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Sask. NDP Healthcare Tour stops in Shellbrook



NDP Healthcare critics Vicki Mowat and Matt Love speak with Shellbrook healthcare workers during a stop on their provincial healthcare solutions tour.

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

NDP healthcare critics Vicki Mowat and Matt Love paid a visit to Shellbrook on March 1 to meet with local healthcare workers and listen to their concerns about the challenges Saskatchewan's healthcare system is facing.

The stop was part of a province-wide tour for the pair, who are looking to bring what they learn as they travel from community to community back to the table, to pressure the Sask. Party government to take urgent action on healthcare reform.

"The goal is to get people the care they need where and when they need it," Love said. "These are solvable problems. We've been calling on the government to

come to the table to listen to healthcare workers for years."

"Even before the pandemic, we were hearing about challenges with short staffing and the need for there to be a health human resources plan," Mowat added. "There are challenges that exist community to community, and so we're finding those threads and working to ensure that local voices are heard."

In many of the communities, the threads shared by healthcare workers, local leaders, and concerned citizens are common ones. Namely, they're worries about shortages of doctors, nurses, and other frontline healthcare workers, which have the ripple effect of creating service disruptions or closures in the healthcare system, whether it be emergency rooms, acute care beds, or diag-

nostic services.

This is a serious problem, Mowat says, because everyone in the province has an interest in access to healthcare, and healthcare is one of the key pillars that helps small urban centres like Shellbrook thrive.

"Communities become vibrant because there are strong healthcare centres in those communities," she said. "People with young families will move to communities where they have access to an emergency room, where they know if their kid develops an allergy they're going to be able to get care in a decent amount of time, where there's going to be an ambulance available."

On the human resources front, Mowat and Love believe the Sask Party government didn't do its due diligence and con-

sult with those who should have been consulted, to leverage their expertise and create a lasting, long-term solution to the problem.

In September 2022, the government introduced its Health Human Resources Action Plan, which outlines goals to recruit, train, incentivize and retain healthcare workers in the province.

As part of the plan, the province hopes to recruit 1,000 healthcare workers over the next few years. However, in an independent report released in December, the provincial auditor said this goal would leave Saskatchewan's healthcare system 1,200 workers short in the next five years (Health Minister Paul Merriman confirmed these numbers are accurate).

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For Love, this is emblematic of a government that likes to pat itself on the back for its wins, while withholding information on its losses. For instance, despite frequent announcements about healthcare hiring, the provincial auditor found Saskatchewan actually ended 2021 with 600 fewer healthcare workers than it started with.

"One of the solutions currently being employed is bringing in contract RNs, which is a temporary solve to a problem that's been brewing for years," Love said.

"All the overtime hours and all the money going into contract nursing... we're not saving any money with this system," Mowat added. "It's very short-sighted, focused on very short-term solutions, and we need to look at the long-term."

Similarly, though Shellbrook has seen success recruiting doctors through the

Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment (SIPPA) program, Mowat and Love say other communities have not been so fortunate and are struggling with access to primary care.

On this front, Mowat and Love say they've been hearing a call in a lot of the communities they've visited for an end to fee-for-service primary care.

In Saskatchewan, primary care physicians can either work on contract or function as fee-for-service doctors, which means they own their own business and have to deal with all the administration and overhead, in addition to seeing patients.

Mowat and Love say the fee-for-service model, which is currently being wound down in Shellbrook's case, creates barriers to access to the best possible care, and isn't what most doctors are looking for when they're coming out of school or

coming to the province through SIPPA.

"We're losing people from the family doctor stream. They're moving into specialist streams, or into hospitals, where they can work better hours and don't have to deal with the overhead," Mowat said.

Though they acknowledge that many of the Sask. Party government's policies for recruiting healthcare workers and reducing the strain on the healthcare system are good on the surface, Mowat and Love say it's not enough to focus on "good news announcements" and the here and now.

Where staffing shortages are concerned, they say the government can't just fill the vacant positions and call it a day. It has to ask why people are leaving the workforce and the province, and what it can do to stop the bleeding.

"It's about creating a good working environment," Mowat said. "With the mental health challenges and the demands of

these jobs... you have to make it a place that people want to be."

In the end, Mowat and Love say the long-term solutions to the healthcare system's challenges will all come from allowing more voices to be heard.

To this end, they're calling for the return of Community Health Advisory Networks and the Health Human Resources Roundtable, which will bring together local stakeholders, healthcare workers, SHA officials, and other experts to ask the difficult questions and find the answers.

"What is the labour force going to look like in healthcare in five years? How are we going to prepare for that? Do we have enough seats and incentives? Where do we need people?" Mowat said.

"This is hard work, and we need government to show up to the table and be willing to do the hard work."

Crick Clark awarded conservation youth award

By IAN CLARK

Crick Clark of Shellbrook area had a pleasant surprise at the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF) banquet during the provincial SWF Convention in Estevan on Feb. 25, 2023.

Crick won the nomination for the prestigious SWF Bill McDonald award. The award is presented to a youth (21 and under as of Dec. 31), who, by thought, effort, or deed, is considered to have contributed the most towards the conservation and enjoyment of Saskatchewan's renewable natural resources.

In the summer of 2022, Crick attended the SWF youth conservation camp/school. He was there selected for the Murray Dole award for his outstanding performance. Crick has taken a very energetic role in conservation by ever learning himself and by training others about the outdoors. Crick is very active in canoeing, boating, fishing, and teaching others. He has been quite involved in the Youth Target shooting club for archery, air guns, silhou-

ette target competition, and firearms events at the indoor shooting range in Shellbrook.

Crick is a good humoured and well-liked junior mentor in the hunting sports and is a strong advocate for preserving habitat like tree lines on fence rows, which are key habitat for many of our bird and game species. He is continually honing his wilderness survival skills with tenting and hiking, especially in the north with family and friends.

Crick has been an active, ambitious member of the local Lake Country Wildlife Club for many years in Shellbrook. Crick and his family were instrumental in the Mont Nebo area Nesland Lake trout lake aeration project facility upgrade, which is maintained by the local Lake Country Wildlife Club.

He has played a part in local events and excelled in the Sask Hunter Safety Program, the fly-tying course, the federal firearm training program, plus other wildlife and conservation programs. Crick appreciates the recognition and encouragement that his award carries for his future activities in the outdoors and for conservation as part of the balance of nature.



Crick Clark accepts the SWF Bill McDonald award at the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation's awards banquet in Estevan on Feb. 25. Pictured, left to right: David Yorke, president of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation, Crick Clark, and Dana Scoropat, Sask. Minister of Environment.

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Agenda:

Leask Community Hardware Store.

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A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

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Sask. to offer \$10 a day childcare by April

The Governments of Saskatchewan and Canada are pleased to announce that parent fees for regulated childcare in the province will be reduced to \$10 a day starting April 1.

Saskatchewan is one of the first Canadian provinces to achieve this milestone, which is three years ahead of schedule as outlined in the Canada-Saskatchewan Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, to bring down child care fees to \$10 day by 2025-26.

“The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to investing in affordable, inclusive and high-quality child care that provides children with a positive start in life while also giving parents the flexibility and choice to build both a family and career,” Education Minister Dustin Duncan said in a statement.

Parents whose children are under the age of six and attend regulated childcare on a full-time basis can expect to pay \$217.50 per month. The fee reductions will result in families saving an average of \$395 to \$573 per month for each child under six from the average comparable fees as of March 31, 2021.

“Today is a major achievement for families in Saskatchewan, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development Karina Gould said in a statement. “By working together, Canada and Saskatchewan have achieved our shared goal of affordable childcare three years ahead of schedule. We are continuing to focus on achieving other important targets through the Canada-wide system, such as space creation

and support to early childhood educators, to ensure that every family has access to high-quality, affordable, flexible and inclusive child care.”

This parent fee reduction is the third fee reduction since the signing of the Canada-Saskatchewan Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement in August 2021. The agreement includes a federal investment of nearly \$1.1 billion over five years for regulated early learning and childcare programs and services for children under the age of six in Saskatchewan.

A total of 19,790 regulated childcare spaces were operational in Saskatchewan across 144 communities as of Dec. 31, 2022. Through the agreement, the governments are also providing funding for free training and education to increase the number of early childhood educators, wage enhancements of up to \$5 per hour, and a range of grants for regulated childcare facilities.

Area well represented at Canada Winter Games

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

The 2023 Canada Winter Games have come and gone, and Shellbrook, Spiritwood, and the surrounding communities were well-represented in Prince Edward Island by a contingent of local athletes and coaches.

In alpine skiing, coach Heather Sten of Canwood offered her expertise to 15-year-old Jacklyn Sten, who finished 34th in giant slalom, 56th in ski cross, and 43rd in super g. Meanwhile, 14-year-old Danica Laventure from Leoville finished 37th in giant slalom, 39th in ski cross, 32nd in slalom, and 46th in super g.

Over on the cross-country skiing trails, Marcail Philp from Shellbrook was one of just seven 14-year-

olds competing in a field that included skiers as old as 20. She came 34th in the 7.5 km classic, 41st in female sprints, and 20th in the 4x5 km relay.

In addition to coaching Team Saskatchewan figure skaters, Shellbrook's Tasje Sharron also got to watch 12-year-old Julia Shindle and her pre-novice pairs partner, Stefan Lotz, compete on the ice at the games and secure an eighth-place finish.

Rounding out the local representation, Team Saskatchewan's male curling team consisted entirely of talent from Leoville and Spiritwood. Leoville's Ronald Craswell was the team's coach, while 17-year-old Deon Laventure and 16-year-old Karstin Soucy, both from Leoville, played skip and third, respectively. From Spiritwood, 18-year-old Bohdan Booth served as the team's second, and 17-year-old Jayden Dauvin played lead.

The team had a tough run through the preliminary round, racking up an 0-4 record to be relegated to placement games to determine their final standing. There, the foursome won three consecutive matches to secure a ninth-place finish overall.



Shellbrook had three representatives at the 2023 Canada Winter Games in PEI. From left to right: Marcail Philp (cross-country skiing), Tasje Sharron (figure skating coach), and Julia Shindle (figure skating).

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Sask. must look to frontline workers for healthcare fix

After more than a year of the provinces and territories pleading with the federal government to come to the table to fix Canada's broken healthcare system, this latest round of Let's Make A Deal – The Healthcare Edition seems to be coming to a long overdue close.

Last week, Saskatchewan became the eighth province to sign a deal in principle with Ottawa for healthcare funding, and the last few individualized deals seemed to be on the horizon.

Surely, all the finger pointing about who is and isn't doing their part to fix the country's healthcare system should be done now.

Right?

Over the past year, as the fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed systemic vulnerabilities and left frontline workers burnt out, the federal government and the provinces and territories have largely been on the same page about the need for urgent changes to be made. However, they've remained at odds about what these changes should look like.

The demands of the provinces and territories have been straightforward.

They want Ottawa to be a more equitable partner on healthcare funding by increasing its share of the costs to 35 per cent and committing to annual increases of 5 per cent for the Canada Health Transfer (CHT). This would mean an immediate cash infusion of \$28 billion into the healthcare system (preferably with as few strings attached as possible).

For its part, the federal government wants any healthcare funding increases tied to clear and measurable metrics for success, such as decreased wait times to see family doctors or undergo surgeries, and an improved, Canada-wide healthcare data network.

In other words, Ottawa wants to know where the money is going and what it's accomplishing, to avoid scenarios like the Canadian Institute for Health Information found in 2022.

Last year, the institute reports, healthcare spending increased by 0.8 per cent while decreasing by 0.3 per cent on a per person basis (suggesting the money didn't actually go toward the healthcare part of the healthcare system).

Similarly, while the federal gov-



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News Editor

ernment's contribution to healthcare through the CHT increased by 4 per cent in 2022, actual healthcare spending in seven out of 10 provinces rose by only 2 per cent, leaving one to ask what the provinces and territories did with the remainder of the funding bump.

The end result of this failure to use healthcare funding wisely (or for its intended purpose) is that the national spend on healthcare climbed to an estimated \$331 billion in 2022, while the per person spend reached \$8,563.

This ranks Canada fourth among Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) countries on per person healthcare spending (behind the United States, Germany and the Netherlands). And yet, Canadians have precious little to show for it.

Seeing how wasteful the federal, provincial, and territorial governments have been with healthcare dollars, it was difficult to be excited when February's meeting between Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and provincial and territorial leaders ended with the promise of more spending.

More specifically, Mr. Trudeau pledged to increase federal healthcare funding by \$196.1 billion over the next 10 years and provide \$46.2 billion in new funding. This includes annual 5 per cent boosts to the CHT and \$25 billion for individual healthcare deals with the provinces and territories.

In Saskatchewan's case, this deal amounts to a one-time \$61-million investment to address immediate needs like emergency room and surgical wait times, and an additional \$111 million annually to the province's \$6.4-billion healthcare budget.

In return, all Ottawa wants to see is the receipts (or, rather, a clear action plan that outlines how the money will be spent).

The promised funding increases come well short of what the provinces and territories were asking for, but they are far from insignificant.

And yet, based on the comments coming from the Sask. Party government, you'd think the province had been given next to nothing.

"Our goal remains to provide the best possible healthcare services to the people of Saskatchewan, in spite of the federal government's lack of commit-



ment to provide its share of health-care funding," Premier Scott Moe said after February's announcement.

"I think the impact of the shortfalls is the provinces have to pick up any slack," Health Minister Paul Merriman said after the province's deal was announced last week. "Again it isn't enough... but it's hard to turn down federal dollars."

While the Sask. Party government has been focused on criticizing Ottawa for not doing its part on healthcare funding, the Saskatchewan NDP has embarked on a cross-province tour to seek solutions to the province's healthcare problems from the frontline workers and community stakeholders who are best equipped to propose them.

Stopping in Shellbrook last Wednesday, healthcare critic Vicki Mowat and rural and remote healthcare critic Matt Love said this is something the Sask. Party government is no longer doing after 16 years in power.

Instead of consulting with and listening to physicians and nurses, they say, the Sask. Party government is pushing ahead with a human resources plan that won't meet the province's needs for frontline workers.

There's no question that staffing levels are an immediate and real concern. In communities across the province, a lack of nurses is causing repeated and sustained service disruptions and emergency room closures.

Though the SHA hasn't announced them anywhere, the ER at Shellbrook's

Parkland Integrated Health Centre has seen multiple disruptions in recent weeks. The story is the same in Oxbow, where the situation has become so dire that residents organized a townhall with SHA officials and local politicians to seek more input on the issue.

Meanwhile, communities like Macklin, Norquay, and Lampman have been experiencing disruptions to (or a complete lack of) lab and x-ray services since 2021.

Hiring more frontline workers to address the staffing shortages that are causing province-wide service disruptions is naturally part of the solution.

But if we can't retain these new hires, it's no better than putting a band-aid over a bullet wound.

Whether Ottawa's healthcare funding boosts are adequate or not is beside the point at this critical juncture. Saskatchewan's healthcare system doesn't need remedies for its symptoms. It needs a treatment for its underlying illness – a treatment that can't be found just by throwing more money at the problems.

Indeed, what's needed more than money, is for both the federal and provincial governments to radically re-imagine how healthcare is conceptualized and delivered. And they can only do this with the guidance and input of those who are working on the frontlines of healthcare.

It's time to stop spending, and start listening to those who know best what is needed.

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Report from the Legislature

Our government will be heading back to Regina early this month for the spring session of the Legislature. Members of the Legislative Assembly have been in their communities, meeting with constituents and learning about the things that matter most to Saskatchewan people. Our government will move forward on priorities for growth during this sitting of the Legislature.

Our province leads the nation in a number of key economic indicators. Statistics Canada reported in January we had the highest rate of growth in wholesale trade among the provinces, increasing 24.1 per cent year-over-year. Manufacturing sales were up by 25.5 per cent, the second-highest growth rate



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Saskatchewan posted a third consecutive year of record agri-food exports in 2022, totaling \$18.4 billion. Last year, for the first time, exports to Mexico exceeded a total of \$1 billion. This record further highlights strong agricultural capacities, with canola seed, cano-

la oil and non-durum wheat making up the top three exports. The trade office our government opened in Mexico City last year, along with seven others throughout the world, continue to help drive Saskatchewan exports in the international market. We plan to open another trade office in Germany later this year.

Our strong economy is supported by our growing population. Saskatchewan reached the milestone of 1.2 million people in early December of 2022 and has since grown by another 10,000 people. That's the fastest our province has grown in over 100 years. We saw 16,400 new jobs in the province from January 2022 to January 2023. The un-

employment rate was 4.3 per cent and is below the national average of 5.0 per cent. We also saw a record-high provincial labour force in January, with 606,300 Saskatchewan people working.

Our government is committed to protecting this economic prosperity and allowing for continued growth. In recent years, the current federal government has proposed several harmful policies that infringe on provincial jurisdiction over natural resources. These policies disproportionately impact the economics of western Canadian provinces. Along with an increase to the carbon tax, the federal government has proposed standards and caps for fuel, fertilizer, oil and gas emissions,



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and electricity. It is estimated that these policies could cost our economy \$111 billion by 2035.

Our government's objective is to protect Saskatchewan's economy, now and into the future, so we can continue doing what the province does best: providing the food, fuel and fertilizer

the world needs. That's why we introduced the Saskatchewan First Act during the fall sitting. The Act will protect our jurisdiction over natural resources to the benefit of everyone living in this province. It's time to draw the line and reassert the rights that belong to us — Saskatchewan people own the resources and we should benefit when the prices are high. Our government expects to pass the Saskatchewan First Act this spring.

As we prepare for the spring session of the Legislature and the presentation of the provincial budget, our government remains focused on protecting and driving Saskatchewan's economy. That's growth that works for everyone.

SaskTel, Crime Stoppers share online safety tips

March is Fraud Prevention Month and SaskTel is teaming up with Crime Stoppers across the province to share tips on how to protect yourself from online fraud and other cyber scams.

"We take safety and security very seriously at SaskTel, and we regularly update our systems and networks to safeguard our business and customers," said Doug Burnett, SaskTel President and CEO. "As a service provider we're only one part of the equation and it's just as important for our customers to take the appropriate steps to protect the personal information and accounts they have online from potential fraudsters."

"At Crime Stoppers, we recognize the negative impact that all types of criminal activity have on our province, especially online fraud and other digital scams," said Michael Stevens, President of Saskatoon Crime Stoppers. "We are pleased to team up with SaskTel to spread this important message and ensure that everyone in our province understands the simple steps they can take to secure their online accounts and prevent themselves from being victimized by online fraudsters."

Five tips to prevent online fraud:

1. Turn on multi-factor authentication (MFA) – By requiring the user to provide two or more verification factors, MFA provides an extra layer of protection that makes it significantly more difficult for fraudsters to gain access to your online accounts.

2. Password protection – Use a strong and unique password for each online account. Passwords should be at least 12 characters in length and include numbers, upper and lowercase letters, and special characters. For added protection, consider using a passphrase or a random password generator. Also, never share your passwords with anyone.

3. Beware of suspicious emails and text messages – Don't click on links or download attachments from suspi-

cious or unfamiliar senders as they may contain malware or viruses.

4. Don't share personal information online – Sharing too much information on social media or online can help fraudsters and other cyber criminals take advantage of you. Your upcoming vacation, the name of your pet, and even your birthday are pieces of information that are best kept to yourself.

5. Update your devices – Keep your device software up-to-date and install critical security patches as soon as they are available. Failing to do so can give hackers the opening they need to access your device and the all the personal information stored on it.

"If you believe you have fallen victim to an online scam or phone scam and you have suffered any kind of financial loss or provided detailed personal information you should report this to police in your jurisdiction," said Detective Sergeant Kelley Berting with the Regina Police Service. "You should also notify your financial institution, Equifax and TransUnion to ensure that fraud alerts are placed on your accounts.

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Spiritwood Spirited Players present "Scrambled"

By NATASHA CABASE
Spiritwood Herald Reporter

The Spiritwood Spirited Players delighted the crowd on three consecutive nights with performances of *Scrambled*, a comedy written by Pat Cook, at the Spiritwood Civic Center on March 2, 3 and 4.

Scrambled follows Purdy, the owner of the Showtime Café, as she tries to ensure she makes a good impression on a food critic while dealing with a cast of kooky customers and an old flame who has returned to town.

Director Cari Cross said in her welcoming remarks that she was glad to be able to put on a play again this year after three years of postponing productions. The club has not staged a performance since 2019 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and everyone in

the cast and crew, both new and returning members, shared Cross' excitement to be able to present on the stage this year.

As practiced in the past, the Thursday performance was for the general seating audience, while Friday and Saturday were the dinner theatre shows, with meals prepared by Ronnie's Catering.

The cast and crew were composed of: Allison Sullivan as "Purdy," the smart café owner in her early 40s; Koltyn Gaboury as "Oracle Mathias," the 65-year-old worldly wise man; Taylor Kuffert as "Jeanie", the naïve 18-year-old waitress; Jennifer Epp as "Amelia Bickle", the Elderly and nosey town gossip; Pascale Giroux as "Celia Parker"; Amelia's equally nosey sister; Brett Goller as "Cody", Jeanie's rambunctious boyfriend; Tanner Ga-



The cast and crew of the Spiritwood Spirited Players' production of *Scrambled*, from left to right: Kaylee Penner, Grant Lavoie, Holly Bellisle, Jennifer Epp, Pascale Giroux, Lindsey Lovely, Koltyn Gaboury, Brett Goller, Kaleb White, Alison Sullivan, Taylor Kuffert, Ryan Steinhilber, Jill Mayo, and director Cari Cross.



There were laughs aplenty in the Spiritwood Spirited Players' production of *Scrambled*.

boury as "Miles", the glib salesman in his early 40s; Jill Mayo as "Mag", the seen-it-all café cook; Kaleb White as "TJ", Cody's best buddy; Grant Lavoie as "Grant", the lively city boy in his 30s; Holly Bellisle as "Connie", Grant's long-suffering wife; Kaylee Penner as "Lucy Rohower", the small-town doctor; Lindsey Lovely as "Twyla", Jeanie's best friend; and Ryan Steinhilber as "Stranger", the mysterious visitor. David Recalde handled the lights.

There were about 80 in attendance at Thursday's general seating performance, with 70 for the Friday night dinner theatre, and a sellout crowd on Saturday night. The Friday and Satur-

day crowds were served a meal consisting of Greek riblings, creamy parmesan chicken, a medley of vegetables and salads, and some desserts.

Additionally, the club was glad to be able to share some local recording artists' music during its performance, which featured songs by Brody Siebert, Michael Heisler, Shantaia Poulin, and The Dirt Rich Band.

The production was a true community endeavour. Steinhilber Farms stored sets and props, Martodam's Family Retail sold the tickets, Hartley Clark Elementary provided stage extensions, and Spiritwood High School provided lights and flats for the set.

Northern Spirit 4-H holds public speeches

By ETHAN GABOURY
Club Reporter

On Feb. 26, the Northern Spirit 4-H Club hosted its club speeches.

There were two clover buds. Tenille Rose, who spoke about her 4-H steer Bruno, and Cameron Gaboury, who spoke about his vacation to Florida.

There were three members in the junior category. Coleby Rose spoke about his Provincial softball team, Ciara Conacher talked about her steer from last year, Blondie, and Ray-Elle Sanders spoke about being in 4-H.

Intermediate was the biggest category of all, with six participants. Peyton Smith, who was the first speaker of the afternoon, gave her speech about speeches. Dalton Sanders spoke about addiction. Ethan Gaboury spoke about the Edmonton Oilers. Jessie Lynn Allchurch gave her speech about her fa-

vorite singer, Morgan Wallen. Avarie Conacher spoke about famous figure skater Elizabeth Manley. The speech that got the most attention that day was by Kiara Duhaime. She spoke about her entrepreneurial idea to have a garden and a farm stand. The farm stand turned into a great success for her.

First and second place in each age category will go on to participate in regionals in Canwood, Sask. on March 11.

In clover bud, 1st place went to Cameron Gaboury and 2nd place went to Tenille Rose.

In the junior category, Ciara Conacher took 1st and Ray-Elle Sanders got 2nd place.

In the intermediate category, Kiara Duhaime got 1st and 2nd place went to Ethan Gaboury.

Alyssan Gauthier, Tawnie Kotyk, and Kyler Gauthier served as judges.

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Ag literacy month serves an important purpose

So, this March marks the 12th year of Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month (CALM), a program which “inspires students to realize, understand and engage with their own connections to agriculture and food,” notes a recent release from Agriculture in the Classroom Saskatchewan.

“For more than a decade, Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month has given us an opportunity to celebrate our connections - as Canadians - to agriculture,” said Rebecca Sooksom, chair of Agriculture in the Classroom Canada in the re-

lease. “Linking students with food producers helps keep that connection strong so the next generation of Canadians knows not only where their food comes from, but also the importance of the sector to our communities from coast to coast.”

So, students who will graduate high school in June have had Agriculture Literacy Month focusing attention on the farm sector and food for their entire school lives.

One might expect the students graduating this year will be rather food and farm savvy, at least if the program has ful-



CALVIN DANIELS

filled its goal, which, as stated above, is to inspire students to realize, understand and engage with their own connections to agriculture and food.

Whether that is a reality where students are more knowledgeable about their food, and

equally about the efforts producers make in producing it, is of course something which will be hard to quantify.

But it is an effort that is important, because we need a better educated public that understands farm challenges and understands producers are generally trying to be good environmental stewards, while also feeding the world and earning enough of a profit to be financially viable.

The trio of goals are not always something that work smoothly in sync, but farmers do typically try to maintain balance.

In a world of social media rhetoric, Internet-generated misinformation, and background white noise, educating youth so they can recognize the underlying realities of food and farming is crucial.

“Connecting our youth to agriculture is an important piece of strengthening Saskatchewan’s agriculture sector,” Agriculture Minister David Marit said in a recent provincial release proclaiming Agriculture Literacy Month in Saskatchewan. “Presentations from industry experts can help educate children on the

work that goes into producing the high-quality food that our province is known for.”

So, the 12-year effort is certainly worthwhile, but whether it has significantly influenced students to be more farm and food knowledgeable will only be fully seen as they become adults and in how they then react to the issues facing farmers and food production.

Certainly, as the population of farmers declines an informed general public is a must. And hopefully Canadian Agriculture Literacy Month is building that broader knowledge base.

SARM eyes Lake Diefenbaker irrigation project for drought relief

The Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), with their member RMs, have been waiting in anticipation for the launch of the \$4 billion water management infrastructure known as the Lake Diefenbaker Irrigation Project which was announced by the Government of Saskatchewan in 2020. As part of this project, RMs will reap the rewards of irrigation after some very hard years of drought.

The Lake Diefenbaker Irrigation Project, once completed, will not only benefit RMs but the entire province and country. It will

- provide water to over 500,000 acres of farm and grain land
- improve food security

- lessen reliance on imported agricultural products
- create more jobs in processing and transportation
- increase the Gross Domestic Product by an estimated \$40 to \$80 billion

“The Lake Diefenbaker irrigation expansion could more than double the irrigated land in the province, not only opening new farmland to consistent water supplies, but also facilitating industrial and potash mining operations. The government has already allocated \$45.5 million for preliminary engineering and environmental work on the first phase of the project and has said construction could start in 2023. At this time, most of the work

beyond rehabilitating existing canals is in the conceptual phase, and there are many unanswered questions,” Ray Orb, president of SARM, said in a statement.

Many RMs will benefit from the project. These RMs have suffered over the last few years with drought and are optimistic that this massive project could begin to assist the viability of their farmland. The economic importance of this project is significant for rural residents.

SARM is rallying for an update on Phase 1, in Division 5, which was deemed one of the most shovel-ready projects in the province. With 90% of the current canal already in place, we need to know when our RMs will see

water flow and processing, and employment opportunities come to light. We anticipate the economic boost for several smaller communities, and nine RMs, when Phase 2 begins with the buildout of Project 2 Westside, which will not only add 260,000 acres of irrigated land, but also increase construction job opportunities, farm expansion and traffic into these communities.

“We recognize that this is a long-haul project that will positively impact rural municipalities in 50 years, and are committed to helping rural residents increase their crop diversity, and farm profitability, with irrigation, with Project 1 launching sooner rather than later.” Orb said.

Local Legion members compete at District cribbage

By JORDAN TWISS

Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Six players from the Shellbrook Royal Canadian Legion branch and two players from the Leask Royal Canadian Legion branch represented their Zone in the Royal Canadian Legion District Cribbage tournament, played on Feb. 18 at the Nutana Legion in Saskatoon.

At the district level, the top two players in each category of play go on to Provincials if their schedule allows.



Leask Legion member Al Ciona (left) topped all competitors in closed singles at the Royal Canadian Legion District Cribbage tournament to earn the winner’s pin from the District Commander.

In the open singles category, Shellbrook Legion members Alan Carswell and Lloyd O’Brodivich finished in second place and fifth place, respectively. Unfortunately, Carswell can’t go to the Provincial competition, so the third-place player will be going instead.

In open doubles, Carswell and O’Brodivich ended just shy of Provincials contention with a third-place finish.

In closed singles, it was a one-two finish for local Legion members, as Leask Legion member Andrew Ciona won first place and Hugh McIntyre took second. Over to doubles, meanwhile, Hugh and Jan McIntyre finished second and Andrew and Patricia Ciona finished fifth.



Myrna Burgess shows off her 28-hand during the Shellbrook Legion’s crib night on March 3.

Finally, the Shellbrook Legion foursome of Henri and Helen Dagenais and Hugh and Janice McIntyre finished third in the team competition.

In other cribbage action, the Shellbrook Legion branch hosted its first night of cribbage at the Shellbrook Legion Hall on March 3.

In addition to fellowship, fun, and competitive cribbage games, Myrna Burgess had a rare hand of 28 (the second highest scoring hand in cribbage) with three fives, a queen, and the fourth five when the cards were cut.



Shellbrook Legion member Alan Carswell finished in second in open singles at the Royal Canadian Legion District Cribbage tournament.

Sask United Party officially launches

By **JORDAN TWISS**

Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Three months after it was registered as a provincial political party with Saskatchewan Rivers MLA Nadine Wilson as its leader, the fledgling Saskatchewan United Party held its official launch event at Saskatoon's Prairieland Park on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Attended by more than 1,000 people, the soirée saw the party unveil its constitution and branding, and detail its principles and policy positions. It also included speeches from Wilson, former Conservative MP for Battlefords-Lloydminster and Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz, and other special guests.

Dwight Bunyan, president of the Sask United Party, introduced the party to the audience, saying it "recognizes the unique challenges of the province and will not compromise its values... with supporters coming from the NDP and the Sask Party."

Positioning the party as a centre-right alternative to the current Saskatchewan Party government led by Premier Scott Moe, Bunyan was quick to dismiss any notions that the Sask United Party is a separatist party, and said it will rely on "common

sense principles" to strengthen the province's position within the Confederation of Canada.

Next up to the podium, Ritz detailed the party's origins as a response by people who were frustrated and angry with all levels of government over COVID-19 public health mandates.

"Look at the strength in this hall tonight," Ritz said. "In Canada, we don't vote governments in. We vote them out. It's time to vote the government out."

With the crowd fired up, Wilson took the stage and told the crowd that it's time for Saskatchewan to rise up and stand against a "federal government that wants to turn our values and life upside down."

"Change comes from a small group of people doing the right thing — people like you, families, businesses, and farmers — with unwavering integrity, whether you are being watched or not," she said. "We have to work harder and smarter than our opponents. I will stand with you. I will fight for change. I will fight for Saskatchewan. If we don't do it, who will do it?"

Wilson acknowledged, however, that the work will be hard and the road ahead will be long, and said the Sask United Party "needs people who are

brave and independent thinking," including members, candidates, riding association executives, and volunteers.

Wilson also detailed the party's key policy positions, including freedom and justice (and the protection of conscience rights), protecting firearms rights, education and parental rights, public safety, provincial sovereignty, protecting the province's key sectors, like agriculture, energy, and natural resources, and healthcare reform.

"Now is the time for you to get involved. Now is the time you need to care about our great province. So much is riding on us," she told the audience. "Like those who came before us, we must honour Saskatchewan by fighting for her future, her voice, her sovereignty."

The Sask. United Party began as a steering committee in December 2021. The party's leadership says the committee was founded in response to "overwhelming calls from all corners of the province both in rural and large municipalities, as to the political, economic and social crisis taking place in Saskatchewan."

The steering committee says it spent four months investigating these concerns, and chose to form a new provincial political party, "with the aim of bringing the province back together and healing the many divides which have existed as a result of the mismanagement, incompetence, and in some

cases, perceived misfeasance of various levels of the current Government of Saskatchewan."

Many of the Sask. United Party's concerns are about the current Government of Saskatchewan's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in particular Premier Moe's comments last fall that life would "get uncomfortable" for those who refused to be vaccinated.

At the time of the premier's comments, Saskatchewan was in the midst of the highly infectious Omicron wave, which overwhelmed the province's ICUs and forced patients (almost all of them unvaccinated) to be moved to Ontario for care.

Apart from its focus on the pandemic, the Sask. United Party says its guiding principles include human rights and civil liberties for all, an improved and localized health system, a school curriculum free of ideologies, a focus on provincial over national and international interests, accountability, consultation, and transparency, small government with less bureaucracy, economic prosperity, balanced budgets and lower taxes, improved social programs, personal responsibility over government intrusion, and environmental stewardship.

The *Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald* reached out to the Sask United Party for an interview with Wilson but didn't hear back before deadline.



Sask United Party Leader and Saskatchewan Rivers MLA Nadine Wilson.

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Zion - Canwood
Sunday School,
Worship Sunday, 11 a.m.
St. John's - Shellbrook
Sunday School,
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Worship Sunday, 9 a.m.
Rev. Emmanuel Aristide

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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Shellbrook
Adult Study
9:30 a.m.
Sun., 10:30 a.m. - Worship
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306-747-7235
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Summer: 10 a.m. - Worship
Pastor Bob Wrench
306-468-2138
Leask Gospel Tabernacle
Sunday 11 a.m.
306-466-2296

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11:00 a.m.
Rev. Katherine Bretzlaff

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

Parkside
11 a.m. - Worship

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Leask - All Saint's
Sunday Service - 9 a.m.
St. Andrew's - Shellbrook
Sunday, 11 a.m. Service
Canwood - Christ Church
Sunday, 2 p.m. - Service
Rev. Wendell Brock
306-460-7696
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Blaine Lake
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Worship

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UNITED CHURCH

Big River
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at Anglican Church
Rev. Dave Whalley
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Debden
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Fr. Mariusz Zajac
Big River - Sacred Heart
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Shellbrook contributes \$14,474 to Telemiracle

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

It wasn't quite the record year of fundraising that Telemiracle 46's \$8,002,722 haul was, but Telemiracle 47's fundraising total of \$5,519,229 will ensure it goes down in the history books as another strong year of doing good for communities across Saskatchewan.

After last year's record-shattering total, the final tally at the end of the telethon in Saskatoon on Feb. 26 is actually more in line with the average in the two years previous to 2022, which raised \$5.6 million (2021) and \$5.5 million (2020), respectively.

"Telemiracle remains rooted in Saskatchewan and the generosity of Saskatchewan people really shined through once again this weekend," said Telemiracle 47 Chair Scott Lamb. "Every dollar counts, and we are so grateful to the people of Saskatchewan for their continuing support. The best part is that all the money raised stays right here in Saskatchewan, to help their friends, neighbours, and communities."

Just as it was another strong year for Telemiracle as a whole, it was also a good year of Telemiracle fundraising for the Shellbrook Kinsmen and Shell-

brook Kinettes.

In a typical year, Shellbrook's fundraising total ranges anywhere from \$10,000 to \$14,000. This year saw the fundraising total wind up just above the high end of this range.

For the third year in a row, the Kinsmen and Kinettes chose to forego their usual town canvass in favour of an online auction. Thanks to a slew of donations from businesses, community organizations, and individuals, there were 122 items up for grabs in this year's auction. Together, they brought in \$10,648 (compared to a high of \$16,419 in 2022).

Elsewhere, cash and cheque donations contributed \$2,464 to the cause, while WP Sandin High School donated \$752.05 (and a pie in the face for Kinettes/teacher Kelly Herndier), Shellbrook Elementary School raised \$298.50, and Helping Hands donations totalled \$251.50.

All told, this brings the community's Telemiracle donations to \$14,474 (compared to last year's record total of \$22,540.95).

"Without the support of our community, we wouldn't be able to be a part of this amazing cause," Kinettes Tasha Cyr said.

"It was awesome to see the schools participate. The Kinettes decided we

needed to put some time into educating these kids on Telemiracle, so we sent a video to each school discussing what Telemiracle is and how it helps those in our province and right here in our community. I think this helped the schools see the benefits of Telemiracle."

Reflecting on the continued importance of Telemiracle after 47 years, Cyr recalled a district meeting she attended almost a decade ago, at which she learned what the Telemiracle committee does, how they maximize the money received, and how they choose the recipients.

"Telemiracle helps so many families in need," she said. "From equipment that makes someone's life just a little easier, to helping pay for huge travel expenses and relieving some stress so parents/guardians can focus on helping their family members get better."

The money raised throughout the year and during the Telemiracle telethon benefits the Kinsmen Foundation, which provides funding for Saskatchewan residents requiring special needs equipment to maintain or improve their quality of life, as well as travel assistance to those needing to leave their community to access life-saving medi-

cal treatment.

Funding is also provided to institutions and health foundations to purchase specialized, new, or innovative equipment to improve health care.

In the past, funds raised through Telemiracle have benefitted local families and causes.

In Shellbrook, the family of Landen Willoughby received a tandem bike for him in 2022.

The Canwood Bus Association was also a beneficiary of the fundraiser, receiving \$20,000 in 2019 to assist with the purchase and retrofit of a wheelchair-accessible van that helps people in the community and area get to medical appointments.

In 2014, meanwhile, Shellbrook's Woodland Bus Association also received \$19,578 from the Telemiracle to assist with the purchase of a wheelchair accessible van. The van, and the 16-seat bus operated by the association, help residents of Parkland Integrated Health Centre's long-term care facility, and people from other communities, get to medical appointments and other social outings.

Planning will soon be underway for next year's Telemiracle 48 in Regina.



Shellbrook Kinettes Kelly Herndier, Becca Collins, Tasha Cyr, Nicole Erb, and Melissa Moe were at Telemiracle 47 to present the community's donations of \$14,474.

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 - 3:30 pm; Thursday 3:30 pm - 8 pm; Friday 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Kids Club is Fridays 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm, Crafter's Choice is the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

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

LEASK: Wapiti Library & Legacy Gallery Hours - Tuesday 9 am - 2 pm; Wednesday 3 pm - 6 pm; Friday 1 pm - 5 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 - 6 pm; Thursday 12 pm - 6 pm; Friday 10 am - 5 pm (Story Time 11 am - 12 pm); Saturday 10 am - 4 pm.

MONT NEBO: Country Comedy & Toe Tapping Tunes - Audrey Neubuhr of Hillbilly Homestead (feat. an appearance by "Minnie Pearl"), Dynamic singer/songwriter Just Bea, MC/Entertainer Joey Watson. Sunday, March 12, 2023 - 2 pm, Mont Nebo Hall. \$15 (\$10 kids 5-10 years), refreshments included. A fundraiser for Mont Nebo Hall. Funding provided by Sask Lotteries.

SHELLBROOK: Canada's Double Portion, from North Battleford, Sask, Canada in Concert! Sunday, March 12 @ 6 pm, Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly. Love offering accepted.

PARKSIDE: Sunday, April 23, 2023 - Celebrate the Coming of Spring!! Honeywood Heritage Nursery Inc. Spring Fundraising Event - Supper & Live Auction at the Parkside Heritage Centre. To donate an auction item contact: Dale 306-960-2702; Shelley 306-747-7287; David 306-747-2275. Email: honeywoodn8@gmail.com

CANWOOD: Canwood Regional Park Supper & Auction, Canwood Elks Community Centre - Saturday, March 11, 2023. Refreshments 5pm, Supper 6pm ~ Auction to follow. Adults \$15 / 6-12 yrs \$8 / 5 & Under Free. For information call Bob 306-468-7942 or Grant 306-893-8085. Proceeds to Canwood Regional Park to help fund upcoming projects.

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Rose Freeman is the sole owner of Willow Insurance Corp., which has been described by industry leaders in this way: “For as small as you are, you’re hard to ignore.”

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of business in just four years — a growth that typically takes ten years to achieve.

Rose’s leadership, focused on teamwork and community involvement, has led to a wave of national insurance industry awards for her resilience, commitment to clients, and business growth.

In 2022 alone, Rose was recognized with three prestigious awards. Insurance Business Canada recognized her as an Elite Woman, an achievement given

to only 48 Canadians, and just two Saskatchewan women, who have broken glass ceilings and who role models for younger generations of girls.

She was recognized a second time by the same organization with the Cansure Award for Broker of the Year — Excellence Awardee — this time recognizing her for her innovation and client exemplary service.

And most recently, Rose was published in the Global Best In Insurance Special Report

celebrating outstanding insurance companies and professionals in Asia, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK, and the United States.

Beyond the life of an entrepreneur, Rose is a mother of two school-aged girls and believes in teaching them that kindness is at the core of living a meaningful life and that no matter what challenges we face, giving and receiving kindness makes us more resilient and fulfilled in every part of life.



Rose Freeman.

Canwood Library hosts Swedish presentation

On the afternoon of Tuesday, Feb. 28, the Canwood Public Library staff invited seven residents and three staff members from the Whispering Pine Place Nursing Home to a Swedish slide show presentation.

The presentation was given by Lorraine Benson who went to Sweden in 2017.

Souvenirs, flags, and pictures were also on display for the audience to see. Guests were then treated to coffee and dainties to round out the afternoon activity.



Residents from Whispering Pine Place take in a Swedish presentation at the Canwood Public Library.



The presentation featured souvenirs, flags, and photographs.

Enjoying the wild garden

By JILL THOMSON

When we bought our house in 1987, the front yard was a conventional lawn, with a small horse-shoe shaped flower bed and a large spruce tree. Since then, more trees have been added — we planted an Amur maple, oak tree, and apple tree; the large spruce was removed, and smaller spruce, a flowering cherry, a mountain ash and an ash tree volunteered to grow. Over the years we also planted a dog wood hedge, forsythia, nine barks, haskap bushes, dwarf lilac, mock orange, barberry and rhubarb. Perennials were also introduced, some of which only lasted a few years because of lack of sun, but now we seem to have reached an equilibrium, with baneberry, valerian, maltese cross, harebells, a few grasses, and spirea growing in the understory cover of goutweed and ferns.

One reason why I enjoy our wild garden so much is that it is very low maintenance. I pull out noxious weeds such as thistles and creeping bellflower, and remove surrounding plants that are starting to crowd any special favourites, such as the lady’s slipper orchid, gentian, and tulips. I prune back robust bushes, if their neighbours need more space, and water very occasionally in a long, dry spell. I like to take a wander through to check on the early spring plants, like cowslips, and later I enjoy the scent of the lilac and mock orange.

There are many animals that share our wild yard. There are birds in the garden all year round, and we encourage their visits with feeders and nest boxes. Woodpeckers, nut hatches, chickadees, house sparrows and house finches are regular daily visitors. This year we also have seen a flicker, and 2 little juncos who stayed all winter. Soon the waxwings will be arriving to eat the mountain

ash berries, and once the snow has melted the spring migrants will be scratching in the leaf mat of old goutweed.

When the summer birds return, we specially watch to see which wren boxes will be used. One year the box that was clearly visible from our front window was inhabited, and it was very interesting to see how many twigs were taken into the box, and the contortions that were necessary to wrestle some of the more awkward twigs through the small hole.

As fall approaches, the birds and wasps will find the apples, and we are careful as we pick them. There are always a few left high up, or on the ground, so we do share amicably. There are hidden haskaps, mountain ash berries, and of course we start to fill up the feeders as the weather gets colder. We are visited by the youngsters of chickadees, nut-hatches and other birds. This year we definitely have at least one pair of downy woodpeckers and I hope we will see their youngsters in fall 2023.

During the winter we see the tracks of rabbits and small rodents, and one spring we saw a white rabbit hiding under the bushes —we think it was the Easter bunny! Sometimes the bushes have been pruned back (by rabbits), and our apple tree lost some of the trunk bark many years ago (mouse damage), but everything has managed to survive.



An Easter bunny in the wild garden.

Photo Credit: Jill Thomson

The flowering of the haskap bushes encourages early visits by bees, and the pollination has been excellent resulting in berries to be shared between humans and birds. One year I had not noticed the berries were ripe, until there was much activity in the bushes as the birds got there first.

The bees are always busy in the pink, flowering rose bush that is on the eastern edge of the yard. The predatory, white crab spiders lurk under the flowers, waiting for a meal. The smaller bees are targets for the spiders but the larger bees can forage unscathed. There are always a few roses right until freezing, to feed the bees, and we also have veronica plants that they love.

There used to be milkweed plants in the sunnier spots and one year there were 7 monarch butterfly caterpillars that completed their life cycle in our yard. That was very exciting, but unfortunately the plants died out and I haven’t seen monarchs in our garden since then.

We had an infestation of slugs one year, so many they were trapped daily and removed from the garden, but they have not been a problem since. The ants like to run around on the peonies, which are also susceptible to mildew after flowering. I cut off the infected seed heads and the plants survive to flower another year.

I really hadn’t thought about how many animals live, or pass through, our wild front yard until

I started to plan this article. Now I appreciate more than ever the diversity of wild-life that shares our space, enabling us to enjoy the wonders of natural history in our garden.

Jill Thomson is a retired Plant Pathologist who lives in Saskatoon, where she enjoys gardening with her family, including the dogs.

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

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It's time to lose the NHL's loser point

It's time for the National Hockey League to get rid of the loser point.

While it may help to keep lousy teams "above .500" and helps to tighten up the standings so more teams have a shot at a playoff berth, the loser point given to a team that loses a game in either overtime or a shootout is an abomination.

Fans of the Calgary Flames, for instance, think their team is performing decently because it had won five more games than it had lost in regulation time. Twelve other losses, however, came in overtime or a shootout, and the Flames benefitted with 12 extra points, tied with Dallas for most in the league.

Those extra points are loser points.

Or maybe it's a bonus point. Supporters of the current system say that if 60 minutes of hockey winds up a tie, each team legitimately earns one point, just like it was in the old days before

the three-point games came into effect for the 1999-2000 season. An overtime or shootout win then awards an additional point.

Let's examine the Flames' situation a little closer. As of Feb. 26, the Flames had 27 regulation-time victories and 20 losses. They also had 12 OT or shootout losses, giving them 63 points and a third-place standing in the Western Conference's wildcard race, two points out of a playoff spot behind wild-card leaders Edmonton and Minnesota. In essence, though, the Flames had won 27 games and lost 32 and with a record like that, coach Darryl Sutter would be expecting to be fired. But the standings show the Flames have a .559 winning percentage thanks to their league-leading loser point total.

The loser-point system is also an excitement-killer and people who run the league should be concerned about that. The



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last half of third periods of tie games often turn into kitty-bar-the-door snoozefests as teams look forward to getting at least one point and then a chance for a second point in the carnival games they play after 60 minutes.

The NHL is the only professional sports league with such a system. A better setup would be to award three points for a regulation-time win; two points for an overtime win, one point for an overtime loss, and zero points for a 60-minute defeat. At least that would require teams to

go all out in the dying minutes for a win in regulation.

Overall, the loser point offers teams a false sense of success. Fans may be happy with their team's 30-26-12 record, but a general manager needs no reminder that his team has lost eight more games than it has won.

Loser points are for losers.

• British columnist Alan Tyers did not think much of Full Swing, the Netflix documentary on professional golf: "(Full Swing) shanks it horribly off the tee, into a pond, tries to roll its trousers up and hit the ball out of the pond, falls over into the pond ... needs rescuing by a frogman, eventually catches Weil's Disease and suffers massive organ failure, and dies, horribly ..."

• Vancouver comedy guy Steve Burgess, referencing the proliferation of gambling in the world of sports: "I am guessing we're a year or two away from teams being award-

ed the Super Bowl only if they cover the spread."

• Steve Simmons of Sunmedia: "The CFL schedule is a mess. Bo Levi Mitchell, the former Stampeders, doesn't play in Calgary this season. Cody Fajardo, the former Roughriders, does not play in Saskatchewan. The CFL is a gate-driven business. This is a lost opportunity."

• Columnist Rob Vanstone in his farewell column in the Regina Leader-Post: "Be assured that dogs are much more popular than sports columnists. As a bonus, dogs can be housebroken."

• 'Moneyball' author Michael Lewis, quoting sabermetrician Bill James on former Blue Jays Cecil Fielder's girth: "Cecil Fielder acknowledges a weight of 261, leaving unanswered the question of what he might weigh if he put his other foot on the scale"

• Golfweek's Eamon Lynch, on the latest recruits for LIV golf tour: "The promised signings

of seven star players delivered Dean Burmester and Danny Lee, who wouldn't be considered top-drawer in a one-drawer world."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "The Saudi-backed LIV Golf Tour is struggling. The Saudi LIV Golf tour brought a new and scary meaning to making the cut."

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "Reuters reports U.S. scientists have designed an 'invisibility cloak' and have had success making things disappear. Who have they been testing it on recently, the Vancouver Canucks?"

• Headline at theonion.com: "New FanDuel 'Double Play' Contest Offers Users Chance To Win Back House"

• Another one from theonion.com: "Chiefs Second Super Bowl Win Proves Anything Possible If You Don't Trade Up To Draft Mitch Trubisky" Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

U15 C Elks downed by Flyers in Provincials

By JORDAN TWISS

Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

The U15 C Shellbrook Elks were facing some serious pressure when they traveled to Foam Lake to face off against the Foam Lake Flyers for game two of their first round, modified best-of-three series on Feb. 27.

Not only were they the last Provincials team from Shellbrook still standing, they also desperately needed to improve upon their performance in game one of the series, which saw them dominated by the Flyers en

route to a 5-1 loss. That defeat meant the Elks needed a win in game two, as well as a win in the ensuing tiebreaking mini game, to keep their playoff hopes alive.

In a repeat of game one, the Elks and the Flyers played to a 0-0 draw in the first period, before Hayden Helberg drew first blood for the Flyers on a goal assisted by Rhett Rogers near the halfway point of the second frame.

Unlike game one, however, the Elks didn't let the Flyers' goals snowball into an insurmountable avalanche. Indeed, with just under four minutes left

in the period, Elks captain Aiden Tait knotted the game at 1-1 with an unassisted goal.

The Flyers shot back less than a minute later, when Micah Armbruster scored on assists from Ryland Parish and Rhett Rogers to put his team back on top. And, with just four seconds remaining on the clock, Carter Machuik gave the Flyers a 3-1 lead on an unassisted goal.

With his team facing a two-goal deficit going into the third period, Elks captain Aiden Tait tallied his second goal of the night, with an assist from

Davin Schmitz, to bring them back within one.

Unfortunately, this was as close as the Elks would get for the remainder of the game, as Carter Machuik also netted his second goal of the game for the Flyers, on assists from Ryland Parish and Hayden Helberg, to lift Foam Lake to a 4-2 victory.

With the loss, the U15 Elks hang up their skates for another season. Meanwhile, the Flyers are headed to the next round of Provincials, where they'll face off against the Aberdeen Flames.

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OBITUARIES

Eunice Pearl Currie

Randle.

In 1966, Eunice met the love of her life, Keith Currie. They got married in 1972 in Calgary, AB. Keith and Eunice lived in Sturgeon Valley for 44 years. Eunice was a kind, gentle, and caring person. She enjoyed her time outdoors and gardening.

Eunice had many jobs over the years. She was a switch phone operator for Bell, licensing clerk in Alberta, & Records Clerk for Trans West Air.

Eunice will be lovingly remembered by her husband Keith; her children Douglas Fowler, Deborah (Craig) Pollock, & Randle (Heather) Currie; her grandchildren Melissa

Fowler, Cory Fowler, Amanda Schiffner, Amy Schiffner, Melissa Schiffner, Dexter Currie, Paisley Currie, & Juliet Currie; her great-grandchildren Damien & Skyla; & her sister Marlene Bryant.

Eunice was predeceased by her parents Alfred & Pearl Randle; her sister Evelyn (Bill) Yeo; & her parents-in-law Ralph and Hazel Currie.

Condolences can be sent to the family on our website at www.mackenziechapel.ca. Arrangements in care of MacKenzie Chapel & Crematorium. Brian & Bev Stobbs, Mark Gyoerick - Mel Curle. 306.763.8488.

Francis Roland Rask

RASK – Francis Roland

July 7, 1930 – February 26, 2023

Francis passed away at his home in Stump Lake District with his wife Yvonne and son Veryl at his side at the age of 92 years. Francis was predeceased by his parents Erick & Lillian (née Bruner) Rask, his son Sheldon; his brother Edwin; his brothers-in-law Vern & Dennis LaMotte; his mother & father-in-law Margaret & Thorald LaMotte.

Francis is lovingly survived by his wife of 66 years, Yvonne (née LaMotte) Rask; his son Veryl Rask; his sister Doreen (Lloyd)

Muller; his brother-in-law Dale (Helen – née Arcand) LaMotte; his sister-in-law Joyce (née LaMotte) Dumais; as well as numerous other relations and many friends.

Francis farmed in the Stump Lake district from an early age. He enjoyed being outdoors farming the land and had a passion for hunting big game most of his life. He was a keen private pilot who owned many of his own aircraft over the years. He loved flying his small Cessna 140 and giving neighbors a ride.

Francis loved visiting with family and neighbors. He could spend many hours at the kitchen table visiting over many cups of hot tea and homemade goodies made by Yvonne. He had a good heart and would do anything asked of him and would never hesitate to stop what he was doing to go and help a neighbor.

Francis was a true workaholic; he couldn't relax until his work was done. During spring,

summer & fall, he would be up at the crack of dawn, working in the yard, preparing his machinery before heading out to the fields. Yvonne would get him ready for his day with a large breakfast each morning. We wouldn't usually see Francis unless something broke down. Yvonne enjoyed packing up hot lunches and headed out to the fields for a visit with Francis in the busy field months.

Francis will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved him and shared in his life's journey.

There will be a Private Family Graveside Service held for Francis in the Canwood North Cemetery with Pastor Bob Wrench as officiant.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit 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.

Gertrud Karolina Lofstrom

LOFSTROM, Gertrud Karolina

August 20, 1935 – February 25, 2023

It is with profound sadness we announce the passing of our mother Gertrud Karolina Lofstrom, age 87. Gertie passed away peacefully early Saturday, February 25, 2023 with family by her side. She was born on August 20, 1935, to Ethel and Pete Peterson, in Canwood, Saskatchewan.

Gertie is lovingly remembered by her three daughters; Karin Lofstrom (Guylaine Bernier) of Ottawa, Sharon Gilbert (Wayne) of Kimberley, BC, and Pat Rogal (Paul) of Saskatoon; four grandchildren; Emily Rogal (Cowan Smith) and Mitchell Rogal (Jill Tebay) and Aidan and Maggie Gilbert; her brother Evert Lundeen as well as several nieces and nephews.

Gertie was predeceased by her parents, her brother

Egnar Lundeen, her sister Elsie Sailors and brother-in-law Dennis Sailors.

She was raised on the farm near Canwood and enjoyed playing many sports while growing up. This was the beginning of a lifelong love of all sports, participating and watching. Mom and Elsie went to high school in Shellbrook, SK, boarding there during the week and coming home to the farm on weekends. Gertie took her nurses training at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon and worked briefly in North Battleford before moving to Prince Albert, SK to work at Holy Family Hospital while she began raising her family. Shortly thereafter the family settled in Saskatoon where mom began a long and rewarding nursing career at the Lutheran Sunset Care Home, retiring in 2001.

Mom's kind and caring nature touched many lives. Most of all we will remember our mom as the kindest, sweetest, most loving mother and grandma ever. She was happiest when her family was around her. Mom was "Gramma Gert" to more than just her own kids and grandkids. She loved watching her daughters' and grandchildren's sports and activities live, along with curling, football, and baseball on TV and could discuss any par-

ticular player at length. She was a talented bowler and a golfer into her 80's. She kept her competitive spirit her whole life. She made many lifelong friends through those activities, her walking/fitness group at the Fieldhouse and as a long-time member of Zion Lutheran Church. She was able to enjoy several travel adventures throughout her life including trips to Europe, Israel, Mexico as well as Hawaii, Florida, Nebraska (home to her sister Elsie and family), New York and other destinations.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to so many staff at both Royal University Hospital and Saskatoon City Hospital who helped make mom's last few months as good as we could have hoped for. A special thank you to the caring staff at Warm and Cozy Spark House and Samaritan Place Long Term Care Home.

A Memorial Celebration of Gertie's life will be planned for a later date this summer. Please consider a donation to Royal University Hospital or Saskatoon City Hospital Foundations or to Crohn's and Colitis Canada. To share memories and condolences, visit www.parkfuneral.ca. Arrangements entrusted to Derryl Hildebrandt of Park Funeral Home, 306.224.2103.

GOOD NEWS

CELEBRATING THOSE WHO MAY BE OVERLOOKED

By DAVE BODVARSON
Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly

As of late, I am working through Genesis 49. It is a wonderful chapter as Jacob gathers his 12 sons together. Under the anointing he speaks into their lives. He tells them things about their past and their future.

In studying, I found a nugget. When Jacob addresses his son, whose name is Issachar, this is what he says: "Issachar is a strong donkey, Lying down between two burdens." (Genesis 49:14)

The picture here is of a strong people who were not at all afraid of carrying burdens. It is another way of saying they were a hard-working tribe. It has been pointed out, "They were happy with their lot in life and made the most of it."

One preacher pointed out: "This tribe produced no great heroes, but their everyday labour was a help to others. After all, not everyone in Israel was called to be a Judah or a Joseph."

Good point. We hear lots about Judah but who celebrate Issachar?

Here is a picture courtesy of my sister Victorine. What drew my dad to Hay River in the 1950s was likely the Great Slave Lake. Or more specifically, the fishing industry. What caused him to stay was likely the love of north — its people and his ability to find work as a carpenter.

Dad told me about this theatre

he built in Fort Simpson. Maybe better put how he led the way to have it built.

The Mayor of Hay River when I was growing up was Don Stewart. He was well respected and loved. Along with being a mayor, he was a businessman. He was the owner of a theatre in Hay River and one in Fort Simpson.

Don wasn't only a businessman; he had a big heart for minor hockey. As I mentioned in an article that got published in my hometown, our Pee Wee hockey team got to enter an international tournament in Quebec City some 50 years ago. Don Stewart and Keith Broadhead, another businessman in Hay River, helped to make it possible. It's good to celebrate that.

If you are not a Judah or a Joseph, believe me you are not forgotten. It is wonderful to be recognized here and there, but the more important acknowledgment is over yonder.

May you hear those words from Jesus: "Well done you good and faithful servant."



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| Lot 4 Blk 1 PL 102164790 | \$1,631.02 |
| Lot 18 Blk 101 PL 101926728 | \$3,444.02 |
| Lot 2 Blk 6 PL 102054147 | \$770.48 |
| Lot 2 Blk 7 PL 102054147 | \$779.92 |
| Lot 3 Blk 3 PL 102054147 | \$648.46 |
| Lot 3 Blk 7 PL 102054147 | \$779.92 |
| Lot 4 Blk 1 PL 102054147 | \$648.46 |
| Lot 4 Blk 3 PL 102054147 | \$658.67 |
| Lot 4 Blk 4 PL 102054147 | \$647.72 |

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| Lot 4 Blk 7 PL 102054147 | \$649.98 |
| Lot 5 Blk 1 PL 102054147 | \$648.18 |
| Lot 5 Blk 6 PL 102054147 | \$772.48 |
| Lot 5 Blk 7 PL 102054147 | \$779.92 |
| Lot 6 Blk 1 PL 102054147 | \$648.46 |
| Lot 7 Blk 1 PL 102054147 | \$656.03 |
| Lot 8 Blk 2 PL 102054147 | \$648.08 |
| Lot 8 Blk 3 PL 102054147 | \$644.50 |
| Lot 10 Blk 1 PL 102054147 | \$860.29 |
| Lot 14 Blk 5 PL 102054147 | \$816.55 |
| Lot 8 Blk 1 PL 101929596 | \$966.36 |
| Lot 8 Blk 3 PL 102004603 | \$2,565.03 |
| Lot 22 Blk 1 PL 101929596 | \$614.83 |
| Lot 28 Blk 102 PL 102085264 | \$714.18 |
| SW 3 55 6 W3 | \$271.43 |
| PT NW 4 55 6 W3 | \$626.38 |
| SE 15 55 6 W3 | \$472.03 |
| PT NW 16 55 7 W3 | \$196.21 |
| NW 26 55 7 W3 | \$586.70 |
| NW 9 55 8 W3 | \$1,306.08 |
| NE 13 55 8 W3 | \$1,029.77 |
| NE 2 56 6 W3 | \$788.93 |
| SE 2 56 6 W3 | \$1,981.02 |
| SW 2 56 6 W3 | \$2,448.15 |
| PT SW 20 56 6 W3 | \$2,036.63 |
| SW 32 56 6 W3 | \$1,285.56 |
| NW 11 56 7 W3 | \$1,134.28 |
| PT SE 17 56 7 W3 | \$184.15 |
| PT NE 19 56 7 W3 | \$515.61 |
| SE 24 56 7 W3 | \$1,049.78 |
| SW 25 56 7 W3 | \$241.31 |
| PT SE 3 56 8 W3 | \$597.84 |
| PT NW 36 56 8 W3 | \$1,095.31 |
| PT NE 4 57 7 W3 | \$172.65 |

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Course options now posted for new provincial online school

Course options for students are now available at the new Saskatchewan Distance Learning Corporation (Sask DLC) website as students and career counsellors begin planning class schedules for the 2023-24 school year. The course catalogue can be found at www.saskDLC.ca.

Sask DLC will offer more than 180 online courses for Kindergarten to Grade 12 students, including more than 120 high school courses with unique electives such as Animation, Astronomy, Paleontology, IT Fundamentals, Equine Studies, and Interior Design and Decorating, among others. Sask DLC will use the Moodle platform and has ready to use educational resources for students and teachers including instructional videos and lesson plans.

"The wide array of courses on offer will provide students with new opportunities for learning, which they may not have had previously," Education Minister Dustin Duncan said. "Through this enhanced learning experience, all students will have greater flexibility and choice in gaining the knowledge and skills necessary for their future careers, regardless of where they live in Saskatchewan."

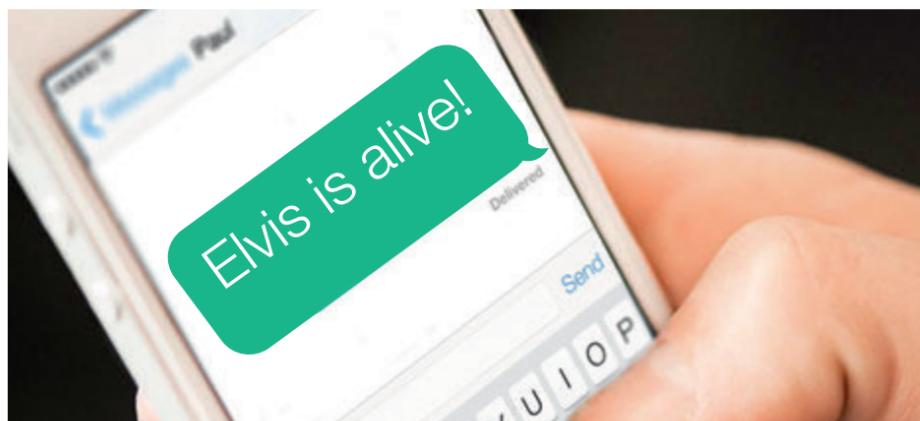
Students who need assistance with

individual planning, whether that be course questions or access to local supports, are encouraged to reach out to the Sask DLC who will work directly with the student's local school division to meet their needs.

In addition to the Sask DLC, separate school divisions, the Conseil des écoles fransaskoises and independent schools may offer online learning to Kindergarten to Grade 12 students through an application process. The Ministry of Education will work with applicants to ensure they meet a quality assurance framework to provide a consistent and high-quality learning experience for students. Successful applicants will be notified in April by the Ministry of Education.

The Sask DLC will begin staffing positions in March in the main office in Kenaston and nine additional regional campuses in the communities of Estevan, La Ronge, Moose Jaw, Neilburg, Nipawin, Prince Albert, Saskatoon, Swift Current and Yorkton.

Further information about online learning in Saskatchewan will be updated at www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/prek-12-education-early-learning-and-schools/online-learning as it becomes available.



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