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Two more locals receive Jubilee Medals

Flanked by RCMP officers, Joan Sommerfeld accepts her Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal from Prince Albert MP Randy Hoback.

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Parkside's Joan Sommerfeld and Shellbrook's Dave Bodvarson were in esteemed company, when Prince Albert MP Randy Hoback hosted a Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal ceremony at the E.A. Rawlinson Centre for the Arts.

The Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal was created as a celebration of the 70th anniversary of the late Queen Elizabeth's ascension to the throne, and a recognition of her dedicated service to Canada. In keeping with this, the medal honours those who have made contributions in any number of fields, be it community service and leadership, business, arts and culture, sports, education, volunteerism, first aid/CPR, or military service.

While 7,000 medals were handed out to provincial recipients, including 70 nominees in the Rosthern-Shellbrook constituency, no medals were issued federally. Viewing this as an oversight, Hoback took it upon himself to commission medals for his own presentation and asked constituents to submit nominations via his website, email, telephone, or letter mail.

In the end, 44 medal recipients were selected for the Prince Albert ceremony, including Sommerfeld and Bodvarson, and another 15 individuals received medals at a second ceremony held in Tisdale the following evening.

"Sometimes these things can be a little hit and miss, because there are so many people who volunteer their time and are so worthy," Sommerfeld said of the moment she learned of her own nomination via an email from Hoback's office.

"It was really wonderful to be recognized among so many worthy candidates."

Though in recent years she's made the most headlines as a volunteer art instructor for the elders of Parkland Integrated Health Centre's long-term care facility, Sommerfeld's most enduring legacy is actually in the fields of agriculture and education.

In her capacity as a delegate from the dairy sector, Sommerfeld was one of the initial board members for Saskatchewan's Agriculture in the Classroom program, which celebrated its 15th year this year.

"Being a teacher, I could see how important it was to start reaching more and more of our urban students to try to keep that connection with agriculture," she said.

Sommerfeld was also an important advocate for the Canadian dairy sector. Most notably, she was among the industry voices lobbying the federal government to keep growth hormones like bovine somatotrophin out of Canadian milk in the face of immense pressure to keep pricing competitive with the American market.

In her work on the board of the Dairy Producers' Co-operative Ltd., Sommerfeld also supported the Saputo factory in Saskatoon, a move she calls a "jewel in the crown" of keeping good jobs and good products as local as possible.

Meanwhile, in other local contributions, she served as a national delegate for Canadian Parents for French, an organization that advocates for children learning a second language, helping bring French language education to Shellbrook. She's also been a board member for the Shellbrook Public Library, and is still very much involved with the Walter Willoughby Horticulture Society.

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Canwood Elks host Fish Fry

By GRANT PERSON

The Canwood Elks Club, with help from the Canwood Royal Purple Elks, held a Fish Fry supper on April 30.

The evening was a success, with approximately 220 delicious meals of northern pike, potato salad, coleslaw, buns, beans, and a variety of homemade desserts served to guests, and a total of about $2,000 raised.

With the help of a $7,500 donation from the Canwood Regional Park Authority, which held a successful supper and silent auction fundraiser earlier this year, the actual grand total for the evening climbed to about $9,500.

Elsewhere, all supper attendees had their names put into a draw for a coffee maker and coffee basket, donated by Beau "Lac" Funeral Home. The lucky winner of the prize was Ron Ferster.

All proceeds from the supper will be directed to the Canwood Elks Community Centre for the operation and upkeep of the Community Hall.

Ron Ferster was the winner of the coffee basket door prize donated by Beau "Lac" Funeral Home.

The Canwood Regional Park Authority donated $7,500 to help operate and maintain the Community Hall at the Canwood Elks Community Centre. Pictured, from left to right: Hilda Gaboury (Canwood Seniors), Eileen Hamborg (Royal Purple Elks), Ken Moar (Hall committee and Elks rep), and Grant Person (Regional Park).

Fire bans widespread in area

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

With spring and summer weather seemingly here to stay, and dry conditions persisting across Saskatchewan, wildfire season is officially underway in the province.

As of Tuesday Morning, the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency's (SPSA) daily wildfire tracker was reporting 97 wildfires to date — significantly higher than the five-year average of 52.

Of those 91 wildfires, 20 were considered still active, with 13 contained, four under ongoing assessment, and three not contained.

This pales in comparison to the wildfire situation in Alberta, which has displaced more than 30,000 people and prompted the provincial government to declare a state of emergency. The province has already seen 409 wildfires this year, with 89 of those fires still being active as of Tuesday.

Hoping to forgo similar catastrophes here, a number of municipalities and rural municipalities in the area have implemented total fire bans.

The list of municipalities with confirmed fire bans includes, Big River, Canwood, Debden, Shellbrook, and Spiritwood.

The list of rural municipalities with confirmed fire bans includes, the R.M. of Big River, the R.M. of Canwood, the R.M. of Medstead, the R.M. of Shellbrook, and the R.M. of Spiritwood.

As of Tuesday, the Villages of Leask and Marcelin, the Town of Blaine Lake, and the Rural Municipalities of Leask and Blaine Lake had yet to impose fire bans.

This week (May 7 to 13) has been proclaimed Emergency Preparedness Week in Saskatchewan. In recognition of the week, the SPSA is urging Saskatchewan residents to create an emergency plan and prepare an emergency kit for their home or vehicle.

"It is important to consider all types of emergencies and scenarios when preparing for an emergency. Knowing what to do and how to prepare for different situations is a crucial step in being ready to face any emergency," the SPSA said in a press release.

For more information and resources on emergency preparedness, visit: *https://www.saskpublicsafety.ca/at-home/emergency-preparedness-at-home*

TOPS walks up funds for Food Bank

Shellbrook's TOPS group planned a morning walk as a fundraiser for the Shellbrook and Area Ministerial Food Bank. Sponsors got behind local TOPS members, who raised a remarkable total of $1,655, while other community members joined the group walk, providing food donations and fellowship. The group's newest member, Stan Waterhouse, single-handedly raised more than $1,000. ***Photo credit: Linda Lundy***

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Despite all this, she remains humbled just to have been considered for a Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal.

"It was almost tear-provoking," she said of receiving her medal. "To be in the company of so many worthy people, it was such an honour. It was really touching."

For his part, Dave Bodvarson says he felt almost the same way when he found out he was among the list of medal recipients.

Calling it both humbling and shocking, Bodvarson says he was "overwhelmed by gratitude" that someone noticed his contributions to the community.

Of course, Bodvarson is well-known as the pastor of the Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly, presiding over a congregation that is very active within the community. He's also the chair of the Shellbrook and Area Ministerial Association, and has been heavily involved with the Ministerial food bank.

Outside of the church, but still in his capacity as a pastor, Bodvarson also serves as the Padre for the Shellbrook Royal Canadian Legion Branch, and is a mainstay at Legion events.

Though the Jubilee Medal was awarded to him in recognition of his community service, Bodvarson says it's not just him who deserves the honour.

"The truth is, I share this with my best friend and wife, Marlene," he said. "It's not just one person, when you're tied to a person for 42 years. We work together."

Elsewhere, in Jubilee Medal news the *Chronicle & Herald* missed, Doug Oleksyn received a provincial medal in Prince Albert back in February.

Oleksyn has served as Reeve of the R.M. of Shellbrook since 2018, and was a councillor for many years before then.

He's also well-known in the agriculture sector alongside his brothers Terry and Tim Oleksyn, with whom he operates Oleksyn Bros Farm, and has been heavily involved in 4-H throughout the years (earning himself an induction into 4-H Hall of Fame in 2021).

Flanked by RCMP officers, Dave Bodvarson (left) accepts his Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal from Prince Albert MP Randy Hoback.

Doug Oleksyn (right) accepts his Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal from Saskatchewan Lt. Gov Russ Mirasty.

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Pursuant to subsection 214 of *The Municipalities Act*, Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Resort Village of Echo Bay for the year 2023 has been prepared and is open to inspection by calling (306)427-2188 or emailing resortechobay@gmail.com for an appointment between May 11th and June 12th, 2023. Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal with:

The Assessor
Resort Village of Echo Bay
Box 130, Shell Lake, SK S0J 2G0

By the 12th day of June, 2023
Dated at Shell Lake, Saskatchewan, this 11th day of May, 2023
Tara Bueckert, Assessor
Resort Village of Echo Bay

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Pursuant to subsection 214 of *The Municipalities Act*, Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Resort Village of Big Shell for the year 2023 has been prepared and is open to inspection by calling (306)427-2188 or emailing villagebigshell@gmail.com or 1-800-824-2570 (SAMA) between May 11th and June 12th, 2023. Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal with:

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Bill C-69 lag could doom Trudeau's climate goals

Jordan Twiss
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News Editor

When it became the law of the land in 2019, Bill C-69, The Impact Assessment Act, was dubbed the "no more pipelines" bill by its opponents.

Bill C-69 was meant to overhaul the environmental assessment process for major construction projects, be it a pipeline, a mining operation, or a hydroelectric dam. To this end, the legislation imposes more requirements for consulting affected Indigenous communities, widens public participation in the review process, and requires climate change and the human impacts of projects to be considered.

Despite the broad purview of the Impact Assessment Act Agency of Canada – the government body responsible for overseeing the environmental assessment process – Prime Minister Justin Trudeau remained adamant the new legislation would speed up project approvals.

Indeed, in the face of objections and challenges to the bill, including a 2022 Alberta Court of Appeals ruling that deemed it "unconstitutional," he said the following:

"The Impact Assessment Act delivered on an important promise we made to Canadians to reform a broken system and restore public trust in how decisions about major projects are made. The previous Conservative government gutted environmental protections, eroded public trust and discouraged investment, and made it harder, not easier, for major projects to be built."

Predictably, the federal government challenged the ruling of the Alberta Court of Appeals, taking its argument to the Supreme Court of Canada during a two-day hearing held in March.

There, far from being universally accepted by the top court's so-called "activist" judges, Bill C-69 faced legitimate questions about its scope and the potential for it to be leveraged to grant Ottawa control over matters that fall under provincial jurisdiction.

"The feds get their hook in under some head of power and once the hook is in, they can use that for any purpose they want," Justice Malcolm Rowe posited.

Lawyers for the federal government objected to this notion, saying Bill C-69 "forces governments to look at both positive and negative effects of a development and decide whether, on balance, it's in the public interest."

They also contended that the bill is necessary to ensure national consistency in environmental standards.

Whether the Supreme Court will accept this argument, or the case brought forth by Bill C-69's opponents (including the Government of Saskatchewan), remains to be seen.

In the meantime, however, a recently released report has cast doubt on Mr. Trudeau's claim that the legislation will speed up project approvals.

Published by Calgary-based think tank the Canada West Foundation, the report analyzed the 25 projects submitted under the federal Impact Assessment Act since it came into force in 2019. It found almost all of the projects submitted under the legislation remain in the first two phases of the four-part assessment process.

First, it should be noted that the government's own primer suggests these first two phases could take a combined three-and-a-half years (up to 180 days for Phase 1 and up to three years for Phase 2).

According to the Canada West Foundation, Phase 1's timeline can even be extended via "stop clock" requests from project proponents. These stoppages occurred for 80 per cent of the projects being reviewed under Bill C-69, ballooning the average completion time of Phase 1 to 332 days. (Of course, there were extenuating circumstances in this period, namely the COVID-19 pandemic, that may have slowed the process considerably.)

Marla Orenstein, the report's lead author, says this puts Bill C-69 on somewhat even footing with its predecessor, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act of 2012, which was often criticized for excessive project approval times – with some projects taking more than 10 years to receive a green light.

"This doesn't seem to bode well for getting projects out the other side in a relatively tidy way," Ms. Orenstein said.

The federal government will need to speed up the deployment of infrastructure projects, she adds, if it's to have any hope of meeting its environmental goal of reducing the country's greenhouse gas emissions by 40 to 45 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030.

Seemingly aware of this, the federal government's 2023-2024 budget promised a plan to speed up the approvals process "by the end of the year," and earmarked $1.3 billion in Budget 2023 to be used by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada, the Canada Energy Regulator and ten other departments to "improve regulatory efficiency."

We don't yet know what this plan will look like, or whether it will actually work. But the government's handling of Bill C-69, and the climate change portfolio more generally, don't exactly inspire confidence.

Even with flagship policies like Bill C-69 and the carbon tax, which are intended to incentivize both people and businesses to reduce their emissions footprints, the government is going to be hard-pressed to meet its emissions reduction target.

The 2005 benchmark the government's working off of is 732 megatonnes of greenhouse gas emissions. To be 40 to 45 per cent below this, Canada will have to slash its annual emissions to somewhere between 439.2 megatonnes and 402.6 megatonnes.

According to its own numbers, however, emissions have remained relatively steady since Mr. Trudeau's government took office in 2015. Indeed, the only year to bring a significant reduction was 2020, which saw emissions fall to 659 megatonnes.

While Mr. Trudeau would undoubtedly love to take credit for this, the real reason for the change is the COVID-19 pandemic. This is evidenced by the slight rebound in emissions levels, to 670 megatonnes, in 2021, as some jurisdictions were easing their public health restrictions.

In other words, after eight years in power, Mr. Trudeau's government has only managed to reduce emissions by eight per cent below 2005 levels.

It will need a whole lot more than faith, trust, and a little bit of pixie dust to drop emissions another 32 per cent in less than seven years.

No one can accuse Mr. Trudeau's government of lacking ambition. It has a clear vision and lofty goals, and is unflinchingly committed to seeing them come to fruition – even if their opponents believe them to be unattainable.

What's lacking in this federal government is a grounding in reality, and a willingness to compromise and adjust when things don't go according to plan.

It's all well and good to envision a net-zero, all electric vehicle, completely sustainable future. But you can't get there without the infrastructure to support it.

If major projects take the better part of a decade to be approved by this government, who's going to want to invest in building it?

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May 1 to 7 was Missing Persons Week in Saskatchewan with the theme "Never Forgotten: Honouring the Missing and Supporting Their Families." This week was about raising awareness about missing persons and prevention and support services.

Our government continues to work to improve safety for communities and people across the province. The recently passed 2023-24 Provincial Budget includes important investments in safety for Saskatchewan communities.

Investments of $968.5 million will enhance the protection of persons and property across the province; included in this investment is the establishment of the new Saskatchewan Marshals Service (SMS). Consisting of about 70 officers, the SMS will support RCMP and municipal forces with a focus on rural and remote areas.

Expansions to Saskatchewan's Crime Reduction Teams (CRT) and Warrant Enforcement and Suppression Teams (WEST) will also be funded to build on ongoing successes. Over the past year, these teams have apprehended numerous violent offenders and removed drugs and guns from our communities, helping make our province safer. The province's third WEST unit will be established in Prince Albert this year, and a new CRT unit in the Battlefords region will join the other nine units across the province.

Our government continues to invest in initiatives to reduce the criminal use of firearms while protecting the rights of law-abiding gun owners. This year's budget includes funding to administer the recently-passed Saskatchewan Firearms Act, which regulates licensing, storage, transportation, and carrying of firearms. A provincial firearms regulatory system will be established to promote the safe and responsible use of firearms. The Act will also regulate seizure of firearms by federal government agents and ensure fair compensation for those firearms being seized. Ultimately, the Act will enhance public safety while supporting responsible firearms use and ownership.

As we approach fire season, the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) has invested in a new water-scooping air tanker to help provide a stronger wildfire response. The new CL-215T will join a fleet of air tankers and bird-dog planes as part of the province's fire response program. This year's budget also invests in reopening the Parkland College firefighter training program in Melville, which will address the demand for firefighters across the province.

This budget includes an $8.8 million increase in annual funding to enhance Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in 31 communities across the province. This investment will help stabilize emergency services and modernize the system across the province. EMS providers in our communities are on the frontlines of patient care, a priority area for our government.

For survivors of interpersonal and sexual violence, the budget includes $27.5 million in supports and services. This includes funding to support second stage housing, including intervention and counselling services, for women and their children leaving interpersonal violence and abuse. This funding will be allocated to five community-based organizations across the province that do important work to support survivors. Violence and abuse have no place in our communities, and ensuring survivors have access to safe services is part of improving community safety across the province.

Investments in initiatives that help keep Saskatchewan communities and people safe ensure our province remains one of the best places to live, work and raise a family. For more information or to learn more about the 2023-24 Provincial Budget, please visit *Saskatchewan.ca*.

Theft shuts down Ahtahkakoop drive-in theatre

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Drive-in movies won't be on the events calendar for the Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation for the foreseeable future, after the local theatre was robbed.

Ryan Peekeekoot, owner of the Lonesome Pine Diner and Drive-in Theatre, says he was planning to open the theatre last week, before he discovered that several generators, stereos, security cameras, and more items, worth about $10,000, had been stolen.

Fortunately, he says, people in the community have already stepped up to help.

"People are already sending us money, which is awesome and heartwarming," said Peekeekoot, noting that a friend of his, Dean Gauthier, has already organized a fundraiser event.

Peekeekoot said the support has been overwhelming. And, depending on how much is raised, he wants to have the entire drive-in theatre site powered up, so he doesn't have to rely on generators anymore.

"I'd ultimately like to get power up there. Solar power would be awesome."

Meanwhile, the RCMP is asking the public for help finding the stolen items and the people responsible.

In a still image from a security camera, the suspects are seen wearing all black, and driving an older model red Chevrolet truck.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook RCMP Detachment at 306-747-2606 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

A still image from a security camera shows the suspects in a recent theft from the Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation's Lonesome Pine Diner and Drive-in Theatre. ***Photo credit: RCMP***

The Village of Debden invites applications for the Full-Time position of

VILLAGE FOREMAN

The successful candidate will be responsible for the overall organization, day-to-day management, operations and maintenance of our Public Works and Utility Systems. The Foreman is expected to operate within approved policies, programs and budgets of the Village.

Requirements:

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- Self-motivated and be able to work independently;
- Must possess a valid Class 5 Drivers;
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Village of Debden
Box 400, Debden, Saskatchewan S0J 0S0

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Shellbrook lacrosse season gets under way

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Lacrosse players and parents swarmed the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre last Monday, as the Shellbrook Swarm's 2023 season officially kicked off.

As it turns out, neither of the teams competing in the season-opening match up had far to travel, because it was Shellbrook's two U11 teams facing off against each other — a sign of the sport's growth in the community in what is only its second season, Shellbrook Lacrosse board member Melissa Moe says.

This year, following a number of try lacrosse sessions that were held in the lead-up to the season, Shellbrook Lacrosse boasts 55 players, an increase of 16 players over 2022.

Last season, there was one U7 team with five kids, one U9 team with 10 kids, one U11 team with 12 kids, and a U13 team with 12 kids. Though there's no U13 Shellbrook Swarm team for 2023, the community is fielding one U7 team, and two U9 and U11 teams.

"Hockey and lacrosse are great complementary sports, and with hockey being so popular in our community, it only makes sense that lacrosse would be on the rise in our youth," Moe said.

"It's an action-packed sport that keeps all participants on their toes and engaged. It's a great way for kids to run around and burn off some energy, while also working on their hand eye coordination."

Another key change for the 2023 season is that Shellbrook's lacrosse program is looking to stand on its own two feet under the guidance of the Shellbrook Lacrosse board.

For the inaugural lacrosse season, those trying to launch the sport in Shellbrook leaned heavily on the expertise of Ryan Sandry and a number of junior coaches (who are also high-level lacrosse players) to get things off the ground.

Organizers also received support from the Prince Albert Box Lacrosse Association, which handled registrations, loaned out equipment and jerseys for the players, and welcomed Shellbrook's teams into its league.

"This was very helpful, as we really weren't sure which way lacrosse was going to go and we didn't have the funds for a start up program at this time," Moe said.

With a successful first lacrosse season in the books, the fledgling Shellbrook Lacrosse board quickly got to work on fundraising ahead of the 2023 season, and secured sponsors to provide jerseys for all five teams. The board also purchased goalie gear, nets, shot clocks, and all the other equipment needed for start up.

Like last year, however, junior coaches will be leaned upon to provide the best development and experience for the players, including local athletes Ashton Tanchuk, Jake Boettcher, and Talon Sandry.

"It's great to see them giving back to a sport that has given them so much," Moe said.

With the 2023 lacrosse season officially in full swing in Shellbrook, it won't be just local teams that will be calling the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre home. The rink will also be home turf for three teams from Mistawasis First Nation, helping bring more people to the rink and the community.

Additionally, the Shellbrook Lacrosse board is in talks with the Prince Albert U21 Predators and the TeamSask U19 box lacrosse teams to host some exhibition games in Shellbrook.

Shellbrook's 2023 lacrosse kicked off at the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre last week, with the U11 Shellbrook Swarm teams facing off against each other.

NOTICE OF CALL FOR BY-ELECTION NOMINATION

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF LEASK NO. 464

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that nomination of candidate for the office of:

COUNCILLOR FOR DIVISION NO. 5

Will be received by the undersigned at the municipal office during regular business hours until Wednesday, May 17th, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. local time.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the municipal office located at 231 1st Ave South in Leask.

Dated this 25th day of April, 2023.

Donna Goertzen
Returning Officer

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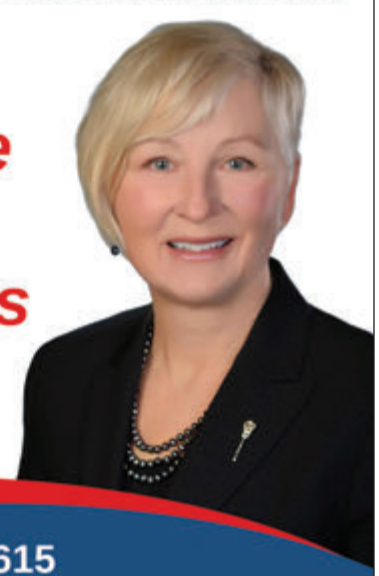

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To eat? Or not to eat? That's a good question

Calvin Daniels
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There are times that farmers have to wonder what exactly consumers are thinking when it comes to their decisions about what they put on the dinner table.

There are so many factors the consumer is being asked to consider today that makes understanding their final decisions often confusing to understand.

There are those who believe livestock are sentient and so should be off the menu. There are also those who want livestock left off the menu because they are considered greenhouse gas emitters. They'd, perhaps, like to see existing herds consumed and any further production halted, which could mean extinction for some breeds — which, in turn, could have future impacts that are not well understood today.

Others worry livestock consumes feed from acres that they believe would be better suited to grains for human consumption.

While most of the above reasons might best be described as moral ones, there is also the mixed messages regarding what is best for humans in terms of what feeds our bodies best.

"Meat, eggs and milk offer crucial sources of much-needed nutrients which cannot easily be obtained from plant-based foods," a new report issued by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) says.

However, revisions to the Canada Food Guide in 2019 are pointedly different. The updated Food Guide emphasized plant-based foods and advised Canadians to consume less milk and meat.

One can sympathize if consumers aren't quite sure which message is best for their families.

Ultimately, barring issues such as allergies or medical conditions limiting what one eats, it would seem as in most things, moderation is a good starting place from which to determine family menus. Too much of anything; from raw sugars, to salt, to cured meats, to any other menu item, is not likely the best option.

It is also likely most any food in moderation is not going to be horrible for some, unless the aforementioned issues are present.

Is eating beef or pork OK? Well, for most the answer is no doubt yes, and the same can be said for consuming legumes as a protein source. But the better answer is quite likely a diet with some of both on the menu regularly.

And let's not forget humans have been drinking animal milks for centuries, so to suddenly think that is bad seems unlikely, although perhaps consumption needs to be adjusted for lifestyle. Most of us do not do the physical work we would have even 50 years ago, so our nutrient needs are going to be different.

The key is assimilating the data being tossed out and finding a balance that works in the kitchen for each of us.

Governments fund pest biosecurity program

The Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan have announced $19.5 million for an enhanced Pest Biosecurity Program through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership.

The five-year Pest Biosecurity Program will be delivered by the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM). Funding is available to rural municipalities and First Nations to provide resources to help deal with invasive agricultural crop pests, prohibited and noxious weeds, nuisance gophers, rats and nuisance beavers.

"Our farmers work hard to produce the high-quality crops and products that Canada and the world are looking for," said Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Marie-Claude Bibeau. "This investment will strengthen our sector's resilience by ensuring producers continue to have access to effective pest management tools that are safe for them, for consumers and the environment."

"This support protects against the negative impact of pests and invasive weeds on Saskatchewan's crops and natural landscape," Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit said. "The program is an investment in the sector's future, safeguarding the ability for Saskatchewan producers to continue growing crops and maintain the use of their land."

This program supports education and training to manage agriculture crop pests through the Plant Health Network. SARM employs a full-time plant health technical advisor in each of its six divisions who will promote and implement best practices within their division to identify, monitor and assist in the control of invasive and emerging threats to plant biosecurity in agriculture. The plant health technical advisors will be able to help applicants access the Pest Biosecurity Program.

A new Gopher Control Program is part of the Pest Biosecurity Program to help address a significant problem for producers in the province. The program will help control nuisance gopher populations through a rebate for registered control products and for the purchase of materials to build a raptor platform as sustainable integrated pest management.

"SARM greatly appreciates the five-year enhanced investment into these programs," SARM President Ray Orb said. "It demonstrates that the crop pest control efforts rural municipalities are undertaking are appreciated not only by local producers and ratepayers but by the province and country as a whole. They enhance the profitability of the agriculture sector by supporting proactive control, the development of best practices, training and expertise to manage pests that threaten both biosecurity, food safety and therefore market access."

Those interested in the program can learn more information on the SARM website, or on the Government of Saskatchewan website at *saskatchewan.ca/s-cap*.

The Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership is a five-year, $3.5 billion investment by Canada's federal, provincial, and territorial governments that supports Canada's agri-food and agri-products sectors. This includes $1.0 billion in federal programs and activities and a $2.5 billion commitment that is cost-shared 60 per cent federally and 40 per cent provincially/territorially for programs that are designed and delivered by provinces and territories.

RESORT VILLAGE OF BIG SHELL
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of Resort Village of Big Shell intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to sell the following public land.

Affected Area: The affected area of land is legally described as Portion of Municipal Reserve PR3, Plan No. 89B15672 Ext. 0 Shell Lake, Saskatchewan, as shown within the bold dashed line on the proposed subdivision dated May 2021 and signed by Meridian Surveys Ltd.

Reason: The reason of the proposed alteration is to allow access to the new storage lots that will be available for sale. This will require the sale of part of Municipal Reserve PR3 that is currently undeveloped.

Public Inspection: Any person may inspect the bylaw(s) by contacting Tara Bueckert at (306) 427-2188 or by email at villagebigshell@gmail.com Monday to Friday. Copies are available at cost.

Public Hearing: A public meeting will be held on May 20th, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Hall, 229 Loon Drive, Resort Village of Big Shell, Saskatchewan to discuss the proposal.
Any person(s) who wish to object to the proposed sale of dedicated land may file a written objection, stating clearly their reason for their opposition, with the administrator of the Resort Village of Big Shell at the address below. A written notice of objection must be received by the administrator by 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday May 17th, 2023.

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

Issued at Shell Lake, Saskatchewan, this 4th day of May, 2023.

Tara Bueckert, Administrator

RESORT VILLAGE OF BIG SHELL
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of Resort Village of Big Shell intends to adopt bylaws under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw 3-85 known as the Zoning Bylaw and Bylaw 2-85 The Basic Planning Statement Bylaw.

Intent: The proposed bylaws will rezone the affected area and identify the policy direction for the development of areas for residential storage. As well as update mapping within the planning documents.

Affected Area: The affected area of land is legally described as Parcel A, Plan No. 101809953 and parcel B, Plan 102024638, lying within the South East Quarter of Section 5, Township 49, Range 08, West of the Third Meridian of Big Shell, Saskatchewan, which is shown in the shaded area of the map which appears as part of this notice.

Reason: The reason of the proposed amendment is to allow for the development of storage lots to be titled.

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Quilts showcased at Shellbrook Seniors' Tea

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

The Shellbrook Senior Citizens' Centre came alive with colour on Friday, April 28, when the Shellbrook Seniors Association hosted its inaugural Spring Tea and Quilt Display.

Like the Welcome 2023 Tea it hosted at the start of the year, the event was another brand-new idea for the community group, which is hoping to shake things up with new activities and fundraisers to increase memberships and get back on solid financial footing — thanks to two years of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions that left it struggling to cover the costs associated with operating and maintaining the senior's centre.

If nothing else, the Spring Tea and Quilt Display brought out a large crowd, as 54 guests stopped by to visit for a couple hours and take in the beautiful modern, vintage, and antique quilts made by local and area quilters, enjoy the tea and baked treats prepared by club members, and visit with new and old friends. Indeed, one couple even made the trip from Prince Albert to view the display, which was curated and painstakingly set up over about 10 hours by Mary Anne Kennedy.

For Lorraine Thibeault, the secretary for the Shellbrook Seniors Association, the idea to host the Spring Tea and Quilt Display was inspired by her own experiences with an organization in Meadow Lake that has hosted an annual St. Patrick's Day Tea & Quilt Display for about 60 years.

Thibeault brought the idea to her fellow Shellbrook Seniors Association members, who were more than receptive to it, but the timing wasn't right for the event to be held in conjunction with St. Patrick's Day, so it was added to the Spring Tea event instead.

With fundraising also being part of the aim for the group, the original plan was to have the tea, quilts, and a few raffle items. However, after Dianne Roberts donated a lap quilt for the event, the group decide to hold a month-long raffle for it. In the end, Rita Loiselle of Shellbrook was the lucky winner of the prize.

"I feel that the afternoon was a great success. The quilts were gorgeous, and we received many positive comments about them," Thibeault said of the afternoon, noting that the club is already looking ahead to future iterations of the event, including a Winter and Christmas-themed display.

"We will probably extend the event when we have it again. As well as the Tea & Display we had this year, we may also have a Wine and Cheese with the Quilt Display in the evening, and possibly a Coffee, Muffin and Quilt Display on Saturday morning so that people who work during the day can view the quilts."

For Mary Anne Kennedy, who is herself a quilter, the Spring Tea and Quilt Display was an excellent opportunity to not only showcase the hard work of local and area quilters, both current and past, but also to shine a spotlight on the art of quilting.

Whether the quilts are made entirely by hand, with a standard sewing machine, or with a longarm quilting machine, Kennedy says, the craft is underappreciated.

"I don't think people recognize the time it takes to make a quilt," she said. "There are two very distinct components. One is creating the quilt top, and then there's putting together what's called the quilt sandwich: the quilt top, the layer of batting, and the layer of backing."

Submitted by Rose Anne Boyle, and quilted by her mom Emilia Chabot in 1998, the pattern for this quilt actually dates back to the early 1900s. It was originally quilted by Boyle's grandmother, Albertine Gagne.

This Bookshelf Quilt, machine quilted by Emelia Schiller in June 2017, boasts a lot of detail and a few familiar titles.

More than 50 guests came to visit and view the quilts at the Shellbrook Seniors Association's Spring Tea and Quilt Display.

CHECK IT OUT!

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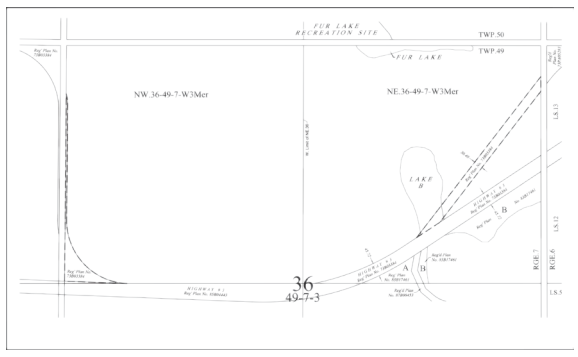
R.M. OF CANWOOD NO. 494

PUBLIC NOTICE

In the matter of Section 13 of *The Municipalities Act*, being a statute of the Province of Saskatchewan and pursuant to the Public Notice Bylaw No. 2005-10 of the R.M. of Canwood No. 494, notice is hereby given that the Council will consider at their Council Meeting on May 24, 2023, the matter of permanently closing the road allowance, described as all those portions of the original road allowance lying within the NE 36-49-07 W3, including Plan 73B03384 Ext 2, Ext 3 and Ext 6, and all those portions of the original road allowance lying within the NW 36-49-07 W3, being Plan 73B03384 Ext 2 and excluding Plan 73B03384 Ext 1 as shown in the bold dashed line on the Descriptive Type II Plan prepared by Valley Geomatics dated April 26, 2023, as shown on the map below.



Any person opposing this closure will be given an opportunity to be heard at a public meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 to be held on May 24, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 641 Main Street, Canwood, Sask.

Dated in the Village of Canwood, in the Province of Saskatchewan, this 4th day of May, 2023.

Lorna Benson, Administrator

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Canwood raises Elks Fund for Children Flag

On Monday, May 1, some of the Canwood Elks and Royal Purple Elks members were joined by the Canwood School Pre-K class to raise the "Elk's Fund for Children" flag at the Village Office. Each year for the month of May, this flag is raised, and a proclamation is read stating that the month of May is Hearing and Speech month.

Submitted by Donna Lovberg

Regional KidsFirst visits Spiritwood library

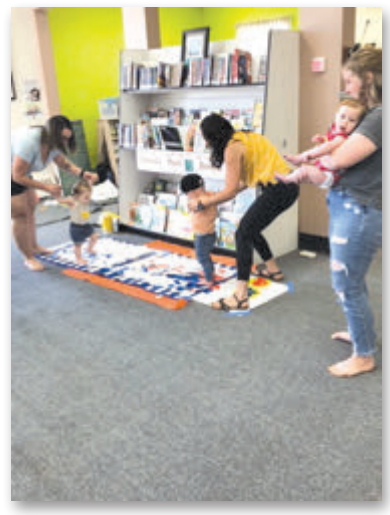
By NATASHA CABASE
Spiritwood Herald Reporter

Prince Albert Regional KidsFirst visited the Spiritwood Public Library on May 5 to provide a variety of workshops for children up to the age of five and their moms.

Led by community developer Chantelle Sprenger, the goal of the program was to promote healthy development in the early years by offering activities that empower families, and to expose little ones to a variety of learning opportunities.

During the day, moms and tots sang songs, used finger paint, played with building blocks and textured dough, danced and wiggled, played games with a parachute, and engaged in many other sensory activities. As an additional benefit, moms also got the chance to connect and bond with each other.

KidsFirst Regional is a program funded by both the provincial and federal government that aims to improve literacy and provide group opportunities, events, and tools to families in smaller urban and rural communities across the province where early learning opportunities may be limited. Programming is focused on making early learning opportunities more accessible and growing parent knowledge and skills.



With mom's help, the children practiced walking while also painting with their feet.

A colourful parachute provided opportunities for different activities.

Building blocks were among the sensory play items on offer.

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Community Calendar

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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

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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 - Thursday 2 pm - 7 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.
LEASK & CANWOOD: Walter Willoughby Horticultural Society – Bedding Plant Sales. Leask – Seniors Hall: Thursday, May 18 from 1-3 pm – To book a table call Doris @ 306-466-9179. Canwood – Seniors Hall: Tuesday, May 23 from 1-3 pm – To book a table call Barb @ 306-468-2841. Both sales will have strawberry shortcake, tea & coffee!

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Land for Sale by Public Tender Under the Tax Enforcement Act

The Town of Blaine Lake is tendering the following tax title property in accordance with the *Tax Enforcement Act*:

105 Nelson Avenue East – Blk O & Blk M, Plan B4557

GENERAL INFORMATION

The sale of land for tax arrears by public tender is governed by the Tax Enforcement Act. A Municipality may recover unpaid property taxes through the sale of a property. By the time a property is eligible for tax sale, the property taxes are at least in their second year of arrears.

Tax sales are not typical real estate transactions. The Municipality is generally interested in recovering unpaid taxes and associated costs of obtaining title and property maintenance and is not obligated to obtain fair market value. Prior to considering participating in a tax sale, it is recommended that you seek independent legal advice from a lawyer licensed to practice in Saskatchewan and in good standing with the Law Society of Saskatchewan.

1. The Municipality may not be fully aware of the condition of the property being advertised for sale nor does the Municipality make any representation as to its condition. The Municipality does not provide a survey or reference any parcel of land subject to a tax sale.
2. The Municipality is not required to provide vacant possession of any properties which may be occupied by persons or property and accordingly, the purchase should contact the lawyer.
3. The onus is on the tenderer to conduct his.her own inquiries into the characteristics and conditions of the property including zoning, access, work orders, water/hydro and other arrears, building restrictions, title problems, liens, etc., each of which may survive the tax sale. The Municipality makes no representations whatsoever as to the quality and/or size of the land being purchased.
4. Properties sold through the tax sale process are sold without warranty and are sold as is.
5. The Municipality does not always provide access to properties that are subject to tax sale unless otherwise noted in the tender documents or advertisement for the sale. The Municipality may not have a key to the property and may not be in a position to provide one to the purchaser.
6. The Municipality does not provide legal advice in respect of tax sales or any other matters.

TENDER PROCESS

Tax Sales are conducted through a public tender process. Tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope prior to the specified time using prescribed Form A - Tender to Purchase. The tender must include a deposit of at least 10% of the tendered amount in the form of a money order, bank draft, or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation.

Tenders are opened on the date and time advertised. Following the opening, the Municipality or Municipal Auditor reviews all tenders for legislative and zoning compliance and determines if there are any qualified tenderers. Rejected tenders are returned by mail to the tenderer along with their deposit and reason for rejection.

The Municipality will notify the selected successful tenderer of the balance to be paid in order for the tenderer to be declared the successful purchaser. The balance due must be paid in full within 14 calendar days of the mailing date of the notice. Upon receiving notification, the selected successful tenderer should immediately retain a lawyer licensed to practice in Saskatchewan and in good standing with the Law Society of Saskatchewan. If the balance is not paid within 14 days, the tenderer's deposit is forfeited and the property is offered for sale in the same manner to the next qualified tenderer.

If there is no successful tenderer, the lands may vest to the Municipality.

The Municipality reserves the right to withdraw any property from the tax sale process at any time prior to registration of tax deed without notice.

The Municipality is not required to select any bid that is not enough to cover the amount of all outstanding arrears of taxes, penalties and costs.

Disclaimer: The information contained herein may become out-of-date as relevant legislation changes. While every effort will be taken to update the information, the Municipality cannot be held responsible for any legal liabilities arising from the use of the information.

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Honeywood hosts successful supper fundraiser

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Honeywood Heritage Nursery welcomed the arrival of spring, and got a strong head start on its fundraising for the season, when it hosted its Celebrate the Coming of Spring Supper and Auction at the Parkside Heritage Centre on Sunday, April 23.

With 100 tickets sold for the supper, the Heritage Centre was full-up for an evening of good food, good friends, and good prizes to be bid on (and hopefully won). The event was also a demonstration of good community spirit, as local and area individuals, businesses, and organizations volunteered their time, prizes for the live and silent auctions, and/or monetary donations.

The supper portion of the evening saw guests feast upon two 25-pound turkeys, a ham, potatoes, and all the fixings, while the live and silent auctions had 70 and 28 items up for grabs, respectively. There was also a 50/50, which was won by Patty Tremaine and quickly donated back to Honeywood, and a VIP table auction. This auction was won by Garry Thiel and his fellow guests, who were treated to special service, wine, beautiful mini rose bouquets, and a box of Purdy's chocolates.

Though the Honeywood Heritage Nursery board hasn't disclosed the total raised on the evening, Judy Harley says it would like to stress that it was "a very successful event, and the funds raised will be used in the continued maintenance and restoration work that is always ongoing to provide a beautiful place for our friends and neighbours to enjoy."

Of course, keeping Honeywood a beautiful place to visit isn't easy (or cheap). Indeed, Harley estimates the seasonal costs to run and maintain the heritage site are somewhere between $80,000 and $100,000 once wages, maintenance, and everything else is factored in. And as a non-profit, Honeywood relies heavily on donations and grants to pay the bills.

With more spring and summer-like temperatures finally arriving in Saskatchewan, the work to ready the nursery grounds for opening got underway in earnest last week, as staff started to clean up the grounds, get plants potted, and welcomed the first shipment of annuals, perennials, trees, and shrubs from Canadian Tire Prince Albert.

This season's work at Honeywood is being completed under the supervision of new manager Shelly Masters, as former manager Dale Kuhn has entered semi-retirement (meaning he's sticking around to volunteer his time and help train the new manager). Masters and Kuhn are joined by student Charlie LeDoux and maintenance man Mark Diehl in readying Honeywood for its opening, and caring for it throughout the season.

Harley says the team is expecting to have Honeywood open for this weekend — just in time for Mother's Day — and notes that the nursery wouldn't be able to continue operating if not for the kind of community support that was shown at the Celebrate the Coming of Spring Supper and Auction.

The Parkside Heritage Centre was packed for Honeywood's Celebrate the Coming of Spring Supper and Auction.
Photo credit: Wendy Johnston

With donations from the community, there were nearly 100 items up for grabs in the live and silent auctions. ***Photo credit: Judy Harley***

Jam Session raises $554 for Shell Lake Curling Rink

By NATASHA CABASE
Spiritwood Herald Reporter

The Spiritwood Pioneer Centre hosted a group of senior music lovers and singers for a jam session on April 22, 2023. Other musicians and singers were also invited to take part.

Mr. Glenn Cherry supplied and handled the sound system, while John Roth and others opened the show with a couple of lively fiddle tunes, with Irene Nowosad helping out on mandolin.

Brian Heigh followed up with a couple of songs, including other entertainers. Other performers were Leon Charboneau, Glenn and Cathy Cherry, Peggy Haryung, Linda Liddell, Ruby Larson, Reg Beardsworth, and Ken Grandberg.

Sherry and Randy Heyden both handled the lunch booth. Pastor Rick Martin from Spiritwood closed the jam session with a reading from the Bible and a gospel song.

The jam session brought in $554 in donations, which was in turn donated to the Shell Lake Curling Rink rebuild project.

Joe Delisle (left) receives a $554 cheque on behalf of the Shell Lake Curling Rink board from John Roth.

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NFL QBs on the move, and getting rich

BRUCE PENTON
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There is no higher profile position in North American sports than the quarterback of a National Football League team. Today we'll look at three of them — one coming, one going, and one who was in limbo but is now in the chips.

In the 'coming' category is former Alabama star Bryce Young, chosen first overall in the late-April NFL draft by the Carolina Panthers. It was a controversial pick, because Young, who won the Heisman Trophy in 2022 as the best player in U.S. college football, stands only 5-foot-10 and teams usually like their QBs to be tall (6-foot-3 or more) so they can easily see over the line of scrimmage. But Young's play-making ability, quick reaction, and strong arm have made general managers believe that he could be another Drew Brees or Russell Wilson, height-challenged quarterbacks who starred in the NFL. The Panthers' choice apparently came down to Young or the 6-foot-3 C.J. Stroud, whose Ohio State Buckeyes lost in the college football semi-final last season. Carolina chose the shorter guy and the scrutiny over that choice will be immense among football fans in the next few years.

In the 'going' slot, we have 39-year-old Pro Bowl veteran Aaron Rodgers, the long-time Green Bay Packer stalwart still at the top of his game, going to the New York Jets. Rodgers was not shy in telling the world he no longer wanted to play in Wisconsin and that the Jets would be his preferred new team. After a month or so of negotiations, stalling, and threats, a deal involving a variety of draft picks was finally consummated, and Rodgers will face Big Apple pressure in taking the Jets to the promised land — the playoffs. The Jets haven't made the playoffs in 12 years and own the longest North American playoff drought among all major sports. Pressure? After the Rodgers' deal was announced, the Jets were pegged by the betting industry with the fourth-best odds to win next year's Super Bowl.

For the longest time, Baltimore Ravens' QB Lamar Jackson was in apparent limbo, given the 'franchise' tag by the Ravens after contract negotiations stalled. Being 'tagged' means any team could sign Jackson to a contract, but would have to forfeit two first-round draft picks. Jackson is a great player (the NFL's MVP in 2019), but injury prone, having missed 10 games over the past two years. Jackson felt he should be able to sign a fully guaranteed contract, similar to the $230 million five-year pact — 100 per cent guaranteed — Deshaun Watson signed in Cleveland. Finally, Jackson got his way, inking a $250 million five-year deal with Baltimore, of which $185 million is reportedly guaranteed. Jackson is certainly wealthy, but he also remains injury-prone and that has to be of grave concern to the Ravens, and their financial officers.

• Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com: "The Oakland A's relocation in 2027 will give Las Vegas three major pro sports franchises. Finally, something for tourists to do in that town."

• Scott Ostler of the San Francisco Chronicle, on what fans might expect after the Oakland A's move to Las Vegas: "Dollar slots, Keno runners in every section, ushers dressed up as Elvis!"

• Former Edmonton Sun columnist Terry Jones, on Twitter: "New arena deal for Calgary includes $330 million from province. That's roughly $330 million more than provided by the province for Rogers Place. Do I have that right? Anybody remember exactly?"

• Bob Molinaro again: "You know who's also very happy with Lamar Jackson's contract? Cincinnati's Joe Burrow, next in line to become the richest quarterback."

• Winnipeg Sun headline, after Winnipeg Jets were eliminated from the Stanley Cup playoffs by Vegas Golden Knights: "End of an error: Jets crap out in Vegas."

• Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel, on Twitter: "If what ESPN's Adam Schefter is reporting is accurate — and I'm sure it is — I believe the Packers just traded Aaron Rodgers to the Jets for a bag of balls, a case of beer and a 25 per-cent-off coupon for an oil change at Jiffy Lube!"

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "This just in: Tucker Carlson to be the new QB at Green Bay."

• From the parody website the Beaverton: "Calgary tackles housing crisis by spending $867 million on new home for the Flames."

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "New York City mayor, Eric Adams, has called a war on rats: 'The conditions that help (rats) thrive will no longer be tolerated.' If Boston meets the Rangers in the playoffs, that can't be good news for Brad Marchand."

• Headline at the onion.com: "Roger Goodell excited to see so much talented inexpensive labour"

• From fark.com: "Lions GM Brad Holmes smashed a table in joy after drafting RB Jahmyr Gibbs. Meanwhile, Lions fans smashed a table in disgust after drafting RB Jahmyr Gibbs."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Taxpayers get soaked by Volkswagen giveaway

By FRANCO TERRAZZANO
CTF Federal Director

More than $4 million per job. That's how much Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has committed taxpayers to spending in his sweetheart deal with a German auto giant.

In St. Thomas, Ont., flanked by Premier Doug Ford, Trudeau announced that taxpayers are set to give Volkswagen up to $13 billion in exchange for a $7-billion electric car battery plant.

The plant is costing taxpayers $13 billion and is set to employ 3,000 workers.

Divide the total cost by the number of workers and you get $4.3 million per job.

Not to be left out, Ford also committed Ontario taxpayers to chipping in half-a-billion.

Step back for a moment and think about the larger implications of this agreement. What does it say about the competitiveness of the Canadian economy that the government felt it had to put this much money on the table just to attract a plant and 3,000 jobs?

Federal Industry Minister Francois-Philippe Champagne can talk about "seizing generational opportunities." But there's no downplaying the fact it took $13 billion to get Volkswagen to come here.

And what happens if Toyota is looking to build a new plant and wants its own multi-billion-dollar handout? What about Honda? Ferrari?

It's quite possible that the government set a dangerous precedent that will result in every automaker demanding billions of dollars from taxpayers before agreeing to come to Canada.

Think of what else could have been done with $13 billion.

Canada could have built more than a dozen new hospitals, or hired 16,000 new nurses for a decade or paid off the entire debt of Prince Edward Island five times over.

Keep in mind that Volkswagen's profits were over $33 billion last year. That's a huge amount of money. Volkswagen's profits are bigger than the individual provincial budgets of Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island or Newfoundland and Labrador.

Corporate welfare has real consequences. For every dollar politicians hand over to wealthy corporations, that's one dollar less that can fund programs, lower tax bills, or reduce government debt.

A key consequence of corporate welfare is that it's addictive. Remember good old Bombardier? A one-time corporate giveaway has turned into decades of government handouts. Corporate welfare is easy to start, but the dependency is difficult to end.

Even worse, the money the feds are handing over to Volkswagen is borrowed.

The Trudeau government is running a $40-billion deficit with no plan to ever balance the budget. It's already spending nearly $44 billion on debt interest charges this year alone.

Then there's the whole idea of trying to outbid the Americans. The feds are telling taxpayers that the government had to make the deal because the Biden administration's subsidies effectively put a similar American offer on the table.

But the U.S. economy is 10 times the size of Canada's and the Americans have much more money to work with. Surely outbidding our neighbours to the south isn't a sensible long-term strategy.

Instead of raising carbon taxes, payroll taxes and alcohol taxes then giving a bag of cash to a hand-picked business, Trudeau should cut taxes across the board and cut out corporate welfare.

Finally, where is the political opposition? New Democratic Leader Jagmeet Singh loves to bash grocery store CEOs, so why hasn't he grabbed the pitchfork after Volkswagen raided the public purse? If the Conservatives want to be the party of fiscal responsibility, then why aren't they up in arms over this corporate welfare?

Volkswagen's sweetheart deal is bad news for taxpayers. Trudeau is taking money out of the pockets of struggling taxpayers and stashing it into the bank account of a profitable multinational corporation. Politicians of all stripes should oppose this kind of corporate giveaway.

Belbutte Ladies Club supports library

The Spiritwood Public Library recently received a $250 donation from the Belbutte Ladies Club. The funds will be used to purchase new books for the library. Pictured: Marion Gatzke (right) of the Belbutte Ladies Club presents the cheque to librarian Heather Gatzke.

Obituaries

Roger Lyle Carey

Roger Lyle Carey
1964 – 2023

It is with deep sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Roger Lyle Carey at the age of 59. Roger died of a heart attack on April 19th, 2023, at his home near Canwood, Saskatchewan.

Roger was born in Shellbrook and raised on the family farm in the RM of Canwood, SK. In his youth, Roger helped out on the farm, played many high school sports and was a member of the 4-H club. After high school, Roger trained as a heavy-duty mechanic at the Saskatoon Kelsey campus. Roger worked in numerous occupations including stints at the Patience Lake potash mine, the Prince Albert pulp and paper mill, and in construction and farming. Roger was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed trapping, hunting, and fishing. He had a larger-than-life personality and enjoyed having a laugh and playing music with his family and friends.

Roger is survived by his children, Alex (Stephanie), Erik (Jennine), and Sarah Carey; stepdaughter Aubrey (Jeremy) Cartier; mother Christle Carey; his brothers Sandy (Diane) Carey and Travis (Julia) Carey; sister Judy Carey; niece Danielle (Brandyn) Wasilyw; and his nephews; Bryan Grimwood and Devin Carey. Roger was predeceased by his father Wallace Carey.

There will be a Celebration of Life held for Roger on Friday, May 5, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. at the Canwood Elk's Community Hall with Delores Beaulac officiating. A time of refreshments and fellowship will follow the service at the hall.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Roger to the Canwood Regional Park Golf Course – Box 337 Canwood, SK S0J 0K0.

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 and Crematorium, Tammy Smart, Funeral Director, Canwood, SK 306-468-2244.

Rosemarie Panchuk

PANCHUK, Rosemarie
June 3, 1945 – April 25, 2023

Beloved mother, baba, sister, aunt and friend, Rosemarie passed away in the early hours of Tuesday, April 25, 2023. She will be lovingly remember by her daughter Cindy Ternes, sister Darlene Demeria, brother Paul (Tatyana), grandchildren Cole (Sally), Celena, Chloe, Celeste, niece Jessica Demeria, nephews Jean-Paul (Charlene), Denny (Clemmie), her cousins and the many dear friends she made in her life. Also left behind are her two much-loved canine companions Johnny and Marie. Rose was predeceased by her father Johnny (1983), mother Marie (2006), grandson Connor (2002) and nephew Jeremy (2002).

Rose was born in Saskatoon on June 3, 1945 where she spent many of her early years after moving from Blaine Lake. At an early age she learned Ukrainian dancing, and skated in the Ice Capades. She lived for a school year in Montreal with her uncle Gordon's family. Returning home, she later attended Marvel Beauty school. While much of her working life was in the hospitality industry in Saskatoon, it also took her to Whitehorse, Yukon as a dancehall girl. She was adventurous, with trips to the States and even one to Mexico, hanging onto the back of a motorcycle, her small rescued dog Jojo tucked inside her leather jacket. A welcoming, funny, sometimes stubborn, free spirit with a generous heart, she loved a good party and would often delight us with her famous perogies and cabbage rolls. Rose spent her later years living in Blaine Lake, happily entertaining any who would come by to visit. She appreciated everyone and everything that came into her life. We will miss her a lot.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to an animal charity of your choice. Graveside Service will be at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 2, 2023 at Woodlawn Cemetery. Reception to follow. Arrangements entrusted to Travis Minor-Mourning Glory Funeral Services (306) 978-5200. To share memories of Rosemarie or send condolences please visit www.mourningglory.ca

Good News

Classy move

By DAVE BODVARSON
Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly

I've discovered over the years that not all people show love the same way. There are some who give a word of affirmation, others by handshake or a hug. Some like to show love by giving gifts. Maybe as a mom you can remember your child bringing a flower that he picked from the yard. Even if it was a dandelion, it made your heart melt.

I read of a young man that made a 'classy move.' There are some people that really like baseball. Erik and Kelsey did. I understand that Erik spent a whole year in the 'friend zone.' Finally, Kelsey decided to go out with him.

You know how baseball fans are looking out to catch a ball in the stands? Well, Erik caught one. It was a minor league game. He jumped up and made his impressive bare-handed catch. That was the first time Erik ever did that.

Well, I think Erik did something pretty classy. He decided to gift wrap the ball and place it outside Kelsey's dorm room. Erik did a great job of displaying the ball in a case that collectors use. He taped the ticket stub from the game.

Most of all I like what Erik did with the baseball. He inscribed the date of the game and these words.

1st home run catch

2nd best thing to happen to me that day.

Of course, the best thing would be Kelsey's willingness to go out with him.

Erik and Kelsey were married two years later. The funny thing, after 15 years of marriage, that baseball is on Kelsey's dresser where she can see it every day. It is the first thing that Kelsey would grab if the house was on fire, it means that much to her. It is not that the baseball is valuable as a collector's item, but it is valuable to Kelsey because it represents Erik's love for her.

Love can be shown various ways. I just read this "I love you not only for what you are, but for what I am when I am with you."

Doesn't Jacob's example inspire you? Genesis 29:20 "So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her."

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Landscaping for colour in early spring

By PATRICIA HANBIDGE

After a long winter, spring is so much appreciated. Gardeners venture out looking for any sign of life in the garden as soon as the snow recedes. This winter was a long one – especially when we recall that last year, the beginning of April was very warm. So warm that many who might not be familiar with life on the prairies, put out annuals in their containers in early April. Needless to say, they did not make it through the growing season. For all of us who have lived here long-term, one of the biggest challenges is ensuring you have colour in the garden for as long as possible. This challenge is often the greatest in the early spring when winter is losing its hold. Spring is a time of rebirth, a time to rejoice that green will again become the predominant colour in our landscape. It is however those early spring blooms that bring a happy smile to us all.

Some of the earliest spring bloomers are spring flowering bulbs. As these must be planted in the fall, we can only use the spring to see what we like, to appreciate their bloom and hope we remember to plant them come September. Spring flowering bulbs need a period of stratification or cold period in order for the blooms to be able to form. In our climate, September is the very best time to plant as our temperatures outside are still pleasant and there is some time for the bulbs to grow some roots before winter comes. Some of the earliest bloomers are Siberian squill, crocus and tarda tulips.

Other early bloomers in the prairie landscape include early blooming perennials. Our native crocus (Anemone patens) is in bloom in the early spring. They are actually not true crocus as they are not bulb forming plants. However, to anyone that grew up in the prairies – they will forever be the "real" crocus. Where I live, we have yet to see any colour in our native prairie lands. The flowers are light mauve on stems about 4 inches high. The seed stage is also attractive as it is a billowy mass of seeds on long feathery stalks.

Other early blooming perennials that I particularly enjoy and which blooms in early spring is rockcress (Arabis caucasica). It will bloom along with the early tulips and is a welcome sight each and every spring. Although it is not showy for the rest of the season, it is worth growing just for the spring blooms. Almost as early are the primroses (Primula veris and Primula auricala) which add a variety of colour as spring progresses. They like an area that is rich in organic matter in order to be happy year after year so ensure you do a good job of amending the soil prior to planting. One last perennial that is in bloom in later spring that always brings a smile to my face is the Trollius or globeflower. They are a bit taller and hence will bloom a little later and are a sunny yellow perennial which is truly a joy to grow.

As far as early blooming shrubs the Muckle plum (Prunus x nigrella 'Muckle' which is a medium sized shrub that is simply stunning in early spring. The buds are a deep cherry colour and when the blooms open up they are a delicious hot pink. It is non-fruit bearing, has glossy green colour during the growing season and in the fall has a beautiful deep orange colour. This shrub really should be planted more often as it is very hardy and spectacular in early spring.

Following the above favourite spring bloomers are the Rosybloom crabs. These are mostly fruit bearing but do not really produce usable fruit which is often the most common complaint about these stunning spring blooming trees. There is a flowering crab which has white blooms and is sterile (does not produce fruit) which is another great addition to the landscape. Malus 'Spring Snow' is a cultivar that was likely first hybridized at Honeywood Heritage Nursery by Bert Porter.

Spring is a wonderful season and is only made better by growing and enjoying some selections which grace our landscapes in the early spring! Enjoy your time this spring in the garden!

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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 Friday, March 10, 2023, 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, Division 6 – Ivan Ten Bos, and Administrator – Duane Storey.

Absent: Division 4 – Jay Ferster

Delegations:

11:20 a.m. Foreman Bill Aug update on municipal activities

Reeve Oleksyn called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Skauge: That the following items be added to the Agenda: Holbein North 693 Design and Spec. Carried

Strube: That the Agenda be adopted as amended. Carried

Strube: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council on Feb. 10, 2023, be approved as amended. Carried

Skauge: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of February 2023 be approved, as presented. Carried

Strube: That the bank reconciliation for the month of January 2023 be approved as presented. Carried

Ten Bos: That, the accounts payable dated March 2, 2023, as attached hereto and forming part of these Minutes, being regular cheque numbers 13311 to 13362 in the amount of $128,449.39 and payroll cheque numbers 14445 to 14459 in the amount of $29,663.69 be approved. Carried

Joelson: That the Administrators Report for the month of March 2023 be accepted as presented. Carried

Skauge: That $.06 be transferred from the Affinity Credit Union US Account to the Affinity Credit Union Maximizer account. Carried

Skauge: That the following unspent 2022 Capital Budget items be transferred to Capital Reserve for 2023; 2022 Capital Infrastructure: $60,000, 2022 Capital Reserve Allocation: $40,000, 2022 OCP Zoning: $8,500. Carried

Strube: That the information provided in regards to Carbon Tax on Utility Bills be received and filed. Carried

Reeve Oleksyn declared a conflict of interest and was excused from the meeting at 9:47 a.m.

Strube: That the late cancellation fee for Reeve Oleksyn of $125 for the North Central Transportation Planning Committee Workshop held on March 2 be covered by the Municipality. Carried

Reeve Oleksyn re-entered the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

Strube: That the request by Administrator Duane Storey to attend the Rural Municipal Administrator's Association Annual Convention held May 16 to 18, 2023, in Saskatoon be approved. Carried

Skauge: That a Memorandum of Understanding be developed with the Town of Shellbrook in regards to contracting the services of The Community Safety Officer. Carried

Ten Bos: That the request by Councillor Strube to attend the Community Foundation for Sustainability Workshop in North Battleford held on April 4, 2023, be approved. Carried

Hamel: That commencing April 12, 2023, all Monthly Regular Meetings of Council be moved to the second Wednesday of the month. Carried

Delegation Foreman Bill Aug and Todd Lande entered the Council Chambers at 11:25 a.m. to update Council on municipal operations.

Joelson: That the request for the old Oil Truck to be salvaged be approved. Carried

Delegation Foreman Bill Aug and Todd Lande left the meeting at 1:22 p.m.

Joelson: That the following attend the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency Annual General Meeting held in Regina April 5, 2023: Reeve Oleksyn, Division 3 Councillor Strube, Administrator Duane Storey. Carried

Strube: That the municipality reply that further exploration needs to be conducted, in regards to the inquiry by Leah Vujic wondering if the municipality would be willing to sell the 9.67 acre parcel on SE-10-50-02-W3. Carried

Strube: That matters in regards to Beaver Dam Blasting be referred to Foreman Bill Aug to proceed as required. Carried

Skauge: That on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493, the voting delegates acknowledge the presented resolutions as they see fit at the 2023 Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities Annual Conference March 14 to 16 in Saskatoon. Carried

Strube: That 2023 Budget sessions be set for March 22 and 29, 2023, commencing at 8:30 a.m. at the municipal office chamber in Shellbrook. Carried

Strube: That the Council of the RM of Shellbrook No. 493 agrees to approve the proposed subdivision application for subdivision of parcel ties connecting Parcel No. 161541851 to Parcel No. 147563219, LSD-7-21-51-02-W3, and will 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 the information provided in regards to the Holbein North 693 Design and Specification be postponed to the April 12, 2023, regular meeting of Council. Carried

Skauge: That the time being 2:33 p.m., Council close a portion of this meeting to the public to go in camera under the authority of Part III of The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, to discuss Human Resources issues, the public gallery be vacated and those present for this closed session be Reeve Doug Oleksyn, Deputy Reeve Derwin Joelson and Councillors Cliff Skauge, Phil Hamel, Christine Strube and Ivan Ten Bos. Carried

Skauge: That we reconvene the regular council meeting at 3:02 p.m. with all members of council and administration present. Carried

Skauge: That motion 033.02.23 be rescinded, and that a meeting be scheduled with Shellbrook Volunteer Fire Department committee (the motion gave council's approval for the department's tanker truck to be sent to auction, pending approval from council for the Town of Shellbrook). Carried

Ten Bos: That the meeting be adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Minutes of a Village of Leask council meeting

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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Leask held at the Leask Community Hall on March 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Mayor John Priestley, Deputy Mayor Zach Waldner, Councillors Valerie Priestley, Charles Smith, and Eugene Verbonac, and acting administrator Yvette Hamel.

Absent: Valerie Priestley

The mayor called the meeting to order at 5:28 p.m.

V. Priestley: That the agenda be adopted as presented with the following additions: 1. Snow removal, 2. Steamer, 3. Hall Damage Deposit, 4. Leask Community School Invitation, 5. Conference Call Blue Tooth Speaker, 6. Remove from Agenda (L.) Mistawasis Development. Carried

Waldner: That the additions to the agenda be approved. Carried

Waldner: That the Minutes of Feb. 15, 2023, Council meeting, Feb. 21, 2023, Special meeting & March 2, 2023, Special meeting be approved as presented. Carried

Verbonac: That the Village of Leask accept the Maintenance report as presented by Kelley Smith. Carried

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

Waldner: That the Village of Leask purchase chemicals for the WTP from Drop Water as presented. Carried

Verbonac: That the Village of Leask approved the attached list of accounts payable, being: cheques 9892-9911 & on-line payments 23007-23034 totalling $67,540.42, cheque 9912 totalling $942.89 & cheques 9913-9916 being Council indemnities totalling $1,970.41, be approved as presented. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask accept the February 2023 Bank Reconciliation and the Statement of financial activities as presented. Carried

Smith: That the Village of Leask accept Andrew Didiuk's letter of resignation from Emerald Lake Regional Park. Carried

Verbonac: That the Village of Leask advertise for an Emerald Lake Regional Park Board Member to serve the remaining term, ending January 2024. Carried

Smith: That the Village of Leask accept the Emerald Lake Regional Park Report as presented by Councillor Charles Smith. Carried

Waldner: That the Village of Leask purchase Anker Conference Call Bluetooth speakerphone from Amazon at a cost of $129.94 plus taxes. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask accept Physician Recruitment & Retention Committee report as presented by Councillor Valerie Priestley. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask accept to increase levy fee to $10/capita. vs $7 paid last year to aid Parkland Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask Administrator inquire and secure the purchase of two clinical examining tables, at $50 each, from the Debden Clinic. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask accept the Car Wash report as presented by Councillor Zach Waldner. Carried

Smith: That the Village of Leask reimburse Climate Muskeg damage deposit of $600 from March 14, 2023, rental. Carried

Waldner: That the Village of Leask Administrator contact Saskatchewan Conservation for guidance on alleviating the overabundance of deer in the Village of Leask. Carried

Verbonac: That the Village of Leask schedule its first Cemetery Committee Meeting for April 26, 2023, at 3 p.m., to be held at the Butler Building. Carried

Waldner: That the Village of Leask approve the marker as presented for John Christensen to be placed on the Christensen plot in the old Cemetery. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask Administrator send a letter to concerned citizen noting the steps and process to enact the Order to Remedy Contravention, further note the Village has started this process Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask approve the request to build an 8x8 shed at 220 1st South, as it complies with Leask Zoning Bylaw. Carried

Waldner: That the Village of Leask approve SGI Auto pack as presented. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask is not interested in becoming a member of the North central Transportation for 2023-2024 year at the cost of $326 as presented. Carried

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

Smith: That the Village of Leask accept the Rink Committee report as presented by Councillor Charles Smith. Carried

Waldner: That the Village of Leask re-appoint Councillor Valerie Priestley to the Wapiti Regional Library Board, further Councillor Valerie Priestley attend the Wapiti Regional Library Annual General Meeting on Saturday April 22, 2023, in person in Prince Albert. Carried

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

V. Priestley: The Village Leask table appointing a Lawyer, and that the Administrator explore local Municipal Lawyers. Carried

Verbonac: That the Village of Leask approve the application made for the Grey Cup Festival 2022 Legacy Grant as presented. Carried

Waldner: That the Village of Leask set preliminary Budget Committee meeting for Thursday, April 13 at 9 a.m. Carried

V. Priestley: The Village Leask reschedule the June 2023 Council Meeting to June 14, 2023. Carried

V. Priestley: That the Village of Leask Administrator inquire on the repairs required for the steamer, that Thunder Ridge Farms is contacted regarding potential parts for steamer. Carried

Waldner: That the Village of Leask hire Johnson Enterprise for one day of snow removal. Carried

V. Priestley: 7:45 p.m. That the Village of Leask Council move to in camera. Carried

8:05 p.m. Due to pecuniary interest, Deputy Mayor Waldner left the meeting.

V. Priestley: 8:10p.m. That the Village of Leask Council return from in camera. Carried

Verbonac: That the Village of Leask approve up to two hours for Leask Mechanical to repair the grader wing, repair exceeding two hours requires approval from council. Carried

J. Priestley: That the Village of Leask approve payment for invoices 758238 & 758239 submitted from Leask Mechanical for repairs on carwash and equipment. Carried

Smith: That the Village of Leask hire Leask Mechanical as an on-call maintenance contractor for repairs beyond village employees; scope, approved by Administrator and council, at a rate of $80 an hour. That the Village of Leask Administrator request a copy of Leask Mechanical insurance and Millwright certificate. Carried

8:18 p.m.: Deputy Mayor Waldner returned to the meeting.

Waldner: That this meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.