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Music with the Jenners a hit in area classrooms

Any small change to the current rigorous routine that school children have been following due to the pandemic is likely a welcome one.

Area kids, and even some beyond, have been in luck the past year that the Jenners were willing to hop on a Zoom call and provide that little bit of respite from the usual day-to-day activities.

Hugh and Peggy Jenner have been residing in Spiritwood for the past 43 years. They met at a teaching job in Churchill, Man. before following work up to Northern Saskatchewan.

When their daughter was about to turn five, the Jenners decided it was time to head south, but only a little bit. Then ended up in Spiritwood in 1943, where Hugh had picked up a job teaching science at Spiritwood High School and Peggy was teaching special education.

Over the course of their careers, Peggy taught either special education or primary and elementary school classes at Spiritwood High School, Rivier Elementary, Hartley Clark Elementary, and in Leoville. Hugh also taught at all three Spiritwood schools, even taking on the role of principal some years, and at the Rabbit Lake school prior to its closure.

Teaching mainly primary and elementary classes, Peggy said the music was just an integral part of the classroom, while Hugh said that he never went teaching without his guitar. Many members of the Spiritwood community fondly remember the Jenners' music and songs from when they were in school.

After the two retired, they continued to do some substitute teaching in Spiritwood and the area, bringing their music along with them.

Since the pandemic hit,



Hugh and Peggy Jenner have been offering virtual music sessions for 17 different classrooms in Spiritwood and beyond during the pandemic.

schools have been trying to limit any unnecessary visiting and reduce contact between kids of different schools and cohorts. This has resulted in the loss of many activities that students would normally enjoy participating in.

One phone call from Loreen Booth, a teacher at Rivier Elementary, was all it took to get Hugh and Peggy into classrooms, virtually of course. Despite a few technical glitches

with the classroom audio when they started up, the couple say that everything runs pretty smoothly.

"The teachers are really great," said Hugh.

The couple, who was quite excited to be able to bring music back for the kids, have been playing guitar, singing, and dancing for 17 different classrooms at schools in Spiritwood, Leoville, Medstead, and even two Alberta schools.

The music sessions, which always kick off with "Miss Lucy," are a great way for kids to have a little change and get some exercise as Hugh and Peggy lead the classroom through the dances that accompany their songs.

"We can only imagine how stifling it is for them," said Peggy when discussing all of the rules and restrictions in place at schools.

The two have also been work-

ing on a music video for the Idylwyld Lodge residents when they have time. Normally the pair would go in and play for the residents every now and again but have not been able to since the pandemic started.

Being able to offer music to classrooms in the area has been a highlight for the Jenners recently.

"At the end of the day, we get as much out of this as the kids do," said Peggy.

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Studio 747 hosts drive-in recital to end season

Some folks sat in their vehicles, others camped out in the beds of their pick-ups, and others, still, busted out the camp chairs and blankets on Friday and Saturday evening, as Shellbrook's Studio 747 capped off its dance season with a two-night drive-in recital.

The nostalgic event was a marked change from the Studio 747's usual year-end stage show at the Shellbrook Theatre. But with overwhelming support from the community, Studio 747 director Kelly Woodley says the event was an unqualified success.

"Many families shared their experiences of nostalgia for the drive in, and the excitement and nervousness that typically goes into recital day, without all the chaos of preparing their dancers," Woodley said.

"I think the coolest experience, though, was for our dancers. Instead of performing their hearts out, they got to sit back and watch the show — something they don't typically do until later in the summer when they get the recital video."

With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic preventing Studio 747 from holding its annual recital in the traditional way,

Woodley says he drew inspiration for the drive-in recital from another small town in the province that has a drive-in movie theatre screen.

As he pondered ways to replicate the event for his dancers, he learned that the Town of Shellbrook had been screening outdoor movies, and thought he could follow their lead and project the recital on the grain elevator.

After a few test runs, and with only a week left before the planned recital dates, Woodley realized it wasn't working. Instead, he chose to bring in a 30-foot inflatable screen and put it on the back of a flat bed truck.

With some much appreciated help from the Shellbrook Kinettes, who attended both nights to help guide vehicles to their parking spots, Woodley says the recital went off with only a few minor hiccups that couldn't have been anticipated the first time around.

That said, it didn't require any less work on Woodley's part.

"Typically the weeks leading up to recital are filled with dress rehearsals, tech runs, theatre set up, choreographing finales and bows, assembling our concession and flower sales, and finalizing mu-

sic and lighting cues," he said.

"But this year I was consumed with hours video editing, recording extra footage, pre recording speeches, and finalizing details on how to safely run a drive in movie."

Though the drive-in recital turned out to be a perfect way to end the dance season, Woodley says it's emblematic of the unique challenges the dance studio had to overcome to be able to continue providing dance education.

Calling it "the most difficult year anyone has experienced," Woodley explains that the studio saw its enrolment numbers decrease dramatically for this year. There was also an uptick in dancers dropping out throughout the season, for a variety of reasons.

As for actually providing dance education, the studio was naturally hampered by restrictions on the number of dancers allowed inside, and the tendency of those restrictions to tighten with only a couple days of notice.

In one of those instances, restrictions were tightened to allow just eight dancers in the studio, spaced three metres apart, when guidelines had previously allowed up to 16 dancers, spaced two metres apart.

That announcement



Vehicles were lined up in rows on Friday and Saturday evening, as Shellbrook's Studio 747 hosted in its year-end recital drive-in style.

came down on a Thursday, with the guidelines going into effect the following Monday.

Needless to say, Woodley had his work cut out for him to keep his dancers in the studio.

"My entire weekend was spent in the office completely revamping my schedule, creating cohorts, renting the Legion Hall, and hiring staff for additional days, all to make sure I could get kids into the studio for their classes," he said of the instance, noting that the season taught him how to plan on the fly and find creative solutions.

While the season

proved challenging for the studio in general terms, it was also a learning experience for Woodley and his team of instructors. They had to adapt their teaching methods to accommodate and engage both in-person and virtual dance students, limit physical contact to demonstrate, and learn to read their dancers' thoughts and feelings through their masks.

Despite these obstacles, Studio 747 was able to offer in-person dance classes throughout the entire season. For this achievement, Woodley says there's a lot of credit to be shared by his studio family, the dance parents, the broader community, and, most importantly, the dancers themselves.

"These children have paid the highest price during the pandemic. Their complete existence has been altered so much,

most of their activities and hobbies have been taken away, the way they interact with each other has changed, and I've seen it take its toll on them," he said.

Despite these hardships, Woodley says he's proud of his dancers for persevering and is thankful for the inspiration they gave him.

"Our dancers have been so resilient throughout the pandemic. When we imposed mandatory masking, when we reduced class sizes, and when they were forced to learn virtually, they always showed up no matter what. And even in a mask, they had a smile on their faces.

"It was their resilience and tenacity that fuelled a fire in me to provide them with the best experience possible, and to provide them as much normalcy as I possibly could."

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Bill C-10 opens a door best left closed

As a general rule, I strive to see matters from as many angles as possible and give others the benefit of the doubt.

This applies to governments as well, for I still maintain that the vast majority of people who enter politics genuinely want to solve problems and serve their communities.

Trouble arises, however, when that old saying about good intentions comes into play, and those good intentions manifest as poorly thought out policy.

Case in point, the federal Liberal government's Bill C-10, which introduces a whole slew of regulations for digital streaming giants like Netflix.

Introduced last November, the stated aim of the bill is "to ensure that digital streaming services, enjoying booming revenues from online traffic, contribute to the creation, production, and promotion of Canadian content."

Read in this context, Bill C-10 seems like an innocuous enough attempt to bring the Broadcast Act and CRTC regulations up to speed with an era in which more and more content is consumed online.

It's also an effort to balance the playing field for Canadian filmmakers, musicians, writers, and artists by making streaming platforms "pay their share."

Some may bristle at the notion of subsidizing Canadian content, and that's certainly a subject worthy of some debate. However, it would be disingenuous to say there's some hidden nefarious intent within the bill.

Or it would have been, before changes were made to the bill by the heritage committee in late April.

In its original incarnation, Bill C-10 contained explicit exemptions for user-generated content posted to social media platforms like YouTube and Facebook.

This exemption was touted by Minister of Canadian Heritage Steven Guilbeault



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as a "balanced approach," a means to regulate giant corporations while protecting the rights of individuals.

The heritage committee seems to have disagreed, as it not only removed this exemption but introduced an amendment to subject smartphone apps to similar CRTC regulations.

Justifiably, the changes to Bill C-10 have prompted concerns the legislation will be used to limit freedom of expression.

In response to criticism of these amendments, the Liberals have tried to clarify that these regulations would only apply to "professional content" and target the platform rather than the individual.

But Emily Laidlaw, Canada research chair in cybersecurity law at the University of Calgary, says the way the bill is drafted gives the CRTC flexibility in exercising its new powers. And, as anyone with any understanding of history knows, a government or government agency that is given an inch will generally take a mile instead.

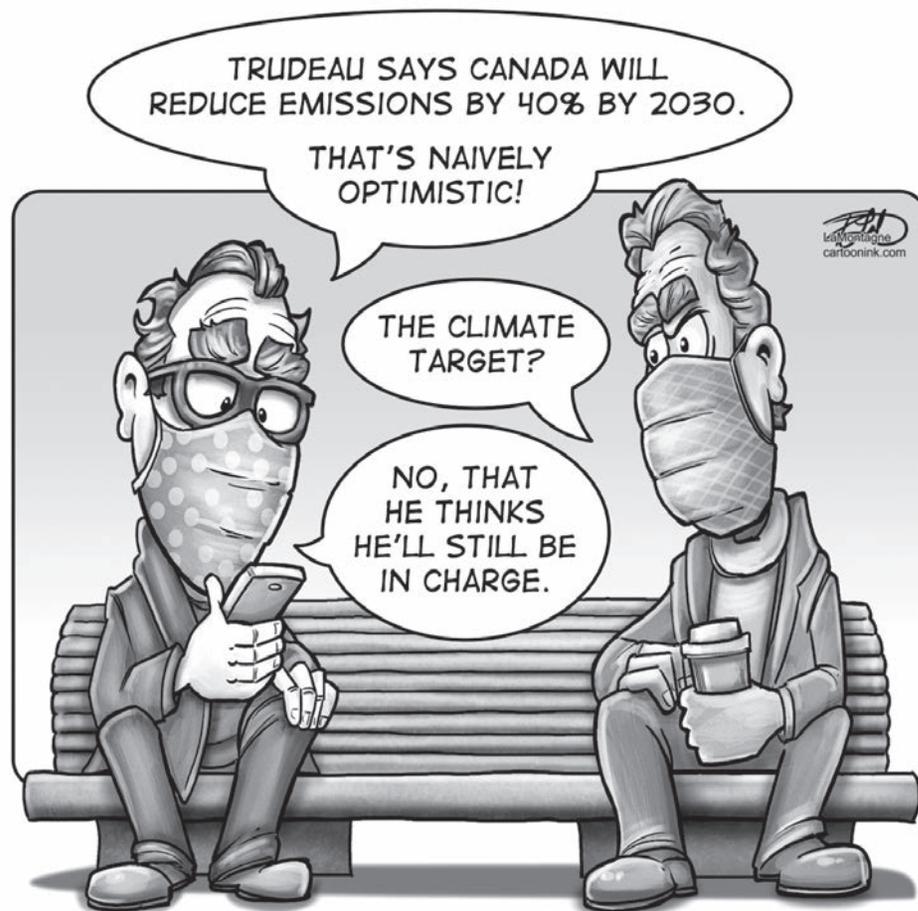
Is the federal government's secret goal to use Bill C-10 to curtail Canadians' rights of speech and expression?

Probably not.

But the legislation, as drafted, opens a door best left closed, and adds a lot of grease to an already slippery slope. More troubling, still, is that the federal government seems unwilling to admit its mistake and remove the amendment.

As Bill C-10 undergoes a clause-by-clause review by the heritage committee, the exemption for user-generated content on social media must be reinstated and the government must make good on its promise to make the language of the bill explicit and clear.

Our freedom of expression must always be safeguarded against government overreach.



SMRs aren't the right move for Saskatchewan

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to your April 22 article "Report points to viability of SMRs."

I am glad to see a discussion of SMRs in the paper, because both our federal and provincial governments seem to be promoting them as a new source of "clean" energy that will help us reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

SMRs are small modular nuclear reactors that will generate electricity, but also produce radio-

active nuclear waste for which we have no long term storage solution.

SMRs are certainly not clean and their waste will be a burden passed on to future generations.

SMRs are currently in the design and planning stages and not expected to be up and running for several years. But we need to act quickly to address the climate crisis and renewable energy sources are available now.

Even if the nuclear

waste and the time delay don't concern people, the financial costs of nuclear reactors should make folks stop and think. Especially as we have seen the cost of renewable energy sources drop dramatically in recent years.

SMRs are not the solution to the climate crisis. Our tax dollars should not be invested in this costly and unproven technology when other solutions are available.

Kay Willson,
Spiritwood, Sask.

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Report from the Legislature

Good economic news for our province keeps rolling in.

Viterra has announced that a new world-class canola crush plant will be built in Regina. This global grain company – with Saskatchewan roots – is in the feasibility stage to finalize the plant’s capabilities and design, with an initial targeted annual crush capacity of 2.5 million metric tonnes. This would make it the world’s largest integrated canola crush facility.

Viterra’s new canola crush plant will support a number of goals in the Saskatchewan Growth Plan:

- to grow our agri-food exports to \$20 billion;
- to increase agriculture value-added revenue to \$10 billion;
- to increase the value of exports by 50 per cent; and
- to grow private capital investment to \$16 billion annually.

Furthermore, it not only supports the Growth Plan’s goal to crush 75 per cent of the canola produced in this province, it means we have, in fact, now achieved that goal, well ahead of 2030.

This project will create jobs during the construction phase, as well as permanent employment opportunities once in operation, and it will create additional career opportunities through the sup-



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to the largest helium purification facility in Canada. The new \$32 million facility, located in southwest Saskatchewan, is owned and operated by North American Helium Inc. and is expected to produce more than 50 million cubic feet per year of purified helium for commercial sale. That’s enough to fill approximately 400,000 party balloons a day.

Helium is a highly desirable commodity used in medical research, semiconductor manufacturing, space exploration, fibre optics, and advancements in nuclear power generation.

This project, which will create and support local jobs, enable the province to scale up helium production, and grow export capacity, is being supported by our government’s Oil and Gas Processing Investment Incentive program. This will further diversify our natural resource sector and position Saskatchewan as a leading supplier of a critical element that the world needs.

It is important we continue providing a competitive investment environment to attract projects that will create jobs in our communities, grow our economy and build a strong Saskatchewan.

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More appointments and opportunities to receive your COVID-19 vaccine will become available as more vaccines become available. In the meantime, let’s all keep protecting ourselves and those around us. Thank you to all staff working at



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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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Spiritwood Knights march on

By Brad Iverson

Due to the restrictions over the past year, the Spiritwood Knights of Columbus have managed to move forward with a few projects. Although members of the Knights were not able to participate physically, there was still some organizing to be done.

Last September, our members participated in our provincial Annual Charity Appeal Raffle. This year we had no local winners but were very grateful to all those who purchased tickets.

Our annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest was very successful. Our local winners were: Kindergarten – Norie Beauchesne, Grade 1 - Hallie Pomedli, Grade 2 – Mikayla Tkachuk, Grade 3 - Kylie Sarrazin,

Grade 4 - Lexi Kajner, Grade 5 - Vince Montano, Grade 6 - Daelyn Turgeon. The winner of the Grade 5 poster entries went on to win first place in the Provincial poster competition. Good work Vince! Congratulations kids on a job well done.

This winter, the Knights introduced a new program for the kids to participate in. The "Hockey Challenge" is a contest designed for participants to enhance skills in the game of Hockey. The program is offered to kids from the ages of 10 to 17. Participants take 20 shots and score points for placing shots in the scoring positions around the net.

Initially the program was offered to all the schools in Spiritwood, but due to COVID complications, Rivier school

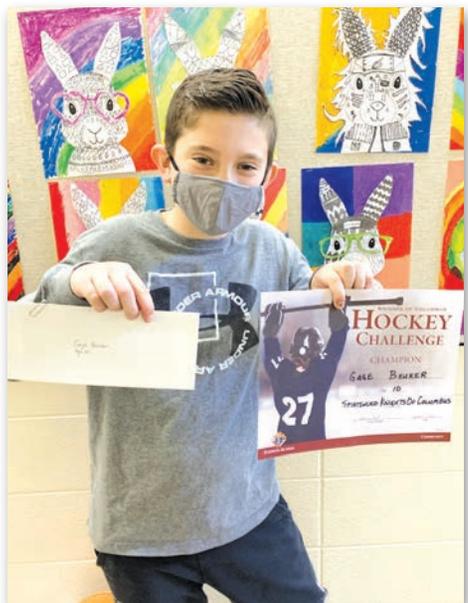
was the only school to participate. The winners were: 10 years old - Gage Beuker, 11 year old - Parker Schmidt, 12 year old - Jorja Parker.

The Spiritwood Council has been awarded the annual State Golf Tourney for 2021. The Spiritwood Golf Course has made the course available to the Knights June 11 – 13 for the tourney. Participants will play two rounds of Golf over Saturday and Sunday. Please contact Lloyd Fisher or Brad Iverson if you are interested in participating or have any questions. Entries must be received by May 15.

This year has been very challenging. We were not able to offer all the programs that we would like to. The Knights have other programs that are available with just a phone call to a member: "Coats for Kids" provides

winter jackets to those in need or are new to the country, and "Wheelchair Mission" supplies wheelchairs to people who need one – whether locally or globally. The annual Christian Ethics Scholarship for Grade 12 graduates is being offered and will be awarded in June.

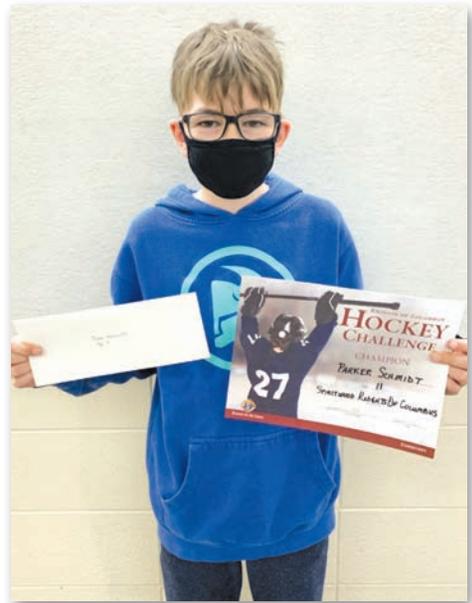
With changes to COVID restrictions, hopefully the Knights can start offering our full measure of programs such as The Soccer Challenge in September, and The Free Throw competition in the winter. We are looking forward to getting back out in the community and participating in the growth of our community.



Gage Beuker was the winner of the Knights of Columbus "Hockey Challenge for the 10 year-old category.



Jorja Parker was the winner of the Knights of Columbus "Hockey Challenge for the 12 year-old category.



Parker Schmidt was the winner of the Knights of Columbus "Hockey Challenge for the 11 year-old category.

Big River FN man killed in rollover

Just after 1:30 p.m. on April 30, 2021, Big River and Spritwood RCMP responded to a complaint of a single vehicle rollover.

On Grid road 793, just west of Leoville, a vehicle was located near an abandoned railroad track, upside down and submerged in water. There was one occupant in the vehicle and he was deceased at the scene. He was a 45-year-old man of Big River First Nation.

An RCMP Collision Reconstruction Analyst from Prince Albert, Sask. attended and is investigating the fatal vehicle collision.

The family of the deceased has been notified.

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:

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

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Canola announcements highlight history of success

In terms of crop development canola really is not that old.

The crop was born out of rapeseed as recently as the 1970s, and rapeseed itself was really not grown in this country until 1942.

While the base rapeseed crop is almost forgotten, canola has become perhaps the greatest success story in Canadian agriculture, and new chapters are being written with startling regularity.

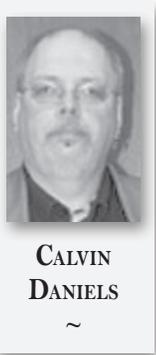
It was only a couple of weeks ago it was announced Regina would soon be home to a new state-of-the-art canola processing facility, with Cargill announcing plans to begin construction of a

new \$350 million project next year that will be operational by 2024.

In addition to constructing the new facility in Regina, Cargill will also update and modernize its canola facility in Clavet over the next 12 months to increase volume and broaden capabilities at that location.

What was perhaps the most surprising aspect of the announcement for Regina was that when I was growing up in the heart of rapeseed/canola country in Tisdale some 50 short years ago, Regina was not exactly thought of as an area well-suited to producing the crop.

That the area can now support a major crush fa-



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cility is really a testament to the science that has gone into the crop over the years, developing varieties which have significantly expanded the area where the crop can be successfully grown.

The Cargill announcements came only a scant month after Richardson International Limited announced a significant

investment in their canola crush plant in Yorkton. The expansion of the facility will see a capacity of 2.2 million metric tonnes of canola crushed annually, which made it the largest canola crusher in North America.

But, the 'largest' title will be a short-lived one.

Within days of the Cargill announcement Vitterra said it too will build a canola crushing facility at Regina.

Construction on the new 2.5 million metric tonne – yes slightly larger than the Yorkton plant – canola processing plant is expected to begin in early 2022, with production underway in 2024.

The dual announcement for a single commu-

nity might seem strange, but in the case of canola plants it's actually nothing new.

It was one day in September 2006, that Yorkton took its first step toward being one of the canola-crushing capitals of Canada. That day, two companies separately announced they would build canola processing facilities here.

The first announcement came from then James Richardson International Ltd., which said it would start construction in 2007 on a \$100-million plant. The plant would be capable of processing 840,000 tonnes of canola per year – the facility that will now expand to nearly

triple its original design.

The second announcement, which came about an hour after the first, was from Louis Dreyfus Canada Ltd., which said its \$90-million canola-crushing facility would come on stream in 2008. The Louis Dreyfus plant would be able to handle 850,000 tonnes of canola a year.

It's doubtful even the most optimistic developer of canola in the 1970s could have dreamed where the crop would take Prairie agriculture, but it is clearly an example of what processing a crop grown here can mean, and the last announcements simply build on a long history of success.

Three things you need to know about mRNA COVID-19 vaccines

(NC) Some of the vaccines that protect against COVID-19 use a technology called an mRNA vaccine. This term may be new to you, but learning more about what this type of vaccine is and how it works can help you feel confident in its safety and effectiveness.

1. They don't contain the COVID-19 virus.

The COVID-19 mRNA vaccines provide instructions to the body so that it can protect itself against the virus. You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine. The vaccines also cannot change a person's DNA.

2. They can be developed faster than traditional vaccines.

mRNA vaccines can be developed faster than those created through traditional methods because they're made in a lab using materials that are easily available. However, these advancements in technology don't replace the large-scale clinical trials needed to show that the vaccine is safe and effective. All COVID-19 vaccines available have been rigorously tested during their development and then carefully reviewed by Health Canada and other scientific bodies around the world.

3. They've been studied by researchers before.

While the term "mRNA vaccine" may be new to most of us, researchers have been studying and working with these vaccines for quite some time. For example, they have been studied for flu, Zika and rabies. Researchers have also used mRNA to trigger the immune system to target certain cancer cells.

These facts offer a primer on mRNA vaccines. If you still have questions, you can find more information at canada.ca/covid-vaccine.

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Highlights of a Shellbrook Town Council meeting

Shellbrook's town council met for its regular meeting via teleconference on Monday, May 3.

In attendance were Mayor Amund Otterson, councillors Larry Batten, Bruce Clements, John Hughes, 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 April 19 regular meeting. With no business arising from said minutes, council acknowledged its correspondence, approved payment of its regular accounts, then

moved on to its oral reports.

Councillor Miller was up first, providing the latest update on plans to build a water treatment plant and pipeline to Shellbrook in partnership with PARWU and surrounding Rural Municipalities.

In another good news update, Miller reported that PARWU had given the greenlight to proceed with the project, and hired a project manager. The project will include a pause point at \$1 million, allowing PARWU to back out of the project if it proves unfeasible.

Miller noted that the town wouldn't be expected to inject "a single penny" into the project, and would instead be asked

to commit to buying water from PARWU, if the project does indeed go ahead.

Additionally, Miller said PARWU has agreed to subsidize Shellbrook's water costs if the project comes out closer to the projected costs of the conceptual designs put together thus far. He added, however, that he remains confident the project will come in under budget, noting that even if just 20 per cent of the projects costs are covered by grants, it will mean a significant decrease in local water rates.

In an update on Minor Sports, Councillor Ledding reported that there are 150 registrants for ball, a slight decrease from the 187 kids that usually register for Parkland Ball. While Minor Sports continues to wait on word from the government regarding games, training was expected to start soon for all teams from U19 down, with some teams having already started to practice as the weather allows.

In a final item, Councillor Miller reported that the Hidden Hills of Shellbrook Golf Course had opened up for the season ahead of schedule. He said it's been busy to start the season.

Shifting to an item of unfinished business, council carried a motion to lower municipal building permit fees to \$4 per \$1,000 of construction costs from the current rate of \$5 per \$1,000 of construction costs. The minimum fee remains at \$200, while decks have a mandatory minimum of \$175. The changes were made to reflect a reduction in Municode's fees.

In new business, council began by approving a request to allow banners for the graduates from W.P. Sandin High School to be hung along Main Street.

Up next, it discussed an incident in which three dogs got loose and attacked

another dog through its backyard fence. Arguing for the need to begin enforcing local bylaws, council agreed to order the owner of the three dogs to get rid of them by May 5. Failure to comply will result in a fine and the owner will still be required to get rid of the dogs.

To respect the wishes of the complainant, council agreed it wouldn't levy a fine if the owner complied and got rid of the dogs by the deadline.

Moving on, council gave Public Works the green light to proceed with the closure of the speed curve, and set May 10 as the date for a special budget meeting. It also carried a motion to have Municode handle pre-move inspections, as well as any related fees, for all pre-owned homes that are being moved into town.

Later on, council defeated a motion to set the rates and tasks for Shellbrook Minor Sports at the Shellbrook Sports Grounds. The most impassioned objection came from Councillor Clements, who argued that the agreement, as worded, would upset many volunteers who put time and effort into maintaining the ball diamonds.

Though council agreed to maintain the status quo for this season and talk more closely with Minor Sports, it also agreed that it needs to address the financial deficits of local recreation facilities, and look at ways to free up more funds for projects like paving.

Continuing with new business, council agreed to provide the Shellbrook Kinettes with \$5,000 to put towards their \$20,000 disc golf course project at Centennial Park. In addition to the nine-hole course, there will also be 40 six-foot trees planted in the park. Under an agreement, the town take over the ongoing care and maintenance of the trees and the course after the project is complete.

Wrapping up the evening, council carried a motion to appoint Councillor Miller as deputy mayor for the remainder of council's term. The appointment was made because PARWU is asking for the mayor and deputy mayor to sit on its board. As technical knowledge is required, council felt it was important to have a consistent presence sitting on the board.

Council's next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 17.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Zion - Canwood
Sunday School,
Worship Sunday, 11 a.m.
St. John's - Shellbrook
Sunday School,
Live-stream worship
service on Facebook,
Worship Sunday, 9 a.m.
Rev. Emmanuel Aristide

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Parkside
10:30 a.m. Worship
Pastor Daniel Mooseely
306-747-3572
Shellbrook
Adult Study
9:30 a.m.
Sun., 10:30 a.m. - Worship
Pastor David Bodvarson
306-747-7235
Canwood
11:00 a.m. - Worship
Pastor Glenn Blazosek
306-468-2138
Leask Gospel Tabernacle
Sunday 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Lorne Valuck

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Leask 306-466-4498
Marcelin 306-226-4615

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Sunday worship
11:00 a.m.
Rev. Katherine Bretzlaff

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Parkside
11 a.m. - Worship

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Leask - All Saint's
Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service
St. Andrew's - Shellbrook
Sunday, 11 a.m. Service
Re-opening for services
Sun. Mar. 14, 2021, 11 a.m.
Canwood - Christ Church
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Service

UNITED CHURCH

Shellbrook - Knox United
Sun., 10 am - Worship
306-747-3434
Student Minister
Jon Worrall
Big River
Sundays
10 a.m. - Worship
at Anglican Church
Rev. Dave Whalley
306-747-2804

MENNONITE

BRETHREN CHURCH
Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel
109 Railway Ave. W.
Blaine Lake
306-497-3316
Pastor: Rick Schellenberg
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
Worship

EVANGELICAL FREE

Big River
11:00 a.m. - Worship
Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Summer: 10:30 a.m. - 12
306-469-2258

Youth Nite: Fridays
Mont Nebo
Bible Study & Prayer
Sun., 11:00 a.m. - Worship
Pastor Bill Klumpenower

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Debden
Sun. Mass - 9:30 a.m.
Fr. Dong Doan
Big River - Sacred Heart
Sun., 11:30 a.m. - Mass
Whitefish
Sun., 2:30 p.m. - Mass.
Victoire
Sat., 7:30 p.m. - Mass.
Fr. Dong Doan
St. Agatha's - Shellbrook
Mass - Sunday 11 a.m.
St. Henry's - Leask
Mass - Sunday - 9 a.m.
Mistawasis
2nd & 4th Sundays, 1:30 p.m.
Fr. Phong Tran

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Sask. government eases some restrictions

With the province's vaccine rollout continuing, the government of Saskatchewan has announced plans to loosen visitation restrictions in eligible long-term care and personal care homes across the province.

Under the revised guidelines, which were introduced last Thursday, eligible facilities will be those in which 90 per cent of residents have been fully vaccinated. Even then, the current visitation restrictions will only be eased three weeks after the second doses are administered, and health authorities will also consider COVID-19 transmission patterns within the facility.

"Saskatchewan Health Authority Medical Health Officers will have discretion to maintain restrictions to protect homes from potential risks of exposure," the government said in a release. "This is a gradual, cautious approach to help keep residents safe, and allow limited and much-needed social contact and support for care needs."

Once visitation restrictions are eased

there will be no limit on the number of family members or supports that residents can have, but only two visitors will be allowed at a time for indoor visits and only four visitors will be allowed outdoors. Additionally, fully vaccinated residents who go on an outing won't be required to quarantine upon returning to the facility.

According to health authorities, there will be some flexibility for facilities with smaller resident populations, specifically those who may not be able to meet the 90 per cent threshold if even one patient isn't fully vaccinated. In cases where there are 10 or fewer residents, all but one must fully vaccinated.

In another change, the province will also allow unvaccinated residents to be visited by fully vaccinated family members and supports. Barring this, however, visitation will continue to be permitted for compassionate care reasons only.

The list of SHA-operated long-term

care homes currently eligible for family visitation is available at <https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/news/service-alerts-emergency-events/Pages/service-alerts.aspx>.

Restrictions will be reviewed weekly. At the same time that it eased restrictions on long-term care facilities, the government also outlined some rules and regulations for upcoming graduation ceremonies.

According to the guidelines, outdoor graduations will be limited to 30 guests. This assumes two guests per graduate for a total of 45 people, plus a maximum of five teachers or support staff members.

Virtual graduations are, of course, allowed, with no more than 30 graduate attending in person and all guests attending virtually.

All other public health measures must be followed, including maintaining a minimum of two metres of

physical distancing between household groups. No food or beverages are permitted.

The guidance for graduations for the month of June will be re-evaluated on May 17, 2021. Guidance will be reviewed based on the COVID-19 situation in the province, including positive cases and the rates of immunization.

As of Tuesday morning (May 4), Premier Scott Moe was slated to release his "roadmap to recovery" at his daily pandemic update. The roadmap was expected to provide clear details on the vaccination metrics that need to be met as the province prepares to open up and loosen public health measures.

To stay up-to-date on the latest public health guidelines, visit [saskatchewan.ca/covid19](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19).

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Shellbrook Library prepares for spring

By Dian Campbell

Over at the Shellbrook Library, we're setting up for spring Programming. As we cannot have any in-library programming yet, the library is continuing with its Take Home and Online programs.

Online Book Clubs:

Evening Book Club Wednesday May 12 at 7 p.m. via Zoom

Afternoon book club will meet Friday May 21 at 2 p.m. via Zoom. This month's book choice is 'An Elderly Lady is up

to no Good' by Helene Tursten.

Please contact the librarian for the Zoom address.

Take Home Story Time Kits:

This month's themes include Outer Space, Bumble Bees, Rainbows and Sharks.

Thanks to generous funding from the Shellbrook Arts Council we are pleased to announce a new Art Program. The program will consist of Take Home Art Projects for pre-teen/teen and young Adults. May's art kit is a Beaded Wind chime. All you need to make this beautiful art piece is included in the kit.

Family Fun:

'Kindness Rocks' project. Pick up a kit and make a 'kindness rock'. Set your rocks out to spread kindness and encouragement in our community. Rocks, paint and brushes available at the Library.

All take home kits will be available by Monday May 3, while supplies last.



'Kindness Rocks' family project.



Take Home Story Time Kits.

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

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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LEASK: Leask Sports Centre Inc. Annual General Meeting, May 25, 2021 ~ 6:30 p.m. at the Sports Centre. Info: Chris 306-466-7780

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SRPSD, Shellbrook talk joint-use facilities

It's been more than six years since the Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division (SRPSD) floated the idea of a new \$25.2 million K-12 school in Shellbrook at an information session, and there's still no indication the Ministry of Education plans to make it a reality any time soon.

Even with a lack of movement on the proposed facility, SRPSD director of Education Robert Bratvold says the new school remains one of the top priorities on the school division's capital list.

In hopes of making it a priority for the Ministry of Education, the division decided to reach out to the Town of Shellbrook in February to begin a dialogue about the potential for joint-use facilities in the community.

While the town was eager to accept the division's invitation, and dialogues between the parties are still in the early stages, Bratvold says there's already plenty of excitement.

"It's wide open, but [it could be] any kind

of facility that meets the needs of the learners, teachers, and staff, and also meets the needs of the community and even the surrounding R.M.s as well," he said, noting that a plan for a joint-use facility will bolster the school division's application for capital funding.

"It will take lots of work and effort, but we're going to see some good results. Maybe not in the next year or two, but down the road."

Currently, the plans are for the division and representatives from Shellbrook's town council to meet at some point in June to continue their discussions about priorities for joint-use facilities and next steps to support them.

In the meantime, until the Ministry of Education gives an indication it's ready to move on the new K-12 facility, Bratvold says the SRPSD will focus on maintaining the status quo in terms of earmarking dollars for the maintenance of both Shellbrook Elementary School and W.P. Sandin High School.

He adds, however, that this does present its own challenges.

"The condition of the facilities isn't substantially different [than it was six years ago], but we do know that the distance from when they were constructed according to code then, and now, has increased. That makes it more challenging, in terms of costs, to bring them completely up to current code," he explained.

W.P. Sandin Public High School was built in 1961. Since then, it has been renovated multiple times, with the last major renovations coming 36 years ago, in 1985, followed by some work that was done on the roof of the gym last summer.

Shellbrook Elementary School, meanwhile, was built in 1956 and last received major renovations in 1980, when the gym was added on, and in 2001, when it received a facelift.

At 60 and 65 years of age, respectively, both facilities are considered by the SRPSD to have reached the end of their lifespan. Despite this, facilities that are newer than both of these schools have already been replaced by the province.

Part of the reason for this, Bratvold has said in the past, is the fact that neither school currently has any health, safety or structural issues that would place it high on the Ministry of Education's priority list.

GOOD NEWS

GOD'S TRANSFORMATIVE LOVE

By Jonathan Worrall
Student Minister, Knox United Church

It is the Easter season and as such, so many of my sermons are reflections on the Gospel of John. Admittedly, this was initially a struggle for me; I inwardly groaned as I perused the lectionary. This gospel has never been one of my favorites, but nevertheless something was spurred within me. I was compelled to take the plunge, so to speak. This is not to say that it wasn't a challenge. At first, I found myself in an unenviable and terrifying position, the looming threat of writer's block had finally, at long last, sneakily meandered to the forefront.

I sat, frustrated and somewhat petrified before my laptop, the cursor blinking on the screen; daring me, mocking me, challenging me to come up with something for the rapidly approaching worship service. I resigned myself to reading and re-reading the pericope from John, until finally, mercifully, inspiration struck.

Perhaps it was because I had read the news (never a good idea, these days), and as a result, I began to earnestly reflect upon the presence and activity of God within creation. Jesus proclaims that he is the true-vine, that God is the vine-grower, and that we are the branches. Jesus as a true vine reflects the permanence of the presence of Christ. If God is the vine grower, and Jesus is the true vine, then Christ demonstrates for us the love that God has for God's people is far-reaching and everlasting.

The resurrected Christ makes it clear for

his followers that they (and we) have been presented with the possibility to become something new: a new life, or perhaps a new reality. He presents the possibility, the promise that not only have we been transformed, but we have been empowered to go forth and change the world. We are surrounded with the potential for endless possibilities. The resurrected Christ illustrates that new life is always possible. That God remains an active presence within creation. The very allusion to the vine and branches suggests consistent change and growth. We only need to look at vines to appreciate just how far they can spread.

Jesus also spoke of the fruitful branches. A fruitful branch is measured by its connection, its attachment to the vine. We are fruitful when we abide in Christ, when we are surrounded by the presence of Christ and God in a community of fellow believers. But more than that, at the very core of this message is that we heed Christ's commandment; "that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (John 13:34)

God's love, the radical love that Christ embodied and preached, not only illustrates the love that God possesses for all of creation but also that it remains a transformative power, a force for repair, reconciliation, justice, and comfort. Even now, while all seems dark and it seems as if dawn will never break through the pitch black, we remain branches on the vine. We remain the people of God, for Christ is still with us.

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Fan outrage scuttles 'super' soccer plan

Sports fans in Europe obviously carry much more influence than their counterparts in North America.

A good old-fashioned fan uprising amazingly brought a halt to what was termed by some as a money-grabbing, to-hell-with-the-little-guy plan to shake the very foundation of the most important aspect of life in Europe — soccer. That's actually 'football' to a European; 'soccer' to us in North America.

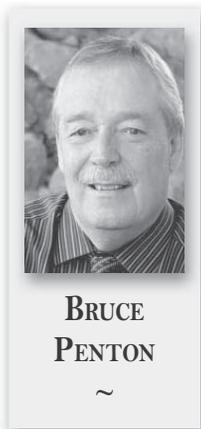
When the earth-shaking, shocking transformation of the European soccer world was announced on April 18 — one that would have created a 'Super League' of 12 of the most powerful and influential teams in England, Spain and Italy — fans in many parts of Europe went berserk. Whereas a similar situation in North America may have resulted in a one- or two-day protest, only to die down in the face of powerful owners and influential media, the outcome in Eu-

rope was far different.

Football (soccer) fans, fearing a huge disruption to the sporting world as they know it, protested loudly — in person, with huge gatherings; online, with major social media outcries; and threats.

The noise and fan outrage was too much for the six English teams involved in the Super League — Manchester United, Arsenal, Chelsea, Manchester City, Tottenham Hotspur and Liverpool — which within two days all announced a withdrawal from the pan-European plan. That left the six others — AC Milan, Inter Milan, and Juventus from Italy and Atlético Madrid, Barcelona and Real Madrid from Spain — spinning their wheels in the wilderness.

The Super League concept lasted all of two days, before the fans got their wish and scuttled the arrangement. The 12-team Super League would have created opportunities for vast millions of dollars for the 12 teams, but



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left the smaller teams in their wake scrambling for whatever media crumbs and dollars might be left over.

This may be a European story, but millions of Canadians avidly follow European soccer. Many of them couldn't care less if Tom Brady or Connor McDavid exist, but can't live without knowing about every step taken by Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo, and other Euro stars.

In sport, money usually talks. But in this case, it was an enraged fan base that won the day. Literally overnight, the Super League was left in a stu-

por.

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "NFL teams are required to provide three-dozen sliced oranges for visiting teams, The Athletic reported. Players' parents, however, are not allowed to accost coaches over their kids' playing time."

• Patti Dawn Swansson, aka the River City Renegade, on reluctance by people in this COVID era to gather in large groups: "... Likely will make some quite antsy, like a Hertz rent-a-car clerk seeing Tiger Woods approach the counter."

• Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "One of my favourite quotes of all-time comes from trailblazing woman car racer Janet Guthrie, who was once asked how much does brute strength play into being competitive on the race track. 'You drive the car,' Guthrie deadpanned, 'you don't carry it.'"

• Ex-defenceman Bill Mikkelsen, to TSN, on playing for the worst team

in NHL history — the 8-67-5 Washington Capitals of 1974-75: "We had a good team. We were just in the wrong league."

• Steve Simmons of SunMedia, on the apparent grumpiness of a certain NHLer: "If Jeff Carter walks into a restaurant in Pittsburgh late in the afternoon do they cancel happy hour?"

• NFL Memes, on Twitter: "Zach Wilson looks like the actor who would play Zach Wilson in a Disney movie about Zach Wilson."

• Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "Alabama Heisman Trophy-winning wide receiver DeVonta Smith was measured recently at 6-foot and a scant 166 pounds. I'm not saying he's too skinny to withstand the pounding of the NFL, but he is the only player in the upcoming draft who uses a Cheerio as a Hula Hoop."

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "MLB hired former WWE 'sizzle planner' Brian Stedman for league strategy and devel-

opment. Soon, instead of a manager sitting a pitcher down, he'll come out and hit him with a chair."

• Headline at TheOnion.com: "Depressed Javier Baez points at seats directly behind third base before pitch."

• Another one from TheOnion.com: "NCAA fines Alabama football players for receiving championship rings as gifts."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com, after Bucs QB Tom Brady said players would have trouble 'trying to block the right people' after the league relaxed its jersey-number restrictions: "Hey, Tom, not all NFL players need reading glasses."

• Patti Dawn Swansson again, on those outfits that Ralph Lauren designed for U.S. Olympians: "I can't tell if he's dressed the U.S. team for the next space-shuttle mission or an expedition to the South Pole."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

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 March 23, 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.

Brad Nemish: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Seconded by Jim Bedi. Carried.

Jim Bedi: That the Accounts for Ratification, CAFT on-line payments #320 to 328 in the amount of \$9,967.73 be approved as presented. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That the Accounts for Approval, Cheque No. 31359 to 31373 in the amount of

\$18,298.90 be approved as presented. Seconded by Jim Bedi. Carried.

Brad Nemish: That the Bank Reconciliation for the month of February 2021 be approved as presented. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Jim Bedi: That the Financial Statement for the month of February 2021 be approved as presented. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

Jim Bedi: That we approve the quote from Triple M Daylighting as presented to repair/replace 9 curbstops on the west side of Block 1 & 2 of Main Street as determined by the public works staff. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Brad Nemish: That we add the Employee & Family Assistance Program (EFAP) to the existing SUMA Group Benefits Plan effective April 1, 2021 and that the Town will fund the premium contribution amount. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we approve the request from Chippy's

Windshield Repair for temporary set up of a mobile chip repair tent along the service road south west of the tourist booth, where they will periodically set up after purchasing their required annual business license as per Bylaw No. 475/12. Seconded by Kiera Andres. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we approve the request to parcel tie Lot

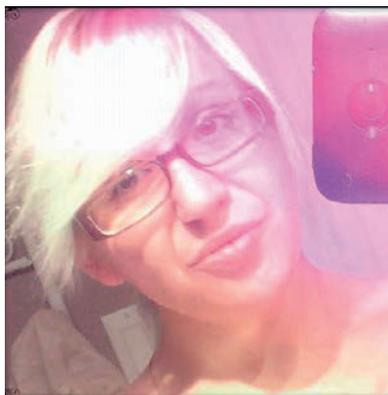
13 to Lot 14 Block 3 Plan AP518, and provide a letter of consent to the property owner for ISC requirements. Seconded by Jim Bedi. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we do not allow the fence to be extended past the property line on municipal property and do not approve adjusting the property line to the south on Lot 14 Block 3 Plan

AP518. Seconded by Kiera Andres. Carried.

George Pretli: That we do not endorse the Delivering Community Power campaign for the Canadian Union of Postal Workers at this time. Seconded by Jim Bedi. Carried.

Jim Bedi: That this meeting be adjourned at 8:16 p.m. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.



Missing: Kandice Singbeil

Date of Birth: Sept 18, 1982
FROM: Saskatoon, SK
Weight: 114 Lbs.
Eyes: Brown

MISSING SINCE: May 26, 2015
Height: 5' 4"
Hair: Blonde/Brown
File: 3234 U

CHARACTERISTICS: Kandice is very outgoing in nature, and makes friends easily.
PARTICULARS: Was last seen riding her dark coloured Supercycle Cruiser Classic bike with white tires north on 3rd Ave at 1:00 am in Saskatoon wearing dark pants & black jacket.

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OBITUARIES

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Betsy Bruner

Betsy Bruner
February 13th, 1929 –
April 20th, 2021

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Betsy Bruner at the age of 92 after a brief battle with cancer.

Betsy is lovingly remembered by: her son Lloyd (Donna) Bruner, her grandchildren: Grant (Callie) Bruner and children; Sarah, Olivia and Charlotte Bruner; Lynn (Cody) Van Hereweghe and children; Hayley and Tyler Van Hereweghe; Holly (Kelly) Nelson and children; Carter and Ryan Nelson; Melissa (Devin) Peters and children; Tyvan, Jackson and Leo Peters; her niece, Cindi

(Darryl) Shuya of Marshall, SK., her sister-in-law, Shirley Phillip of Shellbrook, SK.

Betsy was predeceased by her husband Arnold in 1976, her infant son Gordon in 1954, her parents Jackson and Dorothy Phillip, her sister and brother-in-law Alice and Lloyd Rogerson, her brother Jim Phillip, her nephews Daryl and Geoffrey Phillip, her parents-in-law William and Kate Bruner.

Betsy was born on February 13th, 1929 on the family farm in the Kilwinning District. The first-born child of Jackson and Dorothy Phillip. She attended Spruce Glen School up to grade 8. She married Arnold Bruner August 22, 1950. They lived on the Bruner family farm until 1956 when they moved to Cranbrook, BC., where Arnold worked at different jobs before deciding to return to Saskatchewan and to farming in November 1958. Arnold passed away in 1976. Betsy lived on the farm until 1980 when she moved to Parkside. In 1981 she began working as a Home Health Aide, work she was well suited to. In 2013 she no

longer wanted the upkeep of a house and moved to Heritage Place, Shellbrook where she lived until February 2021.

Betsy was very community minded, serving on many committees and always a willing participant in community events. Her faith community was also important to her. She belonged to the Anglican Church and believed in living her faith by being of service to others.

Betsy enjoyed her family and taking part in family celebrations. She had a gift for making friends and her friends were important to her. We all have many fond memories of her. She will be missed.

There was a private family service held on Saturday, April 24th, 2021 at the St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Shellbrook, SK., followed by internment at Honeywood Cemetery.

Memorial Donations may be made to St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Shellbrook or The Salvation Army. Friends and family wishing to send private online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com entrusted to Fred Pomrenk, Funeral Director, Beau "Lac" Funeral Home & Crematorium, Shellbrook, 306-747-2828

Rose Goller

ROSE GOLLER (née VINISH)

Aug. 19, 1932 – April 22, 2021

Rose Goller (née Vinish) was born on August 19, 1932 in Wakaw, Sk. and passed away in Spiritwood, Sk. on April 22, 2021 in the Spiritwood Idylwild Lodge. She was the oldest of 9 children and learned to work hard at a young age. In 1952, she married Mervin Goller and they moved to a farm in the Spiritwood area. They were a very busy, hard-working farming couple and soon started a family of their own. They raised 9 children on the farm. Rose also worked at various places in Spiritwood to supplement her income and she made many friends. In 2015 Mervin passed away and Rose continued to live on the farm with her son Greg and his wife Maryrose. In 2016 Athena was born to Greg and Maryrose and Athena became Rose's

special girl. Athena and Grandma had a very special bond! Rose lived in her own home until August 2020 when her health started to decline. Family was very important to Rose and she was very proud of all of them. She always looked forward to phone calls and was very happy to hear that someone was coming to visit.

Rose leaves to cherish her memory: her children: Elmer (Claire) Goller, Eleanor (Don) McGillivray, Sharon (Dave) Hutchings, Sheldon (Sharon) Goller, Dwaine Goller, Darlene (Dennis) Harris, Marlene (Mark) Neumann, Raymond (Tamera) Goller and Greg (Maryrose) Goller, her daughter-in-law, Lise Laventure, 17 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren, her sisters: Irene (Cyril) Marcotte, Elsie Ziebart, her brothers: Joseph (Cathy) Vinish, Don Vinish, Denis (Betty) Vinish, Larry (Linda) Vinish also numerous brothers/sisters-in-law, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Rose was predeceased by: her husband, Mervin in 2015, her grandson, Jesse Goller, her parents, Joseph and Margaret Vinish, her sister, Theresa Cook, and her brother, Edward Vinish, her parents-in-law, Michael and Theresa Goller and numerous brothers/sisters-in-law.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions a Private Family Fu-

neral Service was held Monday, April 26, 2021 at 11:00 am from Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Spiritwood, SK with Fr. Ramel Macapala as Celebrant.

Memorial Donations may be made to Idylwild Lodge – Activities Fund, Spiritwood, SK in memory of Rose Goller as tokens of remembrance.

Rose's Final Resting Place is beside her husband in the Spiritwood Cemetery.

The family would like to thank all the staff of the Rose Gill Lodge in Rabbit Lake, the Evergreen Care Home in Leoville, and the Idylwild Lodge in Spiritwood for taking care of mom. Thank you to Father Ramel Macapala for visiting mom in the Idylwild Lodge and blessing her. Mom was very honoured that he took the time to visit her. Thank you to everyone who helped prepare her service, the phone calls, well wishes, etc. Thank you to everyone who participated in her service, to Father Ramel Macapala and to Claire and Charles Schira for the beautiful music. Also, thank you to Mark Muir and the Beau "Lac" Funeral Home for preparing mom for her final journey. Rest in peace Mom!

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Mark Muir Funeral Director, Spiritwood, SK 306-883-3500.

Earl Harland Stewart

Earl Harland Stewart
August 10, 1940 - April
26, 2021

Earl was born and raised in Shellbrook. Earl completed his grade 8. When he started his grade 9 he was told he had to take French. He said "no I don't. I quit." He always said he managed just fine without French and with only a grade 8 education.

His first job was doing road construction for the RM of Shellbrook where he got to work with his dad, Cecil.

In 1958, at 17, Earl took a

train to Vancouver and he tried his hand at various jobs. That lasted only about one year then he decided to move back to Shellbrook. He worked for Potts Construction in the summers and BA garage in the winters.

Earl married Lois Halverson in 1961 and they moved to the Vancouver area. They had two children, Caroline & then James.

Earl found himself drawn to mechanics. He did equipment maintenance, automotive mechanics & he even tried his hand in machinery sales. With his gift of the gab, he could sell ice to an Eskimo. Earl's work took him from Vancouver to Calgary & Lethbridge.

Earl decided to move back to Shellbrook in 1983. The plan was to build himself a house, on his acreage, and to semi retire from the work force. He began working part time for Curtis Martin at Shellbrook Sales and Service which quickly turned into full time.

At one point, Earl decided

his friend, Jack Rudolph, needed a woman and he was going to find him one. They started going to the single dances in PA, there was one every Saturday. Well, he found a woman for Jack PLUS he got a real bonus in finding one for himself at the same time. Sisters!

In 1985, Earl began courting Lorraine Forbes, a single mother with one child, Michael. In 1989, they were married. (courtship was always his word for it – not dating)

In 1987 Earl injured his knee at work, did the surgery & rehab route but he was never physically able to return to his mechanics job. He went the self employed route in the forestry industry. This involved firewood, (which he cut down, loaded & sold tree length by the truck load); saw logs which he made lumber from, planed and sold; also did pulp contracts for many years.

In the early 2000's his passion switched to building forestry equipment. He built sawmills, wood pro-

cessors, and wood splitters. He would modify them so the next one was even better. He was always busy doing something.

Earl served as division 2 councillor for RM of Shellbrook No 493 from 2002 to 2018.

Earl loved being outdoors, that's where he would be found – in the garden or tending his spruce trees. He enjoyed camping and fishing in the summer and in the winter he enjoyed the heat of his wood stove when his work was done.

Earl enjoyed telling stories that would make people laugh – he would modify them a bit each time the story was told, just in case he had told you the story before. He loved pulling pranks on people. Earl had a nickname for everyone. In his earlier years he was quite a dancer and enjoyed his social outings, whiskey and card games. As he got

older, time with family became his priority. He taught the little ones to play 31 and they took their turn at being his helper when he cooked breakfast.

Earl was always so proud of his young appearance and his active lifestyle.

Earl was diagnosed with cancer in Jan 2020. He passed away April 26, 2021 at the Parkland Integrated Health Centre – Acute Care, in Shellbrook, with family present.

Earl leaves behind his wife Lorraine Forbes, his daughter Caroline (Johnny) Scherrens, son James (Vickie) Stewart, and son Michael Forbes. His grandchildren: Darlene, Billy (Brandy), Brittinni, Kaitlin, Tyler & Shelby. Great grandchildren: Samantha, Sydney, Savannah, Kaiden & Dalton. Great great grandchildren: Karter and Amir.

Sister: Sharon Jewitt;

sister in law: Dorothy Stewart; and aunt: Eva Hartman (Cliff Bunt). Plus many in-laws and out-laws.

Predeceased by his parents Cecil & Gladys, brothers Shelly & Lorne and brother-in-law Ernie.

A private funeral service will be held for Earl. Following the service there will be a link to a video of Earl's service available on the Beau "Lac" Funeral Home website for those who were unable to attend.

Those wishing to send condolences may do so by phone calls, texts or by mail.

Memorial donations may be directed to Shellbrook & Districts Health Services Foundation please specify for Acute Care Staff. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home & Crematorium, Tammy Smart – Director, Shellbrook, SK. 306-747-2828.

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Solitary bees: important Sask. pollinators

By Patricia Hanbidge

There are over 350 species of solitary bees in Saskatchewan and they are important pollinators of many plants and crops that rely on these insects for pollination. These bees do not live in hives as honeybees do but instead tend to nest in small cavities of decaying wood. Solitary bees do not produce honey or beeswax and live alone. A single female creates her own tubular nest, segmented into five to ten individual cells, each containing a single egg. Tunnel-nesting species nest in tree cavities while ground-nesting species nest in holes in the ground.

While these interesting insects are foraging for food, they also transport pollen and facilitate pollination. Solitary bee species have adapted to feed on a wide range of plants, from generalist species collecting pollen and nectar from many plant species to more specialist species focusing on a small number of plants and a few entirely dependent on a single plant species. Why we have heard so much about these solitary bees is because they have suffered losses in

diversity, abundance and range with the key threats due to agricultural intensification, pesticides, climate change and habitat loss due to the expansion of urban environments. However, an urban ecosystem can be planned to include additional foraging resources within the restricted ranges (150 to 600 metres) from their nest sites. Including plants like bergamot, black-eyed Susan, goldenrod, purple prairie clover, smooth aster and yellow evening primrose will all help as well as ensuring you leave some acceptable “messy bits” to attract these tiny little critters.

Building a bee house will also help to create good habitat for these bees. It is really simple to do this yourself. A wooden box that is open to one or both sides filled with blocks of wood or small logs with holes drilled that are 10 cm deep and in a variety of diameters ranging from 2 to 10 mm is as complex as it gets. Ensure you remove any residual sawdust, face the house in the sun facing east or south with no vegetation in front of the “bee house” and place



A big leafcutter bee.

them at least a metre above the ground.

The care the bee house needs is minimal. If birds are attacking the tunnels, then simply attach a piece of chicken wire across the front of the house to protect the bees. In winter, the house should be placed in a dry, unheated shed or alternatively protect the entrances with a piece of plywood or

heavy tarp. The pupae that are overwintering in the house need to be cold but dry for the winter months. If at the end of the summer you still have cells which have remained in a walled-up condition, these cells will be dead and should be removed and destroyed.

These solitary bees might include bumblebees, mason bees and even leaf-cutter bees

and they prefer to make individual nest cells for their larvae. However, by building a “bee house” it allows them to colonize in one area. This will benefit the amount of pollination you will get in your garden simply by creating a suitable habitat for solitary bees. These solitary bees are harmless and not aggressive and also often are predators of smaller insects.

Please do not hop on the latest lucrative bandwagon and purchase most of the commercially made bee houses. Many of them are expensive, and sadly inadequate for the bees as they do not provide sufficient protection from wet weather; the hole size is too large, have splinters inside and have no solid back wall making them open-ended wind tunnels and are often made of a material which causes condensation and the growth of moulds.

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