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Elder shares residential school legacy with students



Elder Wilma Schraeder addresses Grade 6 and 7 students as part of WP Sandin High School's observation of Truth and Reconciliation Day.

When Wilma Schraeder arrived at the St. Michael's Indian Residential School in Duck Lake, her older sister held her hand from the bus all the way to the front doors.

Schraeder was accustomed to sleeping beside her older sister in their home on the Sturgeon Lake First Nation, but, almost immediately, they were separated and sent to stay on different sides of the school, meaning they couldn't even talk to each other.

After this, Schraeder says she only saw her sister, and her brothers, during mealtimes. She would wave, and her siblings would nod their acknowledgement, because they weren't allowed to speak. The only time they could interact was when their parents could afford to have them ride the train home for certain holidays.

"My dad worked hard. Because he'd been there for years, he knew what it was like there," Schraeder said to a group of Grade 6 and 7 students at WP Sandin High School, while she shared her wisdom with them as part of the school's

Day of Truth and Reconciliation activities.

"We were lucky to be able to go home for Christmas and Easter, but we were one of the few families that were able to do it."

One of 10 children, Schraeder was born at home on the Sturgeon Lake First Nation, and her grandmothers and great grandmother served as midwives during her birth.

Her parents were allowed to raise her until she was six, upon which time she was taken to the residential school in Duck Lake to begin Grade 1 – just like so many Indigenous children were taken over the century residential schools were in operation.

"For me, that was heartbreaking. I didn't want to leave my parents," Schraeder said.

Grade 1 for Schraeder, and the many other children who only spoke Cree, was actually referred to by the school's nuns and priests as Grade 0.

Instruction was in English, which chil-

dren were expected to learn quickly, and speaking in Cree was discouraged or punished – part of residential schools' stated mission to "take the Indian out of the child." Meanwhile, school staff spoke in French, and church services and prayers were in Latin.

"A lot of us had problems. We had to learn English really fast, because we were not supposed to be speaking Cree," Schraeder said. "We used to whisper to one another in Cree if we couldn't understand what they wanted. We did a lot of whispering to tell each other everything."

Following her time at the residential school in Duck Lake, Schraeder was kept from her family and culture by being shipped off to Saskatoon for high school. This was just what life was like for her, and everyone in her family save for her youngest sister, as they grew up.

And they were the rule, not the exception, as an estimated 150,000 Indigenous, Inuit, and Métis children are said to have been taken from their homes and forced into residential schools – torn

from their families, their languages and cultures, and even the new clothes their parents had bought them for their first day of school.

The last federally-run Canadian residential school, Gordon's Indian Residential School located in Punnichy, Sask., shut its doors for good in 1996. And though Schraeder has found ways to begin to heal from the abuse she suffered as a child, and has spent her adult life helping others heal, she knows it isn't over for everyone and that the impact can last a lifetime.

"My dad was there for eight years, and he came home a very angry man because of what happened. There was lots of abuse," she said. "My mom didn't go to school. She was brought up in a kind way and knew the culture and the language. My dad was totally different... until he got old, and he became kind."

"You're so lucky. You come to school, and then you go home to your parents. We didn't have that," she told the students.

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Witchekan, Pelican Lake FNs observe Truth and Reconciliation Day

The Witchekan and Pelican Lake First Nations observed Truth and Reconciliation Day on Sept. 30, 2022. Both communities had scheduled different activities to honour the spirit of the day.

To start, they both had a Pipe Ceremony. Pipe Ceremonies, for many

First Nations, demonstrate the power and solidarity within a tribe or band, indicating honour and the sacredness of life.

In Pelican Lake, at the Chamakese Resort Old Ball Diamond, the events started around 10 a.m. After their Pipe Ceremony, they had a drum

group play an Honour Song, and proceeded with their "Every Child Matters" orange t-shirt distribution.

Afterwards, they started on their Solidarity walk from the ball diamond, going through parts of the Resort Village of Chitek Lake before returning to the ball diamond.

Amanda Thomas, the events coordinator for Pelican Lake First Nation, said they invited surrounding areas to join as well. They usually have around three hundred to four hundred people of all ages participating in the walk, including Chief Peter Bill and the band council.

The Spiritwood RCMP were also there to guide the walk around Chitek Lake and back to the ball diamond.

After their long walk, everyone who participated had the chance to get together in their community for a barbecue with door prizes.

In Witchekan Lake First Nation, they also had their solidarity walk, travelling from their school to the bridge, and orange t-shirt distributions.

They had guest speak-

ers who were residential school survivors, Adam and Jocelyn Joseph, who were able to share their stories with everyone who attended. Furthermore, RCMP Sergeant Sebastian Andrews and Corporal Donovan Kajner were also there to guide their Solidarity Walk and participate in the activities.

In addition to the activities, the Witchekan Lake First Nation and surrounding areas were able to have traditional food on the table, like moose roast, dry meat soup, oven-baked and fried bannock, moose stews, and more.

Witchekan Lake First Nation's Chief, Anne Thomas, said that as the Truth and Reconciliation Day is starting to be observed, healing and understanding from both sides should also begin. Its essence of commemorating the painful and tragic history endured by many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people is believed to be a vital tool of the reconciliation process.

According to the Treaty Tribal Association, "Before the Survivor-initiated court case that led to the creation of the



Chief Anne Thomas of the Witchekan Lake First Nation takes part in the community's Solidarity Walk for Truth and Reconciliation Day.



Sergeant Sebastian Andrews of the Spiritwood RCMP with Pelican Lake First Nation Chief Peter Bill at the community's Solidarity Walk for Truth and Reconciliation Day.

Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, the Canadian residential school story has largely been told, to the extent that it has been told at all, through the documents and reports of the people who organized and ran the system. These documents describe the goals and methods of the federal government that founded and funded the schools, and of the religious organizations that operated them. Their written records contain the rationales for continued residential school operation, as well as internal, and occasionally public, criticisms of the schools."

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Shellbrook schools honour Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Students and staff of WP Sandin High School and Shellbrook Elementary School observed the second Day of Truth and Reconciliation, with a week full of discussion and reflection about the legacy residential schools and engagement with Indigenous culture.

While Friday, Sept. 30, served as the official Day of Truth and Reconciliation (or Orange Shirt Day), Thursday afternoon saw the Young Bucks drumming group make the trip from the Big River First Nation to perform for both schools.

Students from pre-K to Grade 12, and their teachers, gathered in a circle on the football field at WP Sandin High School to listen to the drum, learn the significance and meaning of the songs, and even participate in a school-wide round dance.

Before that, however, WP Sandin High School vice principal Tracy Bloomquist offered the drummers a customary gift of a bundle of tobacco and said a few words of introduction.

"This is the traditional territory of the Nêhiyawak (Cree) people, who have been living on this land since time immemorial. Most of us have families who came to this land, and it was the Nêhiyawak who were sharing it with us when we came," she said.

"Their leaders signed treaties with our leaders, and that was a really important time in our history. It's a time we can't forget. We are all descendants of those treaties. We have all inherited the treaty relationship. We are all treaty people."

The Young Bucks — family members Rocky, Dale, Larson, and Waylon — performed four drum songs in total, finishing each with teachings about the song itself, and about Indigenous culture. Speaking on the group's behalf, Rocky

shared that their drum, crafted from wood and animal hide, belongs to his father.

He also explained where Indigenous songs come from, and how both songs and drums are passed down from generation to generation.

"There are no songwriters in our culture. All the songs we sing

come from a higher power, something greater from us. They come from dreams, and visions. They're never written down. They're passed down orally," he said.

"When you go ask for a song, you have to present tobacco. There's protocol involved. And it takes time [to learn]. It's all memory and repetition."

The Young Bucks began with a traditional pow wow song, followed by a crow hop, which is often played for girl's, women's, and even men's fancy dances.

The third song was a side step, which is said to have been shared by the Ojibwe people of Ontario and Manitoba. Rocky shared the story of this

number — a story about a sick little girl who was healed after a woman had a dream about the dance and a dress.

The Young Bucks closed out the show with a final number, during which all in attendance were invited to join in a round dance. Looking ahead to next year's Day of Truth and Reconciliation,

Rocky said he hopes to bring young dancers out to show students that aspect of Indigenous culture.

"We are all treaty people. Not just the Nêhiyawak... you guys are treaty people as well. That's why we're here today. We are reconciling. We are showcasing our culture," he said.



The Young Bucks drum group from the Big River First Nation brought its music and culture to students and staff of Shellbrook's schools for the second Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

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Canadian unity remains lost in the wilderness

About a month ago, I waxed philosophical about the desperate need for the return of civility to political discourse.

Such a change, if ever it comes, will take time. It will be a generational struggle, not a battle won in a single day or even a single election.

It will be a marathon, rather than a sprint. But if we wish to preserve the country we know and (mostly) love, we must begin the run.

When I voiced my plea, I pointed the finger in all directions, as we all, regardless of our political affiliations, bear some responsibility for the erosion of respectful and meaningful political dialogue in this country.

From the Liberal Federal government under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who has spent the past seven years slandering those who refuse to embrace his often hypocritical ideology without question.

To the Saskatchewan Party government under Premier Scott Moe, who trots out words like “attack” whenever his federal counterpart sneezes and only wants to play ball if it’s in the province’s favour.

To those who, over the past couple years, have made it clear they don’t believe the rules of our so-called civil society apply to them.

Has there ever been a time in Canadian history when we have been more divided and unwilling to even speak with and truly listen to each other?

In my first lament, I cited the events of May 10, when NDP leader Jagmeet Singh was met with a barrage of insults, profanity, middle fingers, and alleged threats while in Peterborough, Ont.

Then, on Aug. 26, when Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland was accosted by a man in Grande Prairie, Alta., who called her a traitor (along with a number of expletives), and told her to get out of the province.

Though the majority spoke out against the acts, there were those who said Mr. Singh and Ms. Freeland were simply “reaping what they sowed.” Others, still, suggested Ms. Freeland’s as-



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sailant, noted conspiracy theorist Elliot McDavid, was just exercising his right to free speech.

Frustration, and even anger, at progressive leaders after seven contentious, scandal-ridden years of Liberal governance is understandable.

Time and again, the federal government has been a holier than thou bully, prone to slandering its critics as racists, misogynists, homophobes, xenophobes, climate science deniers, and conspiracy theorists, depending on the hot-button topic being discussed.

Facing constant accusations of being only half an evolutionary step removed from the Stone Age – especially from a man who once thought donning black face was A-okay, and that women just “experience things differently” – would be grating for anyone after a while.

And yet, it doesn’t justify the verbal tirades Mr. Singh and Ms. Freeland were made to endure.

Nor, for that matter, does it excuse recent comments made toward Anaida Poilievre, the wife of newly minted Conservative Party Leader Pierre Poilievre.

Early last week, Mr. Poilievre denounced Jeremy Mackenzie, the de-facto leader of a far-right group called Diagonon whose adherents have waged a social media abuse campaign against female journalists for months, after Mackenzie made glib remarks about raping his wife while on a live video stream.

“It’s not really a sex thing. We just want to show people we can do things to you if we want to,” he added.

Rightly so, Mr. Poilievre called Mackenzie and his ilk “odious” and “losers”, and reported the comments to the RCMP.

“People can attack my politics, they can call me names, they can protest my ideas and what I stand for,” he said. “But threatening my wife and family is appalling and I will not tolerate it. Leave my family alone.”

Mackenzie, who was arrested late last week on a number of assault and weap-



ons-related offences, claimed he was drunk and meant no harm.

Having in the past labeled himself, and others in Diagonon, as “anti-establishment” comedians, Mackenzie also described it as “just guys joking around, horsing around” and being “rude.”

“But I know for sure I didn’t mean anything in that context, like obviously I would never condone something like that, or infer something like that,” he said.

Joke or no, the words were vile and have no place in public discourse – especially when the words of Diagonon seem to have inspired some Freedom Convoy members, including those arrested and charged with conspiracy to murder police officers at the Coutts, Alta. blockade.

Even Mr. Trudeau seems to get how inexcusable these remarks are, assuming his statement condemning the comments was in fact genuine.

Whether targeted at the NDP, Liberals, or Conservatives, all these highly public acts of harassment or indecency all seem to have one common denominator: they all seem to be coming from those on the far right of the political spectrum. (Or, if conspiracy theorists are to be believed, they’re actually coming from far left actors paid to stoke the

fires of controversy and make Conservatives look bad.)

These incidents are all sparkling examples of what I’ve dubbed the “Trump Effect”: the spilling of extreme, American-style politics over our borders.

If we are ever to have civil discourse and national unity, this brand of politics is a tumour that needs to be excised, sooner rather than later.

But to do this, our leaders must stop feeding the proverbial trolls and militarizing them against those across the political aisle from them.

In the same way that Mr. Trudeau and his loyal followers have an insult at the ready for those who disagree with their ideology, Mr. Poilievre hasn’t been averse to encouraging far-right extremism when it suits him.

Throughout the Conservative leadership race, Mr. Poilievre embraced Trump-style rhetoric (though, not policy) in targeting the “elites” and the “gatekeepers” who are getting rich at the expense of ordinary Canadians.

This is not the way to return to a unified Canada, in which ideology is set aside in favour of collaboration for the betterment of all Canadians.

For now, we remain lost without a compass, until those in power choose to set aside the politics of petty divisions.

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Report from the Legislature

Saskatchewan is proud of our diverse culture, supportive communities and rich history. As we honour Truth and Reconciliation, our government was pleased to join Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty and the Treaty Commissioner of Saskatchewan to officially unveil new road signs to mark the Treaty 4 and 6 boundaries near Highway 11.

The signs are a first for Canada and officially marking the treaty boundary near Bladworth complements treaty education in our province. The signs will serve as a reminder of the importance of treaties, spark conversations, and move us forward on the shared journey to reconciliation in Saskatchewan.

That continuing effort is reflected in our recent announcement of the Dakota language being added to the growing list of secondary-level Indigenous language courses. Dako-



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ta, Nēhiyawēwin, Dene, Nakawe, Michif, and Nakoda are now available to younger generations to support the revitalization of First Nations and Métis culture.

Our government has also provided up to \$255,000 to the First Nations University of Canada to deliver the Dene Teacher Education Program. Post-secondary students who graduate with a four-year Bachelor of Indigenous Education, will be prepared to

instruct students in the Dene language as part of the K-12 curriculum. The program will improve the recruitment and retention of teachers in the north and increase student participation.

In support of the announcement to add over 1,000 professionals to the healthcare system, the Saskatchewan Health Authority is working with partners to develop a First Nations and Métis recruitment and retention strategy. This endeavour is part of a new four-point plan to recruit, train, incentivize, and retain healthcare workers across Saskatchewan.

A stable and growing healthcare workforce supports the growth happening in our province right now. We have more businesses, more investment and more people living in Saskatchewan than ever before. Creating an environment that will lead to further sustainable growth is a top priority

for our government. The Health Human Resource Action Plan will build on numerous initiatives and incentives already in place and involves a variety of partners.

The plan starts with a focus on recruiting hundreds of healthcare workers from abroad over the next two years. Senior officials will lead the recruitment, and four new health system navigators will help internationally educated healthcare workers settle in our province.

Saskatchewan will become the first province in the country to introduce an accelerated training, assessment, and licensing process for internationally educated nurses. The first group of candidates will begin online training this fall as part of the second point of this four-point plan. Additionally, we added 150 nursing seats to the registered nursing, registered



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psychiatric nursing and nurse practitioner education programs to increase training opportunities here at home.

The third part of the plan is a new incentive that will provide up to \$50,000 over three years for hard-to-recruit positions in rural and remote areas. We will continue to offer loan forgiveness programs, bursaries and support to anyone interested in a healthcare career here in Saskatchewan.

For example, the Student Loan Forgiveness Program encourages nurses and nurse practitioners to practice in rural communities by forgiving up to \$20,000 of their Saskatchewan Student Loans.

Finally, we will work to retain more professionals by creating 100 new permanent full-time positions and converting 150 part-time positions into full-time for high-demand professions in rural and remote areas.

Our province continues to grow, and we are focused on expanding the services and programs that residents need. We will deliver solutions that simplify processes, remove obstacles, and cut red tape so qualified people can work in Saskatchewan as quickly as possible.

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Questions that deserve answers

I was pleased to see *Shellbrook Chronicle* editor Jordan Twiss use a recent press release I issued as the foundation for his Sept 29th column.

This is because here is a journalist who, while he may disagree with me on certain topics, appears willing to have a fulsome conversation about them. He asks several questions about my rationale and whether I am serving my constituents. They are questions that deserve an answer.

In his column, Twiss calls into question the seriousness of the data I brought forward which reported that there were 1229 adverse reactions to the injections, of which seven were deaths, from Dec. 30, 2020, to Oct. 26, 2021. (At that time 1,649,640 injections had been given, therefore a reported reaction rate of .075 per cent or 7.5 for every 1,000.)

He also points out the total number of adverse



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reactions reported by the government as of Sept 18, 2022, is 1320. That means only 91 more adverse effects were reported in the next 11 months, during which an additional 920,000 injections were given. (.0098 per cent reaction rate or 9.8 for every 10,000.)

That is a drastic change in ratio. (Also keep in mind that this is over 2.5 million injections for a population of 1.2 million, which more than doubles the risk of adverse reaction per person.)

It is cause to wonder if the criteria for reporting adverse reactions was changed from 2021 to 2022, and if so, why and by whom? Perhaps there is a journalist in Saskatchewan who is willing to dig deeper into that question. Hopefully, they will not need to file a Freedom of Information request to get the data as was the case with the first report. (Of note, the Vaccine Adverse Reaction report was mislabeled as coming from the Saskatchewan Health Authority when in fact it came from the Ministry of Health. This information was relayed to us after publication of the press release.)

The whole reason for my press release which cited the seven deaths, was in response to a CKOM website article that asserted that NO deaths had occurred. That story was published during the social media storm that followed the death of a woman in a pharmacy after receiving the injection. That headline was, and still is in my opinion, misleading.

Twiss also suggests that I have not been as publicly vocal about other topics that are of interest to my constituents. He is correct. Here is why.

I have been cognizant to write about what is reflective of the calls and emails I receive. Overwhelmingly, constituents contact me about how COVID has been handled in our province. While, as Twiss points out, Saskatchewan's mandates were lifted in February, people are still living with the after-effects. The people who lost their jobs rather than be coerced into taking a still experimental therapy, continue to face financial hardships. The people who suffered adverse reactions from the injection are still dealing with the injuries, often with little to no support from the health system.

These are the voices I can't ignore and are the reason I have called for an independent public inquiry into these matters, AND for the government to establish a website where Saskatchewan people and medical personnel can report their experiences.

Twiss acknowledges that not all data is available, for example concerning reported COVID deaths, there is no distinction between those who died FROM COVID as opposed to dying from another cause WITH COVID. To my knowledge, this distinction is not openly available from the Ministry of Health.

It is also implied that I think vaccines should not be administered. What I actually advocate for is that all of us should have all the known facts about the mRNA therapy. In other words, I advocate for true informed consent without minimizing the potential harms.

Twiss asserts that my sole mission has been to challenge the government's pandemic response. On that he is mistaken. Some of the other topics I have raised in the last year publicly have included:

- The conundrum facing private long term care homes and the dire straits of many seniors whose subsidies no longer cover costs. I have communicated with the government identifying this serious issue with no response to date that will help these seniors.

- I was among the first to identify the Saskatchewan government plan to introduce a centralized system of Digital ID, which received a firestorm of pushback from the public. The government backtracked on that, at least temporarily.

- Along with the official opposition, I fought Bill 70, legislation through which the government eliminated non-partisan security

for the Legislative Building (which reported to the Sergeant at Arms) and created a new security force that reports to the Minister of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, extending its jurisdiction to the grounds.

- In January 2022, I advocated on behalf of veterinarians to make our region eligible for student subsidies and to increase the number of veterinarian college seats for Saskatchewan. As of September 2022, the government did both.

Internally, my office has also gone to bat for constituents concerned about highways policy, road maintenance, education, shortfalls in the Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID) program, inability to access health services, issues with Social Services and SaskPower, land transfer delays and skyrocketing property taxes in the Lakeland district. (May I suggest the tax issue

as another story that could be investigated by the media.)

At the moment, I have a number of questions tabled with the government that are scheduled for written answers in November 2022.

Finally, my office continues to receive calls from people across Saskatchewan who tell me their own MLAs will not communicate with them, sometimes even on topics not related to COVID. It's not that I am 'all too happy to pounce on the opportunity' to question pandemic response, as suggested by Twiss. It's more of, 'If I don't ask, who will?'

As the only apparent listening ear, I will continue, without apology, to work for them and my constituents on all issues. And in that time, I hope the open public conversation can truly begin, without fear of repercussions or cancel culture.

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.

Grounds-keeping Contract duties include: snow and ice removal from all public entrances, parking lots and sidewalks within 48 hours of snowfall; maintaining lawns, shrubs, flowerbeds and garden areas during the entire growing season -- fertilizing, watering, weeding and edging/cutting lawns not in excess of 1.75 inches. The general appearance of all grounds, parking and outdoor storage and trash collection areas must be neat, well-kept and free of garbage/litter at all times. This work is limited to Heritage and Homestead Place, duplexes and any unoccupied rental units.

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
306.747.3755

Siegel wins September dessert



The Spiritwood Public Library Dessert of the month of September winner is Susan Siegel. The dessert, made by librarian Heather Gatzke, is an oatmeal cake with brown sugar icing.

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Invasion of Ukraine creating price volatility

You would hope trade would generally work unfettered as a supply and demand system.

If supplies are short, demand should respond with better prices and vice versa.

For farm production, we like to think that is the way things work best. But supply and demand is too often trumped by outside forces.

Sometimes those forces are governments interfering on trade with tariffs and taxes to bolster domestic farm incomes, or limit exports, or to put pressure on other governments.

Then there are times war sends shudders of concern through those involved in trade, and that creates a huge wild card in terms of free-flowing trade.

At present, grain markets are in a weird position that reflects the above two conditions.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is currently forecasting record world production of wheat, and that should mean markets respond by lowering prices. That isn't good news for Canadian Prairie producers, but it is the way things are supposed to



CALVIN DANIELS

happen.

But a chunk of the expected bumper crop of wheat is tied to a good crop in Russia.

With Russia flexing its muscles with an invasion of Ukraine, trade with Russia is not a smooth proposition

these days.

Financial institutions are shying away from dealing with Russian institutions, and making trade deals with the country is frowned upon by countries who support Ukraine.

And, of course, the war in Ukraine impacts crop production in that country too.

There are more than five million acres of farmland in Ukraine, so it can be a major producer. But the war puts pressure on securing inputs such as fertilizer, and the fear of bombings by Russia on Ukraine

ports threatens to cut off exports at any time.

It's a situation which has to have buyers antsy in terms of securing supply moving forward, even as production is expected to potentially be very high.

That could signal that grain prices, in particular wheat, stay higher than would normally be expected.

For farmers here, in the midst of a later than normal harvest, but with yields good in large areas of the prairies, that is an opportunity to realize better prices moving forward than

might be expected if not for the war in Ukraine.

It is unfortunate this opportunity is tied to the plight of Ukraine fighting against an invading force that makes no sense whatsoever. But that is the way of world trade.

Since the war is likely to drag on, and Russia may well turn its attention to other countries in the future under the tyranny of its leader Vladimir Putin, markets are likely to be more volatile than normal at least moving through the remainder of this year, and well into 2023.

Crop Report: Sept. 20 to 26

Producers in the southwest and west-central regions are mostly done harvest and are now completing other field work, while others were slowed down by cool, damp weather. Harvest progress reached 81 per cent this week, up from 73 per cent last week and still ahead of the five-year (2017-2021) average of 75 per cent. Many producers in the eastern and northern areas of the province are waiting for canola stems to dry down or for some warm, windy days to lower the moisture content of cereal grains.

Harvest is most advanced in the southwest region, where 98 per cent of the crop is now combined. The west-central region has 97 per cent, the southeast 74 per cent, the northwest 70 per cent, the northeast 69 per cent and

the east-central has 65 per cent of their crop harvested.

The harvest of lentils and field peas across the province is virtually complete. Ninety-six per cent of durum, 94 per cent of chickpeas, 86 per cent of barley, 83 per cent of spring wheat and 66 per cent of canola has been harvested so far. There is an additional 26 per cent of canola ready to be swathed or straight-cut.

Small amounts of rainfall were received across the province last week, with the most falling in the north-east and southeast regions. The Bienfait and Melfort areas received 35 mm, the Calder area 14 mm and the Marenngo area four mm. Other areas in the province received anywhere from trace amounts up to 10 mm.

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 34 per cent adequate, 35 per cent short and 30 per cent very short. Hay and pastureland topsoil moisture is rated as one per cent surplus, 27 per cent adequate, 39 per cent short and 33 per cent very short.

Some areas are reporting moderate to severe on-site water shortages. Those producers are reporting that the situation is getting worse each week they don't receive rain. Producers are hauling water, bringing live-stock closer to home or are drilling new wells to replace depleted or unsafe water sources.

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

around, shelling out crops and causing lodging. Frost would be helpful for producers who are struggling with green stems as it will kill off green growth and reduce the need for herbicide applications.

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

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

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Spiritwood Community Kitchen gets cooking again

The Spiritwood Community Kitchen group held its first meeting since November of 2020, gathering at the Spiritwood Civic Centre on Sept. 21.

The Community Kitchen is a group of people who meet monthly, com-

binning their skills and resources to cook nutritious meals while learning and sharing skills. They also share recipes, plan meals, and create a shopping list within a budget. Every member contributes to the group by planning,

preparing, cooking, and cleaning-up.

Additionally, they get to eat the food they've made, talk about their next kitchen gathering, pick out recipes, and also take the time to learn about new foods.

The Community Kitchen's members include people from Prairie Community Endeavours (PCE), and some students from Hartley Clark School, Rivier Elementary School and Spiritwood High School.

According to Larissa Swityk-Conacher, one of the members, the Community Kitchen gives people a chance to get together with friends, learn about nutrition and healthy eating, and share and learn new cooking skills. The group has helped people understand food safety, learn money saving tips, and become part of a great group of people, but most importantly have fun.



Members of the Spiritwood Community Kitchen prepare food during the group's gathering on Sept. 21.

Rivier Elementary attends Cross-Country meet

The Rivier Elementary School Cross-Country Club attended a meet in Wilkie on Thursday Sept. 22, 2022.

The school's Cross-Country Club has 14 members in Grades 4 to 6. They practice after school every Tuesday and Thursday.

At their meet in Wilkie, the kids all did great with some groups running against as many as 141 other runners.

The club's next meet will be Districts in Spiritwood, which will be hosted at the Spiritwood Golf Course on Thursday, Oct. 6.



Cross-country runners from Rivier Elementary School line-up at the starting line ahead of the race.

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Highlights of a Shellbrook Town Council meeting

Shellbrook's Town Council met for its regular meeting in person and via teleconference on Monday, Oct. 3.

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Otterson, and council began with its customary recognition of Truth and Reconciliation. Immediately after this, it approved the meeting's agenda, adopted the minutes of its Sept. 15 meeting, and declared the week of Oct. 16 to 22 as Saskatchewan Library Week.

Shifting to reports, Hoare began with her CAO report

and informed council that interviews for the new librarian would be held next week.

In a rare update from the Airport Steering Committee, Councillor Knight brought forward word from a ratepayer and airport user who expressed willingness to extend the airstrip to bring it to the proper length, after receiving a number of calls about medevacs using the strip in the past six months. Knight said this points to a business case for the airport and warrants further discussion.

Turning to recreation, Mayor Otterson reported an increase in hockey enrolments this season, while Hoare noted that staffing for the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre is adequate, save for maybe some

part-time employees to work events and tournaments.

Councillor Miller wondered why some of the work for events and tournaments couldn't be done by volunteers rather than by paying additional employees, to which Hoare said volunteers can do the work, so long as they weren't operating town equipment.

Elsewhere, Miller suggested council wait until spring to address the issue with dugout roofs at the Sports Grounds not being up to code, as he feels there is a solution that doesn't require the roofs to be removed and potentially damaged in the process.

In unfinished business, council continued discussion about the vehicle for the Community Safety Officer (CSO). As of

the meeting, a used vehicle at Shellbrook Chevrolet had been identified as a promising candidate and was being taken to Prince Albert for a quote on the costs to modify it for the CSO's needs.

While the vehicle might not suit the CSO's needs, town foreman Mike Tanchuk suggested purchasing it anyway, as it is newer and has low kilometres and the facilities manager could use a new truck. In the end, council agreed with this recommendation and carried a motion to purchase the vehicle, at a cost of about \$47,000 plus tax, using funds from the town's reserves for equipment.

Moving on to new business, council began by giving third reading to and enacting Bylaw 2022-08, the Nuisance Abate-

ment Bylaw (Unightly), and tabling the third reading of Bylaw 2022-09, the Traffic & ATV Bylaw.

Up next, council approved its water improvement strategy, a document relating to the PAR-WU water pipeline project currently being explored in lieu of upgrading the local water treatment plant. *The Chronicle & Herald* will provide a thorough breakdown of this document once it obtains a copy of it.

Closing out the meeting, council approved an amendment to the town's sick time policy. The amendment states that municipal employees are free to make their own choices about wearing masks and other personal protective equipment when returning to work after an illness.

Coins highlight Shellbrook's history

As Virginia Kasner was going through the belongings of her late mother-in-law, Shirley Marud, she made a curious and unexpected discovery.

Tucked in tiny square boxes, and kept safe in pouches, she found two commemorative coins minted in recognition of Shellbrook's centennial in 2009. Both coins came with documentation explaining how and why they were made, and what they were meant to represent.

The first was a \$3 dollar silver coin, which has a face depicting the first framed home constructed in the new townsite of Shellbrook in 1908. The home was built on the northwest corner of 2nd Avenue West and 1st Avenue West by William Dodge after he returned from the Boer War. In the fine detail on the coin, Robert and Bessie Sterling are riding in the horse-drawn buggy, as Robert was

the land agent who sold Dodge the lot.

After it went through many owners over the years, Ian and Barbie Clark moved Dodge's house out to the country in 1980, and made some additions to it. As of the minting of the coin, the original, leaded stained glass door still

existed, as did the original curved staircase, and the stained glass window in the stairwell.

The second coin was a gold \$7 coin, created to commemorate Shellbrook and the history of the railway in the community. The design depicted is of the first train, locomotive engine #7, which arrived in Shellbrook on Jan. 19, 1910, and was operated by the Canadian Northern Railway Company.

On the reverse side of the coin is the Town of Shellbrook logo (which was designed by Ian Clark, with input from Wes Frederick) at the time of minting, as well as the town's slogan, "Heart of the Parklands."



This silver \$3 coin, minted in honour of Shellbrook's centennial in 2009, depicts the first framed home built in Shellbrook by William Dodge.



This gold \$7 coin, minted in honour of Shellbrook's centennial in 2009, depicts the town's history with the railroad.

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 Monday to Friday. Copies are available at cost.

Public Hearing: A public meeting will be held on October 21st, 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 20th, 2022.

Resort Village of Big Shell
Box 130
Shell Lake, SK S0J 2G0

Issued at Shell Lake, Saskatchewan, this 6th day of October, 2022
Tara Bueckert, Administrator

VILLAGE OF SHELL LAKE NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to *The Municipalities Act*, public notice is hereby given that the Council of Village of Shell Lake intends to restructure by adding the following land from the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 as shown on the attached map and described as follows:

NW 11-50-08-3 Plan 72B03610
Parcel #149940232

NW 11-50-08-3
Parcel #153045389

The purpose of the proposed alteration is to bring in the Shell Lake Cemetery and the land beside it that is owned by the Village of Shell Lake within the Village limits. Council intends to zone the one parcel as Municipal Reserve. Council oversees the care of the Cemetery and would like it to be within the Shell Lake boundaries.

A public meeting will be held on October 17th, 2022, 7:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers located at 201 Main Street 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 Village of Shell Lake at the address below.

Tara Bueckert, Administrator
Box 280
Shell Lake, SK S0J 2G0

A written notice of objection must be received by the administrator by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 13, 2022.

The complete proposal can be viewed at the Village of Shell Lake Office between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday.

Dated at the Village of Shell Lake, Saskatchewan, this 22nd day of September, 2022.

Tara Bueckert
Administrator

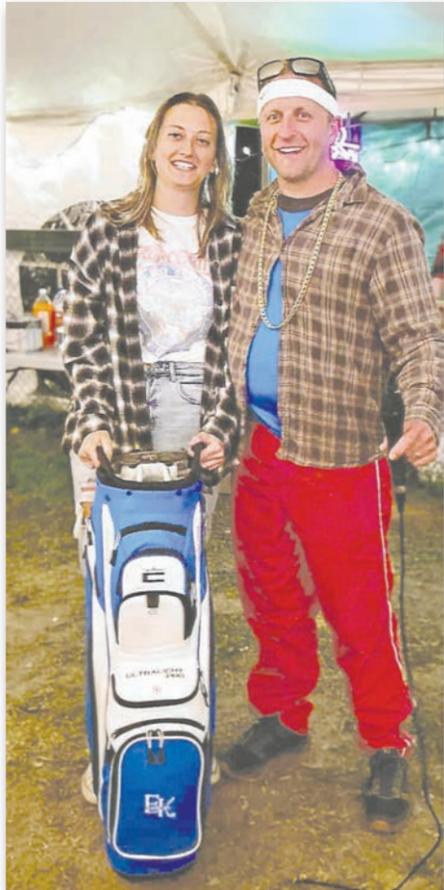
EK Golf Classic marks 22 years

By Maisie Krienke

The EK Golf Classic rolled out its 22nd year on Sept. 9-10, with a fully booked registration! Entries began rolling in by May 15, with many worried that it would be a sell-out, and that it was! Volunteers began gathering Thursday evening to assist with getting the 'big tent' up and start food preparation.

This fun, family and friend event has happened at the Big River Golf Club for 22 years, and has seen golfers and fans travel from as far east as Toronto and as far west as Lake Cowichan for this year.

"It is always nice to come back home and see so many friends and family. The Krienkes will always be considered family to me — great job as always—this event is a highlight of my summer. Eddie would be so proud. Love, Lonnie, Heidi, Sadie & Charley." This was one of the several messages left in the guest book, which expresses the feelings of many of the participants.



Memorial Bag winner Ryan Krienke.

The event kicked off Friday morning at 11 a.m., getting the first group out to do their first nine. Teams played continuously until dark, as seventy-five teams needed to get their first-round score in.

Friday evening, while enjoying the bison dog roast, once again sponsored by Sandy & Faye, gamblers were assessing scores and eyeing. "Who's going to stay strong for the next round? Who's the team to put our money on?" were some of the questions being thrown out as auctioneer Randy was hyping up the bidding gang.

A great team of volunteers had gathered already on Friday morning to take registration, sell 50/50s, Memorial Bag tickets, and to promote the Bucket List campaign. Ron and Tammy, and their assistants April, Kara, Michelle, and Peggy spent hours in the bar and on the beer cart. Three ladies, Wendy, Deb, and Karen, arrived Friday morning just to help wherever needed. These ladies hung around all weekend finding endless ways to help.

The Calcutta bidding got rolling with a flash start with teams selling for \$600-\$700. The Bucket List had four draws Friday and the 50/50 was growing every minute. Every two hours, gamblers had the opportunity to purchase a Bucket List chance to win the Saskatchewan Golf Tour. Every two hours, three winners received special prizes, plus their names advanced to the final draw for the tour. The SK Golf tour was sponsored by Ryan of Elk Ridge, plus other courses around the province that donated rounds.

Green #9 held the audience's attention Friday evening, as putters played off for a Smoker, donated by Nick Fouillard and some big cash provided by Jayson Watier. Being the champion putters they are, Luke Krienke went home with the smoker and Nathan Hawkins with the bucks.

On a beautiful, sunny Sunday morning, all the teams flighted and got off to a great start after enjoying coffee and muffins provided by Leah. Jodie and her team were already on board preparing the eats. Between rounds, a great lunch, sponsored by George and Arlene, was enjoyed by all.

The 2nd round of play offered some tremen-



The 2022 EK Golf Classic Champions, from left to right: Rylan Buettner and Brian Moyer (Madison accepts for Brian), and Brian Krienke and Randy Krienke.

dous awards. Golfers were vying for an opportunity to drop a 'hole-in-one' on #4 for a chance to drive away on the 2022 Quad donated by Rally Motorsports. Rally would love to see this Quad go home one of these years, as they have sponsored the opportunity for 22 years.

Several golfers placed their drive only inches from the hole. Unfortunately, not one dropped in, and hence the quad was not driven away by anyone of the golfers.

As the golfers worked their way to #9, some big bucks, provided by Trav and Emma Gould of TR Petroleum, were waiting to be picked up. Madison Krienke and Josh Morin each went away with \$500 by landing Closest to the Pin. TR Petroleum is another 22-year sponsor.

Bucket List winners continued to be declared every two hours all day long. The 50/50 pot continued to grow, bids on the Silent Auction table were being added continuously, and Ryan was becoming more anxious about that Memorial Bag.

With all the scores in by 6 p.m. it was time to enjoy a delicious supper, sponsored by Neil and Rhoda, and then to declare all the winners. In the meantime, the "Duos" paraded with their costumes, waiting for the team of judges to declare the 'Best Duos' of the day. This 'Duo' costume theme proved to

be an entertaining feature of the tournament, as almost every team was entered in the parade donning their 'duo costumes'. Judges declared the 'Gold Diggers', Madison and Hailey, the 1st place winners with Les and Luke, the Super Troopers, and Arlene and Ron, Raggedy Ann and Andy, coming in a close 2nd and 3rd.

Early bird winners were Brody Swanson and Ryan Krienke. Lance Arcand, Melissa Joseph, and Layla Wright picked up the Longest Putter prizes, while the longest drives were awarded to Rylan Buettner, Lisa Lomsnes and Jillian Krienke. Drew Osinchuk will be returning from Vancouver Island next summer to do his SK Golf tour, while Gord Simm went back to Ft. St. John \$727 richer with the 50/50 dollars. Plus, would you believe the power of prayer? Eddie's granddaughter's dream came true. Her name was drawn to take home the 2022 Memorial Bag that she dreamed of.

The 2022 EK Golf Classic Champions are Randy and Brian Krienke and Brian Moyer and Rylan Buettner with tied scores. It only took Randy and Brian 22 years to accomplish this goal!

With all winners declared, golfers then checked in to pick their choice prize from the mile-long prize table. Donations from endless list of family and friends make this table like no other.

Proceeds of \$16,125 will be donated to charities, as they have been in the past 21 years, now making a total of \$202,000 put back into community projects from this event.



Longest drive award winners, from left to right: Lisa Lomsnes, Rylan Buettner, and Jillian Krienke.



Longest putt award winners, from left to right: Melissa Thomas, Lance Arcand, and Layla Wright.

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Better times ahead for Senators

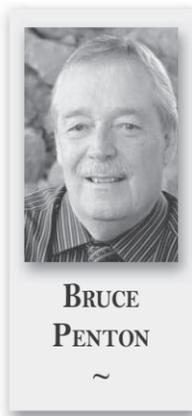
Is the hockey world ready for the Ottawa Senators to become a powerhouse? No? Would you settle for contender?

General manager Pierre Dorion may not have been No. 1 as far as winning the NHL off-season goes, but he wasn't far off. And on close inspection of the Senators' depth chart, it's apparent the Canadian capital team is poised to snap a streak of five straight seasons of missing the playoffs.

To start with, Ottawa coach D.J. Smith guided an improving team last year, when they finished ahead of six other NHL teams with 73 points, good for seventh place (of eight) in the Atlantic Division. But the Senators team showed promise with its strong base of young offensive stars Brady Tkachuk, Tim Stutzle, Josh Norris and Drake Batherson. But wow, what an off-season the Senators had. For starters, Alex DeBrincat, just 24 years old, arrived in a trade for draft picks from the tanking Chicago Blackhawks, who

seem intent on being so bad that their chances of winning Connor Bedard in next year's draft are greatly enhanced.

All DeBrincat has done in his five-year career is score 140 goals, including 41 last season with the Hawks. Arriving as a free agent in July was grizzled veteran Claude Giroux, a longtime Philadelphia Flyer, who is only 73 points away from 1,000 for his career. Giroux will provide leadership to the Senators' youth along with tremendous offensive skill, especially on the powerplay. One of two first-round draft picks the team had in 2020, Ridley Greig, was one of the stalwarts on Canada's world junior hockey team this year and could crack the Senators' roster this fall. Defensively, the Sens have high hopes for their other 2020 first-round pick, Jake Sanderson, who missed most of last year with an injury. He joins blueline stalwarts Thomas Chabot, Artem Zub and young Erik Brannstrom, who was acquired in the Mark Stone



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deal with Vegas a couple of years ago. GM Dorion then bolstered the team's goaltending by picking up veteran Cam Talbot, who will compete with Anton Forsberg for minutes between the pipes.

Columbus Blue Jackets (adding Johnny Gaudreau), Carolina Hurricanes (Max Pacioretty and Brent Burns) and Detroit Red Wings (Andrew Copp, David Perron and Dominik Kubalik) also had productive, roster-improving off-seasons, but the Senators may have done the most to improve their chances at playoff or Stanley Cup contention.

Ottawa puts its new-

look squad on display Oct. 13 in Buffalo and then plays in Toronto Oct. 15 before settling in at home for five consecutive games. A 7-0 start would certainly open a few eyes around the NHL and maybe even spark some celebratory horn-honking on the streets of Ottawa.

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg, via Twitter, on stationary-bicycle maker Peleton company being in financial trouble: "For some reason the company is just spinning its wheels and not going anywhere."

• European pro golfer Eddie Pepperill, no fan of the LIV golf tour, on Twitter: "LIV airlines. Though it may look like it seats 150 people, it in fact seats only 48 due to the size of their egos."

• Producer Soph, on Twitter: "Can I make a suggestion? Team Homan/Fleury = Team Heury. Heury hard."

• Former NFL quarterback Sage Rosenfels, on Twitter, in a back-handed reference to former

team-mate Brett Favre, currently embroiled in a controversy over misuse of public funds in Mississippi: "Since retirement, I have been lucky to avoid stealing millions of dollars from the poorest people in my state."

• Columnist Norman Chad, on Twitter: "QB Tom Brady added to Tampa Bay Buccaneers' injury report Friday with injury to his right ring finger after Giselle reportedly attempted to remove his wedding band."

• Super sarcasm from comedy guy Brad Dickson of Omaha, referencing the Nebraska Cornhuskers' coaching job: "Folks who don't want to hire Urban Meyer are misguided types who put character, ethics and morality above wins and losses. I feel sorry for them."

• Headline at theonion.com: "Aaron Rodgers Downplays Rough Start As Normal Ups And Downs Of Massive Global Conspiracy"

• Scott Ostler of the San Francisco Chronicle: "If MLB hitters have walk-up songs, they should also be required to have slink-back songs for when they strike out, songs to be chosen by the opposing team's pitching staff. Some possibles: 'Smoke Gets In Your Eyes,' 'I'm Missing You,' 'Heat of the Moment,' 'Walk Away, Renee' and 'Blue Bayou' (blew by you)."

• R.J. Currie of sports-deke.com, after archaeologists in Georgia found a 1.8 million-year-old human tooth: "They believe this cements the region as home to Europe's earliest prehistoric hockey team."

• Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton Va.) on the Aaron Judge vs. Shohei Ohtani MVP argument: "For what it's worth, Babe Ruth didn't win the 1927 MVP after hitting 60 home runs. His teammate Lou Gehrig did."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

RCMP seek Sturgeon Lake FN robbery suspect

Prince Albert RCMP has identified a suspect in connection with a robbery Friday, Sept. 23, at Sturgeon Lake First Nation.

At around 4:40 a.m. on Sept. 23, Prince Albert RCMP received a report of a robbery. The investigation found that a man armed with a firearm entered a residence on the Sturgeon Lake First Nation, assaulted an occupant, and then stole a pickup truck.

The occupant was reported to have sustained minor physical injuries.

During the course of their investigation, police identified Joshua Naytowhow, 30, as the suspect in the robbery.

Naytowhow now faces several charges, including robbery with a firearm, pointing a firearm, and uttering threats, and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

Police say Naytowhow is approximately 6' tall and weighs 150 lbs. He has brown hair and brown eyes.

The stolen truck is a red, 2009 Chevrolet Sil-

verado with Saskatchewan license plate 221 MTA. Anyone with information is asked to call Prince Albert RCMP.

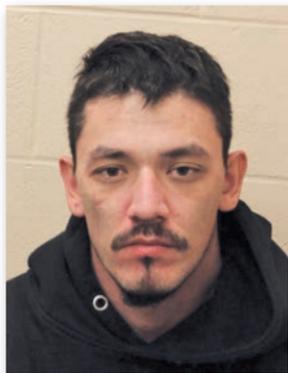
Naytowhow is no stranger to police.

On Dec. 14, 2021, police were called to the Sturgeon Lake First Nation for a report of a robbery. After investigating, police found out the man approached a vehicle and threatened those inside. The vehicle's occupants fled without injury.

Naytowhow was arrested two weeks later in Prince Albert. His trial was held in June this year and a stay of proceedings was granted by the Crown.

If you see Naytowhow, do not approach him. Call the Prince Albert RCMP at 306-765-5500. If you have information about his whereabouts or this incident, you can also report it anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

The investigation continues.



Joshua Naytowhow.

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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.

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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.

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SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Skating Club - Registration open for: Canskate - 1st day Wed., Oct. 26; PowerSkate - 1st day Fri., Oct. 21 and more! Program info & registration: shellbrooksc.uplifterinc.com or email shellbrookskatingclub@yahoo.ca

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OBITUARIES

Darrel Martin



MARTIN – Darrel

It is with heavy hearts Darrel Walter Martin's family share his passing. He was our husband, father, and papa. Darrel

loved his family, community, and church. Life changes forever for his wife of 45 years, Glenys (née Johnson); His sons: Nicholas and Joleen and treasured granddaughters Hennessy and Mila; Johnathan and Rachel; Nathaniel and Deanna and youngest treasured granddaughter, Anika.

He also leaves behind his brother Tim (Kristy) children Danny, Katie, Jace, and Sydney Rose. His brother-in-law Michael Pedlar and children Kris (Amber) and Ava; Matthew (Aubrey) Gabby and

Devin. His brother-in-law Dan (Tracey) Ethan, Alyssa, Karina, and Noah Johnson. His mother-in-law Bertha Johnson. Aunts and Uncles: Elyane (Don) Tarzwell, Beulah Nolan, and George Grendahl.

Darrel had many roles in his life. He worked on road construction driving buggy, he worked in the refrigeration industry, he was a janitor at W.P. Sandin High School, and he drove the Parkside school bus for 42 years. He ran a small engine repair shop, did maintenance for Shellbrook senior hous-

ing, and was involved in the fertilizer industry for many years. He was a master driver and had a 1A license most of his life. He enjoyed helping his sons, he didn't stress, and he just loved to help.

Hockey and Golf were Darrel's key past times. Whether playing himself, coaching his sons, or watching others. His life intersected with many people and enjoyed all his interactions.

He is predeceased by: His two infant sons, Joshua (1987) and Zachary (1990); His brother Danny (1969); His

sister Anita (2002); His father, Clarence (1980) mother, Vivian (2000); His Father in law, Ken Johnson (2005) and aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents that went before him.

There was a private family graveside service held for Darrel at the Parkside Cemetery on Monday, September 26, 2022, with Pastor Chris Dean officiating.

The Celebration of Life for Darrel was held on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. from the Parkside Immanuel Lutheran Church

with Pastor Chris Dean officiating. A time of refreshments and fellowship followed at the Parkside Heritage Centre.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Darrel to the Shellbrook & Area Food Bank. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home & Crematorium, Tammy Smart, Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK. 306-747-2828.

Harvey Ingve Nelson



NELSON – Harvey

Harvey Ingve Nelson passed away suddenly on September 28, 2022 at the

age of 66, on the family farm in Blue Heron. Harvey was born March 19, 1956 to Ingve and Alice (Lovberg) Nelson, of the Blue Heron District.

Harvey is survived by his wife of 43 years Diana (Boyle) Nelson. His son Logan Nelson, of Canwood, SK. His daughter and son-in-law Jessie and Tyler Hall and their children Dallas and Sadie, of Mortlach, SK. His sisters Faye (Harvey) Rainville of Beatty, SK, Lorean Nichol of Canwood, SK and Lynn

Nelson, of Stump Lake, SK. His Mother-in-law Maxine Boyle of Regina, SK. His sisters-in-law Laura (Deryl) Coates, Barbara Boyle, Donna Boyle, and Darla Boyle all of Regina, SK. His nieces and nephews, Todd and Darla Rainville and their family, Shylo and Dion Nemeth and their family, Layla Sten and her family, Cristy and Lance Reed and their family, Amanda and Darren Carter and their family, Brandon and Dina Coates and their family and Alannah

Boyle.

Harvey was predeceased by his parents Ingve and Alice Nelson, nephew Curtis Nelson, his brothers-in-law Jim Nichol, Jeff Boyle and Bob Dunbar and father-in-law Walter Boyle.

Harvey was devoted to his family, where they always felt his love and protection. Harvey's philosophy and view of life was based on the seasons, connection to the land, nature, animals and relationship with others. He

was skillful, creative, caring, generous, gentle, and had a sense of humour.

Harvey will forever be remembered for his kindness, his strong connection to the community and tradition. His strong work ethic, passion, determination, tinkering and collections, propelled him throughout his life.

There was a Memorial Service held for Harvey on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. from the Canwood Community Elks Hall. Lunch and fellowship followed the

service. Harvey was laid to rest in the Blue Heron Cemetery.

Anyone wishing to make a donation in memory of Harvey may direct it to Canwood Community Clinic c/o Canwood and District Health Services Cooperative, Box 101 Canwood, SK S0J 0K0.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, Canwood, SK Funeral Directors Donna Lovberg and Lynn Anderson 306-468-2044.

GOOD NEWS

VICTORY

We lived in Southern Saskatchewan a number of years. We were involved in a church camp. I recall one camp speaker telling us about a bi-vocational preacher whose name was Jesse.

One day, preacher Jesse was repairing the church roof. He happened to run out of shingles, so he headed to the local hardware store to pick up some more. As he was driving, he got into an accident in an intersection. It wasn't good. Preacher Jesse ended up in the hospital. Jesse had all kinds of questions, most of them focused on why this would happen to him.

A young preacher inquired about pastor Jesse. Jesse's wife said he wasn't doing too good. She asked if he would go see him. As the young preacher visited Jesse, he began to pour out his heart. It happened so long ago but let me paraphrase the conversation.

Preacher Jesse said "It's not fair. I served Jesus all these years and now I am laid up in the hospital."

The young pastor began to minister to the old preacher. He said to Jesse, "When I walked the corridors of the hospital, the devil told me 'That I got

Jesse where I want him. Jesse's been through a lot but now I robbed him of his song. He's not coming back from this.'"

The young preacher asked Jesse. "What song did you sing last Sunday? Would you sing it Jesse?"

Jesse began to sing, "I heard an old, old story How a saviour came from glory. How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me. And I heard about His groaning of His precious blood's atoning. Then I repented of my sins and won the victory. O victory in Jesus My Saviour, forever. He sought me and He bought me. With His redeeming blood. He loved ere I knew Him, and all love is due Him. He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood."

After Preacher Jesse finished singing, he gripped the apparatus above his hospital bed and pulled himself up and spoke to the young preacher. He said, "As you walk through the corridors of the hospital you can tell the devil he can take my leg, he can take my life, but he can't take my song."

When I read the Bible, I read there

are storms of correction like Jonah went through. There are also storms of perfection. Lately, I have been thinking about storms of perfection. I really don't think the devil cares how much Bible truth we know, as long as we don't practice it.

There is a passage in Mark 4 where Jesus and His disciples get caught in a storm on the Sea of Galilee. I have always loved this passage. What I particularly like about it is that Jesus stood up on the boat and spoke to the storm. I am not a Greek scholar, but I understand where it says Jesus rebuked the wind it could also be translated Jesus told the wind to hush.

The Greek word is likely stronger here than the NKJ, which translates Jesus' words as "peace be still." I think it better translated Jesus told the wind to be quiet or, using modern vernacular, He told the wind to shut up.

That certainly indicates that if some storms are not God-given, then we have a God-given right to rebuke them.

Martin Luther not only preached his way through the reformation, he also sang his way through it. I think he

wrote nearly 40 hymns. I believe the most well known is "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God". Luther knew something about victory. His words in the third verse of this hymn are, "And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God has willed His truth to triumph through us."

Maybe you are overwhelmed today. The Good News is that Jesus wants you to be an overcomer.

Revelation 12:11 says, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony."

Fellow traveller,
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itory molecules and viral proteins. This allows researchers to see if their drug designs work as intended.

"We have libraries of molecular fragments and drug candidates that we are testing," said Michael Maddalena, a research intern in Steven LaPlante's lab at INRS. "We are screening to see if they are active and actually stick to the virus' proteins or to essential human receptors where we think there are opportunities for drugs."

This research targets the proteins of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that are involved in its replication and survival. Their work also targets the essential human receptors that the virus depends on to enter human cells. Drugs that stick to human receptors are unlikely to be susceptible to viral mutants – ensuring that new therapeutics will be effective against

new variants.

By getting a drug to stick to the proteins on SARS-CoV-2 or essential human receptors, you can prevent the virus from replicating, and stopping the infection in its tracks. A therapeutic for COVID-19 like this should lessen the length and severity of the illness, keeping more people out of the hospital and improving patient outcomes.

The CMCF beamline at the CLS has been "enormously beneficial" to the team, according to Maddalena. The synchrotron allowed the researchers to collect high-quality data on their drug candidates quickly and efficiently.

"Without access to the CLS, we definitely wouldn't be able to get the same quality of data that plays a big part in how we conduct our science," Maddalena said.



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