



Highways work underway in area



Construction is underway on Highway 24 between Spiritwood and Leoville.

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

With summer all but officially here, a busy season of highway construction in the area is getting into full swing. For the third consecutive year, this means improvements being made on Highway 24 from Spiritwood to Leoville, and from Leoville to Chitek Lake.

The first project will see crews, helmed by general contractor Venture Construction out of Martensville, repave, resurface, and grade 25.3 kilometres of Highway 24, beginning at its junction with the Leoville Access Road and heading up to Chitek Lake.

Work on the project, which carries a price tag of \$19.4 million, began last September and resumed in May. Steve Shaheen, a spokesperson for the Ministry of Highways, says the work is scheduled to be completed by the end of July, weather permitting.

Also included in this contract is 1.63 km of repaving and resurfacing on Highway 55, just west of its junction with Highway 155 near the Northern Village of Green Lake. This work, which is expected to be completed by August, brings the total cost of the contract to \$21.3 million.

Work on Highway 24 is also being carried out between Spiritwood and Leoville. Here, crews are widening and resurfacing 21.5 kilometres of road, starting 11 kilometres north of Highway 24's junction with Highway 3, and including the Leoville Access Road.

Shaheen says this project carries a cost of \$11.6 million, and is expected to be completed by the end of September, weather permitting.

This work is part of a major project announced by Premier Scott Moe and Meadow Lake MLA Jeremy Harrison on Sept. 8, 2020.

The improvements to the busy region-

al highway, which has vehicle and truck traffic in excess of 1,000 vehicles per day, comes nearly a decade after Highway 24 was voted the worst road in Saskatchewan in the Canadian Automobile Association's annual survey in 2014.

Through all this work, drivers can expect delays and disruption to their travels, as traffic will be accommodated through the work zone utilizing one-way traffic guided by a pilot vehicle and/or flaggers.

Drivers are reminded to obey all signs and speed limits when traveling through construction zones.

In addition to the work on Highway 24, this month will see construction begin on a major project on Highways 55 and 240 in the Canwood area.

The project, helmed by general contractor Lonesome Prairie Sand and Gravel out of Saskatoon, will include construction of a thin lift overlay on Highway 55 between Shellbrook and

Canwood and Highway 240 at its junction with Highway 55.

The work area spans from Highway 55's junction with Highway 3 to 23.7 kilometres west of its junction with Highway 3 (Grid 694) and on Highway 240 from the junction with Highway 55 (200 metres north of the Highway 55 junction), for a total of 24.7 kilometres.

Carrying a price tag of \$5.2 million, this project is slated to be completed by mid-September.

Shaheen says these projects are part of the Ministry of Highways' plan to improve another 1,000 kilometres of provincial highways this year, for a total of more than 4,600 kilometres of highways improved over the last four years.

The Government of Saskatchewan has invested more than \$12 billion in highways infrastructure since 2008, improving more than 19,400 kilometres of Saskatchewan highways.

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Shellbrook judo club recognizes students

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Shellbrook's Junshin Judo Club recently recognized three students who succeeded in their spring grading with Sensei Fred Tatler.

Junior students advancing from white belt to half yellow belt were Nick Bowman and Jie Liao, while senior student John Bowman advanced from white belt to full yellow belt.

"Every year, there's a grading where the sensei or the grading board looks at a candidate to see if he or she is ready for the next belt rank or level. That individual goes through a set amount of techniques for the belt level they're going for," Tatler explained, noting the process is the same from white belt all the way to black belt (the highest rank).

Though the Junshin Judo Club has only been around since 2018, Tatler's history with teaching judo goes back all the way to 1972, when he became an instructor in Saskatoon just months after he received his own yellow belt.

Before this, however, his beginnings in judo came on the heels of a major car accident.

"It left me with a severe concussion and no feeling on the left side of my body. There were no broken bones or anything, but I had to learn to walk again, and regain coordination and balance," Tatler recalled.

To aid with his recovery (and also maybe to imitate Bruce Lee), Tatler decided to study a martial art, eventually settling on judo because it was popular in Saskatoon at the time.

In the end, Tatler says judo helped him regain his coordination, and also gave him a passion to pursue. As a practitioner, he earned his black belt and competed up until injuries caught up with him.

As an instructor for the past 50 years, he's imparted his knowledge of judo (and the basics of a number of other martial arts) to students at the University of Saskatchewan and a couple of private judo clubs, been involved with various camps, and even spent a few years training new recruits at Camp Dundurn to sharpen their hand-to-hand combat skills.

In 2018, Tatler started Shellbrook's Junshin Judo Club. As a local Legion member, he received support from the Shellbrook Royal Canadian Legion Branch, which allows him to use the hall and also provided seed money (which he has since paid back) for the purchase of mats, helping him keep enrolment costs low for his students.

In his first year, Tatler had five students. By 2019, enrolments grew to 12 or 13 students.

But just when the Junshin Judo Club seemed to be gathering momentum, the COVID-19 pandemic all but shutdown the club. (Technically, the club could have operated based on the pandemic protocols enacted by both the province and Judo Canada, but Tatler had no success getting students to register.)

Trying again for the 2022-2023 season, Tatler found himself back at square one with five students, and hopes to continue rebuilding the club.

"My niche is training people with disabilities, because I've stood in their shoes. I know what it's like to have a disability," Tatler said. "With any injury, you learn to do things a different way. If you lose a limb, you learn to work around it and do what works for you."

For Tatler, part of the appeal of judo is that it's a form of self-defence that can be taught to anyone, because there are no complicated kicks or punches to learn. Instead, one learns to use an opponent's moves against them.

Tatler says there are also integral values to be gleaned from the martial art.

"The kids learn a whole lot more than just judo," he said. "Judo teaches you respect for everything — for others, for the equipment, for the hall you're in."

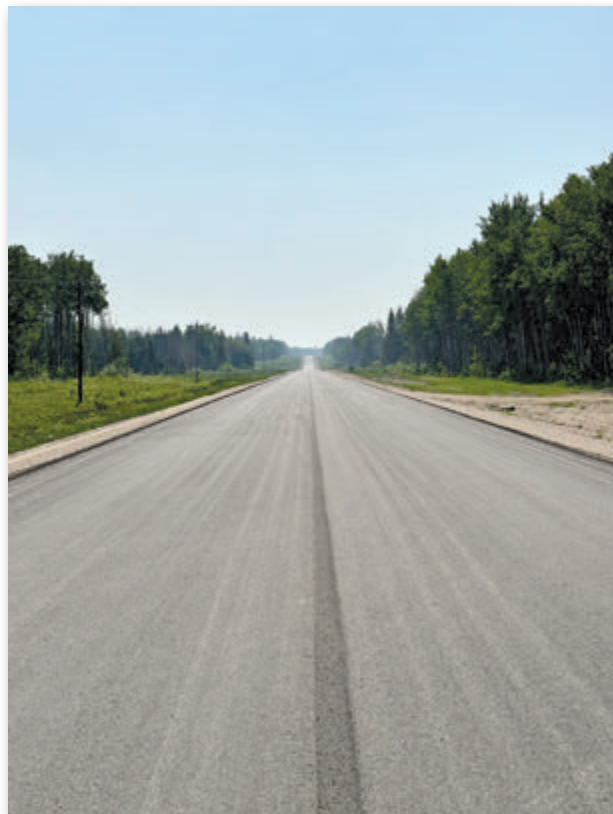


Successful candidates at the Shellbrook Junshin Judo Club's spring grading, from left to right: Nick Bowman, Jie Liao, and John Bowman, with sensei Fred Tatler.

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A newly completed stretch of Highway 24, south of Chitek Lake.

NOTICE OF CALL FOR BY-ELECTION NOMINATION RESORT VILLAGE OF ECHO BAY

Public notice is hereby given that nomination of candidate for the office of:

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Nominations forms may be obtained from Tara Bueckert by email: resortechobay@gmail.com.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2023.

Tara Bueckert,
Returning Officer

NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT OF POLL

The Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 Municipal By-election 2023

Public Notice is hereby given that:

Ron Haworth was nominated for the office of Division 5 Councillor and is the only candidate;

Therefore, no voting will take place on June 21st, 2023.

Dated at Leask this 1st day of June, 2023.

Donna Goertzen
Returning Officer

R.M. OF SHELLBROOK NO. 493 ASSESSMENT ROLL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll of the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493 for the year of 2023 has been prepared and is now open for inspection in the office of the Assessor from 8:30 a.m. to Friday 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday from June 1st, 2023 to June 30th, 2023.

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

Any person who wishes to appeal his/her assessment is required to file his/her notice of appeal accompanied by \$200.00 appeal fee per roll number with The Assessor, R.M. of Shellbrook, Box 250, Shellbrook, Sask, S0J 2E0, by the 30th of June, 2023.

Dated at Shellbrook, Saskatchewan, this 30th day of May, 2023.

Duane Storey
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- Clean-up in Yard/Shop

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Deadline: Friday, June 23, 2023

SARCS' fourth Beer Survivor nets profit

By **BEVRA FEE**
Spiritwood Correspondent

The fourth version of the beer category in the Spiritwood Area Recreation Committee's "Survivor" series was a tidy money-maker, while also being a session of entertainment if you attended or watched the live feed.

With 46 teams of six, the stack of beer awaiting the ultimate winner represented 124 dozen, or "a summer's worth" for some.

The announcement of this year's profit at \$6,523.77 was welcome news for the Spiritwood Rec Centre's bean counters.

When the original Wine Survivor proved to be a huge success, Les Walker approached SARCS to represent the beer crowd. With that, Beer Survivor was born, and Walker has been instrumental in gathering teams to enter, as well as leading the evening by pulling names from the draw drum.

The entertainment portion of the evening consists of listening to the team names, heckling the host,

and keeping mental track of how many times a team name has come out of contention.

With six chances for each team to be eliminated from the drum – ideally at the points of 46th team out, 40th team out, 30th, 20th, 10th, and ultimately the last team – most contestants are kept hoping right until the final few draws.

Those in attendance and watching live on Saturday, June 3, were in a jovial mood and were kept chuckling while the team winners of twelve dozen cases each were announced – Grass Busters (still working on last event's big win), Ga-Beer-y, Beer Necessity, Cross Beer-struction, and Want to Buy Our Beer.

Meanwhile, Double D took home 14 cases, Clearwater Bound scored 28 dozen, the Lakers scooped up 55 dozen. And finally, the big winner, Double Vision, landed the 124 dozen as the last team out.

Elsewhere, the first team out – in 46th place – was Liquor, I Hardly Know Er, taking home a case for each member of the team. Gordon Ferster was the first name out of the drum, which qualified him for one case of 12 beer.



Volunteers Ali Sullivan, Ashley Thain, and Sue Kahl keep track of the names being announced for SARCS' Beer Survivor, while Les Walker draws them from the drum.

Local players join PBCN Selects, PA Timberjaks

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle
Reporter

Yet another hockey player who once wore a Parkland U18 AA Elks jersey is continuing his hockey career with the PBCN Se-

lects of the Keystone Junior Hockey League, a Jr. B hockey league in Manitoba.

On June 1, the team announced that Kyler Roy had signed on for the 2023-2024 season, joining a trio of former Elks in donning



Former Parkland U18 AA Elks Kyler Roy has been signed by the PBCN Selects, joining other former Elks Jase Martin and Anson Favel.

a Selects jersey.

Born in 2004, Roy is a 6-foot-2, 220-pound defenceman, who scored 14 goals and 19 assists over 24 games in the 2022-2023 hockey season while playing as a forward with Slave Lake Ice Dogs in the Greater Metro Jr. A Hockey League.

"Kyler is a skilled, big body player. He was a target of mine last offseason before he chose Slave Lake. I'm happy to add him to the Blueline this season as we were small on the backend," said PBCN Selects GM Gatlin Church in a statement.

Having played his minor hockey in his hometown of Meadow Lake, Roy joined the Parkland U18 AA Elks for the 2021-2022 season, scoring four goals and six assists through 16 games.

His move to the PBCN Selects will reunite him with former Parkland Elks teammates Jase Martin

and Anson Favel, who won team awards for their play in the 2022-2023 season.

Favel claimed rookie of the year honours, after racking up 15 points over 31 games, while Martin claimed the J'Kolbey Morrin Memorial Award (defenceman of the year) for tallying nine goals and nine assists over 16 games.

Roy also joins former Elk Leon Natomagan (2020-2021), who was the Selects' Coaches Choice award winner for 2022-2023 after scoring 29 goals and 31 assists in his first season with the team.

In other hockey acquisitions, the 2023-2024 Prairie Junior Hockey League will see the Prince Albert Junior B Timberjaks enter the fray for the first time, with former Parkland U18 AA Elks and Shellbrook Silvertips making up a portion of the roster.

From the Shellbrook Silvertips, Ashton Miller

joins the Timberjaks after a 2022-2023 hockey season in which he tallied six goals and five assists in just five games. Former Tip Kaleb Willoughby will also suit up for the Timberjaks, coming off a season in which he notched two assists over 14 games.

As for former Parkland Elks, netminder Keegen Dansereau will play between the pipes for the Timberjaks, following a 2022-2023 hockey season that saw him rack up a 4-11-1-2 record, a 3.34 goals against average, a .911 save percentage, and one shutout. He's joined by defenceman Chase Hansen, who scored five goals and 15 assists over 32 games in the 2022-2023 season.

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Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Village of Marcelin intends to amend the Zoning Bylaw 2013-04 for the Village of Marcelin.

INTENT – to add/remove lands from FUD – Future Urban Development to CS – Community Service District

AFFECTED LANDS – Parcel C

REASON – FUD no longer applies to Parcel C

PUBLIC INSPECTION – Any person may inspect the proposed amendment bylaw at the Village of Marcelin Office during regular hours. Copies of the Amendment to the Zoning Bylaw 03/2023 may be obtained for a charge of \$30.00.

PUBLIC HEARING – The Council of the Village of Marcelin will hold a respective public hearing on Tuesday, June 20th, 2023 at the Marcelin Village Office between 7:00pm and 7:30pm.

Nadine Wilson MLA Saskatchewan Rivers

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A 2023 election? Let's hope not

There's an electric feeling in the air of late.

Could it be the thrill of summer's arrival?

Or is it perhaps an omen that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau may soon call a snap federal election?

If it's the latter, as some pundits are predicting, it would be the third federal election in four years – hardly an encouraging indication of the health of Canada's political climate, or of the confidence others have in Mr. Trudeau's Liberal government.

An election now, when Mr. Trudeau and his government are having their feet held to the fire over foreign interference in Canada's democracy and special rapporteur David Johnston's investigation of it, wouldn't come as much of a surprise.

Though he once decried former Prime Minister Stephen Harper for proroguing parliament to escape scandal, Mr. Trudeau used the same tool to escape his own scandals in 2020, at a time when Canadians needed the federal government to lead them through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other than the risk of losing, there would be little cost to Mr. Trudeau to shutdown the foreign interference debate by sending Canadians back to the polls.

Mr. Trudeau has certainly been deploying campaign-style rhetoric of late. And he's not alone.

In the House of Commons last week, he and Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre got into a testy and childish spat over which of them has the least experience outside of politics: the former drama teacher (Mr. Trudeau) or the career politician (Mr. Poilievre).

The exchange ended with Mr. Poilievre giving voice to an unproven claim about why Mr. Trudeau left his teaching job mid-semester, causing conspiracy theorists everywhere to begin salivating.

While such partisan jabs are common on the campaign trail, they're also part of the daily business of the House of Commons. Taken on their own, they aren't a sign of an impending election.

Instead, the real hint that an election might be coming sooner rather than later came in Mr. Trudeau's campaign-style address at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Convention and Trade Show on May 26. Here, he pledged \$4 billion to help municipalities deal with housing shortages, contrasting this



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with Mr. Poilievre's Conservative Party leadership campaign threat to withhold funding from municipalities that fail to build new housing fast enough.

"They want to pick fights with you. To bully you into what they decide for you while they cut funding and programs," Mr. Trudeau told the audience, calling the Conservatives gatekeepers (a term used frequently against municipal leaders by Mr. Poilievre).

Mr. Trudeau jabbed at Mr. Poilievre again when discussing his government's unprecedented \$13 billion subsidy to Volkswagen to build an EV factory in St. Thomas, noting the Conservative leader opposed the investment.

Closing out his 20-minute speech, Mr. Trudeau attempted to land a third blow against his rival, criticizing him for always "talking down Canada" and holding a "brokenist" view of Canada's post-pandemic recovery.

"That's an awfully pessimistic and defeated way to look at the world, and the work our communities have done to stay strong and rebuild," he said. "His only plan seems to be cutting programs and cutting investments."

There was a time when such barbs would have been reserved exclusively for the campaign trail – when Canadian politics was considered polite, even boring, by most.

In the past, Canadians would have looked to the United States, where big personalities dominate the political discourse, for their entertainment.

So, Mr. Trudeau was either testing the election campaign waters with his speech at the FCM Convention, or his speech shows us how far our own political discourse has fallen.

Whatever it portends, there has scarcely been a time when the prospect of an election has been less appealing.

Do we choose Mr. Trudeau, who has consistently shown a disregard for ethics?

How about Mr. Poilievre, who has plenty of criticisms but few solutions to offer?

Or how about NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh, who has propped up Mr. Trudeau's government through its countless scandals to maintain some semblance of relevance?

If there is to be an election in 2023, and these are our options, Canadians just can't go wrong.



Gov't overreach still a concern

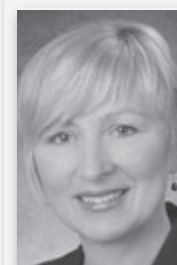
May 18 was the final day of session at the Legislative Assembly. As MLA for Saskatchewan Rivers, I raised numerous emerging issues in the house, including some of which the government appeared to not be aware of.

For instance, many rural constituents have become increasingly concerned about government overreach into community plans that seem to force federal sustainability goals upon Rural Municipalities. This is paired with concern about federal creep into provincial purviews.

As an example, in March it was announced that the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy was awarded \$1.75 million through the universities of Regina and Saskatoon, "to strengthen the capacity of municipal governments to move towards a net zero future." The funding comes from Government of Canada's Future Skills Centre.

The concern is that this is a backhanded way for the federal government to impose its preferred policies on how farmers should farm by bypassing the province and implementing them through Rural Municipalities. Taking it a step further, as noted on the Johnson Shoyama website, the desired outcomes track back to the United Nations' sustainable development goals.

Not everyone is in agreement with those goals. So much so, it appears the informa-



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tional meetings that Johnson Shoyama had planned through April and May had to be severely modified due to public pushback. This is definitely an area where the Saskatchewan government needs to clarify if it is safeguarding the agriculture industry, or if it will once again let the UN-inspired federal government have its way.

On that vein, I also asked the Moe government to explain why, if it is pursuing autonomy for Saskatchewan, almost every new program it announces has federal funding with strings attached.

Additionally, Education arose as a top priority for Saskatchewan parents and teachers. I have been asking the government what it will do to facilitate improvement in literacy and math outcomes for students, and to explain the lack of consultation with parents in the government's new education plan.

This government is also demonstrating a pattern of catering to international business at the expense of small and local business owners, who are struggling as a result of red tape and bureaucratic overreach. As a province, these businesses are the lifeblood of our society and they are being shut out at our peril.

This government needs to remember they were elected to serve you, the voter. With that comes the responsibility of truly listening.

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Saskatchewan recently recognized Mining Week, a chance to celebrate the strength of the industry and the hard-working people who support it across the province. This year's theme, "Saskatchewan: A Growing Critical Minerals Hub," builds on the success of our critical minerals strategy, released earlier this year.

The future is bright for Saskatchewan's mining industry. While our province has long been a top global producer of potash and uranium, the province is now home to growing helium and lithium sectors and the first-of-its-kind rare earth processing facility in North America.

As critical minerals become increasingly important to the global economy, Saskatchewan has the opportunity to secure its place as a global leader in these industries.



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Critical minerals are essential to the economy, energy security and everyday life, and are used in the production of everything from clean energy to consumer electronics.

The presence of critical minerals combined with existing expertise in mining and processing positions Saskatchewan as a critical minerals leader today and into the

future. Our government launched Securing the Future: Saskatchewan's Critical Minerals Strategy in March of this year to drive growth and development in the critical minerals sector. The strategy outlines four goals for the sector: to increase Saskatchewan's share of Canadian mineral exploration spending to 15 per cent by 2030, to double the number of critical minerals being produced in Saskatchewan by 2030, to grow Saskatchewan's production of potash, uranium and helium, and to establish Saskatchewan as a rare earth element hub.

In the 2023-24 Provincial Budget, our government expanded three programs to pave the way for critical minerals development. The Saskatchewan Mineral Exploration Tax Credit was increased from 10 to 30

per cent and the Targeted Mineral Exploration Incentive, which applies to exploration drilling of all hard-rock minerals, was increased from \$750,000 to \$4 million. In addition, \$2.4 million was invested to provide better systems for geoscience data collection and reporting, which explorers use when considering projects.

For companies looking to expand and invest, the Saskatchewan advantage is clear. The Fraser Institute's 2022 Annual Survey of Mining Companies ranked Saskatchewan third in the world and first in Canada in the Investment Attractiveness Index. Our province also ranked second in the world for mineral potential. Saskatchewan continues to be a stand-out jurisdiction to invest in with our outstanding resource potential and



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strong policies that support mineral exploration and development.

The strength of the province's mining sector is evident in last year's record-breaking numbers. The total value of sales more than doubled the previous record for a total of over \$19.4 billion thanks to increased production, higher mineral prices in response to supply chain disruptions

and ever-increasing global demand. The re-opening of the McArthur River mine last year in northern Saskatchewan allowed for increased production volumes of uranium, while gold saw the highest production numbers in over 30 years with a record 136,000 ounces extracted from the Seabee mine. The potash industry achieved record value of sales and record production, stepping up to alleviate global food insecurity concerns due to geopolitical instability that continues to impact global supply. The potash industry in the province has committed to continue to invest in increased production to meet global demand.

Growth in the mining industry is growth that works for everyone. For more information, visit saskmining.ca.

Three wanted in Ahtahkakoop robbery

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

On May 29, 2023, at approximately 6:33 p.m., the Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook RCMP Detachment received a report of an armed robbery of a 2013 Toyota Venza (SK license plate 745 MLS) hybrid SUV from a residence on the Ahtahkakoop First Nation.

Police responded immediately. The victim did not report any physical injury to police and did not require medical assistance. Initial information provided to police determined a 25-year-old female, Danah Bird, and two unknown males were involved in the robbery. The female and the victim are known to each other.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Bird, who is also from the Ahtahkakoop First

Nation. She is charged with robbery with a firearm, and operation of a motor vehicle while prohibited.

Bird is approximately 5'6" and weighs 170 lbs, with brown hair and brown eyes. She has a butterfly tattoo on her left hand and tattoos of written text on both wrists.

One of the males also involved in the robbery was described as having long, frizzy hair, while the second male was described as being bald. Officers are working to gather clearer descriptors of the male suspects.

The Big River RCMP Detachment was also called to assist with locating the stolen vehicle. Further investigation determined the vehicle and its three occupants stopped at a gas station in Shellbrook at approximately 6:44 p.m., before travelling east on Highway 3 toward Prince Al-



Danah Bird, wanted in connection with an armed robbery on the Ahtahkakoop First Nation.

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Officers with the Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook RCMP Detachment notified the Prince Albert Police Service of the incident and the stolen vehicle's direction of travel. A public advisory in the detachment area was issued to inform the community of the incident and to encourage residents to report sightings of the stolen vehicle.

The Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook RCMP Detachment continues to conduct proactive patrols and interviews, and is following-up on information

provided to assist with locating the male suspect and stolen vehicle.

Anyone who sees the 2013 Toyota Venza (SK license plate 745 MLS), or its occupants, is urged to not approach and to report this sighting to police immediately.

Information on this incident can be reported to Spiritwood RCMP at 306-883-4210. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Resort Village of Pebble Baye Public Notice - Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Resort Village of Pebble Baye (RV) intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*, to amend Bylaw No. 3/84, known as the Zoning Bylaw (ZB).

INTENT: The primary intent of the proposed bylaw amendment is to assign a zoning scheme of the RV to lands recently restructured within its boundaries; said lands previously laid within the RM of Canwood No. 494. The amendment would zone lands to best reflect current and proposed land use within the RV context using the UR - Urban Reserve and R - Residential Districts, as well as a new S - Storage District (S). The general principals of the District are very similar to that which are in place under the RM of Canwood. A new S - Storage District would be added to the ZB for existing subdivided lots that had been created specifically for off-site personal storage. The new Zoning District would prescribe allowable uses and regulations for development of lands to which it is applied. A number of definitions would be added to support the new District.

AFFECTED LANDS: Lands recently restructured within the RV would be affected by the proposed amendment. Said lands are located north of the municipal road allowance lying at the north end of the RV and lying within SE-06-49-07-W3M. A copy of the proposed amendment and map showing the affected land and proposed zoning is located for public view at www.northboundplanning.ca/public-notification.

REASON: Upon restructuring of land within a new municipality, the planning controls of the former municipality remain in place until such time they are replaced by bylaw. Consequently, the RV wishes to add content to its own ZB to reflect this change and zone lands accordingly. The S District has been structured to encourage a consistent development pattern within the area to which it is applied, and to maximize physical separation between buildings and structures to minimize fire risk.

PUBLIC INSPECTION: The RV does not maintain a dedicated office space. Upon request, hard copy (at cost of printing and postage) of the proposed amendment is available through the mail; a free digital copy is available at www.northboundplanning.ca/public-notification.

PUBLIC HEARING: Council will hold a public hearing on **June 17, 2023**, at **10 AM**, at 435 Lakewood Dr. (Krause cottage) within the RV. Written submissions and requests for verbal representation must be received by **June 15**. For additional information, please contact (306) 468-3104 or resortpebblebaye@gmail.com. Written submissions can be mailed: c/o Terry Lofstrom - Administrator, Box 449, Canwood, SK S0J 0K0.

Issued at the RM of Canwood this 29th day of May, 2023.

Terry Lofstrom - Administrator - Resort Village of Pebble Baye

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Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald



TJ Disposals celebrates 15 years

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Though he was optimistic, Shellbrook's Randall Johnson had no idea what to expect when he got into the garbage business by starting TJ Disposals.

"When I first started, I thought I'd get 70 to 100 bins and that would probably be good," he said.

As the company celebrates 15 years of taking out the trash, Johnson's expectations have been eclipsed by a country mile.

His small-town business now provides 750 bins to customers from Radisson, to Christopher Lake, to Meeting Lake, to east of Prince Albert — and that's just the front loaders. In addition to this, TJ Disposals, and its team of about 10 people, also offers side-arm services and more than 60 roll off bins.

"We're busy just trying to keep up. It's amazing how

much garbage is out there," Johnson said. "I made the right choice getting into this business. It was a needed service."

Of course, Johnson and his team recognize that TJ Disposals wouldn't be where it is today without the support of its customers. With this in mind, the business hosted a 15th anniversary celebration barbecue from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. last Friday, inviting everyone out for free burgers, cake, and refreshments.

Johnson says the celebration went over well, as the business served up about 150 burgers.

And apart from saving guests the trouble of cooking, the anniversary celebration highlighted the generosity of the community when it comes to charitable causes. Throughout the evening, a donation box for Ovarian Cancer Canada — a cause near and dear to Johnson for many years now — received donations totalling \$212. TJ Disposals will be matching those donations, bringing the final total to \$424.

Looking back on 15 years, Johnson says it's his customer first approach that has paved the way for TJ Disposals to receive the support it has from the communities it serves.

"I don't use hardly any contracts. I don't want to force customers into dealing with me, so I just say how about if I just give you good service at a reasonable price, would that be a good enough contract for you?" he said.

"That's how it's grown, by putting the customer first."

As for what the next five, ten, or even 15 years might hold for TJ Disposals, and the waste removal industry as a whole, Johnson is only certain of one thing: the business will change drastically, once his work with Carbotura begins to bear fruit.

The biggest change of all, he says, will be no more landfills, because Carbotura's Recyclotron technology



From left to right: TJ Disposals' Kelsey Segberg, Randall Johnson, and Jory Segberg with the 15th anniversary cake. Photos by Kelsey Segberg

will allow for all municipal waste to be recycled into fuel, electricity, or other raw materials. This will also make it easier on customers, as they won't need to sort their trash and recycling, and can just use one bin for everything.

Johnson predicts this industry shift will grow his customer base. What won't change, though, is TJ Disposals' focus on putting its customers first.

"We're going to be able to provide the same service as far as our customers know, because we're just going to come and pick up their garbage," he said. "But we'll have less cost with it, so prices can go down, because we'll be eliminating landfill costs."



TJ Disposals' 15th anniversary celebration brought out a large crowd, as the business grilled up about 150 burgers.



Light of Christ
Catholic Schools

The Board of Education of
LIGHT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
invites applications for the following position:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

School: Rivier Elementary School (Spiritwood, SK)
Commencing: July 1, 2023

For details please contact Cory Rideout, Director of Education or Karen Hrabinsky, Superintendent of Learning at 306-445-6158.

This position will include a teaching component. Student services education and/or experience will be considered an asset.

Applications must include a cover letter, resume, an up-to-date criminal record check (within the last 6 months) and your three most recent professional references (include an email address for each reference). Only on-line applications will be accepted. Please visit our website at www.loccsd.ca to apply.

Closing Date: Open until filled

Preference will be given to practicing Catholics.

Light of Christ Catholic Schools thank all applicants in advance. Only candidates to be interviewed will be contacted.

Our School Division supports the principles of a representative workforce and welcomes applications from all qualified candidates.

Shellbrook cuts off water at CN Station



Crews got to work early Monday morning, excavating to shut off the curb stop for the CN Station in preparation of its anticipated move by Sept. 30. The building was auctioned off back in March, along with the collection of the Shellbrook & District Heritage Museum, and purchased by Ken Hamilton, who had hopes to either keep it in place or move it out to his own property to run as a museum.

By **JORDAN TWISS**, Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Growth That Works For Everyone

Saskatchewan Maintains Mining Investment Attractiveness

This is an exciting time for the Saskatchewan mining industry, coming off another year with record sales numbers. Our province is home to 23 of the 31 critical minerals on Canada's list and *for the third year in a row, we rank in the top three globally as one of the best places for mining in terms of investment attractiveness, according to the Fraser Institute. Learn more at saskmining.ca*

Hon. Jeremy Harrison
MLA for Meadow Lake
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Hon. Scott Moe, Premier
MLA for Rosthern-Shellbrook
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Treaty Land Sharing Network a good first step

We all need to be willing to change, if the efforts of truth and reconciliation are going to heal old wounds and build a better foundation for our future.

Part of the process is recognizing what treaties are.

While I am in no way an expert, I do recognize they are far more than the First Nations giving up their lands in exchange for small tracts of reserve land.

For many non-aboriginals, it is sadly what they think the treaties were. Although, to be fair, given the history

which shows treaties were ignored and broken, it would be difficult to fully appreciate the documents. Even history taught in the classroom has been decidedly whitewashed for decades.

Clearly it is time for a change, and one small step in that effort seems to be the Treaty Land Sharing Network.

"Sharing land is fundamental to the Treaty agreements that are intended to govern our coexistence on these territories," notes the organization's website at [treatylandsharingnet-](http://treatylandsharingnetwork.ca)



CALVIN DANIELS

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"The Treaty Land Sharing Network is a group of farmers, ranchers, and other landholders who have come together to begin the crucial work of honouring Treaties. In the spirit of sharing the land, we

welcome First Nations and Métis people to access the land that we farm to practice their way of life. We are committed to implementing the Treaty relationship, engaging in ongoing learning together as we practice being Treaty people, and establishing a different way forward for rural Saskatchewan."

It seems like such a simple thing, allowing First Nations and Métis people controlled access to the land – it is essentially being a good neighbour.

The network asks those wishing to access

land – foot traffic only – to call ahead.

If a piece of land has electric fences and livestock grazing, access might be controlled. But the idea is to let First Nations and Métis hunt and gather as treaties laid out years ago.

It is less a brilliant new idea and more a recognition of what was agreed to when the treaties were signed. At the time, there was a level of trust and expectation that the treaties were a foundation for a better future for all. It should have been that, but we know treaties were too

often simply ignored and trampled.

Will the network fix the past?

Not even close.

Will it make a huge difference today?

Probably, there will be less usage of the lands than might be expected, building small bridges, but not having a huge effect.

But it is a step, and the old adage about a long journey starting with a single step comes to mind. We have a long way to go on this journey, but finally we seem to be starting along the right path.

Crop Report: May 23 to 29

Scattered showers around the province this week helped to replenish soil moisture levels as many producers complete their seeding operations. Currently, Saskatchewan producers are 89 per cent seeded, which is just behind the five-year average (2018-2022) of 92 per cent.

The northwest has 97 per cent of this year's crop in the ground, the west central is 94 per cent seeded, and the southwest is 90 per cent seeded. Excess moisture in the eastern regions have slowed progress, but advancements have been made there this week as well. The area with the least amount of seeding complete is the southeast at 80 per cent.

Provincially, seeding is almost complete for pea (95 per cent), lentil (94

per cent), chickpea (94 per cent) and mustard (94 per cent) crops. Oat (78 per cent) and flax (80 per cent) are the crops with the least amount of seed in the ground for the province.

Producers around the province received rain this week, varying between 69 mm (Arborfield region) and 67 mm (Borden region) to 2 mm (Eyebrow region) with the entire province receiving trace amounts of rain at some point. Cumulative precipitation has varied from area to area, with the Earl Grey region having recorded 205 mm of rain so far this year.

The recent rain has restored topsoil moisture levels across the province and even brought some areas of the province into excess levels. Provincially, five per cent of cropland has

surplus soil moisture, 76 per cent is adequate, 17 per cent is short and two per cent is very short. Sixteen per cent of the northeast of the province has a surplus of soil moisture, while six per cent of the southwest is very short.

Pasture and hay land topsoil moisture levels also increased this past week - three per cent of pasture and hay land have excess topsoil moisture, 69 per cent have adequate, 24 per cent are short, and 4 per cent are very short. Similar to cropland, 14 per cent of the northeast has a surplus of topsoil moisture and 10 per cent of the northwest is very short.

Crops around the province are in excellent to good condition. Spring wheat is currently rated as being in the best condition, with 27 per cent of the province's crop being excellent and 60 per cent being good. This is followed by barley (23 per cent excellent, 65 per cent good) and pea (23 per cent excellent, 64 per cent good). Mustard and chickpea are currently at seven

per cent of the crop being excellent provincially. Generally, there is little crop damage in the province, although there have been reports of flea beetle and grasshoppers found in emerging crops. There has also been some minor flooding this week, light frosts and some dry conditions contributing to crop damage.

Many producers are breathing a sigh of relief as they wrap up seeding after very timely rains, and overall are still busy with end of seeding activities, working and moving cattle out to pasture, and scouting their fields for seeding issues.

For many producers, this is still a stressful time of year and producers are encouraged to take all safety precautions in all the work they do. The Farm Stress Line can help by providing support for producers toll free at 1-800-667-4442.

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

Spiritwood Library hosts scavenger hunt



For the month of May, patrons were invited to stop in at the library to look for picture clues hidden around the Spiritwood Library. Each clue had a spring theme and a coded letter and number. Once they found all the clues, they used them to solve the riddle. For example: "How does a bee brush his hair? - With a Honeycomb!" The lucky winners, Emily Summers (left) and Lincoln Nicoll (right) had their names drawn from a total of 10 entries.

By HEATHER GATZKE, Librarian

NOW HIRING

Spiritwood Herald

is looking for the right individual to work part-time with reporting of news happenings in Spiritwood and area.

Some other duties involved.

Send resume to **Jordan Twiss, Editor Spiritwood Herald at Box 10, Shellbrook, Sask. S0J 2E0** or by email to jordan@sbchron.com

Please mark reporter position.



Lions distribute Canada flags

By DAVE HYNDMAN

Members of the Spiritwood Lions Club presented certificates and Canadian Flags to Grades 1 and 2 students at both Spiritwood elementary schools on Friday, June 2.

Lion Bryan Ferguson handed out flags and Lion Dave Hyndman gave out the certificates, as each student came up individually when called. Lion Darlene Ferguson was also on hand, in charge of keeping the materials organized.

The event was part of Project Canada Pride Day, a program authorized and supported by the Lions Foundation of Canada.

To begin the program, Lion Dave checked to see how much the children knew about Canada. For example, the number of provinces and territories, and the capitals of Canada and Saskatchewan.

The children talked about the provinces and cities they have been to.

At the end, everyone got together for a commemorative picture.



Rivier Grades 1 and 2 with their flags, presented by the Spiritwood Lions.



Hartley Clark Grade 1 with the flags they received from Lion Dave Hyndman and Lion Bryan Ferguson.



Grade 2 students of Hartley Clark with the flags presented to them in the Lions Project Canada Pride.

The Associates hold Spiritwood jam session

By JOHN ROTH

On May 20, 2023, the Spiritwood Old time Jammers, known as The Associates, rented the Pioneer Centre and hosted another Jam Session.

Brian Heigh oversaw getting interiors in order for the performance, while Elmer Lamadee kicked off the jam with a couple of Stompin' Tom songs. He was then followed by Richard Hinston with a pair of Johnny Horton songs.

Other entertainers that were present were Ken Grandberg, Reg Haryung, Ruby Larson, Pastor Rick Martin, and Bert Carpenter. Furthermore, Aline Allard and Irene Nowosad played back up with John Roth.

Afterwards, Randy and Sherry Heyden handled the lunch, while Pastor Rick Martin closed with a prayer and gospel song.

The door donations, after paying hall rent, reached \$200 dollars, with the proceeds being donated back to the Pioneer Centre.



Helen Mack accepts a \$200 jam session cheque from John Roth.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

LUTHERAN CHURCH
Zion - Canwood
Sunday School,
Worship Sunday, 11 a.m.
St. John's - Shellbrook
Sunday School,
Live-stream worship
service on Facebook,
Worship Sunday, 9 a.m.
Rev. Emmanuel Aristide

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
Parkside
11 a.m. - Worship

UNITED CHURCH
Big River
Sundays
10 a.m. - Worship
at Anglican Church
Rev. Dave Whalley
306-747-2804

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. Canon David Butorac
306-961-1634
Minister's Warden:
306-922-5159
H.C. Service with Rev.
Butorac - 2nd Sunday of the
month

CATHOLIC CHURCH
Debden
Sun. Mass - 9:30 a.m.
Fr. Mariusz Zajac
Big River - Sacred Heart
Sun., 11:30 a.m. - Mass
Whitefish
Sun., 2:30 p.m. - Mass.
Victoire
Sat., 7:30 p.m. - Mass.
Fr. Mariusz Zajac
St. Agatha's - Shellbrook
Mass - Sunday 11 a.m.
St. Henry's - Leask
Mass - Sunday 9 a.m.
Mistawasis
1st & 3rd Sundays 1:30 p.m.
Fr. Tuan Doan

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Parkside
10:30 a.m. Worship
Pastor Lorne Valuck
306-747-3572
Shellbrook
Adult Study
9:30 a.m.
Sun., 10:30 a.m. - Worship
Pastor David Bodvarson
306-747-7235
Canwood
Summer: 10 a.m. - Worship
Pastor Bob Wrench
306-468-2138
Leask Gospel Tabernacle
Sunday 11 a.m.
306-466-2296

MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCH
Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel
109 Railway Ave. W.
Blaine Lake
306-497-3316
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
Worship

EVANGELICAL FREE
Big River
11:00 a.m. - Worship
Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Summer: 10:30 a.m. - 12
306-469-2258
Youth Nite: Fridays
Mont Nebo
Sun. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
(10:30 a.m. June - August)
306-468-2525

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

Gideons International of Canada
Battlefords Camp
Phone Art Martynes
(306) 389-4633

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Shellbrook
Sat., 9:45 am -
Sabbath School
Sat., 11:00 am - Worship
Broadcast on
VOAR 92.1 FM
Pastor Liviu Tilihoi
306-747-3398

BELBUTTE FULL GOSPEL
11 am Worship Service

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

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

FIELDS OF HOPE (HOFFNUNGSFELDER) MENNONITE CHURCH
Glenbush
Worship - 10:00 am
1st Sun. (June, July, Aug.)
Worship - 10:00 am
at Rabbit Lake
Mennonite Church

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

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

PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

PARTNERS IN FAITH
Lutheran/United/
Christchurch Anglican,
137-2nd St. W.
Spiritwood
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Rev. Sarah Urano

UNITED /ANGLICAN
Worship Services
Glaslyn
Time is on the sign
Rev. Kun Kim
Rev. Don Skinner

CATHOLIC SUNDAY
Spiritwood - 9:00 a.m.
Leoville - 11:00 a.m.
Chitek Lake - 1:00 p.m.
SATURDAY
Medstead - 6 p.m.
Shell Lake - 8:00 p.m.
Everyone Welcome
Fr. Ramel Macapala

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

Minutes of a Spiritwood Town Council meeting

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

The regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Spiritwood was held in the Council Chambers at the Spiritwood Town Office, 212 Main Street, on April 25, 2023, at 7 p.m.

In attendance were, Mayor Gary von Holwede, Councillor Jim Bedi, Councillor Bryan Wingerter, Councillor Brad Nemish, Councillor Ragnar Latus, Councillor Shane Colley and CAO Rhonda Saam.

Absent was Councillor George Pretli.

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

Wingerter: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried

Latus: That the minutes of the regular meeting on April 11, 2023, be approved as presented. Carried

Nemish: That the correspondence be filed as presented. Carried

Wingerter: That the Accounts for Ratification,

Payments #1260 to 1268 in the amount of \$9,000 be approved as presented. Carried

Wingerter: That the Accounts for Approval, Cheque No. 32559 to 32580 & payments 1269 to 1272 in the amount of \$42,902.88 be approved as presented. Carried

Nemish: That the reports be filed as presented. Carried

Colley: That Bylaw No.546/23, a bylaw respecting private swimming pools be read a first time. Carried

Nemish: That Bylaw No.546/23, a bylaw respecting private swimming pools be read a second time. Carried

Nemish: That Bylaw No.546/23, a bylaw respecting private swimming pools be given three readings at this meeting. Carried unanimously

Colley: That Bylaw No.546/23, a bylaw respecting private swimming pools be read a third time and finally adopted. Carried

Wingerter: That the

Town of Spiritwood approach and request to enter into an agreement with the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 for the provisions of Fire Protection Services and maintaining the municipal fire department. Carried

Wingerter: That we rescind resolution no. 2023-0064 to approve the provision of funds for the Spiritwood Fire Department EMO Unit Purchase from the Fire Department in full;

and rather, That we approve the Spiritwood Fire Department to provide funds to the RM of Spiritwood in the amount of \$15,000 to contribute to the purchase of the EMO unit (2013 Suburban) that costs \$15,500 plus GST and a buyers fee. Carried

Nemish: That we rescind resolution no. 2023-0062, and address this item at the council meeting held May 9, 2023. (Editor's note: this resolution pertains to a discretionary use permit for a cannabis store at 103 Main Street)

Colley: That we deny the request for temporary storage rental at the old arena. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve Building & Development Permit #02-2023SW to construct a new shop on Lot 9 Block 33 Plan 85B03858, with the condition of approval of compliance to the Town of Spiritwood Zoning Bylaw, and the building permit pending authorization from the Building Inspector. Carried

Nemish: That we advertise the Civic Centre Caretaker term position on the Town Facebook page. Carried

Nemish: That we send Brad Nordquist to the Front End Loader Operator Safety Training offered by Brandt Tractor in Saskatoon on May 10, 2023. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve the quote in the amount of \$3,165 plus taxes from Munisoft to upgrade the Server computer and rotate the current server to the office assistant workstation. Carried

Wingerter: That we enter into a Grass Cutting Custom Service Agree-

ment with SaskTel to cut the grass on Fourth Street East in the Town of Spiritwood. Carried

Latus: That we approve Building & Development Permit #07-2023SW to construct a detached garage on 652 Third Street East, with the condition of approval of compliance to the Town of Spiritwood Zoning Bylaws, and the building permit pending authorization from the Building Inspector. Carried

Nemish: That we approve Building & Development Permit #08-2023SW to construct a new deck on 533 Highway Drive, with the condition of approval of compliance to the Town of Spiritwood Zoning Bylaws, and the building permit pending authorization from the Building Inspector. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve sending Rhonda Saam to the 2023 UMA-AS Convention from June 6 to 9, 2023 in Saskatoon. Carried

Nemish: That we write a letter to Naber Ford asking them to remove their signage from the property previously owned by the

Town east of Highway No. 24 (Parcel 203184581);

And, that we offer for them to place their permanent signage on the west side of Highway No. 24 (Parcel 203184592) instead, with the condition of highways roadside sign permit approval and continue with the sign lease agreement at the same fee of \$500/year + GST. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve the quote from Clarks Supply in the amount of \$27,500 plus taxes to purchase the 729BT/61" Grasshopper Zero Turn Mower with dedicated rear discharge deck. Carried

Nemish: That the drainage easements for Parcel UC, UD, UE, & UF be registered on title for the Town of Spiritwood through the town lawyer. Carried

Nemish: That we charge Northern Lakes Health Committee for 50% of the Civic Center hall rental to cover the caretaker wages and utility costs for the Community Garage Sale. Carried

Latus: That this meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Province boosts education funding

The Government of Saskatchewan is providing an additional \$40 million to Saskatchewan's school divisions to support enrolment growth and the complexity of today's classrooms. This funding is being provided to school divisions to respond to the needs of a growing and diverse province.

Funding of \$20 million will be provided to school divisions to address school enrolment growth beyond what was projected by school divisions. The province has and will continue to fund enrolment increases. This funding will be available for the 2023-24 school year to address the continued growth of the province.

An additional \$20 million will be available for school divisions to hire classroom and other support staff to respond to the challenges of classroom complexity. This funding will be provided to school divisions to hire resources such as teachers, educational assistants, speech language pathologists, counsellors, educational psychologists or other supports as required. This funding is based on the work of the Class Size and Composition Committee.

"This additional \$40 million in funding will help address a rapidly growing student population as well as ensuring that our teachers have the supports they need to support an increasingly complex classroom," Education Minister Dustin Duncan said in a statement. "This 4.5 per cent increase in school operating [funds] when compared to last year is part of the government's commitment to ensuring students all across the province have access to high quality education."

This brings the operating budget for

Saskatchewan's 27 school divisions to a record investment of \$2.08 billion for the 2023-24 school year.

Responding to the funding announcement, the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation called it "woefully inadequate" and said the government failed to consult its education partners beforehand.

"Even with the additional funds announced today, our public schools require significantly more funding to address years of abysmal budgets and cuts from this government," Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation President Samantha Becotte said in a statement. "We have previously highlighted data from a report from the Fraser Institute, which states that more than \$400 million is needed to restore per-student funding in Saskatchewan to 2012-13 levels."

The Opposition Sask. NDP also lent its voice to criticisms of the announcement, calling it "subpar" and highlighting how schools are being made to impose lunch supervision fees or cut positions to eliminate budget deficits.

It also pointed to a decline in per-student funding under the government, which has seen the province drop to eighth in the nation in funding per student when it used to lead the nation.

"This funding is a start, though it's months late and quite a few bucks short," said Sask. NDP Leader Carla Beck in a statement. "It's clear from the rally that was held on the steps of the legislature that this is a major issue for both parents and educators. Everyone's family is impacted by these cuts in different ways and it's frustrating knowing that this all could have been prevented had the government just properly invested in our kids."

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 - 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: Leask Wheatland Lodge Auxiliary - Outdoor Flea Market. Location: Leask (Hwy 40 & 2nd St N) Friday, June 16, 2023 - 10am to 4pm. BBQ Lunch & Music - 11:30am to 1pm. Table Rental - \$15. Contact Joanne McHanson 306-466-7735. Your support helps us to enhance the lives of our residents.

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Minutes of an RM of Canwood meeting

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

A regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 was held in the Municipal Council Chambers, at 641 Main Street, Canwood, SK, on April 18, 2023, commencing at 9:05 a.m.

Present – Reeve Lyndon Pease, Administrator Lorna Benson and the following Councillors for their respective divisions: #1 Ralph Korody, #2 Gerald Muller, #3 Gordon Andrews, #4 Mario Boisvert, #5 Kevin Olson, and #6 Cody Lockhart.

Delegations:

11:30 a.m. Dwight Diehl, Public Works Supervisor, Municipal Operations Update

11:45 a.m. Councillor Indemnity

Boisvert: That the minutes of the March 21, 2023, Regular Council Meeting be approved. Carried

Muller: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of March 2023 for the R.M. General Account be approved as presented. Carried

Korody: That we approve the payments as listed on the attached account listing for a total of \$160,231.02, Council Direct Deposits for March and Payroll Direct Deposits for 2023 Pay Periods 6 & 7. Carried

Korody: That we authorize payment to Chief Administrative Officer Lorna Benson for the purchase of office desks, in the amount of \$2,253.28 including taxes, on her personal credit card as the R.M. credit card was discontinued. Carried

Public Works Supervisor Dwight Diehl attended the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

Muller: That we agree to enter into a Commercial Lease Agreement with Mario's Trenching & Excavating Ltd. for the purposes of utilizing shop space for the storage of the Debden Fire Department vehicles at a rate of \$1,000 per month. Carried

Andrews: Further to Reso-

lution No. 6 of April 2023, we agree to issue payment to Mario's Trenching & Excavating Ltd. for the rent of the shop space from Feb. 15, 2023, to April 30, 2023, in the amount of \$2,500, after which the payment will be made on a monthly basis at a rate of \$1,000. Carried

Korody: That Road Ban Order 2023-01 be acknowledged in these minutes setting the weight restriction of 8.2 tonnes including load on the following municipal roadways: 1) West of Sections 4 and 9-49-04 W3, 2) Through Section 29 and East of Section 32-50-04 W3. Carried

Muller: That we make application for participation under the Beaver Control Program (BCP) for the year 2023 – 2024 as administered by the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) and authorize the following individuals to remove problem beavers in the Rural Municipality. Carried (*Editor's note: names omitted due to space restrictions*)

Lockhart: That we set the following guidelines for the Beaver Control Program (BCP) for the year 2023-2024:

1. Each councillor shall direct where problem beavers shall be removed in his division;
2. Beaver tails must be delivered to the councillor on or before June 30, 2023;
3. Legal descriptions of where the beavers were removed must be provided by the authorized individuals when delivering the beaver tails;
4. A bounty will be paid in the amount of \$30.00 for each problem beaver removed from March 1, 2023, to June 30, 2023, and thereafter the bounty will be reduced to \$15.00 per beaver;
5. Councillors cannot be designated as beaver hunters; and
6. Counting of beaver tails shall be done by another councillor if the hunter

is a family member, defined as follows: "Family member" means spouse, parent, grandparent, child, brother or sister or of a spouse; and also means grandchild, and son- or daughter-in-law, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew and cousin or a person who resides in the employee's household as a member of the family. Carried

Korody: That we acknowledge the Public Works Meeting minutes of April 14, 2023. Carried

Andrews: That we instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to communicate with Ministry of Highways to formally request a streetlight at the intersection of Highway 55 and Grid 793 (53.5114651, -106.8579837) as a result of several near misses reported to R.M. elected officials. Carried

Boisvert: That the Council of the R.M. of Canwood No. 494 has no objections to the sale of the following Crown Lands and wishes to offer the following comments:

1. The municipality assumes no responsibility for access to the parcels of lands;
2. Future development will be conditional to land abutting a developed road (Basic Planning Statement Bylaw No. 2003-6);
3. The Ministry of Agriculture shall insist on the registration of parcel ties where appropriate with Information Services Corporation (ISC) to ensure access is not jeopardized by future land transactions;
4. The Ministry of Agriculture shall register an interest on titles that currently do not abut a developed roadway to ensure landowners are made aware of access issues; and
5. To the best of Council's knowledge, the following comments can be made with respect to the

specific parcels of land in this specific lease: NW 35-49-06 W3 does not abut a developed municipal roadway; SE 03-50-06 W3 does not abut a developed municipal roadway; SW 03-50-06 W3 does not abut a developed municipal roadway; SE 04-50-06 W3 does not abut a developed municipal roadway. Carried

Muller: In the matter of the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth (RIRG) Program regarding the reallocation of a Clearing the Path (CTP) Corridor, where the CTP, commonly known as the Hilldrop Road does not meet the eligibility criteria required to be maintained as a CTP corridor and shall have its funding reallocated and subsequent to the independent traffic count and Notice of Appeal, we acknowledge the March 2023 decision indicating the appeal was unsuccessful. Carried

Lockhart: That we agree to hire Zacaruk Consulting Inc., Regina, Sask. to complete the site inspection, develop contract documents, tender and supervise construction required on the Deep Lake Bridge at an approximate cost of \$30,000. Carried

Andrews: That we acknowledge being in receipt of the Financial Statement of the Debden Public Library for the year ended Dec. 31, 2022. Further to this, we have reviewed the 2023 Proposed Budget and agree to pay the grant request of \$3,060. Carried

Pease: That we understand the importance of inter-municipal relationships to enhance local government; therefore, we instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to make application to the Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Initiative for the partnership between eleven (11) municipalities for the development and implementation of emergency planning and regional cooperation. Carried

Lockhart: That we agree to renew the terms of the Waste-

water Agreement with the Village of Canwood for a period of 10 years. Carried

Muller: Further to Resolution No. 23 of February 16, 2021, that in the matter of a default in payment for tax arrears, we authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to proceed with tax enforcement for Owner #2403. Carried

Lockhart: That we approve the Withdrawal Numbers 494-1592 and 494-1593 from the Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance Association. Carried

Muller: That we approve the Development and Building Permit Applications of Clifford Millar to construct an additional residence, with approval pursuant to Section 5.2.1(2)(b) of the Municipal Zoning Bylaw 2003-7. Carried

Boisvert: That we approve the Development and Building Permit Applications of Brian and Linda Berscheid to construct a dwelling, with approval pursuant to Section 9.1.1(1)(a) of the Municipal Zoning Bylaw 2003-7. Carried

Boisvert: That we approve the Development Permit Application of Raymond Duret, for the removal of dead trees from the municipal reserve subject to the conditions that the work must follow the parameters set out in the approvals obtained from Water Security Agency or any other governing body issuing permits pertaining to this matter. Carried

Muller: That we acknowledge the Development Permit Application of Robert Gerow to construct an agricultural storage building. Carried

Lockhart: That we agree to provide funding of \$1,000 to the Village of Canwood for the operation of the 2023 Summer Youth Program to be held at the Canwood Public School. Carried

Muller: That we approve the Council's Indemnity as presented. Carried

Muller: That we now adjourn at 11:45 a.m.

Saskatchewan sets two surgical records

Saskatchewan's surgical system reached the highest quarterly surgical volume ever recorded with a total of 24,306 procedures performed from January 1 to March 31, 2023.

In addition, from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023 over 90,000 surgical procedures were performed, the highest ever recorded in Saskatchewan for a one-year period. This includes approximately 1,600 more hip and knee replacement procedures in comparison to pre-COVID numbers in 2019-20, an increase of 13 per cent.

"We are thankful for the combined extraordinary efforts of our surgical teams and surgical support staff to ensure thousands more patients receive the procedures they need," Health

Minister Paul Merriman said. "This progress is welcome news as we move forward with surgical investments increasing by \$42.5 million in this year's budget. We will continue to maximize system capacity by optimizing public surgical services and expanding the involvement of private sector partners in publicly funded surgical service delivery."

In 2023-24, the province again is setting aggressive targets, this time aiming to complete 103,000 surgeries. Efforts to expand surgical capacity include long-term investment in both public surgical services and publicly funded privately delivered centres. Additional short-term measures include utilizing efficiencies in operating

rooms and scheduling processes as well as ensuring key staffing complements.

"We will continue to invest in our provincial surgical system so that Saskatchewan residents have access to health services when they need them and as close to home as possible," Rural and Remote Health Minister Everett Hindley said. "We are working closely with our partner health agencies, including the Saskatchewan Health Authority, to continue moving these strategies forward and developing focused improvements in specific areas such as orthopedics."

Saskatchewan continues to make record investment in the provincial surgical system and establish strat-

egies that assist in serving patients and addressing barriers. In 2023-24, the annual investment for the surgical program is nearly \$670 million, that is a \$144 million or 27 per cent increase since 2007. Ongoing investment in Saskatchewan's Four-Point Health Human Resources Action Plan to Recruit, Train, Incentivize and Retain more health care professionals will be critical to achieve aggressive surgical targets set by the province over the next couple years.

Learn more about Saskatchewan's Surgical Performance and Wait Times, here: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/accessing-health-care-services/surgery/surgical-performance-and-wait-times>.

Divisional alignment major obstacle for Jays

Luck usually plays a major role in sports, but the bad luck the Toronto Blue Jays are experiencing this year has little to do with their on-field performance.

While Canada's only Major League Baseball team hardly reminds anyone of a powerhouse, it's a decent squad that manager John Schneider trots out every day. Through 54 games on May 28, the Jays were 28-26, with only seven American League teams owning better records.

Aye, but here's the rub. The bad luck for the Jays is that four of those seven were A.L. East Division rivals, which meant Toronto stood dead last in its division. Dead last.

Luck? Yes, bad luck to be part of such a strong division. Tampa Bay got off to an historic 13-0 start and appears to be running away with the division title; the rebuilding Baltimore Orioles this season are getting rewarded for pa-

tience after five or six years of second-division status; the Yankees are always in the mix, because they've got unlimited money to buy talent; and the Boston Red Sox are rebounding this year after a last-place finish (78-84) in 2022.

That leaves the Blue Jays in the cellar. Their 28-26 record at precisely the one-third mark of the season would have put them in first place, a half-game ahead of Minnesota, had they been lucky enough to be included in the A.L. Central Division. A 28-26 record in the A.L. West would have the Jays in the middle of the pack, only six games out of first place.

The drop into last place in the A.L. East came on the heels of a 1-7 stretch for the Jays, who combined weak hitting with so-so pitching and a few defensive lapses. Because more than 100 games remain to be played, no one in Blue Jays country is hitting



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the panic button.

"It's going to turn," Schneider told Keegan Matheson of MLB.com.

According to centre-fielder Kevin Kiermaier, "hitting can be very contagious, but on the other end, when you're not hitting, that can be contagious as well."

Still, being above .500 in the most competitive division in baseball means things haven't been all bad. The Jays posted a three-game sweep of National League powerhouse the Atlanta Braves in mid May; the starting pitch-

ing has been decent, with Chris Bassitt limiting opposing hitters to a .186 average, and acceptable performances from fellow pitchers Kevin Gausman, Jose Berrios and Yusei Kikuchi. If Alek Manoah (16-7, 2.24 ERA last year) rebounds after a 1-5, 5.53 start to this season, much of the Jays' troubles could be in the past.

Meanwhile, winning the A.L. East might be out of range for Toronto, but earning an A.L. wild-card spot certainly isn't. Strong play in the heat of July, the dog days of August, and the stretch run of September could make Jays' fans forget all about the woes of April and May.

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "I'm not sure Brooks Robinson could compete against some of today's great third baseman. But that's only because he is 86."

• Golf instructor Michael Breed, on Twitter, after a wayward drive by

Jordan Spieth at the PGA Championship landed among a fenced-off area of portable bathrooms: "So is this the definition of taking relief?"

• Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va.): "Victor Wembanyama, the Eiffel Tower of hoops, could be held back at first by his spindly frame. The NBA's presumptive No. 1 draft pick from France is built like a baguette. He'll be better served when he's closer to a loaf of rye."

• Another one from Alex Kaseberg: "Man, these NBA playoffs take forever to move along," said a glacier."

• Canadian parody website the Beaverton, on the potential sale of the Ottawa Senators: "Several bidders had dropped out after realizing that the Tkachuk who plays for Ottawa isn't the one everyone has been talking about for the last few weeks."

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "Contrary to

what some believe, the 2023 Blue Moon will occur on Aug. 30. It wasn't on May 23, when the Blue Jays won a game, scored more than three runs and beat the Rays 20-1."

• Headline at the onion.com: "Dad's Entire Parenting Strategy Just Ensuring Son Doesn't Become Yankees Fan"

• From fark.com: "If you were tempted to place any bets about the Saints making the post-season, just remember they have Derek Carr as their quarterback and they just brought in Jon Gruden to install their offence."

• fark.com again: "Tom Brady to continue ownership of Raiders even in retirement."

• Comedy guy Torben Rolfsen of Vancouver: "Longest-running soap operas: General Hospital, Days of Our Lives, Toronto Maple Leafs"

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Gerard (Jerry) Brad



BRAD, Gerard

Gerard (Jerry) Brad passed away peacefully at Peter Lougheed Hospital in Calgary, Alberta on May 16th, 2023 at the age of 89. He was born in Leask, Saskatchewan on February 20th, 1934 to George and Marie Brad. Jerry was the 2nd youngest of 11 children. He spent his youth on the family farm in the D'Amour District. Alongside his Father and brothers, Jerry learned how to farm, hunt, and fish.

Jerry met Mary Anne

(Christensen) when she worked at the Beausite School down the road from the family farm. They married on June 16th, 1958. After they married Jerry took over the family homestead where he farmed with his brothers. Jerry and Mary Anne had 5 children. Jerry loved to fish, winter or summer, hunt, play cards, and dance. After 45 years of farming, they retired and moved to Airdrie, Alberta.

Jerry leaves behind five children, Harold Brad, Eva (Don) Lee, Maurice (Yvonne Scherger) Brad, Brian Brad, Barry (Susan) Brad; 12 grandchildren, Tyler, Curtis (June), Tara Lee, Jared Lee, Amanda (Wes) Delisle, Adam (Ashley), Daniel (Richelle), Matthew, Mitchell, Zachary, Samantha (Ziryann), and Alexandra. Nine great-grandchildren Izaac, Phoenix, Morgan, Riley,

Ayden, Ari, Adalynn, Layla and Bennett. Three Siblings, Emile (Beatrice) Brad, Yvonne Richter, Joe (Dorothy) Brad as well as numerous brother and sister-in-laws, nephews and nieces.

The family would like to thank the staff of St. Marguerite Manor, Age Care at Skyview Point, and the nurses and doctors at Peter Lougheed Hospital for the care and concern shown to our father over the last few years of his life. Messages of condolence for the family may be left at www.prairierosefunerals.ca

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By RANDALL MCLEOD
Immanuel Lutheran, Parkside

Jesus once told a parable about a farmer sowing seed and how some produced and some did not. You can read the whole story in the gospel of Matthew, chapter 13. His disciples didn't understand the meaning of this teaching, so Jesus explained it to them this way:

- The farmer sows the word. 15 Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them.
- Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. 17 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.
- Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; 19 but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.
- Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown."

What we see here is that there are basically four types of people in the world, and importantly, it appears that only one of them is fit for the kingdom of God. We can know that because Jesus also tells us that if we place anything ahead of Him in our lives, then we are not fit for the kingdom.

So, the first type of people don't get the message at all! It goes right on by. As Paul Simon said to us in his song the Sounds of Silence: "people hearing without listening". The whole meaning

of the words just completely goes over their heads.

The second type of people are so very shallow that they are incapable of committing to anything at all. They just flit from this thing to that thing, always looking for the next new thing. At the first sign of opposition they bail, better to have likes than to be right!

The third type seem to get a hold of it. They actively engage, they learn, they grow but then, when difficulties come, or when living the life makes them unpopular, they drift away. They want this God thing to make their life easy and good and trouble free, but that is not how it works. Not only is the Christian life inherently counter-culture, all life comes with problems attached. Jesus doesn't promise us a trouble-free life, He promises to walk through it with us and ultimately use it for good.

The last type, those who bear fruit, are those who are fully committed to Jesus, He and His Kingdom are absolutely number one priority in their lives. Come hell or high water they ain't quit-tin'. These are those who know that God is with them and that He will see them through whatever the world brings their way, Like Paul he apostle they understand that all of the trials of this life are small stuff compared to the kingdom that awaits us, and so they don't sweat the small stuff.

For good soil to remain good it requires care and attention, it must be nourished. So it is with your soul, we nurture the soil of our souls by pouring the word of God into them. Walk closer to Jesus every single day and every single day you will become more and more like Him in every way. Keep company with believers so that you can strengthen and encourage each other.

My best advice to you is to be determined to be good soil.

NOTICE OF PASSING

Jean Elisabeth Springett



Jean was born in Canwood on November 29, 1944, with the aid of nurse Lindstrom, the midwife.

Jean passed away in the Shellbrook Hospital on May 25, 2023, at the age of 78.

Jean was predeceased by her parents, Ray and Myrtle Robertson, her sister Evelyn and her brothers-in-law, Ken Ingram and Trevor Barge. Jean will be missed by her two loving sisters Ruth Barge and Mary Ann (Ron) Rusnell and their families, and by her two brothers George (Darlene) and Bill (Mar-

ilyn) Robertson of Canwood. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Jean to the Debden Heritage Manor (Box 608 Debden, SK. SoJ oSo). Family and friends wishing to share online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home & Crematorium, Donna Lovberg, Funeral Director, Canwood, SK. 306-468-2244.

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It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Jean Elisabeth Springett.

SGI announces excessive vehicle noise rules

Have you heard? There are clear, new rules around what it takes for a vehicle to be deemed too loud for Saskatchewan streets.

Under a new provincial policy, all light vehicles (such as passenger cars, pickup trucks, minivans, SUVs, and motorcycles) must be quieter than 101.3 decibels.

"This policy introduces an objective standard, so motorists know if their vehicle is louder than what's reasonable," said JP Cullen, COO of the Saskatchewan Auto Fund. "It draws a line in the sand for residents, motorists and law enforcement to determine how loud is too loud for vehicles."

Along with establishing maximum allowable noise levels, SGI has developed a standardized testing procedure. In the coming weeks, SGI will work with SGI-certified light vehicle and motorcycle inspection stations to provide them with equipment and training so they're ready to test vehicles for noise.

As part of a phased rollout approach, SGI-certified light vehicle and motorcycle inspection stations in Regina and Saskatoon will be the first to have the opportunity to obtain noise testing equipment. Once those stations are equipped, enforcement agencies in those areas will be able to submit a vehicle to a noise test at a qualified station. Next, SGI will work with SGI-certified light vehicle and motorcycle inspection stations elsewhere, and law enforcement across the rest of Saskatchewan, to introduce the policy province-wide.

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Blister beetles — handle with care!

By **CEDRIC GILLOTT**

Saskatchewan has about 20 species of blister beetles (aka oil beetles), ranging in body length from a few millimetres to about 2.5 centimetres. They are often conspicuously coloured and can be found on a range of plants though many have a fondness for solanaceous crops and legumes, especially caragana and alfalfa. Conspicuous body colour is a typical feature of many creatures (other insect examples include ladybird beetles, monarch butterflies and box elder [maple] bugs) and shows would-be predators that the owner is distasteful and to be eaten 'at your own risk'.

The beetles get their common names from their ability, if handled roughly, to exude an oily material, a process known as 'reflex bleeding', from limb joints and other body regions where their cuticle is thin. The material released is actually their blood which contains cantharidin, a nasty chemical that causes blistering of the skin. In mild cases, gentle washing with warm soapy water will provide relief; however, if blistering is more severe, medical advice should be sought.

Much worse, cantharidin is highly toxic and if ingested, even in quite small quantities, for example, by livestock, can cause severe illness and ultimately death. Though veterinarians in Saskatchewan and Alberta are not aware of cases in these provinces, in the USA there have been several reports of blister beetles causing horse deaths. The horses were fed hay containing alfalfa that had been crushed to accelerate drying, an action that had also squashed resident blister beetles, releasing cantharidin into the forage.

Adults generally emerge from their overwintering sites in May/June, living for several weeks, feeding and mating. Then, depending on the species, female beetles lay their eggs in the ground near a grasshopper egg bed or the entrance to the nest of a ground-dwelling solitary bee. A few species place their eggs in flowers. At this point, blister beetle development becomes particularly interesting (at least for entomologists!). Unlike the vast majority of insects whose juvenile stage is either a nymph (as in grasshoppers) or a larva (like caterpillars, maggots and other beetle grubs), blister beetle larvae undergo 'hypermeta-

morphosis', a reference to the fact that there are two distinct juvenile stages. From the eggs, hatch highly mobile, 6-legged creatures (the nymphal equivalent) called 'triungulins', a reference to the three claws at the tip of each leg that are used for digging or clinging on to the host bee. Depending on where their mother originally laid her eggs, the triungulins dig down into the soil till they find a grasshopper egg pod, or they wait at the bee's nest entrance or in the flower for the host's arrival. When a bee arrives, the triungulins climb onto her, to be transported to the nest housing the bee's own eggs and larvae.

From this point, the triungulins simply snack on the host's eggs, and at their first moult change their form to become plump, immobile grubs (i.e., the typical larval form). With the onset of cold fall weather, feeding stops and the grubs remain dormant till spring. Then, depending on the species, they may continue to feed for a short time or immediately pupate, enabling metamorphosis to the adult form to occur.

Though as noted earlier, blister beetles show a preference for plants in the potato and pea/bean families, they will feed readily on many other plants. This may account for the rarity with which they reach pest proportions either agriculturally or in gardens. Should your veggie patch be invaded by a large enough number of blister beetles to warrant control, wear gloves and simply drop (or knock off) the beetles into a pail of soapy water where they will soon drown.

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Mating Nuttall's blister beetles (Lytta nuttalli). The female (facing up) may be up to 25 millimetres long.
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