got a different understanding of love now."

Though discovering his family was the main goal of the trip, Whalley says he ex-

perienced the most growth when he was able to visit the grave of his sister, Jane, who had been born two years before him and died when she was just 14 hours old. Like almost everything else to do with his family, Whalley's mother had rarely talked about her.

This discovery he owes to his cousin Louise, who had worked at a police department and knew how to find things. After just two hours of sleuthing, she'd managed to find Jane's grave — an unkempt communal grave, in which she was one of nine people buried.

"That was a shock. I can understand the feelings our Indigenous people are having when they discover unmarked graves," he said. "It's a feeling that, if you haven't experienced it yourself, you could never explain it. It's a real big hole in a person."

With the holes in his own heart filled, Whalley says the next step in his journey of discovery and family is to maintain and build upon the connections he's made. He was planning to do this with a trip to visit another cousin (his 20th) in Minnesota this past weekend, and expects to one day have visitors from the UK.

Until then, he hopes his story will be helpful to those

who may be in a situation similar to his own, and inspire families to be more open and honest with each other.

"One regret I have is all the wasted years, or the years that could have been," he said.

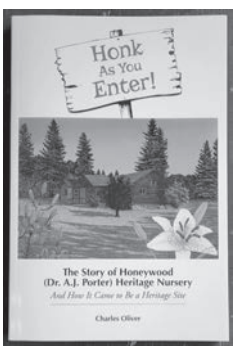
"The biggest lesson I've learned is, a child, no matter how old they are, if they start asking questions, give them a truthful answer. If they're old enough to ask the question, they're old enough to take the good and the bad."



Dave Whalley leaves a flower at the grave of his sister, Jane, accompanied by his cousin Louise Korpyko.



Dave and Leslee Whalley (right) finally got to meet Dave's extended family. From left: Jon, Clare, Noah, and Lisa.



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Affordability plan offers no real relief

At long last, relief from the ravages of inflation is coming for Saskatchewan residents who have been battered and wearied by the rising costs of just about everything.

Months after several other provinces provided temporary measures, such as gas tax holidays to alleviate prices at the pumps, the Sask. Party has unveiled its long-awaited affordability plan.

Based on the comments made by the provincial government these past few months, it was impossible to know what to expect, or whether to expect anything at all. After all, any relief was always tied to the province's fiscal outlook after the first quarter of the year.

With non-renewable resource prices riding at near-historic highs throughout most of 2022, there was plenty of reason to be hopeful for the government's help. But one wonders if even the Sask. Party's number crunchers had expected to turn a projected \$463 million deficit into a \$1.04 billion surplus.

Either way, relief will soon be coming for Saskatchewan residents, and the Sask. Party government has a four-pronged plan to provide it.

The first pillar is the simplest one. At some point this fall, every Saskatchewan resident aged 18 and older who filed their 2021 income taxes will receive a \$500 cheque. The cost to government is pegged at \$450 million, with an estimated 900,000 cheques to be mailed.

The second pillar of the plan focuses on the Sask. Party's maligned PST expansion. It includes the removal of fitness and gym memberships, and some recreational activities, from the planned October PST expansion on admissions, entertainment, and recreation.

Under the plan, PST will not be charged to residents under 18 years of age participating in recreational activities, including golf, curling, hockey, tennis, basketball, and similar formal sporting activities where the individual participates in a league, or service where a round, game, or match are completed. These activities will be taxable for individuals 18 years of age and older.



JORDAN TWISS

News Editor

Similarly, PST will not be applied to fitness classes, and personal training and other fitness activities offered through municipal recreational facilities. It also won't be applied to arts, cultural and sports programming and league of membership fees like gymnastics fees, art classes, or acting classes, for example.

However, PST will be added to ticket admissions to sporting events, concerts, trade shows, fairs, rodeos, movie theatres, professional water parks, and entertainment admissions like escape rooms, batting cages, and arcades.

This change will reduce the government's PST revenue by an estimated \$3 million this year (in other words, PST revenue is still projected to increase by \$18 million).

Part three of the plan focuses on small businesses, extending the 0 per cent business tax rate, and delaying the return to 2 per cent until July 1, 2024.

Finally, part four will see the province retire \$1 billion in debt, bringing long-term benefits in the form of lower interest payments on outstanding debt.

Understandably, the plan has received a mixed response.

It certainly does good for small businesses, which were hit much harder by the pandemic and inflation than their big box counterparts. The more small, hometown businesses we can keep in this province, the better. They are the heart of small communities like Shellbrook and Spiritwood.

There's also something to be said for looking at the long-term and paying down debt to ease the burdens of future generations. Most governments fail to look beyond the next election cycle with anything more than vague but empty promises (think Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's lofty climate change ambitions, which have failed to yield any significant change in Canada's greenhouse gas emissions).

At the same time, it's not always prudent to play such a long game. Say, for instance, when your healthcare system is crumbling and understaffed,



and you're running, cap and hand, to the federal government for more no-strings-attached healthcare dollars.

Then, there's the promised \$500 cheques. These will offer temporary relief, but as long as inflation remains high, they will quickly be gobbled up by a couple fill-ups at the gas station and a grocery trip – and we'll still be left paying more for everything, especially with gas prices expected to increase again in the fall.

There's also some inherent silliness to the cheques. Consider, for example, that a single person will receive as much as a single parent of two children. Similarly, someone who earns \$100,000 per year, and hasn't felt inflation so keenly, will receive the same amount as someone who earns \$30,000 per year and has been forced to make difficult decisions about what is affordable.

There had to have been some way to make the cheques more responsive to the needs of Saskatchewan residents. But it seems the Sask. Party government was intent on buying off as many voters as possible ahead of the upcoming Saskatoon-Meewasin by-election.

Last but not least, there's the byzantine nonsense with all the changes to the forthcoming PST expansion. Most of them are good, and will keep more

dollars in the pockets of the people.

However, we mustn't forget that the PST expansion was only implemented so the Sask. Party government could raise \$21 million to fund its initiative to reduce surgical wait times (an initiative that appears to rely on outsourcing surgeries to the private sector, rather than addressing the persistent challenges in the public system).

The PST expansion should have been scrapped the second the federal government gave the province \$62 million for the same purpose. Instead, the Sask. Party government wants to keep more taxpayer dollars it doesn't need at a time when many people can't afford to part with them, and act like it's doing people a favour by cancelling some of the changes.

The Sask. Party had an opportunity to really help people with its affordability plan. With resource prices almost certain to remain high for the foreseeable future, it also could have made a significant investment in healthcare (a notion rejected by Finance Minister Donna Harpauer as imprudent because the boom is temporary).

As usual, this Sask. Party government would rather remain the government of the day late, dollar short approach.

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Canwood library hosts Sask. National fiddle competitors

By Sarah Johnson
 Bringing a local community together again to share traditional live music in rural Saskatchewan was the theme of Tuesday evening's concert at the Canwood Public Library, celebrating a music scene that is now getting back on its feet after the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the help of the Canwood Wapiti Public Library Board, Austin Castle (Swift Current), Booker Blakely (Saskatoon), and Tristen Durocher (Saskatoon) arrived in Canwood for a fiddle show and family dance to prepare for the 32nd Canadian Grand Masters Fiddling Competition. Thirty-seven musicians from across Canada were set to compete for the grand prize in Winnipeg over the last weekend of August.

Joining the competitors was 15-year-old Becky Wilson (Canwood), an

active fiddle student with Shellbrook fiddle teacher Kerri English. Becky was accepted by the contest subcommittee to become the seventh Saskatchewan fiddler ever to perform as part of the Junior Showcase. Lucas Welsh (Meadow Lake) came with guitar and fiddle in hand to contribute to the evening, while

Trent Bruner traveled all the way from Norway to accompany them on piano — both in Canwood and at the national competition — and was the evening's Master of Ceremonies.

Approximately 130 people of all ages were in attendance from the Canwood area, as well as from Debden, Big River,

Shellbrook, Parkside, Blaine Lake, Prince Albert, and Saskatoon, for a two-hour show that received a standing ovation from the audience.

Local award-winning artist Lucille Scott donated a hand-painted feather for the door prize, which was won by Paulette Atchison of Big River.



From left: Becky Wilson, Tristen Durocher, Lucas Welsh, Booker Blakely, Austin Castle, and Trent Bruner put on a thrilling show at the Canwood Public Library.



Paulette Atchison of Big River won the door prize, a feather painting donated by Lucille Scott.

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Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 intends to amend a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 2/20, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT
 The proposed bylaw will rezone the land from Resort Commercial (RC) to Lakeshore District (LD).

AFFECTED LAND
 The affected lands are Lot 4C and 4D, Block 3, Plan 84B13418 as shown within the bold dashed line on the following map.


REASON
 The reason for the amendment is to allow for the zoning change from Resort Commercial (RC) to Lakeshore District (LD).

PUBLIC INSPECTION
 Any person may inspect the bylaw at the municipal office between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday excluding statutory holidays. Copies are available at cost.

PUBLIC HEARING
 Council will hold a public hearing on September 14, 2022, at 9:15 a.m. at the Leask Happy Homesteaders Hall 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 Rural Municipality of Leask No 464 this 19th day of August, 2022.

Riannon Nelson
 Administrator



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INTENT
 The proposed bylaw will rezone the land from Agricultural Resource District (AR) to Lakeshore District 2 (LD2).

AFFECTED LAND
 The affected land is a portion of SW 19-48-07 W3 as shown within the bold dashed line on the following map.

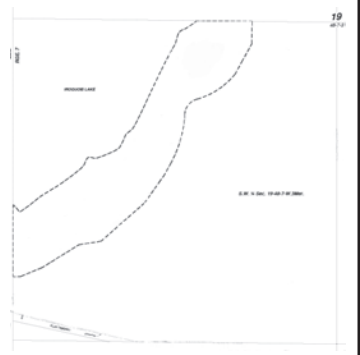
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Riannon Nelson
 Administrator



Canwood Summer Youth Program wraps up for 2022

**By Casey Kvinlaug,
Summer Youth Program Coordinator**

Another summer has come and gone for the Canwood Summer Youth Program. Approximately 55 kids, aged five to 12, participated in weekly program themes throughout the summer months.

Starting off was a "A Storybook Summer," where we visited the library and had the honour to paint with a local artist, Lucille Scott. At Canwood Regional Park, we had a campfire, told some stories, and made many crafts to fit this theme.



Week six was focused on careers, and kids got to meet a local RCMP officer.

Week two was the "Canwood SYP Summer Olympics," during which the kids got to show off their athletic skills at the Canwood bowling alley, mini golf, and a game of kickball out at the ball diamonds.

Week three was "The Classic Water Week," where we had beautiful weather and got to spend it outside on the giant slip 'n slide, had a water fight at the school, as well as entertaining the residents at Whispering Pine Place.

We spent week four celebrating Christmas, Easter, St. Patrick's Day, and Halloween, with many activi-



The Canwood Summer Youth Program featured many opportunities to get outside and play.

ties and crafts that correlated with "Holiday Week".

We kicked off the fifth week with pyjama day for "Spirit Week", along with crazy hair day, Walt Disney day, and a beach day with lots of water games and sandcastle building.

During week six, the children got to expand their knowledge on careers as we toured Affinity Credit Union Canwood branch, had a visit from a local RCMP member, took a walk around the village to see local businesses, and got to show off our art skills once again with Lucille Scott!

We wrapped up the program with "Backyard Adventures," visiting Whispering Pine Place for another water fight, making a trip to the Shellbrook Swimming Pool, and returning to Canwood Regional Park where we got to play at the park and have a game of kickball.

Thank You

Without our sponsors Canada Summer Jobs, Saskatchewan Rivers School Division No.119, Canwood Public School, Community Initiatives Fund, Village of Canwood and R.M. of Canwood No. 494 we would not be able to have such a great program. A big thank you to the parents and caregivers who continued to bring their kids throughout the summer. Also, thanks to all the community members who volunteered their time, it was greatly appreciated! A round of applause goes to the assistant coordinators Kayleigh Eberts and Rebecca Moritz for their hard work all summer! We hope to see you back next summer and hope you have an awesome school year!

– Casey Kvinlaug, Summer Youth Program Coordinator



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Climate change questions need answers

Is climate change real, or imagined?

The answer is most assuredly yes, it's real.

Of course, the reality is that the earth's climate is in constant flux, ranging from ice ages to the drought of the 1930s across most of North America.

The question that is far less easily answered is if current change is being pushed by what we as humans are doing, or is it just the normal flux of things?

Either way, we are seeing some big shifts in weather.

Here in Saskatchewan, we have seen some of the heaviest rains ever in the last decade or so, to the point we hear it suggested they are one-in-100-year events, or worse.

On the opposite end of the spectrum are severe droughts, which have threatened water supplies across the world, from California and now Europe.

The situation in Europe is of course concerning, with suggestions by a European Union agency that they are facing the worst



CALVIN DANIELS

drought in at least 500 years, "with two-thirds of the continent in a state of alert or warning, reducing inland shipping, electricity production and the yields

of certain crops," according to the Reuters News Service.

What makes the extremes today so worrisome is the populations which can be impacted.

A drought in California could leave millions with a threatened water source. It's difficult to imagine how a sustained drought, which actually made water at the taps of Los Angeles homes dry up, would be dealt with.

We sometimes forget just how devastating an ex-

tended drought can be.

It can reduce water resources, which is of course rather obvious. But it can also impact electricity production.

And of course, there is a loss of food production.

While we might assume it's just a matter of importing food from a non-drought region, COVID should have shown us that access to food from afar is not always as assured as we have thought in the past.

So, while the drought in Europe today might be a

once in a 500-year event, its impact might be worse because so many more are potentially impacted.

We might be better positioned to deal with the impact with access to imported food, and better technologies at our fingertips, but Mother Nature can still change things all too quickly.

And, if we believe it's human actions which are speeding up the occurrence of weather extremes, then we need to work on how best to curb those impacts.

Crop Report: Aug. 16 to 22

Hot, dry weather allowed for tremendous harvest progress, especially in the southwest and west-central regions. Some areas in the east-central region received heavy rainfall once again, which has slowed down the maturation of crops or halted producers who are ready to begin harvest of early seeded crops. Harvest progress sits at 16 per cent, up from five per cent last week and right on par with the five-year average. An additional 12 per cent of the crop is now swathed or ready to straight-cut.

Harvest progress is most advanced in the southwest region where farmers have 45 per cent of their crop now in the bin, followed by producers in the west-central who have 19 per cent of their crop harvested. Farmers in the southeast have six per cent of crop off their fields, the east-central has completed four per cent and both the northern regions have one per cent of their crop harvested. For many producers in the wetter areas of

the province, harvest will not begin for another week or more as their crops have not matured yet.

63 per cent of the winter wheat, 36 per cent of the fall rye, 52 per cent of the lentils, 43 per cent of the field peas, 30 per cent of the durum, six per cent of the spring wheat and three per cent of the canola has been combined.

Several localized rain showers passed through the province over the past week, mainly over the eastern and northern regions with some parts of the southern regions receiving precipitation ranging from nil to 18 mm in the Moosomin area. The Yorkton area received 36 mm, the Eyebrow area 28 mm, the Foam Lake area 26 mm, the Hudson Bay area 22 mm and the Hafford area eight mm. Grain producers across the province would like to see a halt in the rain so they can either maintain momentum with harvest operations or to allow their crops to finally ripen so that harvest may begin. Many

producers have voiced concern over how badly they will need rain once harvest is completed to recharge the soil moisture of their respective regions.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 56 per cent adequate, 26 per cent short and 17 per cent very short. Hay and pastureland topsoil moisture is rated as three per cent surplus, 52 per cent adequate, 29 per cent short and 16 per cent very short.

Provincially, pasture conditions are rated as six per cent excellent, 37 per cent good, 28 per cent fair, 16 per cent poor and 13 per cent very poor. Pastures have greatly improved this year due to more frequent rains; the largest improvement has been seen in the eastern half of the province along with the northwest region. In the southwest and west-central regions, pastures have not fared as well due to suffering through extremely dry growing conditions once again.

The majority of crop damage this week

was due to wind, heavy rainfall and hail. Grasshoppers continue to cause large amounts of crop loss, with producers already worried about what their population next year will be and how they will manage to control them. There were also a handful of reports of sawfly damage in some wheat fields this past week, but producers are saying that damage is low for the time being.

Farmers are busy getting equipment and bins ready for harvest and waiting for their crop to dry enough to allow combining. With harvest underway in Saskatchewan, we want to remind producers to exercise caution and remain safe. Give equipment plenty of time and space when traveling down or crossing highways or other roads. Producers are reminded to have firefighting equipment nearby especially in regions that are extremely dry.

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

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Shell Lake sign gets facelift

By Anita Weiers

Everything old is new again. Sometime in the early 80s, a new sign was designed and erected on the access road into Shell Lake. It stood loud and proud, until someone wrecked the wooden support pole.

By that time the paint was fading, and the cedar sign needed to be tightened, so off it went to Abe's Signs for a facelift. The wooden 4x4 supports were replaced with steel posts and a cement pad was added and the sign was once again hung with pride for another 20 years, with only minor touch ups.

This year, we noticed that the sign was in dire need of repair. We know our local signman could easily build us a new sign, but this sign seems to be synonymous with Shell Lake.

What to do?

Our Village maintenance crew transferred the sign to the shop, where volunteers worked to restore it, first by sanding it down and then totally repainting it. The final coat of varathane was sprayed on by Don Weiers. Then, the sign was put back up and voila!



The sign on the road into Shell Lake recently received some needed touch ups, thanks to local volunteers.



Mayor Anita Weiers helped sand and repaint the Shell Lake sign.

Women, harmony, and fun!

By Val Laing

Summer was winding down and the school year was about to begin.

That got me thinking about joining "something" in 2009.

My years of being a dance mom and getting my girls to piano lessons were coming to an end. I had one more year before we were an empty nest. I was also about to

retire from nearly 30 years of teaching near the Battlefords. What could I do?

I turned to the Advertiser Post. The dates to remember had a guest night and the opening line caught my eye. "Women, Harmony and Fun". Everything about those three words enticed me to check it out.

I arrived at guest night and was cheerfully greeted by

smiling, welcoming women. I wasn't sure that I was in the right place. One asked what part did I sing? My quick response was "alto".

"Oh, a bass singer!" (I was lucky to join when we were a group of six bass singers. With four part harmony, the bass section is important to creating a foundation for the other three parts.) This group had no accompaniment, and they used a pitch pipe to start their songs. That night, I "You-Tubed" to check out acapella singing and Sweet Adelines. I returned, and this hobby became my passion. The best part is singing bass and hearing the harmonies created all around me.

The following week was a workshop with a facilitator from Sweden. Harvest was in full swing but I managed to get to this important event. The magnitude of educational opportunities available through this group became apparent. Bonus! I didn't realize how much there was to learning to sing, and this group has given me many opportunities to strengthen

my knowledge and abilities.

Another exciting event that year was the international competition in Seattle. My involvement in this group was cemented. We attended performances and watched incredible groups from across Canada and the United States. As tourists, we were quickly recognized as singers in town for the competition. They would ask us to sing a song – an easy request to fill. We sang on the bus, in a shoe store, in a restaurant. Our love for singing was easily accessed.

A Christmas Show was planned for that fall. Being new, I had the option to only sing the songs that I felt comfortable singing. Three of us who joined that fall sang every song in the program so we were on the risers for the whole show. We are given lots of supports – sheet music, recordings, extra practice with our section – so learning the songs is simply a matter of finding the way you learn the best.

I enjoy being part of the show, and am happy to provide entertainment to

fund-raising events, like "Love is in The Air" at Meota or raising funds for health-care for one of our members in need. Shows of great importance to us were our 35th anniversary show in 2017, "Frost" in 2015, and the opening of the Dekker Center in 2012. I enjoy seeing smiles on faces when we attend care homes during the Christmas season.

Battlefords Blend, a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, is required to attend a competition at

least once in three years. Attending competition has taken us to Surrey, Calgary, and Saskatoon. In addition to competing, there is the opportunity to watch other groups and quartets, obtain information from educational sessions, socialize, and be a tourist.

Summer is winding down and the school year is about to begin. Battlefords Blend rehearsals start Sept. 6. Women, Harmony and Fun! There's always room for more.



Val Laing has become a driving force in Battlefords Blend since joining in 2009. She is dedicated to Sweet Adelines International and appreciates all the advantages they provide.

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Spiritwood Pioneer Centre activity highlights

The Spiritwood Pioneer Centre is again active after a slowdown of activities due to COVID.

Aug. 25 saw the end of a very successful fundraiser. One of our centre members, Vi Anderson, made a very large donation of a quilt for our fundraiser.

The centre membership sold a number of tickets for this raffle, which ended up making about \$1,800 towards the everyday upkeep of the hall.

Winning the quilt was Paul Durette. The \$100 second prize winner was Brendan McKewn, while Candice Mack won the \$50 third prize.

The Pioneer Centre has been hosting cribbage every Friday night. Winners for Aug. 4 were: 1st — Andy Zarry, 2nd — Cheryl Smith, and 3rd — Rosanne Smith. Winning the 50/50 was Sylvia Jensen.

Winners for Aug. 12 were: 1st — Armand Smith, 2nd — Rose Moore, and

3rd — Maurice Bourassa and Sally Tipton. Winning the 50/50 was Alma Latus.

Winners for Aug. 19 were: 1st — Rose Moore, 2nd — Bruce Rogers, and 3rd — David Salisbury. Winning the 50/50 was Eleanor Pallo.

Winners for Aug. 26 were: 1st — Rosanne Smith, 2nd — Armand Smith, and 3rd — Sally Tipton. Winning the 50/50 was Helen Mack.

Kaiser was played Aug. 21, with five tables playing.

Ladies: 1st — Helen Mack, 2nd — Rosanne Smith.

Men: 1st — Gerry Lafond, 2nd: Linda Newton.

Winning the 50/50 was Joyce Willick.

Every Thursday afternoon, a group of seniors play bingo. We are now again active with cards, bingo, and visiting afterwards.



Armand Smith presents the raffle quilt, crafted by Vi Anderson, to draw winner Paul Durette.

Trial date set for second accused in Netmaker death

One of four people accused of kidnapping and of being responsible for the subsequent death of 36-year-old Richard Netmaker in Big River will be tried early next year.

Roderick Dreaver's trial for forcible confinement and criminal negligence causing death is scheduled for Jan. 24 at the Whitefish First Nation Circuit Court.

Dreaver, 27, was charged, along with Karlyne Morin, Riley Ahenakew, and Stephanie Starblanket, after Netmaker was found dead four days following his abduction from his home on the Big River First Nation. Dreaver will also be tried on a different matter on Jan. 3 in Shellbrook, where he is facing a charge of theft of a motor vehicle.

Morin pleaded guilty to criminal negligence causing death in December of last year, where the court heard that Netmaker was found frozen in a remote area following his disappearance. She was sentenced to 2.5 years at Pine Grove Correctional Centre but given 204 days credit for time in remand waiting trial along with a 10-year weapons ban.

Morin has since expressed remorse for her actions, saying she feels "horrible" for what happened.

Richard Netmaker, 36, was last seen alive on Jan. 6, 2020, in an isolated area around five kilometres northwest of Big River First Nation. At the time of his disappearance, Big River RCMP received a complaint that Netmaker had been abducted from his residence on the Big River First Nation and assaulted.

Fearing he may need medical attention, and that he wasn't wearing a

jacket, police began searching for Netmaker and asked the public for any information that might help them locate him.

Officers from the Big River RCMP detachment found Netmaker's body near Pekakumew Lake just four days later.

According to the statement of facts read in court at Morin's trial by Crown Prosecutor Gail Douglas, four people went to the house on the Big River First Nation and assaulted Netmaker with bats and a machete. He was then placed into a truck, with Morin behind the wheel, and driven approximately eight kilometres.

"Richard is spitting blood all over the truck," Douglas explained, adding he was crying when he got out of the truck.

Morin was arrested the next day for possession of a stolen vehicle, and while in police cells was overheard yelling, "I hope Richard is dead."

Upon being further questioned, it was Morin who showed police where Netmaker had been left. Through their investigation, police learned Netmaker walked two kilometres in freezing temperatures before succumbing to the elements. The nearest house was four kilometres away.

An autopsy report also showed Netmaker had a fractured rib and no defensive type wounds.

"If it hadn't been for her submission [to police], we may still be looking for Mr. Netmaker," Douglas said.

While the specific reason for the assault remains unclear, there was a suggestion during Morin's trial that she had at one time been sexually assaulted by Netmaker. Dreaver had been Morin's boyfriend at the time of the alleged assault.

In May 2012, Saskatoon Police issued a special advisory concerning Netmaker's decision to live in the city after being released from custody. He was described as a high-risk violent sex offender with a history of committing violent sexual offences.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

CANWOOD: Canwood Branch of Wapiti Regional Library. Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm; Thursday 10 am - 4 pm; Friday 12 pm - 5 pm. Kids Club is Fridays 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Crafter's Choice is the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

DEBDEN: Wapiti Library hours: Tuesday 10 am - 3 pm; Wednesday 3 pm - 7 pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon

LEASK: Wapiti Library & Legacy Gallery Hours - Tuesday 10:30 am - 5 pm; Friday 10:30 am - 5 pm; Saturday 1 pm - 4 pm

MARCELIN: Wapiti Library - Tuesday 2 pm - 7 pm; Thursday 2 pm - 8 pm; Saturday 9 am - 2 pm. For information on all your library needs, please contact 306-226-2110.

SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Branch of the Wapiti Library located at 105 Railway Ave., West (Provincial building). Library Hours: Monday 2 pm - 6 pm; Tuesday 12 pm - 8 pm; Wednesday 2 pm - 8 pm; Thursday 12 pm - 6 pm; Friday 9 am - 4 pm.

SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Minor Sports Annual General Meeting - Wednesday, September 7, 2022, 7 pm @ Shellbrook Seniors Hall

SHELLBROOK: Junshin Judo Club @ Royal Canadian Legion Hall [102-2nd Ave E, Shellbrook]. Classes begin Sunday, September 11, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m. Registration/Classes begin Sept. 11 - Ages 8+. Season: early Sept. to end of April 2023. Anyone wishing to register, call Sensei Fred Tatler: 306-747-3143

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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 July 26, 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 p.m.

Councillor Bedi declared a conflict with item 9.2 of New Business of Agenda.

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

Bedi: That the minutes of the June 28, 2022, council meeting be adopted as presented. Carried

Bedi: That we approve the July 6, 2022, funding request of Northern Lakes Economic Development Corporation in the amount of \$20,000. Carried

Nemish: That we approve the request of Guy's Furniture to pour an approx. 70' x 4' sidewalk on the west side of the warehouse located on 200 Railway Avenue East. The sidewalk will attach to the town sidewalk on First Street East and shall be completed by a licensed contractor following construction standards. Carried

Bedi: That we ratify the approval of the SaskPower Estimate for the Line Clearance Correction of SW 02-51-11

W3rd quote of \$1,521.07. Carried
Nemish: That the correspondence be filed as presented.

Bedi: That we approve the Accounts for Ratification, Cheque No. 32122-32147 & Payments #864-902 in the amount of \$116,572.64. Carried

Bedi: That we approve the following accounts for payment, Cheque No. 32148-32159 in the amount of \$47,251.77. Carried

Nemish: That we approve the Accounts for payment, Cheque No. 32160-32166 & payment #903 in the amount of \$61,931.49 as presented. Carried

Wingerter: That the Bank Reconciliations for the month of June 2022 be filed as presented. Carried

Bedi: That the Financial Statement for the month of June 2022 be approved as presented. Carried

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

Bedi: That we approve the development permit for 117 Second Street West pending the approval of compliance to the Town of Spiritwood Zoning Bylaw and the building permit pending authorization from the Building Inspector. Carried

Councillor Bedi declared a conflict and left the council meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Nemish: That we approve the development permit for 501 2nd Street East pending the approval of compliance to the Town of Spiritwood Zoning Bylaw and the building permit pending authorization from the Building Inspector. Carried

Councillor Bedi returned to meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Wingerter: That we deny the Development Permit for 533 Highway Drive

to relocate shop to the property, as it creates a non-conformity to the Zoning bylaw in the R2 district. Carried

Bedi: That we approve a tax abatement for the 2022 Taxes for the following properties acquired by the Town of Spiritwood in 2021

- Roll 217 000 - Lot 2, Block 14, Plan BK4385
- Roll 501 000 - Lot 11 & 12, Block C, Plan 63Bo1799
- Roll 304 000 - Lot 5 & 6, Block 20, Plan 60Bo7120. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve a partial tax abatement of 54.25% for the 2022 Taxes, in the amount of \$775.22, for the following property acquired June

16, 2022: Roll 223 000 - Lot 8, Block 14, Plan BK4385. Carried

Nemish: That we approve forwarding the outstanding utility account past due 90 days as of Aug. 11, 2022, to the Tax Roll as attached to form part of the minutes. Carried

Wingerter: That we transfer funds in the amount of \$66,769.82 from the Gas Tax Savings Account that was budgeted to General Checking operating account for year three of the Sidewalk Project. Carried

Andres: That this meeting be adjourned at 7:40 p.m. and that the next meeting of Spiritwood Town Council be held at 7 p.m. on Aug. 23, 2022.

Highway 12 passing lanes officially open

A ribbon cutting marked the completion of a \$10.6 million passing lane project on Highway 12 north of Martensville. "Highway 12 is an important and busy transportation corridor for commuters into Saskatoon," Highways Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "Our government continues to look at investments where we can make an impact and passing lanes provide efficiency and increased safety."

The five passing lanes have been constructed between Martensville and the Highway 312 access. This passing lane

project provides additional opportunities for drivers to pass safely.

"Highway 12 is a busy and important road for travel and many of our residents use it daily to get to work or conduct their business," R.M. of Laird Reeve Sheldon Willems said. "Improving road safety is always welcome and we appreciate the new passing lanes."

Passing lanes are typically a minimum of two kilometres in length and are designed to allow drivers to pass slower moving vehicles safely, such as large trucks and

semi-trailers.

Almost 60 sets of passing lanes have been added to Saskatchewan's road network over the past five years. The Ministry will improve more than 1,100 kilometres (km) of provincial highways this year, putting us on track to exceed the Growth Plan goal to build and upgrade 10,000 km of highways over 10 years.

The Government of Saskatchewan has invested more than \$11.5 billion in highways since 2008, improving more than 18,400 km of Saskatchewan roads.

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
306-747-3572
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 Bretzlaff

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

MENNONITE 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
Mont Nebo
Sun. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
(10:30 a.m. June - August)
306-468-2525

UNITED CHURCH

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Debden
Sun. Mass - 9:30 a.m.
Fr. Mariusz Zajac
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. Mariusz Zajac
St. Agatha's - Shellbrook
Mass - Sunday 9 a.m.
St. Henry's - Leask
Mass - Sunday 11 a.m.
Mistawasis
1st & 3rd Sundays 1:30 p.m.
Fr. Tuan Doan

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Sat., 11:00 am - Worship
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PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

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137-2nd St. W.
Spiritwood
Worship 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Sarah Urano

UNITED /ANGLICAN

Worship Services
Glaslyn
Time is on the sign
Rev. Kun Kim
Rev. Don Skinner

CATHOLIC SUNDAY

Spiritwood - 11:15 a.m.
Leoville - 9:30 a.m.
Shell Lake - 2:00 p.m.
Chitek Lake - Closed for
the Season
Everyone Welcome
SATURDAY
Medstead - 6 p.m.
Father Ramel Macapala

PARTNERS IN WORSHIP

Shell Lake
Worship Services
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Pastor Sarah Urano
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FIELDS OF HOPE (HOFFNUNGSFELDER) MENNONITE CHURCH

Glenbush
Worship - 11:00 am
September 4th
Worship - 11:00 am
at Rabbit Lake
Mennonite Church

BETHEL

Medstead
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Quarterbacks in the NFL spotlight

What would the National Football League season be without controversy, question marks and astonishment surrounding the 32-team league's marquee players — its quarterbacks? With only a few days to go until the Buffalo Bills and Los Angeles Rams start the season in L.A. on Thursday night, Sept. 8, the quarterback situation south of the border is once again compelling, to say the least.

Pick a quarterback, any quarterback, and there's a backstory. Or wonderment. Or a huge question mark. Let's examine a few of them.

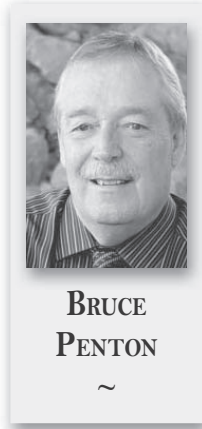
Deshaun Watson signed the largest guaranteed contract in the history of the NFL, with the Cleveland Browns bestowing \$230 million on him while a dark cloud of sexual assault accusations and civil suits hung over his head. Watson showed exceptional talent in his first four years with Houston, but he hasn't played since 2020 and how he will perform — after the expiration of an 11-game

suspension for his illegal acts — remains to be seen. If Watson's dark cloud fades away and he leads the Browns to the promised land, his past will be forgotten. In Cleveland, anyway.

Russell Wilson has never thrown a pass for any team in the NFL other than Seattle Seahawks, but that changes this year after a trade to the Denver Broncos. In the Mile High City, there's a good bet Wilson takes the Broncos a mile high in the standings.

Tom Brady, unquestionably the greatest QB of all time, retired after last season, then unretired, and seems intent on trying to win another Super Bowl for Tampa Bay. But he'll have to do it without coach Bruce Arians, who retired, but did not unretire. Former New York Jets coach Todd Bowles is the new man in charge.

The brightest future of NFL quarterbacking exists in Buffalo and San Diego, where Josh Allen and Justin Herbert, respectively, continue



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their marches to superstardom while leading the Bills and Chargers to playoff glory.

Kansas City fans believe their fifth-year quarterback, Patrick Mahomes, is the league's best, and he might be, but some say that Allen has surpassed him by a slight margin.

Quarterback question marks loom large in Miami, where Tua Tagovailoa, has been given some talented pieces with which to work, such as speedster Tyreek Hill, the former Chief; in Indianapolis, where long-time Falcon Matt Ryan begins a new career path; in Pittsburgh, where three 'iffy' QBs vie

to be the Ben Roethlisberger replacement; in Cincinnati, where Bengals fans hope Joe Burrow's 2022 success was not a one-year flash; and in San Francisco, where the 49ers are rolling the dice on unproven Trey Lance while sending semi-dependable Jimmy Garoppolo packing.

We'd bring up the name Aaron Rodgers, but the Green Bay QB already gets too much attention. He'll get more than his share in 2022-23 as the Packers finally win another Super Bowl.

• Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va): "With a name like Nathaniel Hackett, the new Broncos head coach sounds like he could be carrying a musket behind George Washington in the Revolutionary War."

• Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "New (Florida) Gators coach Billy Napier, a stickler for structure and discipline, has instructed players they all must wear white socks at practice. Hey, you know what the great Grantland Rice once

wrote: 'It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you match your socks!'"

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "Beijing police reportedly questioned a man who rode the subway wearing a watermelon mask. All they got was his name, rank and Mosaic Stadium seat number."

• Greg Cote of the Miami Herald: "Boxer Tyson Fury has retired again after being unretired for about four minutes."

• Comedy writer Brad Dickson of Omaha: "Nebraska is favoured by 12 over Northwestern. That's mostly based on the fact the Northwestern players are required to go to class."

• Columnist Norman Chad, on Twitter: "Three of Fox Sports' college and pro football voices: Urban Meyer, Clay Travis, Aqib Talib. I guess Al Capone, Pablo Escobar and John Dillinger were unavailable."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "Brett Favre claims he had a thousand minor concussions when he played football.

In addition, Favre then added he had a thousand minor concussions when he played football."

• Headline at fark.com: "Crazy fan runs on to field during White Sox game, likely sentenced to two weeks with no Xbox and 8:30 bedtime."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "The Trail Blazers will not send their TV or radio broadcasters on road trips, instead having them announce games from home. There you have it — the NBA season's first non-travelling call."

• Another one from Perry: "One of the U.S. Amateur's threesome featured Mark Costanza, Hazen Newman and Campbell Kremer. Only thing better would be Jerry Seinfeld on their bags."

• Sam Farmer of the L.A. Times, via Twitter, on the significance of Aug. 16: "Elvis, Aretha and Babe Ruth died on this day. A king, a queen and a sultan."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Reimer claims Canada Games silver in hammer throw

When Sean Reimer headed off to the 2022 Canada Summer Games, held in Niagara Falls from Aug. 6 to 21, his main goal was to leave the games ranked higher than he came into them (a loftier goal than it sounds at first, as he was already ranked third heading into the competition).

At 19, the former Big River resident knew he was going face some stiff competition in the men's hammer throw event — especially from his fellow Team Alberta member Andreas Troschke.

The 15 competitors ranged in age from 18 to 24, and Reimer was the fourth youngest in the field. And because of the higher age cap of the competition, Reimer also had to throw a heavier implement than the six-kilogram hammer he normally throws in regular U20 competition.

Reimer admits he felt the pressure of the competition when he stepped into the throwing circle for the first round. Letting his nerves get the best of him, he threw the

hammer into the cage and didn't score at all.

It would have been easy to let one bad throw derail the rest of his attempts. Instead, Reimer dug deep and set new personal bests.

"Before I throw, I like to look back to the field to see if the officials are paying attention," he said. "When I looked back, all the nerves were just gone. I proceeded to the circle, did my winds, and I threw it for a new personal best."

That second throw went 55.27 metres, topping his previous best by about two meters. Through rounds three, four, and five, he remained consistent or improved, throwing for distances of 55.11 metres, 54.89 metres, and 56.38 (a new personal best), respectively. That fifth round throw actually saw him beat Troschke, who had been comfortably in first place throughout the contest, leaving them ranked one and two heading into the final round.

"On that last throw, I got a little too excited and too im-

patient, and my technique wasn't the best compared to the previous throws," Reimer said.

In the end, Reimer set his third new personal best of the competition, throwing for a distance of 56.81 metres. However, Troschke also logged his best performance of the Games, with a throw of 58.51 metres, to bring home the gold and leave Reimer with silver.

While he says it would have been nice to bring home gold, Reimer says he's just happy to have accomplished what he set out to do by leaving the competition ranked second (and with a new personal best to his name, to boot). He also has no shortage of time to work toward a new goal of earning gold.

Reimer got his start in track and field when he was in Grade 3 in Big River (he now lives in Lloydminster, but frequently travels to Edmonton for work). Aside from the 2020 season that was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic,

he hasn't missed an opportunity to compete.

When he was younger, he competed across multiple events, including the 100-metre dash, long jump, shotput, and triple jump. And in Grade 9, he even earned Provincials bronze in the 100-metre dash.

As he got older, he traded his speed for size and strength, and switched strictly to throwing events. This year, due to a wrist injury, he was

forced to drop shotput and focus solely on hammer throw.

Regardless of these changes, his drive to compete is as strong as ever.

"In elementary school, when I first started, [I liked track and field] because I excelled so quickly, and I was one of the best," he said. "Now I have competition, so I want to stick with it, and I want to prove myself to be the best. I want to get better and better."



Sean Reimer, previously from Big River, competed in the hammer throw for Team Alberta at the 2022 Canada Summer Games, bringing home silver.

OBITUARIES

*Martha Jean Breker*

BREKER – Martha Jean
Martha Jean Breker was born August 19, 1938, Glendon, AB and passed away August 4, 2022, Big River, SK at the age 83 years.

Martha is lovingly remembered by: her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren: Terry (Brenda) Breker and their family: Jody (Kim) Breker and children, Mikaela, Ethan & Katie, Valerie (Sheldon) Dean and children, Kyrren, Taylor & Sophia, Corey (Janell) Breker and children, Kolby, Seth, Liam, & Drew, Daniel (Krystal) Breker and children, Brooke, Macyn, Jade & Leo, Milton Debbie) Breker and their family: Ryan (Noel) Breker and children, Margaux, Maxwell & Elias, Tyler (Kayla) Breker and children, Eleanor & Rowan, Janaye Breker, Kevin (Colleen) Breker and their family: Jake Breker, Kellie (Evan) Witman, Darryl (Wendy) Breker and their family: Stephen Breker, Melissa Breker (Nathan Wuthrich) and children, Jaxon, Aiden,

Elizabeth Breker (Riley McCormack), Alison Breker (Rohan Langlois) and children: Xavier Pelletier and Alicia Pelletier (David Kirouac), her stepmother: Ruth (Sales), her siblings: Stuart, Gary, Connie, Charlotte, Josie, Jackie, and Chrystal also numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She is predeceased by her husband: Stuart, her parents: Clayton and Alice Gillett, her siblings: Helen Petruk and Lawrence Gillett and her stepbrother: Ellsworth.

The funeral service was held Friday, August 19, 2022, at 2:00 pm in the Evangelical Free Church, Big River, SK with Pastor Landon Schubert officiating. The Eulogy was given by Brenda Breker, Honorary pallbearers are considered "All who knew and loved Martha". The Pallbearers were Ryan Breker, Tyler Breker, Stephen Breker, Jake Breker, Daniel Breker and Kyrren Dean. Martha's final resting place is in the Big River Cemetery beside her beloved husband Stuart. Friends so wishing may make memorial donations to Big River Bible Camp c/o Jason & Anita Boucher, brbc@sasktel.net in memory of Martha Breker as tokens of remembrance.

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JOHNSON – Reta "Gail"
April 4, 1943 – August 14, 2022

Gail was a special mother, grandma, sister, aunt, and above all, friend. Gail was born on April 4, 1943, to Reta and Hugh Lauder. She was the second of six children: Merle, Mom, William (who died in infancy), Sheana, Ian, and Janice. Mom grew up in a house built by her grandfather, Scotty Lauder, on a farm which is known as Shellview Sod Farms Ltd. She had many happy memories of her life on the farm. The work may have been hard and the winters cold, but theirs was a family brought up with lots of love, and mom passed on her love of family to all of us.

There was lots of hard work on the farm, and I remember mom telling me their groceries consisted of coffee, sugar, salt, and flour. Everything else they grew, canned, milked and butchered. With a pot belly stove to keep them warm, and a windmill to generate their own electricity, they were like many families,

Reta Gail Johnson "Gail"

self-sufficient and happy. Mom's hard work ethic was gleaned from working on the farm and she carried that with her, her entire life. Growing up, there was also time for play, and the Lauder girls chummed with Lindsay boys and Cook and Judy Posty (Judy Posty now Lohmeier) and mom became lifelong friends and our families went on trips together as kids to Disneyland and Hawaii.

Mom graduated from W.P. Sandin High School in 1962 and went on to graduate from Secretarial College in PA. After graduation, mom went on to work at Scott International. In 1964 Gail married Don Johnson and they moved to Prince George for work like so many people from the Shellbrook area did. Mom worked in Prince George for a few years until my sister Richelle was born, and it is here when my mom took on her best role: Motherhood. Recently, I was fortunate enough to speak to mom when she was in the hospital, and I told her "Thanks for being such a good mom. "She replied, "it was my best job" and it was!

Mom stayed home and looked after us for the next 16 years and then she went back to work. First to Canarim Investments Corp, then to Hope Heinrich Law Firm, and her final job in Prince George, Woodland Heavy Equipment. In 1999, she decided to move back to Shellbrook and be with her Mom, sisters, brother, and of course my sister

Richelle, Scott and Tanner, and Jared. Mom looked forward to watching her two grandson's Tanner and Jared grow up. At the age of 56 years, mom went back to school to take a computer course and upon completion, mom got a job at Crop Insurance in PA until she retired 12 years ago. Whenever mom worked, she always had many friends and was well-liked. During her time living in Shellbrook, she bought her wee house, which she loved, and watched her grandson's grow up, attending all their ball games, football games and hockey games. Tanner and Jared told me Grandma was their luck charm! Mom was dedicated to her family, and she loved us all so much!

I moved to Scotland and had my kids there and each time mom made the long journey to come and help me. She came to Scotland many more times after that, the last time in 2018. My mom and Richelle came out to surprise us and what a great surprise it was!!

Whenever we came back to Shellbrook to visit my friends Breagha and Callan would put in their baking order of muffins and chocolate chip cookies and mom would happily comply, in fact, she had done loads of baking in preparation for me and the kids coming here this summer. Mom had lots of friends, if you were lucky enough to be her friend you would know she was fiercely loyal, funny, kind, and could keep a

secret. Mom loved music, all kinds and fun. We will always remember how she made birthdays, Christmas, Easter, and Halloween so special for us.

Gail was our mother and our best friend. We will all treasure and hold close to our hearts the wonderful memories our mother Gail shared with us.

Gail is lovingly survived by her daughters and grandchildren, Richelle (Scott) and children, Tanner and Jared; Kim and children, Breagha and Callan; her sisters, Merle, Sheana, and Janice; her brother, Ian; as well as numerous nephews, nieces, and other relatives. Gail is predeceased by her parents, Hugh and Reta Lauder; and her infant brother, William.

There was a Memorial Service held for Gail on August 22, 2022, at 11:00 am at the Shellbrook Seniors Hall, Shellbrook, Saskatchewan with Delores Beaulac as officiant.

For those family and friends that were unable to attend Gail's Memorial, the family wishes to share a video link of Gail's Memorial Service which can be found at www.beaulacfuneralhome.com

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Gail to the Heart & Stroke Foundation.

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home & Crematorium, Tammy Smart, Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK. 306-747-2828.

Frances C. Lutz

LUTZ – Frances C.

It is with much sadness that we announce the passing of Frances Catherine Lutz (née Vorachek), also known to many as simply "Fran" on August 14, 2022, at the age of 86 years at the Spiritwood Long Term Care Home.

Fran was the oldest of 3 children born in Hafford, Sask. to Ben and Catherine Vorachek on Nov. 25, 1935, and was raised on her parents farm in Leask, Sask. along with her sister Maureen and her brother Joe. She received her education at the Leask and Bramshott Schools as well as the Convent in North Battleford.

After finishing school Fran took a job in Leask at the Royal Bank. It was shortly after this that Fran met Johnny Garand and in 1954, they were married. Fran loved to dance, and she spent many Saturday nights at her sister Maureen and Peter's farm at Iroquois Lake enjoying the barn dances that were held there quite regularly. She really enjoyed

spending time out at Iroquois Lake.

Fran's adult years consisted of working at a few different jobs. Other than the Royal Bank, she worked at a Nursing Home and then a few jobs in retail. But her most important job was staying at home and caring for her 4 boys. She lived in a few places throughout her life which consisted of Leask, North Battleford, Prince Albert, Meadow Lake, Weldon, Iroquois Lake, and Shell Lake.

Fran was just Fran. She loved to stop in at the Casino from time to time to donate some money and every once in a while, she would leave with a small winning. She loved bingo and played weekly until her failing eyesight made it too difficult to play. She was an avid Rider fan and cheered them on

every time they played making sure she wore her lucky green Rider shirt. She was also a curling fan through and through and would be found sitting in front of the T.V. cheering on her favorite team. Even with her failing eyesight in the last few years she would still sit in front of her T.V. and just listen to the commentators play by play of the Rider and curling games because as she would always remind us, "You know I can't see!"

Fran was a wonderful cook, baker, and a tremendous hostess. She treated everyone with kindness and always made them feel like family. Coffee and cake would always be served and if you came at mealtime, you always left with a full belly. She loved her boys as well as her daughters in law and adored her 6 grandchildren

with everything she had. She was proud of each and every one of their accomplishments and just loved to be able to spend time with them all because family meant the world to her. Fran is definitely going to be missed by all who loved her.

Frances was predeceased by: her husband; Johnny Garand, her father: Ben Vorachek, her mother: Catherine Vorachek (née Hughes), her sister: Maureen Garand, her brother: Joe Vorachek, her brothers & sisters in law: Emile & Laronza Garand, Albert & Therese Garand, August & Emily Lafleur, Allan & Lorette Snyder, Peter Garand, Melvina & Don Nelson, Paul & Olive Garand and Joseph Garand.

She is lovingly remembered by: her sons: Laurence Garand (Wanda),

Raymond Garand (Carole), Donny Garand (Sherry) and Terry Lutz (Tobi), her grandchildren: Lauren Garand & Greg Garand, Dalyn Garand & Melanie Garand, Hailey Lutz & Paige Lutz, her sister in law: Trudy Vorachek also numerous nieces and nephews.

A Graveside Service for family and friends was held on Saturday, August 27, 2022, at 1 p.m. at the Shell Lake Cemetery in Shell Lake, Sask. with Delores Beaulac officiating. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the charity of your choice in memory of Frances Lutz as tokens of remembrance.

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The Boreal Forest

By Patricia Hanbidge

The Boreal Forest is central to our natural environment, history, culture and economy. Canada respects the boreal forest in many ways: by setting aside legally protected areas; by conducting scientific research and by monitoring the state of the forest as the health of the boreal forest is vital to Canada and the world.

The boreal zone is the wide area that lies between the treeless tundra of the arctic zone in northern Canada and the temperate zone in southern Canada. The boreal forest is the forested area within the larger boreal zone. The boreal forest from the world perspective is "circumpolar" because it circles the Northern Hemisphere, forming a ring around the North Pole, just south of the Arctic Circle. Countries with forests and land in the boreal zone include Canada, the United States, Norway, Sweden, Russia, China and a few others.

Worldwide the boreal forest covers 14% of the land on earth and covers 1.9 billion hectares. Trees in the boreal forest include: pine, spruce, larch, fir, poplar and birch as well as thousands of lakes, rivers and wetlands. Half the bird species (150 different species of birds) in Canada reside in the boreal forest as well as an extensive range of mammals, insects, fungi and microorganisms.

It is interesting that 94% of the forests in Canada are on publicly owned land, enabling our government to regulate harvesting practices and to apply land-use planning through legislation and other policies. It

is important to manage our forests sustainably to ensure our forests are healthy, safe and thriving. This balances the environmental, social and economic benefits that Canada's forests provide to us. Our protected areas and parks maintain the boreal forest landscape by safeguarding their biodiversity and by providing information for scientific research.

One thing that often comes to mind when talking about our forest areas is the harvesting of trees. Many of the harvesting practices in the boreal forest have evolved to imitate natural disturbances. This is based on scientific research that gives us the knowledge to utilize harvest practices that would mimic the effect of fires and insect outbreaks to help our forest to renew itself. Provincial laws require that all areas that are harvested on public land be either replanted or allowed to naturally grow back to standards set through legislation. Although when viewing an area that has been harvested it does appear to

be a devastating process, it is important to remember that 'deforestation' is a term that is referring to land that has been cleared of trees permanently and converted to another use. Harvesting trees does not cause deforestation as those harvested areas regrow. The deforestation rate in Canada has been declining for over twenty years and is one of the lowest deforestation rates in the world.

Canada's boreal forest consists of 270 million hectares that stores carbon, purifies the air and water and regulates the climate. We are fortunate in Canada to have 28% of the boreal forest on our lands which has a great effect on the environment worldwide. It is essential to ensure we manage this resource wisely for a number of reasons: the boreal forest creates jobs for Canadians; communities in the boreal zone rely heavily on the forest sector for economic stability and 70% of our Aboriginal communities are located in forest regions. The boreal forest also offers

unique tourism and recreational activities which also contribute to the local and national economies. Last but not least is the availability of timber and non-timber products, mineral and energy resources and hydroelectric potential of regional rivers as well as food and renewable raw materials.

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Cheryl Turgeon (right) receiving an award for best cut flower of the show.



First place in the photo show for Floral Garden went to Daune Dewhurst.



Marion Gatzke (centre) and Dot Gaboury (right) receiving awards for their Condos, Patios, and Pots entries.



Marion Smolinski (right) and Roberta Wasden (centre) receiving awards for their Commercial Frontage entries.



Roberta Wasden (left) presenting Cheryl Smith (right) with an award for Best Craft of the Show.



JR LeClare (right) receiving a plaque for Best Junior Craft of the Show.



Treyton Ledinski (right) receiving the Junior Grand Aggregate Award.



Ron Radke (left) of Scotia Bank presenting Marie Staus with the trophy for best Garden in Town. Marie also won Best Urban Yard.



Roberta Wasden (right) being presented with the Grand Aggregate Award.



Barb Hepp being presented with the trophy for Novice Grand Aggregate. This is awarded to the exhibitor with the highest number of points who has not received the Novice Grand Aggregate in the past.



First place in the photo show for Single Bloom went to Sue Kahl.

GOOD NEWS

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOUR DREAM IS SOLD DOWN THE RIVER?

I sure appreciate Joseph in the Old Testament. God gave Joseph some wonderful dreams about his future. He was so excited about it that he told his brothers and his father about his dreams. His brothers didn't share his excitement.

Maybe part of it was Joseph was the youngest, at the time only 17, and in the dream he shared with his brothers, he saw them bowing down to him. Well, that didn't go over too well.

Joseph certainly had a challenging relationship with his brothers. There are a couple of words in Genesis 37 that describe it. The Bible lets us know they hated Joseph and envied him. That is a lethal combination. It led them to sell Joseph to some merchants heading to Egypt. Hence the question, "What

happens when your dream is sold down the river?"

I could imagine Joseph thinking this doesn't sound like a step toward the fulfillment of his dream. After all, didn't God show him by dream that he would be some leader that the "sun, moon, and stars" would bow down to? Joseph's dream was accurate, no doubt. It's just that his path to leadership was likely not what Joseph had in mind.

One has to love the Scriptures, because Isaiah 55:8-9 reminds us God's thoughts are not our thoughts. His ways are not our ways. That is a good reminder when things begin to unravel or come apart.

In preparation for writing an article a number of months ago, I came across an interview that my dad took in a Manitoba paper. I abso-

lutely stumbled over it. I knew nothing about it, but there it was.

The paper was interviewing my dad about a major flood that took place in Hay River in 1963. I understand that the flood Hay River just experienced in spring 2022 was even worse.

Dad had grown up in the Gimli Interlake area and was now living in Hay River. People back in Manitoba would want to know how he was faring. Al Arnason, a reporter, asked my dad about the flood. As I read the paper I could hear the struggle he was going through.

He said to the reporter "All we have is what we are standing in." "I don't think there is anything left - the house is absolutely demolished. I don't think a man can get flood insurance here."

My dad went on to explain to the reporter "But money is a problem. I couldn't buy timbers for the foundation. We're so broke we can't get out of here."

I can't really say it was my dad's dream to live in the north. To fish the Great Slave. To raise a family of six in Hay River. Maybe it was?

Sure glad I had a mom who would have encouraged my dad and would have known the story of Joseph. Would have known things happen.

Life throws curve balls. When your dream is sold down the river, that is the time when you really get to know what trusting in God is all about.

A fellow traveller,
Pastor David Bodvarson, SPA