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## Blaine Lake Ambulance adds second vehicle



After 15 years of lobbying the provincial government, Blaine Lake Ambulance has finally expanded to two fully-crewed ambulances.

For 65 years, Blaine Lake Ambulance has served the 50-kilometre radius surrounding the Town of Blaine Lake with just one ambulance.

Started in 1957 by Michael Dutchak, the company mostly made do with its single vehicle, and would only occasionally have to rely on companies adjacent to its service area to respond to medical emergencies when its own ambulance was already out on a call.

But those were different times. When Dutchak's grandson, Keith Woytiuk, took over the company with his wife Diana in December of 1998, there were roughly 300 calls for service per year.

Last year, Blaine Lake Ambulance received 915 calls.

"It's a huge challenge. When our ambulance is out it's unable to respond. So, we have to get the neighbouring service to respond," Keith said. "It's a domino effect, because they're out an ambu-

lance, leaving their area short. So, it isn't just our area. It's all the surrounding areas that are affected as well."

As calls to service trended upward over their first decade at the helm of Blaine Lake Ambulance, Keith and Diana say the need for the company to add a second ambulance and crew to its operation became increasingly apparent. The need truly hit home in 2007, when there was a cardiac arrest in Blaine Lake and a crew from Spiritwood had to respond while their ambulance was busy responding to another emergency.

Keith says they began lobbying the Ministry of Health for funds for a second ambulance after this incident. But time after time, the ministry's answer was always the same: we don't have the money.

After 15 years of asking, the Ministry's answer changed this year, and Blaine Lake Ambulance was approved for a second vehicle on April 1.

"The Ministry of Health recognized that, through COVID, a lot of holes in coverage were brought to light," Diana said. "We were lucky enough to be one of the companies to have a business plan approved for a second unit, based on the fact that we miss so many calls during a month."

The good news turned out to be bittersweet. In addition to highlighting gaps in ambulance service in the province, the COVID-19 pandemic also shutdown the Primary Care Paramedic program, meaning Keith and Diana had their second ambulance, but didn't have a crew to operate it.

"The whole country is short-staffed when it comes to paramedics," Keith said. "When we got the funding, it was one of our happiest days but also one of our saddest days, because there was nobody out there to hire."

It took months of searching, and the incentive of a \$2,000 signing bonus for a six-month service con-

tract, but Blaine Lake Ambulance now has two full-time cars with six paramedics and four part-time employees (Diana still works the frontline as a primary care paramedic, while Keith has stepped back into a management role).

The second ambulance entered service as of Oct. 11 — poetically, the same day Keith's grandfather, and the company's founder, died in 2008.

Though both Keith and Diana are excited to see the company grow and be able to better serve the area, they both know obtaining the second ambulance is only one step in improving service in the healthcare system.

For their part, they'd like to see a change to 12-hour shifts for paramedics from the current practice of working in 24-hour shifts, to ease the strain and exhaustion that often come with the profession.

The most pressing challenge, however, is reducing wait times

for paramedics at Royal University Hospital (RUH) and St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon.

As first responders, paramedics must remain with their patients at hospital until they can be handed off to nurses and doctors. But with Saskatchewan's healthcare system short-staffed across the board in the wake of the pandemic, these wait times have sometimes reached 23 hours.

"Yesterday, there were 13 ambulances at RUH waiting to get in. The offload delays were around 10 to 12 hours," Keith said. "It dominoes. They have nobody on the street, so patients phoning in at that time are stuck waiting for an ambulance, or having to drive themselves in, which can be very dangerous."

"It's not an easy solution," Diana added. "There's a lot of moving parts in that situation, and there's got to be a lot of people, not just the Saskatchewan Health Authority, brought to the table."



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# Bull riding makes exciting return to Spiritwood

After two years off due to the pandemic, one of the most awaited events in Spiritwood has once more brought a near-sellout crowd to the Spiritwood & District Rec Centre.

The 2022 SARCS Silver Buckle Bull Riding Competition entertained a crowd of 814 people on the night of Oct. 8. The crowd enjoyed every ride from the bull riders, who all came into the event hoping to walk out with a trophy buckle and, most especially, some valuable points in the lead-up to the Bull Riders Canada (BRC) championship later this year.

The riders brought their A-game and didn't disappoint, as 11 qualified rides were made for the exciting night.

In the end, it was Keaton Martz who held on long enough to capture the Spiritwood Silver Buckle BRC. He was the only cowboy to go 2 for 2 en route to earning his second event title of the 2022 season. His outing earned him 310 points, which moves him up

to ninth in the Nelson Homes National Standings.

Additionally, Fabian Dueck and William Barrows continued to battle for the number 1 spot in Canada. Both cowboys made qualified rides, with Barrows closing the gap to 155 points. Barrows captured the long round win with his 87-point ride, while Dueck claimed the Mike's Hard Lemonade Canada Hard Iced Tea Championship Round with his 85.5-point ride.

Spiritwood BRC results were as follows:

1st: Keaton Martz - 140 point ride - \$450 - 310 points

2nd: William Barrows - 87 point ride - \$1,016 - 280 points

3rd/4th: Weston Davidson - 85.5 point ride - \$762 - 240 points

3rd/4th: Fabian Dueck - 85.5 point ride - \$1,800 - 250 points

5th/6th: Carter Sahli - 84.5 point ride - \$508 - 190 points

5th/6th: Cody Coverchuk - 84.5 point ride - \$1,350 - 200 points

7th: Stefan Tonita - 82.5 point ride - \$254 - 150 points

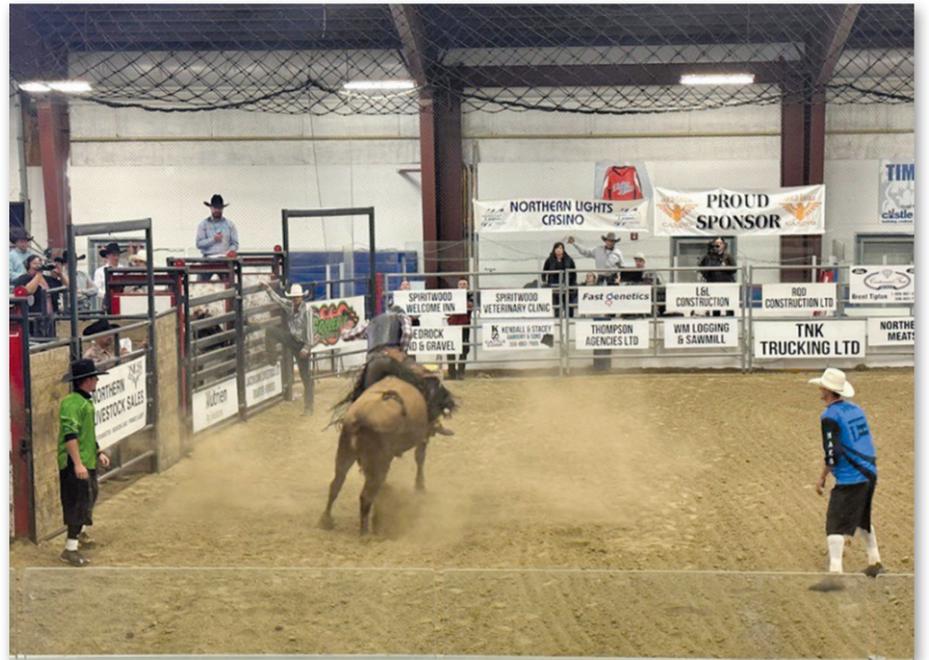
8th: Grady Smeltzer - 81 point ride - 120 points

9th: Eric O'Flynn - 80.5 point ride - 90 points

10th: Jeff Lambert - 78 point ride - \$900 - 100 points

Towards the end of the night, the Mega 50-50 winner was announced. The pot was won by Don Turgeon, who left \$7,275 richer.

As the night continued, a number of people proceeded to the cabaret following the bull riding, to enjoy the rocking music of headliner band Nice Horse, some drinks, and some dancing.



A bull rider hangs on for dear life to score important points during The 2022 SARCS Silver Buckle Bull Riding Competition at the Spiritwood Arena.



A cowboy wrangles a bull after one of the rides.



It was a packed house at the Spiritwood Arena, as 814 people came out to watch the action.

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The Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame honours agriculture leaders in the province who have made significant contributions to the welfare and improvement of Saskatchewan Agriculture and the life of the farm family.



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The November 12th Ceremony will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame and honour the **2022 INDUCTEES: Jim Bessel • Margaret Crowie (posthumous) Jack Dawes • Leslie Hill • Jeffrey Schoenau • Mark Silzer**

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## The Shellbrook Housing Authority is seeking MAINTENANCE AND GROUNDSKEEPING CONTRACTORS

Reporting to the Manager, these contract positions are responsible for the maintenance of the buildings and grounds of the Shellbrook Housing Authority. Contractors are invited to bid on either or both opportunities and expected to provide their own tools and equipment including a vehicle and cell phone.

**Maintenance Contract** duties include: ensuring the exterior and interior of all buildings are kept in a state of good repair; ensuring timely attention to maintenance issues (light fixtures and lighting in good working order, replacing, fixing, correcting all building components); performing minor plumbing repairs (unplug toilets, changing taps) and minor carpentry repairs; conducting routine inspections (boilers, fire extinguishers and crawl spaces); acting as a contact person for the housing authority (tenants, service personnel and trades); and ensuring capital assets are maintained in good repair and operated in an efficient, effective manner. Work must be completed in accordance with relevant building code and standards.

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Prospective Contractors are invited to quote on one or both contracts and supply resume outlining experience and qualifications by **September 24th** to:

Shellbrook Housing Authority  
Lorraine Saam, Chair  
P.O. Box 687, Shellbrook, SK S0J 2E0  
Or email to [waylor.saam@sasktel.net](mailto:waylor.saam@sasktel.net)  
306.747.3755

## NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT OF POLL

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF CANWOOD NO. 494 MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2022

Public Notice is hereby given that:

Mario Boisvert was nominated for the office of Division 4 Councillor and is the only candidate;

Therefore, no voting for the office of Division 4 will take place on November 9, 2022.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

Lorna Benson  
Returning Officer

## NOTICE OF POLL

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF CANWOOD NO. 494

Public notice is hereby given that:

- 1) A vote will be held for the election of:  
COUNCILLOR FOR DIVISION NO. 2  
COUNCILLOR FOR DIVISION NO. 6
- 2) The regular poll will take place on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at:  
R.M. Office, 641 Main Street, Canwood, Sask.
- 3) Mail-in ballots are available by contacting the municipal office.
- 4) I will declare the result of the voting at the Municipal Office on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

Dated at Canwood, Saskatchewan this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

Lorna Benson  
Returning Officer

# Water pipeline project cost soars to \$80 million

Global inflation has raised the costs of nearly everything. Now, even the Prince Albert Rural Water Utility's plan to build a new water treatment plant and intermunicipal water pipeline, in conjunction with the Town of Shellbrook and the Rural Municipalities of Buckland, Duck Lake, Prince Albert, and Shellbrook, is feeling the sting.

Originally pitched with a price tag close to \$45 million, before a preliminary study pointed to \$52.5 million as a more realistic cost, the project's new forecasted cost is just under \$80 million.

In an update on the project sent out last week, PARWU liaison Teresa Hanson

cited inflation, materials, and construction costs as the reasons for the cost increase.

Though she remains optimistic about the project's prospects, Hanson said taking advantage of a grant through the upcoming intake period of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) will be key to making it more feasible.

Another key to the project going ahead will be establishing a broad user base.

As it stands, the project would provide water for a number of communities and rural municipalities around Prince Albert, including Shellbrook. However, the Sturgeon Lake

and Little Red River First Nations have also expressed interest in participating.

"For the project to be a go, we need to incorporate a large influx of subscribers," Hanson said.

While the most recent project update contained some bad news, it wasn't all negative. Hanson said progress was made on engineering, environmental, and heritage assessments over the summer.

Associated Engineering (AE) has completed the pre-design report for the plant and river intake and is now moving to the design stage of planning.

"The river intake is a wedge-style intake, situated along the north edge of



Associated Engineering's rendering of a possible design for PARWU's water treatment plant.

the riverbank. It will then proceed to a low lift pump station and continue to the plant. The water will be treated using the ACTIFLO and sand filtration process," the update said.

To connect the water treatment plant to new and existing subscribers, three distribution lines need to be installed, one of which will be a horizontal directional drill (HDD) under the North Saskatchewan River.

AE is in the process of finalizing the HDD river crossing report but has had a geo-technical delay. The report is anticipated to be completed by month's end.

Meanwhile, The Hydraulic and Distribution Waterline Route report by Pinter and Associates is in the final stages, and CanNorth completed the majority of the environmental reports

over the summer with no significant or concerning findings.

Finally, a Heritage archaeological dig is in progress to determine if there are any significant findings in the preservation of provincial heritage.

Exploration of the project began in January 2021, when the Town of Shellbrook and the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook formed a steering committee with PARWU to commission a feasibility study on the construction of a new water treatment plant and the pipeline to Shellbrook.

Six months later, a parcel of land was purchased for \$900,000, with the idea

that it would serve as the location for PARWU's new water treatment plant. The nearly 25-acre site is located off Peter Pond Road on the north side of the North Saskatchewan River.

In hopes of getting community feedback on the project, PARWU is hosting a pair of informational open house sessions next week. The first, running from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday Oct. 18, will be held at the Shellbrook Community Hall (103 Railway Avenue, Shellbrook).

The next night, the open house will be at the Nordale Community Club (1306 6th Ave. NW, Prince Albert) from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

## MJW supports Shellbrook Silverfins



MJW Chartered Professional Accountant's Strength Through Numbers program is rolling again, providing funds to groups that lend a hand in the community. On Oct. 1, the Shellbrook Silverfins helped out the Shellbrook Senior's Association, as 21 swimmers and their parents came out to clean the Senior Citizens Centre. In return, MJW donated \$300 to the Silverfins. Pictured: Shellbrook Silverfins members at the Senior Citizens Centre.

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### Notice of Abandonment of Poll

[Section 82 of The Local Government Election Act, 2015]

#### The Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555 Municipal Election 2022

Whereas Maurice Denis, nominated for the office of Councillor for Division No. 4, is the only candidate; I hereby give notice that **no voting** for the office will take place on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

I hereby declare the following candidate, so nominated, duly elected.

**Councillor for Division 4 – Maurice Denis**

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

Michael Yuzik  
(Returning Officer)

### Notice of Abandonment of Poll

#### The Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496

- 2022 Municipal Election
- Councillor - Div. 2
  - Councillor - Div. 4
  - Councillor - Div. 5
  - Councillor - Div. 6

Whereas, **Dale Wasden**, nominated for the office of Div. 2 Councillor; **Dennis Laventure**, nominated for the office of Div. 4 Councillor; **Heather Warkentin**, nominated for the office of Div. 5 Councillor, and **Bevra Fee**, nominated for the office of Div. 6 Councillor, are the only candidates, I hereby give notice that no voting will take place on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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

Colette Bussiere  
(Returning Officer)

#### Appendix C

#### FORM L

[Section 78 of the Act]

### Notice of Call for Further Nominations Councillor Division 6 RM of Shellbrook No. 493

The returning officer or nomination officer will receive nominations of candidates for the above office:

(a) during normal office hours from **8:30a.m. Until 4:00p.m.**

at **Municipal Office 71 Main Street Shellbrook, Saskatchewan**

(b) on the **19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022**

Nomination forms may be obtained at the following locations:

- **Municipal Office 71 Main Street Shellbrook, Saskatchewan**
- **RM Website: [rmojshellbrook.com](http://rmojshellbrook.com)**

Dated at Shellbrook, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

Duane Storey  
Returning Officer

### Notice of Advance Voting

[Subsection 83(2) of the Local Government Election Act, 2015]

#### The Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555 Municipal Election 2022

**Public Notice** is hereby given that the returning officer has made provision for advance voting for the benefit of qualified voters who want to cast their votes in advance of Election Day.

Advance voting will take place for Councillor of Division 2 for the Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the Big River Community Centre, 606 First Street North, Big River, Saskatchewan on: Saturday, the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

Dated at Big River, Saskatchewan this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

Michael Yuzik  
Returning Officer

Identification will be required when you attend the polls. For additional information and a full list of voter ID options please visit: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/municipal-administration/elections/voting#acceptable-voter-identification>

### Notice of Poll

[Section 81 of The Local Government Election Act, 2015]

#### The Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555 Municipal Election 2022

**Public Notice** is hereby given that:

- 1) A vote will be held for the election of Councillor for Division 2 for the Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555.
- 2) The vote will take place on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at:

DIVISION 2 POLL AT: The Big River Community Centre, 606 First Street North, Big River, Saskatchewan.

- 3) I will declare the results of the voting at the Municipal Office on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

Dated at Big River, Saskatchewan this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

Michael Yuzik  
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## Sask. Party government must learn to listen

Having been at this game for eight years now – seriously, where does the time go? – I’ve grudgingly accepted the fact that the words I write in this space may never yield a change in behaviour in those I criticize and question week in and week out.

This is the great irony of politicians. The vast majority, I’m sure, enter politics with every intention of serving as champions for the needs of their constituents. However, once they’ve been at the reins of government for any length of time, it’s all too easy for them to stop listening when the concerns of their constituents don’t align with their policies.

It was heartening, then, to receive a direct response from Saskatchewan Rivers MLA Nadine Wilson only a week after I called into question her commitment to *all* of her constituents in my Sept. 29 column.

Over the past few months, some have suggested I’ve been too hard on Premier Scott Moe and his Sask. Party government, and I pulled no punches in my criticism of Ms. Wilson and her seemingly single-minded focus of the COVID-19 pandemic – even going so far as calling on her to resign if she wouldn’t address the other challenges her constituents might be facing.

Despite this, Ms. Wilson’s response to my criticisms was thoughtful, fair, and gracious, and showed a willingness to engage in honest, meaningful dialogue that is rarely seen in politicians.

From the outset, she notes that her and I would likely disagree on a number of policy matters, and she’s undoubtedly correct. But, as I’ve come to learn over the past eight years, we cannot learn, grow, and better ourselves if we are only willing to engage in conversations with those who agree with everything we have to say.

In her response to my column, Ms. Wilson acknowledges and rationalizes her decision to make challenging the government’s COVID-19 response a key pillar of her work as an MLA. It is, to paraphrase her words, less about being a thorn in the government’s side (though,



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this is her job as an independent MLA), and more about giving a voice to those who have been left voiceless.

This is laudable, regardless of whether or not one agrees with the cause she’s championing.

Ms. Wilson’s response also highlighted some of the flaws in my argument. Namely, my hyperbolic, and erroneous, assertion that she cared only about COVID-19 and the assorted theories swirling around the government’s handling of the pandemic and vaccines.

There were also some instances in which carelessness with words marred my intent and meaning. For instance, it was not my goal to downplay the seriousness data pertaining to vaccine-related injuries and deaths.

Throughout the pandemic, there were those who contended that COVID-19 was no worse than the flu and only a danger for the elderly, as if the death of a senior was of less consequence than the death of someone younger.

At every turn, I fought against this effort to discredit the threat the pandemic posed. Every COVID-related death, young or old, matters, and the same holds true for those who have been injured or killed after receiving the vaccine.

These people deserve to have their stories told and their voices heard.

If Ms. Wilson is the only MLA willing to listen (even to those who are not her constituents), then kudos to her, and shame on the other 60 MLAs in the legislature who are failing to do their duty as elected officials.

While defending her pandemic advocacy, Ms. Wilson also outlines many of the issues she’s tackled since leaving the Sask. Party Caucus.

Among others, these include successfully pushing to make the region eligible for student subsidies and to increase the number of veterinarian college seats for Saskatchewan, and taking the Sask. Party government to task over its long-standing legacy of failing the province’s seniors.

After 15 years in power, the Sask. Par-



ty government doesn’t particularly like to listen to anyone. But there are few matters it’s been more stubborn about than long-term care.

Over the past eight years, and since long before I ever considered Saskatchewan as a potential home, The Sask. Party government has downplayed the safety shortfalls and staffing issues in long-term care.

Only in 2021, after 42 seniors died in a COVID-19 outbreak at the privately-operated Extencare Parkside long-term care facility, did the government step in to implement changes and bring an end to the era of private, for-profit long-term care in the province.

Since taking over Extencare’s facilities, however, it hasn’t exactly inspired any confidence that the homes are being managed any better. Indeed, as of writing, active COVID-19 outbreaks were being reported at more than 50 long-term care homes and private homes in the province.

But long-term care isn’t the only way the Sask. Party government is failing seniors. At a time when costs of living are skyrocketing for everyone, the government is failing to step up to the plate for vulnerable seniors who are struggling to afford life in private care homes.

In her column this week, Ms. Wil-

son highlights the plight of one senior, who resides in a private care home and recently had her Personal Care Home Benefit lowered to \$38 per month from \$208 per month due to “increases in other benefits.”

Despite these supposed benefit increases, this particular senior finds their monthly expenses are outpacing their monthly income by more than \$800.

As seniors, and many others in the province, struggle to make ends meet, the Sask. Party government has seen its coffers filled by windfall resource revenues, turning a projected \$463 million deficit into a \$1.04 billion surplus (and growing, no doubt).

Despite this, the Sask. Party has ploughed ahead with its planned PST expansion and increases to power and gas bills, all while issuing a paltry \$500 “affordability” cheque to all Saskatchewan residents who have filed their income tax for 2021.

With the next provincial election still two years away, there’s little anyone can do to change the Sask. Party government’s mind about anything.

Still one can’t help but wonder if it will ever meaningfully address the challenges seniors are facing.

This is a question that deserves a real answer.

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## Report from the Legislature

World-class, environmentally sustainable, tasty and nutritious. Those are just some of the ways consumers around the world describe Saskatchewan agriculture products. As we celebrate Agriculture Month in Saskatchewan, we are taking time to thank the dedicated agriculture producers who put that food on our table. In 2021, Saskatchewan set a record with \$17.5 billion in agri-food exports, producing 98 per cent of Canada's lentils and 80 per cent of the national durum crop. Saskatchewan is also one of the largest beef-producing provinces in the country.

This year, Agriculture Month focuses on the connection between the farm and our dinner tables. Partnering with Farm & Food Care Saskatchewan, we are asking families to share their food stories. Gathering around the table for Thanksgiving, meals in the field or even a pic-

nic in the park, share your connection to food on social media using #MealsFromTheFarm.

In appreciation of livestock producers and veterinarians, the first week of October is Animal Health Week in Saskatchewan. Recognizing the high level of care that farm families provide to their animals with the help of vet professionals, this year's theme is "Habitat Protection and Pandemic Prevention." Incredibly proud and dedicated to their livestock, Saskatchewan



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ranchers, producers, and veterinarians work side by side to care for both the animals and the land on which they live.

Over the summer, we were pleased to meet with as many of you as possible while gathering feedback on the needs of the province. Hearing your concerns about a shortage of animal health professionals serving rural Saskatchewan, our government has made two announcements to help address the issue. We have increased the number of subsidized training seats at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine from 20 to 25. Graduates who stay in the province to serve livestock stakeholders in rural and remote areas will qualify for the Saskatchewan Loan Forgiveness for Veterinarians and Veterinary Technologists program. By forgiving up to \$20,000 in Saskatchewan Student Loan debt, the program aims to attract more professionals

to under-served rural areas.

With the autumn season upon us, flu season isn't far behind. Saskatchewan residents can now begin booking the annual flu shot through the Saskatchewan Health Authority. Vaccination clinics begin on Oct. 11, and pharmacies will also be able to administer the dose at that time. Booking online is the most convenient way to get the vaccination, and the process features a new family tool. Visiting [4flu.ca](http://4flu.ca) will enable you to book appointments for the entire family in one session. Individual and group bookings can be made by calling 1-833-SASKVAX (1-833-727-5829).

The popularity of camping has increased in recent years, and there has been a desire for more sites to be available outside of the regular camping season. That passion for the outdoors was evident last October following a re-



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cord-breaking season. From October through March 15, select campsites at certain provincial parks will now be available to reserve online. Due to the colder weather, certain services will be reduced and will be noted upon making the reservation. Reduced services will be reflected in a discounted nightly rate. You can learn more about fall and winter camping by visiting [parks.saskatchewan.ca](http://parks.saskatchewan.ca).

Outdoor enthusiasts looking to take advantage of the mild fall con-

ditions are reminded that ticks are still active, including the blacklegged tick that can cause Lyme disease. The risk for contracting Lyme disease is low, but not zero so it's important to exercise the proper precautions when venturing into long grass or brush. Wear light-coloured clothing so the ticks are easy to spot, cover exposed skin with long pants and shirts, wear shoes rather than sandals and pull your socks over your pant legs.

After a summer of being in the community again, meeting face to face with residents and municipal leaders, we have collected the feedback we need to prepare for the Fall Sitting of the Legislature. Our population is higher than ever, we have more jobs than ever before, and our economy is a leader in the nation. We will continue to foster that growth into the future, growth that works for everyone.

## Seniors in dire straits need help now

Last April, I wrote to Premier Scott Moe to advise him of the funding gaps being experienced by many Saskatchewan seniors living in private care homes. The letter pointed out that it has been ten years since the Personal Care Home Benefit (PCHB) was revised to top up a person's income to a maximum of \$2,000 per month.

I also pointed out that 75 per cent of private care homes charge fees of \$2,200 to residents before incidentals, with an average rate of \$2,900. These homes must meet provincially-set standards to operate, and must charge accordingly. I called for a top-up to income to increase it up to \$3,000.

Recently, this issue has been raised once again by a constituent who resides in a not-for-profit care home. They are appealing a recent decision which lowered their subsidy benefit from \$206 per month to \$38, even while

they are already struggling, and inflation rates are at alarming levels. The claw-back is apparently due to an increase in one of the other programs.

The constituent provided the following breakdown of their budget with notations:

Care Home: \$2,500  
Foot Care: \$40  
Voltaren & Gold Bond lotion: \$32.20  
Pharmacy: \$80.44 (portion of prescriptions not covered by Sask. Health Plan)



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TOTAL basic expenses: \$2801.26.

Beyond basic expenses, there are many other expenses, such as vehicle registration, maintenance and gas, clothing, toiletries, haircuts, massage treatments, and other over-the-counter meds (when needed).

ONLY source of income: Old Age Security & GIS: \$1201.50

CPP: \$781.75  
Personal Care Home Benefit: \$38.

TOTAL: \$2021.25

According to the constituent's advocate, this resident is in a Personal Care Home because "they NEED assistance with medications, meals, and overall supervision, but they are NOT totally incapable. How does the Ministry of Social Services justify that they are financially supported and respectfully treated as an elderly citizen?"

It is clear that the subsidy cap for the PCHB needs to be increased and quickly. With \$500 in 'Moe Dough' about to

be sent to everyone who filed income tax last year, perhaps the government could have used the revenue windfall to immediately assist the people who built this province, then incorporated the increase into the next

budget to sustain the program.

Saskatchewan people deserve social programs that actually meet their needs. The fall session begins Oct. 26, and I will be there to advocate on their behalf.

### NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT OF POLL

The Rural Municipality of Medstead No. 497  
2022 Municipal Elections

Whereas the following, being nominated for the office of Councillor, are the only candidates for those offices, I hereby give notice that no voting will take place on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Councillor, Division 4: TERREL HILL**  
**Councillor, Division 6: AL ROSKE**

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

Christin Egeland  
Returning Officer

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**R.M. of Medstead No. 497**

### Notice of Call for Further Nominations

**Councillors: Rural Municipality of Medstead No. 497  
- Division No. 2**

The returning officer or nomination officer will receive nominations of candidates for the above office(s):

- During normal office hours from October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 until October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Municipal Office
- On the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office.

Nominations forms may be obtained at the following location:  
**Municipal Office**

Dated at Medstead, SK, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

Christin Egeland  
Returning Officer

# Aardvarks win big under Friday night lights

Continuing a tradition started in the 2014 football season, the W.P. Sandin Aardvarks hosted the Big River Rebels under the Friday night lights on Oct. 7.

The match-up marked the fifth regular season game for the Shellbrook team, which sat at 2-2 on the season going into the game and was coming off a tough 38-31 loss to Hague. Looking to get back into the win column, and keep the

tradition of Friday night lights victories alive, the Aardvarks put on a show for their supportive home crowd.

First, however, they were lucky to escape the first drive of the game, as the Rebels marched right down the field and scored a touchdown. The score was negated by a holding call, and the Aardvarks' defence found its footing to force a turnover on downs.

With the ball in its

hands, the Aardvarks' offence wasted no time at all putting points on the board. Brandon Dingwall drew first blood for the home team, beating the Rebels defenders to the outside edge and scampering for a touchdown to put the score at 8-0.

On the ensuing kickoff, the Aardvarks' kick coverage team put the ball back in the hands of the offence, as Tucker McDonald pounced on a fumble. The Aardvarks would strike through the air on their second drive, when quarterback Jesse Nyberg found Austin Helm all alone for another touchdown.

After their initial stumbles, the Rebels fired a return salvo on a screen pass and a long touchdown run to close the gap to 16-8. They then managed to scoop up a fumble on the en-



**Aardvarks running back Brandon Dingwall gets an arm out to shake off a tackle and run for a big gain.**



**Big River's Cade Friesen makes an acrobatic catch in one of the few highlights for the Rebels.**



**Aardvarks running back Brandon Dingwall gets the edge on a Big River defender and scurries off for a Shellbrook touchdown.**



**Aardvarks quarterback Jesse Nyberg fights through defenders for extra yards.**

suing kickoff, but failed to make anything of the opportunity.

As the second quarter got underway, the Aardvarks' offence continued to fire on all cylinders and the Rebels' pass coverage continued to

fall short. This allowed Nyberg to find Adam Schatkoske all alone in the endzone on third and goal, putting the Aardvarks up 24-8.

With the help of a fumble recovery by Brett Stene, Nyberg extended

the Aardvarks' lead to 32-8, on a touchdown pass to a wide-open Helm.

The Rebels' Friday night lights woes continued, as an interception in the endzone stopped a promising offensive drive, and Dingwall turned his opponents' misfortune into a 99-yard touchdown run.

Another interception by the Aardvarks' offence allowed the home team to close out the first half with a 40-8 lead.

Receiving the kickoff to open the second half, the Aardvarks continued to do all the right things and tacked on two more touchdowns throughout the third quarter, while keeping the Rebels off the board.

Sawyer Mamchur got things started for the Aardvarks, scoring on a short outside rush to push the score to 48-8. On the ensuing kickoff, Kamden Shewchuk tacked on a rare single point for the Aardvarks, by booting the ball right through the Rebels' endzone.

After this, Shewchuk got on the board with a touchdown, courtesy of a pass from Nyberg, to put the score at 55-8.

Switching to mostly second-stringers for the fourth quarter, the Aardvarks didn't do anything more to extend their lead. Too little too late, the Rebels' offence came to life, scoring two touchdowns in the final 12 minutes to end with a 55-22 defeat.

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### 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 pass a Bylaw to exchange a portion of the dedicated lands to another part of the Resort.

**Intent:** The proposed bylaw will redesignate a portion of Public Reserve 3 to another location within the resort to be the new Public Reserve 4.

**Affected Area:** The affected area of land is being relocated to a portion of Parcel Number 153112586, SW ¼ Section 5-49-8-W3M as shown in the bold dotted area with the arrow showing the new PR4 on the map which appears as part of this notice.

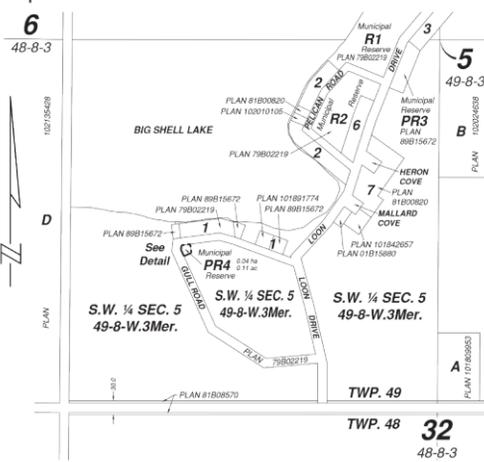
**Reason:** The reason of the proposed alteration is to allow for the development of Storage Lots to be titled.

**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 October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 p.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 October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Resort Village of Big Shell  
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Issued at Shell Lake, Saskatchewan, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022  
 Tara Bueckert, Administrator



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# AGRICULTURE

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## Education is key to reconnecting with agriculture

Regular readers may recognize that I hold limited faith in the idea that a day, week, or month being designated to mark a particular thing has much impact these days.

Perhaps having a National Brussel Sprouts Week bumps sales a bit for a few days, but people soon realize the mini cabbages aren't that good unless drenched in gooey cheese, and go back to buying their usual meal-time fare.

So, when the province annually designates October as Agriculture Month, I'm unsure if it has a great impact.

That said, I am also conflicted on this one.

Having grown up on the farm, and having written about it for the past 30-plus years, I recognize its critical importance. I have also noted the fading awareness from more and more people about what the industry does.

If there was any question about the declining knowledge, it was brought into focus by Sara Shymko, the director of Agriculture in the Classroom, when she spoke at the recent Yorkton Mill Heritage Society supper fundraiser.

Shymko related how, in



CALVIN DANIELS

her role with Agriculture in the Classroom, she was handing out seeds that students could take home and plant, when one young student came up and asked for seeds for cheese. At that moment, she said she fully understood the need for her or-

ganization.

That seems ridiculous in a province where everywhere you travel you see farmland, and so much of the business of communities big and small traces back to the ag sector, but, increasingly, urban dwellers do not spend time on farms learning about the sector firsthand.

That is scary from the farm perspective, because urban residents hold sway in provincial legislatures and the federal parliament and may well enact legislation which negatively impacts farming, based on a lack

of understanding about the agriculture industry.

So, when in a release Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit stated, "Saskatchewan's agriculture industry cannot thrive without the dedicated individuals that make up the value-chain. They have a passion for producing the healthy, affordable food that we share with our families everyday. I encourage everyone to show support by celebrating this innovative, resilient, and sustainable industry," there is more to it than rhetoric.

We need to have an appreciation for those who

produce our food. So maybe an annual nudge in that direction by designating a month is part of growing that appreciation. But ultimately, it is finding a way to reconnect more people with where their food comes from.

That is where having school tours at events such as the upcoming Grain Millers Harvest Showdown in Yorkton, or Agribition in Regina, or the efforts of Agriculture in the Classroom, come into play as important.

Education is always a key to better understanding. And that includes agriculture.

## Crop Report: Sept. 27 to Oct. 3

The weather over the past week was excellent for harvest. The province now has 90 per cent of the crop in the bin, up from 81 per cent last week and well ahead of the five-year average of 82 per cent. Some producers have been struggling with heavy fog and dew in the mornings that has delayed their harvest activities until the afternoon, making for short days and less progress. High humidity in many parts of the southeast, east-central and northeast is making it difficult to combine and has also led to grain coming off at higher amounts of moisture than normal. Producers must dry down the grain in order to store it properly.

Harvest in the southwest and west-central regions is virtually complete with mostly flax waiting to be harvested, which will likely occur after the next

heavy killing frost. The northwest has 94 per cent of their crop off, the northeast 87 per cent, the southeast 86 per cent and the east central 81 per cent.

Harvest of lentils and field peas has finished. Ninety-eight per cent of durum, 97 per cent of chickpeas, 93 per cent of spring wheat, 90 per cent of barley, 82 per cent of canola and 66 per cent of flax has been combined across the province.

Once again, there was very little rain this past week, with only trace amounts being recorded for most regions. Some parts of the southwest received two to three mm but it did very little to improve soil moisture conditions. All areas of the province are reporting that they are either extremely dry or becoming drier each week. This includes the southeast and east-central regions, which started

the season with an abundance of moisture.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 28 per cent adequate, 41 per cent short and 31 per cent very short. Hay and pastureland topsoil moisture is rated as 22 per cent adequate, 41 per cent short and 37 per cent very short.

Limited moisture throughout much of the harvest season has allowed crop quality to remain high, especially Hard Red Spring Wheat which is being reported as 75 per cent 1CW, 23 per cent 2CW and two per cent 3CW. The ten-year average for Hard Red Spring Wheat is 39 per cent 1CW, 35 per cent 2CW, 17 per cent 3CW and nine per cent 4CW/feed.

The majority of crop damage this week was due to wind, waterfowl and wildlife. Wind continues to impact unharvested

crops by blowing swaths around, as well as shelling out crops and causing lodging.

Producers are busy combining, hauling grain and bales and moving cattle. Some producers are also starting other fall field work, such as post-harvest weed control and harrowing. Winter cereals are not able to be planted in many areas due to the lack of soil moisture. Fall fertilizer applications are also not possible in many regions due to these dry conditions.

This will be the last Crop Report until the final report is issued October 20, 2022. This will allow time for appropriate information gathering and preparation until harvest is completed.

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

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# Police investigate suspicious death on Big River FN

The Saskatchewan RCMP's Major Crime Unit is investigating, after a man was found dead on the Big River First Nation last Wednesday evening.

According to an RCMP release, the Big River RCMP detachment received a report of a deceased individual in a trail area on the Big River First Nation just after 6 p.m. on Oct. 5. Officers immediately responded and located a deceased adult male.

The Major Crime Unit was then called in to take the lead on the investigation into the death, which police consider to be suspicious.

Police didn't initially release any information to identify the victim, including his name, age, and hometown, while investigators worked to notify his next of kin.

The following evening, however, police identified the man as 30-year-old Lionel Whitehead of the Pelican Lake First Nation.

As part of the continuing investigation into the suspicious circumstances of Whitehead's death, the Major Crime Unit is hoping to hear from anyone who had contact with him or saw him this month.

Officers are also looking for any sightings of

a white 2017 Chevrolet 1500 pickup with the Saskatchewan license plate 964 HHA between Sept. 30 and Oct. 3.

The truck was stolen in Pelican Lake during that time and found on Oct.

5, the same day Whitehead's body was found. Both were in the same trail area of the community.

Police think the truck may have been in Pelican Lake, Ahtahkakoop, or

Big River.

The truck has a different tire and rim on the back driver's side and black tape on the driver's side taillight.

Anyone with information about Whitehead or the white truck should

call Saskatchewan RCMP at 310-RCMP or their local police service. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com).



Police are looking for information about this 2017 Chevrolet 1500 pickup, with Saskatchewan license plate 964 HHA, as they believe it may be involved in a suspicious death on the Big River First Nation.

## Spiritwood Library Board meeting minutes

The board for the Spiritwood Public Library met on Sept. 28.

With the calendar soon turning to October, the board discussed Saskatchewan Library Week, which runs from Oct. 17 to 21. The theme for this year's Library Week is "Libraries Expand Horizons," and libraries across the province are also holding a Book Spine Poetry contest to commemorate the week.

Next, the board reflected on the library's Summer Reading Program. All told, 26 kids participated and got lots of reading done over the summer. Don Tipton and Spiritwood Confectionery supported the program with prizes of

small ice creams or slushies. The board noted, however, that some of the participants had yet to receive their stickers and would need to be reminded to stop in at the library and do so.

Elsewhere, the board discussed the expansion of DVD loan periods to two weeks from one week, and noted that acquisitions using the Canada Post Community Foundation Grant – Project Growing Up with Books had been completed. A total of 242 books were purchased, as well as display stands. Lots of variety to choose from focusing on children's books, juvenile and young adult books. All titles were newly published within the last year.

Wrapping up the meeting, the board talked about the final dessert of the month draws of the year, as well as a planned book-themed gift basket draw scheduled for December.

The board also took note of a partnership between Wapiti and the Prince Albert Literacy Network to provide library patrons with more resources. Through this partnership, Storysacks and storywalks are available. Storysacks are books, props, puppets, or stuffed toys with an idea card and activities to encourage parents and children to read together in an interactive way.

## Nurse receives preceptorship bursary



Jenny Rabbitskin accepts a \$500 LPN preceptorship bursary from Shellbrook Mayor Amund Otterson, on behalf of the Shellbrook Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee. These bursaries are one of many incentives offered to attract and keep health-care professionals in the community. Originally only for doctors, the incentives were expanded to include nurses in 2017, when Parkland Integrated Health Centre was struggling to maintain staffing levels.

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# Minutes of an RM of Spiritwood meeting

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

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 was held on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2022.

In attendance were Reeve Shirley Dauvin, Division 1 Larry Vaagen, Division 2 Al Steinhilber, Division 6 Bevra Fee, Administrator Colette Bussiere, and Foreman Darcy Laventure.

Absent were Division 3 Terry Wingerter, and Division 4 Dennis Laventure.

Division 5 is vacant.

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 8 a.m. by Reeve, Shirley Dauvin.

Steinhilber: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried

Vaagen: That the minutes of the July 12, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented. Carried

Fee: Whereas the previous deadline of May 30, 2022, was not attainable due to the fish spawning timelines, that the deadline to remove the unauthorized development from the MR in

front of Lot 6 Blk 4 Plan 82B02078 and Lot 22 Blk 4 Plan 102335767 be extended to Sept. 30, 2022. Carried

Steinhilber: That the Administrator's report having been read now be filed. Carried

Foreman Darcy Laventure joined the council meeting at 8:33 a.m.

Vaagen: That the Foreman's report having been read now be filed. Carried

Foreman Darcy Laventure left the council meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Steinhilber: That the bank reconciliation for the month ending July 31, 2022, be accepted as presented. Carried

Fee: That we cancel the stale dated Cheque No. 12611 the amount of \$576.45 payable to Sit-edudes. Carried

Vaagen: That the "List of Accounts" as listed on the attached Schedule "A" forming part of these minutes be passed for payment. Cheque No. 13777-13819 (\$264,270.79), Payroll File No. 375, 376 & 378 (\$48,645.62), EFT No. 2022-0031 - 2022-0037 (\$24,907.74). Carried

Steinhilber: That the Statement of Financial

Activities for the month ending July 31, 2022, be approved as presented. Carried

Delegations: Sgt. Sebastian Andrews - RCMP Quarterly Report

Sgt. Sebastian Andrews joined the council meeting at 9:54 a.m. to present the RCMP quarterly report (April 1, 2022-July 31, 2022) for the RM of Spiritwood No. 496.

Sgt. Andrews left the council meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Delegations: Vern Seabrook (Councillor, RM of Meota) & Phillip Bueckert (CSO) - Community Safety Officer

Vern Seabrook (RM of Meota) and CSO Phillip Bueckert joined the council meeting at 10:29 a.m.

Sgt. Andrews rejoined at 10:32 a.m.

Sgt. Andrews left at 10:54 a.m.

Vern & Phillip left the council meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Steinhilber: That we consent to the removal of dead & dying trees within the Municipal Reserve (MR) adjacent to Lot 9 & Lot 10 of Blk 4 in Spruce Bay in accordance with the Water Security Agency (WSA) regulations &

the Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit. Carried

Fee: That we consent to the removal of dead & dying trees within the Municipal Reserve (MR) adjacent to Lot 3 of Blk 2 in Spruce Bay in accordance with the Water Security Agency (WSA) regulations & the Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit. Carried

Vaagen: That we consent to the removal of trees stumps within the Environmental Reserve (ER) adjacent to Lot 4 of Blk 1 in South Shore Ridge in accordance with the Water Security Agency (WSA) regulations & the Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit. Carried

Steinhilber: That we consent to the removal of trees stumps within the Environmental Reserve (ER) adjacent to Lot 5 of Blk 1 in South Shore Ridge in accordance with the Water Security Agency (WSA) regulations & the Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit. Carried

Fee: That the Lease Agreement with Szasz Income Tax Services be renewed for a one-year term ending June 30, 2023. Carried

Steinhilber: That David

Keith Clark be appointed to the Shell Lake Regional Fire Dept. for the remainder of the 2022 calendar year. Carried

Fee: Whereas the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 has completed gravel exploration and hereby agrees to the sale of crown lease lands described as SW 18-50-11-W3 & SE 18-50-11-W3. Carried

Vaagen: That we approve of tax abatements as follows:

- Roll No. 1384 100 (293 Exemption Error)
  - o Mun - \$373.46
  - o #202 - \$301.71
- Roll No. 3855 100 (Residential Dwelling Removed)
  - o Mun - \$996.29
  - o #202 - \$245.25
- Roll No. 79 000 (Property Assessment Change)
  - o Mun - \$422.78
  - o #202 - \$286.52.

Carried  
Steinhilber: That we approve of the request to place "Slow Down When Passing" signage within the right of way of Range Road 3110, 20 metres south of Hwy #3 & 20 metres north of Township Rd 502. All costs associated

with the signage shall be the responsibility of the applicant making the request. Carried

Delegations: Darrell Roach - Tax Abatement

Delegate Darrell Roach joined the council meeting at 1:09 p.m.

Darrell Roach left the council meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Steinhilber: Whereas additional information has been presented for the abatement request for Roll No. 4438 000 being Lot 19 Blk 1 in Memorial Lake Regional Park, that we abate the interest on Roll No. 4438 000 up to June 30, 2022. Carried

Fee: That the regular meeting of council be adjourned at 1:56 p.m. to move in-camera to discuss any HR concerns. Carried

Administrator Colette Bussiere left the council meeting at 1:56 p.m.

Administrator Colette Bussiere returned to the council meeting at 2:01 p.m.

The regular meeting of council was called back to order at 2:01 p.m.

Steinhilber: That the correspondence having been read now be filed. Carried

## GOOD NEWS

### NOTHING REMAINS CONSTANT EXCEPT CHANGE ITSELF

I got thinking how life has changed over the years.

Growing up in the north I think what drew my dad to Hay River, NWT, was the Great Slave Lake. Being from around Lake Winnipeg, he sure liked to fish. Dad actually got into commercial fishing for awhile. I actually got pretty fond of eating fish. Quite often if it was fried or oven-roasted we ended up picking out the bones.

I remember when dad mentioned someone in Hay River introduced the technique of filleting fish. That was a game changer. I would think most people would filet now. I sure appreciated that change.

I sure appreciated Keith Broadhead's water service when they delivered water. What a change when we moved into Disneyland in Hay River, and we had running water. A wonderful change.

I still remember the two-dollar bill. In humour we used to call it a B.C buck. Two for one. We now have to carry more coins. Along with the two-dollar bill, we no longer have the dollar bill.

I grew up with the King James translation of the Bible. Though, my mom secured a Living Bible many years ago. Nowadays, I couldn't tell you how many English translations there are. It is quite a change.

The bottom line is, though winds of changes have blown, the Good News remains the same. For sure, the church may present the Gospel differently from 100 years ago, but the message is still the same.

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A fellow traveller,  
David Bodvarson  
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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

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

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

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# Minutes of a Village of Leask council 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 Village of Leask held at the Leask Community Hall on Aug. 17, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Mayor John Priestley, councillors Valerie Priestley, Charles Smith, Eugene Verbonac, and Zach Waldner, acting administrator Yvette Hamel, and administrator mentor Tony Obrigewitch.

The mayor called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

Waldner: That the agenda be adopted as presented with the following additions: Line of Credit. Carried

V. Priestley: That the additions to the agenda be approved. Carried

Waldner: That the Minutes of July 20, 2022, Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask accept the Maintenance report as presented. Carried

Waldner: That the Village of Leask accept the Water Treatment and Lab Testing Reports as presented. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask Administrator attach written report from Public Works Department to monthly minutes. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask accept and sign the Service Agreement Contract from Drop Water as presented.

Waldner: That the Village of Leask approved the attached list of Accounts Payable, being Cheques 9630-9644 totalling \$18,004.34, Cheques 9645-9648 being Council Indemnity, totalling \$1,419.79, Cheques 9649-9663 totalling \$14, 193.95, Cheques 9664-9668 being Sask. Lotteries Grant totalling \$3,747.00, 9669-9677 totalling \$450.00, Cheques 9678-9682 totalling \$4,288.61, Cheques

9683-9689 totalling \$7,054.58 as presented. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask accept the 2021 Financial Audit as prepared and presented by PWC. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask accept the amended Consolidation of Lots Policy as presented. Carried

Waldner: That the Village of Leask accept the application to consolidate Lot 1 Block B E AO 1524 and Lot 2 Block B E AO 1524, as this application meets the requirements Policy P2022-02. Carried

Waldner: That the Village of Leask accept the application to consolidate Lot 2 Block 19 CQ 5157 and Lot 3 Block 19 CQ 5157, as this application meets the requirements Policy P2022-02. Carried

Verbonac: That the Village of Leask accept Offer to Purchase Property Policy P2022-006 as presented, with addition all previous Offer to Purchase Property Polices deem null and void. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask purchase CST-2 Cold Shot Freeze Kit Gen Wire as quote presented \$1,274.73. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask apply for the ICIP grant for decommissioning of the Village Landfill and that Associated Engineering help with the grant application, further, that we have Associated Engineering manage the project for the Village of Leask, as presented. Carried

Administrator Mentor: Tony Obrigewitch left the meeting 6:44 p.m.

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask Administrator contact Village of Marcelin Administrator and the Prairie Spirit School Division to collect information on installation of playground equipment, further to contact the Leask Playground Committee for an update. Carried

Waldner: That the Village of Leask ac-

cept the Leask Community Hardware Store report as presented by Ernie Letendre. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask attached Leask Community Hardware Store Manager report to the minutes. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask have the boiler inspected at The Butler Building and that Public Works inspect the roof in the boiler regarding the water leak. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask Administrator Contact Arcand Roofing to obtain a quote to complete area requiring repair in order to prevent further damage. Carried

Waldner: That the Village of Leask Administrator mail registered letter to owner of sea container in the Village of Leask to kindly remove as it is violation of Bylaw No. 7/2022. If the sea container is not removed within 30 days of the registered letter, the Village of Leask will remove it at owners' expense. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask contact the Parkland Health Foundation to assist with financial expense to furnish the two examining rooms once date is known when Doctors will be scheduled for Village of Leask. Carried

Waldner: That the correspondence having been supplied to council for information be approved as presented. Carried

Waldner: That the Village of Leask Administrator send letter to dog owner and include Bylaw No. 2/2007 Animal Control Bylaw, indicating third offence which calls for fine. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask Administrator send letter to dog owner and include Bylaw No. 2/2007 Animal Control Bylaw, indicating second offence which calls for fine. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask Administrator send letter to owner of chickens and roosters at large and include Animal Control Bylaw 2/2007 noting they are in breach of Animal Control

Bylaw 2/2007, further noting continuing offence will result in fines. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask Administrator send letter to concerned citizen regarding tax increase on non-serviced vacant lots, indicating council must abide by Bylaw 5/2022, Bylaw to Establish Mill Rate Factors and Base Tax. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask Administrator send letter to Dog owner and include Bylaw No. 2/2007 Animal Control Bylaw, noting the excessive dog barking is in breach of Bylaw No. 2/2007 Animal Control. Carried

Priestley: That the Village of Leask increase the line of credit to maximum allowed, to meet the 33 per cent Village of Leask obligation for the ICIP Grant, to decommission the landfill. Carried

Verbonac: That the Village of Leask approve Administrators report as presented. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask Administrator send a letter to Water Security Agency, regarding the culvert on the 792 grid, affecting the natural flow of water, and that Water Security insist the R.M. of Leask 464 act on lowering the culvert. Carried

Verbonac: That the Village of Leask approve Administrator's request to attend UMAAS Community Planning workshop, held on Oct. 19, 2022, in Prince Albert at the cost of \$105. Further, the office will be closed on Oct. 19, 2022. Carried

V. Priestley: 8:56 p.m. That the Village of Leask Council move to in-camera. Carried

V. Priestley: 9:23 p.m. That the Village of Leask Council return from in-camera. Carried

Waldner: That the Village of Leask Administrator send a letter to Party interested in title transfer of Lot 10 Block 4 P S3969 noting the information obtained from Advisory Services on this transfer. Carried

V. Priestley: That this meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

## 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  
Parkside  
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

### SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

407-2nd Ave E, Shellbrook  
Sat., 9:45 a.m. - Sabbath School  
Sat., 11:00 am - Worship  
Broadcast on  
VOAR 92.1 FM  
Pastor Liviu Tilihoi  
306-747-3398

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

### PARTNERS IN FAITH

Lutheran/United/  
Christchurch Anglican,  
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

### COWBOY CHURCH

Spiritwood  
Every Wednesday Night  
7 pm  
Spiritwood Legion Hall  
Pastor Rick Martin

### LAKELAND COMMUNITY CHURCH

(Corner of 1st Ave. and 4th  
St., Spiritwood)  
Sun., 11 am - Worship  
Service & Sunday School  
Pastor Michael Kluthe  
306-883-2380

### FIELDS OF HOPE (HOFFNUNGSFELDER) MENNONITE CHURCH

Glenbush  
Worship - 11:00 am

### BETHEL

Medstead  
1st Sunday, 10 am -  
Worship  
Pastor David Jensen  
3rd Sunday - 10 am  
Worship  
Pastor David Jensen

### MENNONITE BRETHREN

Glenbush  
10:00 am - Sunday School  
Worship 10:50 am

### Gideons International of Canada

Battlefords Camp  
Phone Art Martynes  
(306) 389-4633

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### BELBUTTE FULL GOSPEL

11 am Worship Service

### PARTNERS IN WORSHIP

Shell Lake  
Worship Services  
Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
Pastor Sarah Urano  
306-841-7333

## NHL stars: 'M' stands for marvellous

October might just be the busiest time on the year's sports calendar, with the National Hockey League opening up, baseball playoffs starting, the CFL and NFL in full swing, junior hockey nicely under way, school and university sports going full steam, and the world's best soccer teams gearing up for the quadrennial World Cup.

But this is Canada, and it's hockey season, so here are 14 questions and/or observations about the NHL on the eve of its 106th season:

— There are 26 letters in the alphabet, but how coincidental is it that the names of the best four players in the NHL begin with the letter M? (Alphabetically: MacKinnon, Makar, Matthews and McDavid.)

— Have injuries and age finally caught up with Hall of Fame-bound Carey Price?

— Breakout star of 2022-23? Jack Hughes of New Jersey Devils.

— If last year's playoffs are used as a measuring stick, Jake Oettinger of the Dallas Stars is the

best goaltender in the league.

— Is Jordan Kyrrou really the fastest skater in the league, based on last year's Skills' Competition? Maybe, but the fastest and dangliest with the puck is still Connor McDavid.

— Do fired coaches just fall off the face of the earth? Hey, Dave Tippett, where did you go?

— To heck with Mom's orders: It's only fitting that brothers Matthew and Brady Tkachuk drop the gloves and go at it this year.

— Is it logical to assume the NHL's trophy engraver can put Makar's name on the James Norris trophy for oh, the next 10 years or so?

— Will fans of the Arizona Coyotes feel cheated about having to watch their team play home games in a 5,000-seat arena on the Arizona State University campus for at least the next three seasons, or will they care?

— Putting an optimistic spin on it, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman says, "Think about the



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5,000 people, the type of intimate experience they are going to have."

— In the category of best player few people know, we present Moritz Seider, the Red Wing defenceman who was chosen unanimously as rookie of the year last season.

— Speaking of rookies, Cole Caufield's stat line from last year was amazing: Under coach Dominique Ducharme, Caufield had one goal and eight points in 30 games; under replacement coach Marty St. Louis, he exploded for 22 goals and 13 assists in 37 games.

— Will Johnny Gaudreau of Columbus outscore Jonathan Hu-

berdeau of the Flames this season? You better believe Flames' fans will be taking note.

— Cue the countdown: Alex Ovechkin needs only 22 goals to surpass No. 2 Gordie Howe on the all-time NHL goal-scoring list. He's currently 114 behind No. 1 Wayne Gretzky. The only thing that might stop him from beating Howe is conscription.

• Club Pro Guy, on Twitter: "The guy I hired to play the bagpipes at our member/guest back in June has passed away. Feels good to get that invoice off my desk."

• Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va.): "LeBron James headlines a new ownership group that is buying an expansion franchise in Major League Pickleball. Is this LeBron's idea of a dill-icious opportunity?"

• Jack Finarelli of sportscurmudgeon.com: "Doug Pederson has won as many games as the Jags head coach as Urban Meyer did last year, and it only took him until the last week of September to

do it. Would I be wrong to think that the Jags are undergoing 'Urban Renewal' this season?"

• Headline at the onion.com: "Brett Favre defends use of state welfare money to build shelter for homeless volleyballs."

• R.J Currie of sportsdeck.com: "Cincinnati QB Joe Burrow, when asked about wearing the white Bengals uniform, said he didn't really care: 'I'll play in trash bags.'" This prompted Ottawa Redblacks fans to say 'Why didn't we think of that?'

• Another one from Currie: "Saskatchewan backup quarterback Jake Dolegala was arrested and charged with DUI for operating a vehicle while legally intoxicated. Another Rider drive this season that ended badly."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Floyd Mayweather made a reported \$20 million for stopping Mikuru Asakura at the end of the second round in an exhibition fight in Japan. Good pay if you can get it: That pencils out to \$200 million an hour."

• Mavericks fan Kirk

Henderson, via Twitter, translating after the Lakers' oft-injured Anthony Davis said he'll play with a chip on his shoulder this season: "Report: Anthony Davis to miss 4-6 weeks with chip on shoulder."

• Geoff O'Neil, via Twitter, what a difference 21 years makes: "There were 5,273 Blockbuster video locations in operation the last time the Mariners made the playoffs."

• Eagles centre Jason Kelce, via Twitter, on the NFL's Pro Bowl skills contests: "Please tell me there's a hot dog eating competition for OL/DL!"

• Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel, on Florida's three once-down-trodden teams — the Jaguars, Bucs and Dolphins — all leading their divisions: "Traditional NFL high-brows are now feeling like how movie snobs would feel if Larry, Moe and Curly won the Academy Award for 'The Three Stooges Meet Hercules.'"

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

## Trudeau government not serious about affordability

By Franco Terrazano  
CTF Director

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's approach to making life more affordable is like giving somebody a bike after totaling their car and then waiting for a big thank you.

Instead of reversing his recent tax hikes, Trudeau's latest crack at making life more affordable includes GST rebates and borrowing another \$2 billion to cover some rent and dental bills.

The GST rebates are a nice gesture for the Canadians that get some money back after being overtaxed at the till. But two-thirds of Canadians won't receive a rebate. And if the government acknowledges that Canadians are better off keeping more of their own money, then why not just cut taxes?

The announcement shows the Trudeau government isn't serious about making life more affordable for Canadians. Hard-working Canadians need meaningful tax relief.

Most Canadians probably don't know how much the taxman takes from them through

income taxes, sales taxes, property taxes, liquor taxes, taxes on taxes and the myriad of other taxes and fees governments charge. The Fraser Institute added up every tax Canadians pay and estimates that the average family's total tax bill rang in at \$35,000 in 2020.

That's more than the average family spent "on basic necessities such as food, shelter and clothing combined," according to the Fraser Institute. Bringing that bill down to 1961 levels, adjusted for inflation, would save an average family \$20,000 per year, according to the Fraser Institute.

All aspects of life, including groceries, gas, dental bills and rent, would be more affordable if politicians left families with thousands of extra dollars to spend every year. Governments could make that a reality if politicians weren't ignoring all the waste in their budgets like the hundreds of millions of dollars announced for companies like Bombardier, or the pay raises for 300,000 bureaucrats during lockdowns or the thousands of

dollars spent funding a sex toy show in Germany.

Trudeau is also ignoring the unaffordable elephant in the room: his tax hikes are driving up the cost of living.

Higher pump prices are the goal of Trudeau's carbon tax which increases the price of gas by 11 cents per litre and will increase the price by nearly 40 cents by 2030. Even with rebates, Trudeau's carbon tax costs the average family between \$300 and \$670 this year, depending on the province.

If you're making more than \$40,000 this year, your federal income tax bill is also going up thanks to the fourth annual payroll tax hike in a row.

Trudeau claims his latest announcement is about helping low-income Canadians. But these are the people who are most impacted by the government's inflation-inducing policies.

Take the impending second carbon tax that will raise gas prices by up to 13 cents per litre by 2030 through fuel regulations, for example. The peo-

ple who will feel the most pain are "lower and middle-income households," along with Canadians living in "energy poverty," "single mothers" and "seniors living on fixed incomes," according to the government's analysis. There are no rebates for the second carbon tax.

If that drives you to drink, just know the feds increased taxes on your favourite case of beer and bottle of wine three times since the beginning of the pandemic.

Trudeau's latest affordability announcement won't help most Canadians. That's a shame be-

cause he could make life more affordable today. Trudeau could cut gas taxes and immediately save every driver between 18 and 30 cents per litre depending on where they fuel up. Or he could cut the payroll, income, excise, sales, business and import taxes his government charges.

Regardless of which tax the government cuts, the key point is that Trudeau could provide meaningful relief. But by raising taxes then giving peanuts back to some Canadians, Trudeau shows that he isn't serious about the inflation that's keeping struggling Canadians up at night.



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## OBITUARIES

## Mary Giesbrecht



**GIESBRECHT – Mary**  
Our mother, Mary Giesbrecht was born on November 1st, 1935, to Peter and Maria Ewert on a farm near Langham, SK. She lived close to her grandparents until the age of five when her par-

ents purchased another farm eight miles NW from there. Here she spent her growing up years together with her parents and brother Alvin. She took nine years of her schooling at a country school and the other three grades by correspondence. She accepted the Lord as her Savior at the age of thirteen and five years later was baptized and became a member of the Langham Zoar Mennonite Church.

On July 27th, 1963 mom married dad, Jacob Giesbrecht. Moved to the farm at Lake Four, near Big River where they were able to share almost 18 years together. She became a member of the

Bethel Mennonite Mission Church. Dad passed away on June 16th, 1982. We remained on the farm for another 4 years, but even after we moved off the farm she would spend time at the farmhouse in the summer, put in a small garden, cut grass and visit the neighbors. Her neighbors were special to her. Mom enjoyed her retirement years in Shellbrook. She took part in the Parkside Seniors, the Horticulture Group, and bowling in Canwood. She also attended a bible study group. Trusting in her Savior and church attendance was a vital part of her life. She always looked forward to spring when

she could put in a large garden and later share vegetables with others.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, Lynnette (Lyndon) Schmuland and their children, Shyla, Ethan and Mackenzie of Regina, SK; Leroy (Darlene) Giesbrecht and their children, Kayla (Thomas) Janzen and daughters Myah and Leah of Osler, SK, Emily Giesbrecht of Saskatoon, SK; Her Brother Alvin Ewert, of Saskatoon, SK; as well as many other Giesbrecht and Epp relatives and friends.

Mary was predeceased by our dad, Jacob Giesbrecht; her parents,

Peter and Maria Ewert; parents-in-law, Jacob and Aganetha (Bueckert) Giesbrecht; her sisters-in-law, Maria Bergen, Margareta Newton, Helen Fullerton and Helen Bueckert; her brothers-in-law Jacob Bergen, Jacob Epp, Bill Bueckert; and her niece Annette Bergen.

There was a Funeral Service held for Mary on Saturday, October 1, 2022, at the Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly with Pastor Dave Bodvarson as officiant. Mary was laid to rest in the Lake Four Cemetery beside her husband Jacob. Special music was shared by Elaine & Robert Heinbigner, Al Dion

read a scripture reading, and Mackenzie read the eulogy. The pallbearers were Ryan Bergen, Darren Davidson, Edwin Davidson, Jason Rempel, Jonathan Epp, and Kyle Miners.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Mary to the Lake Four Cemetery. 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.

## Carolyn Audrey Nording



**NORDING -** It is with great sadness that the family of Carolyn Audrey Nording (née: Jackson) announce her passing on

September 28th, 2022, at the Victoria Union Hospital in Prince Albert.

Carolyn was born April 23rd, 1945 at Fort McCloud, Alberta, the only child of James and Florence Jackson (née: Jolly). She grew up and obtained her education in Prince Albert. She studied bookkeeping and secretarial following graduation. She married Hector Nording on November 28, 1984 in Regina, Saskatchewan where they lived together for many years before moving closer to family and

residing in the RM of Shellbrook.

For Carolyn family came first, she was always ready for a visit with a cold glass of iced tea on a hot day. She hosted many special occasion meals for those who could attend. She and Hector took many trips together visiting family and friends as well as trips overseas for holidays. Together they were also avid gardeners, ensuring to plant enough to feed an army, canning and freezing enough to feed a small village.

Many family and friends were recipients of that bountiful garden.

Carolyn loved planting her flowers every spring and watching the blooms grow. Carolyn was also an accomplished painter, dealing mostly in oils. She was a founding member of the Regina Prairie Artists' Guild and in later years attended the monthly get-togethers at the Shellbrook library where artisans of all levels gathered for fellowship and to perfect their chosen field. Carolyn took great pride in

helping new artists develop their skills.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her husband Hector Nording of Shellbrook; in-laws Elsa Jonasson and family; Vi Nording and family; Wesley (Judy) Nording and family; Victor (Kathleen) Nording and family; also many cousins and friends.

She was predeceased by her father and mother James and Florence Jackson as well many aunts, uncles, and in-laws.

The funeral service will be held at a to-be-determined date in the Spring of 2023.

Those wishing to send condolences are welcome to visit [beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://beaulacfuneralhome.com)

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, 306-747-2828.

Donations may be made in honor of Carolyn to the Stump Lake Cemetery Fund, c/o Alfred Svendsen, Box 24, Stump Lake, Saskatchewan, S0J 2S0.

## Ethel "Jean" Zawada



**Ethel Jean Zawada**  
December 5, 1935 – September 26, 2022

Jean Zawada, of Saskatoon, SK, formerly of Shell Lake, SK, passed away on September 26, 2022 from diabetes complications at the age of 86 years.

Jean Atkinson grew up on a farm at Laventure, SK before mov-

ing into Spiritwood for High School and then attending Teacher's College in Saskatoon. The French-speaking district of her youth served her well in later years teaching that language, among many other subjects.

After graduating from Teacher's College, Jean taught near Spiritwood. She met another young teacher from a neighboring district named Frank Zawada. The result was a union that lasted for over 62 years, mostly in Shell Lake where they both taught and contributed greatly to building the community, Memorial Lake Regional Park and the Resort Village of Big Shell Lake. There weren't many things around Shell Lake that she didn't take

part in, whether it was the UCW, curling, operating a diner, community college guidance, supporting the family farm - she even tried golf once or twice. Most importantly to her, she raised a family of four and was the foundation of the Zawada family.

For the past several years, Jean lived in Saskatoon. She enjoyed the company of her fellow residents at Preston Park II, watched Blue Jays games and most of all, every possible curling event.

Jean was predeceased by her husband Frank in 2018, by her parents Wilfred and Phyllis Atkinson, and her brother Lawrence (Lorne) and sister Marguerite. She is survived by her son

Craig (Dianne Martin) and grandchildren Daniel (Stephanie) and Kate (Christopher), her son Ross and granddaughter Rocio, her daughter Lana Chuhaniuk (Dale) and her daughter Bev.

At her request, there will be a private family service at the Shell Lake Cemetery. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home & Crematorium in Spiritwood, SK. (306) 883 - 3500. Jean had many causes and charities near to her heart. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to a cause which is important to you. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are invited to visit [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com)

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## Planting vegetable seed in the fall?

By Jackie Bantle

If you are one of those vegetable gardeners who is not quite ready to say goodbye to the 2022 growing season, there is one fall project that you may want to try. Many gardeners know that fall is the time to plant garlic cloves on the Prairies. Cloves are planted about 5cm deep just before freeze-up. To ensure that cloves survive the cold winter temperatures, mulching the planted cloves with grass clippings, straw or leaves is recommended, however, I have managed to get garlic to survive the Prairie winter without mulching.

Fall seeding other vegetables is not a common practice on the Prairies but one that is worth trying. Not all vegetables can be seeded in the garden before winter but there are a few vegetable crops that can be fall sown with success.

Most vegetable gardeners love to get an early start on the growing season. One of the best ways to take advantage of moisture from the spring melt and showers is to have those seeds in the ground before the moisture appears. Because fall seeded vegetable crops will emerge early in spring, crops that will be killed or permanently damaged by spring frosts should be avoided.

Soil preparation is just as important before fall planting as it is in the spring. To prepare the seed bed, use a mulching mower to mulch any of this year's leftover disease-free vegetation in the garden patch. If mulching is not an option, remove plant debris and place it in your compost bin. Any diseased plant material should be buried or discarded in the trash. Add well composted manure or compost to your garden; especially to the area that will be fall seeded. Work this compost into your fall garden area with a rototiller or by turning over the soil with a spade. Or... if your compost is 7-10cm deep and level, seed directly into the compost without working it in: it might be considered a form of no-till gardening. One of the benefits of turning over or tilling the entire garden area

in the fall is that it can help bring overwintering soil pests to the soil surface where they will hopefully freeze or desiccate over the winter months. Lightly raking the freshly tilled area to be seeded provides a level surface. As with any seeding operation, it is important to have good soil to seed contact for maximum, uniform germination.

Dry soil is preferred for fall seeding since moisture will encourage seed rot and seed germination in fall. Avoid fall seeding any warm season crops like corn, beans, cucumbers, pumpkins or squash. Seeds of warm season crops do not tolerate cold soil conditions.

In general, cool season crops tolerate cooler temperatures during germination, growth and storage. Despite their propensity to cooler temperatures, not all cool season crops can be successfully fall seeded on the Prairies. Crops

that are worth trying to fall seed include; onions, radish, broccoli, cabbage, kohlrabi, beets, spinach and kale. A general rule of thumb for fall vegetable seeding is to seed deeper and denser than in spring. Increase all depths and densities by 25-50%. Following are some general guidelines: onions, radish, beets, kohlrabi and spinach (1 cm deep, 1cm between seeds), broccoli and cabbage (1cm deep, 15cm b/w), kale (1 cm deep, 1.5 cm b/w). Do not water your rows after fall seeding.

While I wouldn't plan to seed all my kohlrabi or onions in the fall, it is a good way to get a jump on the growing season in spring for some early harvested vegetables. Good luck with your fall planting.

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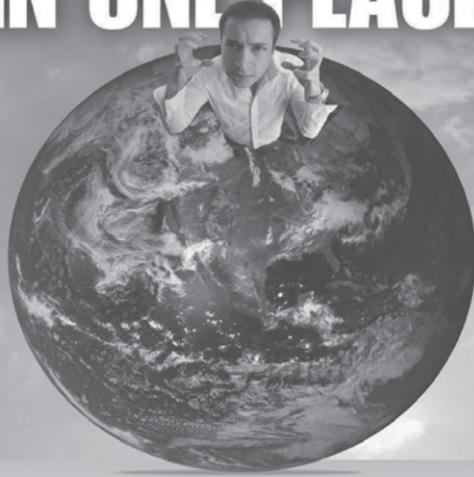


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