



## Canwood fêtes graduates drive-in style



Canwood Public School's Class of 2021, from left to right: Hunter Papin Bather, Kayleigh Eberts, Will Shaaf, Kaley McInnis, Cameron Thomas, and Caylah Nelson.

In a normal June, local school gymnasiums and auditoriums across the province would be filled to capacity for Grade 12 graduation ceremonies.

However, as a second school year comes to a close under the shadow of the COVID-19 pandemic, schools across the province are having to improvise to toast their graduates.

With a little cooperation from Mother Nature, Canwood Public School did this in style on Friday, June 18, when family, friends, staff, and the six members of the Class of 2021 gathered in front of the school for a drive-in style ceremony.

To kick off the festivities, the grads were introduced by vice principal Richard Schwehr, who served as the MC for the afternoon, and led up onto a stage in front of the school's main entrance.

To ensure everything was done in accordance with current public health regulations, the grads were allowed two vehicles of guests at the ceremony.

Each guest vehicle was given a designated table, freshly constructed by the school's industrial arts students, and guests could sit at the tables, relax in their cars, or set up lawn chairs in the beds of their trucks.

As the ceremony continued, the History and Prophecy was delivered by graduates Caylah Nelson and Will Shaaf, and guest speaker, Mrs. Kori Sansom, shared a thoughtful message with the graduates.

Meanwhile, Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division (SRPSD) Board Trustee Cher Bloom, SRPSD superintendent of schools Tom Michaud, and Canwood Public School principal Brian Linn delivered well wishes to

the grads.

Later on, awards, scholarships, and scrolls were presented by Linn and Schwehr. And following the presentation, Kayleigh Eberts delivered the Valedictorian address, completing her speech by congratulating her fellow graduates on their accomplishments.

Will Shaaf gave the vote of thanks on behalf of the Class of 2021, honouring everyone who helped him and his classmates along the way, as well as all of those who contributed to the planning and organizing of the ceremony.

Wrapping up the ceremony with a Canwood Public School tradition that would normally take place at the graduation banquet, each graduate exited the stage and presented roses to special people in their lives.

"It was very unique, and something we've never seen before, but it turned out wonder-

ful," Mr. Schwehr said of the ceremony.

While most graduating classes choose a theme for their graduation ceremonies, this year's graduates opted to forego the theme and instead focus on enjoying their in-person ceremony.

Calling it a simple, but tasteful and classy graduation, Mr. Schwehr, who was also the graduates' Grade 1 teacher, said he's proud of the way the students handled themselves throughout this past school year.

"It's been a difficult year, but they've handled it well and maturely. I wish them all the best in whatever path they choose to take," he said.

Canwood Public School's Class of 2021 is: Hunter Papin Bather, Kayleigh Eberts, Kaley McInnis, Caylah Nelson, Will Shaaf, and Cameron Thomas.



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# Spiritwood Lions Club holds year-end wrap up

It has been a less eventful year for the Spiritwood Lions Club as many of their fundraisers and community betterment projects had to take a back seat due to the pandemic. It didn't stop the club from doing what they could, however, still holding a few 'take-out' fundraisers, selecting recipients for their Community Grants, and some of their activities with the schools.

The Lions held their wrap up at the Spiritwood Town Square, which has its Grand Opening slated for July 1 of this year. With pre-ordered pizza slices and a few lawn chairs, the Lions were able to gather at a distance to take care of year-end awards and select a recipient for the Spring Community Grant.

This year, the Outgoing Lions President was Marg Pretli, who passed the gavel along to incoming President Sonja Nielsen. Lions Bryan and Darlene Ferguson received Lions Lifetime Awards, and Lions Cheyenne Orange and Sonja Nielsen were the joint recipients of the Lion of the Year Award.

The Lion of the Year Award is handed out by the club at the end of each Lions year to recognize a member's outstanding contribution to club projects throughout the year. Lions Sonja and Cheyenne were instrumental players in the past year for organizing and running the majority of events and fundraisers that the club was able to put on.

The recipient of the 2021 Spring Community Grant was Spiritwood and District Health Complex (SDHC) Long Term



**Lions Cheyenne Orange (left) and Sonja Nielsen (right) were joint recipients of the Lion of the Year Award, which was presented by outgoing Lions President Marg Pretli (centre).**

Care Recreation. The \$800 grant is awarded to a non-profit community group that serves the immediate area in or around Spiritwood. Applicants are required to submit an application form with a brief description of how the funds will be used to serve the community via a non-salary, non-administrative, and non-operational project.

SDHC Long Term Care plans to use the grant to purchase replacement folding tables and trolleys for playing recreational activities on. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, games that were previously played using floor space have had to move to the tables and these tables have gotten worn out. The trolleys

will help with moving tables around the facility, as there is increased need to do so.

Despite a tough year for many, the Spiritwood Lions have forged ahead, serving the community as best they could. They all look forward to returning in the fall with a hopefully fuller schedule.



**Lions Bryan (right) and Darlene (left) Ferguson receiving Lifetime Awards.**



**Lion Megan Allard (left) presenting the Lions Community Grant to Connie Gatzke (centre) and Amy Simonar (right) from SDHC Long Term Care Recreation.**



**Lions were out enjoying the sunshine for their Year End Supper.**



The family and friends of Ramsey Rude would like to congratulate him on his academic achievement. Ramsey graduated with Great Distinction from the U of S College of Agriculture and was the recipient of the Fulton Family Prize, an award given to the Diploma graduate with the highest grade average.

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# Ell gift builds new playground at Shellbrook Elementary

Children who grow up playing on the new playground equipment currently being installed at Shellbrook Elementary School can say thanks to the late Velma Ell.

Velma, a career teacher who lived many of her years in Shellbrook with her husband Joe Ell (who passed in 2004), passed away on Feb. 10, 2018 at the age of 91. Though Velma taught in many communities up until her retirement, she and Joe both said they liked Shellbrook best, and they even built their home in the community.

In early 2020, it was revealed that Velma had left sizeable gifts for two local recreation facilities in her estate, with instructions that the gifts be used for capital expenditures at the facilities. The Hidden Hills of Shellbrook Golf Course received a bequest of \$153,020.73, while the Shellbrook Swimming Pool was gifted \$76,510.36.

But that total of \$229,531.09 wasn't the end of Velma's generosity, as Velma also left \$76,000 for Shellbrook Elementary School.

Kevin Koroluk, principal of Shellbrook Elementary School, says the school was informed about the gift after the Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division (SRPSD) received notice of it. In the end, after consultations with the broader school community, it was decided that the playground equipment could use an upgrade.

"We got some different options from the division office, we got some parents and SCC members involved in picking, and we picked it last spring," Koroluk said.

"It paid for basically the whole structure that's out there. It's a great gift. It's very hard to raise that kind of money."

Aside from a set of swings that is being decommissioned per safety guidelines, the new playground structure is new equipment to complement the existing playground structures on the school grounds.

The ground work and installation of the new playground equipment got started at the beginning of June, with the SRPSD facilities crew doing the work.

After the crews were rained out on a few occasions, the playground is expected to be ready at some point this week.

"It's going to be a nice little playground for those kids. It's quite an enhancement to what they already have there," said Mike Hurd, the SRPSD's superintendent of facilities.



A new playground has been installed at Shellbrook Elementary School, thanks to a donation of \$76,000 from the estate of the late Velma Ell.

## Sask. sets date for return to normal

Mark your calendars. July 11 is the day when Saskatchewan returns to the new normal.

"As we are now so close to the final threshold, we are able to announce that Step 3 will be fully implemented on Sunday, July 11," Premier Scott Moe said in a statement.

"We are able to make this announcement because so many Saskatchewan residents have done their part by getting vaccinated, so I'd like to say thanks to Saskatchewan people. Over the past 15 months, Saskatchewan residents have diligently followed public health guidelines and restrictions, and over the past months they have followed through by getting vaccinated."

With over 70 per cent of residents over the age of 18 having received their first dose, and 69 per cent of all residents over the age of 12 having received their first dose, Saskatchewan is announcing that the full implementation of Step 3 of the Re-Opening Roadmap will occur on Sunday, July 11.

That means that as of Sunday, July 11, all public health orders will be removed. This includes the removal of the province-wide mandatory masking order, and the removal of limits on events and gathering sizes.

In the meantime, all Saskatchewan residents will be expected to continue abiding by the public health measures for Phase Two of Saskatchewan's Re-Opening Roadmap, which officially began on Sunday, June 20.

With the beginning of

Phase Two, there are no capacity thresholds on retail and personal care services, but they must maintain an occupancy that allows for physical distancing. Similarly, restaurants and bars have no limits on table capacity, so long as there is physical distancing or barriers between tables, but dance floors and buffets re-

main closed. Elsewhere, Phase 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.

Phase Two also sees 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.

For all the details on current public health guidelines, visit [www.saskatchewan.ca/re-open-roadmap](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/re-open-roadmap)

## Re-Opening Roadmap

Starting Sunday, June 20th, Step 2 of the Re-Opening Roadmap will come into effect

### STEP 2 Starting June 20th

- No capacity thresholds on retail and personal care services, must maintain physical distancing
- No table capacity for restaurants and bars, must maintain physical distancing or barriers between tables
- 150 person maximum capacity at event facilities, casinos, bingo halls, theatres, libraries and recreational facilities
- Limit of 15 people at private indoor gatherings and household gatherings
- Measures for youth and adult indoor sports will be lifted
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## On Bill C-10, Liberals show their disdain for transparency

At long last, summer is upon us. And, thanks to Saskatchewan's successful vaccine rollout, it may be a season without the shadow of COVID-19 looming overhead like an ominous storm cloud.

For many of us, the arrival of summer means two months of relaxing days at the lake and cozy evenings around the campfire.

In politics, however, things are a little different.

Sure, federal politicians get a summer vacation like the rest of us, when the House of Commons is suspended for the summer.

But the lead-up to summer is always a mad dash for the ruling government, as it seeks to pass rafts of last-minute legislation – much like a student who's left their important project untouched until the evening



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before it's due.

All governments are guilty of doing this, regardless of their political stripes, because it's a surefire way for them to advance their political agenda with limited scrutiny from their political opponents.

It does not, however, make for good democratic practice. After all, why would any government that's doing the right thing try to hide

what it's doing and dodge questions? From day one, this has been the approach taken by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government on Bill C-10.

The legislation is the government's attempt to usher the Broadcast Act and the CRTC into an era in which more content is consumed online. It's also an attempt to force digital streaming giants like Netflix to pay

their "fair share" to support home-grown artists.

This seemed innocuous enough, until the Canadian Heritage Committee, the body responsible for reviewing the bill, removed exemptions that protected user-generated content posted to social media platforms like YouTube and Facebook, igniting fears the law would crack down on freedom of expression.

At every turn, Mr. Trudeau's government has dismissed the concerns of experts and its opposition as baseless fearmongering.

And, with the support of the Bloc Québécois, it's also doing its utmost to speed Bill C-10 through parliament without a fulsome review.

This effort hit a roadblock last week, when House Speaker Anthony Rota scolded the Heritage Committee for adding dozens of amendments to the bill after debate time had ended.

In his ruling, Mr. Rota found that the committee had "exceeded its

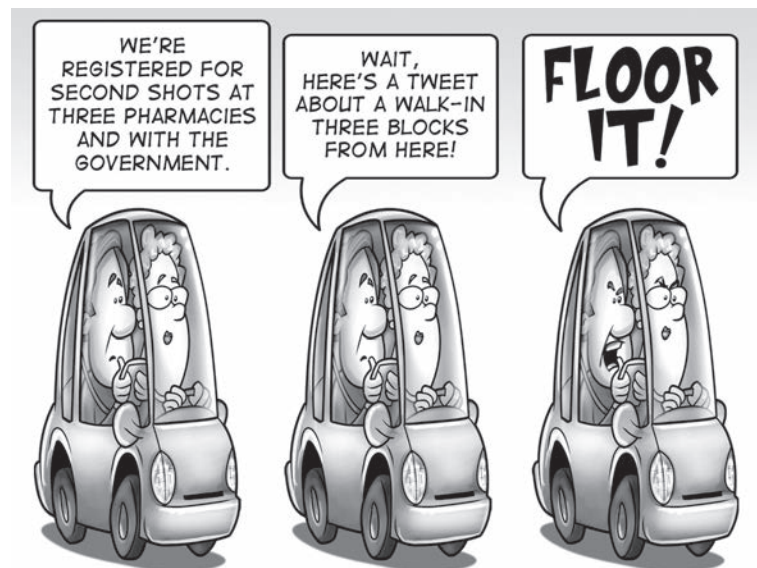
years, our community experienced great support of cash donations and sponsored fundraisers. In no time we moved on to install artificial ice in both the skating and curling rinks.

Nothing would stop this community when on a mission. Arena built, artificial ice installed and onward they went to raise money for a new Community Centre.

In the meantime Big River needed a new hospital and long-term care facility so Community Centre fundraising was put on hold while our community fired up and raised \$1 million for the hospital project. Another mission accomplished in short order, sending the RIA back on the Community Centre mission.

A Monthly Lottery, Community Auction and Ice Fishing Derby were the major annual projects which our very aggressive board mounted on, and in 2005, just in time for Big River's 100th Birthday, the new Community Centre was nearing completion. It is a Community Centre, which includes our library, Municipal offices, a large auditorium with stage plus a smaller hall area – a Community Centre that our town gets to brag about!

Once again, with tremendous support for our fundraising projects and many outright cash donations, the RIA



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authority," and ordered the amendments to be removed from the bill.

The contents of those amendments haven't been made public, and they may never be. But that's not what truly matters here.

No, the number one takeaway from this chapter is that the Liberal government has handled Bill C-10 so poorly that even Mr. Rota, a Liberal MP, had to call it out.

Given this government's utter failure to advance Bill C-10 with clar-

ity and full transparency, how can Canadians trust the law won't overreach and infringe upon their freedom of expression?

The simple answer, is they can't. And if Canadians can't have faith in a law being pushed by the government, it has no business being passed.

Since Mr. Trudeau's government refuses to recognize this, and voted to pass the bill, it falls to the Senate to stand up for good governance.

had the bill paid off ahead of schedule.

In 2014, this organization pledged support to Ski Timber Ridge and Big River Golf Course by donating 40% of annual net profits, for capital projects at each of these facilities while investing the remaining 20% for a future community project. This little fund is growing every day. Who knows what our next major project will be?

Now to the point of this article. I am challenging YOU to donate a portion of your SGI rebate to the Big River & District Recreation Improvement Association to help this fund grow. You will be issued a tax receipt for the amount of your donation. Make your donation by mailing a cheque to: Box 85 or by etransfer to: bigriverria@gmail.com

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Big River, Sask.

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## Report from the Legislature

Saskatchewan is seeing success in the fight against COVID-19.

A few weeks ago, Step 1 of our Re-Opening Roadmap began with household gathering limits expanding up to 10 people and attendance at worship services, public gatherings, and table limits at restaurants all increasing. Youth and adult outdoor sports were able to resume as well.

Step 2 of our Re-Opening Roadmap will see the removal of capacity limits on retail, personal care services, bars, and restaurants; further increases to private gathering sizes; and organized indoor sports and recreational activities allowed to resume.

We are seeing, as more and more people are getting vaccinated, that we can safely re-open while continuing to drive down the spread of COVID-19. And while this is encouraging, it is no time for complacency. Residents who have not received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine are strongly encouraged to book an appointment as soon as possible so that we can return to our pre-pandemic lifestyles at the earliest opportunity. It is also equally important to get a



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second dose of the vaccine once you are eligible.

Saskatchewan's strong economy and balanced approach to COVID restrictions has resulted in our province posting the strongest job growth and lowest unemployment in Canada for the second consecutive month.

Saskatchewan is leading Canada's economic recovery. In May, our province added 4100 new jobs with unemployment falling to 6.3 per cent. This is in stark contrast to the 68,000 jobs lost across the country.

Saskatchewan employers are hiring and recent private sector investments, worth billions of dollars, will create thousands of more good jobs and oppor-

tunities for Saskatchewan people in the months and years ahead.

This year is set to be a busy one for businesses operating in Saskatchewan Provincial Parks, with a variety of new and unique offerings taking the visitor experience to the next level.

In addition to the existing businesses Sask Parks visitors have come to know and love, this year, visitors can expect to see the following new offerings:

- Prairie Paragliding at Blackstrap Provincial Park;
- Sailing instruction by Living Sky Sailing School at Elbow Harbour Recreation Site;
- Aquatic Adventures new inflatable water parks at The Battlefords, Buffalo Pound, Duck Mountain and Greenwater Lake provincial parks;
- "Come Try it Days" run by Sask Rowing Association at multiple provincial parks;
- Night sky photography classes at Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park by Jazmin Lucasavich;
- Luxury glamping tents at Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park, provided by Glamping Re-



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- Zumba and yoga at Makwa Lake Provincial Park hosted by C-L-G Zumba Yoga Meditation;
- Hillside Smoke 'n Que at Buffalo Pound Provincial Park operating at the Lower Chalet with competition style BBQ Food Truck services;

• Bike repair and service at Buffalo Pound Lower Chalet provided by Velo-fix; and

• Fresh Air Experience demonstrations and outdoor equipment sales at various provincial park and recreation sites throughout the province. Residents are reminded to follow COVID restrictions and public health guidelines for their area. The most recent guidelines can be found online at [www.saskatchewan.ca](http://www.saskatchewan.ca).

Work is progressing on our government's plan to construct 30 sets of passing lanes over the next two years. This includes two sets of passing lanes on Highway 2 north of Prince Albert and the last of 13 sets of passing lanes on Highway 39 between Milestone and the U.S. border.

More than 1,350 km of provincial highways will be improved this year, the second of our government's 10-year Growth Plan goal to build and upgrade 10,000 km of highways.

I'm proud to say that our government is also making a significant investment to improve the quality of life for individuals managing diabetes and ease the financial impacts on fami-



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Recently, the province announced that it is now providing coverage for Continuous and Flash Glucose Monitors (CGM/FGM) and related supplies at no cost for children and youth under 18 who meet specific medical criteria. In addition, the Insulin Pump Program will now cover Type 1 diabetics of all ages who meet certain medical criteria.

This year's budget includes a \$5 million investment to expand supports for people with diabetes that will lessen the financial burden for Saskatchewan families dealing and living with diabetes. You can learn more online at [saskatchewan.ca](http://saskatchewan.ca).

## Op-ed: R.M. of Leask proposal threatens Iroquois Lake wetland

Saskatchewan is the only province in Canada that does not have a wetland conservation policy. The Water Security Agency (WSA) is working with producer and partner agencies to develop a made in Saskatchewan Agricultural Water Management Drainage Strategy that includes considerations for wetland retention and mitigations of agricultural drainage impacts.

A consideration is not a policy. This lack of a policy is causing division for communities that are seeing an increase in lake shoreline development, and thus directly affecting lake water qualities, lake population densities and natural habitats for wildlife.

In the June 2021 Saskatchewan Auditor's Report – WSA, the Water Security Agency was criticized for still needing to develop policies around wetland retention and water quality.

On June 10, 2021, the City of Regina received 50 to 70 mm of rain in less than 24 hours causing the City to discharge dilute

sewage downstream. This storm caused flooding damage.

Dr. Dave Sauchyn for the U of R Parcs stated "A recent Canadian report says that since 1983, 13 of the 20 most costly weather-related disasters in Canada happened on the Prairies. So, large-scale climate changes and weather extremes should be considered during all aspects of infrastructure planning and design."

Canada joined with 194 countries to sign onto the Paris accord, and by default the Province of Saskatchewan and the RMs of Saskatchewan are bound to that international agreement to hold the global temperature to 1.5 degree Celsius by using the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals as pathway.

The United Nations' goal #6 and #13 identify how important it is to protect and preserve wetlands to ensure development of all forms to build sustainable development.

The RM of Leask, 464, has begun the process of changing their bylaws to pro-

mote a development that will potentially jeopardize a delicate marsh and wetland on Iroquois Lake. The red flags on this project are as follows:

1. The RM is in the process of changing the bylaws, the Official Community Plan (OCP) and Zoning bylaw, allowing for the development that could lead to alteration of the wetland, very likely impacting water quality and water quantity on Iroquois Lake. The development also envisions a lagoon.

2. The RM held a Public Hearing on May 8, 2021, to discuss moving Iroquois Lake out of the OCP to promote development,

3. Eight members of the community attended the meeting to share their concerns for this change to the OCP and the proposed development. There were 9 written letters against the development. No letters were received to support the development.

The opposition to this bylaw change in the community is overwhelming. But the community is concerned that the RM will

not respect their concerns.

4. On June 24, 2021, the RM of Leask will hold a council meeting and determine the fate of Iroquois Lake and the community does not believe the council and the reeve will respect the OCP and ensure sustainable development.

Not having a wetland policy like Alberta or Manitoba is causing division at the grassroots level.

We all need to be concerned with the addition of continued development on all waters that cannot effectively sustain them. We have seen examples in Saskatchewan where overdevelopment when not kept in check has resulted in detrimental effects to the ecology of these waters. Numerous Saskatchewan lakes would have benefitted greatly had there been prior stewardship to protect rather than to exploit.

Sincerely,

Larry Gusta, B.S.A., MSc, Ph.D., Alex von Dewitz, DVM; BSc, Karla Sieck, Darlene Batty, Gordon Kohle, Ken Karalash



# Op-ed: The COVID battle is hampered by misinformation

*(The following is part one of a two-part editorial. The second part will appear in the July 1 edition of the Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald)*

Thank you for publishing the opinion piece about ethical questions regarding our vaccine program. It provided a springboard to address some common misperceptions and myths about COVID-19 and vaccines.

Opinions such as these are a total slap in the face of our hardworking and dedicated health care professionals, and they illustrate the power faulty beliefs and magical thinking have over so many people right now. These misconceptions are the biggest struggle health care professions have right now — those they are supposed to serve care the least for them and THEIR well-being, and that is so unnecessary and unfortunate.

Currently, a huge obstacle to a successful vaccination campaign and the eradication of the pandemic is the fact that so many people choose to believe in conspiracy theories, unfounded pseudoscience and outrageous claims by those who exploit people who are less able to tell fact from fiction. Social media has become toxic from all the malicious lies about leaders and officials, making their jobs

even harder than they already are.

Thankfully, the large majority of people here in Saskatchewan have taken the necessary steps by getting vaccinated. A heartfelt thank you to everyone — especially to those with pre-existing conditions — who went out, and despite hardships to them, still got vaccinated.

Scientific methods were developed to provide a clear picture of the truth. However, unless we get our science from reputable sources, such as the SHA or the Canadian Medical Association, alt media takes a hold of so many by hijacking science, distorting it to fit their dark political agendas.

The assertion that a person's own immune system can fight COVID is false. It can't, because COVID-19 is a novel virus, meaning it's new and our immune system can NOT recognize it. Regular viruses do not create a global pandemic with a current death rate of 3.86 MILLION deaths world-wide.

COVID is a communicable disease, meaning it can spread from one person to another, potentially affecting many people, causing devastation and harm to society at large. It was to prevent the spread of communicable disease that Public Health was developed. Public

health orders ultimately are designed to protect people from the harmful effects of serious threats such as COVID-19. These orders are never created to control, even though many people choose to believe this myth.

In addition to the harm COVID does to individuals, we should also take note of the insane expenses patients incur when they become hospitalized. These expenses can easily exceed \$25,000 a DAY for a person in the ICU. A cost that is carried by all of us. Every single taxpayer in Saskatchewan. And the more the system has to spend on COVID patients, the less money is available to sustain other necessary parts of the health care system.

Lastly, constant exposure to the virus puts our precious health care workers at greater risk of becoming infected and chronically ill, reducing our workforce. The more health care professionals who get sick, the less support we have when we need medical care. We already have major shortages of health care professionals and dragging out the pandemic by refusing to be vaccinated is not helping to improve health care for all of us.

To the contrary.

The ONLY reason for the vaccination campaign is to prevent deaths and severe

disease. That's it. Vaccination campaigns have successfully eradicated many other diseases such as polio or smallpox, but human memory is short and selective. Vaccinations are required for travel to many countries and nobody has ever questioned them before, like people now question the COVID vaccines, despite their proven safety record.

The only reason why vaccinations were rolled out so fast was because we found ourselves in a global emergency and all existing barriers and bureaucratic blockages were removed to expedite the research, production and delivery of life-saving vaccines. In fact, we are lucky to have found vaccine candidates that actually work effectively so fast. Patients in so many countries all over the globe are literally dying, because they have no access to vaccines.

How lucky we are to live in Canada, where patients' lives are prioritized and we have the funds to obtain the very best vaccines that exist at this moment in time.

Elke Hutton,  
CMA Patient Voice  
Patient Partner SHA Provincial Ethics Committee  
Co-Chair SHA PFCC Steering Committee Prince Albert, SK

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## Sask. kids must reconnect with the farm

It is rather disquieting to think students in school in a small city on the Canadian Prairies are increasingly unaware of where their food actually comes from – the farm.

I suppose it is difficult to fully understand since I grew up on a farm. It was a farm originally homesteaded by my grandfather, so while today I write about it rather than do it, agriculture is very much in my blood I suppose.

Growing up on a farm through the 1960s meant a mixed farm, we had chickens and pigs and a huge garden, so my connection to the food on my plate was rather direct.

It was the norm to butcher a pig in the fall and be eating pork chops for supper that night.

Or to watch dad chop



CALVIN DANIELS

the heads off the chickens, and watch mom dip the dead bird in boiling water to facilitate plucking the feathers – a smell that is definitely interesting to say the least – and then have roast chicken for supper.

And I was shelling peas and helping pick Saskatoon and seeing those on the plate too.

I was of course aware not everyone lived on a farm. My best friend back in those days was

the son of a local lawyer, and I am quite sure he never cleaned a pig pen. But, I recall he did work a summer job with a local honey producer, again connected to one's food.

In those days most homes in town – one of around 2,300 – had a backyard garden. We are not talking a few tomatoes for a few sandwiches, but instead full blown gardens designed to fill a deep freeze for winter

food.

Now while I might like to forget – but that was a half century ago – and over 50 years things can change a lot. We live in a decidedly different world, on most every level of our lives today, from the one of the 1960s and 70s.

That includes how we relate to food.

With fewer farmers there are simply fewer family connections to farms. More and more

people live in urban settings and never get closer to a farm than driving by a field of wheat or canola along the highway, and maybe not even recognizing which was which.

So the Breakfast on the Farm program launched at four city schools is a good idea as a way to at least build a small connection for young students back to the farm. The program was through Farm and Food

Care Saskatchewan, which works to connect people with food and the farms where the food originates.

Today many might think food comes from a super market or restaurant, but the eggs in a breakfast sandwich, the bacon, the cheese, the flour in the bun all come from a farm, and that is something we shouldn't – as a society – lose track of.

## Spiritwood Grad Parade set for June 30

Spiritwood High School will be holding a Grad Parade this year to allow the town to congratulate them amid pandemic restrictions.

The 37 graduates will be spread out on a variety of floats as they wind their way around the streets of Spiritwood. Organizers are encouraging those wishing to view the parade to stay in their own yards, if it is on the float route, to avoid a large congregation on Main Street.

The parade plans to take the following route: Beginning at SAD SACC park the floats will turn right on Hwy 24, right on Hwy 3 (Railway Ave), left on Main St.

The floats will take the loop in front of the Pioneer Centre then turn right onto 3rd Ave, right on 1st St E, and continue on 5th Avenue.

They will turn right on Memorial Drive, then right onto 3rd St E, left on 1st Ave, left on 3rd St W, left on 3rd Ave, left on 1st St W, right on Hwy 3 (Railway Avenue), and left on Hwy 24 before ending back at SAD SACC Park.



The Spiritwood Graduate Parade's scheduled route.

## Pat Cross takes the cakes



The Spiritwood Public Library's Dessert of the Month draw winner was Pat Cross, who took home some scrumptious looking cupcakes made by Stacey Gaboury.

Advertising Deadline is Friday 4:00 p.m.

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# Hidden Hills scores big with Hole in One Tourney

An hour of rain aside, the Hidden Hills of Shellbrook Golf Course had a perfect day for golf when it hosted its Hole in One Tournament on Saturday, June 19.

All told, 35 foursomes came out to vie for the \$360,000 in prize money up for grabs, putting the tournament just one team shy of its capacity and allowing the golf club to rake in \$28,000.

Larry Ritchie, general manager of Hidden Hills, says those funds will be put to good use.

“We’ve got a lot of lease payments on equipment, and that’s probably going to cover three-quarters of our lease payments for the year, which is a real bonus for us,” he said. “When we don’t have to spend the money on those lease payments, or we have money coming in for them, it gives us the opportunity to improve the course and keep rates low for golfers.”

At the Hole in One Tournament, golf-

ers play 18 holes of 150 to 160 yards, and, as the name of the event suggests, the way to win big is to score a hole in one.

While no one managed this, Ritchie says a lot of people came close. At the end of the day, the foursome of Nik Person, Wyatt Hinson, Lyndon Johnson, and Gabe Sumners tallied the lowest score, earning themselves a package of cash and prizes, while Josh Elliot took home the \$1,000 prize for coming closest to the pin.

The turnout at the Hole in One Tournament, Ritchie says, was fairly typical of the golf season thus far — when the weather’s been co-operative, of course. With the course in fantastic shape, thanks to Matt Harris and the maintenance crew, Hidden Hills has been busy for men’s nights and the alternating ladies’ and couples nights on Tuesdays.

What’s more, with COVID-19 regula-

tions easing to allow the pin to be lifted when golfers are putting, and ball washers, benches, scorecards, and sand trap rakes back in place, Ritchie says it’s starting to feel like things are getting back to normal.

Despite this, he says some things won’t be changing once all the COVID rules are removed on July 11.

“We’ll still carry on with all the cleansing and sanitizing of carts and things,” he said. “Now that we’ve got into the practice of doing that, why wouldn’t we continue? It’s just good practice to do that.”

Looking ahead to the rest of the golf season, Ritchie says Hidden Hills will be

hosting at least one more cash tournament. Other than this, the hope is that the course will continue to see lots of golfers.



Josh Elliot accepts his \$1,000 closest to the pin prize from Clark Pepper.

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

### PARTNERS IN FAITH

Lutheran/United/  
Christchurch Anglican,  
137-2nd St. W.  
Spiritwood  
Worship 11:00 a.m.  
Rev. Sarah Urano

### UNITED /ANGLICAN

Worship Services  
Glaslyn  
Time is on the sign  
Rev. Kun Kim  
Rev. Don Skinner

### CATHOLIC SUNDAY

Spiritwood - 11:15 a.m.  
Leoville - 9:30 a.m.  
Chitek Lake - Closed for  
the Season  
Everyone Welcome  
SATURDAY  
Shell Lake - 8:00 p.m.  
Medstead - 6 p.m.  
Father Ramel Macapeia

### PARTNERS IN WORSHIP

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

### SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

407 - 2nd Ave .E,  
Shellbrook  
Sat., 9:45 am -  
Sabbath School  
Sat., 11:00 am - Worship

Broadcast on  
VOAR 92.1 FM  
Pastor Liviu Tilihoi  
306-747-3398

### MENNONITE BRETHREN

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

### FIELDS OF HOPE (HOFFNUNGSFELDER)

MENNONITE CHURCH  
Glenbush  
Worship - 10:00 am

### BETHEL

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

### Gideons International of Canada

Battlefords Camp  
Phone Art Martynes  
(306) 389-4633

### EVANGELICAL FREE

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

### LAKELAND COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

### BELBUTTE FULL GOSPEL

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

### COWBOY CHURCH

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



Hole in One Tournament lowest score winners, l to r: Wyatt Hinson, Nik Person, and Lyndon Johnson. Missing: Gabe Sumners.

## Focus on Passing Lanes Saving Lives in Saskatchewan

Work is progressing on a number of new passing lane projects including two sets of passing lanes on **Highway 2 north of Prince Albert, as well as Highway 3 west of the city.** More than 1,350 km of provincial highways will be improved this year, the second of our 10-year Growth Plan goal to build and upgrade 10,000 km of highways.



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# Shellbrook Kinettes teach babysitting basics

For many kids and teenagers, babysitting a younger sibling or neighbour is a rite of passage. For most, babysitting is also their first foray into working, earning some spare pocket change, and learning some valuable life skills.

Some may think of babysitting as an easy job, but there's far more to it than ensuring the kids get to bed on time and don't overload on sweets. Luckily for aspiring babysitters in Shellbrook, they can learn the ropes of being a good babysitter through the Shellbrook Kinettes' annual Babysitter's Course.

Shellbrook Kinettes Tasha Cyr says the Kinettes run the course as a community service, and charge a small fee that almost covers the costs to put it on. In addition to the knowledge and expertise they acquire, those enrolled in the course are also outfitted with supplies for their babysitter's kits, including



Twenty-five aspiring babysitters took part in the Shellbrook Kinettes' annual Babysitter's Course, which was held at the Shellbrook Sports Grounds on June 13.

mini first aid kits and game ideas.

This year's course was held at the Shellbrook Sports Grounds on Sunday, June 13, and saw a full complement of 25 future babysitters come out to benefit from the expertise of the Kinettes.

In addition to learning the basics from the Kinettes, the attendees also gained vital first aid knowledge from first aid expert Betty Skarpinsky, and fire safety and emergency knowledge from Volunteer First Responder Al Dion, and Shellbrook Volunteer Fire Department members Darwin Baptiste and Larry Bergen.



Betty Skarpinsky volunteered her time, teaching kids some first aid basics.

"It was a huge success and we couldn't have asked for better weather," Cyr said of Sunday's course.

New this year, the Kinettes ran a Home Alone Course along the Babysitter's Course, teaching a full house of 30 kids, aged 10 to 14, everything they need to know about staying home alone.

"We thought this was an important class that would benefit a lot of kids that are home by themselves before and after school, or will be home alone during the summer more," Cyr said. "This was a great course and was very educational for these kids."

"We think it is important to offer the Babysitter's Course and the Home Alone Course. And I am sure we will be offering them again next year."



First Responder Al Dion, and Shellbrook Volunteer Firefighters Darwin Baptiste and Larry Bergen were on hand to teach fire safety.

## 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

### SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Currently meeting in  
homes on Sunday morning  
& Wednesday evenings  
Leask 306-466-4498  
Marcelin 306-226-4615

### PRESBYTERIAN

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

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

Parkside  
11 a.m. - Worship

### ANGLICAN CHURCH

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 Klumpenhowe

### 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

### SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

407-2nd Ave E, Shellbrook  
Sat., 9:45 a.m. - Sabbath School  
Sat., 11:00 am - Worship  
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VOAR 92.1 FM  
Pastor Liviu Tilihoi  
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**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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# Highlights of a Shellbrook Town Council meeting

Shellbrook's town council met for its regular meeting via teleconference on Monday, June 21.

In attendance were Mayor Amund Otterson, councillors Larry Batten, Bruce Clements, Cheryl Ledding, and Kathleen Nording, and the town's CAO, Kelly Hoare.

Absent were councillors John Hughes and Brent Miller.

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 June 7 regular meeting. With no business arising from said minutes, council acknowledged its correspondence, approved payment of its regular accounts and its financials, then moved on to provide oral reports.

Up first was the PARWU Steering Committee report, which deals with the town's exploration of a regional water pipeline with the Prince

Albert Rural Water Utility and a number of Rural Municipalities.

Here, Mayor Otterson and councillor Batten had a very brief report from a recent committee meeting, informing council that the committee is eyeing a couple pieces of land for PARWU's water treatment plant and also looking into potential environmental issues and licenses to build the pipeline.

In her theatre committee report, councillor Nording said that move nights and events may resume at the theatre in the fall, now that all public health restrictions are expected to be removed on July 11.

In healthcare news, meanwhile, Mayor Otterson reported that Dr. Alimardani has reached the end of her three-year service contract in Shellbrook. The jury is still out on whether or not she'll be remaining in the community.

Rounding out the reports,

council discussed rural and local crime. Hoare said she's been having back and forth conversations about some of council's concerns with Sgt. Haggarty, the new commander of the Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook detachment. The detachment is reportedly planning a blitz of the town at some point in the future.

In unfinished business, council gave the green light to lend the town's support to the Shellbrook Kinsmen's project to make the outdoor skating rink more practical. With materials and labour, the project is expected to cost \$10,000. The Kinsmen have committed \$5,000, and the town will cover the remainder.

Shifting to new business, council gave two readings to Bylaw 2021-06, the Council Procedures Bylaw, but tabled a third reading so it can seek clarification on a few points.

Speaking of clarification, to avoid confusion about proper-

ty lines when new landowners want to build a house or dig a basement, the town passed a motion requiring that property pins on privately sold lots be located prior to any permits being submitted to the town. This must be done at the landowner/purchaser's expense.

Moving on, council agreed to decline a request for financial support for the Marion Aquatics Swimming Pool in Prince Albert, noting that the Shellbrook Swimming Pool faces many of the same struggles as the PA facility.

Council then carried a motion to reallocate \$532,714 from the water reserve to the wastewater reserve. The funds are Gas Tax money that was earmarked for the town's original water treatment plant

upgrade plan. Since the town's plans have changed, the money now has to be redirected elsewhere, or the town risks losing it.

Council concluded the meeting with a brief discussion about the town's policies when it comes to reserves. Councillor Miller has long been pushing for clarity on how and why the town uses reserves, and council generally agrees it needs to establish clear guidelines about how reserves are built and what funds are intended for.

Hoare said she had been working on such a policy, and hopes to have it ready for council's first 2022-2023 budget meeting.

Council's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 5.

## Local volunteers build Storybook Stroll signs

If you take a stroll along the walking path by the Spiritwood and District Health Complex, you are sure to spot the new permanent signage that was completed on June 6. The signs were built for SARCS' Storybook Stroll, which will feature children's books on rotation throughout the year.

SARCS received a ParticipACTION grant in April in the amount of \$650. Bryan Wingerter volunteered his time to build the signs and Matt St. Onge from Timber Spirit Supply donated any lumber that wasn't covered by the grant money for the project.

There are a total of 15 signs along the path and a plan to add an additional 5 signs when more funding becomes available. According to SARCS Events and Recreation Coordinator, Kaeli Cross, the community can look forward to three to four stories per month during the summer months and one to two stories per month during the winter.

The current story featured is "The Gruffalo's Child."

ParticipACTION is a non-profit organization that used to be a Government of Canada Program. The program was started in the 1970s, shut down in 2001 due to budget cuts and revived in 2007 with the same goal of promoting healthy living and physical fitness for Canadians.

ParticipACTION's Commu-

nity Better Challenge aims to encourage physical activity in Canadian Communities. From June 1 to June 30, residents of Canada can log their minutes spent doing physical activity on the ParticipACTION website or App. The minutes will contribute to the community's total score. At the end of June, the top 50 communities will be asked to submit an application about why they are "Canada's Most Active Community."

The National winner will receive a top prize of \$100,000 while provincial and territorial winners will receive other prizes.

SARCS is encouraging the community to get out, get active, and log your minutes.



Bryan Wingerter and Matt St. Onge donated time and lumber to help build the permanent signage for SARCS's Story Book Stroll.

## RCMP news highlights

### Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook

On June 15, 2021, at approximately 3:45 a.m., Ahtahkakoop RCMP officers were called to a residence on Ahtahkakoop First Nation after it was reported that a male was assaulted there.

Upon arrival, officers found an unresponsive male inside the residence. EMS pronounced him deceased on scene. The victim has been identified as 51-year-old Jimmy Williams of Ahtahkakoop First Nation. His family has been notified.

On June 15, 2021, a male was arrested without incident in relation to this incident.

As a result of investigation, Tyrell Knife (DOB: 1997-03-02) of Ahtahkakoop First Nation, has been charged with one count of second degree murder. The accused and victim are known to one another.

Saskatchewan RCMP's Major Crime Unit South, Ahtahkakoop RCMP, Prince Albert Provincial General Investigation Section, Prince Albert Forensic Identification Section, Saskatoon Police Dog Service and the Saskatchewan Coroners Service have been involved in this ongoing investigation.

Knife made his first court appearance on June 16, 2021 in Prince Albert. He remains in custody and will make his next court appearance on June 25, 2021.

### Big River

On June 17, 2021 at approximately 12:30

p.m., Big River RCMP officers noticed a suspicious vehicle parked behind a business on Main Street in the town of Debden.

Investigation revealed that the vehicle was stolen. When the officer began speaking to a male near the vehicle, the male drew a firearm and then fled on foot.

Big River RCMP, Shellbrook RCMP, Spiritwood RCMP, Saskatchewan RCMP Police Dog Service, Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment Conservation Officers and Saskatchewan Highway Patrol Officers were involved in the search for the suspect. Debden Public School engaged its secure-and-hold protocol during this incident as a safety precaution.

The suspect was located by police approximately three hours later in a private yard in the community of Debden and was arrested.

As a result of investigation, Kyle Standing (DOB: 1997-11-16) from Wahpeton First Nation was charged with: 1 count, assault on police officer with weapon, 3 counts, resist/obstruct peace officer, 1 count, carry concealed weapon, 1 count, possess weapon for dangerous purpose, and 1 count, possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000.

Standing was also wanted on a Canada-wide warrant for parole violation.

He appeared in court on June 18, 2021. He will remain in custody until his next appearance on July 21, 2021.



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## Money talks, so Olympics show will go on

It's 2021 but the 2020 Summer Olympic Games, scheduled for July of last year in Tokyo, Japan but postponed due to COVID-19, are but one month away.

Maybe. Almost for sure. You'd never know by watching NBC or CBC that there is anything short of full steam ahead for the four-year athletic showcase, because the two networks are promoting the July 23 start in ostrich-like fashion. You know, head in the sand ... the 'hear no evil, see no evil' approach.

Meanwhile, in Tokyo, medical personnel are ramping up efforts to have the Games postponed again, due to the pandemic threat. But there are hundreds of millions of dollars at stake — facilities, hotel bookings, TV rights — and the money side will likely win in the end.

It's a shame that if the Games do, indeed, go ahead, athletes will be performing in front of, basically, a television audience, because internation-

al spectators have been banned from watching.

The pandemic is still a major problem in Japan, which has one of the world's lowest vaccination rates, and the medical world suggests a gathering of athletes, officials and media from all over the world carries with it dangerous, perhaps deadly, prospects.

On the website Japan Today, the head of the Japanese doctors union warns that the Olympics could produce a stronger coronavirus strain.

"All of the different mutant strains of the virus which exist in different places will be concentrated and gathering here in Tokyo," said Naoto Ueyama, head of the Japan Doctors Union. "We cannot deny the possibility of even a new strain of the virus potentially emerging,"

A June 2 story on cbsnews.com carried an ominous warning: "More infections and deaths are happening now compared to when Tokyo froze the games in March 2020.



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Japan's top COVID-19 adviser said, "It's not normal to hold the Olympic games in a situation like this."

It's entirely possible, of course, that proper quarantining efforts and 'bubble' practices in the Olympic Village will offer protection from a virus surge. The Japan Today article said: "Japanese officials, Olympics organizers and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) have all vowed the Games will go ahead, albeit under strict virus-prevention measures. Foreign spectators have been banned and a decision on domestic ones is expected next

month."

Money, it appears, will reign in the end. While Games organizers will forego a huge portion of revenue by banning spectators, it will need to hire a fleet of Brinks' trucks to carry the loot being supplied by media outlets around the world. And if a new virus strain is produced, and the death toll rises, it will be nothing more than a footnote to the 2020 ('21) Summer Olympics.

• Bob Molinaro of pilot online.com (Hampton, Va.): "How is it that the USA men failed to qualify for the Olympic debut of the 3-on-3 basketball tournament? This is like Australians failing to qualify for a boomerang contest."

• Headline on Deadline.com: "The Olympics are on, NBC has decided."

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "Devin Booker of the Suns scored 47 points and eliminated LeBron James and the Lakers, who couldn't keep up. Oh, and Booker recently start-

ed dating Kylie Jenner, so he's keeping up — with the Kardashians."

• Alex Meyers of Golf Digest, on Jon Rahm being told greenside that he had tested positive for COVID-19 and was out of the Memorial tournament: "The leader in the clubhouse was no longer even welcome in the clubhouse."

• Patti Dawn Swansson, on the Winnipeg Jets' exit interviews: "Apparently (Mark) Scheifele arrived in the Zoom Room with a chip on his shoulder the size of a Zamboni, and his boo-hoo level reached its highest pitch when he went all snot-nose on jock jurnos and the department of player safety. Meanwhile, he confirms that he is still a saint."

• Mike Whan, incoming USGA executive director, who is a fan of the use of range finders in the pro game: "There is nothing worse on TV than watching a golfer and caddie do arithmetic."

• Mike McIntyre of the Winnipeg Free Press, af-

ter fans criticized him for suggesting the four-game suspension against Mark Scheifele was appropriate: "The Free Press signs my cheques. Not the Jets. My tool of the trade is a laptop computer, not a set of pom-poms."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "Jon Rahm, who refused to get a vaccine, was forced to resign from the Memorial Tournament due to testing positive for COVID-19. By not getting two shots, he lost his six-shot lead. While his iron play was good, his irony cost him over a million dollars."

• Another one from RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "Pirates third baseman Ke'Bryan Hayes had a dinger taken away because he missed first base. Which pretty much describes most of my dating life."

• Sign on the door in old Tiger Stadium: "Visitors Clubhouse, No Visitors."

Care to comment? Email [brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca](mailto:brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca)

## U11 Knights clinch hard-fought 9-7 win

Fresh off their first defeat of the season on Tuesday evening, the U11 Shellbrook Knights returned to action at the Shellbrook Sports Grounds on Thursday, and were eager to get back in the win column.

Facing off against the Prince Albert Royals (all of Prince Albert's teams are called the Royals, but it was the Red Royals this time), the team came out swinging and found themselves in a tough battle from the first inning to the last. However, with solid play on both sides of the ball, the Knights held on to cinch a narrow 9-7 victory.

The Red Royals got on the board first, getting runners on base against starter Camden Olsen and cashing in after what should have been an easy out at first base. The Knights shook the error off quickly, and Olsen retired the visitors on strikeouts to escape the inning.

After a season filled with many walks, the top of the Knights line-up showed no hesitations about swinging in its first turn at bat. Unfortunately, this didn't yield any points in the first inning, and the team was sent back to the field with runners left in scoring position.

Not keen to let his opponents build any more of a lead, Olsen made quick work of the Royals batters in the top of the second. Spurred on by Olsen's performance on the mound, the Knights came alive in their second turn at bat.

Ty Keyowski started off the big hits, sending home a single run on an infield double (thanks to the help of some fielding errors by the Royals). From here, the Knights showed patience at the plate, sending home three more base runners on walks.

Closing out the bottom of the second, the Knights reached (and exceeded) their five-run

per inning limit, and took a 5-1 lead, on a line drive to left field by Olsen.

Picking up where Olsen left off on the mound, reliever Marek Tait kept the Royals off the board, and mostly off the bases, in the top of the third inning. But, despite loading up the bases in their turn at bat, the Knights only managed to send one runner home on a

walk.

In his second go on the mound, Tait struggled to find the strike zone, eventually giving up a run on an infield single. When walks sent another two base runners home, coach Capner called on Keyowski to close out the inning. Keyowski would surrender two more runs on another infield single, allowing the Royals to reach

their five-run limit and knot the game at 6-6.

Unshaken by the Royals' resurgence, the Knights loaded the bases early in the bottom of the fourth inning. Wyatt Smith sent three of those base runners home on a blast to left field, and, thanks to an excellent tag by the Royals catcher, came up just shy of earning himself a grand slam.

Keyowski found his rhythm on the mound in a comparatively quiet final two innings, surrendering just one run on walks in the top of the fifth to put the score at 9-7, and retiring the Royals with runners in scoring position in the sixth.

It was all quiet for the Knights as well, as the team's batters went down swinging in both the fifth and sixth innings.

With the 9-7 victory, the Knights now sit at 5-1 on the season. Their final home game of the season is set for Thursday, June 24.



Wyatt Smith is called out at home, coming up just short of a grand slam.



## OBITUARIES

## Margaret Leona Agrey

MARGARET LEONA AGREY

September 19, 1922 to June 14, 2022

Margaret was born on the Johnson farm in Parkside, Saskatchewan, the oldest of eleven children. Farm life was difficult, especially during the Depression, and she attributes the strength in her hands to milking cows.

She married Marvin James Agrey on March 21, 1941. Marvin enlisted in the Air Force. He became a fireman and was stationed in Coal Harbour, B.C. After the war, they settled in Vancouver.

Their first house on 17th & Rupert was a small custom built home for veterans. They purchased their first car, a 1950 Austin with blue leather seats for \$1,000 with a \$5 deposit. The family made many trips back and forth from Austin to Saskatchewan during the heat of summer.

They moved to Trinity Street where several of Mom's siblings stayed when they came to Vancouver to work. Margaret obtained her real estate licence and sold many homes in Vancouver.

They had a new house built in Richmond, after Marvin bought a share in Richmond Plywood, then Margaret took a job in the mail order department at Sears Canada, where she worked for 25 years.

She could not resist a bargain and collected clothes, jewelry, furniture, tools, appliances and many more items from Sears, other

stores and on their travels.

Margaret and Marvin enjoyed travelling in their RV and trailer as well as taking many cruises around the world.

Marvin died on October 21, 2003 and Margaret stayed in the house until December 2011. She became an avid gardener growing prize onions and competing with her neighbour, Butch. She was an excellent seamstress and a bird watcher.

In December 2011, she moved to Tapestry at UBC, where she celebrated her 90th birthday with her family and many friends.

She then moved into Sunrise Senior Living on April 15, 2018, had a fall on October 15th which resulted in her being confined to a wheelchair.

On April 15th, 2021, she moved into Yaletown House where she passed away on June 14, 2021.

She was loved and admired by the family as well as many relatives and friends. Margaret was predeceased by her husband, Marvin. She is survived by her two children, Maureen (Vern), Mary Leigh (Bruce), Grandchildren, Gordon (Teresa), Troy (Heather), Broc (Kendra), Charlotte and great grandchildren, Mike and Nicole.

The family would like to acknowledge the excellent care she received at Sunrise Senior Living and at Yaletown House.

A Celebration of her life will be held following the opening of the Provincial borders.



LUKAN – Dorothy Dorothy Paulina Lukan passed away peacefully at Dr. Cooke Extended Care Centre, Lloydminster, Alberta, June 10, 2021 at the age of 93 years.

Dorothy was born on the homestead near Reward, Saskatchewan, the ninth of eleven children. She was proud of being the daughter of homesteaders who came from Switzerland.

She became a teacher and taught in one room schools until she met Marcel. Dorothy and Marcel were married on July 29, 1952. They lived on a farm near Debden where they raised their five daughters. She taught her daughters gardening, canning, sewing, and cooking.

Dorothy's life was centered on family and faith. Church attendance and the daily Rosary were a very important part of life. Dorothy loved to sing, was in the church choir, and later on in the Canwood Community Choir.

Dorothy returned to teaching, and especially enjoyed the years she taught Kindergarten. She had a tremendous gift of

## Dorothy Lukan

hospitality and always invited newcomers in the area for a visit. Along with Marcel, they were very involved in the community. Dorothy enjoyed playing cards, family reunions, and two trips to Switzerland. Her grandchildren enjoyed visiting Grandma as she always had something interesting for them to do.

In 2012, Dorothy and Marcel moved from the farm to Lloydminster to be closer to family. They enjoyed life at the Hearthstone and the faith community of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. When Dorothy needed more assistance, she was well cared for at Dr. Cooke Extended Care Centre.

The family expresses appreciation for the care given to Dorothy in her two years there.

Dorothy is survived by: her loving husband, Marcellus Lukan; five loving children; daughter, Joan (Rod) Whitrow and their family, Lisa (Tyler) MacDonald and children, Julianna & Casey; Lorelee (Corey) Bedford and children, Amber, Jade & Corson; daughter, Marcie Lukan; daughter, Rosalie (Ben) Boots and their family, Mark (Jo) Boots and children, Anika and Zoe; Katherine (Craig) Williams and their child, Madeline; Sean Boots (Heather Semotiuk); David Boots (Kristen Stevens); daughter, Dorothy Ann (Randy) Hollinger and their family, Tyson (Sandy) Hollinger and their children, Garret, Tessa and Marissa; Alison (Buck) Bonsan and their

children, George and Brady; Todd (Chantal) Hollinger and their child, Luke; Nadine (Jon) Kennedy and their children, Trinity and Evangeline; Cindy (Geoff) Pilon and their child, Enver; Stacey (Val) Braun and their child, Sophia; Jonathon (Vikki) Pilon; and daughter, Marylie (Ivan) Svendsen and their family, Patrick Svendsen (Amikka Sran), Aaron (Angela) Svendsen, Thomas Svendsen (Kassidy Urichuk) and Michael Svendsen; brother, Walter (Elsie) Zunti; brothers-in-law, Leonard Lukan and Erwin (Marguerite) Lukan; sister-in-law, Agnes Zunti; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dorothy is predeceased by: her parents, Casper & Anna Zunti; nine siblings; and infant granddaughter, Mary Svendsen.

As Dorothy welcomed many into her home, she will now be welcomed into her heavenly home by her Lord and the loved ones who have gone before her.

The Funeral Service for Dorothy was conducted from St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Lloydminster, Alberta on Thursday, June 17, 2021. Due to the current restrictions the service was by invitation only. If you were unable to attend the service in person, the service was live streamed and is posted on the McCaw Funeral Service website under Dorothy's obituary.

Donations in memory of Dorothy may be made to donor's charity of choice.

## William "Bob" Wilson



WILSON – William "Bob"

It is with profound sadness that the family of William "Bob" Robert Wilson announces he passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 13, 2021.

William leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Carol; his children, Brenda (Bill) Campbell, Shirley Brahniuk (Bruce Hafner), and Kevin Wilson; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandson.

He was predeceased by his parents William and Isabella Wilson; his sister, Anne (Bob) Hill; and his brother, Jack Wilson.

A Private Family Service will be held.

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

## GOOD NEWS

## THERE IS NO GOD?

By Dave Whalley DLM(R)  
First United Church, Big River

In my life time I have heard many people say there is no God. There are people among us who are non-believers. I just say to them, "Look around and how did this all begin? Just look and see all the nature and inventions that bring joy to our lives. How could this all be by accident?"

I will not debate with anyone whether there is a God or not. Did God create everything in seven days or did it take much longer? It matters not to me how long it took. I still see the evolution of our planet every day. More and more things are being

created everyday. To me the creation story is still being revealed to us today.

God has given us the gift of a mind to invent new things. It is a known fact that people are generally taller and bigger than 200 years ago. We have been gifted with the knowledge to build vehicles, airplanes, space craft, and even the rods and reels we use to fish with and the golf balls that are used by those who love to golf. There are thousands of ideas that God gave someone, somewhere, the ability to invent.

God has given some people the ability to invent and mass produce the COVID-19 vaccine which will give all of us a new freedom and safety against that illness in the future. When I was a child, the biggest fear was polio. I remember the deaths that were occurring because of it, one even from my one-room country school. I remember seeing those who were crippled

by the disease. I remember how the iron lung saved lives. I also remember the vaccine that was discovered saved 1000's of lives. And now Polio has been declared a thing of the past. God works in marvellous ways by giving us the gift of thought and invention and perhaps in five or ten years COVID-19 may also be a thing of the past.

To me, God, Creator, Great Spirit, or what ever name you use, is the one in control. I often think that when I try to drive my car of life myself, I often end up in a wreck. When I put God behind the wheel of my life, I never end up in a wreck. I often reflect on where God is in my picture of life. When I search I always find God in the picture. The all powerful Spirit is always there, always present and never leaves our lives. As we begin to come to our new normal, whatever that may be, God will always be with us. The four gifts that I be-

lieve our God wants for all of us are peace, hope, love, and joy.

God has been at work in the world and we are starting to look forward to a near normal summer. We can talk to our neighbours and friends and family again, in person. We can move around and see more of God's creation. We can go for walks in God's creation and truly enjoy the beauty and sounds of the birds, the flowers growing. We can walk in the neighbourhood and see the gardens of our friends. We can go to sporting events, musical concerts, and eventually travel across Canada and then to other countries.

In closing, wherever I go or whatever I do, I see God at work. The Creator uses us as his hands and feet on this earth, being created in his image. How can we not know that there truly is a God who loves and protects us in all times and places?



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I wish to thank my co-workers, family and friends for the kind words, cards and gifts on my retirement.

I am humbled by all the kind words and best wishes I received. Because of COVID, I wasn't expecting any get-to-getter at work but we had a "staff huddle" and Lynne Farthing put together a slide show and greetings recorded from staff.

I admit it wasn't easy leaving this workplace after 44½ years but I have to tell you how blessed I have been to have had my career at Shellbrook Hospital. I have had the privilege to work along side many wonderful doctors, nurses and support staff.

Bless you all,  
Shirley Nagy

On behalf of the Goodwin/Weir families, we would like to thank all who supported us in the loss of our loved one through kind words, thoughts & prayers as well as food and kind gestures.

We would especially like to thank Beau Lac Funeral Home for their sincere compassion and help and we cannot say enough words about Lori Saam, our funeral director. Wanda and staff at Third & Main Restaurant and the community of Big River in general.

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Eyes: Brown  
MISSING SINCE: Feb 21, 2006  
Height: 5' 9"  
Hair: Dark Brown  
File: 3186 SR

CHARACTERISTICS: Draper had his head shaved bald; he has a "yin yang" tattoo on his left upper arm.

PARTICULARS: Draper was last seen wearing a black Adidas bunny hug, blue jeans, white hat and a beige colored jacket. Draper sometimes goes by the name "Dray".

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