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## WP Sandin hosts spooktacular Quarter Carnival



Always popular, the Halloween Sack Race had participants bouncing for the finish line.

After two years of the nasty tricks delivered by the COVID-19 pandemic, visitors to WP Sandin High School finally got a Halloween treat with the return of the school's annual Quarter Carnival.

Normally held at the high school on an evening close to Halloween, this year's event had to be rescheduled due to a large number of students and staff members being out sick last week. The change wasn't the worst thing that could have happened, as it allowed the event to be held on Halloween without disrupting trick or treating time.

What's more, the event being held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. allowed the high school to invite students from Shellbrook Elementary School over by the busload, meaning everyone had a chance to take part in the Halloween festivities.

Organized by students who are in-

involved in the high school's Student Leadership Council (SLC), the Quarter Carnival has become a must-attend Halloween attraction in Shellbrook (the first carnival was held in 2014).

The carnival was initially conceived of as an event for Happy Hearts Childcare Centre, but thanks to the strong support of the community it has become an integral part of the school's attempts to create ties between it and the broader community.

"Bringing back the Halloween carnival builds a number of lifelong skills for students," SLC advisor Rhonda Berezowski said of the importance of the event. "The SLC students learn to work together to plan, execute, and clean up. Skills needed to be lifelong, active community members."

Seven years later, the enthusiasm for the Quarter Carnival certainly hasn't

wavered — even after it was put on hold for a couple years (the Quarter Carnival was reimaged as the Halloween Howl last year and hosted by the Shellbrook Youth Council, raising \$300 for the Shellbrook Public Library).

As always, this year's event encouraged parents, children, and staff members to don their Halloween costumes and take part in a wide range of classic activities that have been given a twist for Halloween, like witch hat ring toss, pumpkin putt, and pumpkin spoon races. Other attractions include Halloween-themed spins on Twister and the potato sack race, a photo booth, and a fortune teller.

Rounding out the treat side of the event, those who came out also got the chance to chow down on some goodies (usually for the price of just a few quarters). Unfortunately missing from this

year's Quarter Carnival, were the tricks and scares delivered by the haunted house attraction.

Though the Quarter Carnival has not generally been billed as a fundraiser, all proceeds raised through the event in the past have gone towards any other activities the SLC plans throughout the school year. With another strong turnout at this year's carnival, it's likely the SLC will continue to serve up tricks and treats for years to come.

As has become tradition over the past couple of years, the Quarter Carnival wasn't the only source of tricks and treats in Shellbrook. The Town of Shellbrook's Recreation Department also got in on the fun, hosting its annual Halloween Skate and a Halloween-themed cupcake decorating workshop by Tenille Rempel, owner of Tino's Cake N Bake.

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The Pumpkin Spoon Race offered a test of both speed and balance.



Face Painting was among the returning events, giving guests ways to spookily express themselves.



From Batman to a T-Rex, everyone had a roaring good time at WP Sandin High School's Quarter Carnival.

## Spiritwood Library celebrates Saskatchewan Library Week

The Spiritwood Public Library celebrated Saskatchewan Library Week from Oct. 16 to 22.

The theme for this year's Saskatchewan Library Week was "Libraries Expand Horizons". To this end, The Spiritwood Library chose to celebrate the week with a display of what the library provides, including information, magazines, movies, audio books, e-books & e-resources, fiction and non-fiction children's books and all kinds of puzzles.

A Book Spine Poetry Contest was also a part of the agenda, for both the Spiritwood Library and libraries across the province.

The Spiritwood Public

Library ended the week with a come and go tea. It also decided to celebrate previous librarian, Mrs. Joyce Carriere, and presented her with a plaque and a red rose for her 42 years of service to the Spiritwood Public Library. Appreciation was also shown to substitute librarians, Kathleen Gatzke and Marlene Go, who were each given a red rose.

First introduced in 1976, Saskatchewan Library Week is a province-wide, annual event that promotes the wonderful resources and services that libraries have to offer. The week-long event is held the third week in October each year and celebrated

throughout the province in all types of libraries, in both urban and rural communities, and by all age groups.

The aim of Saskatchewan Library Week is to let the public know that libraries are dynamic community centres for learning, information, and entertainment. They're more than

just printed materials. They're also a point of access to computers, the internet, and programs, and they are open to everyone's reach, regardless of age and education and income level, making them the ultimate equal opportunity resource.

Additionally, Saskatchewan Library Week aims to let the public know that library workers are information experts, well-trained and friendly individuals who help people find whatever it is they ought to look.



As part of Saskatchewan Library Week, Joyce Carriere, the former librarian at the Spiritwood Public Library, was recognized for her 42 years of service.

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# Leoville survivor raises \$805 for Terry Fox

It proved to be a banner year of fundraising for the Terry Fox Foundation at Leoville Central School's annual Terry Fox Walk/Run.

The *Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald* previously reported on the hard work Grade 7 student Kegan Hoffman did within his community over the summer, to raise \$700 to support the work done on cancer research by the Terry Fox Foundation. However, it turns out Kegan wasn't even the top pledge recipient in the school.

This distinction instead goes to Kindergarten student Lily Blais-Larson, who drummed up pledges totalling \$805 for the fundraiser.

"She was so proud and happy when she took it into the secretary at Leoville Central School," Ruby Larson, Lily's grandmother, said of the accomplishment.

For Lily and her family, the cause couldn't be more personal.

When Lily refused to walk to the car after a flight home from a trip to visit family in Sudbury, Ont. in 2019, her mom, Chelsea, didn't think anything of it at the time.

However, that all changed a few nights later, when Lily was rushed to hospital with a serious nosebleed.

Bouncing from Shellbrook's Parkland Integrated Health Centre, to Victoria Hospital in Prince Albert, and finally to Jim Pattison Children's Hospital in Saskatoon, Lily underwent thorough testing.

Then, on Nov. 19, 2019, at just three years old, she was diagnosed with a stage 4 neuroblastoma, a cancer that develops from immature nerve cells found in several areas of the body.

"When we were looking at all the stuff she had to go through... we were very overwhelmed," Ruby said.

"They had the chemotherapy, the surgery after, the stem cell treatment, radiation, immunotherapy. Looking at all that, we didn't know what some of it was."

"We didn't know how long it was going to take or how it was going to affect her," Chelsea added.

The earth-shattering diagnosis kicked off 251 days of staying in Ronald

McDonald House facilities and bouncing back and forth from home, to Saskatoon, to Calgary.

Throughout the process, Lily's family trusted in her doctors, and tried to focus on maintaining a positive mindset while always being prepared for the next bump in the road.

Ruby says that for the first little while after Lily's diagnosis, it was just as much about winning the mental battle against Lily's cancer.

In this battle of the mind, Ruby says they were aided by a nurse, who was herself a cancer survivor.

"She said, 'You have to get your mind in order and start thinking positive. Even though it looks rough, start thinking positive. Don't think of the bad, always think of the good,'" Ruby recalled.

"If your mind starts to wander to the dark and negative stuff, that's how things will be."

Soon, "Just keep swimming" became the family's mantra, and by April 2020, Lily was declared to be in remission. But although she had technically beaten her cancer, Lily's medical journey wasn't over yet.

"They wanted us to do all the treatments to give [the cancer] a 75 per cent chance of not coming back," Chelsea said.

"She was officially done and out of hospital on Feb. 12, 2021. That meant no more hospital stays," Ruby added.

Though she's done with hospital stays, Lily will spend the next five years being monitored and tested every six months. If the cancer shows no signs of returning after five years, doctors say there's little reason to worry about it coming back (however, regular, but less frequent, testing will still be done just to be safe).

After Lily's harrowing journey, and with the COVID-19 pandemic still lingering in the province, Chelsea and Ruby were understandably reluctant to let their guard down around Lily. Taking her oncologist's advice, they finally decided to let her go to school and reclaim a sense of normalcy.

"When you let go of stuff and quit fighting, it

sometimes turns around to be a good thing afterwards," Ruby said, adding that she's amazed by how supportive and encouraging the school community has been.

One day, Lily brought a letter home from school about the Terry Fox Run/Walk. At first, no one thought anything of it, as they were reluctant to have Lily go around and collect pledges. But when Ruby and Chelsea talked to Lily about Terry Fox, she was very interested in his story.

They decided to make a short pledge video to post and share online. Before long, the pledges from family, friends, and the broader community began to tally up, reaching \$805.

Ruby and Chelsea say it's a great feeling knowing where the money will go and how it may one day help other families.

"When cancer hits your family, you see everything differently," Ruby said. "You see nurses, doctors, and everybody differently. You connect more with the people going through it. You lean on each other."



Lily Blais-Larson, a Kindergarten student at Leoville Central School raised \$805 for the Terry Fox Foundation this year.



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## When will the growth work for everyone?

“Growth that works for everyone” has become the Sask. Party government’s slogan of late. It was no surprise, then, that the phrase served as the slogan for Premier Scott Moe’s Throne Speech last Wednesday afternoon.

Central to the Sask. Party’s promise of “growth that works for everyone,” is its pledge to protect the province’s jurisdiction.

To this end, the Throne Speech picked up where the Ministry of Finance’s Drawing the Line Report let off.

The report, which has been panned by economists and experts – including Howard Anglin, who was deputy chief of staff to former Prime Minister Stephen Harper and called it “the literary equivalent of a baby’s high-chair after a spaghetti dinner” – suggests the federal government’s environmental and climate change policies and regulations will cost Saskatchewan \$111.3 billion by 2035.

To prevent this economic harm, the Sask. Party is promising to introduce The Saskatchewan First Act, “to clearly define and defend Saskatchewan’s exclusive jurisdiction over natural resources.”

It will also amend The Saskatchewan Act, “to state that Saskatchewan continues to retain exclusive jurisdiction over its natural resources,” and seek to exercise greater control over corporate income tax and immigration.

“These measures are about removing barriers to unlock Saskatchewan’s incredible economic potential,” Premier Scott Moe said.

“We just need to remove the barriers that are preventing us from sustainably developing our resources to their full potential and exporting them to markets around the world where they are needed.”

Mr. Moe once again used Quebec, and its unilateral amendment to the constitution declaring it a “nation” within Canada, as an example.

This suggests Quebec should have been allowed to make the amendment (a notion Mr. Moe would likely reject). But even elementary school students understand that two wrongs don’t make a right, and it’s unlikely Mr. Moe’s partisan politicking and



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News Editor

planned legal challenges will succeed in doing much more than squandering taxpayer money.

What’s more, for all the economic roadblocks the federal government is accused of putting up, Mr. Moe sure likes to brag a lot about the investment pouring into the province, and its nation-leading unemployment rate and economic growth.

It would seem, then, that all is not as dire as the premier suggests. Or perhaps we’re to understand that Saskatchewan could be performing even better, if not for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s “climate fanaticism.”

Something here isn’t adding up. But let’s get back to the Sask. Party slogan. We’ve had 15 years of this government’s brand of “growth that works for everyone.” Surely, we must have a lot to show for it.

Without question, the Sask. Party’s “growth that works for everyone” is working quite well for the province’s oil and gas sector, which is riding the wave of high commodity prices to near-record profits.

The Sask. Party’s coffers are also quite flush as a result of the province’s growth, allowing it to deliver a rare budget surplus, extend a tax cut for small businesses, pay down \$1 billion in operational debt, and offer modest affordability relief, in the form of a one-time \$500 cheque, to Saskatchewan residents who have filed their income tax.

This, however, is where the growth stops working for everyone.

After 15 years of Sask. Party governance, the province’s growth most certainly isn’t working for the more than 350 employees of soon-to-be-closed provincially-run liquor stores, who will soon find themselves without jobs at a time when the cost of living hasn’t been higher.

On the bright side, they’ll be able to drown their sorrows in public, when the Sask. Party reintroduces high-priority legislation to allow municipalities to designate areas for “safe consumption” in parks. Or, better yet, maybe they can just buy permits to own one of the 34 stores being sold off, as Mr. Moe suggested.

On the subject of workers, Saskatche-



wan’s growth certainly isn’t working for the approximately 16,200 people in this province who are earning the lowest minimum wage in Canada. Nor, for that matter, is it working for 26 per cent of children and 20 per cent of adults, who live in poverty (giving Saskatchewan one of the highest poverty rates in the country, and also one of the highest rates of food bank usage).

The province’s growth also isn’t working for anyone who is now paying PST on tickets for sporting events, concerts, and other forms of entertainment, after the Sask. Party expanded the provincial sales tax in its already-surplus budget to pay for a surgical wait time initiative (that was later funded by the federal government).

And it most certainly isn’t working for SaskPower and SaskEnergy customers, who are now paying, on average, \$17 more per month for power and gas, after the Crown corporation released its plan to hike rates over the next three years.

With 421,155 households in the province, that’s up to \$7 million each month, or \$84 million each year. Combined with the \$18 million the government expects to rake in from the reduced PST expansion, that’s \$102 million coming out of taxpayers’ pockets over the next year – again, at a time when many people can’t afford it.

The growth isn’t working for everyone

in healthcare, either, as the provincial healthcare system continues to deal with across-the-board shortages and service disruptions. While much of this is a consequence of COVID-19, the pandemic didn’t create these problems; it simply exacerbated existing issues.

Similarly, the growth isn’t working to improve senior’s care. Saskatchewan Rivers MLA Nadine Wilson highlighted this, when she shared the story of a constituent who had their Personal Care Home Benefit lowered to \$38 per month from \$208 per month due to “increases in other benefits.” Now, this senior’s monthly expenses outpace their income by more than \$800.

Finally, despite the Sask. Party’s rhetoric about being tough on crime, the province’s growth isn’t doing much to make our communities safer, as Saskatchewan cities and rural communities continue to see some of the highest crime rates in Canada.

The list goes on. And on. And on.

In a tired retread of the long-disproven theory of trickle-down economics, The Sask. Party would have us believe the record investment flowing into the province, combined with its good governance, has everyone living the good life.

While it continues to live in a state of denial, too many people in this province are waiting for the growth to start working for them.

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## Report from the Legislature

The Speech from the Throne officially launched the Fall Sitting of the Legislature and has charted a course that ensures sustainable growth that works for everyone. That plan was constructed from your feedback over the summer months, focusing on health care, the economy, affordability, and defining future opportunities.

Saskatchewan has seen record levels of new investment. This allows us to lead the country in economic growth, resulting in a growing population that is on track to reach 1.2 million people this year. Due to our strong economy and stronger tax revenues from higher resource prices, our government will balance the provincial budget this year - four years ahead of schedule.

Our government believes that the people of Saskatchewan own the province's natural resources and should directly benefit when those resource prices are high. This is why we released the four-point affordability plan. This plan will deliver a \$500 cheque through the Saskatchewan affordability tax credit to everyone



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aged 18 or over. We will continue to exempt fitness and gym memberships and other activities from the provincial sales tax while extending the reduction of the small business tax rate. Our government will also pay up to \$1 billion in operating debt, saving nearly \$50 million yearly in interest costs.

Revenues from our strong economy will be invested into our four-point Health Human Resource Action Plan. This Action Plan directly connects to Saskatchewan's Growth Plan while building on numerous initiatives and incentives already in place to recruit, train, incentivize and retain health-care workers throughout Saskatchewan. The early

steps of this plan create more permanent full-time positions in rural and northern communities leading to better retention and stabilizing of health care services. We have also received over 400 international applications from healthcare professionals wanting to make Saskatchewan their home.

This fiscal year we have set an aggressive target of 97,000 surgeries which would be the highest number of surgeries ever performed in one year. To meet this goal, we are increasing the surgical capacity in Regina, Saskatoon and regional hospitals throughout the province. To reach this target, we will work with public hospitals and establish new partnerships with publicly funded private surgical providers. We will also invest in mental health and addiction services, long-term care homes, hospitals and urgent care centres to ensure help is there when you need it.

Our white paper released this month, titled Drawing the Line: Defending Saskatchewan's Economic Autonomy, speaks to our government's intentions. In

1930, Saskatchewan secured constitutional authority over natural resources. In recent years, the current federal government has encroached on those rights, disguised as environmental concerns. Continued interference could cost Saskatchewan \$111 billion by 2035. Our government will stand firm to protect our economy and the jobs that Saskatchewan families need.

We are also joining with other provinces to let the federal government know that we will not use police funding to support the confiscation of legal firearms. Saskatchewan, Alberta, Manitoba, New Brunswick, and Yukon governments are all calling on the federal government to halt their plans to use police resources to take over 100,000 legally purchased firearms across Canada. Provinces opposed to the program



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are saying the misuse of firearms by criminals is where the focus needs to be.

In this session, we will introduce the Saskatchewan First Act. This legislation will clearly define our constitutional rights that Saskatchewan alone has exclusive jurisdiction over our natural resources and economic future. We believe the people of Saskatchewan know the best steps to take to defend and grow our economy, jobs and resources

from the overreach by the federal government. This act will give Saskatchewan similar authority over immigration that the Province of Quebec has guaranteed.

By safeguarding our economy for the benefit of the people of Saskatchewan, we will be able to invest in education, highway infrastructure, expanding renewable energy generation, and programs to keep you and your community safe.

There are many reasons to be optimistic about our future as a province. We have more people, more jobs, and more investment than ever before. The world is now seeing this incredible potential at a time when other regions are fighting back against a recession. Businesses want to invest, families want to live here, and our world-class resource sector will facilitate growth that works for everyone.

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# Throne speech renews fight to ‘defend’ jurisdiction

The fall sitting of the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly kicked off Wednesday afternoon, with Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty delivering the throne speech on behalf of the provincial government.

Repeating remarks made at a recent Premier’s Dinner in Prince Albert, Premier Scott Moe opened by saying Saskatchewan is currently enjoying record new investment and is leading the country in economic growth, while the province’s population is on track to reach 1.2 million people this year.

“Our government’s goal is to ensure that strong growth continues and that it’s growth that works for everyone,” he said. “That means reinvesting in health, education and affordability measures, paying down debt, and defending our economic autonomy so Saskatchewan continues to grow and create jobs.”

Defending Saskatchewan’s jurisdiction and economic autonomy has been top of mind for Premier Moe’s government since the Ministry of Finance released a report suggesting that the federal government’s environmental policies could cost Saskatchewan up to \$111 billion by 2035.

Titled “Drawing the Line: Defending Saskatchewan’s Economic Autonomy,” the report examines the direct compliance costs of nine federal environmental policies, including the carbon tax, for households and the agriculture, transport, and upstream oil and gas sectors.

Its findings predict the agriculture sector will be hit the hardest, losing out on \$32.6 billion, followed by households at a loss of \$24.5 billion. Meanwhile, the costs to the transport and upstream oil and gas sectors are pegged at \$19.8 billion and \$15.5 billion, respectively.

In response to the report’s findings, Premier Moe promised his government would be looking at measures to combat “federal overreach”. These

measures are laid out clearly in the throne speech.

First, the government will introduce The Saskatchewan First Act, to clearly define and defend Saskatchewan’s exclusive jurisdiction over natural resources and its economic future within the Canadian Constitution, and amend the province’s Constitution by amending The Saskatchewan Act to state that “Saskatchewan continues to retain exclusive jurisdiction over its own natural resources.”

Premier Moe also pledged to press for greater provincial control over immigration, as has long been guaranteed to Quebec, and introduce legislation enabling Saskatchewan to collect its own corporate income tax.

“These measures are about removing barriers to unlock Saskatchewan’s incredible economic potential,” Moe said. “We have everything the world needs – food, fuel, fertilizer, and an ambitious and talented workforce. We just need to remove the barriers that are preventing us from sustainably developing our resources to their full potential and exporting them to markets around the world where they are needed.”

The throne speech also leaned heavily into the government’s theme of “growth that works for everyone,” citing the affordability plan it announced in August, and the new Health Human Resources Action Plan to add 1,000 health care workers in Saskatchewan, announced in September.

Other projects and initiatives outlined in the Throne Speech included:

- a new in-patient joint replacement facility in Regina, expected to begin operations by the end of 2023;
- signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation for a new Saskatoon Urgent Care Centre;
- creation of 200 new Educational Assistant positions in school classrooms;

- creation of a new centralized online learning model to ensure all students can enroll in any course offered in the province, regardless of where they live;

- funding for the Dene Teacher Education Program at the First Nations University of Canada and for scholarships for up to 25 students to study Indigenous languages;

- continuing work on the Saskatchewan Polytechnic’s Saskatoon Campus Renewal Project, expected to be located in the vicinity of the University of Saskatchewan and Innovation Place;

- signing of the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, along with the federal government and all provinces and territories;

- increased veterinary training seats;

- opening of a Saskatchewan new trade office in Germany, joining trade offices in eight other countries that do significant business with Saskatchewan;

- continued support for nearly 2,000 Ukrainians displaced by the Russian invasion, who now call Saskatchewan home;

- continued expansion of rural internet service by SaskTel;

- development of 700 more megawatts of wind and solar power generation in south-central Saskatchewan by SaskPower;

- partnering on two First Nations solar projects;

- continued planning for small modular nuclear reactors, with Estevan and Elbow identified as potential sites;

- creation of a made-in-Saskatchewan carbon offset credit program;

- partnering with the Saskatoon Tribal Council and Regina Treaty/Status Indian Services on projects to address homelessness;

- introduction of The Accessible Saskatchewan Act to identify and remove accessibility barriers for those living with a disability;

- an increase of \$7.5 million in the current year to the \$10 million Creative Saskatche-

wan Feature Film and Television Grant Program, which is already fully subscribed on 13 film and television productions;

- legislation to allow municipalities to designate areas for safe consumption of alcohol in parks; and

- exiting the retail liquor market and expanding opportunities for independent retailers.

The Throne Speech also contains a number of measures to enhance public safety and reduce crime, including:

- the creation of the Saskatchewan Marshalls Service to work with the RCMP and other police services to enhance law enforcement throughout the province;

- adding eight new officers to the Warrant Enforcement and Suppression Team in Prince Albert;

- adding a new Crime Reduction Team in North Battleford;

- continuing discussions with the Prince Albert Grand Council and the federal government about the creation of a self-administered First Nations police services; and

- continuing to crack down on the illegal use of firearms while at the same time defending the rights of lawful and law-abiding gun owners.

“In a world plunged into uncertainty, Saskatchewan is a reliable, indispensable supplier of food, fuel, and fertilizer to millions of people around the globe,” Premier Moe concluded. “My government is

charting a course that ensures our economy continues to grow and that everyone in Saskatchewan benefits from that growth. More people, more jobs, and more investment in government services. That’s growth that works for everyone.”

The throne speech received a failing grade from Saskatchewan NDP leader Carla Beck, who said the government is recycling old promises and not addressing the most pressing issues facing Saskatchewan people, such as affordability and healthcare.

Beck said the government’s recent policies, including the PST expansion and SaskPower and SaskEnergy rate hikes, are worsening the affordability crisis. She also criticized Premier Moe’s government for “playing political games” with the Drawing the Line report while families are struggling to make ends meet.

“When you produce a document that is so clearly flawed, it hinders your ability to attract investment and be a credible advocate for the people of our province,” Beck said.

“The white paper wasn’t created to get results for Saskatchewan — it was designed to distract from Scott Moe and his government’s failures. Saskatchewan has limitless potential and a great story to share. That’s the Saskatchewan story we’ll be selling to the world as Scott Moe’s out-of-touch government plays political games.”



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## The future of farming faces tough questions

When it comes to a discussion about exactly what the future of farming might look like, one thing is certain: a number of contradictory visions exist.

On one hand, there are those who look at the production of livestock as something of a bugaboo these days. In a recent news story by Sean Pratt at [www.producer.com](http://www.producer.com) Sunny Verghese, co-founder of Olam suggested the current system is destined to have dire consequences.

"We cannot continue to produce and consume foods the way we are doing now because it will destroy the planet," said

Verghese. Olam provides food, feed, and fibre to 20,900 customers in more than 60 countries. The company generated US\$33 billion in sales revenue in 2021.

Verghese said the problem is that 77 per cent of the world's agricultural land is devoted to producing livestock, which only provides 18 per cent of our calories. The article suggested food companies need to pivot to a system with less carbon intensity, adding growth of the plant-based protein industry could go a long way towards achieving that goal.

North America is the hotbed of the plant-based



CALVIN DANIELS

protein sector, yet it still comprises less than 0.5 per cent of all protein consumed in that market. In Europe it is only about 0.2 per cent. Verghese said the industry has not yet figured out how to make plant-based protein palatable.

"Food is all about taste, taste, taste. Everything

else comes secondary," he said.

That is an interesting take, given, for example, how many legumes are consumed in countries such as India.

In North America in particular, meat is deeply connected to our way of life. Fast food restaurants have become mega successful, many by selling hamburgers and others chicken.

A good weekend includes a backyard steak barbecue.

A baseball game is not complete as a fan without a hotdog.

We are a society of meat eaters, and frankly I suspect most do not rate less-

ening meat consumption as one of the key changes needed in the world right now.

But what if farmers were to move to more grain production?

Well, in Canada there is already concern regarding the impact of federal government carbon reduction initiatives, which could cost producers millions in added grain drying costs.

The chief executive officer of the Agri-Food Innovation Council recently said the technology to replace fossil fuels with alternative sources isn't yet scalable.

In another [www.producer.com](http://www.producer.com) article, Serge

Buy told the standing committee on agriculture that examples of farmers using biomass to dry grain are just that. He suggested only larger farms, with bigger, healthier budgets, are likely to be able to afford new technology in the short term.

It's a conundrum for government, as they feel the need to push carbon reduction, but must also understand the needs of food producers too.

How do you create a farm future with more grain produced, without crushing producers with carbon taxes?

That is a debate which will not easily find an equitable answer.

## Crop Report: Oct. 11 to 17

Harvest is virtually complete across Saskatchewan as dry weather through much of September and October allowed producers to effectively harvest their crops without major weather delays.

Harvest started early for many producers in the southwest and west-central regions after another dry growing season. Late seeding dates and weekly precipitation during the flowering and seed filling stages delayed harvest in the eastern and northern parts of the province until the latter half of August but resulted in higher yield potential. However, the weather remained dry, and producers were able to gain momentum with their harvest and get all their crop in without any major issues.

Now that harvest is complete in all regions of the province, producers would like to see some steady precipitation before the ground freezes and winter arrives.

Crop yields vary throughout the province, depending heavily on the amount of moisture received throughout the season. Yields in the southwest and west-central regions are once again below average, with some producers reporting slightly improved yields compared to last year. Yields in the eastern and northern regions were much improved and many producers are reporting yields higher than average. The largest impacts on yields this year were drought, gophers, grasshoppers, wind

and drowned out crops in the spring.

Average yields are being estimated as 44 bushels per acre for hard red spring wheat, 31 bushels per acre for durum, 93 bushels per acre for oats, 64 bushels per acre for barley, 36 bushels per acre for canola, 34 bushels per acre for peas and 1,165 pounds per acre for lentils.

Quality ratings for all crops are largely in the top two grade categories for each respective crop. The largest contributors to downgrading were light kernel weights due to drought, insect damage, grain bleaching or discolouring from rain, and an increase in diseases such as ergot in cereal crops such as spring wheat and durum.

Moisture conditions are a concern for

some producers, especially those who have struggled through the season with infrequent and minimal rainfalls. Even the regions that started the year with a surplus of moisture are now becoming very dry and producers are hoping for rain soon.

Significant precipitation will be needed this fall and over winter to replenish moisture levels in the soil and dugouts. Heading into winter, topsoil moisture on cropland is rated as 22 per cent adequate, 35 per cent short and 43 per cent very short. Hay and pasture land topsoil moisture is rated as 16 per cent adequate, 37 per cent short and 47 per cent very short.

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# Crop Report: Oct. 11 to 17 *Halloween brings tricks and treats to Spiritwood*

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Hay yields greatly improved across much of the province as higher amounts of precipitation allowed for early growth and rapid regrowth throughout the growing season. Hay land in the southwest and west-central struggled once again through drought-like conditions which resulted in less-than-optimal hay yields. Provincially, average hay yields on dry land are reported as 1.4 tons per acre (alfalfa), 1.4 tons per acre (alfalfa/brome and wild hay), 1.10 tons per acre (other tame hay) and 2 tons per acre (greenfeed). On irrigated land, the estimated average hay yields are 2 tons per acre (alfalfa), 2.3 tons per acre (alfalfa/brome),

1.5 tons per acre (wild hay) and 3 tons per acre (greenfeed). Most of the hay going into winter is rated as fair to excellent, with only one per cent rated as poor.

Due to improved hay yields, winter feed supplies for livestock such as cattle have also improved. Producers in the northern and eastern regions have indicated they will have surplus or adequate inventories of hay, straw, green feed and feed grain. Producers in the southwest and west-central report they did not have the ability to replenish their feed stocks completely and are sourcing their feed from other parts of the province, with some purchasing hay from Alberta or Manitoba. For some producers, their feed inventory is too depleted and feed too costly to purchase, leading them to reduce their herd size to fit the feed they have available.

Water hauling was once again common for many areas of the province as dugouts, sloughs and other water bodies dried up and become unsafe for livestock. Producers constantly tested water quality and were forced to move cattle off pastures that had unsafe water, putting increased pres-

sure on already struggling grasslands. More rain and an above average snowfall this winter is needed to ensure that water quantity and quality is not an issue next year.

Without large amounts of rain in the latter half of August and through September, many soils in the province were too dry for proper germination of winter cereals and producers elected to not risk seeding winter wheat and fall rye. Across the province seeded acres of winter wheat fell an estimated 23 per cent while fall rye acres fell 17 per cent. Producers who did seed winter cereals have reported that the crop did not germinate well or at all.

Now that harvest is complete, farmers will be able to complete fall work such as fixing fences, moving cattle, hauling grain and bales, picking rocks and other miscellaneous field work. Farmers will continue to do their field work until the ground freezes or a big snowfall occurs.

This is the final Crop Report of the 2022 growing season.

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

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

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9:30 a.m.  
Sun., 10:30 a.m. - Worship  
Pastor David Bodvarson  
306-747-7235  
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Summer: 10 a.m. - Worship  
Pastor Bob Wrench  
306-468-2138

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Sunday 11 a.m.  
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Sunday worship  
11:00 a.m.  
Rev. Katherine Bretzlaff

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Leask - All Saint's  
Sunday Service - 9 a.m.  
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306-460-7696  
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month

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109 Railway Ave. W.  
Blaine Lake  
306-497-3316  
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.  
Worship

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

The streets of the Town of Spiritwood were busy on Monday afternoon and evening, as trick or treaters went door knocking in search of candy.

Although the wind made the journey around town a bit cool at times, conditions were otherwise perfect for kids to make the rounds with family and friends, while dressed in all sorts of colourful and creative costumes. There were witches, firefighters, Disney princesses and characters, ghosts, animals, celebrities, Marvel Characters, policemen, clowns, fairies, and more.

Some trick or treaters got an early start by beginning at 3 p.m. Between 3:30 to 5 p.m., Spiritwood's Main Street was filled with a bunch of kids and adults, individually or in groups, who stopped by the businesses in the area before they closed their doors for the day.

Tanis Franson from Hujber's Market on Main said that the business started to hand out candy to trick or treaters at around 3 p.m. and had somewhere between 150 and 200 stop in for a treat. Some local businesses even decided to get dressed up while they handed out

treats, like Don Tipton from the Spiritwood Confectionery who was wearing a pirate get-up.

Around 7 p.m., traffic on the streets started to thin out, as some houses ran out of treats to give to the kids.

Still, it was another spooktacular Halloween for local children, who got to go home with their bags filled with goodies.



**Don Tipton and the staff at Spiritwood Confectionery got in on the Halloween spirit.**



**Trick-or-treaters were out in large numbers in Spiritwood this year.**

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

**PARTNERS IN FAITH**

Lutheran/United/  
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Rev. Kun Kim  
Rev. Don Skinner

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Leoville - 9:30 a.m.  
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SATURDAY  
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Pastor Rick Martin

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Glenbush  
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**BETHEL**

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Worship  
Pastor David Jensen  
3rd Sunday - 10 am  
Worship  
Pastor David Jensen

**MENNONITE BRETHREN**

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Worship Services  
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# Sask. ending era of public liquor stores

The Government of Saskatchewan says it will complete the transition of liquor retailing to the private sector in 2023 by selling off the 34 public liquor stores still operated by the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority (SLGA).

Premier Moe made the announcement about his government's plans before the delivery of the speech from the throne last Wednesday, saying the stores are no longer part of the government's "core business."

"We've had private liquor stores across this

province for years. All of our cannabis stores are private stores here in the province and they do quite well," he said. "We want to focus our efforts as a government on what people view as the core businesses of government. That's offering healthcare services, building healthcare facilities, education, and highways."

In a press release accompanying the announcement, the government outlined the economic case for getting out of the business of selling liquor to free up financial resources

for other priorities.

While profits were \$9.4 million in 2018-2019, they dropped to \$3.2 million for 2021-2022 and are projected to drop to \$395,000 for 2022-2023. Additionally, in order to remain profitable, many of the stores need to be relocated or physically adapted to better meet customer needs, at a significant cost to taxpayers with no guarantee of recouping those costs.

While it's exiting the retail side of the liquor business, and expecting to sell off its 34 liquor permits

by March 31, 2023, the government will continue with the wholesale side of the liquor business. It will also continue to operate as the regulator of liquor, gaming, and cannabis in the province.

In the meantime, the SLGA says it will negotiate a workforce adjustment plan with SGEU for the more than 350 employees who will be affected by the closures. Employees will be eligible for severance and other transitional supports (depending on position, years of service, etc).

Nathaniel Teed, SLGA critic for the Saskatchewan NDP, said cutting these jobs amid an affordability crisis, is the wrong approach.

"These are stores that are paying living wages, so we do not support the shutdown of these stores," Teed said. "It's difficult to find work in this province right now and people are

struggling to pay their bills. And so, in the face of this affordability crisis, I think this government is hugely out of touch."

When asked how he plans to address concerns from workers at the public stores, Premier Moe said they will have an opportunity to bid on the retail liquor store permits and own a store, or work under new management.

Fielding further questions about the impacted workers, Lori Carr, Minister Responsible for SLGA, said they should have no trouble finding new employment because the province's economy is strong.

Going forward, the government says it will provide more details about the process to auction off the stores later this year.

The province began allowing privately run liquor stores to operate in the province in 2015. At the

time, the decision drew ire.

While Carr says divesting in retail should offset costs because buildings will be sold, the SGEU has argued previously that privatization doesn't save Saskatchewan money in the long-run and will cost more. In a 2020 news release, the SGEU said the government lost \$8 million from 2013-14 to 2014-15 when it allowed private stores to enter the market.

In another liquor-related announcement, the government is also bringing back an idea pitched late last spring that would allow municipalities to designate areas "for safe consumption of alcohol in parks."

The government introduced amended legislation in May, but it needed unanimous approval in the assembly, which was not granted by the Opposition.

## Recession for who? Not government employees

By Franco Terrazzano  
CTF Director

Different people experience things differently.

The pandemic exposed a specific divide. Private-sector workers missed paycheques. Small business owners worried their savings wouldn't keep the lights on.

Meanwhile, federal bureaucrats didn't even miss a bonus.

Now private-sector workers and small business owners are bracing for a looming recession.

How are government union bosses responding?

"[The Public Service Alliance of Canada] has asked for average increases, including pay and other provisions, of up to 14 per cent annually over three years across their bargaining groups," according to the Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat.

PSAC says the union may "have no other choice but to withdraw our services and take our members out on strike." And PSAC isn't alone. Almost 97 per cent of Canadian Union of Public Employees' Ontario education members voted in favour of a strike.

Those demands mean higher taxes.

The federal government spends about \$60 billion on labour annually, according to public accounts. Giving the bureaucracy another 14 per cent would cost taxpayers \$8 billion a year. How would the federal government pay for that? It could hike the GST by nearly a full percentage point. Or hike its lowest income tax rate by 1.75 points.

Bureaucrats didn't financially suffer during the pandemic. They benefited. Now they want more. And if taxpayers don't pony up, bureaucrats won't show up for work.

Here's a reminder of how bureaucrats got through lockdowns.

In 2020, PSAC negotiated pay raises "as private sector layoffs reach all-time highs," according to the National Post. In fact, the feds gave 312,825 employees a pay raise during the pandemic. The number of bureaucrats with six-figure salaries went up by 45,000. No federal bureaucrat took a pay cut, according to research from Secondstreet.org.

The federal government also dished out \$360 million in bonuses in 2020 and 2021. Almost 90 per cent of government execu-

tives received a bonus last year. All while departments failed to meet half of their own objectives.

The Bank of Canada failed to keep inflation low and still handed out \$45 million in bonuses and pay raises.

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has "one goal: housing affordability for all." Canadians couldn't afford homes in 2020 and 2021. But the CMHC still gave its employees nearly \$60 million in bonuses and pay raises.

Destination Canada is a Crown corporation dedicated to promoting Canadian tourism. It gave employees bonuses and raises even though tourists weren't allowed to come to Canada.

The CBC handed out \$51 million in bonuses and pay raises in 2020 and 2021.

A recent report from the Fraser Institute also highlights the tale of two pandemics.

Government jobs account for 87 per cent of the new jobs created since the beginning of the pandemic. "There has been almost no net job creation in the private sector," according to the report.

But even this downplays the difference in fortunes during the depths of the pandemic.

Last December, Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland said Canada "recovered 106 per cent of the jobs lost at the peak of the pandemic."

But even by the end of last December, only the government felt the recovery. There were still 80,100 fewer jobs in the private sector, while the number of jobs in government rose by 312,700. Of those new government jobs, 114,500 were "public administration" bureaucrats.

Now a recession looms. Union bosses are demanding a 14-per-cent raise. And unemployment could rise by five per cent.

Politicians determining the government's negotiating position should consider the situation carefully.

People who have never missed a paycheque are asking for a raise. People who have suffered financially would have to pay the bill. It would be a challenge to reconcile those different experiences.

Here's another way different people experience things differently. Union bosses don't face tough questions on doorsteps during elections. Politicians do.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**LEASK:** Wapiti Library & Legacy Gallery Hours - Tuesday 10:30 am - 4:30 pm; Wednesday 3 pm - 7pm; Friday 10:30 am - 4:30 pm

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

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

**LEOVILLE:** St. Therese Parish, Leoville - FALL SUPPER. Sunday, November 6, Leoville Community Hall, 5 - 6:30 pm. Adults \$15; 6-13 Yrs. \$7; Preschool Free. Raffle and Bingo to Follow Supper.

**SHELLBROOK:** Remembrance Day Service - Friday, November 11. This year's service will be held outside at the Shellbrook Cenotaph Park @ 10:45 a.m.

**CANWOOD:** Canwood & District Bus Assoc. Annual Craft & Home-Based Business Sale - Saturday, November 5, Canwood Elks Community Centre, 10am - 3pm. Come & do your Christmas shopping from the wide variety of crafts, etc. Lunch Served \* Free Admission. For more info call Margie ~ 306-468-7021 or Barb ~ 306-468-7711

**SPIRITWOOD:** Spiritwood Lions Craft Sale - Saturday, November 26, 10am to 4pm @ Spiritwood Civic Centre.. 50 tables for your shopping delights! Lunch counter available. For booking information contact: Marlene Walter 306-883-8610 or Brooklyn Orange 306-883-9494. Come start your Christmas shopping! Proud to support our local community.

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# Black blizzards and bankruptcy — The 1930s, Part 2

**By Norma Galambos**  
**A Decade of Drought**

Rising equipment costs, crops lost to insect infestations, early frosts, and hailstorms in the 1920s meant American and Canadian farmers were already struggling. A drought that lasted almost a decade started in 1930. It wasn't something anyone saw coming, and there was no way to discern how long it would last.

The scorched central plains of Canada and the United States became known as the dust bowl. The summer of 1936 was the hottest on record in the US, with temperatures reaching 43 degrees Celsius. The blistering heat and lack of moisture led to thistles, gophers, and grasshoppers plaguing these areas. The air was thick with swarms of grasshoppers who even ate the clothing drying on the line.

Farmers had little to no crops (some got 2.5 bushels of wheat per acre), no gardens and no water in their wells. Livestock had to be sold off at bargain basement prices. Anything saved or stockpiled was gone.

They couldn't sell their land. There was no one to sell it to; who would buy a plot of dust? The 1930s and after WWII

were times when many people stopped farming. In the thirties, they had no choice, and after the war, many moved to the city in search of less risky and backbreaking opportunities. Farmyards stood abandoned across the plains, bleak reminders of the years of exodus from rural areas.

The term Dirty Thirties was coined because everything was covered in dust. When a dust storm (black blizzard) blew in, the wind picked up the soil, spreading it for miles. One massive storm in the US had a dust cloud two miles high, and it travelled for 2,000 miles.

Lives were lost, and those who survived recounted the terror of darkness in the middle of the day, barely being able to breathe and unable to see their hand in front of their face. Just like they did during winter snowstorms, a rope was tied from the house to the barn so they could find their way back. After a dust storm, trying to clean the house with a broom was at times futile, so a shovel was used to remove the dirt. The landscape was rearranged with dunes of sand covering yards, gardens and fields.

My mother-in-law remem-

bers her mom taking her and her little brother up on a hill during a prairie fire with wet towels to cover their mouths to protect them against the smoke. Luckily the fire veered off and missed their home. Fires occurred as there were dry trees, underbrush and grass in abundance. These were the perfect conditions for a fire to sweep through, assisted by the winds.

A lightning strike or an abandoned campfire quickly set off a wildfire. The only way to try and hold back these rapidly moving fires was with buckets if there was a water source, blankets to beat down the flames, pickaxes and shovels. All many could do was go down into the dirt floor root cellar under the house, lay in a ditch or wade into a slough until the fire passed over. Inevitably lives and property were lost.

This time was a lesson in the need to take care of the fragile topsoil. Farmers didn't use practices that helped minimize erosion. There wasn't chemical spray to control weeds; they were ploughing them under. At one time, producers took pride in having the blackest summer fallow; today, that is

a weed control practice mainly used by organic farmers who don't use chemicals. Zero tillage eventually became the preferred practice where the soil is held in place by leaving the previous year's plant roots in the ground and planting the new crop in the stubble.

## The Fallout

Tens of thousands of immigrants who had travelled to Canada and the US found themselves in dire straits. They had come to find a better life, never imagining that drought and financial ruin were just around the corner.

Population growth in the 1930s was the lowest since the 1880s. Immigration into Canada slowed; in 1929, 169,000 immigrants had entered the country; by 1935, that number was only 12,000.

It wasn't that different than it is now; the problems facing citizens were laid at the feet of political leaders. William McKenzie and R. B. Bennett served as Canadian prime ministers, and Herbert Hoover and Franklin Roosevelt were US presidents during this decade.

In Canada, a Bennett buggy referred to someone pulling their car with a horse because

they couldn't afford gasoline. President Hoover was popular with the people, but as conditions worsened in the early 1930s, he, too, received much criticism. Someone sleeping outside covered with newspaper for warmth was referred to as having a Hoover or Bennett blanket, or an individual with empty pockets turned inside out had Hoover flags. People who lost their homes often ended up in shanty towns known as Hoovervilles.

## A Resourceful Generation

There's always a way to make a buck if you're willing to look for opportunities. People rented out rooms, took in sewing and laundry, did cleaning, provided childcare and sold produce, fish, game meat and fruit for income. Kids sold newspapers, cut grass, shovelled snow and shined shoes.

Not everyone was broke. Some sectors continued to grow—actors in motion pictures with sound, musicians, board game makers, sports figures, and savvy investors made money during the depression.

*Norma Galambos is a blogger, podcast host and freelance writer from Leask, Saskatchewan.*

## Minutes of Spiritwood Town Council meetings

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

The regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Spiritwood was held in the Council Chambers at the Spiritwood Town Office, 212 Main Street, on Sept. 27, 2022, at 7 p.m.

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

A quorum being present, Mayor Gary von Holwede called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

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

Latus: That the minutes of the Sept. 13, 2022, council meeting be adopted as presented with the noted change of spelling of Councillor Latus' surname on attendance be corrected. Carried

Wingerter: That the correspondence be filed as presented. Carried

Bedi: That we approve the Accounts for Ratification, Payments #1006-1015 in the amount of \$7,534.28. Carried

Nemish: That we approve the following accounts for payment, Cheque No. 32246-32253 in the amount of \$15,113.89. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve

the following accounts for payments #1016-1021, Cheque No. 32254 - 32255 in the amount of \$2,195.92. Carried

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

Wingerter: That we extend the approval of Development Permit #D8-2022 & Building Permit #05-2022SW to construct a garage at 405 Second Avenue East with the condition that it must be completed by July 1, 2023. Carried

Wingerter: That a revised quote be obtained to remove selected trees surrounding the civic center. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve Lottery License #2022-004 for the Cross Country Quilters for a Local Authority Raffle under \$2,500. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve the development permit for SE 02-51-11 W3rd pending the approval of compliance to the Town of Spiritwood Zoning Bylaw and the building permit pending authorization from the Building Inspector. Carried

Wingerter: That Bylaw No. 544/22, a bylaw respecting buildings be read a first time. Carried

Latus: That we offer Re/Max North Country the price of \$190,000 to purchase the property of 119 Memorial Drive, Lot 31, Block 25 76B10934 for a Phy-

cian Residence, with the condition of approval on Oct. 11, 2022, from the public notice to borrow money for the purchase, condition of funding approval of Oct. 31, 2022, and a possession date of Dec. 1, 2022. Carried

Council: That this meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m. and that the next meeting of Spiritwood Town Council be held at 7 p.m. on Oct. 11, 2022.

### Oct. 11

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A quorum being present, Mayor Gary von Holwede called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

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

Bedi: That the minutes of the Sept. 27, 2022, council meeting be adopted as presented. Carried

Wingerter: That the minutes of the Sept. 30, 2022, special meeting be adopted as presented. Carried

Bedi: That the correspondence

be filed as presented: Saskatchewan Public Safety - Radio Rate Increase. Carried

Bedi: That we approve the Accounts for Ratification, Payments #1022-1043 & Cheque No. 32257-32261 in the amount of \$61,858.76. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve the following accounts for payment, Cheque No. 32262-32286 & Payments #1044-1054 in the amount of \$67,293.84. Carried

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

Wingerter: That we enter into an agreement with SARCAN Recycling to provide a Glass Recycling Program in Spiritwood, effective Nov. 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023, at a cost of \$.1597 per pound of glass accepted and recycled and a freight rate for glass shipped from Spiritwood of \$.0369 per pound and furthermore the cost will be shared with the RM of Spiritwood. Carried

Latus: That we approve the removal of 6 trees at the Civic Center by TC Tomanek at the attached quoted price. Carried

Andres: That application be made to the Local Government Committee requesting permission to borrow by way of long term loan up to the sum of ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY dollars (\$160,560.00) in the year

2022 repayable over a period of fifteen (15) years for the purpose of financing the Physician Housing; AND THAT, if by way of long term loan that the said debt shall be payable in monthly installments of principal and interest in the years 2022-2037 inclusive, with interest at an estimated fixed rate of 5.52%. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve the request for the outdoor rink to be placed at the same location for the winter of 2022/23. Carried

Wingerter: That we accept Tender Bid #1 from Mike Sarrazin of \$4,501.00 for sale of the Tourist Booth in "as is" condition. Carried

Bedi: That Bylaw No. 542/22 - a bylaw respecting buildings be read a second time. Carried

Latus: That Bylaw No. 542/22 - a bylaw respecting buildings be read a third time and finally adopted. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve the renewal of our water treatment plant Equipment Extended Service and Support (ESS) agreement for 2022-23 & 2023-24 with DelcoWater in the amount of \$53,699.88 plus taxes. Carried

Andres: That this meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m. and that the next meeting of Spiritwood Town Council be held at 7:00 pm on Oct. 25, 2022. Carried

## Kane's days in Chicago are numbered

The Chicago Blackhawks will retire Patrick Kane's jersey one day, but because professional hockey is a business, he'll almost certainly be traded away from the Windy City first.

Kane remains a superior offensive talent at age 33. The combination of his contract expiring after this season and the Blackhawks in the midst of a full rebuild just about guarantees the Hawks' brain-trust will try to acquire some younger talent or some draft picks in exchange for Kane prior to this season's trading deadline.

Chicago started its firesale in the recent offseason, unloading high-scoring Alex DeBrincat and former first-round pick Kirby Dach, and letting Dominik Kubalik and Dylan Strome leave as free agents. The carrot, of course, is 17-year-old superstar-to-be Connor Bedard of the Regina Pats, eligible for next summer's draft. The Hawks hope they can maximize their chances

of getting the first overall pick by being as bad as possible this season. With Bedard in the lineup, along with talent and draft picks acquired in various trades, Chicago's return to respectability could happen quite quickly.

So is Kane a goner for sure? Without a doubt. The Hawks are not going to let Kane play out his contract in what will be a dismal season, and then let him walk away as a free agent next summer. They'll wait until February or early March for the phone to ring from teams with Stanley Cup dreams offering untold riches in exchange for 25 or 30 games — plus a long playoff run — from Kane.

The Buffalo native is generally regarded as one of the top two or three American-born hockey players of all time (Mike Modano, Pat Lafontaine, Auston Matthews, and Brian Leetch are in the conversation). He was part of three Stanley Cup-winning teams in Chicago, and won a scor-



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ing championship, an MVP trophy, and a Conn Smythe (playoff MVP) award in his illustrious career after being the No. 1 overall draft pick in 2007. He owes Chicago nothing, but the Hawks owe it to him to send him to a team with a chance for another Cup, while bolstering their own future at the same time.

The Hockey News suggested four potential landing sites for Kane, including his home town of Buffalo, the resurgent Detroit Red Wings, the defending champion Colorado Avalanche and, of course, the Toronto Maple Leafs, who would love to shake that "no

Cup since 1967" label from the front of their sweaters. Other sources suggest the New York Rangers, already a Cup contender, might be a perfect fit for Kane.

Wherever he goes, it will be anything but an acrimonious departure from Chicago. The trade announcement will feature smiles all around, from Kane, the Hawks and the receiving team. Besides the big smile on their faces, the Hawks' management will have their fingers crossed that the strategy of being Bad for Bedard pays off.

Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "BetMGM announced that it is now an official sports betting partner of the Cincinnati Reds, including a sportsbook at Great American Ballpark. 'Say what?' said Pete Rose, dropping his tout sheet.

An anonymous 'commentator' in a New Yorker story about the LIV golf tour: "LIV needs a public investment fund to sportwash its association with Patrick Reed."

Comedy guy Steve

Burgess of Vancouver: "Sports betting is getting so sophisticated that even during the game you can bet on how big a lead the Canucks will blow."

Greg Cote of the Miami Herald: "LeBron James' son Bronny is one of five amateurs to be given Nike NIL deals. Bronny said thanks but couldn't be understood because of the silver spoon in his mouth."

Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "NASCAR has suspended Bubba Wallace for a retaliatory move in which he intentionally rammed and wrecked Kyle Larson's car during last week's race at Vegas. In related news, Dale Earnhardt Sr. just rolled over in his grave."

RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "According to a British study, crossing one's fingers can reduce feelings of pain. Finally, some good news for Houston Texans fans."

Dwight Perry again: "The second-year Seattle Kraken have released a 'reverse retro' jersey for

those feeling a nostalgic twinge for, say, mid-2021."

Packers lineman Jon Runyan Jr., to ESPN, after getting a letter saying he had been fined \$5,215 for leg-whipping an opponent — from his father Jon Sr., NFL vice president of football operations: "I thought since I left for college, I wouldn't have to deal with him punishing me anymore, but I was wrong about that."

Dan Daly of DalyOnSports.com: "Too many NFL games this season feel like Week 4 in 1987, when the Real Players were on strike and your gym teacher was playing linebacker."

Steve Simmons of SunMedia: "Watching Josh Allen play quarterback against Patrick Mahomes is a little like having Elvis Presley open a concert for Frank Sinatra. You don't know what you're going to see or hear — you just know it's going to be spectacular."

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## Silvertips lose opener, Elks climb standings

Shellbrook's hockey season is officially in full swing, as the Shellbrook Silvertips kicked off their 2022-2023 regular season in the Twin Rivers Hockey League.

The Silvertips begin their campaign in the league's East Division with a bit of a new look, as veterans Dylan Smith, Brendon Canaday, Justin Kerr, Daryl Blais, and Jory Segberg are not in the line-up.

Also absent from the roster are last season's standouts Gage Helm and Austin Lamotte, meaning the Silvertips are without their top four scorers from the 2021-2022 hockey season (Smith and Helm finished first and third, respectively, on the league's scoring charts).

This forced the remaining veterans and the wave of fresh talent to step up their game, as the team travelled to Waldheim to take on the Waldheim Warriors in the team's season opener on Saturday evening.

The Tips mostly did this, but ultimately finished on the wrong side of a 7-5 defeat.

**Tips (5) @ Warriors (7)**

An early hooking penalty proved costly for the Silvertips in Saturday night's road opener, allowing the Warriors' TJ Hiebert to find the back of the net on assists from Kyle Schmidt and Kendrew Friesen.

As both teams settled into the rhythm of the game, eight minutes passed before the Warriors struck again, with Friesen scoring on assists from Kelly Friesen and Tanner Baht.

This kicked off a flurry of goals over the next four minutes, as Tips forward Dallas Galloway made it 2-1 with an assist from Sam Miller, and Hiebert scored his second of the night on helpers from Nolan Enns and Tysen Smith.

Finally, Devin Dicus tallied in his return to the Tips, scoring with assists from Nathaniel Martin and Shayden Smith to put his team at a 3-2 deficit to end the period.

Both teams picked up where they left off in the first frame, with the Warriors scoring just 13 seconds into the second period. Nate Daku scored the goal, on assists from Tysen

Smith and Enns. The Tips fired back just a few minutes later with a goal from Martin, assisted by Torey Stewart, putting the score at 4-3.

After a prolonged deadlock, Hiebert netted himself a hat trick to cap off his start to the season, scoring on assists from Kendrew Friesen and Tysen Smith. Then, Kelly Friesen put the Warriors up 6-3 with a goal assisted by Kendrew Friesen and Andrew Sorensen.

The third period saw the Warriors tally early again, with Rylan Schmidt scoring on assists from Daku and Derek Bergen.

With the game all but out of reach, Silvertips newcomer Brooks Nyberg made his mark in his debut, scoring twice in the back half of the period to cement the Tips' 7-5 loss. Martin and Dicus assisted on the first goal, while Kaleb Wiloughby and Dorin Canaday earned helpers on the second.

The Silvertips' next road game is set for Saturday, Nov. 5, against the Hanley Huskies.

**Elks (6) @ Broncos (3)**

Continuing their own 2022-

2023 regular season campaign, the Parkland U18 AA Elks travelled to Humboldt on Oct. 26 for a showdown against the winless Humboldt Broncos, and kicked things off with perhaps their strongest start of the season.

Kaiden Couture got the scoring started early for the Elks, taking assists from Luke Evans and Bronson Parker. After a brief lull, Luke Evans tacked on two goals to put the Elks up 3-0. Couture earned assists on both goals, while Ashton Harris assisted on the first and Chase Hansen assisted on the second.

The Broncos stampeded right back into the game, however, as Landin Frank tallied twice in 59 seconds to close the gap to 3-2. Wyatt Flory and Blaise Athmer assisted on the first goal, and Dylon Clark and Ian Haeusler earned helpers on the second.

In an equally exciting second period, Brody Anderson became a one-man scoring machine for the Elks, finding the back of the goal three times in 10 minutes to earn himself a

hat trick. While the first goal was unassisted, Brendan Aug earned a helper on the second, and Tavis Galloway and Parker earned assists on the third.

The action settled down in the final period, with the only goal coming from the Broncos' Brandon Prevost. Luke Puetz and Gavin Lefebvre assisted on the goal.

With the victory, the Elks now sit at 3-4 on the season and have already surpassed their win total from the 2021-2022 regular season. The team will be busy in Saskatoon this weekend, facing the Saskatoon Screaming Eagles on Friday night, and the Saskatoon Icehawks on Sunday.

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## OBITUARIES

*Fay Edith Anderson (née Kingsland)*

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Fay passed away peacefully Thursday, October 20th, 2022, in the Whispering Pines Nursing Home in Canwood, SK.

Born December 11th, 1939, in Canwood, Saskatchewan to Emma and Fred Kingsland. Fay's family lived near Shell Lake then moved to Boro Green where she attended school with her sister Marlyn & brothers Colin and David. Youngest brother Sidney, too young to attend before the school was closed.

Fay married Alf Anderson, son of Andrew and Siri Anderson of Marchant Grove November 1,

1958, in a double ceremony with sister Marlyn (Frank Howat). Alf farmed with his father Andrew and owned land with his brother Hans at Three Creeks where he built their first family home.

Fay and Alf had 3 sons born in Shellbrook, SK while living on the farm: Stuart 1959, Ivan 1960, Michael 1962. In 1963 they moved to Hay River, NT for work and welcomed daughter Gayle in 1964. They later moved to High Level, AB where their youngest son Robert was born in 1968 in Ft. Vermillion.

Alf moved Fay and children several more times over the next 10 years wherever work would take him including Ft. Providence, NT, Burnaby, BC, Enterprise, NT and finally again to Hay River in 1974.

Fay went to work for HH. Williams Memorial Hospital as a dietary aid to help settle the family for the next 20 years. Fay and Alf then moved to Fairview, AB in 1995, and finally to Canwood after Alf suffered a severe stroke. Fay would care for

Alf until his passing in 2003.

In March 2010, Fay was diagnosed with cancer and received chemotherapy that further compromised her health. Fay suffered respiratory illness until her death.

Fay was a proud mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, niece, aunt, and cousin. She loved and was loved by all who knew her. Fay was pre-deceased by her husband Alf, mother Emma, father Fred, sister Marlyn, brother Sidney and grand daughter Catherine.

Fay had a creative nature, she loved gardening, and enjoyed spending time with family. She was selfless and caring and always put others needs above her own.

She will be dearly missed; her struggle has ended as she has reunited with her beloved Alf.

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

*Alexander Frank Beebe*

Alexander Frank Beebe, age 73, passed away on October 14, 2022.

Funeral services were held on Friday October 21, 2022, at Leoville Community Hall with Dolores Beaulac officiating. Interment followed the funeral service at Timberland Cemetery.

Alex was born in Leoville to Frank and Elizabeth Beebe on September 8, 1949. He married Bev Hildebrand on September 29, 1972, in Saskatoon. He lived on a farm in Ca-

pasin, enjoying working with the cows and horses all his life. He worked part time in the bush and later had a passion for woodworking - creating keepsakes for friends and family. His love for horses led him and his wife on many trail rides with many friends. Nothing brought more joy to Alex than a house full of family, enjoying each other's company and having a good game of cards.

Alex is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Elizabeth Beebe, siblings, Russell (in infancy), Richard, Joan Heppner, Joyce Beebe, Ellen Doetzel and Marion Grassick, granddaughter Abrielle Wunsch and parents-in-law, Pete and Agatha Hildebrand.

Alex is survived by his loving wife Bev Beebe, children: Russel Beebe (Jody Salahub), Lloyd (Jean) Beebe, Jessie

(Dave) Wunsch, siblings: Shirley Hodgson, Darlene (Roger) Bruneau, Tom (Barb) Beebe, Phyllis (Lloyd) Gwilliam, and Harry (Shirley) Beebe. Grandchildren: Aleksandra (Ali) Beebe, Amelia Beebe, Isaac Wunsch, Kade Beebe, Presley Beebe, Owen Kroeger, Jordon Salahub.

Memorial donations may be given to STARS ambulance.

The family of Alex wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Dr. Ryan and nursing staff at Shellbrook Hospital, and the Home Care workers.

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 and Crematorium, R. Mark Muir Funeral Director, Spiritwood, SK (306) 883-3500.

## GOOD NEWS



## THINGS I LEARNED FROM HOCKEY

I got a late start playing hockey. I don't think I would ever have played if it weren't for Dr. Steven King. He encouraged my mom to let me play. I guess starting in Pee Wee or what is now called 13 and under is better than not starting at all. The team I was on was called the Hay River Polar Bears. What a time to play. We got to go to a big tournament in Quebec City. We drove to Edmonton and took the train to Eastern Canada. That was some ride. We ended up in the nation's capital and even got into the Prime Minister's office to have a private audience. Fifty years later, I still have that autograph.

In February 1972, the Edmonton Journal noted the Hay River Polar Bears Pee Wee hockey team had been on the road for some 17 days. The hockey club had travelled through five provinces by car, bus, train, and plane.

At the time, the home of the Hay River Polar Bears was a town of 2,400 located some 80 miles inside the borders of the N.W.T.

As a team we didn't place too bad. We got third in our division in an international Pee Wee hockey tournament. We had the experience of a lifetime. The hockey tournament even coincided with the Quebec Winter Carnival, which was amazing.

It seems that Hay River didn't have too much preparation for this trip. Things just came together. I understand that some of the women of the town made the team parkas. Quoting coach Brian Fleming, he said, "We were the best dressed team there."

One has to appreciate the Town of Hay Riv-

er that lent the team some \$7,000, which was to be paid back through fundraising when we returned. We likely spent more and had to fundraise to cover it.

What did I learn from hockey? Well, I learned how to take defeat gracefully. I also learned that one can improve one's skill if one doesn't give up. By the time I got on the Hay River Bantam hockey team, I made second line and didn't have to ride the pine as much. I learned to respect authority, and I always had great coaches and managers. I learned how to get along and work with others.

I saw a couple of pro hockey players up close. One was Bobby Orr, who actually showed up in our gym class in Hay River, N.W.T. I always felt Orr was a classy player.

The other player I saw twice in Saskatchewan was Paul Henderson. He was at a breakfast meeting speaking about scoring the winning goal against the Soviet Union. Incidentally, that was 50 years ago. But who could forget that goal?

I have always felt that the best lessons in life are learned by experience. I'm glad I learned some lessons from hockey.

Here are some basic rules that are taught in hockey. Rule one: keep two hands on the stick. Rule two: keep your stick on the ice. Rule three: always keep your head up.

I've been wondering as of late if these are good rules to follow as we 'stick handle' through life.

A kid from Hay River,  
David Bodvarson, SPA

*Alfred Hoehn*

Alfred Edward Hoehn was born August 10, 1932, on his family homestead near Carlton, SK. During his childhood his family relocated in order to farm south of Shellbrook, SK.

As a young man Alfred loved being outdoors hunting and fishing, as well as spending time with family, especially his nieces and nephews. He had a deep faith in Christ and was involved in the Lutheran church, first in BRIGHTHOLME and later in Shellbrook, where his involvement included leading Luther League. Alfred took a mechanics course as a young adult and worked for a short time as a mechanic in Shellbrook. When he took over the family farm, he put his mechanic's skills to use fixing machinery and run-

ning "Al's Fix-it Shop".

Alfred was a hard worker who put his heart into caring for those around him, including looking after his aging parents. In 1979 Alfred married Lila Gedison. Together they created a happy and loving family home on the farm and raised their two children, Edward and Melissa.

Alfred continued to farm south of Shellbrook until 2014, when he moved into long term care at the Parkland Integrated Health Centre in Shellbrook. In the eight years there, Alfred became known by the staff for his mischievous sense of humour and fun-loving spirit. He enjoyed visits from his family and friends and was even known to give his granddaughters the occasional ride around the hallways on his walker.

Alfred was called home to be with the Lord on October 25, 2022. We take comfort in knowing that he is at peace and reunited with the loved ones who have gone before him, including his parents Adolf and Emilie (née Schmalz) and sisters Edith Helm and Dora Sommerfeld. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of almost

43 years, Lila Hoehn, son Edward Hoehn, and daughter Melissa Brooks (Matthew), as well as his granddaughters Grace, Sarah, and Josephine Brooks.

Alfred lived a rich life in his 90 years and left an impression on all who knew him. He was greatly loved and will be missed by many.

There was a Funeral Service for Alfred held on Saturday, October 29, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Shellbrook with Rev. Emmanuel Aristide officiating. Alfred was laid to rest in the BRIGHTHOLME Cemetery.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Alfred to either the St. John's Lutheran Church or to the Shellbrook & Districts Health Services Foundation - Long Term Care.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home & Crematorium, Tammy Smart - Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK. 306-747-2828.

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## By Patricia Hanbidge

Some years, in spite of all my good intentions winter catches me with not quite all of my chores completed. Fall planting of bulbs is a great way to ensure early colour in the garden in spring. However, if you too have been caught with some extra bulbs – do not fret – many of the hardy spring-blooming bulbs can be coaxed to bloom by a process called “forcing”. Tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, crocus, scilla and miniature iris are all easily convinced to bloom as long as a simple process is followed.

When choosing bulbs to “force” bigger is truly better. Ensure that large, healthy bulbs, free of blemishes are chosen. I prefer to use selections that will not grow very tall to ensure that little or no staking is required during growth. Use any clean container with good drainage for potting up your treasures. Allow about 5 centimeters or 2 inches of soil below the bulb. The top of the bulb should be placed approximately even with the rim of the container. Use a loose potting mix that will drain easily. (Bulbs whether inside or

out do not like “wet feet”.) Position the bulbs with the pointed end facing up. If you are planting tulips, place the flattened side of the bulb towards the outside of the pot. It is not necessary to add fertilizer as the nutrition needed for bulbs to grow typically comes from the bulb itself. Bulbs should be planted very closely together for forcing in order to give a more attractive display. Add enough soil to fill the pot, leaving the very tips of the bulbs exposed if you are planting daffodils or the smaller bulbs like iris, scilla or crocus. Plant tulips deep in the pot as they seem to push up in the pot quite strongly. Water thoroughly. Label the pot with the type of bulb planted and the planting date.

The next step in the process is to give these hardy bulbs a period of exposure to cold or stratification. This is an essential step to ensure your bulbs will bloom. A root cellar is ideal for this purpose, but any area that remains just above freezing works very well. If you do not have any area suitable for this cold period, a chilling period in the refrigerator will also work. Ensure you do not store bulbs in the crisper with fruits or vegetables, as they produce ethylene gas that will damage the immature flower buds. You'll need to maintain a temperature between 2 and 10 degrees C (35-48F) for approximately 12 to 15 weeks depending

on the type of bulb planted.

Each type of bulb will have different requirements for both the cooling period and the growing period. A good rule of thumb is that the growing period is shorter for the smaller, shorter bulbs. Crocus, hyacinth and daffodils all require about a 12 to 14-week chilling period. Tulips and miniature iris need about 15 weeks of chilling to get a good bloom. The single, early flowering, short stature tulips will show the most success.

Once removed from the cold, place your containers in a cool, sunny location away from heating vents and drafts. When the stem tips begin to colour, they should be moved out of direct light and placed wherever they are to be displayed. Prolong the bloom period by moving pots to a cool location each night, even into the refrigerator if space permits.

Best yet, when the bulbs have finished blooming, cut off the blooming stems and move the containers to an unused basement corner to let the foliage die back naturally and “feed the bulb”. These can then be planted outside to enhance your outdoor landscape next year!

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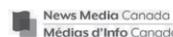
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# Minutes of an RM of Shellbrook meeting

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

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council of the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493 held on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022, in the Municipal Office Council Chambers at Shellbrook, Sask.

Present: Reeve - Doug Oleksyn, Division 1 - Cliff Skauge, Division 2 - Phil Hamel, Division 3 - Christine Strube, Division 5 - Derwin Joelson, and Administrator - Duane Storey.

Absent: Division 4 - Jay Ferster and Division 6 - Ron Herzog.

Delegations:

11:40 a.m. Foreman Bill Aug and Todd Lande update on municipal activities.

Reeve Oleksyn called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

Joelson: That the following item be added to the agenda: Peters fire. Carried

Hamel: That the Agenda be adopted as amended. Carried

Strube: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council on Aug. 3, 2022, be approved. Carried

Skauge: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of August 2022 be approved as presented. Carried

Skauge: That the bank reconciliation for the month of July 2022 be approved as presented. Carried

Strube: That the accounts payable dated Sept. 1, 2022, as attached hereto and forming part of these Minutes, being regular cheque numbers 12952 to 13011 in the amount of \$588,312.02 and payroll cheque numbers 14296 to 14321 in the amount of \$52,640.37 be

approved. Carried

Joelson: That the Administrator's Report for the month September 2022 be accepted as presented. Carried

Hamel: That the request from the Administrator to attend Munisoft training in Regina from Sept. 13 to 15, 2022, be approved. Carried

Hamel: That the request from Esther Peters to have their fire invoice dated July 20, 2022, referred to the Fire Committee for adjustment be denied. Carried

Hamel: That the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493 request that the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities lobby the Ministry of Agriculture to declare Western Goats Beard/Yellow Salsify a noxious weed. Carried

Skauge: That the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493 Recycle Project be extended through to September 2023. Carried

Skauge: That discussions in regards to the 5-Year Capital Plan be postponed to the October Regular Meeting of Council. Carried

Strube: That Bylaw 04 2019 Building Bylaw be amended in regards to farm building exemptions and brought back to Council for approval. Carried

Skauge: That the Division Boundary Policy 2022-001 be amended as follows: Add "Committee consisting of two Councillors and one member at large". Carried

Hamel: That the Division Boundary Policy 2022-001 be adopted as follows: Add "Committee consisting of two Councillors and one member at large". Carried

Skauge: That the Division Boundary Policy committee remuneration be the

same as Council remuneration. Carried

Joelson: That Deputy Reeve Joelson and Division 3 Councillor Strube have discussions with landowner in regards to purchasing gravel on 21-51-02-W3. Carried

Joelson: That the Division Boundary Policy committee consist of Division 2 Councillor Phil Hamel, Division Councillor Christine Strube and member at large Robert Ernst. Carried

Skauge: That the Calcium Chloride Policy 2019-06 be amended as follows: Add - All reimbursements must be in current year. Add - All eligible Farm sites must be adjacent to road in which the product is being applied. Carried

Strube: That discussions in regards to the municipal gravel be postponed to the October Regular Meeting of Council. Carried

Delegation Foreman Bill Aug and Todd Lande entered the Council Chambers at 11:18 a.m. to update Council on municipal operations.

Strube: That the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493 inform the Ministry of Government Relations that they will retain all road allowances and right of ways in regards to the proposed Ahtahkakoop First Nation Treaty Land Entitlement purchase. Carried

Strube: That the request for abatement from fire loss on NW-04-52-01-W3 be approved for the following amounts: Municipal Tax \$436.69, Sask. Rivers School \$112.23. Carried

Skauge: That the request to install signs on Lot J Block Plan 101440594 be denied. Carried

Deputy Reeve Derwin Joelson left the meeting at 12 p.m.

Delegation Foreman Bill Aug and Todd Lande left the meeting at 12:14

p.m.

Skauge: That in accordance with The Tax Enforcement Act section 26.2(1) that Six-Month Notice be issued to the following properties (list omitted due to length). Carried

Strube: That the Council of the RM of Shellbrook No. 493 agrees to approve the proposed Parcel C Subdivision application of SW ¼ Section 35-52-02-W3, and also agrees to use discretion to waive residential development maximum site area of 11 acres, and forward a response to the Community Planning Branch, Ministry of Government Relations as follows;

1. No: there are no land uses in the vicinity that would be incompatible with the intended use of the proposed site.
2. No: there are no facilities that could be affected by the proposed development.
3. No: there are no further requirements of the applicant. Carried

Strube: That correspondence be sent to Vantage Chartered Professional Accountants indicating the following charges be excluded from the Dec. 31, 2021, Audit Fee: Audit Adjusting entries and Consolidation \$3,955, Additional Services \$1,160. Carried

Strube: That correspondence in regards to the Viklunds' Summons be received and filed. Carried

Skauge: That the following correspondence be received and filed: SaskEnergy dated Aug. 21, 2022, APAS Update dated Aug. 25, 2022, Fire Committee dated Aug. 16, 2022, and Prairie Watershed Program dated Aug. 13, 2022. Carried

Hamel: That the meeting be adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

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