

## WP Sandin celebrates Class of 2024



WP Sandin's class of 2024. Back row, from left to right: Cohen Tait, Jake Boettcher, Brendan Aug, Ethan Klaassen, Memphis Kimbley, Logan Smith, Ashton Tanchuk, Julian Peake, Graham Lamontagne, Storm Rudolph, Jesse Nyberg, and Hunter Nakonechny. Middle: Abi Kyliuk, Deziree Stieb, Aenna Gatdula, Josée Schatkoske, Payten Keyowski, Sunny Schutte, Charlise Smith-Hayden, Keira Bucknell, Allison Lamotte, Addison Kerber, Ava Ledding, Brielle Empey-McVicker, Abby Ledding, and Meagan Denis. Front: Talon Sandry, Conner Mathers, Brandon Dingwall, Ashtin Knaus, Aaron Morgia, and Tavis Galloway. Missing: Brett Stene and Adrienne Wall *Photo by Shyhorses Photography*

By **JORDAN TWISS**  
*Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter*

The 34 graduates in WP Sandin High School's Class of 2024 were toasted by the community with all of the traditional pomp and circumstance during their graduation ceremony and parade on Friday, June 14.

Following a last-minute scheduling change, the formal ceremony, held in WP Sandin's gymnasium was up first. Drawing thematic inspiration from Trooper's "Here for a Good Time (Not a Long Time)," much of the ceremony focused on memories and moments — past, present, and future — and making the most of them.

With introductions provided by Mr. James Meyers, the graduates entered the gym one at a time and proceeded

to the stage, passing off a candle to a loved one before taking their seats. This long-standing WP Sandin tradition is meant to symbolize the passing of the flame of knowledge to the next generation of learners.

As the ceremony's speaking program got under way, Mr. James Meyers first shared his own acknowledgement of the graduates.

"It's been a pleasure to work with you all for the last seven years, and you will be missed in the halls and classrooms of our school," he said. "You each had something unique you brought to our building, and you all added something to our lives, which we've learned from and are thankful for."

Mr. Meyers next turned the microphone over to WP Sandin principal Tyler Kuzma, who leaned heavily on

old wisdom (and the graduating class's theme song) to remind the graduates that life is about the adventure, not the destination, and encouraged them to make the most of each moment.

"While the road ahead holds challenges and uncertainties, I urge you to carry the spirit of making the most of every moment with you as you embark on your next adventure," he said.

As the program continued, educational assistant Stephanie Kennedy was called upon to serve as guest speaker. She began by sending well wishes on behalf of former WP Sandin teacher Kirk Pilon, who had been asked to join her in addressing the grads but was unable to attend.

Like Mr. Kuzma before her, Mrs. Kennedy encouraged the graduates to make the most of each moment, and

offered encouragement for the road ahead.

"Remember that every moment you have experienced up until this day has prepared you in some way for what is to come," she said. "Each new experience might challenge you, might excite you, might scare you... [but] whatever path you choose will open up opportunities and you will experience moments that you will cherish."

Next up to the podium was class valedictorian Abi Kyliuk, who began by acknowledging school staff and teachers, the graduates' families, and everyone else who helped her and her classmates on their journey to graduation.

Kyliuk also challenged her fellow graduates to embrace their individuality and share it with the world.

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“High school hasn’t just been about grades and participation. More importantly, it’s been a time of discovery, of figuring out who we are, what we stand for, and the goals we have for ourselves,” she said.

“The challenges we’ve faced, whether they’ve ended in triumphs or losses, have shaped who we are today. Use these memories as encouragement to do good for oth-

ers and for the world.”

The ceremony continued with tributes to the class from Josée Schatkoske and Brendan Aug, to the staff from Payten Keyowski and Julian Peake, and to the parents from Ava Ledding and Jake Boettcher. Devon and Dianne Thorpe offered the reply from the staff, while Pam Boettcher and Quinn Tait responded on behalf of the parents. The ceremony con-

cluded with the presentation of diplomas and a slideshow put together by graduate Addison Kerber.

After the ceremony wrapped up, the grads gathered once more for the graduation parade, touring the community on horseback, on flat bed trailers, or in their own vehicles, to celebratory cheers from onlookers.

WP Sandin’s class of 2024 is: Brendan Aug, Jake Boettcher, Keira Bucknell, Meagan Dennis, Brandon Dingwall, Brielle Empey-McVicker, Tavis Galloway, Aenna Gatdula, Addison Kerber, Payten Keyowski, Memphis Kimbley, Ethan Klaassen, Ashlin Knaus, Abi Kyliuk, Allison Lamotte, Abby Ledding, Ava Ledding, Conner Mathers, Aaron Morgia, Hunter Nakonechny, Jesse Nyberg, Julian Peake, Storm Rudolph, Talon Sandry, Josée Schatkoske, Sunny Schutte, Logan Smith, Charlise Smith-Hayden, Brett Stene, Deziree Stieb, Cohen Tait, Ashton Tanchuk, and Adrienne Wall.



Brendan Aug passes the candle of knowledge to his cousin Carson. Ceremony photos courtesy of Shyhorses Photography



Jake Boettcher busts out his phone to accept his diploma from principal Tyler Kuzma.



From left to right: graduates Tavis Galloway, Cohen Tait, Hunter Nakonechny, and Jesse Nyberg shared a ride during the parade.



Abi Kyliuk delivers her valedictorian address.



Graduates Sunny Schutte (middle) and Deziree Stieb (right) rode horseback for the parade.

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**We hope to see you on July 15<sup>th</sup>!**

# Gun & Hobby Show brings something for everyone

By **BEVRA FEE**  
Spiritwood Herald Reporter

The annual Gun & Hobby show was hosted by the Witchekan Wildlife Federation in the Spiritwood arena on Saturday, June 15 and Sunday, June 16.

Providing a dry activity on a rainy weekend, the two-



A customer checks out engraved products at Koltyn Gaboury's booth.

day show started off with a pancake breakfast each day, and a canteen to offer food for the remainder of the day's visitors. As a fundraiser for the Resolute School Restoration Committee, the canteen and breakfast were a means for volunteers to raise money for their worthwhile cause.

Visitors browsed the many tables and visited with the knowledgeable vendors, and the array was wide-ranging, from Tupperware and home baking to collectibles, knitting and all manner of ammunition, guns, fishing gear, and recycled campfire pokers.

Kathy Sawatsky reported having very good traffic at her baking table on Saturday, "I am nearly sold out – I guess I'll have to bake some cookies for tomorrow!"

Among the new vendors this year was Koltyn Gaboury with his home-based business, Kilogram Designs. Offering custom designs on a wide range of products, Gaboury found the show to be well worth his while.

Gun & Hobby Show committee planner, Lyla Ledinski, reported that around 400 people passed through the gates of the 2024 event over the course of two days. Winners of the 50/50 draw each day were Gwen Reyn- ders (Saturday) and Elaine Turgeon (Sunday).



Paul Durette and Reba check out campfire sticks recycled from golf clubs.

## Local athletes medal at provincial track & field

By **JORDAN TWISS**  
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Student athletes from across the province gathered at Saskatoon's Gordie Howe Track & Field Complex on June 7 and 8, to compete in the Saskatchewan High School Athletics Association (SHSAA) Provincial Track and Field Meet.

Not only were a number of local student athletes in the running as the action got under way, but a few of them also brought home medals in their respective events, and a few others narrowly missed the podium.

WP Sandin High

School student Marcail Philp ran to two podium finishes in junior girls competition, placing second in the 3,000-metre race, and third in the 1,500-metre race. She also placed fourth in the 800-metre race, missing the podium by less than three seconds, and capped off her weekend with a 10th place finish in discus.

Competing alongside her in most of these events was Spiritwood High School's Emeri Simonar, who placed third in the 3,000-metre race, and fifth in both the 800-metre and 1,500-metre races.

Ty Mix from Blaine Lake Composite School was the other local multiple medallist over the weekend, sprinting to a second place finish in the junior boys 100-metre dash, and winning gold with the Central Valley 4x100-metre relay team. Mix also finished sixth in junior boys long jump.

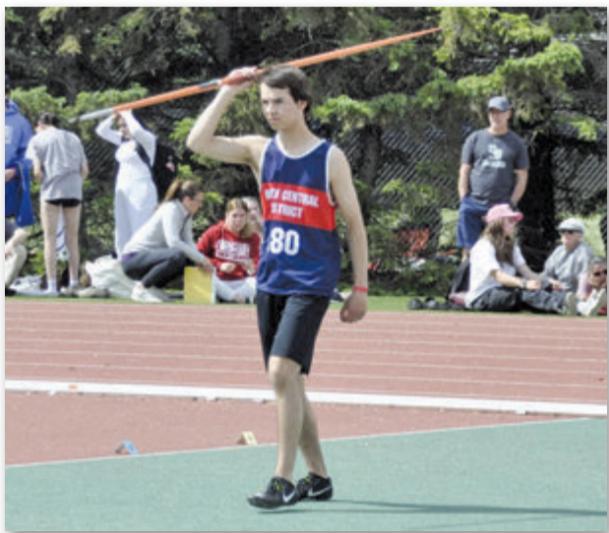
Elsewhere, WP Sandin High School's Ezra Peake placed fourth in junior boys javelin, coming up just one metre short of the podium, and Medstead Central School's Austin Dzialo-Findlay finished fourth in intermediate boys high jump. Dzialo-Findlay jumped the same height as the second and third place finishers, but took more tries to do so, resulting

in his placement.

Rounding out the weekend's results, WP Sandin High School's Samantha Kennedy, and Reagan Collins both earned top-five finishes in one individual event each. Kennedy's came in the intermediate

girls 80-metre hurdles, while Collins' was in the 200-metre dash.

Ayli Schatkoske and Samantha Kennedy also earned fifth place finishes in the intermediate girls 4x100-metre relay with team North Central.



Shellbrook's Ezra Peake readies to throw in junior boys javelin. He went on to finish fourth. Photo courtesy of Teri Smith



Shellbrook's Marcail Philp (left) and Spiritwood's Emeri Simonar (right) earned silver and bronze medals, respectively, in the junior girls 3,000-metre race at Provincial Track and Field. Photo courtesy of Teri Smith



Blaine Lake's Ty Mix was a double medallist at Provincials, earning gold in the junior boys 4x100-metre relay, and silver in the 100-metre dash. Photo courtesy of Blaine Lake Composite School

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4	4	Y3516 Ext 0	156522360	\$ 2,516.61	\$ 36.98	\$ 2,553.59
23	4	Y3516 Ext 0	151294596	\$ 6,382.05	\$ 36.98	\$ 6,419.03
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## MPs aiding foreign states must be named

A little over a year ago, when former Governor General David Johnston delivered the findings of his investigation into foreign interference, concluding that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government neither allowed nor tolerated such interference, it seemed the scandalous affair might end with little more than a whimper.

Though Mr. Johnston's conclusion may have seemed like a vindication of Mr. Trudeau, who had spent months denying that he had been briefed about China's efforts to interfere in the 2019 and 2021 federal elections, Mr. Johnston had plenty of criticisms to level against all parties – mostly of the childishly partisan way in which they'd handled the matter.

In addition to his report, Mr. Johnston also prepared a classified annex, which explained his conclusions in greater detail, with reference to the relevant intelligence documents, and suggested opposition leaders should be given clearance to review it (only Conservative Leader Pierre Poilievre refused to get this clearance).

He stopped short, however, of calling for a public inquiry into the matter, suggesting Canada's national security laws would make it a costly exercise in futility.

Instead, Mr. Johnston's tenure as special rapporteur on foreign interference was supposed to end with a series of public hearings. But, citing the same



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News Editor

partisanship he'd previously criticized, Mr. Johnston stepped down and washed his hands of the whole mess.

With Mr. Johnston's resignation, the issue of foreign interference soon faded to background noise.

It briefly returned to the foreground in the fall, when a formal public inquiry on foreign interference was announced. But, soon after, it left the public consciousness yet again.

The silence came to a cacophonous end earlier this month, with the release of The National Security Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians (NSICOP) report, which determined some MPs "wittingly assisted" foreign state actors after being elected and criticized Mr. Trudeau's government for being slow to act.

In particular, the report detailed efforts by India and China to curry favour with politicians at all levels of government, and cases where elected officials tried to influence outcomes to benefit foreign powers.

"The committee has also seen troubling intelligence that some Parliamentarians are, in the words of the intelligence services, 'semi-witting or witting' participants in the efforts of foreign states to interfere in our politics," the report said, noting Canada could feel the consequences of these actions for years to come.

The outcry was immediate and deafening – and rightfully so – with pun-

its and the general public calling for the "traitor MPs" to be outed, regardless of the potential national security implications of doing so.

Currently, the decision of whether or not to name these MPs, by way of ousting them from their respective caucuses, lies in the hands of the federal party leaders, who have the power to read NSICOP's unredacted report.

Green Party Leader Elizabeth May was the first to take this step, announcing that her review of the report cleared her party of any wrongdoing.

Similarly, NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh said any NDP MP found to have aided foreign state actors would be ejected

from his caucus immediately.

Both party leaders also suggested they'd be open to naming Liberal and Conservative MPs identified in the report, if Mr. Trudeau and Mr. Poilievre failed to do so – but only if the national security implications didn't outweigh the public interest.

Despite being a proponent of naming and shaming the MPs who are colluding with foreign powers, Mr. Poilievre has once again refused to obtain the proper security clearance required to view the report in full.

It seems he would prefer being "silenced" by remaining willfully ignorant of vital information, to being muzzled by Canada's pesky national security laws.

Meanwhile, the Liberal government's only commitment so far is to support the inclusion of allegations of foreign collusion in the ongoing public inquiry on foreign interference. But Public Safety Minister Dominic LeBlanc has already suggested the law will prevent names from being revealed.

Put frankly, this isn't good enough.

Though it serves no one's interest to lead a pitchforks and torches-style witch hunt, the names of MPs serving the interests of foreign states before those of Canadians must be made public, and those MPs must be booted from caucus by their respective leaders.

There will be national security implications for doing so, of this there is no doubt. But the harm done by inaction and silence will be far greater.



## YOUR TWO CENTS Carbon tax costs more than we think

Dear Editor,  
Concerning your editorial on carbon tax in the June 6, 2024, *Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald*, one aspect that seems to be lost by politicians is the hidden and compounding effect of the tax. I believe that in the last four years the single

highest contributing factor to Canadian inflation has been carbon tax.

Take for instance a small electronic device and let's assume it is entirely developed and made in Canada. Every raw material was mined or produced using some form of energy that

was carbon taxed. Then taxable energy was used to refine it. Then taxable energy was required to ship it to a place that uses taxable energy to make it into material that can be used to make components. Then it is shipped again, using taxable energy, to a place that uses taxable energy to make a component. Then taxable energy is utilized to ship the components to an assembly location that again requires the use of taxable energy. Then it is shipped to a distribution wholesaler and then to a retailer all using taxable energy. On top of all

of this, GST was charged on top of the carbon tax every step of the way, including when we buy the small electronic device.

It is probably hard to know how much carbon tax we actually pay, and the federal government certainly doesn't compensate us for the carbon tax that is largely hidden from consumers and built into every step of the production and distribution for almost 100 per cent of the items we buy every day.

Food for thought!  
Brent Miller,  
Shellbrook, Sask.

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# McLeod shares musical history with elders

By **JORDAN TWISS**  
Shellbrook Chronicle  
Reporter

Some people are born artists.

For Randall McLeod, the pastor of Parkside's Immanuel Lutheran Church, a love of writing and creating music came at age 28, after he came to Christ.

"I had a vision of me, standing on a big stage playing music. I said, 'Well that's interesting. I can't sing. I can't play. I can't

write anything. I guess I better learn how to do those things,'" he recalled.

"So, I started learning how to do those things."

Joking that 28 was "too old" to be learning how to play an instrument, McLeod says it was a lot of work learning to sing, play, and accompany himself. Fortunately, when he moved to Stony Plain, Alta., with his wife — a town they called home for more than 30 years — he found plenty of fuel for his

newfound creativity.

"Stony Plain is blanketed with murals," he said. "I found many of the murals to be very inspirational — the stories behind them, not the murals per se. So, I started writing mostly songs about them."

Over the years, McLeod compiled the murals' many stories into a collection of songs, poems, and slideshow photographs he calls the Mural Suite or I'd Like to Tell You About My Town. And on Monday, June 3, he shared these works with the elders of Parkland Integrated Health Centre's long-term care home.

For McLeod, it was a return to his roots as a performer. Care homes often need people to visit and entertain residents, so these venues have served as a vital stage for him to hone his craft over the years. In the elders of Parkland Integrated Health Centre's long-term care home, he found an audience that was delighted to hear his

tales.

"When the railroad thought to pass 'em by/ This town was not dismayed/They'd find a way to skin that cat/No matter what it takes," McLeod sang. "If the train don't come into the town/I'll tell you what to do/Pick up the town and move 'er down/ To where the train goes through."

These particular lyrics date all the way back to Stony Plain's founding. When the railroad built

the train station about a mile and a half from where the town site was, the general store, the blacksmith, and the hardware store were put on log rollers one winter and moved to where the station was.

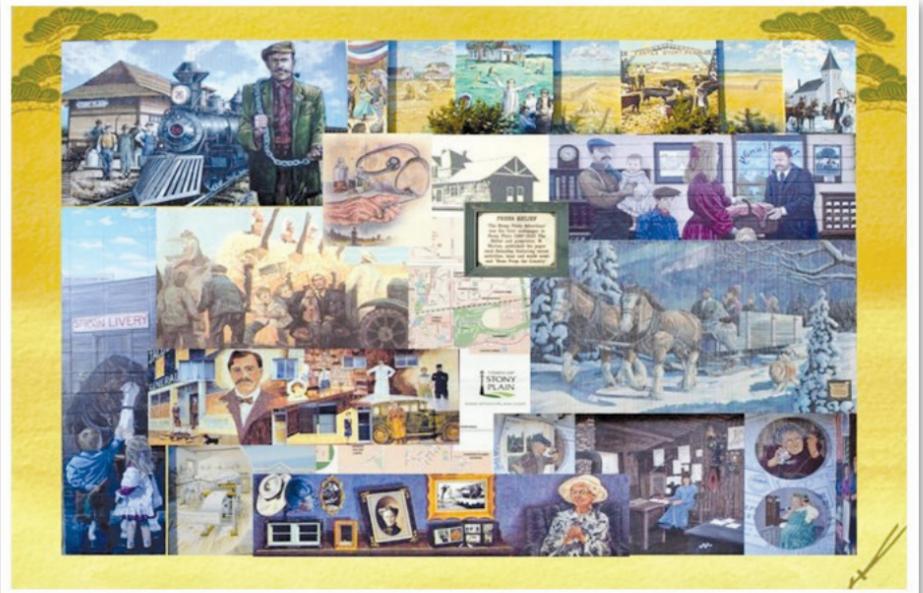
This tale isn't the only railroad-related piece of history depicted in one of Stony Plain's many murals. Another depicts the town's first sheriff, Israel Umbach, who also served as the tax collector. When the railroad refused to

pay its taxes, Umbach impounded one of its trains by padlocking it to the tracks until it paid up.

McLeod says there are plenty more stories told by Stony Plain's murals, including the history of Cornelia Railey Wood, who served five terms as an MLA between 1940 and 1967 (almost unheard of for a woman at the time), and depictions of Stony Plain's relationship with its sister city, Shikaoui, Japan, to name just a few.



Randall McLeod entertains elders at Parkland Integrated Health Centre's long-term care home.



The murals of Stony Plain, Alta., served as creative fuel for Parkside pastor Randall McLeod. Photo courtesy of Randall McLeod

## 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 June 10.)

Shellbrook's Town Council held its regular meeting in person and via teleconference on Monday, June 10.

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Otterson, and council began with its customary Treaty 6 land acknowledgement in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation. Then, it approved the meeting's agenda, adopted the minutes of its May 21 and 22 meetings, and proclaimed June to be Parks and Recreation Month, before moving into council's reports.

There, much of the conversation centred around Parkland Integrated Health Centre and local healthcare, with councillors sharing their own struggles with accessing services in a timely fashion, as well as stories they've been hearing from others.

Moving from reports into the Mayor and Council forum, both Mayor Otterson and Councillor Batten reported receiving phone calls from a ratepayer expressing concerns about the proposal to increase the mill rate to 5.64 from 4.42.

As it so happened, the mill rate bylaw was the first item of new business council addressed, with Councillor Miller declaring he'd be voting against a second reading of the bylaw to protest this year's municipal budgeting process.

He said the process needs to begin earlier in the year and council needs to be more involved with the process so it can understand the budget. While council has discussed do-

ing this, Hoare said she would also provide council with a more simplified version of the budget document that's easier to digest.

Councillor Nording also expressed concerns about the increase to the mill rate, and asked if there was room to limit the increase. Hoare reminded council she had proposed that the mill rate could be set at 5.39 instead of 5.64, and still leave the town with a \$12,000 surplus (which will be put into reserves for water infrastructure).

After some discussion, Councillors Miller, Batten, and Nording voted against the second reading of the mill rate bylaw, defeating it and prompting further discussion. Following this, council agreed to set the mill rate at 5.39, and the revised mill rate bylaw was unanimously given three readings and adopted.

With its adoption, council also approved the discounts on the municipal portion of property taxes. Ratepayers who pay by the end of July will receive a 7 per cent discount, with those who pay by the end of August and September receiving 5 per cent and 3 per cent discounts, respectively.

In other new business, council approved policy 3002, the Progressive Discipline Policy, reviewed the 2023 Draft Financial Statements, and reversed an erroneous interest charge in the amount of \$96.94

Up next, council took one small step forward on its water treatment plant project by passing a motion to have BrewNature undertake a trial project on the town's water to see if biofiltration would be a viable treatment option. The project carries a cost of about \$34,800.

Winding down the new business, council approved a request from a family to install a larger-than-standard niche placard at the Shellbrook Cemetery.

And finally, council approved a proposal from the Shellbrook Kinettes that will see the group take over responsibility for the Shellbrook Community Hall.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

**BLAINE LAKE:** Wapiti Library - Wednesday 1pm - 6pm; Thursday 1pm - 6pm; Friday 1pm - 6pm; Saturday 10am - 3pm. 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.

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# Filipino basketball tournament bounces into Spiritwood

By **BEVRA FEE**  
Spiritwood Herald Reporter

Spiritwood High School's gymnasium was the venue for the community's first Filipino Basketball Tournament.

Hosted over two days – June 14 and



Team Marvin goes up for a shot against Team Senior High School.

15 – the tournament included three teams: Team Marvin, Team Senior High, and Team Edevic.

The fun (yet competitive) event was planned by Ronald Hornilla, a prominent leader among Spiritwood's large Filipino community. Hornilla is coach of the Spiritwood High School Senior Boys basketball team, and that is the team he coached in the tournament.

"I am hoping to plan more events – we are planning for a volleyball tournament or maybe another basketball tournament in winter – we will see," commented Hornilla.

The teams played three regular games that led to a championship game, which was won by Team Marvin. Team Senior High School was first runner-up, while Team Edevic was second runner-up.

The event was action-packed and had many interested onlookers, as well as plenty of supporters for each team. Play by play was an added benefit for novice basketball fans, as well as a means of picking up the odd Filipino word.



Team Marvin with their gold medals, presented by Ronald Hornilla (left).

## Three arrested on Sturgeon Lake FN

By **JORDAN TWISS**  
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

The Prince Albert RCMP Detachment, working in tandem with the Prince Albert Warrant Enforcement and Suppression Team (WEST) and Prince Albert Crime Reduction Team (CRT), arrested three wanted men during an investigation on the Sturgeon Lake First Nation on Tuesday, June 11.

According to police, officers were conducting patrols in the community when an officer observed a truck known to be associated with one of the men. Officers activated their emergency lights and attempted a traffic stop.

When the driver of the vehicle failed to stop, officers set up a tire deflation device in its path. The truck drove over it, and its two front tires were deflated.

The truck's driver continued driving the vehicle on its rims, eventually coming to a stop in a grassy field. The three occupants fled on foot and officers followed them down a heavily-brushed hill toward a slough.

Officers observed one suspect enter the slough and arrested him as he stood in knee-deep water. They

located a second suspect hiding in some brush. Saskatchewan RCMP Police Dog Services arrived on scene and police dog Rogue located the third suspect, who had tried to disguise himself by covering himself with leaves, branches and dirt.

Further investigation determined two loaded semi-automatic firearms had been thrown from the moving truck as it fled from police. Officers located and seized them.

The truck the suspects were driving had been reported as stolen during a robbery in Prince Albert on June 6.

As a result of continued investigation, 19-year-old Kalen Felix from Sturgeon Lake First Nation is charged with: one count each of operating a vehicle while prohibited, flight from a peace officer, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, resisting/obstructing a peace officer, possession of property obtained by crime, and possession of a weapon contrary to order. He also faces two charges each of careless use of a firearm, possession of a firearm in a motor vehicle, and possession of a firearm while knowing possession is unauthorized.

Felix was also arrested on a warrant from Prince Al-

bert RCMP for charges including aggravated assault and robbery with a firearm in relation to a May 21, 2024, incident in the community of Little Red River.

Elsewhere, 26-year-old Keyano Ahenakew from Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation was charged with one count each of careless use of a firearm, possession of property obtained by crime, failing to comply with a probation order, possession of a weapon contrary to order, careless use of a firearm, and possession of a firearm in a motor vehicle.

Ahenakew was also arrested on a warrant from Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook RCMP for breaching a probation order.

Finally, 30-year-old Etienne Felix from Sturgeon Lake First Nation was charged with: one count each of failing to comply with a probation order and possession of a firearm in a motor vehicle, and two counts each of careless use of a firearm, possession of a weapon contrary to order, careless use of a firearm, and possession of a firearm while knowing possession is unauthorized.

The three accused men appeared in Prince Albert Provincial Court on June 13.

## Shellbrook Royal Purple hosts Seniors Tea

By **JORDAN TWISS**  
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

A long-standing Royal Purple tradition continued last Wednesday, when the Shellbrook Royal Purple hosted a large crowd of seniors for tea, dessert, entertainment, and

some welcome visiting at the Shellbrook Community Hall.

Up until the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Shellbrook Royal Purple's Senior's Tea was an annual event that gave the organization – and other Royal Purple lodges in the region and

across Canada – an opportunity to show its appreciation for local seniors, and offered seniors an opportunity to get out at no cost to them.

When the tradition was revived in 2022 after the relaxation of pandemic protocols, the tea was so well received by its guests, which include the elders from the Parkland Integrated Health Centre and Whispering Pine Place special care homes, the Shellbrook Royal Purple chose to make its revival permanent.

In addition to tea and cakes prepared and provided by the Royal Purple members at each Senior's Tea, guests are always treated to an afternoon of entertainment. This year, Gilles Francoeur and friends provided an afternoon of toe-tapping country and old-time tunes.

As a special treat, Cheryl Ledding's Grade 4 students and Tammy Jewitt's Grade 2 students came from Shell-

brook Elementary School to lend their enthusiastic voices to a selection of songs.

Other items on the afternoon's agenda included a brief message from Shellbrook Mayor Amund Otterson, and a blessing provided by Pastor John Slemming. Slemming also expressed appreciation for the seniors in attendance, who helped make this province and country what it is today.

To help complete the day, Shellbrook Flowers 'N More donated a bouquet of flowers, and Beau 'Lac' Funeral Home donated a door prize. Sheila Smith was the winner of the bouquet, and Lucy Sommerfeld won the door prize.

Elsewhere, Shellbrook's Dairy Queen provided a token of appreciation for the student performers in the form of coupons for free Blizzards.



Royal Purple member Wendy Watt serves cake to guests at the Royal Purple's annual Senior's Tea.



Gilles Francoeur and friends entertained with music throughout the afternoon.

## Bill C-275 not so clear cut

When it comes to politics – especially at the federal government level – few things are ever as black and white as we might like.

Take for example Bill C-275, the private member's bill to amend the Health of Animals Act, which would increase fines for those who unlawfully enter livestock barns and processing facilities.

The bill was manoeuvred through Parliament by Conservative agriculture critic John Barlow and arose from a 2019 incident in his

riding when about 40 protesters entered a free-range turkey barn near Fort Macleod.

A bill to protect farm operations from unauthorized people entering their facilities seems pretty straight forward. But the bill leaves questions too.

To begin with, there are laws against break and enter and even trespass so do you need a new level of protection under the Health of Animals Act? Or do you just need to make use of the laws and regulations which already exist?



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The answer to better protection is not always more laws.

Now, in the case of livestock operations, there is most certainly a high level of concern about bio-security in the face of health con-

cerns such as avian flu, and African Swine Fever. Both of the mentioned diseases, and others, can be devastating to livestock and the losses associated with dead stock is of course huge.

So, on that level, it's understandable there is a need for protection with significant teeth to deter unauthorized admittance because there is a level of health threat.

The Bill, however, also seemed rather clearly pointed at protesters who enter livestock

operations to protest intensive farming techniques, or to promote animal rights, and similar issues they feel strongly about.

The right to protest lawfully is an important aspect of a democracy, but there are limits.

Does this Bill thwart the ability to protest?

No, but it would potentially stop some actions directly disrupting lawful farming operations.

Suddenly, when you weave the various issues of animal health, farm protests, the ability to farm, and the existence

of established laws, all of a sudden Bill C-275 is far from clear cut.

Now before the Senate, the debate on this Bill is likely to be a protracted one, with a variety of points of views put forward as witnesses address the Senate committee on agriculture and forestry.

What the bill ultimately becomes – expect amendments as a matter of course in such things – will be interesting to see in regards to how it impacts the normal operations of the farm.

## GOOD NEWS

### OLD GLOVE CONJURES FOND MEMORIES OF SCRUB

By LORNE VALUCK

Parkside Pentecostal Church

Some time ago, I came across a ball glove I had bought from a classmate and friend when I was in school. I think I paid four dollars for it.

This fellow accepted Jesus as his Savior in 2015, and that's who he's with now, after passing much too soon from life on this earth, just four years later.

He, along with many of my contemporaries in school, spent a lot of time playing "scrub."

From the time the ball fields were dry enough, until summer holidays, and then for a while in the fall, we'd play this modified version of softball.

Most of the time there'd be 7 to 10 players in the "field," with 2 or 3 batters.

We loved it and played hard.

As we'd enter the school yard after lunch, someone would yell "run for bases" and the game was on.

Scrub rules were similar to regular soft ball, with the batters trying to "get home" as many times as they could, hopefully advancing their fellow batters in their efforts to score as well.

Those in field strove to get the batters out, by strikes, "throwing them out" as they ran the bases, or catching a fly ball. Getting a batter out moved those in the field toward becoming a batter, working from "last in field" through the positions to "catcher" before a turn at bat.

Oh ya. When you catch a fly, you exchange places with that batter. So, if you were shortstop, for instance, you'd go to bat, and the player whose fly ball you caught would go to shortstop. That's the way we played it, most of the time anyway.

Scrub was an interesting combination of "everyone for himself" and teamwork.

Let me give you an example of that with some moves you shouldn't pull when you're playing Scrub.

When you're batting, you shouldn't hit an easy grounder to 3rd base so another batter is easily put out while you get safely to first. That's just selfish. You're gonna draw some heat.

And another "no no". If you do catch a fly ball, don't glory and revel in your good fortune and miss the opportunity to throw a base runner out who may have left the bag early, because you

could've advanced the whole field one more step toward batting.

When a player did that, we'd usually hear someone yell, "Thinkin' about yourself!"

O Man. Those were the days.

I wonder what we'd look like out there now. ("Oh, my aching back, my stiff knee, my sore hip...")

There were times we'd get back to class after recess, looking pretty grubby, sometimes sore and beat up.

I recall one time when we had an exam in the first class after lunch, and I had "thrown out my arm." I'm not sure what the medical term would be, but "debilitating, throbbing pain from the forearm to the shoulder" pretty much describes it. Writing the exam was literally a pain.

"Scrub." Funny name, but what a game!

Accepting Jesus as Saviour, becoming a follower of Jesus. It's certainly no game, but like Scrub, it has an element of "everyone for himself," and there's definitely a teamwork component that is important and appreciated.

As individuals, we have to recognize that we are sinners, and need a Savior

We each have to repent, ask God

for forgiveness, and accept that Jesus died on the cross to pay for the sins we have committed, and will commit. Thankfully, by God's grace and the Holy Spirit's life changing power, we are made new creations, His children, with privileges and responsibilities.

We can't slide in with the crowd. It's about each of us individually dealing with God the Father.

And as for teamwork, God has chosen to have followers of Jesus operate on this earth as a family, His family, worshiping and serving Him, and encouraging and supporting one another.

I'm glad I came across that old ball glove.

And I am so glad my friend chose to accept Jesus as His Savior.

Hmmmm. I wonder if we'll play scrub together in heaven.

Heavenly Father, if there's someone reading this that doesn't know you personally, or isn't part of a "team" of believers, please soften their hearts by Your Holy Spirit, and draw them to experience Your Love and Forgiveness, and become a member of Your Family, Your Team.

"Put me in Coach! I'm ready to play!"

## Shell Lake Legion commemorates D-Day

By CAROLYN LALONDE

Shell Lake Legion

Two dozen members and guests were on hand to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D Day, during an event hosted by Shell Lake Legion Branch #15.

The commemoration replaced the branch's annual Decoration Day event, and due to the wet, windy weather, was held in the Legion Hall.

Branch president Christine Wollms called the event to order. The colour party was led by Jack Klassen.

Bible readings and a message were composed by Padre David Jensen, but were read by Gwen Stringer-Klassen.

Following the Mayoral Address from Mayor Anita Weiers, Gwen Stringer-Klassen read the names of the local veterans.

Lunch followed the commemoration.



Shell Lake Mayor Anita Weiers gives the mayoral address.



The colour party stands at post. From left to right: Chanelle Weir, Desiree Hatch, and Brittany Hatch.

## Alouettes show 2023 Grey Cup win was no fluke

The Canadian Football League started June 6 with a rematch of last year's Grey Cup Game — the Blue Bombers were whipped 27-12 by Montreal — and will end with a halftime performance by the Jonas Brothers at the Grey Cup Game Nov. 17 in Vancouver.

But what might hit the headlines in the meantime?

Here's what to watch for, team by team:

**Montreal Alouettes** — The defending Grey Cup champs had a memorable season in 2023, bumping along with a 6-7 record in mid-September and then going undefeated the rest of the way, beating Winnipeg 28-24 to win the Grey Cup. Nice start to 2024, too.

**Toronto Argonauts** — Can the Argos find another rookie like their star from last year, Qwan'tez Stiggers? He was rookie of the year in the CFL last year and now finds himself on the roster of the New York Jets. Meanwhile, last year's most outstanding player in the CFL, QB

Chad Kelly, will miss the first nine games due to a suspension for violating the team's gender-based violence policy.

**Ottawa Redblacks** — He may not be the most outstanding player, but kick returner DeVonte Dedmon might be the most exciting. After missing most of 2023, the 2021 winner of the most outstanding special teams player is healthy and he showed his stuff in a pre-season game against Hamilton, returning a punt 91 yards for a TD.

**Hamilton Tiger-Cats** — First-year coach Scott Milanovich is hoping for a full, injury-free season from quarterback Bo Levi Mitchell. The former Calgary QB broke his leg in Week 8 and finished his first year with the Ti-Cats with only six starts. Milanovich, meanwhile, says the CFL "is a very unique family-type atmosphere, close-knit and for me it's just a lot of fun."

**Winnipeg Blue Bombers** — If running back Brady Oliveira and



BRUCE PENTON

quarterback Zach Collaros can repeat their 2023 performances, the Bombers just may get back to the Grey Cup game for the fifth straight year. Collaros passed for a career-high 4,252 yards last season.

**Saskatchewan Roughriders** — New coach Cory Mace, who takes over from Craig Dickenson, needs veteran quarterback Trevor Harris to provide stability on offence. Saskatchewan missed the playoffs last year, scoring only 387 points, second-last in the league.

**Edmonton Elks** — After 22 consecutive home-field losses, the Elks won twice at Commonwealth

Stadium last year, and coach Chris Jones is looking for more this year. Last place in 2023, and no playoff appearances since 2019, the Elks are looking to McLeod Bethel-Thompson, who guided the Argos to a Grey Cup in 2022, to lead the way.

**Calgary Stampeders** — Quarterback Jake Maier will try to lift the Stampeders, 6-12 last year and barely in the playoffs, back into post-season play. Maier's Stamps were last in the league in touchdowns last year with 36.

**B.C. Lions** — Can the Grey Cup hosts be playing in front of their home crowd on Nov 17? Quite possibly. The Lions are strong at quarterback, with Vernon Adams calling the shots, and are expected to battle it out with Winnipeg for top spot in the west.

• Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va.): "According to a recent survey, most fans in D.C. and Northern Virginia 'dislike or hate' the Commanders' name. Not what you'd

call an eye-popping revelation. Fans will like it better when they start winning."

• Former Toronto Argonaut and now a New York Jet, cornerback Qwan'tez Stiggers, on his grooming: "I made a promise to myself: I'm not getting a haircut till I win the Super Bowl. If I got to be a caveman, I'll be a caveman."

• Veteran U.S. college football coach Lou Holtz: "Coaching is nothing more than eliminating mistakes before you get fired."

• Headline at Canada's satirical website, The Beaver.com: "Oilers plan to damage Florida Panthers' morale by forcing them to visit Edmonton"

• Another one from the Beaver.com: "Teams in states with no income tax have an unfair advantage," says adorable rube who thinks NHL players pay tax like normal people."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "After Game one of NBA finals, there's a break for 48 hours until game

two. Game seven, if necessary, is June 23. If Major League Baseball spread out its playoffs like the NBA did, World Series Game 7 could be Christmas Eve."

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "Winnipeg Blue Bombers head coach Mike O'Shea said he is not overly concerned about his team's offence, defence or special teams. Possibly because he hasn't seen any of them yet."

• RJ Currie again, still picking on the poor Leafs: "On July 20th, 1969, the first humans walked on the moon. How long ago was that? It was so long ago, the Leafs current Stanley Cup drought was only two years old."

• Headline at fark.com: "Jake Paul's suicide via Iron Mike Tyson has been pushed back to Nov. 15."

• Another fark.com headline: "U.S. beat Pakistan in surprise upset, exciting the fan of U.S. cricket."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

## Willoughby golf tourney crowns winners

By SHELLY WILLOUGHBY

The annual Jim Willoughby Memorial Golf Tournament was held on June 8 at the Hidden Hills of Shellbrook Golf Course. The weather did not dampen anyone's spirits, as the tournament was full once again, and the course looked great thanks to Les Archer and his staff.

The winner of the tournament this year was the team of Josh Elliot, Dar-

cy Rask, Jason McComas, and Brendon Canaday.

Closest to the pin was Lana Kyliuk, women's longest drive was Emily Fiala, and men's longest drive was Shane Willoughby.

Jim was a sports-minded community member who was involved in hockey, ball, soccer, and golf. What better way to honor his memory than to go for a round at his favourite course.



Shane Willoughby (middle) presents the tournament trophy to Josh Elliot, Darcy Rask, Jason McComas, and Brendon Canaday.



Emily Davis presents the men's longest drive prize to Shane Willoughby.



Emily Davis presents the women's longest drive prize to Emily Fiala.



Emily Davis presents the closest to the pin prize to Lana Kyliuk.

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**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Zion - Canwood  
Sunday School,  
Worship Sunday, 9 a.m. (in-person only)  
St. John's - Shellbrook Sunday School,  
Worship Sunday, 11 a.m. (in-person and online via Facebook live)  
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

**UNITED CHURCH**

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

**ANGLICAN CHURCH**

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

**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

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN**

Parkside  
11 a.m. - Worship

**PRESBYTERIAN**

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

**CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**

407-2<sup>nd</sup> Ave E, Shellbrook  
Sat., 9:45 a.m. - Sabbath School  
Sat., 11:00 am - Worship  
Pastor Myshan Irving  
306-747-3398

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**PARTNERS IN FAITH**

Lutheran/United/  
Christchurch Anglican,  
137-2nd St. W.  
Spiritwood  
Worship 11:00 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 - 6:00 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

**FIELDS OF HOPE (HOFFNUNGSFELDER) MENNONITE CHURCH**

Glenbush  
Worship - 10:00 am  
1st Sun. (June, July, Aug.)  
Worship - 10:00 am at Rabbit Lake  
Mennonite Church

**BETHEL**

Medstead  
2nd Sunday, 10 am - Worship  
Pastor David Jensen  
4th Sunday, 10 am - Worship  
Pastor David Jensen

**BELBUTTE FULL GOSPEL**

11 am Worship Service

**MENNONITE BRETHREN**

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

**Gideons International of Canada**

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Phone Art Martynes  
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**PARTNERS IN WORSHIP**

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

**LAKELAND**

**COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
(Corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. and 4<sup>th</sup> St., Spiritwood)  
Sun., 11 am - Worship  
Service & Sunday School  
Pastor Michael Kluthe  
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## OBITUARIES

## Thomas George Galloway



Art and Karin Strube. That same year their first daughter Rhonda was born, and in 1972 along came Shannyn. In 1974 Dad had the opportunity to purchase the Ben Emily land in the Marchant Grove district and there he began his farming career on his own. He built all the facilities from the ground up to run a herd of cows and slowly began to rent more land, all the time picking up good jobs off the farm twisting wires. One job he was the proudest of was when the new rink in Canwood was built. Dad did the majority of the electrical work, and this building continues to be used in the community to this day. In 1976 Thomas Scott was born and this completed the family. Mixed farming continued to be the way of life for our family, with both mom and dad working off the farm at times to make it work. Growing up, Dad taught us so many things about rural life that we still

Thomas George Galloway was born on November 18, 1947, to Alice and Clifford Galloway Sr. Dad spent his childhood growing up on the farm in Wild Rose and later Prince Albert, graduating from high school in 1966. Dad then went on to obtain his journeyman certificate as an electrician, a trade which he worked at off and on for many years. During that time, Dad also met our mom, Judy Strube and they were married on July 6, 1968. Mom and Dad started farming around 1970 with our grandparents,

cherish today.

In 1995 at the age of 48, Dad was looking to create some bigger off-farm income, and thus began our lives in the trucking industry. The first logging truck was purchased, the cows were sold, and we were Alberta bound on an adventure that would last 18 years. The first winters were spent in Grassland, then Boyle and finally Fort McMurray. Those were some great years for Dad in so many ways. Dad and I continued to expand the business until 2013 when we decided 13 trucks were a bit of a racket and Dad stated the farm life was calling his name again. Trucking allowed dad to be able to build the pride of his life on the farm. In 2008 "THE SHOP" was built, and guess who did all the wiring...

By 2016 the trucking company had decreased to 3 trucks, all of which had been purchased new and are still in use every day on the farm.

Dad was a farmer at heart, and it was his true passion. Over the last few years, the farm has grown, and Dad was able to live the rest of his years doing what he wanted to do. Dad didn't have a lot of hobbies, but he greatly enjoyed watching his grandchildren play hockey and ball and seeing them all grow up to be the young adults they have become. He was also blessed with a great grandson Owen in 2023. His last hobby was when, at the age of 75, he bought and learned how to fly his own drone so he could not only check the crops from the road but from the air as well. And if all else failed we could always find him down at the shop tinkering with something that neither the boys nor I were interested in fixing!

Dad passed away on the farm with family by his side, work clothes and a John Deere hat on, ready for another day. Thank you for ev-

erything Dad. It was quite a journey, and we will check crops together again someday.

Tom is survived by his loving wife of 56 years Judy; his three children Rhonda (Corey) Nygaard and their children Coralie (Zack) and Aidan (Kennedy); Shannyn Galloway (Gord Vaadeland) and their children Aaron Davis, Madison Davis (Kyle Ouellette) and Jake Vaadeland; Scott (Allesha) Galloway and their children Kelsey (Kendal) Galloway and son Owen, Dallas Galloway (Kolbie Couture), Tavis Galloway and Reese Galloway; brothers Rick (Linda) Galloway, Clifford Galloway and Wayne Galloway; brother-in-law Glenn (Christine) Strube; sister-in-law Carolyn Chabot; all his wonderful nieces and nephews; his dog Jack.

Tom was predeceased by his parents Alice Warren and Clifford Galloway Sr.; father in-

law Art Strube; mother-in-law Karin Strube, brother Bill Galloway, sister-in-law Shirley Galloway and nephew Richard Galloway.

There will be a private family interment at Foxdale cemetery on July 5, 2024. In keeping with Dad's wishes there will be no formal gatherings held. Our family asks that you remember and celebrate Tom/Dad in your own way. For anyone wishing to make a donation in his memory, please consider the Richardson Pioneer Rec Centre or the Foxdale Community Group for your gift of remembrance.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, Lynn Anderson, Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK 306-747-2828.

## Bradley Kent Thiessen



of life would quickly become their passion. This community is where Brad made many lifelong friends. It was with these same friends that he spent his earlier years drinking beer and getting into "good" trouble. In 1982, the family decided it was time to expand their family farming practice so they packed up and moved to Big River, SK, which Brad would call home. In 1987, Brad married Rhonda and they had two children, Jordan and Rachel. Brad, alongside his father, John, continued to farm until John's unexpected death in 2000. Brad also tried to spend as much time as he could fishing and hunting and of course, spending time with family. He continued to farm and work at the lumber mill until his Multiple Sclerosis no longer allowed him the freedom to work and enjoy his hobbies.

Brad leaves behind to forever cherish his memory, his wife Rhonda; his son, Jordan (Alerose); his daughter, Rachel (Tegan); his beloved grandson, Holden; his mother, Eileen; and his siblings. Brad was predeceased

by his father, John, in 2000.

In keeping with Brad's wishes, he will be laid to rest with his father, John, in Big River at a private family graveside service to be held at a later date.

*Love you much Grandpa Brad. Rest in peace now. We love you.*

In lieu of other tributes, donations in memory of Brad may be made to the MS Society, 150 Albert Street, Regina, SK, S4R 2N2, or to the Mont St Joseph Foundation, 777 28th Street East, Prince Albert, SK, S6V 8C2.

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## Raffle raises funds for Whispering Pine Place

By ERICA ARCHER  
Whispering Pine Place

The Whispering Pine Place Ladies Auxiliary is a group of woman volunteers who fundraise throughout the year to support the residents of Canwood's Whispering Pine Place long-term care home.

The group recently put together a spring raffle basket draw, where they sold tickets to raise money for new patio furniture for the residents of

Whispering Pine Place to enjoy this summer.

The Canwood RM office, Shellbrook Scotiabank, and Shellbrook Affinity Credit Union displayed the baskets and sold tickets for the raffle draw.

The fundraiser was extremely successful.

Whispering Pine Place resident Ruby pulled the winning tickets. The winners of the baskets were Donna Valuck and Freda Ahenakew.

We hope you enjoy your baskets!



Elder Ruby draws the winning tickets in Whispering Pine Place's raffle fundraiser.