

## Pool project sees successful summer fundraising



Affinity Credit Union staff members Fran Sabraw and Lynette Lerat serve up chili at a Sept. 19 fundraiser for the Parkland Pool Project. Photo courtesy of Gayle Draper

By **JORDAN TWISS**  
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

The Parkland Pool Project Committee and its community partners capped off a strong season of fundraising on Tuesday, Sept. 19, as Lake Country Co-op hosted its annual Fuel Good Days event and staff members of Affinity Credit Union served up chili to help contribute to the cause.

Starting all the way back in June with Ballapalooza, the committee served up ribs for supper. With a \$1,500 sponsorship from Beau Lac Funeral Home to cover the cost of food and supplies, and Scotiabank matching the proceeds of nearly \$3,000, the total raised on the evening was about \$6,000.

Fast forward to the end of summer fun day at the pool in late August, and the committee was grilling up burgers

to raise funds for the project. This time around, with support from Lake Country Co-op, it managed to haul in more than \$1,800.

As for last Tuesday's chili and a bun lunch, the total brought in after food and supplies were paid for was \$865. This time, it was Shellbrook Bigway getting behind the cause by providing a generous discount on the meat for the chili.

Meanwhile, the numbers for Fuel Good Days aren't expected to be finalized for a couple weeks. That said, Parkland Pool Project Committee chair Mark Klaassen was given an estimate of more than \$1,500.

This brings the fundraising total for the summer to more than \$10,000. Not bad for a committee that was "taking a few months off."

"Fundraising has been amazing so far.

Our committee has worked very hard to fundraise to where we are at this time," Klaassen said. "The response from the community has been amazing. The local businesses and people from around the area have been so supportive to this project."

In addition to the fundraising events, the proceeds from this year's Field of Dreams will also be benefitting the pool project.

The canola crop was seeded May 22 and harvested on Sept. 20. With a yield of 6,300 bushels of canola, and a current market rate of \$15.50 per bushel, the total before all expenses are paid is expected to be in the neighbourhood of \$100,000. Once those expenses are covered, however, Parkland Pool Project Committee member Tricia Bell still expects the net proceeds to be over \$50,000.

Once again, this year's Field of Dreams required a whole community effort to come true.

For starters, Kerry and Wendy Wendel, Todd Skauge, and Lake Country Co-op agronomist Lauren Cromartie provided all seeding, in-crop spraying, and harvest equipment and labour. Meanwhile, Canwood Cargill donated inputs and will be buying the crop, and further seed and input assistance was provided by Corteva, Dekalb, BASF, Bayer Crop Science Inc., Cargill, Hello Nature, FCL, and Lake Country Co-op.

Last but not least, Ferster Farms Inc. provided spraying services at a discounted rate to support the effort.

With summer in the rearview, Klaassen says the committee is remobilizing to renew its fundraising push.

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“However, we are in hopes that we can still find some major grants to cover the majority of the costs,” he said, noting that there are currently no provincial or federal grants accepting applications, leaving the committee playing a bit of a waiting game.

“The planning and budgeting phase is still in the works, and we hope to have something nailed down in the months to come,” Klaassen added. “As always, fundraising projects are in the works, and we

look forward to more great events in town.”

### The Story So Far

According to a feasibility study conducted by aodbt architecture + interior design in 2022, the price tag for a new pool is about \$4.6 million. That same study said the cost of repairing the existing pool, which was built in 1971, would be about \$2.6 million.

With the potential for issues with major items like boilers, the pool tank, and piping to shutdown the pool at any time, Klaassen has said \$2.6 million is a

high price tag for a facility nearing the end of its lifespan.

Meanwhile, the quote for a new pool provided by aodbt includes everything: the design, the pool, and the building containing the changerooms, space for the lifeguards, and the mechanical room. Breaking down the numbers, Klaassen said the feasibility study pegged the cost of the new building at about \$1.2 million, while the new pool was quoted around \$2.2 million, putting it in line with other communities.

“We’re going to need a building. Regardless of what we do, those costs are there,” Klaassen said previously. “We’re looking at making it bigger. The current changerooms we have are too small. There aren’t enough stalls, there isn’t enough room for the lifeguards. The mechanical room is pretty tight. The facility itself is just dated.”

Klaassen says the loss of the pool would be economically devastating, not just for the community but for the whole region, including communities as far away as Big River, Blaine Lake, Spiritwood, and Glaslyn. This claim is certainly supported by the fact that about 830 people registered for swimming lessons and swimming programs this summer.

Aside from the economic rationale to replace the existing pool, Klaassen says a new pool would also be

a boon for the Shellbrook Silverfins, as the current pool doesn’t meet Swim Saskatchewan’s standards to host meets and competitions.

A replacement would also allow for some other key upgrades, including a zero-depth entry for little swimmers, spray features or a waterslide, and a 25-metre lane pool. And finally, eliminating current issues with the high water table would allow the pool to open up earlier in the season, meaning more space for lessons and programming.

The other major factor still being considered by the committee is whether to keep the pool in Kinsmen Park or relocate it. Klaassen says there have been no further discussions of this subject in recent months.



Parkland Pool Project Committee chair Mark Klaassen accepts a cheque from Scotiabank staff members Ashley Rudolph (left) and Kat Mackin-Smith (right). Scotiabank matched the proceeds raised at the committee’s rib supper at Ballapalooza in June.



Parkland Pool Project Committee chair Mark Klaassen accepts a cheque from Beau Lac Funeral Home’s Marianne Turcotte (left) and Sherry Wason (middle). Beau Lac sponsored the committee’s rib supper at Ballapalooza in June.

## Shellbrook schools host Terry Fox Run



Shellbrook Elementary School and WP Sandin High School united on Friday, Sept. 22, to take part in the annual nationwide Terry Fox Run and raise funds for cancer research. In support of the cause, WP Sandin High School asked students to bring a “Toonie for Terry” to school. Holding the banner, from left to right: Marcail Philp, Keena Holcomb, Talon Sandry, Maddison Nelson, Kail-ee Cameron, Airionna McQuillan, and Dylan Lamotte.

Appendix C  
FORM H  
(Section 66 of The Act)

**VILLAGE OF LEASK  
NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
(By-Election)**

Public notice is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the office of:

**MAYOR: Village of Leask**

will be received by the undersigned at the Village of Leask Office during normal office hours until Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. local time.

Nomination forms may be obtained from:

Village of Leask Office  
15 Main Street  
Leask, Saskatchewan

and on the Village of Leask website  
<https://leask.ca>

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2023  
Returning Officer  
Yvette Hamel

**NOTICE OF  
ABANDONMENT OF POLL**

**The Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464  
Municipal Election 2023**

Public Notice is hereby given that:

Brian Watier was nominated for the office of Division 1 Councillor and is the only candidate;

Therefore, no voting will take place on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Dated at Leask this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2023.

Donna Goertzen  
Returning Officer

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A Retail Store Permit (RSP) allows a business to sell beer, wine and spirits in closed containers for off-site consumption.

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- Dalmeny
- Ile a la Crosse
- Osler
- Lloydminster (3)
- Rosetown
- RM of Buckland (2)
- RM of Corman Park (3)
- RM of Edenwold
- RM of Maple Creek
- RM of Shellbrook

Please note that the auctions are for the interest in the permit only. There are no physical buildings or assets. Successful bidders will be required to meet SLGA’s licensing requirements before receiving the permit.

Further details are available at: [www.slga.com](http://www.slga.com).

Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority

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# A Touch of Autumn ends Honeywood's season

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When Honeywood Heritage Nursery ended its season on Sunday, Sept. 17, with its annual A Touch of Autumn event, the fall colours were putting on a vibrant show in spite of the summery weather.

Guests trickled in throughout the afternoon, and all told, 218 guests paid at the gate to tour the grounds by foot and by wagon, and enjoy time to visit with old and new friends alike.

Apart from the touring and visiting, there were lilies and perennials to shop for, delicious treats like apple or rhubarb crisp with ice cream to indulge in, live music from Gerald Lanes and friends to listen and dance to, and artisans' wares to peruse.

"It was a good day, better than what I thought, just because we're in the middle of harvest and there are a lot of things going on," said Judy Harley. "I think everybody enjoyed themselves."

This year marked a return to normal for A Touch of Autumn, with the event running in a shortened window of 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Harley says this decision was made to accommodate the kitchen volunteers, who are all farmers' wives and have their own duties to attend to at home (including hungry farm crews to feed).

The shortened window didn't do anything to harm sales of desserts, as Harley says there were only a few rhubarb crisps left by the end of the afternoon.

This year also saw a return to normal in terms of the number of vendors who came out to display their works and wares. Where last fall saw 10 artisans make the trip out to Honeywood, this year only four were in attendance, including Lucille Scott (art), Ken Tickner (photography), Laura Budd (pottery), and Cheryl Tieszen (Jolica fair trade jewellery).

These four were joined by Glenys Martin, who brought out her fruit press to demonstrate how to make juice and cider.

All in all, Harley says it was a perfect way to cap off a successful season at Honeywood that saw Janie Denton step into the role of manager.

In addition to the dedication of volunteers like Dale Kuhn and others, Harley says a share of this success is owed to the two students the nursery was

able to employ through the Canada Summer Jobs program.

This, too, is part of a long-standing Honeywood tradition.

"Honeywood, in Burt Porter's day, always hired students out there to pick fruit. It's an ongoing tradition that we like to keep," Harley said, calling the program a benefit for both Honeywood and the students it employs.

"They helped keep us going."

With the nursery's gates closed for the rest of the year, the work for next season still needs to be done.

In the coming weeks, staff will be planting, digging up, and replanting lilies to take stock of what might be available for sale, and putting things away ahead of winter.

Meanwhile, on the maintenance side, work will continue on the Porter Log Home. Logs will be stripped down, cracks and holes filled, and logs refinished. There are also some logs that will need replacing.

Looking ahead to next spring's opening, Harley says the biggest priority will be arranging a new supplier for annuals and

other plants.

In the past, Honeywood had an arrangement with Malcolm Jenkins, the owner of Canadian Tire in Prince Albert. But with new management set to

take over the store in October, this arrangement is up in the air.

"Looking for a new supplier for annuals is something we're going to get on right away. It is nice to

be able to come out to the nursery and pick out what you want in a leisurely, uncrowded atmosphere," Harley said.

"We'll see where next year takes us."



Despite the warm start to the season, the fall colours put on a show at Honeywood's A Touch of Autumn event. Photo courtesy of Honeywood



Debden artist Lucille Scott chats with guests as they peruse her work.



Gerald Lanes and friends kept guests entertained with an afternoon of music.

[Section 82 of the Act]

**VILLAGE OF CANWOOD  
NOTICE OF  
ABANDONMENT OF POLL**

Whereas a poll is not required pursuant to *The Local Government Election Act* for the office of:

Mayor: Village of Canwood

I hereby give public notice that no voting for the said office will take place and the following person is elected by acclamation:

Lorne Benson

Dated at the Village of Canwood this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2023.  
Lindsey Olson  
Returning Officer

**VILLAGE OF CANWOOD  
NOTICE OF CALL FOR  
FURTHER NOMINATIONS  
MUNICIPAL BY-ELECTION**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the office of:

Councillor: Village of Canwood  
Number to be Elected: 1

will be received by the undersigned on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and during regular business hours, Tuesday to Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. September 26<sup>th</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, at Village of Canwood Municipal Office.

Nominations forms may be obtained at the following location(s):  
Village of Canwood Municipal Office, 641 Main Street, Canwood, SK

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2023.  
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## Sask. Party priorities fail our most vulnerable

Perhaps the greatest challenge any government faces is deciding which issues it wants to prioritize. A government's time, energy, and resources are limited, after all, and there will always be more to do than can feasibly be done.

To make matters more difficult, governments often find themselves in the no-win situation of picking between competing options, meaning one need or want is fulfilled at the expense of another.

It's a position few would want to be in. But those in power have willingly put themselves into it, and they mustn't be allowed to shirk their duties.

Tough decisions need to be made. Priorities need to be set. And the consequences for these choices must be endured.

In Saskatchewan, where people are no less susceptible to the hardships of the rising costs of living, one might think affordability would be a top priority for the Sask. Party government – especially given its ever-present tagline of “growth that works for everyone.”

Yet, aside from recent announcements of a small reduction in SaskEnergy bills (an estimated savings of \$68 per year for the average household) and the renewal of a \$250,000 grant to help seniors live independently, affordability has barely been on the Sask. Party's radar of late.

Further reinforcing this idea, was the release of the Saskatchewan Housing Corporation's annual report for 2022. That document, made public during a nationwide conversation about homelessness and the availability of affordable housing, showed an 18 per cent vacancy rate in social housing and a 94 per cent reduction in provincial contributions to social housing over the past decade.

At the same time, the Sask. Party has resisted pressure to follow the federal government's lead and remove the PST charge it implemented on construction materials in 2017, with Finance Minister Donna Harpauer calling the tax a necessary tool to help the province move away from its reliance on natural resources.

So, clearly affordability isn't a priority for the Sask. Party.

Surely then, in a post pandemic world, it must be keenly focused on healthcare.

Well, actually, for a government said to be working to reduce wait times for diagnostic imaging and surgeries, the Sask. Party is making some perplexing decisions to address these issues as well. Case in point,



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its rejection of a \$2 million donation to bring an MRI machine (and two technicians to operate it) to Estevan.

In his rejection of the donation, then-Health Minister Paul Merriman explained that the province “considers a handful of aspects like service volumes, population, staffing, wait times, and the money it takes to operate a machine when deciding where to put one.”

For reference, the nearest MRI machine to Estevan is in Regina, about 185 kilometres away. And as for wait times, the government's data rather opaquely states that the majority of patients were waiting “246 or fewer” days for scans as of this June.

One can understand the need to plan carefully when it comes to healthcare. But why would the government continue to depend upon private for-pay MRI services to fill service gaps when it's being handed the money for another public MRI machine with no strings attached?

It all suggests that the Sask. Party isn't much concerned about affordability or healthcare – arguably the two greatest challenges the province is currently facing.

So, what exactly is its top concern? Based on the past month's headlines, the answer to this question would be education.

This does make some sense, as the province's teachers have spent much of 2023 sharing concerns about growing class sizes and complexity, inadequate supports and services, and growing classroom violence. Adding to the challenges, recent weeks have revealed that some schools in the province are converting shared spaces into classrooms to address overcrowding.

With its laser focus on education, you'd think the Sask. Party would be addressing these issues. But instead of doing anything to improve education, it's been devoting its time to slandering teachers and pushing its parental inclusion and consent policy.

The policy requires schools to seek parental consent to use the preferred name and pronouns of students who are under the age of 16, mandates that parents or guardians be informed about the sexual health education curriculum and have the option to decline their children's participation, and bans third-party organizations from presenting sex education materials in classrooms.

Even as the new policy has become the subject of a lawsuit filed by the UR Pride Centre for Sexuality and Gender Diversity, and even as the province's independent



child advocate found it discriminatory and ruled it could “violate a young person's rights under provincial, constitutional, and international human rights laws,” Premier Scott Moe has doubled down.

Citing the right of parents to be involved in their children's education (which has never been up for debate), Mr. Moe has vowed to use every weapon in his government's arsenal to ensure the policy is enacted.

When his government returns to the legislature in October, its first move will be to turn the parental inclusion and consent policy into law. And, if the law is found to be unconstitutional, Mr. Moe has committed to using the notwithstanding clause, which allows his government to temporarily override charter rights.

That's a lot of time, energy, and resources to devote to a law that won't deliver any significant improvements to the classroom for children or educators.

But then, if we're being honest, improving education was never really a factor in the Sask. Party's decision. From the beginning, the soon-to-be-law was a cynical attempt to appease the Sask. United Party and its ilk in the wake of the Planned Parenthood incident in Lumsden.

If the Sask. Party was truly interested in improving education, it would have resisted calls to ban Planned Parenthood from classrooms over a single (admittedly egregious) mistake and taken the principled stand that restricting access to information is no way to equip students with the skills they need to make responsible decisions about their sexual health.

If the Sask. Party was truly interested in improving education, it would shut down those, including Sask. United Party leader Nadine Wilson, who are employing insidious slogans like “keep your hands off our kids” to cast aspersions on educators and peddle unfounded conspiracy theories about so-called agendas to corrupt our children.

If the Sask. Party was truly interested in improving education, it would reject efforts by these same groups to paint SOGI 1 2 3 as a conspirator in the aforementioned agendas, when the organization's stated purpose is to create inclusive schools in which all students (including LGBTQ students) feel safe to live as their authentic selves.

If the Sask. Party was truly interested in improving education, it would denounce the notion that learning about gender identity and sexual orientation is perverse or sexual by its very nature.

Instead, the Sask. Party took the easy way out at the expense of children.

While there's nothing inherently wrong with wanting parents to be more involved with their children's education, it would be wrong to assume that all parental involvement will produce a positive end result. Clear boundaries are important, not only to protect the integrity of the public education system, but also to balance the rights of children with those of their parents.

By forgetting this, and focusing all of its attention on this rushed and poorly crafted policy, the Sask. Party is failing not just the vulnerable children of this province for whom home is not the safest place, but all the vulnerable people of Saskatchewan.

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## Report from the Legislature

Sept. 17 to 23 was National Forest Week, a week dedicated to highlighting the important role of the forestry sector in the provincial economy and environment. Saskatchewan forests are a key renewable resource, supporting nearly 8,000 jobs, of which 27 per cent are Indigenous. With more than half of our province forested, the forestry sector remains one of the driving forces behind economic growth and development in Saskatchewan.

While our economy continues to grow, so does employment. In the past year, we have seen 4,600 new jobs and our labour force has reached a record high of 632,800. With 2,800 new jobs created just last month, our province ranks third among all provinces for month-over-month growth.

Major year-over-year gains were observed in various sectors, including transportation and warehousing, business support services, and professional scientific and technical services.

With fall fast approaching, and colder weather ahead, our government strives to ensure utility costs are affordable. Effective Oct. 1, 2023, SaskEnergy rates will decrease, saving the average residential customer nearly 8 per cent on their monthly natural gas bill.



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Saskatchewan's continuous economic growth allows us to invest in additional educational opportunities. Our government recently announced a new Saskatchewan Polytechnic Campus in Saskatoon, which will transform 11 decentralized, outdated buildings into a revitalized complex. Located at Innovation Place on the University of Saskatchewan campus, it will offer a modern, technology-rich learning environment for students and greater opportunities for applied research and investment.

Our growing economy also allows us to invest in infrastructure. Our government and the Government of Canada are investing \$1.7 million to fund drinking water and wastewater upgrades in two Saskatchewan provincial parks.

Upgrades to the sewage lagoon at Danielson Provincial Park will help to ensure it complies with regulatory requirements, while the existing water systems at Narrow Hills Provincial Park will be consolidated into a single treatment and distribution facility to improve efficiency.

This announcement is part of a total of 134 infrastructure projects that have been announced in Saskatchewan under the Green Infrastructure Stream, a program to support greener communities.

Our government remains committed to investing in healthcare to provide accessible and timely care for all. Saskatchewan patients living with seizure disorders or

epilepsy now have a new dedicated Seizure Investigation Unit (SIU) located at Saskatoon's Royal University Hospital.

A total of \$2.2 million was spent to renovate and furnish the SIU. The new unit will provide enhanced monitoring and diagnostic services to improve patient care, reduce wait times, and create a comfortable environment for Saskatchewan patients.

Our government is investing in the expansion of mental health services as well. An investment of \$1.7 million in new annual funding from our government will expand Family Services Saskatchewan's free, rapid access counselling services to youth across the province.

This brings the total annual investment to \$3.2 million annually, funding services to families, adults and youth in communities across the province. For more information, visit [www.coun-](http://www.counsellingconnectsask.ca)



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For a second year, the Facilitating Independence of Older Adults in the Community program will provide \$250,000 in grants to organizations and groups supporting seniors. The program encourages the development of new ways to help seniors maintain independence in their own homes. Led by Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism, in partnership with the Ministry of Health, it will support eligible projects, up to \$25,000 each. For

more information, visit [www.skseiorsmechanism.ca](http://www.skseiorsmechanism.ca).

Sept. 30 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, as well as Orange Shirt Day. This day honours the children who never came home, the survivors of residential schools, and their families and communities. Let's take time to reflect on this tragic history and the ongoing impacts of residential schools so that we may move forward together in reconciliation.

Our government continues to work on building a growing and stronger Saskatchewan.

As we prepare for the fall sitting of the Legislature, we look forward to hearing from you with any questions or concerns. These conversations are important in shaping government policies and help continue to represent your best interests in the Legislature.

Please feel free to reach out to your MLA.

### NOTICE

DUE TO STAFF HOLIDAYS, WE KINDLY REQUEST THAT ALL ADVERTISING, OBITUARIES AND NEWS SUBMISSIONS FOR THE OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 EDITION BE SUBMITTED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald

### VILLAGE OF SHELL LAKE PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Proposed Amendment to The Zoning Bylaw

Public Notice is hereby given pursuant to *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* that the Council of the Village of Shell Lake intends to pass Bylaw 4-2023 to amend Bylaw 9-87 known as the Zoning Bylaw as herein provided:

**Intent:** Bylaw 4-2023 will rezone the affected area from R Residential to C Commercial, the land described below:

**Affected Area:** The affected area land is legally described as Lot 6 Block 1 Plan 102088100, Shell Lake, Saskatchewan, which is shown in the shaded area on the map which appears as part of this notice.

**Reason:** The reason for the Rezoning amendment is to allow the owner to use the property for Commercial use. The Bylaw may be inspected by any person at the Village Office between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Mondays to Thursdays, excluding statutory holidays.

**Public Hearing:** Council will hold a public meeting on Monday, October 16, 2023 at the Village Office Council Chambers, 210 Main Street, Shell Lake, Saskatchewan at 7:30 p.m. to hear any person or group who wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing, or that are delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office before the hearing.

Issued at the Village of Shell Lake, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023

Tara Bueckert, Administrator



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, Town of Blaine Lake

The Town of Blaine Lake is currently seeking applications for the position of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). This is a permanent, full-time position.

The Town of Blaine Lake is at a junction of Highways #12 and #40 between Shellbrook and North Battleford, as well as 45 minutes from Saskatoon. The Town boasts a 9 hole Golf Course, and a Campground and a gateway to many lakes and parks. The Town was incorporated in 1912 and has a rich history of 500 persons.

The Town offers a brand new Water Treatment Plant with full service osmosis system, full-service Gas Station, Health Clinic, New K-12 School, Hardware Store, Drug Store, Churches, Grocery Store, Motel, Library, and other various businesses.

As the principal advisor to Council, the CAO is responsible for providing all relevant and necessary information to make informed decisions, along with providing leadership for planning and executing a strategic vision that meets the current and future needs of the Town.

Guided by the Municipalities Act, the work the CAO does is broad and requires a willingness to perform a variety of tasks including but not limited to:

- Bookkeeping and Accounting - included bank reconciliations, payroll, financial statements, and budget preparation;
- Preparation and processing of various billings and filings - including utility bills, GST returns, taxes, and assessments;
- Managing staff;
- Grant research and writing;
- Bylaw writing, interpretation, and enforcement;
- Attending Council meetings, preparing Agendas and taking minutes;
- Preparation of various other reports and documents;
- Digital media communications - including Website and Facebook

The ideal candidate will possess:

- Proven administrative experience and knowledge of office management systems and procedures;
- Proficiency in Munisoft software is considered an asset;
- Work well independently and within a team environment;
- Excellent time management skills and the ability to multi-task and prioritize work;
- Strong organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills;
- Exhibit leadership and be community oriented;
- Discretion with matters pertaining to confidentiality;
- Ability to interpret policies, bylaws, and legislation appropriately when responding to situations and requests;
- Be Bondable;
- Have a minimum Grade 12 Education;
- Standard C Certification in Local Government Administration

Salary is based off of the UMASS salary guideline along with qualifications and experience. The Town also offers an excellent benefited package and pension plan.

Please send Resume, References and Salary Expectations to:

Town of Blaine Lake  
Box 10  
Blaine Lake, Sask S0J 0J0  
Email: [blainelake@sasktel.net](mailto:blainelake@sasktel.net)

We thank all candidates for their interest and advise that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Closing October 12, 2023

# Big River RCMP lay charges in firearms incidents

By **JORDAN TWISS**  
Shellbrook Chronicle  
Reporter

The Big River RCMP Detachment is advising residents of the Big River First Nation to expect to see an increased police presence in the community as it investigates several firearms-related incidents.

On Sept. 18, Big River RCMP received a report of an injured individual on the Big River First Nation. The individual was taken to hospital with injuries described as serious. Investigation determined the victim was involved in an altercation with an adult male.

Further investigation has determined the same adult male approached two residences on the Big River First Nation and threatened occupants with a firearm. Police say one incident occurred on Sept. 18 and one on Sept. 19.

No physical injuries related to these incidents were reported to police.

The Big River RCMP says it is actively investigating these incidents with the assistance of Saskatchewan RCMP's

Police Dog Services, Critical Incident Response Team and Crime Reduction Team.

The adult male suspect, identified on Friday, Sept. 22, as 23-year-old Tristan Clay Whitefish of the Big River First Nation, is described as approximately 5'7" tall and 170 pounds. He has dark hair and brown eyes, as well as tattoos on both temples.

A warrant has been issued for Whitefish's arrest, and 29 charges have been laid against him, including discharging a firearm with intent, aggravated assault, multiple counts of pointing a firearm, multiple counts of uttering threats, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, operation of a motor vehicle while being pursued by a peace officer and failing



**Tristan Clay Whitefish.**

to stop, being unlawfully at large, possession of a prohibited weapon, and a failure to comply with a probation order.

This is not the first time Whitefish has found himself at odds with the law. In 2020, he was sentenced to 26 months in prison for aggravated assault and possession of a rifle without a license in connection to a shooting at a party on the Big River First Nation in 2019.

In this instance, the victim was passed out in a vehicle at the time of the shooting. He was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries and released the next day.

In September of 2021, police were once again seeking Whitefish for 10 charges, including aggravated assault and discharging a firearm with intent in connection with a shooting on the Big River First Nation.

This shooting occurred after an altercation broke out on the Miami Beach. Once again, the victim was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Police say it is not believed the Sept. 18 and 19 incidents are random in

nature. If investigation determines an imminent risk to public safety exists, it will inform the public.

Updates will be provided as they become available.

In the meantime, po-

lice advise the public not to approach Whitefish if they see him.

Instead, anyone with information about these incidents, or who sees suspicious activity in or around the Big River First Nation area, is

urged contact Big River RCMP at 306-469-2590. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or [www.saskcrimestoppers.com](http://www.saskcrimestoppers.com).

## Innovation CU supports Shell Lake rink rebuild



The Village of Shell Lake is a 2023 Innovation Federal Credit Union Legacy Community Development Grant recipient. The \$15,000 grant will support the efforts to rebuild the Shell Lake Curling Rink, which celebrated its groundbreaking on Sept. 2. Pictured, left to right: Councillor Joe Delisle, Councillor Dillan Simonar, Innovation Credit Union manager Twila Simonar, Councillor Al Sulymka, Councillor Greg Ardagh, Mayor Anita Weiers, and Premier Scott Moe.

By WENDY PENNER

### We're Here To Help

The Ministry of Agriculture has 10 regional offices around the province. Contact the Agriculture Knowledge Centre (AKC) to connect with a specialist to learn about our programs and services.

## Celebrate Agriculture in October

Agriculture Month recognizes the dedicated individuals behind the food produced in our province. Take time to **#CelebrateAg**, share your food story, express gratitude to all those who are involved in agriculture and take pride in knowing you are part of an incredible industry that feeds the world.

[saskatchewan.ca/agriculture](http://saskatchewan.ca/agriculture)

**Toll-free number:**

1-866-457-2377

**Email address:**

[ag.info@gov.sk.ca](mailto:ag.info@gov.sk.ca)

**Saskatchewan**

## World Rivers Day shouldn't be overlooked

In a world where the Russian invasion of Ukraine continues to create headlines, books are banned to thwart youth learning about our often scarred past, the trans community is under attack, and science for many is not to be trusted, an event was held Sept. 24 and garnered little attention.

And yet, World Rivers Day should be focusing our attention on the importance of water.

Of course, rivers are important to agriculture, providing water pathways for moving grain, as a source of water for irrigation, and as part of larger ecosystems

which are crucial to water control.

So, it is good to recognize that more than 100 countries were expected to participate this year across six continents, in what organizers suggest has become one of the planet's biggest environmental celebrations.

There were events that took place in Canada, the events, according to a WRD release, included:

- \*The "salmon spotting campaign" of the Pacific Salmon Foundation;

- \*BC Rivers Day celebrations organized by the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC;

- \*The Partnership for



CALVIN DANIELS

Water Sustainability in BC and the Nanaimo & Area Land Trust (NALT) will be releasing a much-anticipated film on Blue Ecology (or water-based ecology to some) that outlines an incredibly progressive and much needed ecological philosophy interweaving indigenous and

western perspectives;

- \*In Carman, Man., the Boyne River Keepers will be hosting a special WRD event;

- \*In Ontario, an indigenous led group of Anishnaabe, Dene, and Métis, among others, known as the Water Walkers for the Missinnihe (Credit) River, will conduct ceremonies to raise awareness of various threats such as aggregate mining, development and pollution facing the river's watershed;

- \*The Red River Paddling Challenge in Winnipeg on Sept. 23-24;

- \*The Canadian Water Resources Association SYP Ottawa Chapter will

be running a "Water Social Networking Event" on Sept. 24, on World Rivers Day in Ottawa at Remic Rapids Park near the Ottawa River;

- \*Also in Ontario, The Coalition for the West Credit River has a Live-Stream camera in the river filming a cold-water ecosystem;

- \*In Ontario, the nationally acclaimed group, Blue Fish Canada, is announcing the Blue Fish Exploration Center. Their Crown lease has been secured and the building purchased. Blue Fish volunteers have been busy throughout August and into September prepar-

ing the new fully accessible Blue Fish Youth Exploration Centre and Research Station. One of the nearby freshwater sources we plan to study and explore is Quebec's Pontiac region's Coulonge River; and

\*A pleasingly long list of other events in B.C. where WRD has most obviously caught on in terms of importance.

Ultimately every event that promotes the idea of rivers, and of course associated water health, is a positive.

So, hopefully the annual effort will grow in future years to garner the headlines rivers and water deserve.

## Crop Report: Sept. 12 to 18

Producers have made the most of another dry week in Saskatchewan with harvest now 82 per cent completed. This is ahead of the five-year average of 64 per cent and the 10-year average of 62 per cent. Producers are hoping for timely rains once harvest is complete.

Harvest in the southwest is essentially complete with 97 per cent of the crop off. Only a few flax acres remain in the region. The west-central region continues to make great progress with 92 per cent of this year's crop harvested. The southeast has 79 per cent, followed by the northeast and northwest at 75 per cent and finally, the east-central region has 66 per cent harvested.

Producers mainly focused on harvesting oilseed crops this week and made substantial progress. Canola is now 65 per cent complete across the province, up by 23 per cent over last week. Mustard is 97 per cent complete, soybeans are 47 per cent and flax is 39 per cent. Oat harvest has also progressed rapidly, with 79 per cent of the crop harvested, an increase of 21 per cent from last week. Durum is 94 per cent complete, barley is 92 per cent and spring wheat is 88 per cent. Chickpea harvest progressed, with 87 per cent of the crop off. Harvest of fall cereals, canary seed, peas, and lentils is complete for the year.

Minimal rain was seen this week, with the Stoughton area receiving the most rain at 10 mm. The lack of significant rain led

to topsoil moisture once again decreasing. Twenty-five per cent of cropland has adequate topsoil moisture, 49 per cent is short and 26 per cent is very short. Twenty per cent of hay and pastures have adequate moisture, 49 per cent is short and 31 per cent is very short.

Pasture conditions remain relatively unchanged. Twelve per cent of pastures are in good condition across the province, while 31 per cent are fair, 35 per cent are in poor condition and 22 per cent are in very poor condition.

Crop damage continues to be caused by drought conditions and grasshoppers. This week crops were also damaged by light frosts, wind, and wildlife. Producers are currently busy with harvest, spraying post-harvest weed applications, working their fields, and hauling grain. Many are also hauling bales, preparing feed for winter and marketing cattle.

Harvest is a very busy and stressful time for producers. They are reminded to take safety precautions in all the work they do. This includes having fire mitigation resources at the ready and taking precautions when working around powerlines. The Farm Stress Line is available to provide support to producers toll free at 1 800 667 4442. The public is reminded to take extra caution, time and space when encountering machinery on the roads.

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

## Pauls wins Sept. dessert



The winner of the Spiritwood Public Library's September Dessert of the Month was Linda Pauls (right). The dessert, a luscious pie and dainties, was presented by board member Jim Bedi. By HEATHER GATZKE, Librarian



## September 30: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

This day honours the children who never came home, the survivors of residential schools, and their families and communities. Let's take time to reflect on this tragic history and the ongoing impacts of residential schools so that we may move forward together in reconciliation. On September 30, wear orange to honour the thousands of Survivors of residential schools.

**Hon. Jeremy Harrison**  
MLA for Meadow Lake  
jharrisonmla@sasktel.net

**Hon. Scott Moe, Premier**  
MLA for Rosthern-Shellbrook  
scottmoe.mla@sasktel.net



# Highlights of a Shellbrook Town Council meeting

BY JORDAN TWISS

Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

(The following council highlights are not the approved minutes of council for Sept. 18)

Shellbrook's Town Council met for its regular meeting in person and via teleconference on Monday, Sept. 18.

In attendance were Mayor Amund Otterson, councillors Larry Batten, Peter Halayka, Cheryl Ledding, Brent Miller, and Kathleen Nording, and the town's CAO, Kelly Hoare. Absent was councillor Bruce Anderson.

The meeting was called to order by

Mayor Otterson, and council began with its customary recognition of Truth and Reconciliation. Then, it approved the meeting's agenda, adopted the minutes of its Sept. 5 meeting, acknowledged correspondence from Studio 747 owner Kelly Woodley in which he expressed disappointment over the lack of consultation about the elimination of the town's recreation director, and moved on to reports.

In the CAO report, Hoare informed council that Insituform would be in town for much of the week doing work on the municipal storm sewer system (this work has since wrapped up).

As council reviewed its accounts, financial summary, and departmental breakdown, Councillor Miller asked how budgeting and planning would work for recreation without a recreation director.

Hoare said it will work much the same as it always has (just without the recreation director's salary), but added that other town employees will take on more duties at town-owned recreation facilities.

Closing out the reports with discussion of policing, council was informed that Sgt. Shannon Haggarty of the Ahtakakoop-Shellbrook RCMP Detachment had provided a written letter in support of the town's efforts to lobby the Ministry of Highways to improve pedestrian safety at the Highway 3 crossing.

Moving into unfinished business, council approved the revised agreement and application forms for rentals of the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre. The process was briefly delayed while council sought information on how liability insurance would work. According to SGI, anyone with a homeowner's policy will be covered for liability (the town will just need the renter's policy number), and anyone without can obtain temporary personal liability coverage.

After much discussion, council once again tabled a decision on whether or not to lease the old SaskEnergy building. The building would be used to store the CSO's truck, as well as a new ambulance – if and when an ambulance depot is established in Shellbrook.

While the lease agreement would allow the town to sublet the building, some councillors were concerned about the cost of renting the building just to store a vehicle. One proposal brought forward was to approach the RM of Shellbrook about turning the building into a future fire hall.

Under the last item of unfinished business, council discussed a motion brought forward by Councillor Miller to abandon the PARWU pipeline project and withdraw council's presence from PARWU.

Councillor Halayka said he is no longer in favour of the pipeline project and would rather see the town go ahead with its own project, while councillor Nording said she's leaning that way but wants to wait until all the facts and figures are available. Mayor Otterson said he wouldn't support the motion because he believes the pipeline is still viable.

In the end, council defeated the motion, with three voting in favour and four voting against.

Up first in new business, council agreed to revisit the recently revised cemetery bylaw and the \$1,000 refundable deposit to install markers after hearing concerns about the financial hardship this would place on some families.

Next, it gave second and third reading to Bylaw 2023-09, the Building Bylaw, and carried a motion to allow for the transfer of funds from reserves to a one-year GIC, to take advantage of an improved rate of return (5.3 per cent compared to the current rate of 3.15 per cent).

Continuing with new business, council agreed to have the town pay the \$1,000 deductible for sewer damage that the town was partially responsible for, and appointed Councillor Anderson as the new deputy mayor (the appointment was made necessary after Councillor Halayka decided to step away from the PARWU board).

To close out the meeting, council reviewed the unpaid tax listing and adjourned for the evening.

## Healthcare workers receive settling assistance



From left to right: Shellbrook Mayor Amund Otterson presents a \$3,000 settling assistance grant cheque to registered nurse Vanessa Nelson and Canwood director of care Laurie Samson on behalf of the Parkland Physician Recruitment & Retention Committee.

Photo courtesy of Kelly Hoare, CAO, Town of Shellbrook

## 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

### 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.  
Pastor Josh  
1-780-690-2100

### PRESBYTERIAN

Mistawasis  
Sunday worship  
11:00 a.m.  
Rev. Stewart Foster

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

Parkside  
11 a.m. - Worship

### ANGLICAN CHURCH

Leask - All Saint's  
Sunday Service - 9 a.m.  
St. Andrew's - Shellbrook  
Sunday, 11 a.m. Service  
Canwood - Christ Church  
Sunday, 2 p.m. - Service  
Rev. Canon David Butorac  
306-961-1634  
Minister's Warden:  
306-922-5159  
H.C. Service with Rev.  
Butorac - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the  
month

### 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

### UNITED CHURCH

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

### 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 9 a.m.  
St. Henry's - Leask  
Mass - Sunday 11 a.m.  
Mistawasis  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 1:30 p.m.  
Fr. Tuan Doan

### SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

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

## 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

### LAKELAND COMMUNITY CHURCH

(Corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. and 4<sup>th</sup>  
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

### Gideons International

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

### SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

407 - 2nd Ave. E,  
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 11:00 a.m.  
Pastor Sarah Urano  
306-841-7333

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# Minutes of a Big River 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 Big River was held in the Community Centre Board Room, 606 1st Street North, on July 10, 2023, at 8 a.m.

Present: Mayor David Krawetz, Councillors Rick Croshaw, Chad Dunn, Sandra Gilbert, and Lana Meyers, and Administrator Noreen Olsen.

A quorum being present, Mayor David Krawetz called the meeting to order at 8 a.m.

Gilbert: THAT the July 10, 2023 Agenda be adopted with the power to add. Carried

Council in Camera from 8:02 a.m. to 8:05 a.m.

Dunn: THAT the Administrator's Report be accepted as presented. Carried

Maintenance Employee, Chad Gundersen, attended the meeting from 11:12 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.

Croshaw: THAT the regular written Sewer and Water and Maintenance reports to June 30, 2023, be accepted. Carried

Croshaw: THAT the site report/cleaning report from Delco Water's site visit on May 29 to 31, 2023, be acknowledged. Carried

Croshaw: THAT the Site Report from ATAP Infrastructure Management's visit on July 4, 2023, be acknowledged. Carried

Delegation: John Teer attended the meeting from 9:45 a.m. to 10:04 a.m.

Dunn: THAT the minutes of the June 12, 2023, Regular Meeting be adopted as presented. Carried

Croshaw: THAT the minutes of the June 12, 2023, Regular Meeting be adopted as presented. Carried

Dunn: THAT the Town request that BuildTech Consulting Inc. send an Order

to Remedy to the Big River Metis Local 59 to remediate the ongoing structural failure of the Metis Hall foundation, and the subsurface damage to Main Street and the sidewalk with a completion deadline of the remediation to be Aug. 31, 2023. Carried

Croshaw: THAT the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of June 2023 be acknowledged. Carried

Croshaw: THAT the Bank Reconciliation for the month of June 2023 be acknowledged. Carried

Gilbert: THAT the Journal Entries for the month of June 2023 be acknowledged. Carried

Gilbert: THAT accounts for approval, to include cheque nos. 20283 through 20359 for a total of \$136,609.39, be approved for payment. Carried

Dunn: THAT the recommendations from the R.M. of Big River No. 555 regarding an annual third party safety inspection and pump tests be acknowledged, and if it is deemed necessary to have a pump test and safety inspection on the 1978 International Fire Truck, THAT the extra cost associated are outside of the Fire Department budget. Carried

Meyers: THAT a letter be sent to the Ministry of Education to lobby for a review of the Public Libraries Act and Regulations, 1996. Carried

Meyers: THAT the Town of Big River accept the quote submission and enter into agreement with Watier Enterprises for Renovation Upgrades in Arena. Carried

Dunn: As recommended by H & J Plumbing & Heating Ltd., THAT the Council of the Town of Big River approve the Change Order to upgrade the gas line in the arena. Carried

Gilbert: THAT the Town install a fence, approximately 150 meters in length behind Sundby Crescent, extending along

205 1st Avenue North to 219 Sundby Crescent. Defeated.

Croshaw: THAT the Town enter into agreement with Catterall & Wright Consulting Engineers to provide Asset Management Services for GPS Topographic Survey and the CAD Compiled Water and Sewer Map. Carried

Meyers: THAT it be acknowledged that the R.M. of Big River No. 555 has agreed to provide \$225,000 towards the cost of replacing Bridge ID 307-45-07 located between Mill Avenue South and Highway 942. Carried

Dunn: THAT it be acknowledged that the Town of Big River Bereavement Policy was reviewed and adopted status quo. Carried

Croshaw: As recommended by the Arena Upgrade Committee, THAT the Town of Big River has no objection to pursuing the proposal from Trane to upgrade the ice plant at the Big River Arena. Carried

Gilbert: The property owner of 227 1st Avenue North did not appear for hearing opportunity Order to Remedy - Nuisance, therefore, THAT the Town of Big River proceed to undertake action to remedy the contravention and THAT all costs associated be charged to the property owner. Carried

Gilbert: THAT we look into Big River Promotional Items and bring ideas and prices back to be reviewed at the next Council meeting. Carried

Gilbert: THAT it be acknowledged that grant application to fund "Sidewalk Installation for Elementary School Zone Safety" has been partially approved by the Photo Speed Enforcement (PSE) Committee in the amount of \$40,000.

Carried

Gilbert: THAT the Town accept the tender submission from Watier Enterprise to re-shingle the CN Station. Carried

Croshaw: THAT the Council of the Town of Big River write off the 2023 land tax and base tax on Roll 525 due to the consent to consolidate the lot with Roll 524 in 2022. Carried

Croshaw: THAT the Council of the Town of Big River has no objection to the request from property owner of Roll 480 and 481 to amalgamate lots at: 515 Hoehn Road - Lot 5, Block 2, Plan 78B14651 - Parcel No. 131117824, and 519 Hoehn Road - Lot 4, Block 2, Plan 78B14651 - Parcel No. 131117835. Carried

Croshaw: THAT the Council of the Town of Big River has no objection to the request from property owner of Roll 488 and 489 to amalgamate lots at: 500 Hoehn Road - Lot 4, Block 3, Plan 78B14651 - Parcel No. 131117666, and 500 Edson Avenue - Lot 9, Block 3, Plan 81B10734 - Parcel No. 131117677. Carried

Meyers: THAT Bylaw 2023-03 A Bylaw of The Town of Big River to Amend Bylaw 2015-01, The Official Community Plan, be read a second time. Carried

Gilbert: THAT Bylaw 2023-04 A Bylaw of The Town of Big River to Amend Bylaw 2015-01, The Official Community Plan, be read a third time and adopted. Carried

Gilbert: THAT Bylaw 2023-04 A Bylaw of The Town of Big River to Amend Bylaw 2015-02, The Zoning Bylaw, be read a second time. Carried

Meyers: THAT Bylaw 2023-04 A Bylaw of The Town of Big River to Amend Bylaw 2015-02, The Zoning Bylaw, be read a third time and adopted.

## GOOD NEWS

### WE ARE ALL GOD'S WATCHMEN

By **RANDALL MCLEOD**  
*Immanuel Lutheran, Parkside*

Today, I would like to primarily address those of us who are already secure in Christ. God has given us the greatest gift that we could ever hope to receive, that being the gift of an eternal life. A life filled with peace and joy beyond our human comprehension. But the passages we are studying this week tell us that the blessing of being called to be a part of God's family, also comes with responsibilities.

You see, the essence of Christian discipleship is that we die to self, we leave behind a self-centered, self-gratifying lifestyle, and, like Jesus, take on a lifestyle of external service. Service to God and service to others. So instead, we now serve a wonderful, gracious, and glorious God whose principal aim is that no one should perish but that all would come to repentance. That is to say, God would have every single one of us see the futility of a life dedicated to self and rather that we should embrace a life dedicated to serving God and our fellow man.

That is the specific instruction to those of us in the family, and it comes with an awesome responsibility. We see today God telling His appointed watchman that if he is told to witness to someone of their sinfulness one of two things will happen.

They will hear and repent and be saved.

They will not hear and/or not repent and be lost.

But the watchman himself is held accountable also. If he speaks and the soul is saved, the watchman is accredited. If he fails to speak, and the soul is lost, that responsibility is his also. That is pretty heavy stuff.

But... a clarification here. We notice that the communication is initiated by God. God tells the watchman when and to whom to speak (see the story of Jonah). We are not instructed to randomly point and declare wrath out of our own sense of indignation. When the Holy Spirit guides, it then becomes a word well spoken and in season, as opposed to random condemnation.

We are called to be God's witnesses; we are called to go and make disciples of all nations. But we are also called to be all in or not in at all. So, our response then is to be obedient out of gratitude, not out of duty. Because, as the Bible teaches us, "Obedience is better than all sacrifice."

The gift of salvation is received at no cost to us but at great cost Jesus.

God's free gift is available to all, everyone! (Yes, even you!) And the expectation attached to it is that we, having now received the sure and certain hope of a life both glorious and eternal, will serve to advance the kingdom through our words and our works, just as Jesus and His saints have done down through the ages.

BTW... Did I mention that that is part of the gift? You get to be a saint. How cool is that?

Thanks for reading.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

**SHELL LAKE:** Wapiti Regional Library - Tuesday 11am - 4pm; Wednesday 12pm - 5pm

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

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

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# Province offers grants to help seniors live independently

For a second year, the Government of Saskatchewan is investing \$250,000 in grant funding for organizations and community groups that serve seniors.

The Facilitating Independence of Older Adults in the Community granting program encourages the development and testing of new ways to support seniors in maintaining independence in their own homes, with the goal of using these approaches in other communities. The program is

led by the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism (SSM) in partnership with the Ministry of Health.

"We are pleased to offer these grants that will help find creative ways to support seniors across our province," Mental Health and Addictions, Seniors and Rural and Remote Health Minister Tim McLeod said in a statement. "Seniors are valued members of our communities, and their health and well-being is a priority for our government."

Funding will support at least eight community projects, with each receiving up to \$25,000. Grant funding will support new projects as well as some projects from the first round.

"Older adults want to have choices about how they live, and they need support to live in the most appropriate and cost-effective setting based on their needs," SSM Executive Director Holly Schick said in a statement. "Through grants like these, communities are able to explore creative pos-

sibilities to provide this kind of support. We appreciate the Government of Saskatchewan's willingness to work with us to provide grants to facilitate independence."

While more than 90 per cent of seniors live independently and would prefer to stay in their homes, some face challenges accessing supportive services, such as home maintenance, yard care, home-based health services, transportation, and meal preparation. The grant program supports

local, community-based programs seeking to develop and test new ways of addressing these issues to support senior citizens.

Information on the application process will be available soon at <https://skseniorsmechanism.ca/>.

The SSM is an umbrella organization that brings together seniors' organizations throughout the province to promote a unified voice, engage in research and act on issues affecting older persons.

## OBITUARIES

### Edna Fern Chaykowski



Edna Fern Chaykowski of Spiritwood, SK passed away September 9th, 2023, in the Spiritwood Health Care Complex Long Term Care Unit at the age of 91.

She will be lovingly remembered by her children: Keith (Tammy)

his children Bree (Gordon) their children (Shaila, Scott) Deanna her children (Damian, Dreydin) Bruce's children Ryan (Katie) and their children (Rylee, Brette) Donnie and his children (Emberson, Eberle, Nova, Cali, Geri-Fern) Lisa (Dave) their children (Liam, Charlee, Sadie) Brenda (William) her children (Jennifer, Terry (Gina) their children (Kamron, Ava) Amanda (Daniel) Ember, Bentley) Valerie's children Kyle (Kaitlan) his children (Payton, Hallie, Brooklynn) Kathy (Dave) children Lance (Alyssa) their children (Liberty, Justice, Destiny, Harmony) Keith

(Kathleen) his children (Sullivan, Alex) Brandon, Alecia (Stuart) her daughter Katelyn, Linda's children Troy (Terri-Ann) his daughter (Madison) Kent his children (Austin, Hailey, Keagan) Chis his children (Ember, Lily, Erica, Mia) Fern's siblings Jack (Jean) Howard, Norma (Noel) Pell, Betty (Roman) Sawicki, Sister-in-law Audrey Howard. Numerous other family and friends.

Fern, as she liked to be called, was born to Lucille and Norman Howard in the Mildred district, she was the 3rd child of eight. She attended Cesco School and when finished she moved to Bruno, SK and worked for a farm-

er, this is where she met the love of her life Henry Chaykowski. They were married October 27th, 1960, they lived in Bruno, then Prince Albert finally settling in Mildred where they raised eight children, they were married for 50 years. Fern's greatest treasures were her children and grandchildren. Her grandchildren loved playing cards with her, and she always had tea and cookies on hand for them. Fern loved to sing, play guitar, cook, gardening and canning. She had a wonderful sense of humour and loved to give compliments on how beautiful or handsome you looked. After her husband passed

away, she moved into a seniors unit in Spiritwood and from there into the long term care where she resided for eight years until her passing. All her family will remember her for her gentle ways, funny songs, how she always made them laugh and her heart of gold.

She was predeceased by her husband Henry and children Linda, Corine, Bruce, and Valerie.

A funeral service to celebrate Fern's life was held Saturday, September 16th, 2023, 3:00 at the Pioneer Centre, Spiritwood, SK with Delores Beaulac officiating. The eulogy was prepared and read by her niece Judy Mayo and a slideshow by Lisa Rose.

"The Old Rugged Cross" was sang by her nephew Elemer Lammedee, the urn bearer was her daughter Kathy Lange. Fern's final resting place is in the Midred North Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Idylwild Lodge Auxiliary, in memory of Fern Chaykowski as tokens of remembrance.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, Delores Beaulac, Funeral Director, Spiritwood, SK 306-883-3500.

### Deryl Keith Coates



COATES, Deryl Keith  
1953 - 2023

Deryl Keith Coates passed away Thursday, September 21, 2023, at the Pasqua Hospital in Regina, with his wife and children at his side. He was born February 3, 1953 in Kamloops, the last child of Wilfred and Hilda (Lofstrom) Coates. He grew up in the Silent Call district, attending a one-room

schoolhouse for the first three years of his education. He completed his education in Debden, Canwood and Regina. He and his family worked hard on his parents' farm and enjoyed the close-knit community around them. He made life-long friends, and always valued his neighbours.

Deryl married Laura Boyle in Canwood in 1971 and they moved to Regina to find work. Deryl started out at a Primco warehouse and after a back injury, began his 35-year career with Workers' Compensation Board. The Board became the centre of his social life as he participated with his colleagues in many sports - bowling, curling, fastball, table tennis, hockey, volleyball, golf - and

all the events that came with that. His fastball pitching lead him to the Goldridge Gophers and a new community of friends based in Bethune. His children, Amanda and Brandon, became equally busy people, so Deryl formed another group of friends of the sports parents he met. Weekends away for tournaments were always good fun. After Deryl retired from the Board, he moved to Realty Executives White and enjoyed his work as a realtor for 10 years, meeting even more great people.

Deryl and his family always enjoyed music, so his guitar was never far away. His jam session buddies - often family members - were a joy to him and his guide to learning more

music. Both Deryl and Laura had large, extended families so there were many opportunities to travel to attend reunions, weddings and just visit and tour. Deryl particularly enjoyed the winters away in warmer places than Regina. The joy of his life was his children and their children. He was a loyal fan of anything they did. Every one of them brought a smile to his face and great pride and delight.

Deryl was predeceased by his parents Wilfred and Hilda Coates of Canwood; his brother Leroy Coates of Watrous; his sister and her husband, Ilene and Ed Roy of Regina; his father-in-law, Walter Boyle; his sister-in-law, Lorette Coates; and his brothers-in-law Einar Hamborg, Ken

Odegaard, Jefferey Boyle and Harvey Nelson. Along with his wife of 52 years, Laura Coates, he will be sadly missed by his daughter and son-in-law, Amanda and Darren Carter and their children Roan, Rhys, and Fynlea Carter; and his son and daughter-in-law Brandon and Dina Coates and their children Jacob Nathanail, Jessica Nathanail and her daughter Violette, and Athena, Petra, and Y.B. Coates. Also surviving are his sister and brother-in-law, Doris Odegaard and Lorrington Nordquist of Canwood; his brother Rod Coates of Westlock; his sister-in-law Marlene Coates of Watrous; his mother-in-law, Maxine Boyle of Regina; his sisters-in-law Barb Boyle, Diana Nelson, Donna

Boyle and Darla Boyle; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many good friends.

His family wishes to thank Dr. Filomeno, Dr. Vizhul, the Allan Blair Cancer Centre and the Pasqua Hospital staff on ward 4D for their support and care. Special appreciation is extended to the staff of Pasqua Hospital palliative care ward 3A for their kindness, helpfulness, and care.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Turvey Centre, 100 Armour Road, Highway 6 North, Regina on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. A private family interment will be held at a later date. To leave an online message of condolence, please visit [www.speerfuneralchapel.com](http://www.speerfuneralchapel.com)



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## OBITUARIES

*Donna Dobson (née Rogerson)*

DOBSON – Donna

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Donna Dobson (née Rogerson) on September 13, 2023 with her family by her side. Donna was born April 23, 1940 along with her twin brother Derril Rogerson. Growing up, Donna was involved with as many activities as she could possibly schedule in a week: during/after school, at church, skating/curling rinks, piano lessons, dancing lessons, babysitting, and many events in the Leask community. Donna and her mom spent every summer at Waskesiu where she worked at one of the restaurants. She saved up her pay and only spent the tips she earned. She loved the fishing trips and spent many an hour playing card games with her dad.

Donna married Clayton Dobson on January 21, 1961. They were blessed with three chil-

dren: Sheri, Sheldon, and Shannon. Clayton's career with Shelly Western moved the family to various communities in Saskatchewan. When the family moved back home to Leask to take over the family business, Donna picked up where she left off with community involvement. This time, however, it was with her children's activities that kept her busy: hockey, figure skating, piano lessons, golfing, fishing, Brownies, and swimming lessons at Emerald Lake. She still managed to find time to enjoy her own activities like joining curling teams, Diocese Guild at church, Snowy Owl Brownie leader, Sunday school teacher, sewing sweaters and afghans, as well as helping out with running the family business at Kilwinning store. Donna was also the teaching assistant at the Leask Hutterite Colony, a job that she truly loved. Donna and Clayton attended many Dine and Dances at the Leask Legion and Lions Hall where they danced the night away. They also enjoyed the odd Caribbean Cruise. Donna loved planning birthday parties and many Rogerson/Dobson family re-

unions.

The family moved to Saskatoon in 1978 where Donna had more opportunities to find work outside the home. She worked at the OK Economy bakery, was a cashier at Canadian Tire, and spent the remainder of her working life as a postal clerk at Canada Post retiring after 25 years of service.

She loved cheering on the Saskatchewan Roughriders, Toronto Blue Jays, Toronto Maple Leafs, of course the Leask Flyers Senior Men's Hockey Team. She watched every curling event on TV, amateur and professional figure skating competitions and travelled all across Canada to watch several shows in person.

She loved having her grandchildren and great-grandchildren come to visit. Her motto was "What Happens at Gramma's, Stays At Gramma's." The grandchildren have many wonderful memories with the trips to the cabin at Emerald Lake, overnight stays, and Christmases and Easters at Gram's.

Donna was predeceased by her husband - Clayton Dobson; parents - John and Jessie (Nutter) Rogerson; infant brother

- Murry; niece - Laura Rogerson; stepmother - Pearl (Kennedy) Rogerson; parents-in-law - Charles and Lillian (Hodgson) Dobson; sisters-in-law - Ruth (Clair) Coleman, Hazel (Ronald) Hertzberg, Jean (Nick) Skrupski, and infant Donna Dobson; brothers-in-law - Owen Dicus and infant Roy Dobson.

Donna is survived by her children - Sheri, Sheldon, and Shannon; brother - Derril (Sylvia) Rogerson; sister-in-law - Muriel Dicus; brother-in-law - Ken (Kathy)

Dobson; grandchildren - Leighton Dobson, Landon (Katrina) Dobson, Jesselyn Staniforth, Sharel (Clint) Grodesky, Lachelle (Kyle) Grodesky; great-grandchildren - Rowan, Kienna, Miera, Clayton, Armani, Diamond, Briton, Riley, Faith, Leah and Lucas; nieces and nephews - Colleen, Melvin, Marvin, Laura, Corinne, Boyd, Perry, Derek, Norma, Courtney, Greg, Andrew and Warren.

The family wish to extend special thanks to Dr. Darren Chew (family

physician), the staff at the Borden Care Home, and the doctors and nurses at St. Paul's and Royal University Hospitals for the love and care given to Donna.

Dearly loved and forever in our hearts by family and so many friends.

It was Donna's request that a service not be held.

Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, Lynn Anderson, Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK. 306-747-2828.

*Gertrude "Geri" Gosse (née Desjardins)*

GOSSE – Geri

On the 12th of September 2023, in the presence of family and surrounded by the love and prayers of family and friends, Gertrude "Geri" Gosse (née Desjardins) passed from this life in her 82nd year.

Geri is predeceased by her husband and great love, Gordon Gosse, her parents Adeoda and Madeline (née Greyeyes) Desjardins, siblings Reginald Desjardins, and Cecile Jullion, and all of her half-siblings: Blanche Hyde, Joseph Desjardins, Therese Legoffe, Philip Desjardins, Anna Carlson, and Gerald Desjardins.

She is survived by her son Robert (Kerry) Gosse of Ottawa, Ontario, and daughter Nicole (Mike) Allen of Abbotsford, British Columbia. She was beloved of her grandchildren Henry Wells of

Charlottetown, PEI, Hayden Vandenbrink of Fort St. John, BC, Seamus Vandenbrink of Abbotsford, BC, and Morgan Allen of Abbotsford, BC. Also survived by her siblings Laurette Maxwell of Maple Ridge, BC, Vince Desjardins of Hinton, AB, Marie (Andy) Casavant of Chase, BC, and Lucille McMaster of Winnipeg, MB.

Donations to the Abbotsford Clearbrook Library are most gratefully accepted in her name in lieu of flowers.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/abbotsford-bc/gertrude-gosse-11461347>

*Oliver Gundar Eagleback*

EAGLEBACK – Oliver Gundar

February 20, 1929 – September 8, 2023

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Oliver Eagleback at the age of 94 years.

Oliver was born on the farm in the Shell Lake district, which at that time was known as the Paddling Lake district. He farmed on the family farm until his farm sale in 1990, he then continued to rent out his land and later sold it. He had a keen interest in farming his entire life! Oliver was a gentle and caring

man who through his generosity and willingness to help connected him with his neighbours; who became his extended family.

In retirement years he moved off the farm to the Village of Shell Lake, then to Rose Gill lodge in Rabbit Lake which became his home for many years and recently to the Idylwild Lodge in Spiritwood.

"We come with nothing, we go with nothing. But one great thing we can achieve in our beautiful life is a little remembrance in someone's mind and a small place in someone's heart".

He is survived by his nieces and nephews, Loretta (William), Martin Jr. (Jane), Leroy, Arthur (Shirley), Burnett (Alton), Marvin (Katherine), Josephine (newborn), Gerald, Phyllis (Herman), Stephen, Larry (Patty), Allen (aka Buddy), Phoebe, Faye (William),

Walter (Connie), Dianne (Craig), as well as a large circle of friends.

Predeceased by: His parents, Peter and Hilda Eagleback, his siblings, Lawrence Larson (Hedwig Schmechel), Martin Larson (Mary Radil), Mary "Marie" (Albert Sannes), Christine (Helge Roen), Elene (Arnold Schmechel), Carl Larson, Myrtle (Stephen Frazier), Henry Larson, (Muriel), Helmer Drangsholt, Albert Eagleback (Hilda), Norman Eagleback (Alma Jean "Penny").

Memorial donations can be made to Scandia Church, Box 323 Shell Lake, SK S0J 2G0.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday September 19, 2023, at Scandia Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, Dolores Beaulac, Funeral Director, Spiritwood (306) 883-3500.

*Norah Odegaard (née Goulding)*

With profound sadness we announce the passing of Norah, our loving and devoted mother, on Sunday, June 25. She left us at the age of 99, just two months shy of her 100th birthday. She was an amazing person, still active and living independently up until her final days. Her adage of "keep moving and do not give in" served her well.

Born on September 8, 1923 to Norah and Percy Goulding in Canwood, Saskatchewan she was

the fourth of five children. In Canwood, Norah worked in the post office and during WW2 she enlisted in the Air Force Reserves and worked in Calgary in the post office. Prior to his departure to Europe in WW2, she married Hans Odegaard of Valbrand, Saskatchewan. On Hans's return from Europe in 1946 they set up home in Saskatchewan and over the next several years welcomed three sons to their family. After starting the family, Hans and Norah moved to Duncan, BC. Norah chose to be a "stay-at-home" mom, dedicating her time to being a home keeper and raising their three sons until 1961 when a fourth son joined the family ranks. She loved to cook, kept an immaculate house, skilled with knitting needles and loved to garden. Most of all, she loved her family and in-

stilled in her sons strong values that have served them well.

After 78 years of married life, Norah was predeceased by her husband Hans, as well as her sisters Barbara and Marie and brothers Keith and Ken. Missing her greatly are her four sons: Morris (Victoria), David (Comox), Donald (Vancouver) and Rick (Kamloops). Norah was the proud grandmother of Kirsten, Peter, Tim, Ellen and Madeline and great-grandmother of six great-grandchildren Isabella, Theodore (Teddy), Grace, Oskar, Jack and Andi.

Norah's passing is a tremendous loss to her family and friends. For her, the family always came first and she was incredibly loved by her extended family and friends.

A small family service will be held in Duncan.

## Ryder Cup pressure on visiting Americans

Which side is facing more pressure this weekend as the biennial Ryder Cup — one of the most exciting events on the professional golf calendar — takes place at the Marco Simone Golf & Country Club near Rome, Italy?

Twelve golfers from the United States face 12 of the best golfers from Europe and if history repeats itself, the Europeans will win back the Cup won in 2021 by the Americans at Whistling Straits, Wis. The Yanks demolished the Europeans 19-9, but when the event is held in Europe, the Americans turn into pussycats. They haven't won on European soil since 1993.

So the Europeans have the most pressure, right? Hardly. Captain Luke Donald's team rarely, if ever, loses at home. Any team featuring Rory McIlroy, Jon Rahm, Viktor Hovland, Ludvig Aberg and Tommy Fleetwood can't possibly lose, can it?

The Americans aren't exactly fielding a team

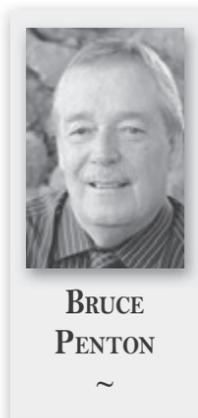
of 12 handicappers.

The best golfer in the world — statistically, anyway — is Scottie Scheffler and he leads the way for captain Zach Johnson's Dangerous Dozen. But because of a few controversial choices by Johnson for his captain's selections, the pressure is on a couple of Americans to shine.

Case in point: Justin Thomas. Ranked as high as seventh in the world as recently as last February, Thomas had been on a steady decline until finding his game again at the recent Fortinet Championship, where he finished fifth.

Before his rebirth at the Fortinet, the two-time major champion had only one top 10 since February, and had fallen to 24th in the world rankings. But he was selected ahead of potential Ryder Cuppers Keegan Bradley and Lucas Glover because of his past performance in Ryder Cup play and reputed leadership qualities.

Cynics suggest that



BRUCE PENTON

Thomas is on the team because he is a card-carrying member of the Old Boys Club, and other members of the 'club' — Jordan Spieth, Rickie Fowler, Xander Schauffele, etc. — lobbied hard for his inclusion.

Anybody ranked 24th in the world can never be categorized as a terrible pick, but for a guy like Glover, who's 42 and will likely never get another crack at a Ryder Cup, his exclusion must have been heart-breaking.

If Thomas plays like a bum at Marco Simone, Johnson will be heavily criticized for the selection. Thomas's reputa-

tion as a clutch player in big events will get a big boost, however, if he performs well and garners a few points for the American side.

As for the Europeans, their only pressure is connected to home-course advantage. Not since the U.S. won at the Belfry in England in 1993 have the Europeans tasted defeat on home soil. They won at Valderrama in Spain in 1997, at the Belfry in 2002 (postponed a year because of 9/11), at the K Club in Ireland in 2006, at Celtic Manor in Wales in 2010, at Gleneagles in Scotland in 2014, and at Le Golf National in France in 2018. Now it's in Italy, and the wise money is on another European victory.

• Richard Deitsch of The Athletic, obviously not a fan of Urban Meyer, former football coach and a member of the Fox Big Noon Kickoff panel: "As for Urban Meyer, well, if Meyer told me it was sunny, I would start looking for snow tires."

• Headline at the on-

ion.com: "Rapinoe: 'It Was The Honour Of A Lifetime To Compete On Behalf Of All The Morons In My Country'"

• Comedy writer Gary Bachman, who noted that the Jets' injured quarterback has hosted televised game shows in the past: "Aaron Rodgers' future may be in Jeopardy."

• Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va.): "After finishing fourth in the World Cup of Basketball, the U.S. will send the varsity to the Paris Olympics."

• Comedy writer Torben Rolfsen of Vancouver: "What were the parlay odds on 4 being (Josh) Allen's turnovers and (Aaron) Rodgers' snaps?"

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "WebMD.com has listed six precursors to a heart attack. Item No. 1 has had me worried — the Edmonton Elks win two in a row at home."

• Another one from RJ Currie: "A September article in gitnux.com finds a huge issue in the

NFL is still domestic violence, with players arrested at a rate 55.4 per cent higher than the national average. The gene pool of these guys could use a good dose of chlorine."

• Another one from the onion.com: "Aaron Rodgers Hits \$5 Million Contract Incentive After Finishing Season With Zero Interceptions"

• From fark.com: "Phoenix Suns giving away free antennas to fans who want to watch their games. Difficulty: Indoor antennas which can't pick up the low power station they'll be carried on."

• Another one from fark.com: "For anyone feeling sorry for Aaron Rodgers, it's good not to note he made \$399,000 per second he played this season."

• Late comedian Bob Hope: "If I'm on the course and lightning starts, I get inside fast. If God wants to play through, let him."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

## Axe the tax on farms and food

By FRANCO TERRAZZANO  
CTF Director

The House of Commons overwhelmingly passed a bill to make food cheaper and help farmers.

In fact, the House passed the bill twice.

But after two years, the bill still isn't law and that delay has cost families and farmers almost \$100 million.

What's stalling the democratic will of our elected representatives?

The Senate.

The bill is simple. The feds gave farmers an exemption on the carbon tax for diesel and gasoline. That helps farmers keep food prices down and compete globally. But the feds forgot to exempt the propane and natural gas farmers need to dry their grain and heat their barns.

So Conservative member of Parliament Ben Lobb introduced Bill C-234 back in February 2022 to fix that and extend the exemption to farmers' natural gas and propane.

Bill C-234 would reduce the "financial burden the carbon tax places on all the necessary practices undertaken by farmers and ranchers like drying grain, irrigating crops, or heating and cooling livestock barns," explains MP John Barlow who is the vice-chair of Parliament's agriculture committee.

It may seem like a small change, but the carbon tax is a big cost for farmers, even with the existing exemptions.

The carbon tax cost Canadian farm-

ers an average of \$14,000 in 2019, according to the Canadian Federation of Independent Business. Trudeau cranked up his carbon tax every year since. That means higher costs for farmers and higher grocery prices for Canadians.

The carbon tax on propane and natural gas will cost farmers \$1 billion through 2030, according to the Parliamentary Budget Officer.

Here's the infuriating part: the problem should be fixed already.

This March, MPs passed Lobb's Bill C-234 to remove the carbon tax from these farm fuels. Conservatives, New Democrats, the Bloc Québécois, both Green Party members and a couple independents voted in favour of the bill. Liberals Kody Blois, Heath MacDonald and Robert Morrissey also voted in favour.

This legislation has the support of the majority in the House of Commons and MPs from every party voted for it.

The bad news is the bill has been held up in the Senate ever since.

With their \$169,600 base salary, maybe senators aren't too worried about the price of milk, hamburger meat or chicken? But many Canadians are.

In fact, six-in-10 worry their paycheque might not be enough to feed their families.

Farmers are working 20-hour days to get the harvest in.

You would think that might spur the Senate to more briskly shuffle this

duly passed bill through the unelected Upper Chamber.

But the Senate doesn't care. It took a gander at the bill during second reading on June 13. Since then, the bill has been collecting dust in the agriculture committee, which is chaired by Senator Robert Black.

The Senate's fisheries committee thought it was important to meet during the summer break to "examine and report on Canada's seal populations and their effect on Canada's fisheries." So why wasn't Black willing to give up a couple summer vacation days to make sure farmers got relief during harvest?

This isn't the first time the Senate held up a bill to remove the carbon tax on farms.

Conservative MP Philip Lawrence introduced the original version of Bill C-234 back in September 2020. It made its way through the House of Commons to the Senate on June 23, 2021. The Senate failed to pass it.

Canadians have now been waiting for a law to remove the carbon tax from farm fuels for three years. The delay has already cost taxpayers almost \$100 million.

Canadians don't expect much from senators. But is it too much to ask that they pass this bill?

Talk is cheap. Especially in Ottawa.

Don't believe any politician, or senator, who claims they want to improve affordability unless they are willing to do one simple thing: scrap their carbon taxes.

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Thank you to all who attended the service celebration, sent flowers and condolences. We as a family are overwhelmed by the love that we all felt as we laid our mother to rest.

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**By PATRICIA HANBIDGE**  
There is fall in the air on the prairies. Even though the daytime temperatures are often still warm - at night our temperatures are dipping low enough to stop growth in hot crops like tomatoes and to colour up leaves. It is at this time that we are reminded of the change in the seasons. It is the end of summer and the beginning of the season of no growth!

So how does frost occur? There are



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## Frost in Autumn

actually two types of frost: radiation or inversion frost – either of which can ultimately damage or kill growing plants.

A radiation frost happens as a result of temperatures that decrease right down to the ground. This is the type of frost that will often occur first in the fall with a clear sky that allows any heat trapped to rise to the heavens. A cloudy sky will help to keep the warm air closer to the ground which most often will stop the temperatures from dropping to that freezing point. This same effect is generated by gardeners by covering our gardens on those nights that hint at frost. This process will stop the radiation of heat to transfer away from the area surrounding our plants.

Cold air is heavier than warm air which causes lower areas in your garden to typically freeze before areas that might be a bit higher elevation. On cool nights the frosty air will in fact travel down a slope and then pool at the lowest point – and of course causing frost damage. For temperate climates this is why the ideal location for orchards is on a slight slope...thus gaining valuable time for ripening and picking of fruit prior to damage by frost.

The other type of frost is called inversion frost and it is quite often the type of frost that causes damage to orchards. It is the norm for the warmest air to be closest to the soil surface while the air will continue to be cooler the further away from the ground you travel. An inversion frost is when cooler air is trapped below a layer of warmer air above.

When this type of frost occurs, growers will use a number of tactics

to “save the crop”. Wind machines are often used late at night or early in the morning to help mix those layers of air to prevent that cooler air from settling down by the crop. Some very valuable crops may even deploy helicopters to achieve a similar air movement. Smudge pots, heater and irrigation systems will also be used to offset that damaging frost.

If sprinklers are being used to offset frost it brings science back into the process. Prior to the temperatures dropping to the freezing point, sprinklers can be turned on. These sprinklers will remain on for the entire night until the temperature will rise. Throughout the night some of the water will freeze while some will not. This process will ensure that the temperature will hold at 0°C as it is scientific fact that if water and ice are present together the temperature will remain at 0 as long as both water and ice are present. However, if you are protecting shrubs or trees with this method, there is great risk of a build-up of ice that can do a lot of structural damage.

Learning a bit more about how frost works will help you as gardeners to choose your fall activities. Knowledge helps gardeners make good decisions like deciding whether or not to cover the tomatoes or just pick the crop when autumn truly arrives. Perhaps understanding frost will help you to foretell the future - or even just the weather!

*Hanbidge is the Lead Horticulturist with Orchid Horticulture. Find us at www.orchidhort.com; by email at info@orchidhort.com; on facebook @ orchidhort and on instagram at #orchidhort.*



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# Minutes of an R.M. of Leask 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 Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 held in the Leask Community Hall on Thursday, July 12, 2023.

Council Meeting was called to order by Reeve Craig Hamilton at 9 a.m.

Present were Reeve Craig Hamilton, Administrator Donna Goertzen and the following Council members: Real Diehl - Division No. 2, Gordon Stieb - Division No. 3, Joan Sanftleben - Division 4, Ron Haworth - Division 5, and Clarke Gossen - Division No. 6.

Absent: Keith Junk - Division No. 1

Delegations:

Mistawasis First Nation: 10:45 a.m.

Ratepayer: 11 a.m.

Public Meeting:

Bylaw 13-2023 10 a.m.

Tender:

Gravel Crush: 1 p.m.

Gravel Pit Clean-up: 1:15 p.m.

Gossen: That the minutes of the May 31, 2023, Special Meeting of Council be approved. Carried

Diehl: That permission be given to add items to the Agenda. Carried

Stieb: That we approve the payments as listed on the attached List of Accounts for Approval for a total of \$54,790.74 and Payroll/Indemnity for a total of \$39,634.19. Carried

Sanftleben: That we acknowledge receipt of the Bank Reconciliation for June 30, 2023. Carried

Haworth: That we approve the Statement of Financial Activities for June 30, 2023. Carried

Gossen: That Council Indemnity be approved for payment as presented. Carried

Sanftleben: That Mowing

Contract with Muskeg Lake Cree Nation be amended; and that the municipality be responsible for WCB premiums. Carried

Haworth: That we recess the Regular Meeting of Council for the public hearing regarding Bylaw 13-2023; A Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 02-2020 at 10:05 a.m. Carried

Reeve Hamilton formally opened the Public Hearing at 10:05 a.m. to receive any comments and submissions regarding Bylaw 13-2023.

Attendees from the Public: Lorraine Fajt

Intent of Application: The proposed Bylaw is to provide rezoning "Resort Commercial District (RC)" to "Lakeshore District (LD)"

Public Comments: No written or verbal comments from the public were received.

Reeve Hamilton closed the Public Hearing at 10:10 a.m.

Diehl: That Bylaw 13-2023, Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 02-2020 be read a second time at this meeting. Carried

Stieb: That Bylaw 13-2023, Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 02-2020 be read a third time and passed at this meeting and furthermore, be sent to Government Relations for approval. Carried

Sanftleben: That Council purchase 40" Flail Mower from Bobcat of Saskatoon for \$16,542.30 inclusive of Taxes. Carried

10:25 a.m. Reeve Hamilton exited Council Chambers.

Haworth: That Superintendent of Public Works Report be accepted as presented. Carried

11:01 a.m. Councillor Sanftleben exited Council Chambers.

Diehl: That Matt McNeice has completed his 3-month probationary period effective July 17, 2023. Carried

Stieb: That Justin Nagy has completed his 3-month probationary period effective July

31, 2023. Carried

Gossen: That Council support the grant application of Mistawasis First Nation in their application for Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Funding Program. Carried

Gossen: That RMA fees are required to be paid by all Commercial Contractors and Ratepayers with development permits for site specific purposes. Carried

Diehl: That Bylaw 11-2023, Bylaw to Recover Protective Service Costs be read a second time. Carried

Stieb: That Bylaw 11-2023, Bylaw to Recover Protective Service Costs be read a third time and passed at this meeting. Carried

Sanftleben: That Bylaw 12-2023, Bylaw to License the Excavation of Gravel be read a second time. Carried

Haworth: That Council acknowledge JD Loader Training Certificate for employee Matt McNeice. Carried

Gossen: That resolution 302/23 be amended to read as That application be made to Local Government Committee for permission to borrow by way of debentures, the sum of \$522,059.10, in year 2023 repayable over a period of 5 years, for the purpose of purchase of financing the cost of purchase of a 772 John Deere Motor Grader;

and Furthermore; Debentures to be repayable in equal semi-annual installments during the term of the securities interest rate of 4.29 per centum, per annum. Carried

Diehl: That resolution 281/23 be amended to the following: "That Council acknowledge the use of reserves within Woodland Subdivision; MR 1 shall provide access for a proposed marina and MR 2 for proposed beach location, SW 1/4-19-48-07-W3." Carried

Gossen: That resolution 188/23 be amended to the following: "That Public Tender,

NE-34-47-05-W3 be accepted for the sum of \$10.00." Carried

Sanftleben: That we move in-camera session citing The Local Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Section 14 (1) (b) (iii); time being 12:18 p.m.

Haworth: That we move out of camera session at 12:54 a.m. Carried

1 p.m.: Tender Opening: Gravel Crushing, Dmytryshyn And Sons Ltd. & Kirsch Construction (2008) Ltd.

1:15 p.m.: Tender Opening: Gravel Clean-Up, Dmytryshyn And Sons Ltd. & Kirsch Construction (2008) Ltd.

Diehl: That we move in-camera session citing The Local Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Section 14(1) (b) (iii). Time being 1:20 p.m. Carried

Stieb: That we move out of camera session at 1:35 p.m. Carried

Sanftleben: That Dmytryshyn and Sons Ltd. be awarded the Crushing Tender for the 2023 gravel requirements of a minimum of:

- 20,000 cubic yards at Anderson pit at 20,000 cu yard, and 25,000 cubic yards at Crown Hill Pit at 25,000 cu yard
- No mobilization fee and no fuel surcharge;
- Equipment as follows: Metso HP300 Cone Crusher, Metso C95 24 x 36 Jaw Crusher, 980 Loader, 980 H Loader and 125 Ft Super Stacker. Carried

Haworth: That Kirsch Construction (2008) Ltd. be awarded the Clean-up Tender for the 2023 gravel requirements of a minimum of:

- 2,000-5,000 cubic yards at Anderson, Enns and Hordiuk pit;
- Equipment as follows: 329 Cat Excavator, Cat D250 Rock Truck, D6T Dozer, and Truck and Low Bed. Carried

Assistant Administrator Robertson entered the room and assumed the role of meeting recorder.

Gossen: That we move into an in-camera session citing The Local Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and Section 16(1)(b). Time being 1:54 p.m. Carried

Diehl: That we move out of camera session. Time being 4:18 p.m. Carried

Stieb: That a Special Committee to be formed to enter into preliminary discussion with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Hoisting & Portable & Stationary, Local 870. Carried

Sanftleben: That COE Complaints, COE-02-2023, COE-03-2023 and COE 04-2023 be acknowledged; and

Further that COE-02-2023 found to be unsubstantiated previously by Council and COE 03-2023 and COE 04-2023 be dismissed as this was a clerical error. Carried

Haworth: That Council declare Division 1 vacant as per Municipal Act Section 147 (c); and Furthermore, that an election date be set at the next Council Meeting. Carried

Assistant Administrator Robertson left the room and Administrator Goertzen returned as meeting recorder.

Diehl: That Council approve transfer of \$50,000.00 from Flex GIC to General Bank account. Carried

Stieb: That Bylaw 14-2023, Borrowing by Way of a Debenture be given first reading at this meeting. Carried (*Editor's note: council unanimously voted to give the bylaw three readings at the meeting.*)

Gossen: That Bylaw 14-2023 attached hereto and forming a part of these minutes, being a Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464, now be read a third and final time and be adopted. Carried

Stieb: That we adjourn this meeting at 5:05 p.m.

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