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## Two new doctors come to Shellbrook this month



**The clinic in Shellbrook will soon have two more physicians added to its roster. Doctors Kamran Mohebbi and Sukvir Guhman are expected to start seeing patients sometime in January.**

After years of lobbying with provincial health authorities to increase the number of physicians serving the community, the town of Shellbrook will be adding two new physicians to its roster.

Doctors Kamran Mohebbi and Sukvir Guhman have both completed their Saskatchewan International Physician Practice Assessment (SIPPA) training, and have elected to work in Shellbrook.

They are expected to begin seeing patients at some point in January, with Dr. Mohebbi working on the fee for service side and Dr. Guhman joining the primary care roster in place of another local physician who has taken on the locum role for the area.

For years, Shellbrook's town council, along with local healthcare workers and advocates, have been pushing the Ministry of Health to increase the town's complement of physicians. Up until now, the answer has always been no.

For this sudden about face, Shellbrook Mayor Amund Otterson says much of the credit is owed to the community's current physicians.

"Our local physicians have been pretty aggressive in pushing for more physicians, particularly because of the ER," he said. "Typically, it's busy, and COVID-19 makes it more challenging for physicians to manage."

In addition to this, Otterson says lo-

cal physicians have also been branching out to provide services in other communities, with some serving communities as far away as Big River and Blaine Lake.

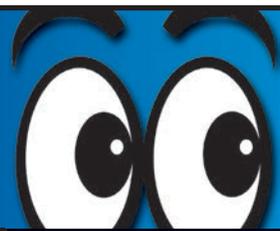
Given the population of Shellbrook, the near-equal population of the R.M. of Shellbrook, and the populations of the villages, towns, and other rural municipalities within the broader catchment area, Otterson feels more physicians are absolutely needed.

"In southern Saskatchewan, the rural municipality I grew up in has probably one-sixth the population it did when I was growing up, maybe less," he said. "They have three doctors."

Otterson grew up in the Rural Municipality of Sutton No. 103, which had a population of about 240 people as of the 2016 federal census. The closest centre is the town of Gravelbourg, which has just over two-thirds the population of Shellbrook (1,083 people as of 2016).

Otterson says these disparities in catchment areas and physician numbers also make a strong argument for increasing Shellbrook's number of doctors.

"Here, the R.M. of Shellbrook's population is rivalling that of the town, plus there's the additional R.M.s to the west," he said. "The population here warrants more physicians."



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# Shell Lake, Spiritwood welcome new pastor

The Shell Lake Partners in Worship and Spiritwood Partners in Faith churches welcomed a new Pastor, Sarah Urano to their congregations this past August.

This is Urano's first ministry calling after having completed her seminary and examinations. Having grown up with a Pastor for a father, Sarah did not expect that one day she would be following in her father's footsteps.

"I didn't want to be that girl who just followed suit because my Dad did what he did," she said on the matter.

Despite being born in Saskatoon, Urano spent most of her early life outside of the province and even a few years out of the country. After com-

pleting his seminary, her father had his first calling in Swan River and Birch River, Man.

When the next calling came, the option was between the Central African Republic and Argentina. Eventually the family chose the latter location and went south for three and a half years. While in South America, they visited Chile and Uruguay before making their way back to Saskatchewan.

Urano graduated from high school in Redvers, Sask. and then made her way east to Montreal, Quebec where she studied social work at McGill University. Upon receiving her degree, she made her way back to Regina where she interned, met her first husband, and

gave birth to her first son.

She moved to Swift Current where she completed her internship, got divorced, and then remarried to her second husband. She stayed in Swift Current for six

years, during which time she worked as a social worker, had two more sons, and eventually decided to pursue a career in the church.

She had become close with her father's intern,

who eventually passed her phone number along to a recruiter and spent four years contacting her about enrolling in seminary before she finally asked them to stop calling. Quickly regretting that decision, Urano says she was enrolled for seminary two weeks later.

After completing her master's degree, she submitted her name to the National Church and was given the opportunity to come to the Shell Lake and Spiritwood area. Having never heard of Spiritwood or Shell Lake before, her and her husband wanted to visit the area to see if they would be interested in moving here.

When they set off north, they did not expect they would be wanting to leave Swift Current soon. However, they found the people to be friendly, helpful, and very community oriented. So, they made the decision to take the calling and arrived

in Shell Lake in August 2020.

When asked how the pandemic has been affecting her work with the churches, Urano says it has had a big impact. For the church community, projects that would normally run or be operational have either been cancelled or had to make significant changes, such as Partner's in Faith's Nu2U and the annual cookie sale.

From the point of view of a person in ministry, Urano says the loss of physical contact, like holding a person's hand when providing emotional support, has been huge.

Urano is quite happy to be in the community, and is looking forward to being able to connect more with people when restrictions start to ease up again.

"I'm there for people, regardless of what that is," she said. "No judgment."



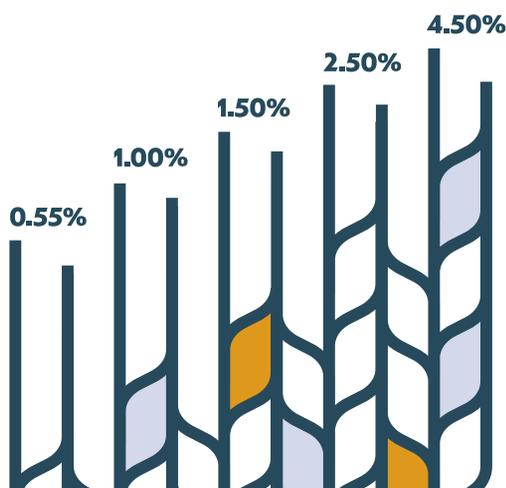
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# Food Bank hands out 38 Christmas hampers

In a holiday season unlike any other, one thing remained the same in the Shellbrook area: even in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, the community was as willing as ever to give to those in need.

As Christmas neared, members of the Shellbrook Area Ministerial Food Bank, and a small team of volunteers, gathered at the Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly to put the food bank's annual Christmas food hampers together.

This year, the food bank stuffed 38 hampers full of food staples and all the essentials for a Christmas dinner. All told, those hampers provided food to 79 people, including 50 adults and 29 children.

This marks a decrease from 2019, when 42 hampers were distributed, helping out 73 adults and 61 children. But it's still well above the 29 hampers handed out during the 2018 holiday season.

Dave Whalley, the food bank's treasurer, says the community support was phenomenal this year, with more people giving, and people giving more in response to the financial hardships brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

He adds that it was all thanks to volunteers, community organizations, schools, local and area businesses, the Shellbrook Kinettes, and, for the third consecutive year, the Green Leaf Hutterite Colony.

"The volunteers brought tears to my eyes with how they turned up, and how they helped gather the food by donating," he said. "It just brings tears that we live in a community that cares about people."

Along with the Christmas hampers, the Shellbrook Area Ministerial Food Bank provides six hampers per year to those in need.

While COVID-19 didn't result in a big surge in food bank dependence throughout 2020, Whalley says the number of Christmas hampers given out this year points to the lingering



A small team of volunteers gathered at the Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly just before Christmas, to put together 38 Christmas hampers for the local food bank.

need within the community.

"Say there's about 2,500 people living in this geographical area. That's one in 26 people who needed help," he said in reference to the 79 people who benefitted from Christmas hampers.

"When we walk down the street and we see 26 people, chances are at least one of them needed help and didn't have food. This is in the Shellbrook area."

More troubling, still, is the prolonged, systemic nature of poverty, which sees many of the same faces turn to the food bank for additional support year after year. However, Whalley says poverty also remains hidden, making it harder for others to understand and see the need.

For his part, Whalley says he'd like to see the government do more to help those in need.

"Our government should be responsible to make sure no one starves. But that's not what happens."



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## Trump's death throes offer hope for 2021

I don't want to jinx it, but we're just two weeks into 2021 and already it seems we're glimpsing signs of the promise of a better year than 2020.

After two months of thrashing and wailing against the inevitable, of throwing every unfounded claim at American courts in the hopes of making one stick, of pitching a fit that put every two-year old in the world to shame, United States President Donald Trump has finally conceded.

Well, sort of.

The words "I lost" never came out of the president's mouth, and they never will. No, Mr. Trump will likely go to his grave claiming he was robbed of his rightful second term as United States president. But, despite this alleged failure of democracy, he has finally accepted the reality that the transition to President-elect Joe Biden's administration will begin on Jan. 20.

"Even though I totally disagree with the outcome of the election, and the facts bear me out, nevertheless there will be an orderly transition on January 20th," Mr. Trump said in a statement posted on Twitter by White House spokesman Dan Scavino (a post made necessary because the president was banned from all major social media platforms).

There you have it folks. He didn't actually lose on Nov. 3, Mr. Trump is just such a gracious, magnanimous guy he's going to give Mr. Biden a chance to sit in the hot seat. Has America, or any other democratic nation, ever been so blessed to be served by such a paragon?

Of course, let's not forget what it took Mr. Trump to finally concede, the tireless fighter against injustice that he is. There was the aforementioned 60-plus day tantrum, the legal challenges of the election results numbering probably in the dozens at this point, and the pressuring of anyone and everyone to take



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up his cause.

This dogged, but ultimately losing battle for justice and democracy featured large in Mr. Trump's concession last Thursday.

"My campaign vigorously pursued every legal avenue to contest the election results, my only goal was to ensure the integrity of the vote. In so doing, I was fighting to defend American democracy," he said. "I continue to strongly believe that we must reform our election laws to verify the identity and eligibility of all voters and to ensure faith and confidence in all future elections."

This noble fight to preserve the integrity of American democracy was clearly of the utmost importance to Mr. Trump. But he didn't concede defeat because he realized he couldn't win the battle — truly, if the power were in his hands, he wouldn't have surrendered until he was justly declared the winner of the presidential election.

No, what seems to have robbed him of his will to fight are the riots at the Capitol building in Washington, D.C. There, as congress was certifying the election results last Wednesday, a mob of Mr. Trump's supporters, some of them armed, descended upon the building, smashing windows and doors and looting offices.

It was a frightening attack on the heart of America's democracy, an attack that needlessly claimed the lives of five people. And it was made possible by Mr. Trump's rhetoric over the past four years, and his urging to his supporters to "fight like hell" at a rally held shortly before the rioting began.

Those who participated in the Capitol building riot have already been written off as racists, white supremacists, and conspiracy theorists. And yes, some of them were likely all of these things and worse.



We should be collectively outraged by their actions. And yet, it's hard not to feel pity for some of these people.

Mr. Trump energized and militarized them. He told them they were special, heroes fighting for the very soul of their nation. In truth, they were only ever fighting in service of Mr. Trump's ego, and it's they, not Mr. Trump, who will have to live with the consequences, legal and otherwise, of their actions.

Sure, these people may have brought it on themselves by being gullible enough to believe Mr. Trump ever cared one whit for them. But that doesn't make it any less sad.

Equally sad, is the clear message of racial disparity one can take away from the police response to the Capitol building riots.

It's nothing new to those who paid any attention to the very different responses to the anti-lockdown and Black Lives Matter protests of 2020, but it bears repeating.

If you're white, and you storm a federal building while armed, your odds of surviving an encounter with law

enforcement are pretty high (only one of the five people who died during the Capitol building riot was killed by police). Heck, the officers might even let you into the building and pause to take a selfie with you!

If you're a minority, however, and you're protesting for the right to not be murdered by police officers, be prepared to be met with tear gas, rubber bullets, and officers in full riot gear, regardless of how peaceful your demonstration is.

None of this is to say the Capitol building rioters should have been mowed down by a hail of bullets.

No, the point is we need to change the mentality that people of colour are perpetually dangerous.

As Mr. Trump recedes into the rear-view mirror of American history, so too must his vile and hateful rhetoric. This is the only way for America to heal and unite as a nation.

Given the similar pro-Trump demonstrations that occurred in Canadian cities last Wednesday, it's clear the same thing needs to happen here, too.

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## Report from the Legislature

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Last year, our government made a commitment to introduce the Saskatchewan Home Renovation Tax Credit, which is now in place. Under this non-refundable tax credit, Saskatchewan homeowners may save up to \$1,155 in provincial income tax in 2021 by claiming a 10.5 per cent tax credit on up to \$11,000 on the cost of permits, contractor labour and professional services, building materials, fixtures, and equipment rental expenses incurred between October 1, 2020 and December 31, 2021. A further \$945 in savings may be claimed in 2022 in respect of eligible expenses incurred between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022.

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grants of up to \$2,500 a year per indoor ice surface to help cover costs. The grant may be used to offset the cost of operations, minor capital upgrades or to outfit the facility with COVID-19-related expenditures. It is expected that more than 600 ice surfaces in nearly 400 communities will be eligible to receive this support.

While this government is working to make life more affordable in Saskatchewan, the Trudeau Liberals continue to impose a carbon tax on our communities. During a year where every family, community and industry experienced economic hardship, the federal government has still deemed it necessary to collect and increase this ineffective tax. A recent Environment Canada report shows that in Saskatchewan \$270 million in carbon taxes were collected, with households only receiving \$244.6 million back. The tax is not revenue neutral as the Trudeau Liberals

have claimed; the only thing being reduced is our quality of life.

From its introduction, our government has led the battle against the Trudeau carbon tax. We have taken our concern to the Supreme Court which is expected to decide on the legality of this tax later this year. As we await this decision, we will continue to defend the rights of the people we serve, while we work to improve our environmental stewardship. To that end, Innovation Saskatchewan has entered into a partnership to establish a world-class clean tech accelerator program in Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan's COVID-19 vaccine delivery plan is currently being rolled out. The first doses of the Pfizer vaccine have been administered to health care workers in both Regina and Saskatoon, marking the completion of the pilot project for our delivery plan. The second rounds of the Pfizer vaccine will soon be delivered to health care workers, making those who have received the vaccine fully immune.

We are expecting a shipment of Pfizer vaccines for Prince Albert and the first Moderna vaccinations heading to communities in the Far North Zone and Far North Central zones. As per the COVID-19 immunization prioritization, eligible health care staff as well as long term and personal care home residents will receive these



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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the Village of Canwood, held at the Canwood Elk's Hall, Seniors Room, 640 2nd Avenue East, Canwood, Sask., on Monday, Dec. 7, 2020, was called to order by Mayor Thompson at 10:35 a.m.

Present: Mayor— Robert Thompson, Deputy Mayor — Svend Hansen, Councillor — Lorne Benson, Ken Moar and Ron Willner, Administrator — Erin Robertson

Delegations: 10:57 a.m. to 11:22 a.m., Dean Anderson, Maintenance Manager — verbal update on Public Works

Willner: That the minutes of the Nov. 23, Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented. Carried

Moar: That the Statement of Financial Activities and Bank Reconciliation for the month of November 2020 be approved as presented. Carried

Thompson: That the water report for the month of November 2020 be approved as presented. Carried

Moar: That we acknowledge receipt of Maintenance Manager calendar, Administrator and Office Assistant Attendance Statement for November 2020 as presented. Carried

Hansen: That we issue Cheques 5167 to 5175, Other payments totaling \$26,756.49, as detailed on attached List of Accounts for Approval, Pay Period 17 and November payroll advance from the general account. Carried

Committee Updates: Public Works Committee — verbal report provided by Svend Hansen and Lorne Benson

Thompson: That we move to in-camera at 11:29 a.m. sighting The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, section 15(1)(b)(ii) and section 23(1)(b) "personal information" and Human Resources and ask that the Admin-

istrator remain in chambers. Carried

• Thompson: That we move out of in-camera at 11:59 a.m. Carried

• Benson: That the correspondence be noted and filed:

• North Central Transportation Planning Committee Sept. 3, 2020, Regular meeting minutes

• SARM concerns respecting SUMA/Municipalities of Saskatchewan name change

• Municipalities of Saskatchewan response to membership respecting letter from SARM

• Shellbrook Chronicle welcome and business request letter

• Water Security Agency Renewal of Water Rights License

• Gary Vidal, Member of Parliament congratulation, assistance and advocacy letter. Carried

Willner: The Council for the Village of Canwood confirms that the municipality meets the eligibility requirements to re-

ceive the Municipal Revenue Share Sharing Grant. Furthermore, we authorize the Administrator to complete the Declaration of Eligibility and submit to the Ministry of Government Relations. Carried

Moar: That we agree to increase from original application amount, of \$9,120.20 to \$50,194.20, utilizing our remaining Gas Tax Funding until the year 2024. This adjustment would cover the entire project cost as indicated in the Infrastructure Investment Plan (IIP) 2021-005669 Full Block Sewer

Relining application. Carried

Thompson: That we agree to authorize the registration of Administrator and any other Members of Council who are able to attend the Municipalities of Saskatchewan (SUMA) Convention that is to be held virtually in February 2021. Carried

Benson: That we make the following appointments for the 2021 year as follows (list omitted due to length). Carried

Hansen: That we adjourn at 1:01 p.m. with the next meeting to be Dec. 21, 2020, commencing at 9:30 a.m. Carried

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## Politics trumps common sense in trade

When it comes to international trade, trying to understand how the intricacies of trade work is frankly impossible, at least for a neophyte like myself, although I try.

At the heart of trade one hopes the key principle of supply and demand remain a foundational concept.

The greater the demand for a product and the lower its supply, the higher the value of that product should be. If 10 countries seek to buy a shipload of wheat but there is only enough supply for six ships, it stands to reason the countries wanting the wheat will pay more to ensure they

get one of the six.

Of course the opposite is true as well. The same 10 countries are shopping for wheat and there are 15 shiploads to be sold, they are going to be a thrifty lot in terms of what they are willing to pay.

One would also hope to an extent the marketplace would operate in such a way to allow the lowest cost for producers to do their thing. That seems to be the logical approach, although this is the principle that often hits some serious bumps in the road.

It is all well and good to turn to a low cost producer



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half a world away for commodities, but in a world where there are often disruptions to supply, weather disasters, wars, political change all posing possible issues, that low cost of production supply is not always

secure.

And, of course, one best be aware of why one country is lower cost in its production than another. If they achieve a lower cost based on more lax safety controls, or on blatantly unfair and unsafe work conditions, the price may still be deemed too high to pay.

That is why key commodities, milk and flour coming to mind for the North American pallet, are often seen as important to maintain with a country's own borders to ensure some supply is maintained. We in North America may not see that as critical, but in Europe,

where the ravishes of two world wars are still keenly remembered, or Africa where civil strife is often rampant, home production is more keenly pursued.

Of course any trade principle goes by the wayside when governments become involved.

In Canada we should expect that trade with our neighbour the United States is about as straight forward as loading a truck and heading south to a market.

But that is certainly not the case. There have been trade challenges over wheat and pork and soft wood lumber that have dragged

on for years over the past 25-years.

And now the U.S. International Trade Commission has announced an investigation into Canadian blueberry imports. The Trade Commission launched the investigation in September following reports that U.S. farmers are being hurt by cheaper imported berries from Canada - which suggests low cost production is not a key to trade, at least blueberries.

And so the mystery of trade continues with politics and domestic food security ultimately trumping a more common sense approach.

## Carbon tax increase another major hit to farm income

In December 2020, the federal government announced that the carbon tax will increase to \$170 per tonne by 2030. The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) has released updated estimates of the impact this increase will have on farmers.

"Our updated numbers show that the cost of producing wheat could go up to over \$12.50 per acre in 2030 due to the carbon tax," said APAS President Todd Lewis. "This cost increase is carried entirely by farmers and can't be passed along to our customers. We're looking at a reduction of net farm income by hundreds of millions of dollars in Saskatchewan alone, and the modest rebates provided by the

federal government won't make up for these losses. It's unsustainable for our members."

The APAS estimates were calculated using key indirect costs that are not exempt from carbon taxation, such as rail and road transportation, electricity, and grain drying. These costs would be even higher in years like 2019, when most of the grain and oilseed crop required grain drying due to a wet harvest.

APAS plans to develop cost estimates for other crop and livestock commodities over the coming months as part of a concerted effort to obtain further exemptions and other forms of financial relief from the added costs.

"The carbon tax is designed to provide in-

centives to reduce energy consumption, but these dramatic cost increases will decrease our ability to adopt the new technologies that help us do just that," continued Lewis. "In some cases, producers will pay for efficiency gains like high-capacity grain hopper cars through their freight rates, and yet those cost savings will go to the railways."

In addition to the economic impacts, Lewis also expressed concern about the potential environmental consequences of the carbon tax. "When you add costs to a producer's bottom line it creates incentives for them to convert grasslands and other natural carbon sinks into cropland just to remain viable," he

said. "That works directly against the goals of the policy. Agricultural producers have waited decades to see some recognition of our environmental stewardship, and we have seen a lot of lip service, but not much concrete action."

Lewis concluded that APAS has been working very hard on engaging federal decision makers on the issue of carbon taxation, and that this advocacy would continue until the problem is addressed. "Our members expect us to stay on this issue until our concerns are heard."

You can find the complete APAS calculations at [apas.ca/carbontax](http://apas.ca/carbontax).

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# Shellbrook opens rink to private rentals

Rinks across the province may not have been the hubs of activity they typically are every winter, thanks to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, but the town of Shellbrook is hoping to make the most of what's left of rink season.

At its Jan. 4 regular meeting, Shellbrook's town council agreed to open up the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre up to private rentals. Prior to the resolution

being passed, the facility was only being used for public skates and limited team practices, keeping within the Saskatchewan Health Authority's (SHA) current public health guidelines.

To ensure all of the COVID-19 rules are being adhered to, including those surrounding mask usage, physical distancing and indoor gathering limits, the town requires all prospective renters to fill

out a private rental agreement and waiver.

The document sets the terms and conditions for private rentals, and also exempts the town from liability, should the renter be found to be breaking any of the rules. Additionally, the rental agreement requires the renter to provide names and contact information for each member of their party in advance of the rental.

As per the agreement,

and the SHA's current COVID-19 measures:

1. Private rentals are permitted to have 8 children (18 and under) with a maximum of 2 adult coaches, OR a family of 8 on the ice.

2. Shinny or group sports are not permitted. Skating and Skill development are permitted.

3. Masks are to be worn at all times within the facility

4. Renters are permitted to enter the building 10 minutes prior to their rental time and vacate 10 minutes after rental.

5. Renters must follow posted signage at the facility.

6. By booking, the renter declares that all participants are under their supervision and all understand the risks as-

sociated with COVID-19. Participants should not be in attendance if sick.

7. Food and/or beverages may not be brought into or consumed in the arena, other than an individual water bottle.

8. The representative shall ensure that all members remain off the ice during the resurfacing and shall not enter the ice surface until the resurfacing has been completed and the resurfer is off the ice.

9. Renters must clear the ice of puck(s), cones, etc., and leave the ice surface promptly to help maintain the schedules.

10. The representative renting the ice shall be responsible for all damages caused to the building, grounds, and equipment belonging to the

Arena, reasonable wear and tear considered. The said damages are to be repaired or paid for to the full satisfaction of the management.

11. The representative renting the ice shall be responsible for such insurance as may be necessary for its personnel and shall assume full liability for any accident occurring in connection with the rental of ice. Proof of insurance may be required prior to use of the facility.

12. The Renter must return a signed copy of this Rental Agreement to the Town at the time of booking. A duplicate or email copy of The Renter's signature shall be sufficient and binding.

For more information, contact the Town of Shellbrook at 306-747-4900.



## Improve Your Well-Being This Winter

The winter months can be a difficult time for many of us. Take action to improve your well-being:

### Stay connected:

Reach out to others who might be alone. Phone, text, email or video chat with people you care about.

Spend time with family and friends doing outdoor activities where you can physically distance.

### Reach out for help if you need it:

If you're feeling lonely, stressed, anxious or sad, you can:

- Seek counselling - in person, by phone or online.
- Call HealthLine 811 - it's free, confidential and available 24/7.
- Make an appointment with your doctor if needed.

Remember, we're all in this together.

[saskatchewan.ca/mental-health](https://saskatchewan.ca/mental-health)

### Be good to yourself:

Eat well. Get enough sleep. Exercise, especially outdoors in the fresh air.

Do things that help you relax. Music, crafts, meditation, cooking or reading can be calming.

Keep a journal and talk to friends or family about how you're feeling.

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## Minutes of a Town of Spiritwood special meeting

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

The special meeting of the Council of the Town of Spiritwood was held via Sasktel Teleconference on Nov. 29, 2020 at 7 p.m.

In attendance were Mayor Gary von Holwede, Councillor Bryan Wingerter, Councillor Shannon Beulac, Councillor George Pretli, Councillor Kiera Andres, Councillor James Bedi, Councillor Brad Nemish, and CAO Rhonda Saam.

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

Bryan Wingerter: That the operations of the recreation facility can continue following the updated Health Announcement by the Government of Saskatchewan effective Nov. 27, 2020, with the condition that the user groups

sanctioning body associations have provided updated safety guidelines prior to the next use; and, that the outdoor rink located on town property be suspended for use until further notice, as per the Business Response Team and Public Health's advice due to not being able to fulfill the requirements such as contract tracing, monitoring of group sizes, and ensuring physical distancing is occurring at all times, as listed under sports and activities in the reopen plan. Seconded by Brad Nemish. Carried

George Pretli: That the Spiritwood Civic Centre may be rented with the conditions of the COVID-19 public health orders set by the province and by the renters being required to sign the COVID-19 Addendum. Seconded by Shannon Beulac. Carried

Shannon Beulac: That this meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Seconded by Kiera Andres. Carried

## Happy new year to you and your family!

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**Hon. Scott Moe, Premier**  
MLA for Rosthern-Shellbrook  
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# Clubroot found in R.M.s of Spritwood, Shellbrook

The Government of Saskatchewan and SaskCanola have released the 2020 Saskatchewan Clubroot Distribution Map, which outlines the rural municipalities (RMs) where clubroot has been identified, including the Rural Municipalities of Spiritwood and Shellbrook.

Of the nearly 1,000 fields surveyed, more than 10 in the R.M. of Spiritwood were found to have symptoms of clubroot. In the R.M. of Shellbrook, meanwhile, clubroot symptoms were found to be present in anywhere from one to nine fields.

“Tracking, early detection and management of clubroot will allow producers to prevent substantial yield loss,” Agriculture Minister David Marit said in a statement. “Education and awareness of clubroot continue to be a priority to help growers and industry members prevent the further spread of the disease within Saskatchewan.”

Clubroot is a declared pest under Saskatchewan’s Pest Control Act.

Visible clubroot symptoms have been confirmed in 75 commercial canola fields since 2017. This has increased by 24 fields since the last update one year ago.

The number of fields with the clubroot pathogen detected where there were no visible symptoms also increased by 18 in 2020, for a total of 29 fields. These results are compiled annually via ministry surveys and reports/samples submitted to the ministry and SaskCanola by producers and agronomists.

Last year, the ministry and SaskCanola offered producers the opportunity to take home soil testing bags to fill and mail in for testing. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, soil testing bags could not be picked up at events such as Ag in Motion, as in previous years. However, producers and agronomists were still able to receive a free soil testing bag via the ministry’s website, or from a regional office, SaskCanola office or their division plant health officer.

Distribution of testing bags was aided by the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities’ participation in the 2020 clubroot monitoring program. In all, 231 soil samples were submitted and sent to Discovery Seed Labs, where they were tested for the clubroot pathogen. Of these soil samples, 11 returned positive results. SaskCanola covered the costs of each test.

“Surveying the province for the disease is important to ensure that we are making our decisions about management on evidence and data,” SaskCanola Board of Directors Chair Wayne Truman said. “We continue to encourage farmers to test their soil for clubroot so that it can be caught early and reduce the potential impact on yield.”

The goal of the tests is to detect the pathogen when spore levels are low to minimize potential impact on canola yields. A proactive and science-based clubroot management strategy should include the use of

clubroot-resistant canola varieties in a minimum three-year rotation. An extended crop rotation helps minimize yield losses while protecting the effectiveness of clubroot-resistant canola varieties.

Over 966 fields were examined during the 2020 clubroot monitoring program. The landowners of all fields with visible clubroot symptoms or fields with the presence of the pathogen have been contacted.

The locations of these fields have also been shared with the appropriate RM office if they had enacted a clubroot-specific bylaw. All clubroot-infested fields will be monitored by an appointed pest control officer.

The specific land locations are not shared publicly to protect the privacy of producers.



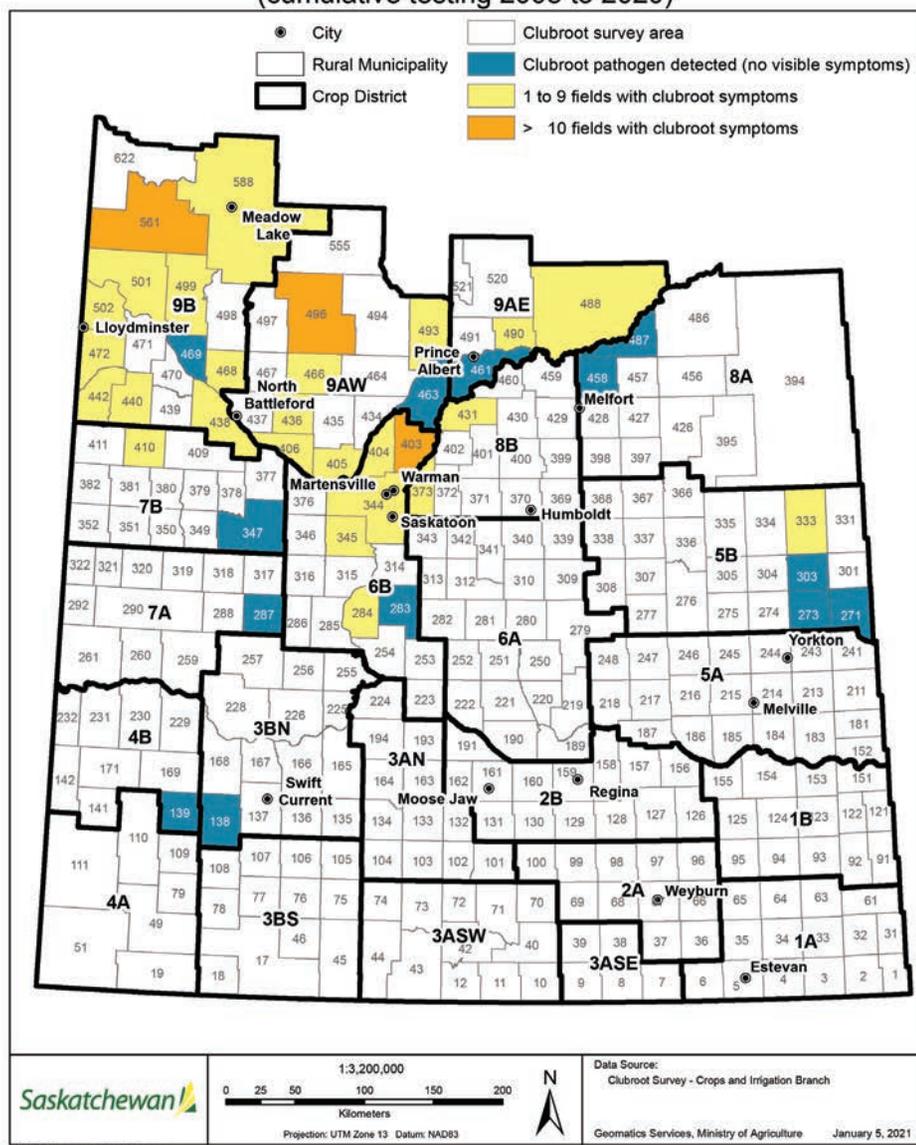
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**Clubroot Distribution in Saskatchewan**  
(cumulative testing 2008 to 2020)



## TENDER

### Janitorial Services

#### SASKENERGY SHELLBROOK OFFICE

**SEALED TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED FROM INTERESTED PARTIES UNTIL 2:00 P.M. CST, JANUARY 21, 2021 FOR:**

Janitorial Services at the Shellbrook Office located at 421 Service Road East of Shellbrook, SK. The total floor area covered by this contract is approx 600 square feet which includes the complete building interior with the exception of the Shop Area.

SaskEnergy intends to achieve employment equity content for this service by requesting specific information in the Tender document regarding methods that will be employed to provide job training and employment opportunities for members of certain designated groups, namely people with disabilities, people of Indigenous ancestry, women in non-traditional work roles and visible minorities.

**Interested parties wishing to obtain bid documents should contact:**

SaskEnergy Incorporated  
**Attention:** Christie Butalid  
**Reference Inquiry:** Shellbrook Janitorial  
**Telephone:** (306) 777-9813 (Regina)  
**Email:** Buyer1@saskenergy.com

**Interested parties wishing to tour the premises should contact:**

SaskEnergy  
**Attention:** Jason Bergen  
**Reference Inquiry:** Shellbrook Janitorial  
**Telephone:** (306) 441-9630

**The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.**



# Highlights of a Shellbrook town council meeting

Shellbrook's town council met for its regular meeting at the Shellbrook municipal office on Monday, Jan. 4.

In attendance were Mayor Amund Otterson, councillors Bruce Clements, John Hughes, David Knight, Cheryl Ledding, Brent Miller, and Kathleen Nording, and the town's CAO, Kelly Hoare.

Mayor Otterson called the meeting to order at 4 p.m., and council began by approving the agenda for the meeting and

adopting the minutes of its Dec. 21 regular meeting. After this, council moved on to provide its oral reports.

Starting with the CAO's report, Hoare informed council that the town failed to qualify for an SGI grant to install street lights along 2nd Avenue West to Parkland Integrated Health Centre. Later, during discussion of re-applying for the next grant intake, Mayor Otterson revealed that the town was rejected as the road

doesn't experience enough accidents.

In other items from her report, Hoare said she's currently seeking an individual to inspect industrial properties once a year. This was the result of the public hearing at council's December meeting, at which ratepayers expressed concerns over recent and proposed zoning changes on the northeast side of town.

In public works items, councillor Miller said he and the town foreman would be meeting with snow removal contractors to discuss strategies for removing snow in tricky areas of town. Council also discussed 5th Avenue East, and the decision to extend the road past Happy Hearts Childcare Centre.

The decision has been a source of friction on council, and of confusion for ratepayers, as it was believed the road would end in a cul de sac. After much back and forth, council agreed it needed a clear and honest explanation from Public Works.

In hospital and clinics news, Mayor Otterson reported that physicians from Shellbrook have started providing services as far away as Big River and Blaine Lake. In light of this, he said efforts will be made to bring these communities into the Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee's memorandum of understanding.

Mayor Otterson also said the town's two new doctors, Dr. Kamran Mohebbi and Dr. Sukvir Guhman, will begin seeing patients at some point this month, with Dr. Mohebbi

providing service on the fee-for-service side, and Dr. Guhman working on the primary care side.

Moving onto new business, council began with discussion of the water treatment plant and plans to move ahead with the project's first phase, which will see the third greensand filter activated to increase treatment capacity.

This work likely won't begin until the end of February, and is expected to wrap up in the summer.

Next, council defeated a motion to overturn \$991.97 worth of interest charges relating to unpaid building permits. Councillor Knight questioned why building permits were being issued without payment being received, and advised that official policy be put in place to require permits to be paid for prior to being issued.

In other new business, council agreed to remove term limits for council's committee appointments. Council agreed that it made sense to have those with the most experience and understanding sit on a committee, rather than appointing a less experienced councillor due to term limits.

Council also agreed to open the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre up for private rentals, so long as renters adhere to COVID-19 guidelines and the private rentals waiver developed by the town.

Having nothing further to discuss, council adjourned for the evening. Its next meeting is set for Monday, Jan. 21.

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

### PARTNERS IN FAITH

Lutheran/United/  
Christchurch Anglican,  
137-2nd St. W.  
Spiritwood  
Worship 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 - 11:15 a.m.  
Leoville - 9:30 a.m.  
Chitek Lake - Closed for  
the Season  
Everyone Welcome  
SATURDAY  
Shell Lake - 8:00 p.m.  
Medstead - 6 p.m.  
Father Ramel Macapeia

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Worship - Sunday 9 a.m.  
306-841-7333  
Pastor Sarah Urano

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Sabbath School  
Sat., 11:00 am - Worship  
Broadcast on  
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Pastor Liviu Tilihoi  
306-747-3398

### MENNONITE BRETHREN

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

### FIELDS OF HOPE (HOFFNUNGSFELDER) MENNONITE CHURCH

Glenbush  
Worship - 11:00 am

### BETHEL

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

### Gideons International of Canada

Battlefords Camp  
Phone Art Martynes  
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### EVANGELICAL FREE

Mont Nebo  
Wed., 7:30 pm -  
Bible Study & Prayer  
Sun., 10:30 am - Worship  
Pastor Bill Klumpenhower

### LAKELAND COMMUNITY CHURCH

Spiritwood  
Sun., 11 am - Worship  
Service & Sunday School  
Pastor Gerry Zak

### BELBUTTE FULL GOSPEL

11 am Worship Service  
1st Sun., 7:30 pm  
- Hymn Sing  
Pastor Floyd Berg

### COWBOY CHURCH

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

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

**LEOVILLE:** Wapiti Regional Library - Appointment only. Wednesday 10 am - 4 pm; Thursday 10 am - 2 pm

**SHELL LAKE:** Wapiti Regional Library - Curb Side Pickup. Tuesday 12 pm - 4 pm; Wednesday 12 pm - 4 pm

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

**BIG RIVER:** Wapiti Library - Curb Side Pickup. Monday 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm; Wednesday 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm; Friday 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm

**CANWOOD:** Canwood Branch of Wapiti Regional Library. Appointment only. Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm; Thursday 10 am - 4 pm; Friday 12 pm - 4 pm. Call 306-468-2501 to book a slot.

**DEBDEN:** Wapiti Library hours: Appointment only. Monday 2 pm - 7 pm; Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon

**LEASK:** Wapiti Library & Legacy Gallery Hours - Limited Capacity. Tuesday 10:30 am - 5 pm; Friday 10:30 am - 5 pm; Saturday 1 pm - 4 pm

**MARCELIN:** Wapiti Library - Appointment only. Tuesday 2 pm - 7 pm; Thursday 2 pm - 8 pm; Saturday 9 am - 2 pm. For information on all your library needs, please contact 306-226-2110.

**SHELLBROOK:** Shellbrook Branch of the Wapiti Library located at 105 Railway Ave., West (Provincial building). Library Hours: Limited capacity - Monday 2 pm - 6 pm; Tuesday 12 pm - 8 pm; Wednesday 2 pm - 8 pm; Thursday 12 pm - 6 pm; Friday 9 am - 4 pm.

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## Canadian fans will embrace NHL's 'north'

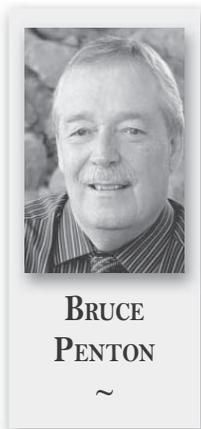
One of the seven Canadian teams is guaranteed to make the final four of the Stanley Cup playoffs in mid-July now that the completely revamped, COVID-induced realignment of National Hockey League divisions has put all the teams north of the border into one group called the North Division.

Now, if the inter-city travel and playing hockey in a non-bubble atmosphere, which worked so well last summer in Edmonton and Toronto, can somehow prevent outbreaks of the coronavirus, Canadian hockey fans could be in for a treat starting this week. Teams will play a compact 56-game schedule, crammed into 116 days, and not once be required to set foot in Bidenland.

Canadian teams will play only other Canadian teams, until a division champ is determined in, tentatively, late June. The matchups are delicious, as Dan Rosen of NHL.com pointed out. Alberta fans get 10 episodes of

the Battle of Alberta — Flames vs. Oilers. The Habs and the Leafs will clash 10 times. Ottawa's rambunctious Brody Tkachuk will tangle with his agitating brother, Calgary's Matthew Tkachuk, nine times. The best two goalies in hockey, Carey Price in Montreal and Connor Hellebuyck of Winnipeg, will meet nine times. Jacob Markstrom, the longtime Canuck netminder, will face his former team nine times now that he's a free-agent member of the Flames. Two of the game's greatest young players, Connor McDavid of the Oilers and Auston Matthews of Toronto, will meet nine times this season. Euro superstars Patrik Laine of the Jets and Elias Pettersson of the Canucks will oppose each other nine times.

Which team or teams will emerge as the North Division's power(s) is anyone's guess. The season starts Jan. 13, after a shortened training camp, so it may take a month or two for the tea



BRUCE PENTON

leaves to settle.

None of the seven Canadian teams would have been regarded as a strong Stanley Cup threat under the normal divisional and scheduling setup. Last year, Canada's top conference finisher was Edmonton, fifth in the West. The NHL could have called this the Mediocre Division and not been too far off. Calgary, Winnipeg and Vancouver were seventh, eighth and ninth in the West last year, while the Eastern Conference teams in 2019-20 finished eighth (Toronto), 12th (Montreal) and 15th (Ottawa).

Maybe, just maybe, everything will work out as planned and the subsequent 2021-22 season can begin as the Canadian Constitution deems it should, in early October. But can we keep the North Division? Please, please?

The late Ed Chynoweth, president of the Western Hockey League, musing about resigning in the 1970s, as detailed in Gregg Drinnan's excellent history of the WHL "It is starting to bother me that all my friends in Saskatoon are going to the airport to take flights out for winter holidays. I go to the airport and fly to Flin Flon."

Blogger Chad Piccasner, on veteran (and chubby) third baseman Pablo Sandoval: "In his day, Pablo was very good around the plate — both home plate and the dinner plate."

Patti Dawn Swanson aka the River City Renegade, complaining about a double standard: Sportsnet's Elliotte Friedman analyzing

NHL games last year while sporting an unruly beard: "No chance a female broadcaster would be allowed on camera with a head of hair that looks like a cluster of dead animals."

Bob Molinaro in the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, after a Steph Curry rookie card sold at auction for \$611,000: "So now we have a better understanding for why the very rich need those tax break."

ESPN broadcaster Dave Pasch, to NBCsports.com, on calling college-football games remotely from home because of COVID-19 restrictions: "At least I don't have to wait in line for the bathroom at half-time."

Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "Rams QB Jared Goff dislocated and broke his thumb and popped it in himself and finished the game. Once I called in sick with a case of the hiccups."

RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "An eagle in Montreal reportedly

grabbed a toddler off the street only to unexpectedly drop its catch a few feet later. It was probably a Philadelphia Eagle."

From news.com.au (Australia): "X-rated horse names just being mispronounced, Racing Australia says. Hoof Hearted unavailable for comment."

Headline at TheO-nion.com: "Report: 750,000 Americans die each year during first attempt to get back in shape."

Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Lions DB Mike Ford got penalized for taunting after teammate Jamal Agnew's 74-yard punt return cut the Buccaneers' lead to 40-7. They had to rule it taunting, because there's no such thing as 15 yards for stupidity."

@Tiern0158, via Twitter: "I tossed a Nerf football around with the neighbour kid yesterday and inadvertently won the NFC East."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

## GOOD NEWS

### KEEPING GRACE

Grace and mercy are close, but there is a difference. I understand that God in His Grace gives us what we don't deserve. God in His mercy doesn't give us what we do deserve. Have you received God's grace and mercy through Jesus, it is there for the asking?

I love that sketch that shows Dennis the Menace walking away from the Wilson house with his friend Joey. Both boys had their hands full of cookies. Joey asked, "I wonder what we did to deserve this?"

Dennis gave an answer that was packed with truth. He said "Look Joey, Mrs. Wilson gives us cookies not because we're nice, but because she's nice." That is a pretty good picture of grace.

I have always been thankful for God's grace in my life.

I graduated Diamond Jenness High School in 1977. I dreaded the question but it needed to be asked for the year book, "What do you want to do after graduation?" I was told you could put undecided so I went with that.

As an 18 year old I got working for Northern Construction, they were refitting a barge in Hay River. While I was working on the barge, I was told they would hire one of us to go work in the Beaufort Sea. I got the nod to go to the High Arctic.

I had a praying mother and she would solicit others to pray for me like some of the nurses in the Hay River Hospital. Prayer does work.

In 1977, working for Northern Construction, I was listening to a tape and Kris Kristofferson singing the song "Why me Lord." For some rea-

son way up in the High Arctic that song spoke to me. I left the common room and stood on the barge and spoke to God and rededicated my life to Christ.

I appreciate God's saving grace and I also appreciate His keeping grace. By the fall of 1977 I had figured out what I should do with my life and entered Red Deer College. I took one year in political science hoping to enter into law.

By the time 1978 came around I was restless. I worked in the High Arctic again in the summer this time on a Canadian Coast Guard ship. I did return to Alberta for school in the fall but dropped the idea of being a lawyer and eventually went to Calgary to study to be a Social Worker. I transferred my credits from Red Deer, took a year and half towards a Social Worker degree. In 1981 finally I found that God had a call-

ing on my life to be a pastor. Studying at Central Pentecostal College was a real thrill.

In 1980 I met Marlene Riddell in Calgary. We have been married some 40 years, pastoring together for some 37 years now, and I am always amazed at God's keeping grace.

Blessings,  
Pastor David Bodvarson  
Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly



### Missing: Danita Bigeagle

Date of Birth: Mar 6, 1984  
FROM: Regina, SK  
Weight: 118 Lbs.  
Eyes: Brown

MISSING SINCE: Feb 11, 2007  
Height: 5' 6"  
Hair: Dark Brown  
File: 3195 SR

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## OBITUARIES

## Jim (James) Michael Frantik



Jim (James) Michael Frantik passed away on the 8th of January, 2021 in Edmonton at the age of 67 years. He was surrounded with love by his wife Lorraine and three daughters, Christina, Sheena, and Tannis.

Jim was known for his friendly nature; he had the ability to connect, get along, and talk with anyone at any time. He will be forever remembered for his humour and never being at a loss

for words. Jim was a caring and loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He never hesitated to lend anyone a helping hand.

Jim spent much of his life outdoors either through his work or through his hobbies such as gardening and bird-watching. He had a strong connection and love of animals, plants, and trees. His knowledge in these areas was second to none and was

never short of a story about his experiences or advice for others. He was also devoted to his faith and his church community.

Jim was incredibly proud of his time spent with the volunteer fire department in High Prairie, Alberta as well as his work with Search and Rescue. He dedicated over 20 years to wildlands firefighting. He was known as a leader who always remained calm and helped others to feel safe and protected. He received awards and recognition from the province for his devotion and commitment to saving and protecting communities and Albertans.

Throughout all his achievements in life he was mostly proud of his family. He was a proud father and even prouder grandfather.

Jim will be missed and lovingly remembered by his wife Lorraine; daughters Christina (Jim), Sheena (Ben), and Tannis (David); grandchildren Logan, Owen, Dexter, Frankie, and Eloise. Nat (Theresa); siblings Bob, Maria, and Michelle; numerous nieces, nephews, sisters in law, and friends.

Jim was predeceased by his parents Jim and Elaine; and brothers Charlie and Ed.

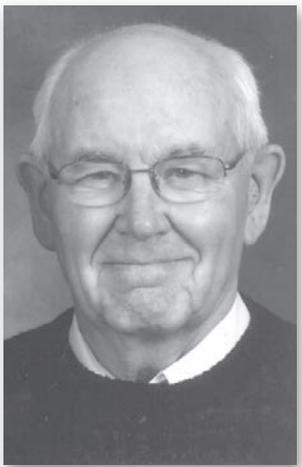
A private funeral service will be taking place with

interment to follow in the Leoville Cemetery, Saskatchewan. A link of the funeral service will be available online in Jim's obituary notice on [www.reflectionsfuneral.com](http://www.reflectionsfuneral.com) or [facebook.com/vermillionreflectionsfuneral](https://www.facebook.com/vermillionreflectionsfuneral) by Saturday, January 16th.

Memorial donations may be made in Jim's name to the Search and Rescue Alberta. Online donations can be completed at <http://saralberta.ca>

Reflections Funeral & Cremation Services Ltd. in care of arrangements. Condolences may be provided to the family at [www.reflectionsfuneral.com](http://www.reflectionsfuneral.com) or [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com)

## William "Harold" Gray



is survived by his wife Dorothy, son Ken (Dawn), daughter Sandra, grandson Mitchell, brother Ed Gray (Marie) in Fredericton, sister Olive Gardiner in Belfast, special cousin Margaret Jackson in Calgary, sister-in-law Paulette Ainsley in Vancouver, brothers-in-law Andre Dupuis (Helen), Lucien Dupuis (Donna), Eugene Dupuis, and Bernard Dupuis (Peggy), as well as many nieces and nephews in Ireland and Canada. Harold was predeceased by his daughter Joanne in 1987.

Harold immigrated to Canada from Belfast in 1953, at the age of 22. He trained

with the RCMP in Montreal in 1954 and was posted to Regina, Saskatchewan for training. Harold's first field training posting was to Prince Albert in December 1954. Subsequent postings were to Melfort, Tisdale, Uranium City--where he met his wife Dorothy--then again to Prince Albert, Regina, Ottawa, and Edmonton. Harold retired from the RCMP in 1975, after 21 years of service, and moved his family to Victoria, BC, where he worked for the Pacific Forestry Research Centre for 17 years.

In 1992, Harold and Dorothy moved back to the prairies to Shellbrook, where they spent many happy and active years amongst family

and friends. Harold was an avid curler with the Seniors Curling Club in Shellbrook and held the position of Secretary/Treasurer for many years. Harold loved gardening and excelled at growing tomatoes. Since his days back in Ireland, Harold loved his motorcycles, and took part in a few rallies in the US. Harold will be remembered for his big heart, quick wit, Irish humour, and storytelling. Harold and Dorothy moved to the Riverbreeze Retirement Complex in Prince Albert in 2017.

Donations to a charity of choice, in Harold's name, would be appreciated in lieu of flowers, thanks.

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, Marianne Turcotte, Funeral Director, Prince Albert, SK 306-763-3322.

## Marc Emile Joseph Turgeon



MARC EMILE JOSEPH TURGEON

September 20th, 1959 – December 31st, 2020

Marc was born to Beatrice and Bert Turgeon as the youngest sibling to Alain and Claire Turgeon. He grew up in Spiritwood, attending school and farming alongside his Dad.

In 1988, Marc married the love of his life, Lori Goller. Together they expanded their grain farm while raising three children: Mitchell – 1989, Lauren – 1992 and Cassandra – 1993. Marc became Pèpère to Lauren and Tyler Long's daughter, Rachael – 2019. His family, farming and faith were Marc's greatest passions.

Marc was an active and devoted member of the Spiritwood community. He attended church service and almost every local event. He served with the Knights of Columbus and worked at the Funeral Home. Marc helped win many curling bonspiels and loved playing

card games with everyone. He loved being in nature, camping and guiding hunts at Chitek Lake. He was proud of his latest endeavor of producing canola oil with Virtex Farm Foods.

Marc's joy was visiting with his family and friends/neighbours. He was never afraid of hard work or being there for anyone. His legacy is his laughter that filled every room and will be remembered in every heart forever.

The family requests that all flowers and notes will be sent to Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, 113 6th Street West, Spiritwood, SK. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions a private Funeral Mass to celebrate the life of Marc Turgeon was held on Saturday January 9th, 2021 at 2:00pm, those wishing to watch the Funeral Mass are invited to, Like: Spiritwood Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Parish, Facebook Page, the Funeral Mass can also be watched on Marc's obituary page at [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com). All donations can be made to the Spiritwood Knights of Columbus towards the Jesse Tree in memory of Marc Turgeon. 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, Spiritwood, SK 306-883-3500.

## Alice Person



ALICE PERSON  
1922 – 2021

Mrs. Alice Person of Lethbridge, beloved wife of the late Mr. Clarence Person, passed away peacefully in her sleep in her room at the Good Samaritan's Assisted Living Centre in Lethbridge, Alberta, where she had been living for the last two and a half years.

Alice was born to parents Olaf and Ingeborg Grendahl and grew up on a farm in the Parkside district of Saskatchewan. She married

Clarence Person in 1945 and, together, they raised two children (Shirley and Leslie) while operating a mixed farm not far from where her parents lived.

In 1983, Alice and Clarence retired from the farm and built a new house in the village of Parkside. For the first time, they experienced the pleasures of central heating and running water in their home. Sadly, Clarence died in 2002, but Alice continued to live on her own in their Parkside residence for several more years, enjoying time shared with her close lady friends and participating in community events before moving into Shellbrook for a brief period. In 2012, she moved to Lethbridge, Alberta to be close to her daughter Shirley and her family.

Alice was a hard-working, caring person who always had a smile on her face, a quick laugh, and a warm

disposition. She was the grandma who loved having her grandchildren stay with her and spoiled them with her hearty meals and delicious baking. Especially coveted were her dinner buns, cinnamon buns, and ginger cookies. She also made sure everyone always had a full stock of knitted dishcloths. She often volunteered at the Honeywood Nursery and demolition derbies in Parkside. In her younger years, she loved to curl, and continued to enjoy watching curling games throughout her life. She also was a long-time fan of the Dry Creek Penguins ball team.

Alice is survived by her daughter Shirley (Kurt) Klein of Lethbridge, four grandchildren: Penni (Pat) Wilson and Bradley (Jamie) Klein, both of Lethbridge, Cari-Ann (Gerald) Stefanyshyn of Prince Albert, and Jolene Person of Houston, Texas. Also, she leaves behind four great-grandchildren: Hannah and Abigail Wilson, and Jake and Eric Stefanyshyn, as

well as numerous nieces, nephews, and their families.

Besides her loving husband Clarence Person, Alice was predeceased by her parents Olaf and Ingeborg Grendahl, her son Leslie (Brenda) Person, brothers Marenses (Doris) Grendahl and Harvey (Doreen) Grendahl,

The family wishes to thank the professionals at the Good Samaritan's Assisted Living Centre for their care during the time Alice lived in their facility and, especially, their vigilance and attention to healthful practices that kept the dreadful pandemic at bay during her last year. We would also like to thank the caring staff at Martin Brothers Funeral Chapels in Lethbridge who are handling Alice's final arrangements.

As per her wishes, Alice will be privately remembered by family and friends. A private graveside interment of her ashes in the family plot in Parkside will take place next summer.

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## Government responds to OIPC eHealth report

The Office of the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC) has released an Investigation Report examining the eHealth Saskatchewan cyberattack reported on Jan. 10, 2020. The Government of Saskatchewan finds several of the privacy commissioners findings deeply troubling and is responding with a number of immediate and planned actions to address

recommendations. "Saskatchewan people expect their personal health information to be secure and protected," Health Minister Paul Merriman said. "This expectation was failed when eHealth's systems were breached last December. The report issued today by Mr. Kruzeniski contains several troubling findings and recommendations regarding the data breach and

subsequent events, and details a number of shortcomings on behalf of eHealth, the Saskatchewan Health Authority and the Ministry of Health. Our government takes these findings and recommendations seriously and will commence work to address them immediately."

On Tuesday, Dec. 22, eHealth, the Ministry of Health and the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) provided mass notification regarding the extent of the data breach in alignment with the OIPC recommendation to do so. This included notification through media releases, newspaper notices, website notices and social media alerts. To address concerns raised by the OIPC regarding delays in providing this public notification, the Minister of Health has ordered an internal review by the Deputy Minister of Health into the ministry and health authority decision making processes which resulted in delays in providing

public notification in a timely manner.

The Minister of Health also indicated that action will soon be announced to address the recommendation for an independent review of eHealth's governance, management and program operations.

The OIPC report contains 25 recommendations directed to eHealth, the Ministry of Health and the SHA. Due to the technical nature of several recommendations, a response to each individual recommendation will be provided to the OIPC within 30-days. Quarterly updates will be provided to the OIPC outlining progress on the development and implementation of preventative measures outlined in the report.

"I would like to thank Mr. Kruzeniski for his thorough report and continued work in protecting the personal information of Saskatchewan citizens," Merriman said. "While Mr. Kruzeniski rightly notes that the current pandemic is placing demands on the health care system, I agree with his assessment of the importance for officials to begin this work as soon as possible, and have conveyed my expectation that his requested timelines should be met."

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# The beginning of a new year

**By Patricia Hanbidge**

The beginning of a new year should be a time of reflection. How was the last year and what might the new year bring? Have you taken the time in your life to “stop and smell the roses” and enjoy the really important parts of life? What if we lived as our grandparents or great grandparents and spent our days growing food and living a simpler life. We would be closer to our roots and in fact may likely be happier.

If you are a gardener in a colder climate that continues to garden inside, perhaps you are closer to “living the dream” as you are definitely more immersed in horticulture. The wonder of a flower opening, a seed sprouting or dead twigs miraculously sprouting green leaves is just a daily occurrence if you sur-



round yourself with growing. But just think, what if everyone had this opportunity to live with the glory of growing plants? Would we cure world hunger? Could we achieve world-wide harmony?

There is a growing trend of people wishing to grow their own food and to make our world a more sustainable place to live. Governments, businesses and societies together with the United Nations have begun to mobilize efforts to achieve the Sustain-

able Development Agenda by 2030. This universal, inclusive and indivisible agenda calls for action by all countries to improve the lives of people everywhere.

Goal number two of this agenda is to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture. If you are reading this article, then this is your call to take action. It doesn't matter how small your effort is - it will make a difference. Spring is

not far off. It is already evident that the days are getting longer. It will not be too long until we can once again putter in the garden. Perhaps it is time to start thinking about what you should grow this spring and if there is anyone you can take along on your journey.

It is a good idea to grow food to share with those who are less fortunate. If you have an area that is not doing anything but growing weeds, then why not change the land-

scape and grow food in that area? It is amazing how a very small bit of land can harvest a lot of food. For example, on a boulevard a few years ago, a group of us harvested around 1000 pounds of food off of this small little area. We grew corn, potatoes and onions, enjoyed a corn roast and donated the rest of the produce to The Friendship Inn. They graciously accepted our gift and many people who are less fortunate enjoyed a number of very good and nutritious meals as a result of our selfless labours.

Watch the Orchid Horticulture website and facebook page for upcoming opportunities and workshops. If you are stumped on what you might do to help us reach goal number two, get in touch and we can work together! We hope that this article has got you excited about growing food and living more sustainably with everything you do.

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