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Witchekan Lake FN hosts annual TRC Walk



A large crowd turned out to take part in the truth and reconciliation walk, putting on an impressive display of orange.

By BEVRA FEE

Spiritwood Herald Reporter

One day ahead of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Witchekan Lake First Nation staged its annual walk to remember and honour the children who attended residential schools.

The public commemoration of the loss of those children who did not survive residential schools, and those who survived to live with the family and personal trauma, was very well-attended by local participants, including the WLFN band representatives, Agency Chiefs Tribal Council leaders, survivor families, RCMP officers, Catholic School educators, and many others

who simply wished to express support.

Gathering at the north end of Main Street, each participant was offered an orange shirt to wear during the walk. The orange shirt has come to symbolize all that was taken away from children when they entered residential schools. Orange balloons were also offered to children for more effect (and a bit of fun) in the parade, and the strength of the orange display was impossible to miss.

Led by several RCMP vehicles, the parade began en masse with a comment from Sgt. Sebastian Andrews of the Spiritwood RCMP Detachment, who said, "We are here to try and help bridge the gap between the RCMP and

the First Nations."

Many onlookers from the Main Street businesses emerged and passersby on the sidewalks stopped to observe the impressive sight, which was accompanied by cultural drums and flags. With a stop at the RCMP detachment for words from Chief Anne Thomas and an honour song, the parade wound its way to the Sacred Heart Parish Catholic Church.

Many small markers were placed on the grass at the church – symbols of honour for the children who did not return from the government-sponsored religious residential schools. After a testimonial from the family of a residential school survivor and a moment

of silence, the walk proceeded back to Main Street and the hour-long event ended back at the original gathering place.

Schools in Spiritwood were closed to students for the day, and many took the opportunity to attend the TRC Walk. Prior to the morning event, Elder John Thomas of Witchekan Lake First Nation spent time having breakfast with the staff at Rivier Elementary School, where he also shared knowledge and helped provide insight to the effects of residential schools. The teachers were on duty for a professional development day, and attended the walk as part of their activities.

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Witchekan Lake's Kisikohk School brought a large contingent of youth representatives to take part in the walk.



Sgt. Shannon Haggarty of Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook Detachment and Sgt. Sebastian Andrews of Spiritwood Detachment took part in Witchekan Lake First Nation's TRC Walk

New Blaine Lake School officially opened

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle
Reporter

With nearly a month of the school year already in the history books, the brand-new Blaine Lake Composite School celebrated its grand opening on Tuesday, Sept. 26. In attendance were Premier Scott Moe, Education Minister Jeremy Cockrill, MLA Ken Cheveldayoff, Muskeg Lake Cree Nation Chief Kelly Wolfe, Prairie Spirit School Division (PSSD) represen-

tatives, and school staff, students, and community members.

"We are proud to have made this significant investment to build the first new school in nearly 70 years here in Blaine Lake," Premier Moe said. "This is a very exciting day and I know this is more than just a building, it's a state-of-the-art hub for students, teachers, staff, and the community at large and will serve to protect the opportunities we have to live and learn in rural Saskatchewan."

The new facility, made possible by a \$14 million investment by the Ministry of Education and \$1 million from the PSSD, was first announced by the provincial government in 2020. Construction began in 2022.

The new building replaces the old Blaine Lake Composite School, which was built in 1954, and had reached the end of its lifespan after serving the community well for almost 70 years.

"The Prairie Spirit Board of Education is very pleased to celebrate the grand opening of the new school in Blaine Lake," Prairie Spirit Board of Education Board Chair Bernie Howe said. "This beautiful new school provides a very supportive learning environment for our students. On behalf of the Board of Education and local Trustees Pam Wieler and Kimberly Greyeyes, I want to express our appreciation to the Premier and the provincial government for the investment in this new school facility and in



The new Blaine Lake Composite School was officially declared open during a ceremony held on Tuesday, Sept. 26.



Premier Scott Moe and Education Minister Jeremy Cockrill chat during the grand opening of Blaine Lake Composite School.

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the community of Blaine Lake."

With capacity for 150 students, the new Blaine Lake Composite School continues to serve students from Blaine Lake, Muskeg Lake Cree Nation, Marcelin, and other surrounding communities.

To better serve them, the school has been designed with accessibility in mind and outfitted with all the bells and whistles. This includes

the Mary Lamers Library, an open-concept space at the heart of the facility that principal Jessica Barrington says promotes the school's dedication to literacy and has created a "warm, welcoming space."

Other new features include a brand new practical and applied arts classroom and shop, which allows the school to provide relevant hands-on learning opportunities for students, and a gym that's large enough to host school and community events.

Finally, the school's courtyard features a learning circle that can

be used as an outdoor classroom. This space will complement Forest School and outdoor learning opportunities.

"The building has a bright, warm, and welcoming feel, creating a more natural, home-like learning environment," Barrington said, noting that the school is designed to embody the PSSD's philosophy of learning. "A student favourite is the variety of spaces; classrooms have garage doors that open up into the learning commons, allowing students to engage in learning in a variety of comfortable and unique settings."

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Shellbrook hosts first TRC Honour Walk

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Though they may not have their own personal connections to residential schools or the Sixties Scoop, Nicole Erb and her team at Evergreen Oasis Counselling and Consulting deal with their legacy and impacts every single day.

So, when the idea of hosting Shellbrook's first honour walk for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation was brought up by team member Kelsey Clark, who works on the Big River First Nation, the Evergreen Oasis team sprung into action. Working on short notice, they liaised with Shellbrook's schools, business community, the Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook RCMP Detachment, and community members to make it happen on Friday, Sept. 29.

"We wanted to honour the individuals who went to residential schools, and we wanted to acknowledge that some of them didn't come home," Erb said. "We wanted to acknowledge that residential schools impacted everybody's lives, and now there are inter-generational traumas, and things that we are seeing now."

After the hard work that went into planning last Friday's honour walk, Erb says she was left emotional and amazed by the outpouring of support and the show of respect from the community.

The walk began with a gathering at Evergreen Oasis' headquarters in Shellbrook. From there, the Evergreen team members, representatives from local businesses, and community members made their way to Shellbrook Elementary School to join up with staff and students from it and WP Sandin High School.

Following some introductory words and a Treaty 6 land acknowledgment from Kelsey Clark, the mic was handed off to special guest and residential school survivor Laurel Sapp-Plaxton, who shared words and led a special prayer.

"We were taken away. We come from the residential school system — three generations," she said.

"I want to tell each and every one of you that you all matter. We're all in this together. We can't forget what has happened in the past, but we can heal from it by working together and honouring one another. Keep trying, do your best, and help one another."

Following the prayer, special guests Clayton and Tyrell Bear were called upon to sing and drum an honour song. Then, with Cst. Nancy Howell of the Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook RCMP leading the way, the procession made its way down Shellbrook's Main Street and back to the school, receiving supportive honks and waves from the community.

"Just looking around and watching everybody with their hats off, respecting the drum and why we're here... It was amazing to see everybody come together," Erb said.



The Honour Walk saw a large procession make its way up and down Shellbrook's Main Street.

Noting that the respect, honouring, and acknowledgement of residential schools and the Sixties Scoop is moving in the right direction, Erb said that honour walks like these are just the beginning.

Truth and reconciliation cannot be achieved in one day, but must be worked toward every day to build a better future. For those who may not have any connections to residential schools or the Sixties Scoop, Erb simply encourages them to be open, listen, and ask questions.

"We're not going to change the past, but we can keep going forward," she said. "Our children are the ones who are going to lead us one day. They're the ones we need to continue to educate, because they're our future."



Tyrell Bear (left) and Clayton Bear drum and sing an honour song ahead of the Honour Walk.



Special guest Laurel Sapp-Plaxton shares words and a prayer prior to the Honour Walk.



Children made signs to display throughout the Honour Walk.

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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.

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Newspaper Week reminds us to support local

Another year has brought us to yet another National Newspaper Week.

Every year since 1940 – when World War 2 was raging, and newspapers were at the heart of telling the harrowing stories from the front lines – the first week of October has been dedicated to celebrating journalists, and all those responsible for producing the news that keeps us informed and safeguards our democracy.

But this year, National Newspaper Week feels more somber than celebratory.

While prognosticators have been sounding the death knell for print media for decades, much of this doomsaying has been exaggerated.

It's true that print newspapers have lost some of their market share to digital and mobile platforms. However, research data commissioned by News Media Canada in 2022 shows 83 per cent of Canadians are still reading newspapers on any platform (print, desktop/laptop, phone, or tablet) each week, and 24 per cent of adults read news on *all four* platforms.

In other words, it's less a case of platforms competing with one another, and more about them complementing one another.

What's more, print newspapers and their websites remain the most trusted platforms for not only news content, but also for advertising.

And yet, for all these encouraging signs pointing to the resilience of newspapers, there's no denying that 2023 has been a difficult year for Canada's news industry.

It all started back in January with Postmedia, which sold off the Saskatoon StarPhoenix building (making employees work remotely) and moved printing operations to Estevan, transitioned 12 community newspapers in Alberta to digital only, and laid off 11 per cent of its editorial staff across Canada.

A month later, the Wadena News published its final weekly edition after 115 years of serving its community, citing a decline in advertising and community support as its primary reason for closing.

Summer brought only more hits to the news industry, with the abrupt closure of Québec-based Métro Média in August, and Metroland's elimination of the print editions of 70 community newspapers in Ontario in September. Metroland also laid off more than 600 people, including 68 journalists, as part of this transition, leaving yet more communities underserved by reliable



JORDAN TWISS

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News Editor

news sources.

As these changes occurred, Canada's news industry was caught in the high-stakes game of chicken between the federal government and digital giants Meta and Google over the Online News Act.

The act, which is expected to be enforced by the end of the year, requires the digital giants to pay news outlets for content they share or repurpose.

In response, Meta has already blocked links to Canadian news on all platforms and shutdown

a fellowship program with the Canadian Press that helped young journalists get a foot in the door. Google, meanwhile, has promised to remove Canadian news from its search engine and its News and Discover platforms.

Barring a seismic shift in the relationship between Ottawa and the digital giants, neither is likely to swerve any time soon. In the end, it will be newspapers like the *Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald* that suffer the consequences.

So, it's safe to say the storm clouds are gathering, shading the news industry with uncertainty the likes of which it's never seen.

But it doesn't need to be this way.

In addition to celebrating journalists and newspapers, National Newspaper Week is about celebrating the readers and advertising partners who make our work possible.

This is where the community part of a community newspaper comes in.

At the same time as we keep you informed about council meetings, hockey games, and high school graduations, we need you to keep us in the loop about local events and happenings. We can't make it to every event, but our inboxes are always open and we're happy to follow up with you.

Similarly, we need local businesses, community groups, and governments to choose us over the handful of free likes and shares they get with social media ads.

As a free publication, the *Chronicle & Herald* relies on ad revenue to keep the presses running. And unlike Mark Zuckerberg, who won't be supporting little Timmy's hockey team any time soon, our ad revenue is put to use in the communities we serve.

The *Chronicle & Herald* is called a community newspaper for a reason. We're as committed as ever to serving our community, but we can't do what we do without our community behind us.

Now, more than ever, supporting local matters.



Time to support local journalism

By PAUL DEEGAN
News Media Canada



Every week about 30 million newspapers are delivered across Canada. More than four out of five people in Canada read newspaper content each week. Why do they read print and digital news sources? The answer is simple: Trust.

Canadians value and trust fact-based, fact-checked journalism. Journalists hold the powerful to account. They cover city hall, the courts, and the police. They also keep communities connected by reporting on everything from the high school football team to 100th birthdays.

But real journalism, created by real journalists – rather than by artificial intelligence – costs real money. If we want to sustain it, we must support it. One of the best ways for the local community to support local journalism is to take out

an ad. When you buy a newspaper ad – whether print or digital – those dollars stay in the community and allow the publisher to employ journalists. Conversely, when you buy an ad from a web giant, those dollars flow south to California to companies that don't employ a single journalist.

One thing government can do to keep scarce advertising dollars in Canada is establish tax measures to incentivize businesses to advertise with private sector Canadian news outlets and bring fairness to the different tax treatment of advertising purchased from foreign websites.

Governments – municipal, provincial, and federal – also have a role

to play when it comes to their own advertising spend. It makes no sense that the federal government was spending almost twice as much on Facebook/Instagram – which are now blocking news in Canada – as they were on all print publications combined. Governments – at all levels – should earmark 25 per cent of their advertising spend toward trusted Canadian news sources. And the federal government should end the 'double dip' by eliminating commercial advertising associated with CBC News, the public broadcaster.

National Newspaper Week is a time to reflect on the Champions who report the news without fear or favour, and it's a time to remember that local news needs to be supported by the community.

Paul Deegan is president and chief executive officer of News Media Canada.

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A season and time to every purpose

As this stretch of autumn continues to give us glorious weather, we are inclined and inspired to spend time in reflection.

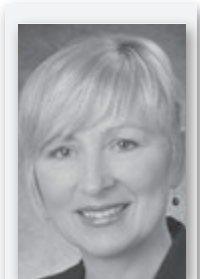
I recently spent time with family hiking the Kristi Lake Nature Trail, a fabulous example of a treasure in my Saskatchewan Rivers constituency. In just an hour, we were able to explore the four different ecosystems in the Boreal Forest on this interpretive hiking trail. It was a perfect day.

In our region, producers are harvesting a bumper crop, with reports of even 100 bushels per acre. Not so long ago, 40 bushels per acre was considered a great crop. This year's bounty has truly been a blessing.

With Thanksgiving approaching we are reminded of all the blessings God has given us. We are thankful for families, our traditions, and our Saskatchewan way of life. This time of year, we tend to equate food with fel-

lowship and love of family, demonstrated by the many annual Fowl Suppers that will soon pop up throughout the province. I encourage everyone to take time to enjoy one of these, where friends and neighbours get together to nourish body and soul before the onset of a prairie winter.

These are the times where we realize that strength of community is founded on a culture of caring for each other. It is a privilege and a blessing



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to be able to celebrate and rest, assured that we have worked hard to secure our future.

Just as we work hard in our personal lives and in our communities to prepare for the future, we expect the same from our leaders. Sadly, the confidence we used to have in our leadership has been shaken in recent years at all levels of government, and even in many of the boards and institutions so vital to the systems our society relies on.

Despite that, the resilience of Saskatchewan people means we have not lost hope. Instead, people all over the province are working hard to hold their elected officials to account, making clear what the priorities are on many issues, and what direction they want government to take. We have a strong expectation for our leaders to demonstrate integrity and transparency in their governing. Regrettably, these traits are

in short supply. It is our responsibility to set the tone and remove those from leadership who have broken our trust. In Saskatchewan, we the people have the final say.

As we embrace the

change of one season to another, my hope is that the values of compassion, unity, and resilience upon which we have built this amazing province will be strengthened. We need all voices and fresh

ideas to bring wisdom to the healing and advancement of our province. In unity, we can rebuild, or where necessary even re-invent the systems that once served us so well in our province.

Shellbrook students place second in national poster contest



Shellbrook Royal Purple members Elaine Perkins (right) and Pat Radchuk present a certificate to Shellbrook student Avery Wallin, who placed second in level 2 at the Canadian Royal Purple's National Brain Injury Awareness and Prevention Poster Contest. *By ELAINE PERKINS, Shellbrook Royal Purple*



Shellbrook Royal Purple members Elaine Perkins (left) and Pat Radchuk present a certificate to Shellbrook student Emma Lauder, who placed second in level 3 at the Canadian Royal Purple's National Brain Injury Awareness and Prevention Poster Contest.

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Supporting Healthcare Throughout Rural Saskatchewan

Sometimes it's the most unlikely piece of equipment that makes all the difference in hospital patient care. Something as simple as a table that allows patients to sit together, regardless of whether they use a wheelchair, Broda chair or conventional chair, can go a long way to supporting healthcare throughout rural Saskatchewan.

Rural hospital foundations play a key role in ensuring that residents have access to the care they need, when the need it. They raise funds for lifesaving equipment and technology, upgraded facilities, and medical training that improves the quality of patient care.

"It's the difference between needs and wants," said Rita Dash, Chair of the Kipling and District Health Foundation. "The wants are quite often overlooked because there is an urgent need for other health care equipment. That is where Saskatchewan Blue Cross has stepped in for the past three years to aid smaller rural foundations with equipment purchases for use by the residents in Kipling's long term care facility."

Saskatchewan Blue Cross, a leading provider of health and wellness benefits solutions, provides funding to rural hospital foundations through its Community Investment Program. With a mission to empower communities on their journey to whole health and wellness, the organization aims to contribute to the delivery of exceptional health benefits throughout the province.

This funding has supported a large variety of equipment that would otherwise not be available for patients in rural Saskatchewan such as stethoscopes, a wheelchair accessible van, and a specialised laser. Other projects have included wireless fall prevention systems, operating room and labour and delivery head lamps, beds for mental health patients, and renovations and equipment purchases to create a new Ambulatory Care Clinic.

A number of rural hospital foundations recently received much-needed funding including the Weyburn & District Hospital Foundation, Nipawin Region Health Foundation, Humboldt & District Hospital Foundation, Battlefords Union Hospital Foundation, the Kipling and District Health Foundation, and the Dr. Noble Irwin Regional Healthcare Foundation.

"Saskatchewan Blue Cross is proud to provide this support to rural hospital foundations, which will enable them to enhance the level of services they provide. These foundations create positive changes in the lives of people throughout the province," said

Kelly Wilson, President and CEO of Saskatchewan Blue Cross.

Ross Fisher, Network Chair, Saskatchewan Hospital Foundations Network and Executive Director for The Health Foundation of East Central Saskatchewan, said this funding recognizes the difficulties that rural health foundations have in raising funds to address their unique community needs.

"We are grateful to Saskatchewan Blue Cross for recognizing challenges rural hospital foundations have and creating a program that provides funds for rural foundations that can help us improve the healthcare available in our communities," he said.

Rural hospital foundations are invited to apply for the next round of funding through the program, which is now accepting applications from September 1st to October 31st, 2023. To request funding, please visit the following link: <https://sk-bluecross.sponsor.com/>.

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Two arrested in Ahtahkakoop FN investigation

By **JORDAN TWISS**
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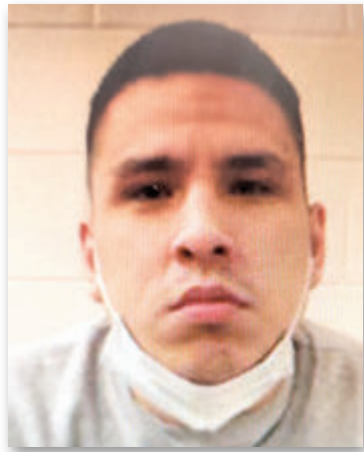
Ongoing joint law enforcement efforts between the Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook, Prince Albert, and Waskesiu-Montreal Lake RCMP Detachments are already producing results, leading to the arrest of two individuals at a residence on the Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation.

On Friday, Sept. 22, officers with the Saskatchewan RCMP's Warrant Enforcement and Suppression Team (WEST) continued efforts to locate and arrest 31-year-old Craig McDonald. McDonald had been sought after by police since at least August for failing to appear in court on a number of charges, including forcible confinement and armed robbery.

As a result of its investigation, WEST determined McDonald was in a residence on Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation.

Investigators obtained a warrant to enter the residence and arrest McDonald. With the assistance of Saskatchewan RCMP's Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT), officers approached the residence and surrounded it.

McDonald exited the residence, holding a loaded firearm. He resisted arrest and



Craig McDonald was arrested by police on Friday, Sept. 22, during an investigation on the Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation.

officers deployed a conducted energy weapon to bring him into custody safely. Two other individuals were also arrested at the residence.

A search warrant was then executed at the residence. Officers located and seized two additional loaded firearms.

As a result of continued investigation, Craig McDonald is charged with four counts of failing to comply with a release order condition, two counts of possession of a firearm while knowing possession is unauthorized, one count of possession of a firearm with a tampered serial number, four counts of possession of a firearm while prohibited, and one count of possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose.

Also arrested at the scene was 23-year-old Xavier Smith from Sturgeon Lake, who faces one charge of failing to comply with a release order condition.

The third individual ar-

rested was released without charge.

Officers and staff from Saskatchewan RCMP's Saskatoon WEST, Ahtahkakoop RCMP, North Battleford Crime Reduction Team (CRT), Montreal Lake CRT and additional Saskatchewan Enforcement Response Team (SERT) support teams assisted in this investigation and subsequent arrest.

"This arrest was a dynamic situation. The fact that no one was injured after a male exited a house holding a loaded firearm speaks to the professionalism and high level of training exhibited by the SERT and CIRT officers," said S/Sgt. Ryan How, SERT's North Region Manager, in a statement.

"Residents in the Prince Albert, Waskesiu-Montreal Lake and Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook areas can expect to see an increased police presence as our efforts continue. We're committed to providing more

updates on our work in these communities as we are able to."

The Saskatchewan RCMP first announced that the Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook, Prince Albert, and Waskesiu-Montreal Lake RCMP Detachments would be undertaking joint law enforcement initiatives on Sept. 15. The efforts are meant to address a surge in violent and property crimes in the areas, much of which is believed to be gang related.

While historically there is typically an increase in violent and property crime during the summer months, the RCMP says initial data indicates a larger-than-usual increase in the Prince Albert detachment area in August. The RCMP says formal statistics will be available later this fall, after detachments and units have time to finalize data input, to ensure the most accurate information is being provided to the public.

Trudeau must drop his grocery tax threat

By **FRANCO TERRAZZANO**
CTF Director

Here's political irony to ponder while you're in line at the grocery store waiting to pay your ever-increasing bill.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says he's thinking about making groceries cheaper by imposing a new tax.

Brace yourself because there's more irony.

The House of Commons already passed legislation that would make food less expensive. In fact, the House passed the legislation twice. But unelected senators are stalling the bill and the prime minister isn't pushing it.

Here's what's happening:

"We will take further action and we are not ruling anything out, including tax measures," Trudeau said.

What do you think Trudeau means when he threatens "tax measures"?

Trudeau means he may give into New Democratic Leader Jagmeet Singh's demands and put "in place an excess profit tax" on grocery stores.

Going after greedy rich guys – to paraphrase Singh – may seem appealing, but what do the experts say?

"The last thing we want to do is put on a tax that people then just pass along to the consumers."

No, that wasn't free-market economist Milton Friedman. That was Trudeau, last year, when CBC asked if he would consider the NDP's grocery tax.

What changed?

The economic realities Trudeau first described haven't changed. If the feds impose a new tax on companies that sell food, those new costs will be passed on to people lined up at check-outs.

What changed is that Trudeau's sliding in the polls and grasping at bad policies.

Meanwhile, an actual opportunity to make food more affordable is ready and waiting.

A day after Trudeau threatened a grocery tax, the Parliamentary Budget Officer released a report about expanding the carbon tax exemption on farm fuels. That would save Canadians about \$1 billion through 2030.

Right now, the federal government doesn't collect carbon taxes on diesel or gasoline used on farms. But the carbon tax is costing farmers thousands of dollars for the propane and natural gas they use to dry their grain and heat their barns.

MPs from all parties already voted to fix this by expanding the carbon tax exemption for farm fuels. Twice. But

senators keep holding up the legislation.

Trudeau could send a text message and get this passed through the Senate tomorrow. Instead, the Senate keeps stalling this carbon tax relief that could have saved taxpayers almost \$100 million already.

Canadians also pay more for food because the feds make truckers that deliver our food pay more for diesel. In fact, federal taxes alone cost truckers more than \$260 every time they fuel up their big rigs.

And that big tax bill is getting bigger, courtesy of Trudeau's carbon tax hikes.

Trudeau recently imposed a second carbon tax through fuel regulations and has committed to cranking up his original tax every year for the next seven years. By 2030, Trudeau's two carbon taxes will cost the average family more than \$2,000 every year, even after rebates.

Instead of hammering Canadians with a grocery tax, Trudeau should make food more affordable by scrapping his carbon taxes.

And if Trudeau really wants to stick it to greedy corporations, he could stop giving them big buckets of taxpayer cash.

That means no more giving Loblaw's

\$12 million to buy fridges. Or giving multinational automakers Volkswagen and Stellantis about \$20 billion. Or announcing \$420 million for Algoma Steel, \$700 million for Transat, \$295 million for the Ford Motor Company, \$110 million for Toyota, \$41 million for Honda and \$372 million for Bombardier.

The last thing Canadians need is another tax. It won't make groceries more affordable. Another tax will make groceries more expensive.

Trudeau needs to stop making threats about grocery taxes and make life more affordable by dialing back his own taxes.

NOTICE

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

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Hon. Jeremy Harrison
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New Physicians Practicing in Rural Saskatchewan

Sixteen new physicians began practicing in rural Saskatchewan this summer after completing the Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment (SIPPA) program in June. Increased funding for SIPPA is supporting more internationally-trained physicians and providing increased resources and mentorship to these physicians as they begin their practices in Saskatchewan communities.

Hon. Scott Moe, Premier
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Wildlife and agriculture are deeply connected

Trevor Herriot is a noted naturalist in Saskatchewan with a number of books to his credit which reflect the diversity and importance of the natural world in our province.

Herriot was in Yorkton recently reading from his first fiction work, *The Economy of Sparrows*, presented by the Yellowhead Nature Society in partnership with the Yorkton Public Library.

The book is a fine read – I had access to a review copy – but while the story was a good one, the questions raised might be the most important aspect of

the work.

While fiction, Herriot makes a rather clear statement that when it comes to bird populations, the general trend on the Prairies is less feathered friends than in the past. That said, he also makes it pretty clear that hard data on population numbers is sparse. Without a baseline, it's too easy to just see the existing population of a time as being normal, even if greatly reduced from the past.

So, what have birds got to do with agriculture?

Well, on one level, some wildlife is actually posi-



CALVIN DANIELS

tive for farmers.

Herriot starts each chapter in his latest book with a snippet from Taverner's *Birds of Western Canada*, in which Taverner details how species such as the redpoll linnet consume huge quantities

of weed seeds. An eaten weed seed is one less to sprout and grow in a crop.

And of course, the book also notes that agriculture has had a role in the reduced numbers of many bird species. The drainage of sloughs and removal of bluffs to increase cultivatable acres, for instance, has to have hurt birds in terms of lost habitat.

Seed an acre of land growing a 40-bushel canola crop at \$20 a bushel, and wildlife is going to lose out.

And of course, the impact of pesticides and herbicides exists too, al-

though to exactly what extent may be argued. There is of course a level of irony in the thought that pesticides used to kill weeds may well be reducing populations of bird species that would be eating the seed of the offending weeds.

And a broader question is, does wildlife matter? If whitetail deer and sparrows disappeared, would it change our world in a significant way?

The passenger pigeon and dodo and countless other species have gone extinct, and the ripple was negligible.

And therein lies the issue for wildlife. Most of us want to see deer on occasion, until one happens to run in front of car and we get the repair bill. Then, we care less.

Birds are nice until they poop on the car.

Bees are great until they sting.

Then does wildlife matter?

Short answer – sure it does.

The tougher answer is in quantifying why it matters.

At least Herriot's newest book will have you thinking about the why.

Crop Report: Sept. 19 to 25

Many producers have wrapped up harvest with 91 per cent of the provincial crop in the bin, ahead of the five and 10-year averages of 73 per cent. Producers around the province are eagerly waiting for rain.

The southwest and west-central regions completed harvest this week, with 98 and 97 per cent of crops off, respectively. The northwest is 90 per cent complete, followed by the southeast at 89 per cent and northeast at 88 per cent. The east-central region has made significant progress this past week, with 82 per cent of crops off.

Many crops are entirely harvested provincially with the remaining crops nearing completion. Oats are 93 per cent completed this week, followed by canary seed at 88 per cent. Later maturing crops, or fields seeded later, represent the remaining acres to be harvested, although great progress is being made. Canola is 80 per cent, flax is 63 per cent and soybeans are 64 per cent combined for the year.

A dry week across the province meant good harvest weather for producers. The most rainfall recorded was 15 mm in the Carnduff area. However, this also meant a decrease in topsoil moisture across the province. Twenty per cent of cropland has adequate moisture, 45 per cent is short and 35 per cent is very short. Sixteen per cent of pastures have adequate moisture, 44 per cent are short and 40 per cent are very short.

With the limited moisture this year, many livestock producers are experiencing moderate water shortages for their animals. Some producers in the southwest and west-central regions are experiencing water supply shortages. There are also concerns about livestock water quality. Producers are welcome to bring livestock water samples to a regional office and work with a specialist to determine how to address water quality concerns.

Crop damage this past week is due to grasshoppers and dry conditions, with some reports of wind damaging standing crops.

With many producers wrapping up harvest this week, they are now working their fields and applying post-harvest herbicides. Livestock producers continue to haul water and feed for their animals while preparing for winter.

Producers are reminded to take safety precautions in all the work they do. 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>

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 12 pm - 5 pm

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

CANWOOD: Canwood Branch of Wapiti Regional Library. Tuesday 10am - 3:30pm; Thursday 3:30pm - 8pm; Friday 1:30pm - 4:30pm. Kids Club is Fridays 3:30pm - 4:30pm, Crafter's Choice is the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

DEBDEN: Wapiti Library hours: Tuesday 10am - 4pm; Wednesday 1pm - 7pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon

LEASK: Wapiti Library & Legacy Gallery Hours - Tuesday 9am - 2pm; Wednesday 3pm - 6pm; Friday 1pm - 5pm

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

SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Branch of the Wapiti Library located at 105 Railway Ave., West (Provincial building). Library Hours: Monday 2pm - 6pm; Tuesday 2pm - 8pm; Wednesday 2pm - 8pm; Thursday 12pm - 6pm; Friday 10 am - 5pm (Story Time 10:30am - 11:30am); Saturday 10am - 4pm.

CANWOOD: Canwood Fall Supper @ Canwood Elks Community Hall – Sunday, October 29, 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Roast Beef & Ham with all the fixins!!! For in town delivery on pre-orders, please call 306-468-7616. Adults \$20; 12 & Under \$15; Pre-school Free. Proceeds to maintenance & expenses of Canwood Elks Community Hall. Sponsored by the Canwood Hall Committee.

CANWOOD: Canwood Public Library, Branch of Wapiti Regional Library – Celebrating 65 Years! Thursday, October 19 – Come & Go – 1:30 to 4:30 pm. There will be cake, ice cream and a program beginning at 2 pm with music & a video presentation. Everyone welcome!

Spiritwood High School Hosts SUTIL

By **BEVRA FEE**
Spiritwood Herald Reporter

With the new school year well underway, the Grades 9 to 12 students at Spiritwood High School were provided the opportunity to interact with post-secondary institutions from across western Canada.

The Saskatchewan Universities & Technical Institute Liaison (SUTIL) is a united team of post-secondary institutions that visits high schools across the province, engaging students to realize their potential and plan their path after graduation.

In attendance on the evening of Sept. 26 were RCMP, University of Regina, Sask Polytech, St. Thomas More College, University of Alberta, and Lakeland College. Booths were set up around the perimeter of the high school gymnasium and the audience pit, where students and parents were able to listen to elevator pitches from the post-secondary representatives.

The SUTIL presentation was organized by career guidance teacher, Tawnee Kotyk, on behalf of Spiritwood High School.

"We feel it is important to provide the in-

formation for students, although we never know what the turnout for an evening presentation will be," commented Kotyk.

"It may even help students plan their subject selections in their final years of high school, given that they will learn entrance criteria for the information presented here."

Around two dozen students attended the evening and most went away with a little more insight into what is available in their future if they opt for further education beyond high school graduation.



A University of Regina representative answers questions from students Maya and Sedric.

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Moe to invoke notwithstanding clause over pronoun policy

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe has asked the Speaker of the Legislature to recall MLAs to legislative assembly on Oct. 10, two weeks ahead of schedule, so his government can pass legislation to make its parental inclusion and consent policy into law.

The request was made last Thursday, after Court of King's Bench judge Michael Megaw granted an injunction to halt the policy's implementation until its legitimacy can be ruled upon by the courts.

In his written decision on the legal action brought forward by the UR Pride Centre for Sexuality and Gender Diversity and national advocacy organization Egale Canada, Megaw said, "I determine the protection of these youth surpasses that interest expressed by the Government, pending a full and complete hearing into the constitutionality of this Policy.

"I find this to be one of those clear cases where injunctive relief is neces-

sary to attempt to prevent the irreparable harm referred to, pending a full hearing of this matter on its merits."

Megaw's ruling was met with immediate criticism from Premier Moe, who said shortly afterward that he would ensure the policy is enacted by invoking the notwithstanding clause. The clause allows a government to override certain rights protected by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms for a period of five years.

"Our government is extremely dismayed by the judicial overreach of the court blocking implementation of the Parental Inclusion and Consent Policy — a policy which has the strong support of a majority of Saskatchewan residents, in particular," Moe said in a statement.

"Our government will take action to ensure the rights of Saskatchewan parents are protected and that this policy is implemented by recalling the legislative assembly and using the notwithstanding clause of the Canadian constitution to pass legislation to protect parental rights."

Officially announced on Aug. 22, the government's parental inclusion and consent policy requires schools to seek parental consent to use the preferred name and pronouns of students who are under the age of 16. It also 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.

In September, Saskatchewan's Advocate for Children and Youth, Dr. Lisa Broda, reviewed the policy and ruled it could "violate a young person's rights under provincial, constitutional, and international human rights laws."

"We agree with the government's desire to place a high importance on the involvement of parents and guardians in education. However, this objective can be achieved without imposing such strict rules around consent, which could result in a violation of a young person's rights under provin-

cial, constitutional, and international human rights laws," she wrote.

She added that the age requirement is not justifiable and not based on the demonstrated capacity of a student.

"Many young people under the age of 16 will have the capacity to make this type of decision. Giving them the chance to demonstrate capacity is an important step in accommodating their right to their gender identity," she wrote.

Issuing its own statement on last Thursday's ruling, the Sask. NDP accused Premier Moe of using a sledgehammer approach to implement the policy, and called on him to drop it.

"The government should not come forward with legislation in the fall sitting to put this policy into law, and they certainly shouldn't do so relying on the notwithstanding clause to push this policy forward," Opposition Education Critic Matt Love said in statement.

Court arguments surrounding the policy are expected to be heard in November.

Shellbrook Library Lego Club highlights letter 'C'

By **LORRAINE THIBEAULT**
Assistant Librarian

On Tuesday, Sept. 19, nine youngsters got together at the Shellbrook Library to create things that began with the letter 'C'. Once the creations were complete, participants had fun trying to guess what the creation was. Their only clue was that it started with the letter 'C'.

Creations included a copter (short for heli-

copter), two castles, a crane, a crash site, a super-powered car, and a police castle. This Lego activity challenged the child to think about the alphabet and what words could be easily created.

As always, problem-solving skills came into play as adjustments were made to the creations and their names. Lots of fun was had, as we tried to guess what each participant had built.



Erica works on her castle.



Elijah and Thane pick out their Lego pieces.

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 - 2nd 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
1st & 3rd Sundays 1:30 p.m.
Fr. Tuan Doan

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

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

Erica works on her castle.

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

FIELDS OF HOPE (HOFFNUNGSFELDER)

MENNONITE CHURCH
Glenbush
Worship - 11:00 am

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

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BELBUTTE FULL GOSPEL

11 am Worship Service

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Shell Lake
Worship Services
Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Pastor Sarah Urano
306-841-7333

Aardvarks downed by Panthers under the lights

By **JORDAN TWISS**

Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

The WP Sandin High School Aardvarks football team welcomed the Hague Panthers to Shellbrook for its regular season home opener and annual Friday Night Lights game on Sept. 29.

Accustomed to putting on an exciting, high-scoring show for their hometown crowd, the Aardvarks instead found themselves fighting in a war between the teams' defensive units for the first three quarters of the game.



Kamden Shewchuk fights through two Hague tacklers to gain some extra yards.

Before that battle truly began, however, the Panthers got the scoring started on their first offensive play of the game, when Sawyer Brown found the outside edge and scampered for a long rushing touchdown to put Hague up 6-0.

As both the Aardvarks and the Panthers traded off possessions through the first 12 minutes of action, this touchdown would hold as the only score until the beginning of the second quarter. With the Panthers' defence pinned deep, the Aardvarks' defence made a big stop to record a safety, closing the gap 6-2.

And on their next possession, the Aardvarks' offence moved the ball down the field and capped off a long drive with a touchdown pass from quarterback Jesse Nyberg to wide receiver Jake Boettcher to go up by a score of 8-6.

The lead was short lived, however, as Brown struck again for the Panthers to put them up 14-8. A last-minute drive by the Aardvarks to close out the first half came up just short, leaving them trailing the Panthers as the action moved to the third quarter.

Receiving the ball to start the second half, the Aardvarks squandered their first drive by taking penalties, but rebounded on their next possession



Hague's Sawyer Brown races Kaiden Ross to the outside edge en route to a Panthers touchdown.

with a touchdown pass to Kamden Shewchuk to tie the game at 14-14.

In an otherwise quiet quarter, the Panthers managed to score late to reclaim a 22-14 lead, thanks to another big play by Brown.

Brown continued to give the Aardvarks' defence trouble in the fourth quarter, as he was on the receiving end of a perfectly thrown touchdown pass that put the Panthers up 30-14.

The Aardvarks rallied with a touchdown pass of their own, this one to Brandon Dingwall, to narrow the gap to 30-22. However, a pass interference

call set the Panthers up on the Aardvarks' goal line for an easy punch into the end zone, and another goal line run on the Panthers' next possession put the game all but out of reach at 46-22.

Down but not out, the Aardvarks closed out the game with a tricky pitch to Dingwall, who scampered down to the Panthers' one yard line. This set up Nyberg to run one into the endzone as the final buzzer sounded, bringing the final score to 46-28 for the Panthers.

With the loss, the Aardvarks sit at 1-2 on the season.

Minutes of an RM of Big River council meeting

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

The minutes the regular council meeting of the Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555 held on Aug. 14, 2023, at the Big River Community Centre, located at 606 First Street North, in Big River, Sask.

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Clint Panter at 9 a.m.

Delegations

10 a.m. Public Hearing – Bylaw 23-07-08

11 a.m. Coby Wilson

Present: Reeve Clint Panter, Division 1 Doug Panter, Division 2 Justin Sullivan, Division 4 Maurice Denis, and CAO Michael Yuzik. Absent: Division 3 Jeff Wiebe.

D. Panter: That the Aug. 14th, 2023, agenda be accepted for reference purposes. Carried

Sullivan: That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held July 10, 2023, be approved as presented. Carried

Denis: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of July 2023 be accepted as presented. Carried

C. Panter: That the list of accounts as per attached be approved as presented. Carried

D. Panter: That the following accounts be approved for payment and added to the next list of accounts presented to Council.

- Clint Panter, Council Indemnity/Mileage, \$519.95
- Doug Panter, Council Indemnity/Mileage, \$419.10
- Justin Sullivan, Council Indemnity/Mileage, \$477.65
- Maurice Denis, Council Indemnity/Mileage, \$435.80
- RM of Big River No. 555, Petty Cash, \$58.70. Carried

Reeve C Panter declared a conflict of interest, as he is an em-

ployee of Len's Trucking Ltd. and left the Council Chambers at 9:15 a.m.

Deputy Reeve Denis assumed the chair.

D. Panter: That the invoices from Len's Trucking Ltd. totaling \$36,466.15 be approved as presented. Carried

Reeve C. Panter returned to the Council Chambers at 9:17 a.m. and resumed the chair.

C. Panter: That we acknowledge Redhead Equipment informed us our crank shaft will also need to be replaced and advised it would not be feasible to repair our Volvo G690B grader as it would exceed our budget of \$90,000 as Council approved in motion 23-06-014 and that we approach McDougall Auctions and Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers to see if they would purchase or sell the grader as is, which would include the wing. Carried

Denis: That we advise Veritas Law Office to proceed with the Request for Consent to the Provincial Mediation Board for permission to make final application for title to the property listed below: Lot 01 Block 04 Plan 84B11865, Lot 05 Block 05 Plan 102004603, Lot 10 Block 02 Plan 82B12420, Lot 11 Block 02 Plan 82B12420. Carried

C. Panter: That the time being 9:43 a.m., Council closes a portion of this meeting to the public to go in camera under the authority of Part III of The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, to discuss legal matters, the public gallery be vacated and those present for this closed session be CAO Michael Yuzik, Reeve Clint Panter, Councillors: Doug Panter, Justin Sullivan, and Maurice Denis. Carried

9:50 a.m. Public Hearing: Bylaw 23-07-08

C. Panter: That we recess for the public hearing at 9:50 a.m. Carried

Reeve C. Panter reconvened the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

C. Panter: That the time being 11:10 a.m., Council closes a portion of this meeting to the public to go in camera under the authority of Part III of The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, to discuss legal matters, the public gallery be vacated and those present for this closed session be CAO Michael Yuzik, Reeve Clint Panter, Councillors: Doug Panter, Justin Sullivan, and Maurice Denis. Carried

Reeve C. Panter reconvened at 11:34 a.m.

D. Panter: That Bylaw No. 23-07-08, being a bylaw to amend Bylaw 23-01-02 as attached hereto and forming part of these minutes now be read a third time, adopted, sealed, and signed by the Reeve and CAO. Carried

C. Panter: That the CAO prepare a bylaw that restricts overnight camping and long-term parking on municipal property with a provision to allow for camping or parking with a permit. Carried

C. Panter: That the CAO advise the owner on Lot 10 Block 06 Plan 102067635 their metal shed is not acceptable unless they can provide a stamped engineer's plan in addition to obtaining the required permits. Carried

Sullivan: That we accept the Clifton Engineering Drainage and Geotechnical Reports, related to File# S2576 (Bodmin Road west of Bodmin bridge), as presented. Carried

D. Panter: That we request a quote from Clifton Engineering

for the design of the road on the west side of the Bodmin bridge, a quote for the road design required on the east side of the bridge to support the new bridge and a quote for the management of the road construction project and the placement of the bridge. Carried

D. Panter: That we add to the 2024 budget the cost related to joining the most northerly road from Shores on Cowan with the road on the upper level of Sunset Cove. Carried

Denis: That we acknowledge the CAO has approved an approach on the PT SW 30-56-06 W3, as indicated on the drawing attached to the approach application, according to Policy 400-29A, Approach Development/Culvert Installation. Carried

Denis: That CAO to make the necessary changes to the Beaver Control Management policy as it related to obtaining consents to access landowners' property and changes related how Council informs the RM office of the number of beavers caught by the Beaver Removal Technician. Carried

C. Panter: That the CAO co-ordinate a meeting for Council with Vicki Green of Lands and Consultation Branch, Ministry of Government Relations regarding the proposed Treaty Land Entitlement Settlement Agreement so that the Reeve may be able to call for a special meeting. Carried

C. Panter: That we acknowledge the CAO, with the approval of Councillor D Panter, granted SaskEnergy approval to tie into their main 3 meters inside the right of way to access the yard at SE 16-55-07 W3. Carried

Denis: That we acknowledge the CAO, with the approval of Councillor Sullivan, approved SaskEnergy's construction drawing

showing the proposed borrowing of a new line at a depth of 2.5 meters located on the road north of NE 12-56-08 W3. Carried

C. Panter: That we advise the Fire Committee we support charging parties for false alarms. Carried

Sullivan: That we request additional information from Phillips Grove regarding the marina project, estimated costs, number of quotes received and repayment schedule regarding their \$64,000 loan request. Carried

Foreman C Wilson met with Council to discuss operations for the previous month at 3:15 p.m. and left at 3:55 p.m.

C. Panter: That we approve Mark Oldfield's request to install an approach off the NW 30-56-06 W3 in line with the existing approach off the SE 31-56-06 W3 and that the approach be built to municipal standards as specified stated in the Approach Policy 400-29A. Carried

C. Panter: That we advise the Town of Big River that we are prepared to meet with them to decide what we can do regarding Wapiti's position that they must approve any rental of the library area, in addition to coordinating a date to meet with Wapiti Regional Library following our agreement as how to proceed. Carried

D. Panter: That we advise the RM of Canwood No. 494, the RM of Big River No. 555 agrees to proceed with the Develop, Deliver and Evaluate Emergency Planning with the Community Partners project. Carried

Sullivan: That we withdraw our interest in becoming a partner with Highway 55 Waste Management. Carried

Sullivan: That this meeting be adjourned.

Shellbrook Legion presents 2022 contest awards

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle
Reporter

Shellbrook Legion members Henri and Helen Dagenais and Brett Ethier stopped by Shellbrook Elementary School and WP Sandin High School on

Friday, Sept. 29, to hand out the belated branch prizes for the 2022 Remembrance Day Poster and Literary Contest.

Awards for these Remembrance Day submissions are given out across four age groups: primary for students from Kindergarten to Grade 3,

junior for students from Grade 4 to Grade 6, intermediate for students from Grade 7 to Grade 9, and senior for students from Grade 10 to Grade 12.

The entries are also part of a broader Canada-wide competition. Winners at the branch level move on to a larger zone contest, and, if successful, have the opportunity to go all the way to the national level.

Beginning with the primary category, Hannah Nordin topped the entries in the colour poster contest, with McKenzie Capner placing second.

In the black and white poster contest, Arya Strandberg earned top prize, followed by Cody Keyowski in second.

At the junior level, Camerin Smart won the colour poster contest, with Jayden Nelson finishing second and Gwyn Phan finishing third. On the black and white side, Wild Rose School student Kasan Sinclair had the top entry, with Taylor Cameron and Grace Hrechka finishing just behind her.

Last but not least, Sarah Fisher was the lone entrant in

the junior poem category, taking home the prize.

Looking at the intermediate contests, Marcail Philp had the winning colour poster, followed by Paige Herndier in second and Hayley Van Hereweghe in third. For black and white posters, Reese Galloway was the top prize winner, followed by Emersyn Nahorniak and Carter Herndier.

On the literary side, Mar-

cail Philp was the lone entrant in the essay contest and took home the prize. Finally, Emmy Leding claimed top spot with her intermediate poem, with Addison Kyliuk placing second and Matt Muller finishing third.

Unfortunately, the Shellbrook Legion received no entries in the senior category for the 2022 Remembrance Day Poster and Literary Contest.



Shellbrook Legion members Brett Ethier and Helen Dagenais present awards to students at Shellbrook Elementary School. Back row, left to right: Camerin Smart, Arya Strandberg, and McKenzie Capner. Front row, left to right: Taylor Cameron, Cody Keyowski, Grace Hrechka, and Hannah Nordin.



Shellbrook Legion members Brett Ethier and Helen Dagenais present awards to students at WP Sandin High School. Back row, left to right: Marcail Philp, Reese Galloway, Emersyn Nahorniak, and Hayley Van Hereweghe. Front row, left to right: Jayden Nelson, Gwyn Phan, Paige Herndier, Emmy Leding, Carter Herndier, and Matt Muller.

Sask. minimum wage climbs to \$14

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Saskatchewan's minimum wage officially jumped to \$14 per hour on Sunday, Oct. 1, increasing from the previous minimum wage of \$13 per hour.

The \$1 per hour increase to the mini-

imum wage is part of the Saskatchewan government's plan to incrementally increase the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by Oct. 1, 2024. The first stage of this plan came in 2022, when the government announced that it would stop using its indexation formula and increased the minimum wage to \$13 from

\$11.81.

Despite Sunday's increase, Saskatchewan still offers the lowest minimum wage in Canada, as all other provinces and territories have increased their minimum wages to \$15 or higher as of this year.

As of 2018, the latest year for which data appears to be available, Statistics Canada found that 3 per cent of Saskatchewan's work force earned the minimum wage. Extrapolating to 2023, with 604,700 people working in the province, this means about 18,140 people will benefit from Sunday's minimum wage increase.

With the \$1 increase, a full-time worker earning minimum wage is now bringing home \$560 per week and \$29,120 per year before taxes (compared to \$520 per week and \$27,040 per year before taxes with the old minimum wage).

"Saskatchewan has a strong, growing economy and increasing the minimum wage is just one of many mechanisms used to take care of Saskatchewan workers and create more prosperity for everyone," Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Minister Don McMorris said in a statement.

"Other supports to assist minimum wage earners include the basic personal tax exemption, child tax credit and the Saskatchewan Low-Income Tax Credit."

The increase to Saskatchewan's minimum wage comes as Food Banks Canada released its inaugural Poverty Report Card, grading the provinces and territories on their poverty statistics, efforts to reduce poverty, the availability of basic resources and services, and other factors.

In the report card, Saskatchewan was awarded a D, putting it in a tie with Alberta and ahead of only Manitoba, New Brunswick, and Newfoundland and Labrador. Meanwhile, Québec received the top grade of a B- and Canada as a country earned a D+.

Weighing down Saskatchewan's overall D grade were failing grades on a

number of factors, including its overall poverty rate, people's overall sense that they're financially worse off than in 2022, and that government supports aren't keeping up with cost of living, and access to healthcare.

Food Banks Canada found nearly half of respondents in Saskatchewan reported feeling worse off compared to last year, and 36 per cent of people reported spending more than a third of their income on housing.

"Residents in the province with low incomes are spending as much as 58 per cent of their income on fixed costs like internet, groceries and transportation, [and] there is a real concern that people do not have enough money left over at the end of the month to feel financially secure," the Poverty Report Card's authors wrote.

To improve its grade, the study's authors offered several recommendations to the provincial government. These include updating and modernizing its 2016 poverty reduction strategy, clearing the repair backlog for affordable housing, ensuring all residents benefit from the province's wealth, indexing support programs to inflation, making broadband services more readily available, and raising the minimum wage to \$16.50 per hour by 2024 and indexing it to inflation going forward.

"The government has taken some minor steps to address poverty through increasing and improving access to assistance. However, it has largely failed to pass legislation that substantially addresses key drivers of poverty, in particular housing. If the trend continues, residents' circumstances will likely worsen," the Poverty Report Card's authors concluded.

"To meaningfully address poverty in the province, strong and coordinated efforts need to be made to build more affordable housing and improve rural access to services, and to work with Indigenous communities to create tailored and culturally safe services."

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In the NHL, the kids are alright

When it comes to youth, the National Hockey League is in good hands.

Connor McDavid, Leon Draisaitl, Auston Matthews, Nathan MacKinnon and Co. may still be in their 20s and considered young, but when it comes to REALLY young, there is a plethora of talent on the cusp of superstardom.

One could put together a terrific all-star team using only players born in the 2000s, which means this group is no older than 23. And since we love lists, here's one man's version of the top 10 NHLers in that youthful group.

Counting down....

No. 10 — Matty Beniers (born in 2002) of Seattle. The reigning rookie of the year put up 57 points for the Kraken and was an impressive plus 14.

No. 9 — Cole Caufield (2001) of Montreal. The diminutive Wisconsin native has speed and great moves, and terrifies opposing goalies. He

scored 26 goals in only 46 games last year and projects to being a perennial 50-goal scorer if he can stay healthy.

No. 8 — Trevor Zegras (2001) of Anaheim. His second full season produced a second-straight 23-goal campaign. The innovative Zegras introduced lacrosse-style 'Michigan' goals, things of beauty, to the NHL.

No. 7 — Moritz Seider (2001) of Detroit. The German-born defenceman won the Calder Trophy as rookie of the year in 2021-22 after putting up 50 points. He racked up another 42 last season.

No. 6 — Dylan Cozens (2001) of Buffalo. The former Lethbridge Hurricane found the scoring range last year. After netting only 13 goals in his first full season, Cozens erupted for 31 goals and 68 points last year and is the team's No. 2 centre behind Tage Thompson.

No. 5 — Andrei Svechnikov (2000) of Carolina. Was on a 30-goal,



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70-point pace last year until a late-season injury put him on the shelf and helped derail the Hurricanes' legitimate Stanley Cup hopes.

No. 4 — Connor Bedard (2005) of Chicago. The hype is real.

No. 3 — Rasmus Dahlin (2000) of Buffalo. The first overall pick in the 2018 draft has not disappointed the Sabres or their fans. He plays more than 20 minutes a night, anchors the Sabres' power play and his point totals went from 53 two years ago to 73 last year.

No. 2 — Tim Stutzle (2002) of Ottawa. The

third overall pick in the 2020 draft, Stutzle has more than lived up to his pre-draft billing. He collected 90 points last year (39 goals, 51 assists) to lead the Sens' offence. He has gone from 29 points to 58 to 90 in his three years in the league. Season four and beyond could be spectacular.

No. 1 — Jack Hughes (2001) of New Jersey. The top pick in the 2019 draft broke through with 99 points last year, including 43 goals, and is one of three Hughes brothers in the NHL (Quinn with the Canucks and Luke with the Devils). Will win a Cup or two before he's done.

• Headline at fark.com: "(Washington) Capitals sign Tom Wilson to a 7-year, \$45.5 million extension, which lets him live rent free in his opponents' heads until 2031."

• NBA all-star and renowned bad golfer, Charles Barkley, telling a friend he liked his Nike clubs: "Yeah, one of the other big companies is paying me a lot of money

not to use theirs."

• Headline at the on-ion.com: "Resilient Aaron Rodgers Vows To Return More Detached From Reality Than Ever"

• Found in Peter King's Football Morning in America, quoting Peyton Manning, who speculated about what Jets' offensive co-ordinator Nathaniel Hackett was doing at halftime of the Jets-Bills game, after Aaron Rodgers was KOed with a torn Achilles: "I think he spent most of that time vomiting."

• Comedy writer Torben Rolfson of Vancouver: "Lionel Messi has 'muscle fatigue'. Didn't Inter Miami do due diligence on this guy before they brought him over?"

• Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel, on the rumoured romance between Taylor Swift and the Chiefs' tight end Travis Kelce: "Beware, Travis! My sources tell me she's eventually going to break up with you just so she can write a hit song about it!"

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "In the Bears' loss to the Bills, Chicago QB Justin Fields blamed his robotic play on the coaching. So that must be some awful coaching that would tell Fields not to throw to a receiver who was open by 30 yards."

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "Blue Jays pitcher Yusei Kikuchi says a short sleep caused him to cramp last game — only 11 hours instead of his usual 13! They're going to start calling him Rip Van Kikuchi."

• Another one from RJ Currie: "More than 600 runners from around the world took part in this year's Red Bull 400 in Lahden Suurmäki, Finland, where competitors must run uphill. 'We can relate,' said the Houston Texans."

• From theonion.com: "Aaron Judge Thankful Yankees Protecting Privacy By Keeping Name Off Back Of Jersey"

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Minutes of a Village of Canwood meeting

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

A regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Canwood was held in the Council Chambers, at 641 Main Street, Canwood, Sask, on Aug. 15, 2023, commencing at 6:30 p.m., and was called to order by Mayor Hugh Otterson with a quorum being present.

Present: Mayor — Hugh Otterson, Deputy Mayor — Ken Moar, Councillors — Lorne Benson, Kaytlyn Mitchell, Ron Willner, and Assistant Administrator Lindsey Olson.

Otterson: That the Council of the Village of Canwood add Structural Engineer and Well Line Flushing to the Agenda. Carried

Moar: That the Council of the Village of Canwood hereby agree to adopt the agenda as amended. Carried

Willner: That the minutes of the July 18, 2023, Regular Council Meeting and Aug. 1,

2023, Special Meeting be approved as presented. Carried

Moar: That the Council of the Village of Canwood hereby agree to adopt the Bank Reconciliation for the month of July 2023, as presented. Carried

Otterson: That the Council of the Village of Canwood hereby adopt the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of July 2023, as presented. Carried

Willner: That the Council of the Village of Canwood hereby acknowledge the attendance statements for the Administration and Maintenance for the month of July 2023 and Payroll for Administration and Maintenance for the month of July totaling \$10,155.70. Carried

Otterson: That the Council of the Village of Canwood hereby acknowledge Council indemnities for the months of August 2023. Carried

Moar: That the Council of the Village of Canwood here-

by approve list of accounts for approval for the month of July 2023. Online - \$25,611.04 and cheques - \$50,655.75. Carried

Willner: That the Council of the Village of Canwood hereby approve the water reports for the month of July 2023 as presented. Carried

Otterson: That the Council of the Village of Canwood hereby agree to adopt verbal reports from the following committees: Highway 55 Committee, verbal report Ken Moar; Public Works Committee, verbal report Kaytlyn Mitchell. Carried

Moar: That the Council of the Village of Canwood hereby agree to adopt Administration report as presented. Carried

Benson: That the Council of the Village of Canwood hereby agree to cancel utility service billing on Roll number 134000 and reimburse \$84.00 for utility billing for the month of August 2023. Carried

Willner: That the Council of the Village of Canwood now file correspondence. Carried

Otterson: That the Council of the Village of Canwood agree to hire Elk Point Drilling to do water/well servicing on wells 5 & 7, this fall. Carried

Let the Minutes note that Mayor Otterson left the meeting at 7:50 p.m. for the evening.

Moar: That the Council of the Village of Canwood hereby agree to hire Muskunow Paving to pave the 126-meter square patch on main street at \$60/square meter, in the amount of \$7,560.00 + tax. Carried

Mitchell: That the Council of the Village hereby instruct Administration to hire Septi-Vac to complete the sewer flushing for the Village of Canwood. Carried

Benson: That the Council of the Village of Canwood hereby instruct Administration to contact BDO Canada LLP Au-

ditors for the pre-audit for the Village of Canwood. Carried

Moar: That we move to in-camera at 8:50 p.m. sighting The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, section 15(1)(b)(ii) and section 23(1)(b) "personal information" and Human Resources. Carried

Moar: That we move out of in-camera at 9:30 p.m. and note that all members of Council and Administration are in attendance, with the exception of Hugh Otterson. Carried

Moar: That the Council of the Village of Canwood hereby approve Waterworks Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC), Policy No: WW/SW — 1. Carried

Willner: That the Council of the Village of Canwood agree to adjourn at 9:50, with the next regular meeting to be held Sept. 19, 2023, at the Village of Canwood Office, 641 Main Street. Carried



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OBITUARY

James "Bud" Austen Forbes



James Austen Forbes, or better known as 'Bud', was born in Big River, SK, on July 29, 1940. Bud was the second born of 7 children. He grew up in Big River and attended school until Grade 8. Shortly after that, he

started work at the age of 16. In 1963 Bud started work at the Gardiner Dam near Cutbank, SK. That same year, he met Grace & they started their courtship. Bud and Grace's relationship blossomed. They married on October 16, 1965. Grace then moved to live with Bud in Cutbank, SK. In 1966, they started their family, welcoming their first-born son Pat. Bud did many jobs all around. He worked for a short time in Chamberlain in 1967 where they lived as a family. Bud and Grace returned home to Big River in 1969. Bud started working for Sask Forest Prod-

ucts in 1970. They moved on to the current family farm in 1972. That same year, their family was complete with the birth of their second son Howard. Bud continued working with Sask Forest Products while they transitioned to Weyerhaeuser in 1986. He went on to get his GED in 1996 which would help him further his education. Bud started schooling for his Journeymen's Parts Person Certificate in 1997, which was successfully completed in 1999. Bud retired in May 2002 after a steady working career of 32 years. He retired from Weyerhaeuser but con-

tinued his work on the family farm with his cattle. In 2010 he completely retired and enjoyed his time spent with his family, 10 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. In 2017 Bud was awarded his 25 years of service with Elks Canada. He continued as a standing member for a few years longer.

Buds' family and friends will remember him for the hardworking man that he was as well as his clever tricks & jokes. He may have loved to joke but everyone who knew him know, Bud was always a kind well-mannered and

loving man. There are many stories that should be shared but we would be here all day. His family looks forward to hearing some from all of you later today. Bud will be greatly missed by all.

The Forbes family would like to send their greatest appreciation to all who helped in Buds journey over the past few years. We couldn't have gotten through these times without all your love and support. Thank you all so very much from the bottom of our hearts.

James "Bud" Austen Forbes, late of RM of Big River, SK, passed away on Tuesday, September

26, 2023, at Big River Health Centre in Big River, SK. Memorial Service was held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 1, 2023 at Big River Community Hall. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be directed to Lakewood Lodge Auxiliary (Box 846 Big River, SK SoJ oEO). Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, Lynn Anderson Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK 306-747-2828.

GOOD NEWS

AND HE WHO WATERS WILL ALSO BE WATERED HIMSELF

By DAVE BODVARSON

Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly

Growing up in Hay River, I remember when Kingland Ford started.

As a kid I was quite impressed with the King boys. If my memory serves me, the Kings got their start by running an Esso. Later on, they started and built up a successful Ford Dealership. It served Hay River and the north.

I can't really remember any other

dealership when I was a boy.

My first car was a 1965 Mustang. My second car was a 1979 Ford Fiesta. I bought it from Russell King at Kingland Ford. I think it was about \$5,600 brand new.

I started out driving a Ford so I like this story about Ford himself. I read that Henry Ford was asked to donate some money for the building of a new hospital. I guess Ford had a lot of money at the time and decided to donate \$5,000 for the local hospital.

The next day in the newspaper they made a mistake. The paper actually reported that, "Henry Ford contributes \$50,000 to the local hospital." Well Ford was not too pleased, so he phoned to lodge a complaint with the fundraiser. He was told that it could be corrected by having the newspaper print a retraction that would read "Henry Ford reduces his donation by \$45,000."

Ford felt that would be poor publicity, so he agreed to the \$50,000 contribution in return for the following.

He wanted a Scripture passage carved above the entrance of the Hospital. It would be based on the words of Jesus.

Jesus said in Matthew 25:35, "For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in."

It was paraphrased this way at the entrance of the hospital, "I came among you and you took me in."

There is one who scatters yet increases more. That is what Proverbs 11:24 says.

How to store your harvest

By PATRICIA HANBIDGE

One of the first things that is important to consider when storing produce, is to ensure that anything you are putting away is of good quality. Do not wait until the last moment to prepare for winter as it is important to ensure you are putting food away at the peak of quality. When harvesting your produce be careful not to break, nick or bruise what you are picking. Compost or quickly consume any product which is not in the optimum shape for storage. Any storage facility should be cleaned prior to storing any products and should be free of any potential rodent infestations.

Different vegetables require different storage conditions. If we are storing crops which are not being processed, then temperature and relative humidity (RH) are the main considerations of storage. There are three basic types of storage. Cold and dry (0 to 5°C and 65% RH); cool/cold and moist (0 to 10°C with 95% RH); and warm and dry (10°C and 60% RH).

Please note that these are optimal conditions for storage and any temperatures or humidity that are different than these op-

timal conditions then your shelf life will shorten. Our basements are generally cool and dry during our colder months and our home refrigerators can be considered cold and dry. Putting vegetables in perforated plastic bags will give a good short-term storage option for those that require cold and moist conditions. If you are lucky enough to have a root cellar, then you can likely easily store potatoes for the entire winter and beyond. Do note that any

type of storage does need to provide ventilation as the vegetables are still respiring.

Apples store best in the dark at a temperature just above freezing. A covering of perforated poly will help to prevent shrivelling. As apples exude ethylene gas ensure you do not store them with leafy green or cole crops as those crops are damaged by exposure to ethylene.

Carrots, cabbage, beets, parsnips, new potatoes, peppers,

cantaloupe, watermelon, beans and rutabagas like cool/cold, moist conditions with good ventilation. Ensure that these crops go into storage when they have dried thoroughly. Beets, parsnips, carrots, cabbage, beans, peppers and rutabagas will lose moisture readily so cover them with perforated poly. They do well at the bottom end of the range at 0 to 5°C. Potatoes will keep the best quality if they are stored at about 4°C when ma-

ture. Tomatoes like to be stored a bit warmer at about 10 to 15°C. All of these vegetables should be stored in the dark.

Garlic and onions prefer cold and dry storage conditions. If you happen to be harvesting seed for next year, most seed will store best if it has matured appropriately, cleaned and then stored in cold, dry conditions.

Peppers, pumpkins, squash and sweet potatoes should be stored in warm, dry conditions

For any produce that you are processing, it is necessary to blanch them prior to freezing. This blanching process means that you plunge the vegetables into boiling water - for just a tiny bit of time and then immediately immerse in an ice bath. There are specific guidelines for the length of blanching time. Blanching will stop the life of the products which means that respiration has stopped and following this process will ensure you keep the maximum amount of colour and nutrition.

Hope you have a great harvest!

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SLGA permits are being made available through a public online auction beginning Oct. 2 and ending on Oct. 11 in the following municipalities:

- Carnduff
- 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

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