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Cyr recognized with lifetime Kin Membership

By JORDAN TWISS
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When Tasha Cyr arrived at the Shellbrook Community Hall for the Shellbrook Kinettes' monthly meeting, she was expecting to discuss the club's regular business and take part in a fun murder mystery party with her fellow club members.

Little did she know, the rest of the Shellbrook Kinettes, along with Cyr's family and close friends, had a surprise item of business on their agenda for the evening.

Without her knowing, the Kinettes had nominated Cyr to receive a Kin Canada lifetime membership — the organization's highest honour, which is presented only to members who have served their club for at least 10 years, and who have made outstanding contributions to their clubs and communities.

Never one to seek out the spotlight, but always the first to celebrate others' accomplishments, Cyr says the special recognition is owed as much to her fellow Kinettes as it is to her.

"I love Kinettes. I love the friends I've made, the projects we've done. I love the way we are part of the community," she said, noting the club can have fun and make good memories while doing something as simple as digging holes at a park.

"I love going to the Centennial Park and knowing the Kinettes helped make disc golf happen. I love standing at Ballapalooza and seeing all the families hanging out... knowing we did that. I feel that way about all the projects, groups, and achievements. It is a great group, who put their hearts into everything they do for this town," she added, noting that one of the best parts of being a Kinette has been bringing her kids along for the ride and teaching them the importance of community and community involvement.

Cyr first joined the Shellbrook Kinettes in 2009, making this her 14th year as a member of the community group. Throughout her 14-year tenure, she has been recognized by the community, through the Community Groups Award at the inaugural Volunteer Appreciation Gala hosted by the Town of Shellbrook and the Shellbrook & District Chamber of Commerce in 2015.

Cyr has also been recognized previously by the Kin organization, receiving the 2021-2022 Kinette of the Year Award for Zone D. The Shellbrook Kinettes were also honoured in 2021-2022, earning the Kin Community



Long-time Shellbrook Kinette Tasha Cyr was recently recognized by fellow club members with a Kin Canada lifetime membership, the organization's highest honour for members.

Award for District 3.

Despite the personal awards and accolades, Cyr still says her proudest achievement as a Kinette is the group itself — what it has become over the past 14 years, and what it means to the community.

"The Kinettes do a great job of helping make this community a better place to raise your family," she said. "It is a group effort, and this is a great group to be a part of."

Despite Cyr's modesty, her fellow Kinettes make it clear in their application for her Kin lifetime membership that the club wouldn't be what it is without her unstoppable dedication

and work ethic.

Over the years, Cyr has amassed a near-perfect attendance record at the club's monthly meetings, devoted countless evenings and weekends to the club, and served as president, vice president, and treasurer (sometimes holding multiple positions simultaneously to ensure the club remained active).

At a time when the Kinettes were down to just four members, she actively recruited members and worked as a one-woman army, sustaining the club's annual events and finding new ways to serve the needs of the community.

"Tasha goes above and beyond in every project our club takes on. She approaches every idea with a mindset that nothing is too big or too small to take on," Cyr's fellow Kinettes wrote in their nomination, citing Cyr's role in the Kin Park project, Ballapalooza, Twinkle Tour, Santa Fun Day, Telemiracle fundraising, and more, as examples of her contributions.

"Tasha not only loves the Kinette Club and its members but also how the club has been able to help better our community. Tasha loves to introduce and spearhead new initiatives and community events and is encouraging of others to do the same."

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Cargill donates to Canwood Bus Association

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

The Canwood & District Bus Association is \$5,000 closer to its goal of raising \$20,000 to fund the construction of a garage to store its wheelchair accessible van, thanks to a donation from Canwood Cargill.

Once it meets its fundraising goal, the Bus Association intends to build a 16-foot by 20-foot metal type garage with a concrete floor. Other costs for the project will include installation of power, site preparation, and insulating the building with spray on insulation.

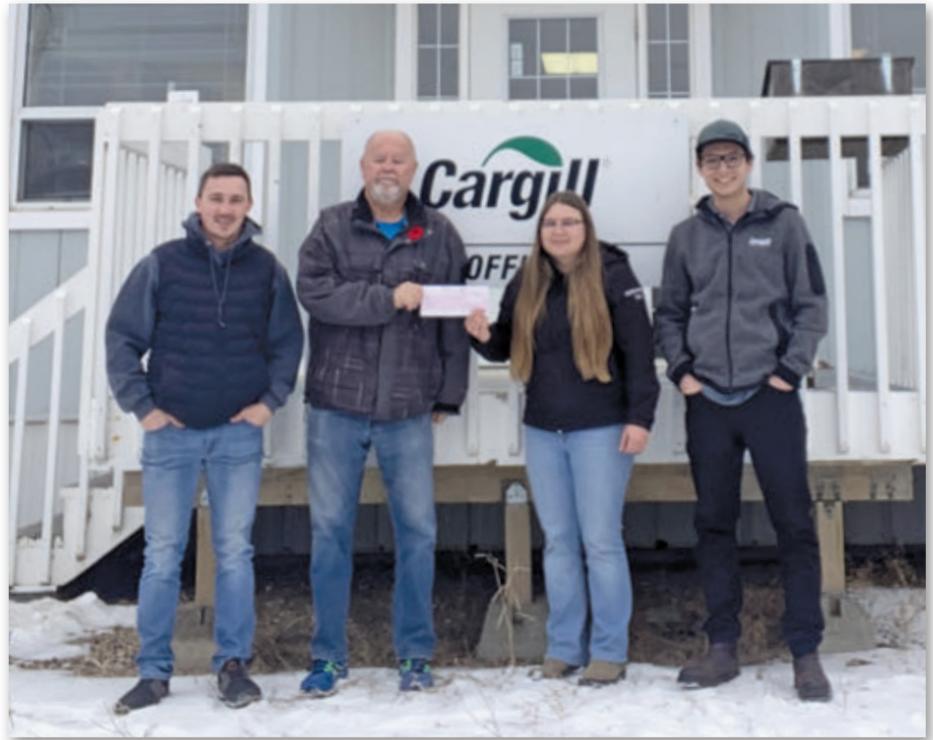
The Bus Association has already made a \$4,000 downpayment on the building, using funds obtained through hosting community barbecues and the 2022 craft sale, and various donations. In addition to Cargill's \$5,000 donation, Hugh Otterson says the Bus Association has received \$850 in other donations.

Acquired in 2019, the Bus Association's wheelchair accessible van allows for seating for up to four additional

people and/or family members. Along with the organization's bus, the van has allowed for physically challenged community members and residents from Canwood's Whispering Pine Place special care home to have access to transportation, whether it be to attend special events or to travel to non-urgent medical appointments.

Since its acquisition, the van has been stored in a shed at Whispering Pine Place, which is owned by the Saskatchewan Health Authority. The arrangement, however, was always meant to be temporary, as the special care home requires the shed for the repair of equipment and storage of chairs, tables, and other items.

Anyone interested in supporting the Bus Association's fundraising efforts can mail a cheque, payable to the Canwood & District Bus Association, to Box 130, Canwood, Sask., S0J 0K0. As the Bus Association is a non-profit charitable organization registered with the Canadian Revenue Agency, charitable tax receipts can be provided for all donations.



Canwood & District Bus Association representative Hugh Otterson (middle left) accepts a \$5,000 cheque from Canwood Cargill employees Tyler Couture (retail manager, left), Keisha Anakaer (crop input representative), and Lucas Giroux (grain representative).

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 Nov. 20)

Shellbrook's Town Council met for its regular meeting in person and via teleconference on Monday, Nov. 20.

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Otterson, and council began with its customary Treaty 6 land acknowledgement in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation. Then, it approved the meeting's agenda, adopted the minutes of its Nov. 6 meeting, acknowledged received correspondence, and moved on to reports.

Under the CAO's report, Councillor Miller had questions about the recreation budget, and the town's overall deficit or subsidization of recreation. With budget deliberations around the corner, he said council will have to continue looking at ways to

reduce the recreation deficit's share of the budget.

Hoare said some preliminary numbers have been gathered and will be finalized in the spring, to allow for data on a full-year cycle to be gathered.

In an update on the PARWU Board, Councillor Anderson said a meeting held a week prior included a presentation of the draft water supply agreement between PARWU and the City of Prince Albert, which outlines the city's water rates.

Anderson also said there was some talk of fixing rates for Shellbrook, but due to conflict of interest procedures, the Shellbrook representatives had to recuse themselves from the conversation. Anderson said something more final should be coming at some point.

In the hospital and clinic report, Mayor Otterson expressed some concern about doctor recruitment in the community after the recent loss of one doctor and the upcoming losses of two. At the time of the meeting, Otterson said he didn't know if there were any doctors allotted to Shellbrook currently going through SIPPA certification.

Shifting to the mayor and council forum, Councillor Anderson said he'd been inundated by calls from ratepayers who are concerned and angry about proposed changes to water rates, which include the addition of a monthly \$50 capital project fee. For some ratepayers, he said, \$50 per month is the difference between feeding and diapering their baby.

Hoare suggested that council could choose to eliminate the infrastructure fee on utility bills, which is

set to increase to \$33.84 from \$23.84 in 2024. This would effectively mean only a \$16 increase to bills (excluding the increase to water and sewer consumption charges).

Before proceeding any further with the bylaw to set the new water rates in the new business portion of the meeting, council agreed it should hold a public meeting to clarify the matter for ratepayers. The meeting has since been scheduled to take place at the Shellbrook Theatre at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7.

In other new business, council gave first and second reading to Bylaw 2023-13, the Waterworks Capital Investment Strategy, and gave first reading to Bylaw 2023-14, the Fines and Fees Bylaw.

Up next, council approved the sale of a 4-way 10' yellow blade for \$3,000, as well as the sale of the skate sharpener at the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre, including the machine and extra grinding discs, for \$1,200. Council also reviewed and approved the revised user agreement for town-owned facilities.

From here, it was mostly housekeeping items for the remainder of the meeting, as council approved finalizing its declaration of eligibility for municipal revenue sharing grant funding, and made appointments for the Board of Revision and Development Appeals Board.

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Spiritwood craft sales kick off Christmas season

BY BEVRA FEE
Spiritwood Herald Reporter

Spiritwood was abuzz with shoppers on Saturday, Nov. 25, with three large craft sales occupying venues in town.

The largest, the Spiritwood Lions Club's annual Christmas Craft Sale, took over the Civic Centre with 42 tables featuring everything from wood-working to pickled sausage.

The kitchen was open for lunch with hotdogs, pulled pork, coffee, and pie and was operated as a fundraiser for Spiritwood Minor Ball.

Lion Marlene Walter reports that approximately 400 customers passed through the gate at a steady

pace throughout the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Door prizes complemented the day's activities, and the Civic Centre's meeting room was set up for relaxing with a visit over lunch or coffee.

"We are over 75 per cent pre-booked for next year already," reports Walter.

At the Spiritwood Legion Hall, more vendors were set up with various crafts and gift offerings. Completing the circuit was a collection of crafters selling their crochet, sewing, and baking items at the Pioneer Centre.

Visitors to the craft sales made their rounds to all venues, looking to uncover unique and home-made items for their Christmas gift-giving and holiday celebrations.



Vendors from Jerk Brothers brought their offerings to the Civic Centre.



Partners in Faith's "Fill a Container" cookie sale church fundraiser was a big hit. Lynnda Berg and Carrol Brisbane worked the table.



Kathy Sawatsky hosted her popular baking table at the Legion Hall craft sale.



Jennifer and Shawna were set up at the Pioneer Centre to sell Christmas gift items for Prairie Community Endeavors – many items were made by the clients of PCE.



Lunch at the Civic Centre was a fundraiser for Spiritwood Minor Ball. Tanis Franson serves customers.

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Miriam Korner visits students at Spiritwood Library

By HEATHER GATZKE
Spiritwood Librarian

Spiritwood Public Library was thrilled to have Miriam Korner come to the library to present her newest book, *Fox & Bear*, to the Grade 2 Classes of Hartley Clark and Rivier Elementary Schools.

Miriam is originally from Germany but now lives in La Ronge. She has written and illustrated six books and has won many awards for her artwork. Miriam does all her own illustrations for her books, but with *Fox & Bear* she created three dimensional items all crafted from recycled cardboard and paper. Then she took photos of her items in a diorama.

She did a slideshow presentation, showcasing her book, as well as pictures from her home area, where she got her inspiration for *Fox &*

Bear. Once the presentation was finished, the children and adults came up with lots of really good questions. Then, the grades each took group pictures with Miriam.

Copies of Miriam's books were available to purchase after.

Funding for this program is graciously accepted from the Saskatchewan Writers Guild, SaskCulture, and Saskatchewan Lotteries.



Author Miriam Korner presents her latest book, *Fox & Bear*, to Grade 2 students at the Spiritwood Public Library.

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Gender equality still a dream in Saskatchewan

Among certain political and social spheres, there seems to be a pervasive and bitter sentiment that the winds have shifted in Canada – and not necessarily for the better.

Canada, they lament, has gone too far beyond the promised ideal of creating a society that fosters equality between men and women. Now, they claim, we live in a Canada that champions women (especially minority women) at the expense of

men, tilting every conceivable playing field – social, legal, professional, etc. – in their favour.

To be certain, there is sufficient data to suggest that Canada has come a long way in levelling the balances of power.

In the World Economic Forum's 2023 Gender Gap Report, North America (Canada and the United States) led all regions in terms of female economic participation and opportunity, and Canada, specifically, received a perfect score for women's educational attainment.

Meanwhile, areas for improvement highlighted by the report include political representation (only 31 per cent of federal parliamentarians are women), professional representation on boards and in management or "C-suite" positions, and wage equality (as of 2022, Statistics Canada found women made 90 cents for every dollar a man makes performing the same work).

With all factors considered, Canada's performance on gender equality saw it place 30th in the global rankings. Respectable, perhaps, but still indicative of the work that remains to be done to close the gap, and a clear contradiction of any assertion that Canada has become a radically feminist, man-oppressing dystopia.

Political and economic representation, and wages, are long-standing, well-documented areas of disparity between Canadian men and women, but, slowly, the pendulum seems to be swinging the right way.

However, as last week's Statistics Canada report on family violence showed, the pendulum has much further to go before we can proudly declare "mission accomplished" on gender equality.

Of all the provinces, Saskatchewan embarrassingly has the most progress



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left to make, in terms of both family and intimate partner violence.

Out of the intimate partner violence incidents that were reported to police in 2022 (and there's no way of knowing how many victims suffer in silence), Saskatchewan had 732 incidents per 100,000 people.

Manitoba scored second place with 633 incidents, and the other provinces sat in the 200-400 range, putting Saskatchewan at double the national average.

While the overall number of police-reported incidents remained unchanged between 2022 and 2021, the long-term trend doesn't look good, as reported incidents of family violence and intimate partner violence have increased by 19 per cent since 2014.

Statistics Canada also noted that family violence against children and youth across Canada increased by 38 per cent between 2014 and 2022 (though, there was a slight decline from 2021 to 2022).

Across all the reported incidents, eight out of ten victims who reported intimate partner violence in 2022 were women and girls.

Saskatchewan leading the provinces in rates of family and intimate violence isn't an anomaly. It also topped the provinces in police-reported incidents of intimate partner violence in 2019 (and rates in 2023 were marginally higher, suggesting a trend in the wrong direction). And in that same year, an investigative report undertaken by CBC found that shelters for women and children fleeing domestic abuse were turning away victims more than 600 times per month.

Four years later, demand for shelters remains high, and so do wait times to access them and other critical support services.

According to information obtained by the Sask. NDP, 291 people were on the waitlist for sexual assault counselling services as of August. In northern Saskatchewan in particular, wait times for services can run from three to six months.

Though it has been inexcusably slow to act, there are, fortunately, some signs to suggest the Sask. Party government is beginning to take the issue more seriously.



In its spring budget, it earmarked \$876,000 in operational funding over three years to support second stage housing, including intervention and counselling services, for women and their children leaving interpersonal violence and abuse (becoming the second last province to commit to such funding).

Last month, the provincial government also topped up this funding with an additional \$108,000 investment in second stage housing in Prince Albert and Regina.

This funding is part of a broader \$27.5 million budget commitment by the Sask. Party government to enhance interpersonal violence supports and services.

The last year has also seen the Sask. Party government introduce two pieces of legislation to empower victims of human trafficking (in 2020, Statistics Canada found 96 per cent of human trafficking victims in Canada were women and girls).

First, 2022's Protection from Human Trafficking Act introduced provisions for victims to obtain protection orders against their traffickers and seek financial compensation.

Second, an amended Protection from Human Trafficking Act was introduced last week to protect victims from the impact of coerced debts forced upon them by their traffickers, making it easier for them to rebuild their lives.

Last Thursday's legislation came at a pivotal time for the Sask. Party, as

it grapples with the expulsion of Cut Knife-Turtleford MLA Ryan Domotor, who was ejected from the party caucus after being arrested for soliciting sexual services just an hour after leaving the legislature for the day on Nov. 16.

While Premier Scott Moe rightly called Mr. Domotor's actions "disgusting and vile," and said his government "needs to be supportive of women that are in a vulnerable state, not exploiting them," it's hard not to see a troubling pattern forming with this Sask. Party government.

Barely more than a year ago, now-retired MLA Lyle Stewart called into question the government's respect for domestic violence victims by inviting convicted wife killer Colin Thatcher to attend the 2022 Throne Speech, forcing Mr. Moe to apologize for his lapse in judgment.

Though the actions of individual MLAs can't be said to reflect the beliefs or values of a government, it now falls to Mr. Moe and the Sask. Party government to prove their commitment to the women and girls of this province, and take leadership in reducing rates of violence against them.

We've come a long way from the days when domestic violence was tacitly accepted – when we feigned blindness, or said what happened in another's home wasn't our business – but we haven't crossed the finish line yet.

For our mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, and all the girls and women still to come, it's time to take a stand.

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Report from the Legislature

Nov. 19 to 25 is Manufacturing Week in Saskatchewan, a week dedicated to recognizing the province's nearly 2,000 manufacturers for their significant contributions to our economy. Their hard work and dedication help create opportunities for people who call our province home, employing more than 31,000 Saskatchewan workers. Manufacturing businesses create sustainable products that are exported around the world.

Saskatchewan continues to receive good news on its economy. Investment in building construction was up 18.5 per cent from September 2023 over August 2023. Numbers were also up 7.6 per cent in September 2023 compared to September 2022. These changes place our province third and second



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highest among the provinces. Investment in building construction is an indicator of growth for Saskatchewan's economy, showing that businesses and families are choosing our great province to live, work and build a family.

Our government continues to work to build and protect our economy. Recently, our government responded

to the federal government's proposed Clean Electricity Regulations. The proposed regulations impose a net-zero electricity grid across Canada by 2035, which will leave Saskatchewan families paying more than double to keep the power on.

We call on the federal government to recognize our government's plan to achieve net zero by 2050 while maintaining an energy mix that ensures reliable baseload power and affordable rates for generations to come. Our government will not risk the affordability and reliability of Saskatchewan's power grid to attempt the impossible based on an arbitrary federal emissions target and timeline.

Our growing economy allows our government to continue to invest in our youth. Our government

recently announced Holocaust education will be a compulsory component of the renewed Social Studies 10 curriculum – a provincial graduation requirement. The renewed curriculum will be introduced to high school students for the 2025-26 school year. It is important for our youth to learn about the atrocities committed during the Holocaust to reduce hate and discrimination within Saskatchewan and beyond. Our government will work with the Jewish community for their input into the content as well as involve teachers and other content experts in the process of the curriculum renewal and implementation.

Our government continues to invest in programs and services that matter to the people of Saskatchewan. A Child Support Service will be launched to assist parents experiencing separation and divorce and to calculate initial child support without having to go through a family court process that can



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be costly and complex. This will reduce some of the financial burden and allow parents to focus on the well-being of their children.

Our government also continues to ensure that families and friends can access support in difficult situations. Family Service Saskatchewan has been recently selected to provide a new provincial suicide loss program. The program will support the immediate psychological needs of people affected by the loss of someone who died by suicide or survived with significant injury or trauma. The

Rapid Access Counseling for Suicide Loss Program will be available in early 2024.

As we approach International Holodomor Day, recognized on the fourth Saturday of November and, this year landing on Nov. 25, a special service was recently held at the Legislative Building to commemorate Holodomor. Our government was joined by the local Ukrainian community to commemorate the millions who died during the 1932-33 famine in Ukraine. We join our Saskatchewan citizens of Ukrainian heritage to remember this dark time and honour those lost. A memorial candle was lit to represent unity with those around the world marking the Holodomor genocide.

As we continue to move forward with the Fall session, your questions and concerns help me represent your best interests in the legislature. I look forward to hearing from you! Feel free to reach out to my constituency office.

Canwood Public Library news

By **KARINA JOHNSON**
Branch Librarian

On Friday Nov. 17, 2023, Wapiti's Canwood Public Library hosted a fun afternoon working with Cubelets. Lindsay Baker from Wapiti Regional Library in Prince Albert brought the robotic blocks and led the session, teaching the kids how to build interactive machines.

The kids worked with the blocks,

each having their own function, to learn the basics of coding and applying logic to make the mini machines operate as they wanted. They finished off the session with having a race to determine whose robot structure was built the best.

Overall, the biggest win is having these incredible and fun learning resources available at Wapiti Regional Library, for use within the library system.



Wapiti's Lindsay Baker gets the kids started with a variety of blocks to build with.



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Budget update proves Trudeau isn't serious about finances

By **FRANCO TERRAZZANO**
CTF Director

Taxpayers should brace for impact based on the finance minister's latest projections.

Interest charges on the federal debt will go from \$47 billion this year to \$61 billion in 2028-29, according to the budget update.

But what does \$61 billion mean to you?

Sixty-one billion is the same amount the government plans to collect with the GST in 2028-29.

So, in a few short years, when you pay the GST on a hockey stick, a tank of gas or bar of soap, every penny will go to interest charges on the federal debt.

In fact, interest charges will surpass federal health-care transfers next year.

Let the shock sink in just a little deeper: what could we do if it weren't for the federal debt?

We could virtually double federal health spending.

Or we could completely eliminate the GST in a couple years.

Somehow the government is communicating these perplexing projections with considerable calmness.

Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland claims "the foundation of our Fall Economic Statement is our responsible fiscal plan."

But last year the government spent \$474 billion. And this year the feds plan on spending \$489 billion. By 2029, the government will be spending \$595 billion a year.

Pro-tip for Freeland: when you spend billions of dollars more every year, you're saving money wrong.

And all that spending comes on top of an already ballooned base line. Even before the pandemic, the Trudeau government was spending all-time highs. And that's after accounting for inflation and population differences.

Last year's \$35-billion deficit will increase to \$40 billion this year. The feds have no plan to balance the budget. And that's pushing up interest charges.

Again, brace yourself, because in 2028, federal debt interest charges will cost taxpayers \$61 billion. For context, pre-pandemic interest charges were around \$20 billion a year.

Meanwhile, if you're hoping for meaningful tax relief from this government, you shouldn't hold your breath.

"I absolutely understand that after three difficult years – with a global pandemic, global inflation, and global interest rate hikes – Canadians are worn out, frustrated, and feeling the squeeze," Freeland said. "What Canadians deserve today is for us to address the very real pain that so many are feeling."

The easiest and simplest way for Freeland to help Canadians is to stop taking so much money from taxpayers' wallets in the first place.

But Freeland and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau

aren't even willing to provide the simplest forms of tax relief like ending the sales tax-on-tax at the gas pumps. The GST on the carbon tax alone will cost taxpayers \$429 million this year.

The government isn't willing to end the anti-democratic escalator that increases alcohol taxes every year without a single vote in Parliament. Next year's hike will cost taxpayers about \$100 million.

The government isn't even willing to extend the same relief to all Canadians that it gave Atlantic Canadian families and remove the carbon tax from everyone's home heating bills. The carbon tax on natural gas will cost the average family \$300 this year.

The budget update is an admission that the government has a spending problem, but it still isn't serious about managing our finances or providing real tax relief.

The solution for Trudeau and Freeland should be simple: put down the credit card and pick up some scissors.

St. Andrew's Anglican welcomes David Butorac

By **MARY BROWN**
Sask. Anglican Diocese

Members of St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Shellbrook are pleased to have the Rev. Canon Dr. David Butorac conduct Holy Communion Services once a month in their church.

Rev. Butorac started his ministry in Leask, Canwood, and Shellbrook this past April. The parish shares him half time with St. Alban's Cathedral, and quarter time with St. George's church in Prince Albert.

He is married to Emily, and they have Ava, their two-year-old daughter. He attends the Ministerial meetings in Shellbrook and is involved in the ministerial events, such as visiting the Senior's home once a month, the Remembrance Day program, and the VBS held in Shellbrook, which included children from Canwood and area.

There was also a Christmas VBS party on Sunday, Nov. 26, for children in Kindergarten to Grade 6 at the Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.



Rev. David Butorac (back row, middle) has been warmly welcomed by the congregation of St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Shellbrook.

R.M. OF MEDSTEAD NO. 497

SEASONAL MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT OPERATOR POSITION

The R.M. of Medstead No. 497 invites applications for an experienced full time Seasonal Maintenance/Equipment Operator. The Seasonal Maintenance/Equipment Operator will be responsible for mowing this municipality's ditches, rock picking, mulching in conjunction with the grader operators, installing and repairing signs and other jobs as directed by the Reeve. Opportunity may be present in the future to move into a grader operator position. Pay rates depending on experience.

The R.M. of Medstead No. 497 is located in central Saskatchewan located approximately forty five minutes north of North Battleford.

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Submit written resumes stating experience, expected wage, two references and a current driver's abstract **by 4:00 p.m. on December 11th, 2023**. All resumes shall be marked "Seasonal Maintenance/Equipment Operator Position" and dropped off at the RM Office, mailed to the address below or emailed to rm497@sasktel.net.

R.M. of Medstead No. 497
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Medstead, SK S0M 1W0

Council thanks all applicants for their interest in this position but only persons selected for interviews will be contacted.

The R.M. of Medstead No. 497 reserves the right to reject and refuse any or all expressions of interest.

TOWN OF BLAINE LAKE PUBLIC NOTICE

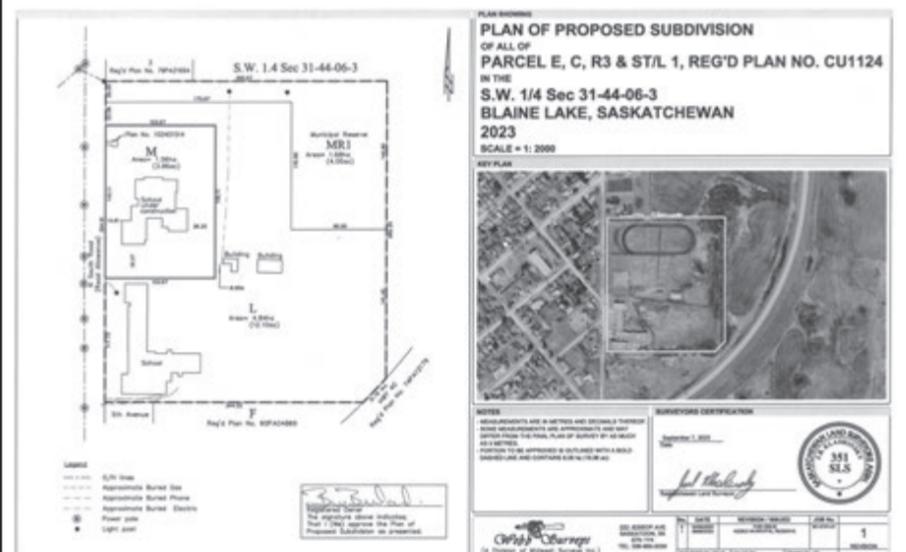
Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Blaine Lake intends to adopt a bylaw pursuant to Section 207 of *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 2013-05, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT

The proposed bylaw will amend:

Bylaw No. 2015-02, the Zoning Bylaw Zoning District Map, to rezone Municipal Reserve R3 Reg'd Plan No. CU1124, PCL #146945166 as shown on Schedule A.

In exchange: Municipal Reserve R3, Reg'd Plan No. CU1124 PCL #146945166 will be subdivided from the proposed PCL to create Municipal Reserve MR1.



AFFECTED LAND

Municipal Reserve R3 Reg'd Plan CU1124, PCL #146945166

REASON

The reason for the amendment is to exchange Municipal Reserves with Prairie School Division.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaws at the Town Office in Blaine Lake on any judicial day from Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Copies are available to persons at a cost of \$1.00 each.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on December 18, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Town Office in Blaine Lake at 301 Main Street, Blaine Lake, Sask. to hear any persons or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaws. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing (or delivered to the undersigned at the Town Office before the hearing).

Issued at the Town of Blaine Lake this 27th day of November, 2023.

Louanne Roschuk, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

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Cow emissions a smokescreen for true climate issues

So, only the truest environmental ostriches are still sticking their heads in the sand regarding atmosphere change and weather alterations.

But for those with concerns, one might still want to question how the cow is the great villain it seems to be portrayed as these days.

Now, no one can deny cows pass gas and that means methane into the air. And yes, there are significant numbers of cattle worldwide. But are they the poster critters of atmospheric de-

mise?

A reminder that there were once much larger herds of wild animals – bison in North America and various animals in Africa – so cattle are no worse.

There are suggestions, of course, that cattle are worse, and maybe they are. But in terms of how man impacts the environment and the atmosphere, it is doubtful herds of cattle top the list.

Take a look at a representation of jets in the air at almost any time of day worldwide, and



CALVIN DANIELS

it's a vapour trail web that all but encompasses the globe. There is no way those emissions are generally positive for the environment.

Nor can be the grid lock of vehicles on the freeways in any major

city. Or ships, railways, semis and a host of industrial complexes.

Many human activities produce emissions of one kind or another, and anything post industrial revolution is not natural, meaning, in general terms, nature is not equipped to scrub those emissions out of the ecosystem.

What that means is that we need to do better (to be fair, there are some efforts being made but they are largely isolated and somewhat symbolic gestures).

It's fine to move away

from plastic straws for the environment, but we as humans produce millions of tons of plastics so straws, while a start, are not going to massively change things.

But back to the maligned cow.

Is the focus on the methane from cattle simply a smoke screen to keep the focus off the need for change in more significant areas of human endeavour?

For example, the federal government is making \$12 million available to help find ways to reduce methane emissions

from cow-calf, dairy, and feedlot operations.

The Agricultural Methane Reduction Challenge is part of the federal government's plan to reduce overall methane emissions 40 to 45 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030, and to be net-zero by 2050.

The goals are significant, but like plastic straws it feels symbolic.

There are bigger villains with more human roots around the world, that sadly the world appears to have little appetite to deal with.

Shellbrook Library celebrates Sask. Library Week

By LORRAINE THIBEAULT
Assistant Librarian

During the week of Oct. 16 to 21, 2023, Shellbrook Library staff celebrated Saskatchewan Library Week with a variety of activities. Courtesy of a Saskatchewan Library Week grant, staff purchased a button maker to entertain children and to advertise the special occasion.

The book club members met to discuss David Bell's *Somebody I Used to Know* and Lego Club members built their own Lego libraries during this week. The many books, games, book bins, toys, and craft items available at the library were displayed.

Shellbrook Scotiabank employees also took part in the week, providing a presentation on budgeting tips, saving, and debt reduction.

The celebration of Saskatchewan Library Week serves to inform citizens of the many services provided by libraries throughout the province.



Liam tries out the button maker, which was acquired for Saskatchewan Library Week.



The book club met during Saskatchewan Library Week and discussed David Bell's *Somebody I Used to Know*.



From left to right: Shellbrook Scotiabank employees Ashley Rudolph, Kat Mackin-Smith, and Makayla Stieb gave a financial presentation to library patrons.

Building Construction Surges Forward in Saskatchewan

Investment in building construction was up 18.5 per cent month-over-month from September 2023 over August 2023. Numbers were also up 7.6 per cent in September 2023 compared to September 2022. **These were the third and second highest percentage changes among the provinces.** These show that investors, businesses and families are choosing this province as the place to build their futures. This means stronger communities that help Saskatchewan thrive.

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

Hon. Scott Moe, Premier
MLA for Rosthern-Shellbrook
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OBITUARIES

Florence Archibald



ARCHIBALD – Florence

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Florence, she passed away peacefully with her son by her side, at the Lakewood Lodge in Big River, SK on November 20, 2023. Florence will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Florence was born February 22, 1938, to Beatrice and Janvier Gaudry on the family homestead in Park Valley, Saskatchewan the 3rd child of a family of nine. Florence was an adventurer and at a young age, she and her younger brother Wilfred kept our mother busy.

They would roam away from home for hours playing and exploring the bush around their home. To the point that Mom had to take to some drastic measures to keep them in her sight, I won't say what that might be other than then a long rope was involved.

She attended school at Lake Four, however, our parents soon realized that school was not her thing. She wanted to be at home working in the fields with her brothers and her dad. She loved the outdoors, and a long day of hard work is what she thrived at.

In 1957 she married a local farm boy, Eldon Miller, and they started their family. Times were hard and they soon realized that they needed to move away from Park Valley for work. At first settling in Foxdale, Saskatchewan where they went to work on a farm for Eldon's aunt and uncle the Sjonberg's. In 1962 they moved to Alberta, where they again worked

on farms and ranches. In 1971 after the tragic loss of their young son Niel, they decided to return to Saskatchewan, eventually settling in Big River.

Over time Florence and Eldon went their separate ways. Florence found employment at the Big River Forestry Farm, there she found contentment in the hard work and the enjoyment in working with good people, many of whom became lifelong friends. Florence then went on to marry Lorne Archibald, and they settled in their little farm home in Ladder Valley. There she enjoyed her big yard with her many flowers and a big garden.

Florence loved camping; she would stay there for as long as she wanted to. She made so many friends at the lake over the years, many young folks would come by and visit and have a few beers with her around the campfire. They enjoyed her sense of humor and forwardness; she wasn't afraid to tell you what she thought.

At a young age, Florence took up singing and playing guitar. She was a musician at heart and eventually had her own band. Throughout the 60's and 70's, she performed at many different venues in Alberta and Saskatchewan. While living in Alberta, she had the opportunity to perform at the Calgary Safety Roundup Program on CFCN Calgary, as well as banquets, weddings, and talent shows. She encouraged her children to sing and play musical instruments, and often took them with her to perform.

Florence was a berry picker, she loved picking blueberries, and she would spend hours in the blueberry patch. If she couldn't take anyone to go with her, she would go by herself and was never afraid of bears or getting stuck out in the bush by herself.

Florence was a fun-loving person with a big heart, family meant so much to her. When leaving her home after a good

visit and cake and coffee, she would always give you a big hug and say, "I love you". Florence will be dearly missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

Florence is survived by her loving husband: Lorne Walter Archibald; her children: Ward Miller of Saskatoon, SK and his son, Logan; Marlene Miller of Saskatoon, SK; Lester Miller of Big River, SK; Keith Miller and children, Jordan (Alana) and Alicia Miller (Josh); her granddaughter, Katrina Moran; her two great-grandchildren; her siblings Paulette Arcand of Shellbrook, SK; Laverne (Dennis) Nelson of Holbein, SK; Darlene Ewert of Saskatoon, SK; Dale (Marcel) Bouchard of Yellowknife, NWT; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Florence is predeceased by her first husband: Eldon Miller; her children: Neil Miller and Jeanette Gaudry; her parents: Janvier and

Beatrice Gaudry; her siblings: Cecile Loveday, Wilfred Gaudry, Shirley Mowat, and Robert Gaudry.

A Funeral Service was held for Florence at 1:00 PM. on Saturday, November 25, 2023, from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Big River, SK. A time of lunch and fellowship followed the service over at the Big River Metis Hall (Main Street Big River, SK). Interment followed afterwards in the Park Valley Catholic Cemetery, RM of Big River, SK.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Florence to the Lakewood Lodge Auxiliary (Box 846 Big River, SK SoJ oEO).

Friends and family wishing to send messages of condolence are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, Tammy Smart, Funeral Director, Big River, SK. 306-469-2277.

Joan (Anne) Cairns Carter (née Hislop)



Joan (Anne) Cairns Carter (née Hislop)

July 11, 1930 – November 16, 2023.

On the news of her passing, it is with love and gratitude that we remember our mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Joan is survived by children Patricia and Doug (Lisa), grandchildren Elise Tupper, Eden Carter and Spencer Carter, great-grandson Bryce Tupper, sister-in-law Marjorie Hislop as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her husband Wallace (Wally), parents Tom and Janet Hislop who emigrated from Scotland, and siblings William, Rodell, Robert and James.

Born in Shellbrook, SK, Joan grew up on the

family farm just northeast of town, where she cherished the outdoor life near the Shell River, as well as the horses and dogs who grew up with her. In early years, Joan was involved in CGIT, United Church Youth Group and attended Camp Tamarack in the summer. After graduating from Shellbrook High School, Joan enrolled in the Registered Nursing Program at the Victoria Hospital in Prince Albert, earning her RN in 1952. While in training Joan met a handsome bus driver named Wallace Carter who was driving the STC bus, which delivered her to and from her training and the farm. They fell in love and after marrying in 1956 moved to Moose Jaw, SK, where Joan worked as a nurse in the Regina and Moose Jaw Union Hospitals. In 1957 they welcomed a daughter, Patricia, followed two years later by a son, Douglas. After a wonderful thirteen years in Moose Jaw, the family relocated to Prince Albert in 1969 for work and to be closer to extended family. Joan continued her nursing career in Prince Albert at the Holy Family Hospital, Lion's Nursing

Home, and North Park Centre, from which she retired in 1986.

Joan loved time with her family and cooking and baking for all. Though she had many hobbies and interests, none sparked more passion than her love of dogs and gardening. Retirement was filled with all these things as well as travels to a variety of places including several trips to Scotland, England, and North American points of interest. Joan often reminisced about her fond memories of these travels, especially the flower shows she visited and the dogs she'd seen. Though family, especially grandchildren, remained her primary focus in her later years, Joan also earned a reputation for her baking and the preparation of chicken pot pies in support of the United Church and the SPCA.

Joan was a loving and generous daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother throughout her life. Strength of character, caring, loyalty, and a sharp wit were her trademarks. She will be profoundly missed by all of us.

A private graveside service will be held at

a future time. It is the family's request that those wishing to pay tribute do so by donating the Prince Albert SPCA in lieu of flowers.

Sincerest thanks to the physicians and the health care teams at PA Home Care and Parkland Integrated Health Centre-Long Term Care for their compassion and thoughtfulness.

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, Lorne Adams, Funeral Director, Prince Albert, SK (306) 763-3322.

Phyllis Goertzen (née Kulpa)



Phyllis Goertzen (née Kulpa)

It is with sadness that we share with you the passing of our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother after a brief illness on November 21, 2023. We thank

the doctors, nurses and staff at McClure Place, Amy McClure House and St. Paul's Hospital Palliative Care Unit for their tremendous care and support. In accordance with her wishes there will not be a funeral. Following cremation, she will be laid to rest at the Shellbrook Cemetery next to her husband Elmer Goertzen. In lieu of flowers or if you wish to celebrate her memory through a donation, please consider the Canadian Cancer Society or an organization of your choice. To leave a message of condolence for the family please visit www.westwoodfuneralchapel.com.

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OBITUARIES

Wei Ming Huang



HUANG – Wei Ming
It is with sadness we announce the sudden passing of Wei Ming Huang, better known as Ming. He passed away Thursday, November 9, 2023, at the age of 73 years. A celebration of his life was held Sunday, November 19, 2023, at the Spiritwood Civic Center officiated by Delores Beaulac.

Ming leaves to cherish

his memory his wife Nancy and his sons Kevin and Ken, as well as other relatives.

Ming was born in the Canton province of China. In 1981, he immigrated to Canada, worked hard and was able to bring Nancy to Canada. They were married August 22, 1984. It was Halloween of 1989 when Ming decided to spread his wings

and move to a small town called Spiritwood. Here, he and Nancy opened a restaurant business, set roots, and raised his family here. Every morning, he would put on a pot of coffee and enjoy the company of his friends. He taught his boys to work hard. He told them to work hard for something bigger than yourself, a better future for your fam-

ily or a friend in need. He told them to treasure their friendships as these were the people who would help shape them and be there in good times and bad. Ming cooked lots and no one went home hungry. He loved to play cards, especially poker. Ming's family and the community of Spiritwood will miss him very much.

In lieu of other tributes,

donations in memory of Ming may be made to the Idylwild Lodge Auxiliary. Family and friends wishing to send on line condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneral-home.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium. Delores Beaulac, Funeral Director, Spiritwood (306)883-3500.

Grace May Kennedy



returned to Saskatchewan after WWII, and managed the Coffee Cup Café in Canwood with her siblings, Norma and Leonard. Grace was an avid dancer, and met her first love, a saxophonist named Herman Kennedy at a community dance. She and Herman were married on November 4, 1946 in Prince Albert. In 1950, they moved to their homestead north of Leask, with their daughter Sharon. At the farm, four more children were born; Norris, Beverly, Garth and Marlon. A dear foster son, Dale, made the family complete. She worked side-by-side on the farm with Herman, until his health began to fail. In 1972, they left the farm, and moved to the town of Leask. Grace worked at Williams Store from 1968,

until it closed in 1975. After Herman passed, she continued to live in Leask, where she took part in community activities, sewed, knit, gardened, and spent precious time with her grandchildren.

Grace traveled often with her family, going camping and fishing, and visiting her siblings and extended family on Vancouver Island. In the late '80s, she met her second love, WWII veteran Bill Diehl, through their Legion ties. Together, they adventured to Florida and through paradise on cruises, danced, golfed, curled, and fished. Grace was thrilled to welcome Bill's children, Rita, Doris, Real, Marilyn, Mark and Terry into her family as well. Grace and Bill lived their retired life to the full-

est, until Bill's passing in 2004.

Grace continued to enjoy life with her family at her own home in Leask, until she moved to the Mihilewicz home in Shellbrook in 2018... at 100 years old. She spent her final years at the Shellbrook Parkland Integrated Long-Term Care.

Grace was known throughout the community as being warm, caring, and very sociable. She always extended a helping hand in any fashion, and always loved a good visit, anytime, anywhere! Above everything, Grace was most proud to be a Canadian, and she served as a loyal member of the Royal Canadian Legion for decades, in memory of everyone that has served her country, until the day she passed. Grace

was a source of everlasting knowledge and memories; she often recounted to her family various memories during countless historical world events, and innumerable treasured moments throughout her outstanding life. She will forever be known, not just as a Great Grandma, but as Grandma Great. Her spirit, tenacity, and fierceness will live on through her family, as we are so blessed to have listened to over a century's worth of stories, all experienced in a single, stunning lifetime.

Grace is survived by her children, Sharon, Norris, Beverly, Marlon (Brenda), and foster son, Dale (Brenda); her sister-in-law, Muriel; her 8 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; special

members of Bill's family; and her numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Grace was predeceased by her parents, Flora and Oscar; her husband, Herman; her son, Garth; her grandson, Herman; her brother and sisters Manuel (Blanch, Irene), Harvey, Leonard (Pearl), Norma (Glen, Sam), Russel "Bud" (Flo), Owen, Enza (Maurice), and Willard (Noreen); her son-in-law, Bill; her daughter-in-law, Beverley; and her partner, Bill Diehl.

A celebration of Grace's life occurred at one of her favourite places, the Leask Legion Hall, on November 4, 2023. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Leask Legion, or Parkland Integrated Health Centre.

Esther Elizabeth Peterson



Esther Elizabeth Peterson, Feb 18, 1925 - Nov 13, 2023

Esther was born in Calder, Sask., one of nine children to Herman and Anne Benson. She grew up in the Leask and Canwood rural areas. She spent many years on a farm near Canwood alongside her husband Berge Peterson. They raised two daughters (Sandra & Lorraine) and two sons (Larry & Rick).

After Berge's passing, Esther and Rick moved on, spending time in Prince Albert, Saskatoon, Nelson, BC and eventually settled in Winfield and then Kelowna, BC. Along the way Esther furthered her education by becoming a hairdresser and eventually had her own beauty shops in the basements of her Winfield

homes. She enjoyed looking after her big gardens, playing horseshoes, walking, curling, line dancing, sewing, playing cards and cooking/baking marvelous foods. After her retirement, Esther traveled to various overseas destinations and the USA.

Esther was a kind and loving lady. To our delight, she had several mannerisms and sayings that were rather comical and are still remembered fondly today. She was a very social person, always a joy to be around and will truly be missed.

Esther was preceded in death by her husband Berge and son Larry, as well as siblings Ralph, Mary, Dora, Ed, Ellen, Mable, and Arthur. She is survived by her daughters Sandra Peterson, Lorraine Adamson, son Rick Peterson and brother Adolph Benson.

Interment will be at Memorial Gardens, Prince Albert, Sask. summer of 2024.

Memorial donations (optional) to: Kelowna General Hospital, 2268 Pandosy Street Kelowna, BC V1Y 1T2

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Ean Prosser



PROSSER – Ean

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Ean Gregory Prosser on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at the age of 57 years.

Ean was born in Shellbrook, SK on October 26, 1966, to Dennis and Ruth Prosser. Ean grew up on the family farm south of Shellbrook and completed his K-12 schooling in Shellbrook.

Upon high school graduation Ean worked at a variety of jobs including working for local farmers, a combine mechanic, hauling bulk fuel and driving school buses.

Ean began dating his soulmate Colleen (Rogerson) while working in Leask. Collen went off to university to study to become a school-

teacher, and he followed one year later to become a high school math teacher. Colleen and Ean were married in Leask on July 14, 1990, while still both attending university.

After university graduation, the two began their first teaching assignments in the summer of 1993 in Baker Lake, NU. The two taught for four years until Colleen's failing health brought them back home to Saskatchewan in 1997 to be near medical care.

Ean started teaching in Debden, SK in January of 1998 and has been teaching high school math, physics, chemistry, and calculus there up until his passing. Ean touched the lives of many students from both Baker Lake and Debden. Since Ean and Colleen had no children of their own, his students were seen to him as "his kids".

Ean lived a fairly simple life, and it didn't take a lot to keep him content. He loved spending time with his wife Colleen and his dogs, going for quad rides, attending concerts, farming and of course cheering for his be-

loved Toronto Maple Leaf's.

Ean is lovingly survived by his wife, Colleen Prosser of Morin Lake, SK; his mother, Ruth Prosser of Shellbrook, SK; his brother, Allen Prosser of Shellbrook, SK; his parents-in-law, Derril and Sylvia Rogerson of Leask, SK; his uncle and aunts, Bruce (Mary) Stieb of Shellbrook, SK and family Joele (Darren) Fidler and their children Jordyn and Jaryn, Leon; Muriel (Gerald) Lanes of Shellbrook, SK and family Laurie & Sheldon; Julie (Bert) Gustafson of Shellbrook, SK and family, Michelle (Greg) Folmer and their children, Chandler & Reid; Carmen Campbell and son Andy; Barbara Klingspohn of Port McNeill, B.C. and family, Liesa (Josh) Blackstaffe and son Jimmy; his cousins, Tammy Stieb and daughter Karlina Cadieu; Tina (Brad) Stene and children, Brianna & Travis; as well as numerous other relatives, and friends.

Ean was predeceased by his father, Dennis Prosser; his cousin, Lyle Stieb; his sister-in-law, Laura Rogerson; his paternal grandparents, Desmond & Camilla Prosser; his maternal grandparents, Arthur & Anne Stieb; his

uncles and aunts, Rodney Prosser, Ted Klingspohn, and Mervin & Pat Stieb.

There will be a Celebration of Life Service held for Ean on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. from the Shellbrook Community Hall with Pastor Randall McLeod officiating.

For those family and friends who are not able to attend Eans Celebration of Life, there will be a video link of the service available on Beau "Lac" Funeral Home's website in the days following the service.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in Ean's memory to either of the below charities:

- Canine Action Project (CAP) Box 114 Lashburn, SK SoM 1H0
- Saskatchewan SPCA Box 37 Saskatoon, SK S7K 3K1

A complete obituary will be updated when available.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium Tammy Smart, Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK 306-747-2828.

Senior Elks stun Chiefs with 5-2 victory

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

After a rough start to their comeback season, the Shellbrook Elks senior hockey club hosted the undefeated, West Division-leading Willow Cree Chiefs at the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre on Friday, Nov. 24.

The team was fresh off a lopsided 8-2 loss to the Chiefs at the Beardy's Memorial Arena on Nov. 18, and in the week leading up to the rematch in Shellbrook, the Chiefs had been boasting of another impending "elk roast."

Much to their chagrin, however, the Elks wouldn't prove to be such easy prey the second time around. And, through sixty minutes of fast-paced, hard-hitting action, the Elks found themselves in the driver's seat most of the time, claiming an eventual 5-2 victory over their opponents.

From the opening puck drop, the Elks put pressure on the Chiefs, unloading shot after shot and controlling the pace and tone of the game. This hard play paid off in the aftermath of an Elks penalty kill, as a rush allowed Nathaniel Martin to blast home a shot and put the Elks up 1-0. Brendan Beaulac and Tanner Moar assisted on the goal.

With the Elks applying constant offensive pressure, the Chiefs took a penalty near the midway point of the frame, allowing Cole Duperreault to tally on an assist from Tyler Rock.

The Elks' power play continued to fire on all cylinders later in the period, as the Elks jumped out to a commanding 3-0 lead when Dallas Galloway tapped a juicy rebound into a wide-open Chiefs goal. Matthew Kutnikoff and Duperreault assisted on the goal.

With time winding down in the period, the Chiefs' power play finally established a presence in the game, as Lucas Seesequasis scored with 40 seconds left on the clock to close the gap to 3-1. Trent Campbell and Gordon Wasteste earned assists on the play.

As the action moved to the second period, the Elks continued to press their advantage and the Chiefs began to settle into the game.

Following a long stretch of goalless hockey, the Chiefs pounced on a defensive breakdown by the Elks and made the most of a slew of scoring opportunities to pull within one goal. Aaron Greyeyes netted the goal, with assists from Darwin Morin and Riley Albert.

With the Elks still pressuring and racking

up scoring chances, the Chiefs held on for the rest of the second period and began to push back in the early going of the third frame.

This back-and-forth action led to a flaring of tempers on the ice, leaving the Elks with five consecutive minutes of power play time (including a one-minute stint of a 5-on-3 advantage). On the power play, the Elks struggled to get organized and failed to capitalize, opening the door for the Chiefs to mount a comeback effort.

As the period wore on, it was the Elks who were clinging on for dear life, with the help of strong goaltending from Todd Bazley. Until, in the final minute of the game, Jody Blais all but sealed the Elks' victory with an empty net goal, assisted by Ethan Beaulac and Rock.

Off the ensuing face off, Brendon Canaday tacked on another goal for the Elks, slipping a shot through the five hole of Chiefs netminder Nathan Dancy to clinch the team's 5-2 victory. Martin and Rock earned assists on the goal.

For his strong performance between the pipes, Bazley was recognized by his team as the Elk of the Game. Meanwhile, in handing the Chiefs their first loss, the Elks have climbed to 2-3 on the season and no longer occupy last place in the Twin Rivers Hockey League's West Division.

This Friday, Dec. 1, the Elks travel to Dalmeny to duel the Dalmeny Sabres at 7:30 p.m. Then, on Saturday, Dec. 2, they return to Shellbrook to host the Clavet Cougars at 8 p.m.



Elks forward Cole Duperreault looks to pounce on a loose puck in front of the Chiefs' goal.

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 - Tuesday 11:30am - 4:30pm; 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 2pm - 6pm; Friday 1:30pm - 5pm. 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.

SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook & District Arts Council Annual Carol Festival - Sunday, December 3, 7 pm, Shellbrook Theatre. Admission \$10

SPIRITWOOD: Witchekan Wildlife Federation - Horn Scoring - Friday, December 8, 6:00 p.m., Ag Barn in Spiritwood

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GOOD NEWS

JOB AND DAVID

By **LORNE VALUCK**
Parkside Pentecostal Church

Ever hear the sayings, "He has the patience of Job" or "That's a David and Goliath situation?" Job and David. We read of these two "stand out" men in the Bible.

Job is described in this way in the Book of Job chapter 1: He was blameless, a man of complete integrity. He feared God and stayed away from evil. He was a successful farmer, with many sheep, camels, oxen, and donkeys. By all accounts he was doing life right.

And then let's meet David. An event recorded in 1 Samuel chapter 16 gives us insight into this man: God told the presiding prophet, Samuel, to anoint David as chosen to become King of Israel, and with that, the Spirit of the Lord came upon David. Shortly after, He demonstrates courage and faith doing great things for God.

Wow. These guys have it happening! Men of God.

But listen to the change of circumstances that comes about in their lives.

Job in Chapter 3:24-26 is talking about sighing, groaning, anxiety, fear, having no peace and rest. Calamity has come upon him.

Then David expresses his desperation in Psalm 13, feeling like God has forgotten him. Anguish, sorrow, enemies prevailing, have left him overwhelmed, crying out for help, for salvation.

As we read earlier, both these fellows knew and served God, and scripture indicates that God appeared to regard them quite highly.

These men had a relationship with God, but it didn't play out as "happily ever after" like we might think it should.

Not to minimize what you may be going through, but it's important to not get hung up and stuck on the why, the how and the what, but in faith pursue the Who - God, our Heavenly Father who has a plan, and

loves us (loves you) very much, and wants to grow your relationship with Him.

Things change for Job in 42:5, 10-12 "I had only heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes. I take back everything I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance."

When Job prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes. In fact, the Lord gave him twice as much as before. So, the Lord blessed Job in the second half of his life even more than in the beginning. (New Living Translation).

And David's situation changed, too. In Psalm 13:5-6 he says: But I trust in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because You have rescued me. I will sing to the Lord because He is good to me.

And in Psalm 69:32-33: The humble will see their God at work and be glad. Let all who seek God's help be encouraged, for the Lord hears the cries of the needy.

A lot transpired in their lives from the verses we read earlier to where we see them now, but the gist of it is that they got to know God in a more intimate way, and that changed everything.

I'm confident that if we're feeling a bit like Job and David in their tough times, and we seek to know and trust God instead of trying to figure it all out, God will bless us, and actually we will bless Him. He'll make us happy, and we'll make Him happy. Not necessarily a hilarious happy, but a foundational joy deep in our hearts that becomes the context, the attitude in which we live.

God, like Job and David, I need you. I'm in trouble, some of it my doing, and some because we live in a fallen, sinful world. Thank you, Jesus, for paying the price for my forgiveness, reconciliation, and restoration. I accept your offer and the Holy Spirit's work in my life.

Heavenly Father, Can I use a line from a 60's song? You make me so very happy. I'm so glad you came into my life.

Canucks shine in topsy-turvy NHL

In the National Hockey League, 'V' stands for victory. 'V' also represents two of the best teams in the Western Conference, the Vancouver Canucks and the Vegas Golden Knights.

The Canucks, a team that in recent years has been an also-ran and a playoff non-contender by mid-November, are a near-juggernaut in the early going of the 2023-24 season. The Edmonton Oilers, predicted to be a legitimate Stanley Cup contender, were so bad to start the NHL season that they're already on their second coach.

Welcome to the upside-down world that is the NHL.

In the pre-season, Canadian teams in the NHL seemed to be pegged into three groups: The Oilers and Leafs were believed to be contenders; the Winnipeg Jets and Calgary Flames would be middle-of-the-road teams; and Montreal, Ottawa, and Vancouver the usual doormats.

Ha! How that has changed!

The Canucks are one of the league powers, with superstar defenceman Quinn Hughes leading the way and coach Rick Tocchet getting the most out of a fast-paced, talented offensive unit that has by far the best goals-for-against differential in the league. And the Oilers? Well, you should probably say a little prayer for Connor McDavid and Co. up there in the City of (gulp!) Champions.

As a harbinger of things to come, Edmonton opened the season with back-to-back losses to Vancouver, including an 8-1 thrashing in the opener. Things didn't get much better. And while the best player in the game, McDavid, was nursing some sort of nagging injury, he went an unheard-of eight games without a goal.

The team hit rock bottom with a 3-2 loss to San Jose Sharks, who, to that point in the season, had only one victory. That loss set in motion the firing of coach Jay Woodcroft, even though the actual termination of employment came one day after the vis-



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iting Oilers beat Seattle 4-1. Unfortunately for Woodcroft, who served for 133 games and compiled a 79-41-13 record, that win did not represent a stay of execution. The Oilers replaced him with Kris Knoblauch, who had been coaching in the American Hockey League and who had been McDavid's coach in the junior ranks with Erie.

The Knoblauch era started with a 2-1 record, and Oilers' fans were hopeful that the coaching change would continue to turn around the team's fortunes.

Vancouver, meanwhile, was neck-and-neck with de-

fending Cup champion Vegas for Western Conference supremacy. Elias Pettersson, J.T. Miller and Hughes were among the league's top 10 scorers and the Canucks' power play, at better than 30 per cent efficiency, was best in the West.

It's a long grind, this 82-game NHL season, but the upside-down developments in the first month have made fans wonder how the rest of the season will unfold. Will the Oilers bounce back? Will the Canucks continue to roll? We'll check back in February or March.

• **Headline at fark.com:** "Lakers crushed 128-94 by youth movement Rockets. To be fair, LeBron James said he couldn't practise all week due to MeTV's Matlock marathon."

• **From the Canadian parody website The Beaverton:** "Oilers struggles blamed on carbon tax."

• **Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel,** who wrote a column about the "obscene Buyout Bowl. If schools can pay middle-aged multimil-

lionaires NOT to coach, why can't they pay athletes who do all the work and take all the risks?"

• **Bianchi again:** "Question: If Tom Brady is the GOAT with seven Super Bowl rings, is Philip Rivers, who recently welcomed his 10th child into the world, the rabbit?"

• **Brandon Kravitz, on X:** "The Texas A&M job is essentially the LIV Golf of college football. Big time pay day with nothing to show for it in the end."

• **RJ Carrie of sportsdeke.com:** "Last week I had cardiac failure, was in ICU, had 2.5 litres of fluid and blood drained from a lung, was intubated and close to death. Even I looked better than the Argos did in their playoff game."

• **Headline at the onion.com:** "LIV Golf Announces Fans Concerned Over Israeli-Palestinian War Can Make Donations To Saudi Royal Family."

• **Fark.com,** after the Oakland A's officially cemented plans to move the franchise

to Las Vegas: "VegA's"

• **From a guy who goes by @Bazecraze:** "The one thing I've learned from the World Cup is that Europe still hasn't mastered the haircut."

• **Steve Simmons of Sun-media in Toronto:** "Can Johnny Gaudreau have a do-over in free agency? In 97 games with the Columbus Blue Jackets, he has 22 goals and 58 assists for a respectable 80 points. In his final 97 games as a Calgary Flame, he had 45 goals, 90 assists for a spectacular 135 points."

• **Simmons again,** with a pro and con about Regina: "My favourite Grey Cups have been in Regina, which might be the least interesting city in Canada and the greatest place to have a football celebration."

• **Haven't had a chess anecdote for a while,** so here's Matt Kirshen: "I was playing chess with my friend, and he said, 'Let's make this more interesting.' So we stopped playing chess."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

U18 Elks go 2-1 over busy week of hockey

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

The Parkland U18 AA Elks got some mid-week action last week, hosting the North East Wolfpack and the Saskatoon Riverkings at the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre on Wednesday and Thursday evening.

The team then hit the road on Saturday night, travelling to Unity to face off against the West Central Wheat Kings, concluding their busy week of hockey with a 2-1 record.

Elks (5) vs Pack (2)

With the North East Wolfpack occupying the bottom spot in the Centre Four Conference standings, the Elks had to like their odds going into Wednesday night's matchup.

The visitors quickly dispelled any notion that they'd go down without a fight, however, drawing first blood less than four minutes into the game on a goal by Brayden Church, assisted by Kooper Wallington.

Remaining very much in the game, the Elks outshot their opponents throughout the first period (and all periods), but didn't tally until early into the second frame, when Tyson Gagnon was sprung loose for an unassisted shorthanded goal.

Gagnon followed up with his second of the night, on an assist from Corvan Stewart, near the midway point of the period, but the Wolfpack retaliated with a shorthanded goal of their own, as Chase Taylor scored with an assist from Carter Corbett to tie the game at 2-2.

With the game all knotted up, it would take a power play for the Elks

to find the back of the net again and reclaim their lead. Corvan Stewart scored the goal, with assists from Jesse Nyberg and Brendan Aug.

With time winding down, the Wolfpack pulled their goalie in hopes of tying the game back up. Instead, Kamden Shewchuk fired a puck into the Wolfpack's empty goal, on an assist from Jake Boettcher, to put the Elks of 4-2.

Less than 50 seconds later, Ashton Tanchuk clinched a solid 5-2 win for the Elks, scoring with an assist from Cohen Tait.

Elks (2) vs R-Kings (4)

Going from playing the worst team in the conference, to hosting the undefeated, conference-leading Saskatoon Riverkings the following night, the Elks knew they had their work cut out for them.

Rather than shy away from the challenge, the team leaned into it, easily playing their best hockey of the season to date, keeping the Riverkings on their backfoot, and even outshooting them 13-7 in the first period.

The Elks continued to stymie the Riverkings through the early going of the second period as well, keeping the game tied at 0-0 until Logan Hynd put the visitors up with a beautifully placed wrist shot. Brock Kolibab and Bryden Larsen assisted on the goal.

Throughout the period, the Elks would continue to play competitive hockey, keeping consistent pressure on the Riverkings. Defensively, meanwhile, they leaned heavily on their penalty kill, which kept it in the game by killing off a 5-on-3 dis-

advantage.

Eventually, the Elks were able to cash in on their hard work, hemming the Riverkings in their own end and tying the game up at 1-1 on a goal from Aiden Tait. Brody Anderson and Colton Sommerfeld assisted on the play.

As the action moved to the third period, the Elks remained in the game until a careless mistake set up Kolibab to score on an assist from Charlie Kay. From here, the small mistakes began to pile up for the Elks, and the Riverkings were able to capitalize, with Kay scoring on an assist from Kolibab, and Koston Baliski tallying with assists from Sawyer Scheidt and Caiden Stratchuk.

Given a five-minute power play to close out the game, the Elks pulled their goalie in a bid to claw their way back into the match. Ultimately, although Anderson was able to narrow the score to 4-2 on assists from Colton Sommerfeld and Lane Keyowski, the Elks' comeback bid

fell short.

Elks (9) vs W-Kings (3)

Following Thursday night's strong performance against the Riverkings, the Elks travelled to Unity looking to rebound against the West Central Wheat Kings on Saturday, Nov. 25. The team was in top form once again, dominating the Wheat Kings to the tune of a 9-3 victory.

The Elks came out of the gate hungry, taking control of the game just past the three-minute mark on a goal from Kamden Shewchuk, assisted by Cohen Tait. Five minutes later, Aiden Tait put the Elks up 2-0 with assists from Lane Keyowski and Jake Boettcher.

Taking their 2-0 lead into the second period, the Elks poured on the goals with the help of two early power plays to grow their lead to 4-0. Brody Anderson struck first, with assists from Kendon Skalicky and Brendan Aug, and Keyowski followed up 29 seconds later, on a helper from Aiden Tait.

The Elks hit the gas through the

middle of the frame, rattling off another three unanswered goals to all but put the game out of reach. Boettcher got the scoring started, on assists from Corvan Stewart and Aug, and Tyson Gagnon scored an unassisted goal just six seconds later. Aug capped off the goal streak on the power play, scoring on assists from Jesse Nyberg and Stewart.

After 31 minutes of Elks offence, the Wheat Kings finally found the scoreboard on a goal from Kaden Sperle, assisted by Austin Schafer and Aiden Chachula.

The Elks fired back, however, with Cohen Tait scoring on assists from Stewart and Shewchuk, and Skalicky netting a power play goal with helpers from Aug and Nyberg.

Closing out the second period on the power play, Schafer scored for the Wheat Kings with just nine seconds left on the clock, earning assists from Chase Weinkauff and Sperle on the play.

The Wheat Kings would go on to score the lone goal of a quiet third period, bringing the score to 9-3. Chase Douglas netted the goal, with assists from Hudson Bretzer and Emerson Cey.

With the two wins and the loss over the course of the week, the Elks have climbed to a 5-7-1-0 record on the season, good enough for sixth place in the Centre Four Conference Standings.

The team will be making a home-ice stand this weekend, hosting the Martensville Marauders Friday, Dec. 1, at 7:30 p.m., and the Saskatoon Riverkings on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 4 p.m.



Elks forwards Kendon Skalicky and Aiden Tait celebrate after a second period goal against the Saskatoon Riverkings.



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Statistics for the area 2023
(as of November 22)

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In the Spiritwood area, in a one year period, there were **73 incidents** reported to the RCMP in relation to drivers under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.



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- Impaired Operation (drug) of a Boat/Vessel/Railway/Aircraft: 0
- Operation while impaired (alcohol)/over 80mg% of Motor Vehicle: 17
- Operation while impaired (alcohol and drug)/over 80mg% of Motor Vehicle: 5
 - Failure/Refusal to Provide Breath Sample: 2

Big River Detachment:

- Impaired Operation Motor Vehicle Causing Death: 0
- Impaired Operation Motor Vehicle Causing Bodily Harm: 0
- Operation while impaired (alcohol)/over 80mg% of Motor Vehicle: 72
- Operation while impaired (alcohol and drugs) of Motor Vehicle: 14
 - Operation while impaired (drugs) of Motor Vehicle: 6 (these are investigations and not charges laid)
 - Failure or refusal to comply with demand (alcohol): 2

Therefore, to summarize, in the Ahtakakoop/Shellbrook & Big River areas, in a one year period there were **119 incidents** reported to the RCMP in relation to drivers under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

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Minutes of an RM of Big River council meeting

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

The minutes of the regular council meeting of the Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555 held on Sept. 11, 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. Chris Oudshoorn

11 a.m. Coby Wilson

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

Sullivan: That we add placement of garbage bins in the RM to the agenda. Carried

Wiebe: That the Sept. 11, 2023, agenda be accepted with the addition, for reference purposes. Carried

D. Panter: That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held Aug. 14, 2023, and the special meetings held on Aug. 21 and 28, 2023, be approved as presented. Carried

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

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

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

- Clint Panter, Council Indemnity/Mileage: \$988.70
- Doug Panter, Council Indemnity/Mileage: \$916.50
- Justin Sullivan, Council Indemnity/Mileage: \$595.40
- Jeff Wiebe, Council Indemnity/Mileage: \$522.00
- Maurice Denis, Council In-

demnity/Mileage: \$627.85. Carried

Wiebe: That the time being 9:23 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 the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

Wiebe: That the Reeve and CAO be authorized to sign the Property Self-Insurance Program Agreement with the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities with an effective date of Oct. 15, 2023, with the renewal occurring in subsequent years effective Jan. 1. Carried

C. Panter: That the CAO investigate whether RMs have the authority to establish a timeline when a building must be placed on an empty lot. Carried

C. Panter: That we advise Novus 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: Lot 06 Block 04 Plan 101962212. Carried

Wiebe: That the CAO proceed with issuing an Order to Comply to the owners of the following properties for violating subsection 62(1) of The Planning and Development Act, 2007 and Part 3, Section 3.2.1 and Part 4, Section 4.14.10(3) of Zoning Bylaw No. 23-01-02 and that they be given 30 days to comply with the order: Lot 01, Block 04, Plan 101962212, John Dunn Estates, Lot 10, Block 01, Plan

102054147, South Stoney. Carried

D. Panter: That we install "No Overnight Parking or Camping, Violators" signs at the entrances to the government dock parking lot at SE 03-57-07 W3. Carried

Chris Oudshoorn appeared before Council from 10:04 a.m. to 10:14 a.m. to discuss safety concerns along the old Highway 55 between Highway 55 and Highway 942 on the NW 21-55-07 W3.

Councillor D Panter left the Council chambers at 10:18 a.m. and returned at 10:21 a.m.

Wiebe: That the CAO contact other lake communities to see what they do about dogs running at large. Carried

C. Panter: That Administration places a proposed list of speed limits at the different subdivisions on our Facebook page and our website for the purpose of seeking feedback. Carried

Sullivan: That Council has no objection to allowing Kirsch Construction to setup their crusher to crush the Ministry of Highway's gravel on west edge of our gravel pit lease on the NW 25-56-098 W3, Lease 0101474, as the Ministry of Highway's pit is too wet and furthermore that permission to access our pit from the north side is granted but if access cannot be gained from the north side, permission is granted to create an access from the west side of the RM's lease and this is conditional in that any access created will be blocked upon completion of crushing and hauling and that the site of the crusher and temporary stockpile will be left in a clear and level manner. Carried

Denis: That Policy 23-09-007, the Beaver Control Management Policy, be adopted as presented. Carried

Wiebe: That we advise Joanne

Watson that Council will continue to use its judgment as to when a public hearing should be scheduled in the evening as the last public hearing held, the attendees agreed that they would not have attended the public hearing for the purpose it was intended as and they attended that public hearing for other reasons. Carried

Foreman C Wilson met with Council to discuss operations for the previous month at 11 a.m. and left at 11:23 a.m.

Wiebe: That we advise Brad Farmer there is nothing we can do with the standing water on Delaronde Bay as it typically takes care of itself through ground seepage in a week or two. Carried

Denis: That we advise Grant and Mary-Ann McIntosh that upon completing a development and building permit application and paying the necessary fees, including the building inspection, we will send our building inspector to determine if the existing structure meets the national building code and if it doesn't it is to be removed. Carried

D. Panter: That Council acknowledges the CAO granted approval to Donald and Megan Pietrzykowski on Aug. 21, 2023, to build an approach on Lot 19 Blk 03 Plan 82B12420 in Pickerel Point to be located approximately 15 feet from the east property line, according to the provisions of Policy 400-29A, Approach Development/Culvert Installation. Carried

D. Panter: That Council agrees to reduce the required rear setback from 6 meters to 5 meters on Lot 06, Block 02, Plan 69PA09224 due to site specific development conditions, that being the slope next to the municipal reserve. Carried

Wiebe: That Council approves the 5-year Pickerel Point Municipal Reserve Lease agreement dated Nov. 1, 2023, to Oct. 31, 2028, and that the Reeve and CAO be authorized to sign said agreement with the Pickerel Point Community Association Inc. Carried

Sullivan: That the Organized Hamlet of Phillips Beach's request to place a stop sign at the exit from the Bible Camp be denied due to the proposed reduction in the speed limit at the Hamlet in addition to clearing the site lines coming out of the Bible camp. Carried

Councillor Denis left the Council chambers at 1:30 p.m.

C. Panter: That we agree to have our Christmas Party with the Town of Big River and the Big River and District Fire Department, to be held on Dec. 1, 2023, and that we have no objections to it being held at the Curling Rink Lounge, Small Hall or Third and Main. Carried

Councillor Denis returned to the Council chambers at 1:32 p.m.

Wiebe: That we place a garbage bin from the transfer station on the tangent located on SE 01-56-08 W3 and that we start tipping the garbage bin at the Ladder Valley Hall and if it's warranted, additional bins from the transfer station be added to those two locations. Carried

D. Panter: That the maintenance and committee reports be acknowledged and filed. Carried

Councillor Denis left the Council chambers at 3:13 p.m.

C. Panter: That the list of correspondence attached hereto and forming part of the minutes be received as information. Carried

C. Panter: That this meeting be adjourned.

Sask. responds to Clean Energy Regulations

The Government of Saskatchewan has submitted its response to the federal government's public consultation on the proposed Clean Electricity Regulations (CER), urging the federal government not to proceed with the regulations as currently proposed.

"The federal government's approach, in an attempt to regulate Saskatchewan's electricity system, is unaffordable, unconstitutional, and technologically and logistically unattainable," Crown Investments Corporation Minister Dustin Duncan said in a statement. "The proposed Clean Electricity Regulations will jeopardize the reliability of Saskatchewan's power grid, and increase power rates to an unaffordable level."

The proposed regulations impose a net-zero electricity grid across Canada by 2035.

SaskPower estimates that families, communities, businesses and industries will see electricity rates more than double by 2035 to cover the costs associated with the CER and federal coal regulations. The federal net-zero power system plan is expected to cost Saskatchewan about \$40 billion from now until 2035.

To comply with the CER, SaskPower would need to expand, replace and re-

build more than 100 per cent of its current power generating capacity of more than 5,400 megawatts in just 11 years while also significantly expanding its transmission infrastructure.

The province has already invested billions of dollars in its transition to a net-zero future, including solar, wind, biomass, natural gas generation and increased hydro imports. Saskatchewan does not have an alternative reliable source of non-emitting baseload power to fully replace coal-and-gas-fired generation in the near term.

This path forward also relies on the potential success of a few key technologies currently in the pre-commercial stage including nuclear Small Modular Reactors, carbon capture on natural gas and long-duration utility-scale energy storage.

On May 16, 2023, Premier Scott Moe outlined Saskatchewan's plan for electricity generation to 2035 and beyond. This plan includes a commitment to achieve net-zero by 2050 while maintaining an energy mix that ensures reliable baseload power and affordable rates for customers.

"While technical solutions are gradually developing, we must plan now to power

the next decade of growth with the foundation of reliable baseload electricity," Duncan said. "Our government will not risk the affordability and reliability of Saskatchewan's power grid to attempt the impossible based on an arbitrary federal emissions target and timeline. We call on the federal government to acknowledge and accept Saskatchewan's plan to build and protect our economy while ensuring the continued viability of our power system and publicly-owned Crown utility for generations to come."

The Clean Electricity Regulations were published in Canada Gazette, Part I on Aug. 19, 2023.

This week, Duncan was scheduled to travel to Paris, France, to represent Saskatchewan at the World Nuclear Exhibit to showcase the province's nuclear capabilities and opportunities on the international stage.

Duncan was also expected to participate in a provincial ministerial panel with Ontario and New Brunswick ministers at the event to discuss the Canadian nuclear industry's major role in the clean energy transition over the coming decades.

Meanwhile, days after his government issued its response to the federal govern-

ment, Premier Scott Moe announced \$80 million for the Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC) to pursue the demonstration of a microreactor in Saskatchewan.

The SRC will apply the research and knowledge gained from the licensing and deployment of an initial microreactor to support the Saskatchewan nuclear industry to better understand this type of technology and the potential for future microreactor projects in the province.

"This project has the opportunity to be transformative for our economy, industry and communities," Moe said in a statement. "Microreactors provide a custom solution for Saskatchewan's unique energy needs."

The eVinci microreactor will be built by Westinghouse Electric Company. Subject to licensing and regulatory requirements, it is expected to be operational by 2029.

The location of the reactor will be determined as the project progresses through the regulatory processes. The surrounding infrastructure is less than two thirds the size of a hockey rink.

The eVinci is classified as a microreactor capable of producing five megawatts of electricity, over 13 megawatts of high temperature heat, or operating in combined heat and power mode.

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