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## Honeywood rings in spring with season opening



Renovated last fall, the red building on the Honeywood grounds now serves as a garden and gift shop.

Parkside's Honeywood Heritage Nursery opened for the 2021 season, its second season under the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, on Saturday, May 9.

Though current public health guidelines prohibited the usual fanfare that might accompany the heritage site's opening, the well-timed arrival of more spring-like temperatures ensured a steady trickle of people came out to visit and purchase plants and flowers throughout the day.

With the season underway, Honeywood will now be open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. until the fall. And

while the colours of spring and summer aren't in full bloom yet, thanks, in part, to the slow start to spring, there's still plenty of colour to glimpse in the greenhouse.

This, said Honeywood's Judy Harley, is thanks in no small part to Malcolm Jenkins and the Prince Albert Canadian Tire store, which has once again provided an assortment of annuals and bedding plants.

In a new addition to the varied offerings at Honeywood, guests were welcomed to tour the updated Red Office Lean-to building, which was renovated

last fall and transformed into a garden and gift shop.

Already on Saturday, the gift shop was well provisioned with Honeywood's homemade jellies and jams, garden hand tools and necessities (some compliments of Canadian Tire), a selection of Early's Heirloom seeds and seed potatoes, and items crafted by local and area artisans.

As Harley explains, it's no small task to get Honeywood ready each year.

"There is a lot of work involved in getting Honeywood ready for the season open date. The main yard gets a

raking and cleaning, the selling area is swept and pallets are placed; potted lilies and perennials are brought out of storage and pots are cleaned up, the greenhouses are cleaned out and made ready for plants, the new gift and garden shop is stocked, and, of course, our 2,000 lily bulbs are potted," she wrote.

Fortunately, Honeywood has help from both staff members and volunteers to do some of this work. Tuesday before opening, volunteers Wayne, Donna and Shelly came out to pot 1,000 lily bulbs and 125 perennials.

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# Honeywood rings in spring with season opening

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Members of the Walter Willoughby Horticultural Society came out the next day, potting another 630 lily bulbs, cleaning flower beds, and organizing the gift and garden shop. Staff members Dale, Mark, and Kent, meanwhile, spent the final days before opening fine tuning and adding some finishing touches.

It's a lot of work, as Harley says, and not without its fair share of costs.

"The cost of maintaining the beautiful grounds, orchards, buildings and fields is always an ongoing concern. The funds to do this are normally acquired through fundraising events, sale of plant material and donations," Harley said. "Without the support of you, our friends and supporters, we would not be able to continue to keep this heritage site in the great shape so many have come to love."

While guests are free to come and tour Honeywood at their leisure throughout the season, a big question mark still

surrounds the nursery's annual fundraiser events, Artists in Bloom, Lilies in Bloom, and A Touch of Autumn.

Though outdoor public gathering limits are set to increase to 150 people on May 30, when Saskatchewan enters step one of its re-opening plan, Honeywood's staff is taking a cautious, wait-and-see approach and anticipating a full return to normal next season.



Volunteers and staff were busy in the week leading up to opening, planting thousands of lily bulbs and other plants.



The gift and garden shop is well stocked with a variety of goods.



Though it's still too early for spring colours to be in full bloom, Honeywood's greenhouse is bursting at the seams with colour.



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With respect to this matter, the public is invited to provide written comments by **Monday, June 14, 2021** to the contact information shown below. Please include a return address or contact information.

#### SITE LOCATION MAP



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### Seasonal Part Time Gravel Checker

The Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 is looking for a Gravel Checker. Normal hours of work are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., during the gravel season. Some overtime may be required. Rate of pay and benefits to be negotiated.

Please send resumes, including certifications, references, valid driver's license and a criminal record check to: Box 190, Leask, SK, S0J 1M0, Fax: (306) 466-2091, Email: [rmleask.464@sasktel.net](mailto:rmleask.464@sasktel.net). Deadline for applications will be 4:00 p.m., May 28, 2021.

For more information call 306-466-2000. Only those applicants chosen for an interview will be contacted.

## Highway 55 Waste Management Corporation

### LABOURER – SUMMER STUDENT POSITION

Highway 55 Waste Management Corporation invites applications for a summer student for a Labourer at the Landfill. This position will be 30 hours per week for 10 weeks to commence on or after June 21, 2021. Duties will include but are not limited to:

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**Deadline: Monday, May 28, 2021**



# Shellbrook Town Council passes 2021 budget

Shellbrook's Town Council met on Monday, May 10 for a special meeting to pass the town's 2021-2022 budget.

In attendance were Mayor Amund Otterson, councillors Larry Batten, Bruce Clements, John Hughes, Cheryl Ledding, Brent Miller, and Kathleen Nording, the town's CAO, Kelly Hoare, and town foreman Mike Tanchuk.

With no business from prior meetings to address, council moved right into discussion of the budget, with Hoare providing a department by department breakdown of the town's fiscal playbook for the year.

By law, the town is required to deliver a balanced budget (yes, even during a global pandemic). The 2021 budget does that, with revenues and expenses dead even at \$4,046,840.

By comparison, 2020's budget delivered a small surplus of \$131,914, with revenues of \$4,122,439 and expenses of \$3,990,525.

As usual, public works and infrastructure accounts for a sizeable portion of the budget. The town is setting aside another \$200,000 to continue its sewer relining program, and a further \$100,000 in hopes of completing a larger paving project at some point next year.

The budget also contains \$121,000 for the purchase of a loader, \$61,000 for cold mix and patching, \$56,000 for gravel, and the annual loan repayment of \$264,000 for the Waste-water Treatment Plant.

At recreation facilities, meanwhile, the budget sets aside \$66,000 for the purchase of a dehumidifier at the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre, and puts \$20,000 into reserves for work at the swimming pool (with \$10,000 of that being dedicated to a future replacement of the liner).

Elsewhere, council remuneration was bumped to \$38,000 from \$25,248 in 2020, to reflect the increased number of council meetings as new councillors are brought up to speed.

Ever a bone of contention for council, which feels the town is not receiving adequate policing services, the contract with the RCMP increased slightly again this year, climbing to \$113,500 from \$112,000 in 2020.

Once the budget was explained and questions were answered, a motion was brought forward to pass the document. The motion passed with opposition from councillors Miller and Batten, who

were disappointed that a promised discussion on setting up budgeting guidelines for next year had been skipped over in lieu of discussing the budget.

When it came time to pass this year's mill rate bylaw, which keeps the base tax at \$1,200 and the mill rate at 3.98, Miller and Batten once again voiced their opposition, preventing it from receiving the required three readings.

This opposition forced the discussion the two councillors had been seeking.

Leading the discussion, Miller brought forth an overarching motion that would require the town to develop a clear methodology for budgeting in time for the town's 2022 budget. The motion includes four key points Miller would like to see the town focus its efforts on.

Highlighting the fact that the town's culture and recreation facilities have a combined deficit of about \$450,000 (or nearly a third of the town's tax revenues), Miller called for the town to generate a public debate on culture and recreation, with a view to reduce the deficit by \$175,000 in time for incorporation into the 2022 budget.

Calling the facilities "potential revenue generators, Miller was adamant about cutting costs without cutting programming, and said the way to get there is to energize the facilities' user bases to find creative ways to fund the buildings.

At a suggestion from councillor Clements, Miller agreed it would be prudent for the town to investigate all areas with deficits and find "sustainable" ways to save money.

Miller's second point was about rethinking the way the town handles risk. Citing the town's ongoing sewer relining project, he explained that it's projected to take another 10 years during which three catastrophic failures, costing \$500,000 each, are expected to occur.

Miller's suggestion was that the town consider taking on long-term debt to finish projects like this in one year, thereby saving on future costs when infrastructure inevitably fails due to delays in work being done.

Moving on, Miller asked for council to develop a formal bylaw that sets rules for how it budgets and when it decides to take on long-term debt. As one example, he said council could aim

to restrict any future deficits in culture and recreation budgets to no more than 15 per cent of the town's overall tax revenue.

Finally, Miller pushed the idea of holding to a zero per cent budget increase in the town's expenses for the next six years. He eventually softened this position, suggesting that council set a goal to maintain a zero increase so that it's not handcuffed in case an emergency arises.

After some debate and questions from council, a motion was passed to put these issues in the books. Miller said the matters would be discussed throughout the year so that council can get all of its ducks in a row for the 2022 budget and "get things right."

Satisfied with the discussion, councillors Miller and Batten allowed for the third reading of the Mill Rate Bylaw, paving the way for the bylaw to be enacted.

Council then adjourned for the evening, with May 17 set as the date for its next regular meeting.

The *Chronicle* will have a more detailed breakdown of the budget, once it obtains a copy of the document.

FORM H  
[Section 66 of the Act]

**VILLAGE OF LEASK**

**Notice of Call for Nominations  
(By-Election)**

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

**Mayor:** Village of Leask  
**Councillor:** Village of Leask  
(1 Vacancy)

will be received by the undersigned from May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 until the 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Village of Leask Office, 15 Main Street, Leask, Saskatchewan.

Nomination forms may be obtained at the following locations:

Village of Leask Office,  
15 Main Street  
Leask, Saskatchewan

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> of May, 2021

**Tim Melnyk**  
Returning Officer

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## Report highlights need for action on long-term care

Is there anything more emblematic of politics than schoolyard-level bickering?

Governments of the day make their policies, and their dogged oppositions find something to criticize in their every word and action.

Often as not, the criticism is based on little more than partisanship, and removing actions and words almost entirely from their original context.

Sometimes, however, the criticism is warranted (governments, after all, are imperfect and just as capable of making mistakes as anyone else).

This is certainly the case with the Sask. Party government's handling of long-term care in the province. And thanks to the Sask. NDP opposition, we have yet another internal report to point to – this one from the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) itself.

The report in question was compiled by SHA officials when they visited Extencare's Parkside long-term care facility in Regina on Dec. 2.

While touring the facility and speaking with staff, the officials heard complaints about workers being harassed if they needed to stay home when symptomatic, and concerns about only having access to one mask per shift.

The officials' report also included comments about inconsistent donning and doffing procedures for PPE, and failures to wash residents' hands before they ate, and to wash their own hands for the recommended 15 seconds.

The SHA would go on to assume a co-management role at the Extencare Parkside facility just a few days later.

It was too late, however, to prevent a widespread COVID-19 outbreak that claimed more than 40 lives and infected more than 200 people.

It was this co-management agreement that Everett Hindley, Sask.'s Minister



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for Seniors, highlighted in his response to the release of the report.

The agreement, he said, ended in mid-February. But fear not, the SHA has been regularly checking in on the facility.

This hardly seems adequate, given the concerns with the facility that date back to 2013, and Extencare's borderline criminal negligence in addressing those concerns prior to the pandemic.

What's particularly troubling is that, according to his own admission, the Dec. 2 report never crossed Mr. Hindley's desk.

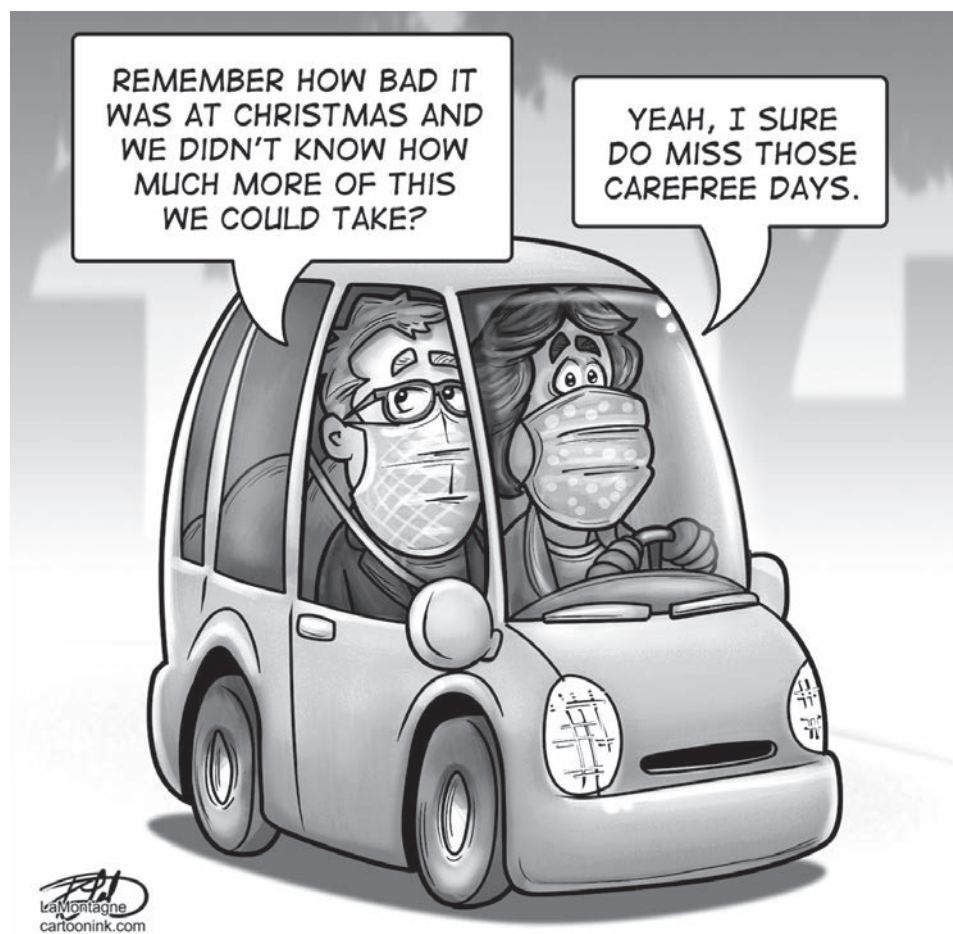
This is a glaring oversight on somebody's part, to be certain. But then, glaring oversights have become the norm from a Sask. Party government that, year after year, has resisted calls from the opposition to implement minimum standards of care for long-term care facilities and address staffing concerns.

The recent provincial budget, which promises to hire 300 continuing care aides over the next three years (108 of those new hires are earmarked for this year), is a too little too late attempt to right a ship that veered off-course decades ago.

And with an Ombudsman's report on the Extencare debacle expected at some point in the near future, it's hard to have any faith that the Sask. Party government will take quick and decisive action to remedy any of the issues it raises.

It's too late to save the lives needlessly lost to the COVID-19 pandemic – and those lost long before it. But the Sask. Party government can show that it cares for the province's seniors by heeding the opposition's calls to end its contract with Extencare.

As has been stated in this space before, companies like Extencare shouldn't be allowed to profit while our loved ones die due to their negligence.



## Time to end crime policy lurch

Dear editor,

As a rural resident, I am aware that if I call the RCMP to report a crime in progress on my property, their response time is uncertain. What I am certain of is the harm done and that the justice system may cause more harm. After serving their time, offenders face personal, economic, and/or social difficulties that increase the likelihood of reoffending.

The 2012 Omnibus Crime Bill was "Tough-on-Crime." Even though the Canadian Bar Association and other experts tried their "darndest to get the Conservatives to listen to reason," the bill passed because the Conservatives held the majority of seats.

Now the Conservatives are concerned that the Liberals will pass a "Soft-on-Crime" bill. This is a classic case of the policy lurch that happens in winner-take-all electoral systems.

Whether our jail sentences are tough

or soft, we are no safer.

In a 2012 Senate report regarding the Omnibus Crime Bill, the authors identified effective crime reduction strategies. They stressed that "the overwhelming consensus of the [evidence] is that treatment works, incarceration does not."

It is not only too late to lock the barn after the horse is stolen, but also harmful to merely lock up the thief.

Instead of after-crime policy lurch based in politics, we need before-crime policy agreement based on evidence.

Since 1921, politicians on both sides of policy lurch, like Pierre Trudeau and Stephen Harper, have recommended electoral reform with proportional representation.

Let's stop doing hard time because of our electoral system. Support a National Citizens Assembly.ca.

Nancy Carswell  
Shellbrook, Sask.

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## Report from the Legislature

COVID-19 is the #1 priority of the Government of Saskatchewan and the road to recovery runs through vaccination clinics. Our Re-Opening Roadmap is a three-step plan to lift public health orders based on vaccination thresholds, availability, and timing between steps.

Step One will commence three weeks after 70 per cent of residents age 40 and above have received their first dose, and once vaccine eligibility has opened to all adults age 18 and older. This will see the cautious easing of public health measures, including:

- Restaurants and bars open, maximum of six at a table, two metres or structural barriers between tables, dance floors and buffets remain closed, VLTs may re-open;
- 30 per cent of capacity or 150 people, whichever is less, at places of worship, with physical distancing between households;
- Group fitness classes involving intense training, like aerobics and spin, can resume, with three metres between participants;
- Current restrictions remain in place for retail, personal care services, event facilities, casinos, bingo halls, theatres, art galleries, libraries and recreational facilities;
- Current protocols remain in place for primary, secondary and post-secondary education and for child-care;
- Limit of 10 people at private indoor and outdoor gatherings, including household gatherings;
- Limit of 30 people at public indoor gatherings;
- Limit of 150 people at public outdoor gatherings; and
- Current province-wide masking mandate remains in place.

Step Two will commence three weeks after 70 per cent of residents age 30 and above have received their first dose, with at least three weeks passing since the commencement of Step One. Public health measures in Step Two are planned to be eased as follows:

- No capacity thresholds on retail and personal care services, must maintain an occupancy that allows for physical distancing;
- Restaurants and bars will have no table capacity thresholds, must maintain two metres of physical distancing or structural barriers between tables, dance floors and buffets remain closed;
- 150-person maximum capacity at event facilities, casinos, bingo halls, theatres, art galleries, libraries and recreational facilities, must maintain an occupancy that allows for physical distancing, restaurant guidelines apply at venues that serve food;
- No change from Step One at gyms and fitness facilities, primary, secondary and post-secondary education and childcare;
- All remaining restrictions on youth and adult sports will be lifted;
- Limit of 15 people at private indoor gatherings,

including household gatherings;

- Limit of 150 people at public indoor gatherings and private and public outdoor gatherings; and
- Current province-wide masking mandate remains in place.

Step Three will commence three weeks after 70 per cent of residents age 18 and older have received their first dose, with at least three weeks passing since the commencement of Step Two.

In Step Three, most remaining restrictions will be lifted. Guidance on gathering sizes and indoor masking will be developed based on the progress of the first two steps.

Public health orders from Step Two on gathering sizes and indoor masking will remain in place until that guidance is finalized.

This plan provides an incentive to follow public health measures and get vaccinated.

Even after hitting these targets, we need to get as many people vaccinated as possible which includes getting a second dose to become fully protected. If acute care pressures require, a re-opening step may be paused to respond to COVID transmission trends.

As Saskatchewan travels through its roadmap to re-open, this year's provincial budget has been designed to protect, build, and grow our great province.



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There is new funding for new schools, hospitals, long-term care facilities, highways, and municipal infrastructure.

The growth of our economy and our communities continues to be a key focus of our government. This budget provides key investments and incentives to achieve that growth while keeping life affordable for families.

Our province has fared better than most through the global pandemic and this budget charts a clear course forward for our province that ensures a strong recovery, and a strong Saskatchewan.

Thanks to our hard-working health care professionals, Saskatchewan has led the country in its vaccine rollout program. As more people become vaccinated and life begins to return to

normal, we know that our best days are ahead.

Thank you all for everything you have done over the past year. Please keep protecting yourselves and those around you by following all the public health orders and guidelines and – when it is your turn – roll up your sleeve and stick it to COVID.

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### **R.M. of Leask No. 464 Employment Opportunity**

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The Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 is looking for a Superintendent of Public Works to provide leadership and organization of the Public Works Department. Experience in the operation of heavy equipment and possession of a class 1A driver's license is an asset. A job description is available from the R.M. office. The successful candidate will be employed full time. Normal hours of work are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. Some overtime may be required. This position is not part of a union and includes a full benefit package. Please send resumes, including certifications, references, valid driver's license and a criminal record check to:

Box 190, Leask, SK, S0J 1M0, Fax: (306) 466-2091, Email: [rmleask.464@sasktel.net](mailto:rmleask.464@sasktel.net).

Deadline for applications is 4:00 p.m., June 4, 2021.

For more information call 306-466-2000. Only those applicants chosen for an interview will be contacted.

# Spiritwood celebrates Canadian Children's Book Week



Canadian author **Natasha Deen.**

Canadian Children's Book Week (May 2 to 8, 2021) is a week-long celebration of stories and books written by Canadian authors. This year, the Spiritwood Public Library, Hartley Clark Elementary School and Rivier Elementary School teamed up to kick off the week with a special online program. They arranged to host a personal visit with the award-winning author, Natasha Deen. Ms. Deen is the author of over twenty books for kids and teens, including Lark and the

Diamond Caper, Guardian, and In the Key of Nira Ghani.

Because of the public health precautions during the COVID-19 pandemic, authors' visits to schools and libraries could not take place in person this year. So on Monday morning, May 3, Natasha Deen spoke with the students in Grades 4 to 6 thanks to the schools' ability to arrange a virtual visit via Google Meet.

Natasha Deen and her family immigrated to Canada from Guyana when she was a child.

She shared stories of her experiences growing up in Canada, encountering people who didn't treat her well because she was different.

She shared stories of superheroes, the difficulties they faced and the choices they made to use their powers to help others.

She told stories about people who were bullied or put down by others, but who left those insults behind or used them as fuel to take action and do what they wanted to do.

She encouraged students to share their own stories and to learn from the stories of others.

Following her presentation, there was an opportunity for the students to ask questions.

Community members with a library card can borrow books by Natasha Deen from the Wapiti Regional Library. Books requested online can be delivered to the Spiritwood Public Library for local pick-up. If you need a library card or want help requesting a book, just stop in and speak to the librarian.

## LEASK SPORTS CENTRE INC.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 25, 2021 ~ 6:30 PM  
at the Sports Centre

Info: Chris 306-466-7780

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Village of Leask is Accepting Applications  
**SUMMER STUDENTS**

For approximately May 20 – August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### Qualifications:

- Works well with minimum supervision
- Works well as a team and with public
- Takes direction
- Must have a valid Saskatchewan driver's licence
- Manual labour required
- Willingness to learn new skills, willingness to operate machinery as required

Position will remain open until suitable candidates are hired, please forward cover letter and resume to:

Village of Leask

Attention: Tim Melnyk – Administrator

15 Main Street, Leask, Saskatchewan

Email [village.leask@sasktel.net](mailto:village.leask@sasktel.net)

The Village of Leask would like to thank all that apply for the position. Only those selected will be contacted.

## OFFICE ASSISTANT

Village of Leask is Accepting Applications  
for a Part-time Office Assistant

### The ideal candidate would have:

- Excellent written and oral communications skills
- Working knowledge of office equipment
- Efficient in office software and applications
- Able to read and understand the Regulations and Acts required for Municipal office
- Attention to details
- Works well as a team and independently
- Customer service skills
- Problem solving skills
- Understanding of the local authority of information and protection act of Saskatchewan.

This is a rewarding position for a person who thrives in a fast paced environment that can get the job completed efficiently and on a deadline. The responsibilities are as follows, but not limited to: answering phone, addressing visitors to the office, filing, handling bill payments and communications, and documents preparation. The office assistant duties depend on the needs of the Village of Leask. Must be able to supply criminal record check and be bondable for this position.

Position will remain open until suitable candidate is hired, please forward cover letter and resume to:

Village of Leask

15 Main Street, Leask, Saskatchewan

Email [village.leask@sasktel.net](mailto:village.leask@sasktel.net)

The Village of Leask would like to thank all that apply for the position.

## Minutes of a Town of Spiritwood meeting

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

The regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Spiritwood was held via Sasktel Teleconference Call on April 13, 2021 at 7 p.m.

In attendance were Mayor Gary von Holwede, Councillor Bryan Wingerter, 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.

George Pretli: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Seconded by Kiera Andres. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That the Accounts for Ratifica-

tion, Cheque No. 31374 to 31377 and CAFT & On-Line Payments #329 to 350 in the amount of \$50,986.96 be approved as presented. Seconded by Jim Bedi. Carried.

Jim Bedi: That the Accounts for Approval, Cheque No. 31378 to 31407 and CAFT payments #351 to 357 in the amount of \$65,588.01 be approved as presented. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Brad Nemish: That we transfer the 2020 Gas Tax Installment Funds in the amount of \$80,800.50 from the General Chequing operating account to the Gas Tax savings account. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we do not enter into a 5

year lease agreement or First Right of Refusal to purchase agreement and maintain the existing 12 month lease agreement as per resolution no. 2019-0355. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

Jim Bedi: That as per resolution number 2020-0089, we acknowledge the Ultimate Recipient Agreement for the Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program - Project #20200022 for Sewage Pumping Station Replacements, being signed by the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer, as attached to form part of the minutes. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

Jim Bedi: That application be made to the Local Government Committee permission to borrow by way of long term loan or debenture up to the sum of four hundred and thirty five thousand dollars (\$435,000.00), in the year 2021 repayable over a period of eight (8) years for the purpose of financing the municipal investment portion of the Investing In Canada Infrastructure Program - Sewage Pumping Station Project;

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# VOTE

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**VOTE EARLY MAY 14-22**



## Headlines point to concerns for producers

It has to be difficult for farmers itching to get into the field this spring to be reading some of the lead stories in the agriculture media right now.

It is tough enough to be patient waiting for the weather to warm after an April that started with some promising sunshine, but turned generally cooler than anyone on the Canadian Prairies would have hoped given winters are always longer than all but the most devout snow lover wants.

And once May hits farmers get antsy. Research shows early seed-

ed crops, if they avoid frost, generally produce better, and every day in May seeding is delayed is not good news for farmers, but as we head towards mid-month betting on a frost free night still seems something of a risk.

But, if farmers read the news, they are going to feel at least a twinge of worry about what lies ahead for the crops they are planting.

A story at producer.com begins with the startling news "Agriculture Canada's Canadian Drought Monitor's



CALVIN DANIELS

(CDM) new map shows the ongoing drought on the Prairies is getting worse."

Producers invest huge dollars in planting a crop with maximum inputs such as fertilizer to pro-

duce top yields, but the weather always holds the chance of trumping those efforts and reading "seventy-seven percent of the prairie region was classified as either abnormally dry, in moderate drought, severe drought or extreme drought; this includes nearly 93 percent of the region's agricultural landscape," is not good news.

It might not be a huge surprise, given there was not a lot of snow, limiting spring run-off, but it is troubling.

Of course producers now must hope for rains,

and they need to happen at the right time. Obviously if rain hit in late May, it would impact the all-important seeding season, but moisture has to happen soon after the crop is in the ground if they are going to get a good start.

And then looking ahead to fall, a second story at www.producer.com starts out "ocean freight rates are steadily increasing and there is no end in sight, according to a report by United States Wheat Associates."

For a country that re-

lies largely on exporting commodities like Canada does, including grains, oilseeds and pulses from the agriculture sector, increased ocean shipping rates are not good as they will be reflected in lower returns to farmers.

The increased ocean freight costs do one thing that is positive, which is re-enforce the importance of adding value to commodities here on the Prairies, such as the recent major canola crush developments announced for Yorkton and Regina.

## Minutes of a Town of Spiritwood meeting

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And that, if by way of long term loan that the said debt shall be payable in equal annual installments of principal and interest in the years 2022-2029 inclusive, with interest at an estimated rate of 3% per centum per annum; and that, if by way of debenture so that the principal and interest are combined and made payable in equal annual instalments during the term of the securities interest at an estimated rate of 3% for the term of the debenture eight (8) years per centum, per annum, payable at least annually. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we approve hiring Associated Engineering to provide Engineering Assistance with our Skating Arena Mezzanine project as per their estimate of \$35,000. Seconded by Brad Nemish. Carried.

George Pretli: That the Ultimate Recipient Agreement for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program be signed by the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer, as attached to form part of the minutes. Seconded by Jim Bedi. Carried.

Brad Nemish: That we renew our agreement and continue licensing 88006029 Railway Avenue (Parcel QQ Plan 96B18615)

from Imperial Oil for an additional 5 year period on the same terms and conditions as previously agreed upon. Seconded by Brad Nemish. Carried.

Kiera Andres: That we hire L & L Construction to repair and replace windows at the Fast Genetics Office as per the estimate of \$1770.95 plus tax, with a request that the project be completed by August 31, 2021. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

Councillor Bryan Wingerter declared a conflict and left the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Jim Bedi: That we hire P. Construction as per their quoted hourly rate to do approximately 12 hours of excavation work

at the transfer station to build up and extend the branch and concrete pile areas as determined by the foreman. Seconded by Kiera Andres. Carried.

Councillor Bryan Wingerter re-entered the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Bryan Wingerter: That we approve Building Permit #03-2021SW to alter an existing deck into a sunroom on Lot 9 Block 26 Plan 74B06414, with the condition of approval from the building inspector. Seconded by Kiera Andres. Carried.

Kiera Andres: That this meeting be adjourned at 8:26 p.m. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

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# Saskatchewan charts path to re-opening

With first COVID-19 vaccine doses administered to more than half of Saskatchewan residents, the Saskatchewan government has revealed its roadmap for re-opening the province.

The three-step plan, which is anticipated to enter its first phase on May 30, sets clear thresholds for goals that must be met before the next step can begin.

"We are able to move forward with Step One of the Re-Opening Roadmap because so many Saskatchewan people are doing their part and getting vaccinated, and because we are all following the public health orders and guidelines to reduce the spread of COVID-19," Premier Scott Moe said.

"The road back to normal runs right through our vaccination clinics and pharmacies. I want to thank the thousands of health care workers who are

delivering those vaccine shots every day in every part of the province, and I want to thank the hundreds of thousands of Saskatchewan people who have done your part by getting vaccinated," he added.

For step one to begin, three weeks have to pass after the province reaches the threshold of giving 70 per cent of Saskatchewan residents aged 40 and above their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

The province had met this goal as of Sunday, with about 74 per cent of the 40-plus population having received their first jabs.

Barring an unforeseen surge in COVID-19 cases, the beginning of step one on Sunday, May 30 will bring with it loosened public health measures.

These loosened guidelines allow for restaurants and bars to open with a

maximum of six people per table and two metres or barriers between tables. Dance floors and buffets will remain closed, VLTs may re-open.

Additionally, place of worship restrictions will return to 30 per cent capacity or up to 150 people (whichever is less), and group fitness classes involving intense training can resume with three metres between participants.

Private gathering limits will be loosened to allow for 10 people at indoor and outdoor household gatherings. Public gathering limits, meanwhile, will ease to 30 people indoors and 150 people outdoors.

Throughout step one, the current restrictions will remain in place for retail, personal care services, event facilities, casinos, bingo halls, theatres, art galleries, libraries and recreational facilities, as well as for all schools and

childcare facilities.

The province-wide masking mandate will also remain in effect, and will through step three of the re-opening plan.

"We may have reached the first re-opening target, but our vaccination targets are not slowing down," Moe said. "In fact, they are speeding up. We need to get as many people as possible vaccinated as quickly as possible, so we can protect ourselves and those around us and so we can move to steps two and three of re-opening soon."

As the province's vaccination plan picks up steam, stage two will begin three weeks after 70 per cent of Saskatchewan residents aged 30 and above have received their first doses of COVID-19 vaccine, and three weeks after the start of step one.

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## YOUR TWO CENTS Vidal fear-mongering over Liberal crime bill

Dear Editor,  
Gary Vidal, Conservative Member of Parliament for Desnethes-Missinippi-Churchill River recently sent constituents a pamphlet which emphatically states that the passing of Bill C-22 puts "our Community at Risk" and calls it the "no more jail time for criminals' Bill".

If passed, Bill C-22 will repeal mandatory

minimum penalties (MMP) in a number of drug offences. Repealing certain MMPs will help ensure that a person found guilty of an offence is sentenced appropriately. Bill C-22 allows for a greater use of conditional sentences and requires police and prosecutors to consider diversion measures and alternatives to criminal charges for simple drug

possession offences.

Before the Harper government came into power, there were mandatory minimum sentences for a total of 24 federal offences. By 2015, that number had tripled. Keeping people in prison longer in overcrowded conditions, along with cuts to programming and the dismantling of transitional supports that assist with community re-integration did nothing to make our communi-

ties safer.

Mandatory minimums are often advertised as being 'tough on crime,' while in reality, they are toughest on those who are already most marginalized and victimized. Bill C-22 addresses the over-incarceration rate of Indigenous peoples as well as Black and marginalized Canadians.

In 2020, 30 per cent of federally incarcerated inmates were Indigenous adults, despite making up only 5 per cent of the country's population. The portion of those incarcerated under mandatory minimum penalties has grown from 14 per cent in 2006-2007 to 26 per cent in 2016-2017.

Gary Vidal, the Shad-

ow Minister of Indigenous Services, appears to be out of touch with the community he serves. The Congress of Aboriginal Peoples (CAP) is actively reaching out to municipalities, asking for their support to strengthen Bill C-22. A recent PA Herald article indicates that the Mayor of La Ronge questions whether the money spent to hire three additional RCMP did anything to reduce crime in La Ronge or if the money should have gone to organizations "that reduce crime in different ways." The Mayor of Saskatoon says in order to have safer communities we need a balance of enforcement and ways to address root causes of crime. The Ca-

nadian Association of Chiefs of Police applauds the goals of Bill C-22 and the government's commitment to these societal issues.

It costs tax payers \$70,000 per year to keep someone in jail. The additional cost associated with the Mandatory Minimum sentences would likely have served Canadians better and made our communities safer had it been spent on up-stream initiatives that address the issues that nurture crime.... like poverty, like a lack of mental health services or substance abuse treatment.

Paula Marshall, executive director of the Mi'kmaq Legal Support Network in Nova Scotia advocates for judges to take a broader look at the systemic factors that lead people to be in trouble with the law in the first place. "Justice in our First Nations communities is not about what's happening in the courts, justice also includes health policies, it includes educational policies, it includes funding for capacity building and employment. That's what's going to bring change in our communities...."

I think Gary Vidal knows full well that he is misrepresenting the intent and facts related to Bill C-22. Fear mongering is not community building.

Evelyn Johnson  
Spiritwood, Sask.

### RESORT VILLAGE OF CHITEK LAKE NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Resort Village of Chitek Lake intends to adopt **Bylaw #153/2021** under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* for the sale of dedicated lands, subject to Ministerial approval.

**INTENT** The proposed bylaw will allow for the Resort Village of Chitek Lake to sell the land listed below (see AFFECTED LAND) with the sale proceeds to be posted to the Dedicated Lands Account for future expenditure on other dedicated lands.

**AFFECTED LAND** The affected land is legally described as Lot no. MB4, Plan no. 01B14904 as shown on a plan of proposed subdivision dated 03/23/2021 and signed by Regan Rayner. The land is immediately between Lot 10 Blk L Plan no. 83B13932 and Lot 11 Blk L Plan no. 01B14904 as shown on the following map.

**REASON** The reason for the new Bylaw is to provide for the sale of dedicated lands at fair market value under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*.

**PUBLIC INSPECTION** Any person may inspect the Bylaw at the Chitek Lake village office between 9am to 12pm, 1pm to 4pm Tuesday to Thursday, and between 9am to 12pm, 1pm to 3pm on Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Copies are available at cost.

**PUBLIC HEARING** Council will hold a public hearing on 05/20/2021 at 6:30pm at the Chitek Lake Community Hall to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw(s). Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing (or delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office before the hearing).

Issued at the Resort Village of Chitek Lake this 04/29/2021.

Signed: Danielle Vandale, CAIB,  
Acting Chief Administrative Officer



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As of Sunday, with vaccine eligibility dipping below age 30, just over 66 per cent of Saskatchewan residents in this age range had already received their first vaccinations.

Once step two is reached, there will be no capacity thresholds on retail and personal care services, but they must maintain an occupancy that allows for physical distancing. Similarly, restaurants and bars will have no limits on table capacity, so long as there is physical distancing or barriers between tables, but dance floors and buffets will remain closed.

Elsewhere, step two sets a 150-person maximum capacity at event facilities, casinos, bingo halls, theatres, art galleries, libraries and recreational facilities. These facilities must also maintain an occupancy that allows for physical distancing, and restaurant

guidelines apply at venues that serve food.

Step two will also see all remaining restrictions on youth and adult sports lifted, private indoor gathering limits upped to 15 people, and public indoor and outdoor gathering limits set at 150 people.

Last, but not least, step three of the province's re-opening plan will commence three weeks after 70 per cent of Saskatchewan residents aged 18 and over have received first doses, and three weeks after the start of step two.

In step three, most remaining restrictions will be lifted.

However, the province says guidance on gathering sizes and indoor masking will be developed based on the progress of the first two steps. Public health orders from step two on gathering sizes and indoor masking will remain in place until that guidance is finalized.

# Leask welcomes new librarian



April Smith is the new librarian for the Leask Wapiti Library branch. She has been there a little while, and has done such a great job of keeping things running smoothly in the changeover. April has loads of ideas that we all look forward to enjoying, including new fun projects and displays. Connie Peake, who kept the library well organized for over 20 years, has decided to retire.

## Administrator, RM of Big River, No. 555

The RM of Big River is currently accepting applications for the position of Administrator.

The Rural Municipality of Big River is located in north central Saskatchewan, west of the Prince Albert National Park and bound on the north by lands in the Northern Administration District. The geographical features of the land provide ample opportunity for agriculture, industry and tourism which has provided landowners and developers with a wonderful canvas for a variety of business and residential developments.

The RM encompasses 30 townships and has a permanent population of 889 living in both the agriculture and residential subdivisions, primarily within 9 of the townships. The RM also fosters a strong relationship with the forestry industry and their partners and is home to the Carrier Lumber Dimensional Saw Mill.

The RM Office is located in the Town of Big River and is shared with the Town of Big River.

The Administrator, being the administrative head of the Municipality will provide organizational leadership to municipal staff. This position is responsible to Council for providing overall administration of the Municipality and will ensure the effective utilization of the financial and administrative resources. As the principle advisor to Council, the Administrator is responsible for providing to Council all relevant information necessary to make informed decisions, along with providing leadership for planning and executing a strategic vision that meets the current and future needs of the Municipality.

As the Administrator, you will have strong interpersonal and communication skills, including the ability to build trusted relationships with internal and external stakeholders. You will be a strong decision maker with high integrity and have authentic leadership skills, providing guidance and support for staff and community. As the successful candidate, you will have a thorough understanding of municipal operations, including: legislation, finance, budgeting, infrastructure, planning and economic development. In addition to your understanding of municipal operations, you will have the knowledge of business, administration, financial management, strategic planning, policy development, and implementation, resource allocation and leadership.

As the successful candidate you will have a:

- Certificate in Local Government Administration or equivalent
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- Be in the process of completing the LGA Courses to obtain a Rural Class "C" Certificate
- Experience with MuniSoft software including the Tax Roll, Hail Roll, General Ledger, Accounts Payable and PubWorks
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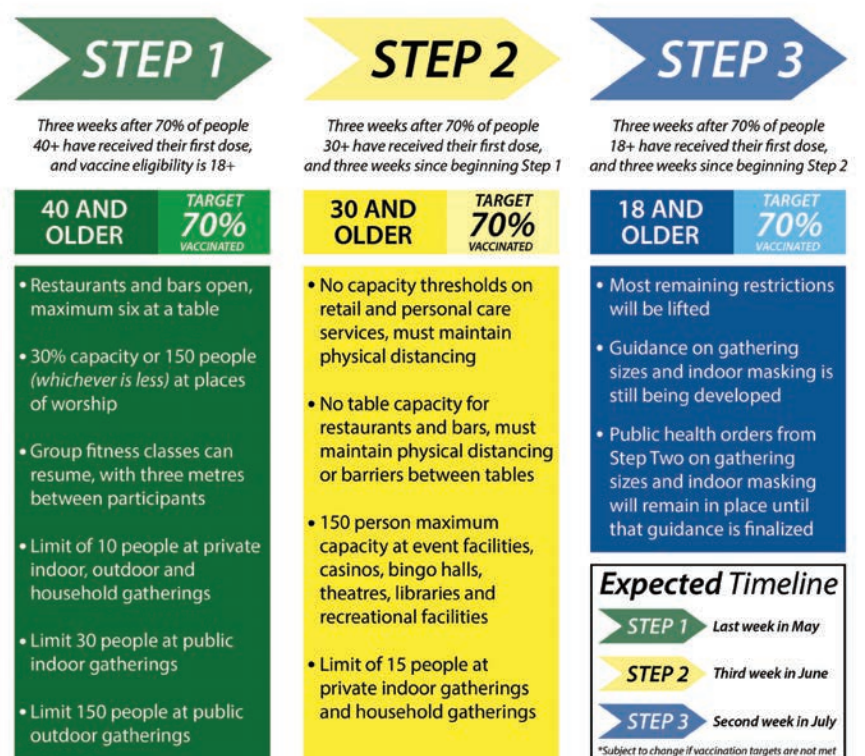
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rm555@sasktel.net or by mail to RM of Big River, No. 555, Box 219, 606 First Street North, Big River, SK S0J 0E0, by May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

We thank all applicants for their interest, however only those being considered for the position will be contacted.

## Re-Opening Roadmap

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# Water pipeline project takes next step

It's one step down, and onto the next one, for the proposed water treatment plant and inter-municipal water pipeline being considered by the Town of Shellbrook in partnership with the Prince Albert Rural Water Utility (PARWU), and the Rural Municipalities of Shellbrook, Prince Albert, and Duck Lake.

PARWU's board recently gave the project the greenlight to proceed to the next phase of development, even as feasibility and commercial viability reports bumped the estimated cost of the plant and pipeline to \$52.5 million from the original estimate of \$45 million.

Despite this cost increase, and the possibility for further increases, Shellbrook deputy mayor Brent Miller remains optimistic that the pipeline is a better option for the Town of Shellbrook than the original \$7.8 million plan council had been mulling over.

"It provides us a lot better water security, a lot better water quality, and instead of making a major expenditure, we'll just be paying whatever PARWU charges us for water," he said, clarifying that PARWU will shoulder the costs of the whole project, with Shellbrook only being required to enter into an agreement to purchase water.

Miller's confidence stems, in part, from

the decision to handle the project in much the same way the Recreation Project Steering Committee handled the project to upgrade and modernize the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre.

Foregoing the usual tactic of employing a consulting company to run the entire project — an approach Miller says is sometimes costly and ineffective for smaller communities — the parties involved will be run the project, with recently hired project manager Stephen Irving overseeing the work.

As an engineer who previously worked with Enbridge Pipelines, Miller says Irving has the credentials to handle the ins and outs of the project and bring it in either under or on budget.

Adding to Miller's confidence is the interest the project has attracted in other communities, including the Rural Municipalities of Paddockwood and Lakeland, the Towns of Meath Park and Birch Hills, and the community of Little Red.

This, he explains, only adds to the economics of the project, both now and in the future.

"As it grows, and even with just the five civic authorities that are in there now, if there's an upset with that water plant, we're sharing that burden with other communi-

ties and many more subscribers," he said.

"We don't have to burden our taxpayers all by ourselves, and manage that expensive issue all by ourselves."

Tempering his optimism, Miller is quick to note that the next phase of the project, which involves acquiring all the necessary environmental licenses and permits, could prove to be the most challenging part of the project.

Should getting a permit to draw water from the North Saskatchewan River prove impossible, an alternate water source will have to be found.

PARWU also has to get an engineering consulting company onboard within the next couple of months, to begin some of the key design work for the project and provide a higher level of confidence in the current cost estimates.

And concurrent to all this, work is already being done on grant applications and a \$10 million loan through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

All told, this stage of the project could require an expenditure of \$1 million to \$1.5 million. And once it's done, there will be some important decisions to make.

"At that point, we would meet with the PARWU board again and give them our numbers. They'd make a decision: do they cut bait and run away, or are we going to move forward with the project," Miller said.

While there are scenarios that could result in the project being axed, Miller maintains his confidence in the economics of the project and says it could even be justified without grant funding.

Should grant funding fail to materialize, and should the project come in on budget, it would amount to a \$6 per subscriber increase in monthly water rates. However, due to the cost savings of having Shellbrook involved with the project, PARWU has agreed to give the town a discount to make the numbers work.

On the flip side, if the project comes in under budget by just 20 per cent (either due to cost savings or grant funding), all subscribers would see a significant reduction in water rates.

Miller says the benefits of coming in under budget don't end there.

"If we were to come in under budget and get some good grant money, the possibility is still there that PARWU may be willing to invest as much as \$1 million in our plant here so that it has a redundant water supply," he said

"The redundant supply we'd have here in Shellbrook could potentially serve the whole PARWU system, if we managed water properly."

Looking ahead, Miller cautiously estimates the project, if given the final green light after this phase of development, could be completed in anywhere from 22 to 42 months. This estimate factors in four to 24 months for the permitting and licensing, and 18 months for the construction..

The project's benefits, he adds, will outlive us all.

"It isn't lost on me that 200 years from now this water treatment plant and utility company might still be providing water to the residents of the Prince Albert region."

## 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

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**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 - Appointment Only. Wednesday 11:30 am - 4:30 pm; Thursday 11:30 am - 4:30 pm. Phone # 306-469-2152

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**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.

**SHELLBROOK:** Registration is now open for the Shellbrook Silverfins Summer Swim Club! Due to COVID restrictions, all registrations will be done by email. For more information, please contact Mark at shellbrooksilverfins@gmail.com or by phone or text at 306-747-9494. Deadline for registration is May 24th, 2021.

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## Guerrero, Jr.'s breakout season arrives

A ballplayer knows he's in fairly select company when an admiring opponent says it's fun to watch a "franchise superstar at work."

Those were the words of Washington's Josh Bell in an MLB.com story after Vladimir Guerrero, Jr., of the Toronto Blue Jays officially struck the word 'potential' from his career description by slamming three home runs, two of them (including a grand slam) off three-time Cy Young award winner Max Scherzer, in a late April game. He finished with seven RBI.

After four or five years of speculation and hope, Vlad Guerrero, Jr., has emphatically arrived.

For two years, Guerrero, Jr., has been the face of the Baby Jays, a trio of great young players many observers felt would grow together to lead Jays into a powerhouse. There were signs of stardom in years one and two, but Year 3 appears to be the launching

pad to that predicted superstardom.

Scherzer, who was tagged for a home run by Vlad's daddy 10 years ago, joined a select duo: The only pitchers to give up a home run to Guerrero Sr. and Jr. are him and Ivan Nova, who retired in 2020.

What an April for Guerrero, Jr.! The slimmed-down infielder (he lost 30 pounds since last year) ended the month batting .350, with seven homers (two shy of the MLB lead) and an OPS of 1.155, trailing only Mike Trout and Ronald Acuna, Jr.

Bo Bichette and Cavan Biggio, who also had fathers with sterling major league careers, are the other two Baby Jays who appear to be fulfilling the hopes of Blue Jays' fans. Bichette bats in the No. 2 slot for the Jays and is a solid hitter (.260 and seven homers at the end of April) while Biggio has struggled in his third year, but definitely belongs in the bigs.

The Jays went 13-



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12 through their first 25 games and did that without two of their best offensive stars — free-agent acquisition George Springer, and Teoscar Hernandez, who slammed 16 homers in 50 games last year but missed most of April after testing positive for COVID-19. To throw the hard-hitting Springer and Hernandez into a lineup which also includes the red-hot Guerrero, Jr., Bichette and Randall Grichuk will be throwing trepidation into the psyche of opposing pitchers as the 2021 season carries on.

Meanwhile, as the homers fly out and the Jays contend for the American League East pennant, it's only a matter of time before talk becomes serious about linking Guerrero, Jr., and Most Valuable Player discussion. May as well make this breakout season of his complete.

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "According to a recent British study, people surrounded by happy, smiling faces tend to lose their feelings of aggression and anger. In a related story, Maple Leafs fans fight a lot."

• Patti Dawn Swanson, aka the River City Renegade: "Rink Rat Scheifele spent some time in coach Paul Maurice's pooch palace on Saturday night for, appropriately enough, dogging it."

• Swanson again: "Hockey Night in Canada was broadcast/streamed in 10 different tongues on Saturday night. It would have been 11 different languages, except Don

Cherry was fired a year and a half ago."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "After guest-hosting 'Jeopardy,' Aaron Rodgers announced he does not want to return to the Green Bay Packers. It seems Aaron grew to like the idea the contestants on 'Jeopardy' do not try and sack the guest-host."

• Headline at Theonion.com: "Terrified Zach Wilson Cuts Off Pinky Finger To Get Out Of Draft That Would Ship Him Off To Jets"

• Young fan's sign at a Cubs game: "Shhhhhh! I'm remote learning."

• Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com: "Now that MLB seven-inning doubleheader games are here to stay, it's time to get accustomed to the fifth-inning stretch."

• Jesse Spector of Deadspin.com, via Twitter: "If Aaron Rodgers is going to host 'Jeopardy!', then (actor) LeVar Burton should get to be the Packers quarterback. Fair is fair."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com, on CDC guidelines now saying people can be outside without a mask if they're not in a crowd: "So Marlins fans should be fine."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg, on why TV ratings for the Academy Awards fell 58 per cent: "A list of movie nominees that were more depressing than a New York Jets film session."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "The Milwaukee Bucks offered COVID-19 vaccinations to any fans attending Sunday's game against Brooklyn — but only the first dose of Pfizer. You'd think a championship-caliber NBA team might have a better shot selection."

• Field Yates, on Twitter: "The Panthers have taken Deonte Brown in the sixth round, who is large enough to play guard and tackle at the same time."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

## Saskatchewan extends the Small Business Emergency Payment Program

The Government of Saskatchewan is extending the Saskatchewan Small Business Emergency Payment (SSBEP) program an additional month to support small businesses province-wide during the global COVID-19 pandemic.

The extended support is available to businesses across the province that were ordered to temporarily close or substantially curtail operations due to

public health orders.

"While we are seeing solid success with the provincial vaccine rollout, many Saskatchewan small businesses continue to be affected by the restrictions due to the pandemic," Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "The extension we are announcing today will continue our support for small businesses in the province,

which is the foundation of our strong economic recovery."

Through two phases and six eligibility periods, the SSBEP has provided more than \$66 million in financial support to more than 6,400 small businesses as of April 26, 2021. The eligibility criteria remain consistent with how the first two phases of the program operated for previous eligibility periods.

The maximum payment per

eligibility period is \$5,000. Payments are based on 15 per cent of the business' November 2019, December 2019 or February 2020 monthly sales revenue. Seasonal business payments are based on 15 per cent of the business' average monthly sales revenue for the months it operated in 2019.

The eligibility period is April 1 to 30, 2021, and the program will accept applications until

May 31, 2021. Those who have previously applied and received payments through the December to March offering of the program will not need to reapply.

For more information on the SSBEP program, businesses can visit [www.saskatchewan.ca/small-business-emergency-payment](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/small-business-emergency-payment), call 1-800-667-6102, or email [ssbep@gov.sk.ca](mailto:ssbep@gov.sk.ca).



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## OBITUARIES

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*Aaron Earl Brown*

BROWN – Aaron Earl

It is with very heavy hearts that all the family of Aaron Earl Brown sadly announce his passing on April 30, 2021 in

Shellbrook, Saskatchewan. Aaron was born to Trudy and Henry Brown on February 28, 1992. He spent his childhood growing up in Newfoundland. He enjoyed spending time with his brother, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, and cousins. Aaron had a passion for music, and he loved to play guitar and sing.

Aaron moved to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan after graduating high school and began working at Commercial Sandblasting with his father Henry and his Uncle John. This is where he met Bre-

anna and we began our life together in 2014. We moved to Shellbrook and Aaron began working at Naber Power Sports as a Service Manager in 2014. We enjoyed our time together camping, going for drives, spending time with family, and visiting with friends.

In 2016 Aaron and I bought our first home together. We got married at the Lutheran Concordia Church on June 16, 2018. We happily welcomed our baby boy Nicholas Gregory Earl Brown on August 23, 2020 and we began living our best

lives as a family of 3. Aaron was so excited to become a father, and he was the most amazing dad to our boy. Aaron was the light in both mine and Nicholas' life. He was an amazing husband, father, and friend and he will be dearly missed.

Aaron is remembered by his loving wife Breanna Brown, his son Nicholas Brown, his mother Trudy Pike (Fred Cleal), his father Henry Brown, his brother Philip Brown, his grandparents Madeline Pike, Olive and Harry Brown, his Aunt Marlene (John) and their children, Aunt Juanita Brown (Derrik), Aunt Daphne (John) Murphy and their children, John Brown, Kevin (Joan) Brown, Aunt Sherry (Derek) and children, Uncle Derek (Luda) Pike and children, Uncle Danny and children, Uncle Garry and children. He is also lovingly remembered by His mother and Father-in-law Leola and Greg Skrupski, His Brother and sister-in-Law Thomas and

Jasmine Skrupski, his niece Brinley Skrupski, his Nephew Connor Skrupski, along with many other cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends who loved him in Saskatchewan.

Aaron was predeceased by his Pop Newman Pike, his Aunt Milly Brown, his Uncle Stanley, and his Cousin Nadine Parsons.

We held a Private Celebration of Life for Aaron on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at the St. John's Lutheran Church in Shellbrook. He will be laid to rest in the Shellbrook Cemetery. Following the service there will be a video link available of the Memorial Service on the Beau "Lac" Funeral Home website for those who were not able to attend.

Aaron was a fun loving, care-free, outgoing person. He always made everyone feel like they were a friend. He would give the shirt off his back to help anyone. He was always the first person to volunteer to lend a helping hand and his lighthearted sense of hu-

mor made the work and spending time with him a true joy. He was a loving husband, a devoted father whose every thought revolved around his family. Breanna and Nicholas were everything to him and he always put them first. Unfortunately, the worlds burdens became so overwhelming, and too soon Aaron left this world, but he will remain forever in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers until we meet again.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made to either the CMHA Saskatchewan Division (2702- 12th Ave Regina, SK. S4T 1J2) or to the Saskatchewan Breast Cancer Connect (3750 Salverson Bay, Regina, SK. S4V 2H1). 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 & Crematorium, Tammy Smart – Director, Shellbrook, SK. 306-747-2828.

*Elizabeth "Betty" Straf*

Elizabeth "Betty" Ann Straf, late of Shellbrook, SK, passed away at the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon on May 2, 2021 at the age of 77 years.

Betty was born on January 12, 1944, at her grandmother's home in Shellbrook. She left school in grade 11 to take the Nurses Aide course in Melfort, SK, where she made some very dear lifelong friends.

Betty met Ted Straf at a dance, and they were married on November 13, 1965, living briefly in Shellbrook before moving to the farm at Brightholme near Leask. In 1998, they returned to Shellbrook and into Mom's "fancy" house that Dad had always promised her. They went from using an outhouse and hauling chamber pails, to having a modern large home with three flush toilets, a shower, and a real bathtub! Betty remained living there until her passing.

An extremely hard-working housewife, Bet-

ty decorated delightful birthday cakes made from scratch for her children and grew a large garden, canning her harvest and making jam from berry picking. Betty was known for her matter-of-fact personality, but also a sharp wit and humour. Not much got past her! She had a knack for using an endless array of old-fashioned sayings in her conversation. A member of the Shellbrook Ladies Auxiliary and the Parkside Lutheran Church for many years, she often attended local senior events and church events. Betty enjoyed her hobby of collecting certain types of memorabilia and enjoyed having weekly coffee visits with her friends. While she may have grown up "poor" she had a very full life and generously donated to various charities. She was the type of person who always wanted to give back. Betty's much loved grandchildren, T.J., Jayde, Brett, April, Paige, and her great-grandson, Max; all held a special place in her heart.

Betty is survived by her children, Brent (Jessica) Straf, and their daughters, April and Paige; Dawn Straf, and her son, T.J.; Allision (Greg) Solberg, and their children, Jayde and Brett, and a special great-grandson, Jayde's son Max; her siblings, Jim (Sandy) Swan, Ann

(Richard) Porter, Barb (Glen) Bloom, Shirley Christianson, Linda (Bob) Miller, Beatrice (Maurice) Stieb; her former sister-in-law, Lois (Rick) Freeman; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband, Ted Straf in 2007; her parents, Paul and Renate Swan; brothers-in law, Robert Straf, Bill Straf, John (Paulette) Straf, Albert Straf and Don Christianson; and her sisters-in-law, Lena Straf, Lydia Straf, Martha Straf and Paulette Straf.

Public Visitation was held from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 8, 2021, at Parkside Immanuel Lutheran Church, Parkside, SK.

A Private Family Service followed. In lieu of other tributes, donations in memory of Betty may be directed to the SPCA, 1125 N Industrial Dr, Prince Albert, SK, S6V 5T1, Parkside Immanuel Lutheran Church, Box 66, Parkside SK, S0J 2A0, or a Charity of the Donor's Choice. 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 & Crematorium, Tracy-Lynn Lenchuk, Funeral Director, Prince Albert, SK 306-763-3322.

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# Care of lawns in early spring

**By Patricia Hanbidge**

Spring is wonderful as the sun rises earlier each day and the birds welcome us to the day even before the sun comes up. However, the spring weather is far from stable so we need to choose our outdoor garden chores by what the current weather is. If you have any turf or lawn areas in your landscape, then getting the lawn ready for summer is a great early spring chore.

Hopefully, you did some work on your lawn in late fall as it is important to keep mowing your lawn right until freeze-up so the lawn does not go into winter too long. Lawn that is too long or has lots of leaves or other debris left on it when the snow fell will likely give

you more issues for the spring cleanup. If your turf areas are packed down, then you will need to give it a good rake to remove the debris and get the individual blades to stand up again.

This spring gave us a lot of snow mold issues so ensure if you have sensitivities or allergies you do that first raking with a respirator and shower as soon as you are done! This was likely due to getting the first snow before the ground was frozen so many things that do not happen under the snow continued to be active. Also true for our tiny little critters like mice. I have seen many trails in turf that happily hosted rodents well into winter. You may find some dead patches, so rake well and

fertilize with a fertilizer containing phosphorus to encourage new rooting of the turf.

Dethatching is the term given to removing some of the "thatch layer" in your lawn. The thatch is the layer of partially decayed cut blades of grass that get trapped in the turf above the soil layer. Excessively deep thatch (more than 1.5 cm) can cause problems. A deep layer of thatch will hold moisture and entice roots to form in this layer. When dry, hot weather or unusually cold weather occurs, these tender roots can be damaged. About 1 cm of thatch is most desirable. Thatch helps to keep the crown (growing part) of the grass cool, helps to eliminate moisture loss through evaporation, protects the crown during seasonal changes and cushions the crown against wear and tear. Thatching, if necessary should be done prior to the lawn turning completely green and should only be done when necessary.

Aeration is necessary when lawns become compacted. Lawns planted

on heavy soil, or those receiving a lot of foot traffic tend to get compacted. This means that only small amounts of oxygen can enter the hardened soil. When plants are deprived of oxygen in the root zone layer they do not grow at their optimum rate. Compacted soils are also very difficult to water, as runoff will occur before enough water is applied. Aeration is only necessary for lawns that are subject to compaction. Lawns especially susceptible should be aerated annually.

When mid-May rolls around, it is time to fertilize. If you are using conventional fertilizer then your lawns should be fertilized three times throughout the growing season, with applications made about six weeks apart. Do not use conventional fertilizer prior to the middle of May but slow release fertilizers can be used throughout the growing season. Using a slow release fertilizer, whether it is organic or inorganic is a much more recommended practice. The nutrients are released slowly in a more natural fashion

to give the lawn area nutrition on a more gradual basis. There is also no worry about burning the lawn if you apply too much conventional nitrogen.

Happy Spring!

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An early spring lawn after aeration and dethatching.

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