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## Police investigate razing of church near Blaine Lake



**Before and after: The 112-year-old Holy Trinity Polish Roman Catholic Church, located near Redberry Lake, was reduced to rubble by a fire on July 8. Police say the blaze is suspicious.**

An historic Roman Catholic Church located near Redberry Lake, just southwest of Blaine Lake, was reduced to rubble by a fire last Thursday.

The fire at the Holy Trinity Polish Roman Catholic Church, which held services from 1909 to 1985 and has since been maintained by generations of volunteers, comes as churches across the country have been vandalized or set on fire in the wake of the potential discovery of more than 1,000 Indigenous children's bodies at the sites of former residential schools.

Though police have said the blaze is considered suspicious, they are continuing to investigate alongside Public Safety Agency fire investigators and have yet to determine whether the incident is related to other acts of vandalism and arson.

According to Blaine Lake RCMP, the fire

was reported at 12:55 p.m. on Thursday, July 8.

Police believe the fire had been burning for some time before it was reported, as the church had already been destroyed by the time they arrived on the scene.

Officers confirmed no one was injured by the fire.

The act of arson drew comment from Premier Scott Moe, who said on Twitter that he was saddened by the destruction of the church.

"While the cause of the fire remains under investigation, the burning of this church is suspicious without question in the midst of other arson attacks on churches across Canada," he said.

Moe added that, if the fire was deliberately set, he wants the perpetrators found.

"In the last number of weeks, I have seen

Saskatchewan people come together in the wake of tragic discoveries to build hope for the future while recognizing the harmful actions of the past," he said.

"Acts of division do nothing to further this purpose, nor do they represent the collective heart of Saskatchewan people. The individuals responsible for such destructive and hate-driven acts must be held accountable."

Lynn Swystun was one of the first people to see the smoke from Thursday's fire, and she says she initially thought something was burning in another nearby farmyard.

Nonetheless, she decided she better check it out and she didn't get too far from home before she realized it was the church that was on fire.

Given the church's long history, and her family's involvement in maintaining it, Swystun says it feels almost like a death.

The title for the quarter land and the building was deeded to her mother-in-law after the Catholic Church gave up the building. And, for a number of years, her brother-in-law, Rodney Swystun, has been the church's primary caretaker.

With support from the local community, he put a tin roof on the church and painted it. He's also been responsible for maintaining the yard.

"It actually feels like we've been violated," Lynn said. "We can't say for certain that it was done on purpose. There's no way to tell if there was an accelerant used. We'll never know, I don't think."

Anyone with information about the fire is urged to call the Blaine Lake RCMP at 306-497-3600. Those wishing to report a tip anonymously can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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# Van Eaton writes his story for a cause

No one can accuse Jim Van Eaton of not living life to the fullest.

At 91 years young, he's seen and done more than most people could accomplish in multiple lifetimes. His latest achievement, however, is becoming the author of *Tales and Memories of the Past*, a book he wrote alongside guest scribe Marjorie Bradley.

"We'd sit around and tell stories about old times, and people kept saying 'You should write a book,'" Jim says of how the book came to be. "One day, I phoned Marjorie to see if she'd help me... and that's how it started about a year-and-a-half ago."

For Marjorie, getting involved with the project was a no-brainer.

"I love stories and my favourite reading is probably biography or autobiography," Marj says of her decision to get involved, noting that she's already guest written two books with the elders of Parkland Integrated Health Centre long-term care, and recreation director Trina Chamberlain.

"People's life stories are very interesting, and I'm not a storyteller myself, but when you run into a storyteller — and Jim is — it's worth listening to."

With pandemic restrictions in place for the better part of the past year-and-a-half *Tales and Memories of the Past* came together over weekly Facetime calls. The pair met every Monday, and Jim would share his stories for an hour or two while Marjorie furiously typed notes.

Jim says his original intention was just to write a book about the businesses in town and the history of the area. But as he shared story after story, *Tales and Memories of the Past* became larger than he ever could have imagined.

Like its title suggests, *Tales and Memories of the Past* is a collection of Jim's experiences, making it part family history and part autobiography. And, given how deeply Jim's life is ingrained in the very fabric of the town of Shellbrook, it's also, in many ways, a history of the community.

As the book's scribe, Marjorie says choosing a favourite story would be like choosing a favourite child. She was, however, keenly fascinated with Jim's family history, and in particular the fact that Jim's mother didn't have to change her maiden name because she and his father came from two separate branches of the Van Eaton family tree.

For Jim, meanwhile, the thrill of telling his stories comes with how time has changed his perspective on events.

When Jim was young, and horses were the horsepower, large-scale farming was unfathomable. Today, with big, tireless machinery available, most folks wouldn't be able to fathom farming only a quarter section.



Jim Van Eaton and Marjorie Bradley unbox fresh copies of *Tales and Memories of the Past*.

"You'd be surprised by how much I learned about the history working on this history, because of how differently you look at it as an adult 80 years later than you did as a kid that was going through it," Jim said.

Once all of Jim's stories were gathered and compiled, it fell to Marjorie to piece the narrative threads together.

For Jim, one important consideration was accessibility. That's why the book was printed with well-spaced larger font, and why the book is spiral-bound to allow it to be put down and picked up easily.

For Marjorie, however, the key was coherence. This made having the book printed by Staples a clear and obvious choice.

"I really wanted Jim to have things in an order so that if he saw that something didn't fit where I'd arranged it, he could suggest a different arrangement in the book, and also to have more of a sense of the flow of his storytelling," Marjorie said.

Now that *Tales and Memories of the Past* is complete and printed, Jim says his hope is that the book's readers will walk away with a better understanding of what their forebearers endured to make the life we enjoy today possible.

As for Marjorie, her hope is that people will learn to see the value in stories — both their own stories and the stories of others.

"If we simply take the time to explore people's stories, we come away enriched," she said.

*Tales and Memories of the Past* is available for \$40, and those who are interested can arrange to get their copy by phoning Jim at 306 747 7511.

Any profits from sales of the book will be donated to Parkland Integrated Health Centre's recreation therapy department.

## Haggarty wins July Dessert of the Month



The Spiritwood Library's Dessert of the Month was made by the Librarian, Joyce Carrier. Olivia Haggarty got to take home a cool drumstick cake.

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# Sask. lifts all pandemic health measures

After eight months, the masks are coming off.

As of Sunday, July 11, the province has lifted the indoor masking requirement, which was put in place on Nov. 19, 2020, along with all the remaining public health measures necessitated by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

While public health measures and the province-wide state of emergency are no longer in effect, allowing for a return to normal, the province is cautioning Saskatchewan residents that the pandemic isn't over just yet. It's also advising that those who are unvaccinated or only partially vaccinated should still consider wearing a mask in public.

The province added, however, that masks will be a matter of choice, both for individuals and businesses.

"It is the choice of an individual business or facility to implement their own masking policy,"

the province said in a statement. "Patrons must respect the decision of the business and either comply or choose not to visit the establishment."

In another post-public health measures change for business, the government has signalled that the lifting of the state of emergency means that employers must schedule employees who were temporary laid off, or provide pay instead of notice, within two weeks.

Though employees will no longer be entitled to the public health emergency leave, they will continue to have job protection for absences due to illness. Employees will also continue to have job protection until Sept. 25, 2021, if they are receiving the Canada Recovery Caregiver Benefit and Canada Recovery Sickness Benefit.

"As a response to COVID-19, we made amendments to regulations that allowed employers to maintain employees and

to plan the transition back to the workplace when the public emergency no longer existed," Labour Relations and Workplace Safety Minister Don Morgan said in a statement. "Saskatchewan people have done a good job getting vaccinated. We are now able to re-open Saskatchewan."

The workplace isn't the only place where things are changing. When pre-Kindergarten to Grade 12 students return to school in the fall, they will return to facilities that operate as usual. Childcare facilities, meanwhile, can return to pre-pandemic operations immediately.

It's also back to normal at long-term care facilities, personal care homes, and in acute care settings, where an unlimited number of visitors are now permitted.

Visitors and families will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 and will be offered rapid

antigen testing in SHA facilities. Visitors and families are strongly encouraged to continue to wear masks during visits and to maintain physical distance, especially if not fully vaccinated. Staff will continue to take recommended precautions to protect residents, including staff masking, screening, rapid testing and use of personal protective equipment.

Masking and screening will still be required for all patients and visitors to Saskatchewan's acute care health facilities. All measures regarding screening for COVID-19, including screening for symptoms and masking will continue at all Saskatchewan Cancer Agency facilities until further notice.

When it comes to children under 12, and those who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons, the province is urging those who are older than 12 to get vaccinated to provide them with the best possible protec-

tion. Other than this, it's simply warning the public to respect the personal health preferences of those who cannot be vaccinated.

"While the public health order will no longer be in place, COVID-19 will continue to circulate, particularly among unvaccinated populations," the province said in a statement. "Being fully vaccinated is the best protection against COVID-19 and all residents will continue to be offered first and second doses through pharmacies and Saskatchewan Health Authority clinics."

Though no public health measures are in place, all residents are urged to self-monitor for symptoms, stay home if they're sick, and seek out a COVID-19 test.

Cases and close contacts who are not fully immunized may be advised to isolate by public health officials. Individuals should follow all advice provided by public health officials.

## NLEDC bringing summer fun to Spiritwood



Fireworks lit up the sky on July 11 to celebrate summer in Spiritwood.

Bevra Fee from the Northern Lakes Economic Development Corporation (NLEDC) has been busy this year trying to enrich the town with new spaces and activities to enjoy.

The town square continues to gain additions as donations come in, whether they be for new plants, sandbox covers, or seating. The space is being used by townsfolk and is currently being complemented by a Spiritwood Library Story Walk. Some new seating was brought over from the Lions Legacy Pocket Park, which needed to be relocated.

In the north end of town, residents will be able to enjoy 18 holes of mini golf this summer. NLEDC funded the project, which will be open from noon until 8 PM daily just beside the tourist booth. It is \$2 for kids and \$4 for adults to play on the portable course that was constructed by Ken Anklovitch. Holes are adorned with mini lakes and hills to add to your golfing experience.

The course is being staffed by the NLEDC summer student, a position which was funded through the Canada Summer Job Grant. If there is sustained interest in the course, Fee says that they may consider a permanent course in the future.

Fireworks were set off at SAD SAAC park on July 11 to celebrate summer. NLEDC organized and funded the event with help from a Canada Heritage Grant.



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Jared graduated with Distinction from Edwards School of Business earning his Bachelor's Degree in Commerce.

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## In the new normal, we must all come together

If the varying levels of public health restrictions we've had to live with over the past year of the COVID-19 pandemic were part of some clandestine scheme to usher in a new world order, Saskatchewan seems to have missed the memo.

As of this past Sunday, public masking mandates and limits on gatherings are no more. COVID-19 may still be with us – albeit, with reduced daily case numbers due to the province's successful vaccination campaign – but other than that, it's pretty much back to business as usual.

Those who decried Premier Scott Moe's strategy for controlling the pandemic as "draconian," those who bristled at the notion of doing even the bare minimum to protect themselves and others, and those who chose to embrace junk science and conspiracies will have to find new causes to cling to.

The idea that the COVID-19 pandemic was part of some grand nefarious agenda to establish a global government and control all of humanity simply doesn't hold water anymore (not that it ever did).

Though, now that their conspiracy theory has been disproved, we will undoubtedly see the purveyors of misinformation change their message.

This was only a feint, they'll say, a trial run to see whether or not we'll be good sheep and do as we're told. The true assault on our rights and freedoms is still to come.

Doomsayers are nothing new. Since the first century of the Common Era, doomsday cults, philosophers, spiritual leaders, and everyday folks have incorrectly predicted the end of the world well over 100 times (and those are just the recorded predictions).

However, few conspiracy theories and end of the world prophecies have done as much harm as those that have been



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spread with regards to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Obvious, but almost impossible to measure, are the cases that resulted from people choosing to defy public health orders and refusing to get vaccinated.

While COVID-19 only has a 2 per cent mortality rate, it's still claimed 4 million lives globally. It stands to reason that some of these deaths could have been avoided, if people had followed the rules and rolled up their sleeves.

Of course, death isn't the only negative health outcome of COVID. There are those who will live their lives with the debilitating aftereffects of the virus. And one can't forget the incredible strain placed on the entire healthcare system, and frontline healthcare workers, by the added patient loads.

Looking beyond healthcare we see the devastating social toll exacted by COVID-19 conspiracy theories, starting with the sharp uptick in hate crimes committed against Asian people.

Then, there's the bitter division that misinformation and conspiracy theories have sowed between friends, neighbours, and family members.

As we begin to throw away our masks and return to the new normal, it's time for us to set aside our arguments and heal the divides between us.

COVID-19 may not have been what some people believed it to be, but, in its own way, it was a test.

It was a test of how we, as the human race, respond to a global emergency. And, while it was difficult, the silver lining is that most of us passed the test by putting the collective good above our own self-interest.

Still, this pandemic won't be the last global challenge we face. We'll fare much better next time if we all work together and ignore those who seek to mislead and divide us.



## Conservatives promise to end mistreatment of western Canada

**By Warren Steinley  
MP, Regina-Lewvan**

The mistreatment of Western Canadians has been called out by the Conservative party. The Liberals' disdain for Western Canada has pushed us to the brink of a national unity crisis. It's clear that the Trudeau government, and the other parties on the left, do not respect the West.

Even the Premier's acknowledged this by unanimously endorsing a proposal to reform the Fiscal Stabilization Program. The provincial partners were united in their call for an equalization rebate, but Justin Trudeau ignored them.

Today, Canada's Conservatives announced that they are committed to implementing the proposed changes to the

Fiscal Stabilization Program and ensuring that provinces who have given more than their fair share during some of their most difficult times are compensated.

The \$5 billion Equalization Rebate will benefit Saskatchewan, Alberta, Newfoundland and Labrador and can be reinvested into job creation and spurring innovation.

Further to address the mistreatment of Western Canadians, Canada's Conservatives will:

- Treat the energy sector as the key driver of Canada's economy
- Repeal Bill C-69 and fix the Impact Assessment process
- Put an end to the Tanker Ban in British Columbia
- Fast-track review of emis-

sions-reducing projects to get shovels in the ground

- Actually get the Trans Mountain pipeline project built
- Implement a federal LNG Export Strategy
- Add fairness to equalization by adopting the Equalization and Transfers Fairness Act and passing it as quickly as possible

Beginning to address Equalization through this rebate is just the first step. Western Canadians deserve respect and a secure future.

The choice is clear: more of the same from Justin Trudeau's Liberals and the other parties on the left, or restoring fairness in Saskatchewan with Canada's Conservatives.

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# Hartley Clark ends school year with bouncy fun

Hartley Clark Elementary was able to hold its year end celebration for their students this year. The much-anticipated bouncy castle day was not held last year due to the pandemic. Students had missed out on two ski trips and year end trips, which would

normally have been a part of the school year, so students were happy to be able to have their year end fun day after the recent removal of some restrictions. Lunch and activities were subsidized by the SCC and students were required to stay in their cohorts for the day.

Lunch was individually wrapped pizza slices. School administration is looking forward to next year, when they hope to be able to open the canteen again with burgers, hot dogs, snow cones, and cotton candy.



The school yard at Hartley Clark was colourful for the year end Fun Day.

## YOUR TWO CENTS

### Let's make the most of summer

Dear editor,  
A big thank you to our Premier of Saskatchewan, Scott Moe, for keeping us safe during the pandemic. With all the restrictions lifted, we can all take time to enjoy life again, especially our front line workers. A big thank you to all.

For those who have had no vaccine, first, take a moment and go do it, not only for yourself but for others who are already done.  
Let's enjoy the rest of summer with no restrictions, just one big, happy family.  
Norma Dahl,  
Shellbrook Sask.



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# Community garden blossoms to help food bank

A year after its initial roots were put down, a partnership between the Town of Shellbrook, the Shellbrook and Area Ministerial Food Bank, and W.P. Sandin High School is hoping to put some fresh produce on the plates of the community's most vulnerable families.

Taking advantage of some unused greenspace along Railway Avenue, the town, the food bank, and the school have seeded the Live Together, Grow Together

community garden with root vegetables like onions, potatoes, carrots, beats, and turnips. Some will be added to the hampers distributed by the food bank, some will be used in the high school's home economics class, and some will be used by Shellbrook Recreation in preserving classes.

Making it a true community garden, Town of Shellbrook recreation director Jessica Kernohan enlisted the help of

local students to clear the garden area of rocks and debris and plant and build row markers for the garden. Students will also be doing the harvesting in the fall.

Talks about the community garden began last year, when the Town of Shellbrook approached the Ministerial Association to see how it could assist the food bank in case of an upswing in people needing help due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Unfortunately, while both parties were interested in the idea, those initial talks didn't go anywhere. The good news, says food bank coordinator Linda Lundy, is that the food bank never did see any increase in families needing its services.

The conversation was renewed early this spring, when Kernohan informed the Ministerial Association that she'd received grant funding to cover the costs of

seeding, and reached out to the schools to get them involved with the project.

This year, the partnership blossomed. And Lundy says the initiative, and the community support, are both marvelous things.

"Some people don't see this as a real need, but it is," she said. "At Christmas time, we usually distribute around 40 hampers. Throughout the year, we try to only help the same person or family six times per year, but in real need we'll go beyond that."

While the new community garden is in bloom, Lundy says additional green thumbs are always appreciated — especially when it comes to keeping pesky weeds under control.

If anyone interested in setting aside an hour to help with weeding, they can contact Kernohan at 306-747-4949, or Lundy at 306-960-6879.



The Town of Shellbrook, the local food bank, and W.P. Sandin have partnered on a community garden space along Railway Avenue East.

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## Spiritwood RCMP holds BBQ for Cameron, Bourdages

The RCMP detachment in Spiritwood held a free BBQ at the Cameron and Bourdages Memorial Park at the north end of Spiritwood on July 7, to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the slayings of two officers. The event was organized primarily by Barbara Tipewan and was well at-

tended.

The park was built in memory of two RCMP officers, Robin Cameron and Marc Bourdages, who were shot and killed during a police pursuit in 2006.

The chase began in the Town of Spiritwood after a complaint was made, and ended near Mildred.

Curtis Dagenais, who fired the fatal shots, escaped on foot and was hunted for 12 days prior to turning himself in at the Spiritwood RCMP station. He is currently serving time after being found guilty of two counts of first-degree murder and one count of attempted murder.



Barbara Tipewan (centre right) was the main organizer of the BBQ and was helped out by others working at the detachment.

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## Changes in ag demand skill to keep up

Farming has always been a career path where you required a multitude of skills to make it.

I can recall my Dad having to mix chemicals to spray a crop one day, castrate young pigs another, grease a combine on another and dig post holes by hand on another.

Of course he farmed in an era where most farms were still mixed so operators required a mix of animal husbandry skills, and how to operate farm machinery in the field.

Today, farms tend to be more specialized but that has not changed the

need for varied skills.

Moving forward, whether grain, or livestock, producers will need to be well versed in technologies which today are just starting to emerge on farms.

There is little doubt, at least in my mind, how farmers operate will increasingly be computer controlled, often autonomous, leaving producers sitting at computer screens rather than physically in tractor cabs, or walking the barn floor.

You can't open a farm publication today without at least a couple of stories on cutting-edge



CALVIN DANIELS

technology being developed for the sector.

As noted, I recall Dad heading to the field to spray with a contraption that looked like a big barrel with rather short booms on either side. I am sure there were more than once his

gloves were soaked with the spray product and he would have breathed the fumes, but that was back in the late 1960s and early 70s.

Today, spray units look more like alien vehicles from a sci-fi flick.

Tomorrow, well research is ongoing around autonomous agricultural spraying with unmanned flying vehicles, or drones doing the work with the ability to identify weeds and apply the product only to offending plants. It is tech I imagine my Dad would have hardly been able to imagine as more than a fantasy, yet

it appears close to being farm ready.

Of course autonomous tractors are already here, and as that tech develops it will take electric power to farm fields in a way most could barely have dreamed only a decade ago.

And, a recent www.producer.com story looked at the impact nanotech may have on agriculture. When you begin developing tech at such a small scale, the doors open rather widely in regards to what might be developed.

As the story noted, "nanoparticles are ex-

tremely small, measured in billionths of a metre or nanometres. This is the realm of molecules — it takes about three water molecules to make one nanometre, and DNA is about two nanometres wide. A human hair is more than 80,000 nanometres thick."

At this level you can protect crops and stock at a near molecular level, which has obvious advantages if, or when, developed.

Certainly, farmers need to stay current with the possibilities and challenges tech will mean down the road.

## Innovation Sask. invests in wheat straw pulping technologies

Innovation Saskatchewan is committing \$395,000 to Red Leaf Pulp through its Saskatchewan Advantage Innovation Fund (SAIF) to develop novel wheat straw pulping technologies. In March 2021, Agriculture and Agri-Foods Canada also announced that it was providing \$495,000 toward this project through its Agricultural Clean Technology Fund. This funding was made possible through provincial support via SAIF.

Red Leaf Pulp (RLP) is leading a project to commercialize new technologies to produce pulp from wheat straw, which can be used to manufacture paper and packaging products. Wheat straw pulp also has the potential to be an environmentally friendly feedstock for paper and single-use consumer

packaging, and an additional source of revenue for wheat growers.

"The Saskatchewan Advantage Innovation Fund program is designed to accelerate commercialization of game-changing technological innovations in the province's core sectors," Minister Responsible for Innovation Saskatchewan Jeremy Harrison said. "This is another example of Saskatchewan's commitment to continue investing in ag innovation projects that have potential for high economic impact and we're excited to see further development of this technology."

In addition to paper and packaging products, RLP will also work with researchers at the University of Saskatchewan to identify and develop additional high-value applications.

Once successfully commercializing the pulping technology, RLP will establish Canada's first wheat straw pulp facility in Regina. The facility is estimated to be worth \$350 million and is expected to create 110 permanent full-time jobs and 250 jobs during construction.

"Red Leaf Pulp is very appreciative of the support that Innovation Saskatchewan has shown through the SAIF program for the development of our project," Red Leaf Pulp CEO Mar-

tin Pudlas said. "This is strong indication of the Province's commitment to reducing carbon and promoting enhanced utilization and efficiency in the agricultural sector."

Innovation Saskatchewan's investment in Red Leaf Pulp through SAIF will continue to position the province as global ag innovation leaders and add value to the province's agricultural products - all important objectives in the Saskatchewan Growth Plan 2020-2030.



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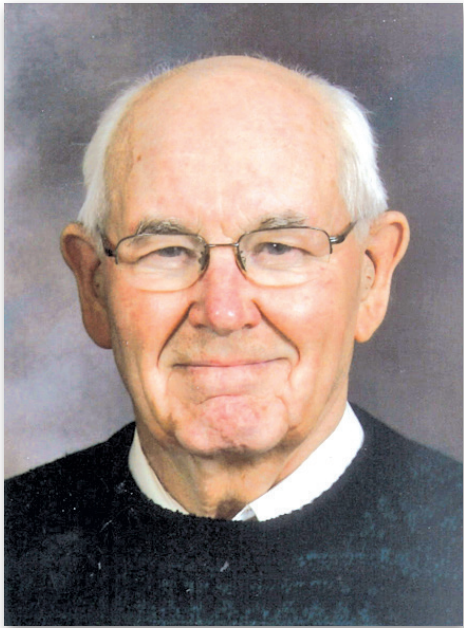
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# Late Harold Gray honoured by RCMP

The RCMP honoured one of its own in Prince Albert on June 25, memorializing the late Harold Gray with the planting of an amur maple tree at the RCMP depot.

The tree was dedicated in Harold's memory by good friend, Bev Irvine,



Harold Gray.

and the ceremony was made possible by Allison Irvine. Reverend Emmanuel Aristide and Prince Albert RCMP Staff Sgt. Brian Kelly presided over the proceedings.

Harold's first field training posting was to Prince Albert in December 1954. Subsequent postings were to Melfort, Tisdale, Uranium City — where he met his wife, Dorothy — then again to Prince Albert, Regina, Ottawa, and Edmonton.

Harold retired from the RCMP in 1975, after 21 years of service.

Harold and Dorothy were no strangers to Shellbrook. The couple called the community home from 1992 until 2017, when they moved to the Riverbreeze Retirement Complex in Prince Albert.

"He passed away six months ago, and because of the virus we weren't able to have any kind of a service until recently," Dorothy said, calling the tree planting ceremony "touching."

"He was well known around town. I think everyone knew Harold. He walked to the post office every day and spoke with anybody who was around him. He was very boisterous."

# Minutes of an R.M. of Leask meeting

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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 held in the Leask Community Hall on Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

Council meeting was called to order by Administrator Riannon Nelson at 9:06 a.m.

Present were Acting Reeve Joan Sanftleben, Administrator Riannon Nelson and the following Council members: Keith Junk - Division No. 1, Real Diehl - Division No. 2, Gordon Stieb - Division No. 3, Robert Girod - Division No. 5, and Clarke Gossen - Division No. 6.

Stieb: That we appoint Councillor Joan Sanftleben as Acting Reeve as both the Reeve and Deputy Reeve are not in attendance at this meeting at this time. Carried

Junk: That the Council of the RM of Leask No 464 acknowledge that 3 Code of Ethics complaints have been received by Administrator Nelson and filed on May 11, 2021, and as such will initiate the investigation process.

Gossen: That we appoint all of Council (except the person who the complaint is made against) as the committee to investigate the received complaints. Carried

Delegation — Mistawasis First Nation — Kelsey Watson-Daniels 10 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

Reeve Craig Hamilton arrived at the Council meeting at 10 a.m. and left at 10:28 a.m.

Junk: That the minutes of the April 14, 2021, Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented. Carried

Gossen: That the minutes of the April 21, 2021, Budget Meeting be approved as presented. Carried

Junk: That the minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 1, 2021, be approved as presented. Carried

Acting Superintendent of Public Works Robert Gallant arrived at the meeting at 11 a.m.

Councillor Stieb left the meeting for the day at 11:15 a.m.

Diehl: That we approve the purchase of a torque wrench for use on RM of Leask equipment at a cost of no more than \$800.00 plus applicable taxes. Carried

Junk: That we accept Acting Superintendent of Public Works Robert Gallant's written and verbal reports as presented. Carried

Acting Superintendent of Public Works Robert Gallant left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Junk: That Council Indemnity be approved for payment as presented. Carried

Diehl: That we approve the payments as listed on the attached "List of Accounts for Approval" for a total of \$88,799.18, Council Indemnity for May, Fire Chief Direct Deposit for May and Payroll Direct Deposit for Pay Periods 8 & 9 for 2021. Carried

Diehl: That we reduce the speed limit along Sidney Shores Development to 40 kms. We agree to sign the road through the NW 04-47-07 W3. Carried

Gossen: That we request the proposed Woodlands on Iroquois Lake developers to provide more environmental information regarding the proposed development and ask them to share any studies they have completed to date. Carried

Girod: That we table By-law 04-2021 until we receive the requested environmental assessment study. Carried

Gossen: That we table By-law 5-2021 at this time. Carried

Gossen: That we advise Community Planning that the proposed subdivision at SE 30-47-W3 appears to not meet the frontage requirement of section 5.3.2 of the zoning Bylaw 2-2020 on proposed Parcel A. Council approves the reduced site frontage requirement as per section 5.3.3 of the Zoning Bylaw 2-2020 to the requested 38.29 metres.

There is also a concern that the remaining quarter would no longer have an approach from the road for access once Parcel A is removed from the quarter. A condition of approval would require an approach to be constructed to the quarter

subject to the requirements of a development permit. Carried

Diehl: That we agree to meet with the Village of Leask to discuss the Fire Station, Arena and culvert by the Village Lagoon. We authorize Administrator Nelson to coordinate the meeting date and time with the Village Administrator. Carried

Girod: That we authorize the repairs to the RM of Leask office stairs, attic access and the exterior of the building as per quote 21-17 provided by Brett Taylor. Carried

Diehl: That we reimburse Candise Ashby for purchase and replacement of the swimming area markers at Lac La Peche. Carried

Diehl: That we provide a maximum of 5 loads of sand for the public beach at Lac La Peche and that the funds be withdrawn from the Municipal Reserve account. Carried

Gossen: That we accept the list of owner withdrawals of land provided by SMHI, dated April 9, 2021. Carried

Girod: That we acknowledge the approval of the FCM Funding for the Municipal Asset Management Program (MAMP) in the amount of up to \$27,000. Carried

Gossen: That we acknowledge the 1st Quarter RCMP Policing Report from the Blaine Lake Detachment, dated April 26, 2021. Carried

Diehl: That the municipality complete the RIRG Capital Project as per the approved project from 2020. Carried

Gossen: That we agree to the quote provided by Johnson Enterprise Ltd. with the projects listed to be completed in the following order:

1. Mistawasis Road
2. Kish Road
3. Cadrain South Road.

Carried

Gossen: That we send a letter requesting the unpermitted flower bed be removed from the RM of Leask road allowance adjacent to Lot 1, Block 2, Plan 02B08854 at Duncan's Beach. Carried

Gossen: That this meeting be adjourned at 4 p.m. Carried

# 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

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 Klumpenhower

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



# Dust suppression effort sees success

**Submitted by Nancy Carswell**  
Alan and Nancy Carswell and their neighbours celebrated the launch of a dust suppression experiment on Tuesday June 15, 2021. Prairie Energy Resources applied its Greenbond product to a section of road that runs through the community.  
Years ago, the scenic iron bridge on the nearby Sturgeon River needed replacing. Its replacement accommodates big vehicles and the route through the river valley was upgraded to a super grid. What was once an unbusy seasonal road used only by local traffic became a busy year-round road used by big trucks. The heavy road traffic created a big dust problem. The clouds of road dust are not just unsightly—they are unhealthy. At first the community tried calcium chloride but found it ineffective.

In her research for an alternative to calcium chloride for dust suppression, Nancy Carswell discovered Greenbond. Prairie Energy Resources created Greenbond as an earth-friendly dust control solution. The formula is sprayed on hot and has cohesive properties which help stabilize the road, prevent erosion, and repel water. While Greenbond is saving the world from dust, it is also repurposing used vegetable oil and offers a used oil pick up service to restaurants.  
Carswell explains, “Christine Strube, my rural municipality (RM) division councillor, was most helpful. She discussed our experiment with the RM Council. It got the okay with the understanding that the RM would get a day’s notice to grade the 200-meter section. We also flagged it and sent Christine photos. Hopefully, our experiment will

be successful, and we can do the yearly recommended application in 2022.”  
After the application, Carswell enjoyed a lovely dust free evening on her front deck and she and her neighbours continue to enjoy a dust free living a month later.  
Carswell hopes others in the RM with a dust problem will consider Greenbond.  
“Prairie Energy Resources is very client-centered but I’m a small client (1,200 @ \$1.30 per sq m) so they fit me in as soon as they could. If there were more clients in the area, they may have been able to schedule an earlier day. People would also need to coordinate with the RM.”  
For more information, visit [prairie-dustcontrol.ca](http://prairie-dustcontrol.ca)



With bone-dry conditions for most of spring and summer, dust has been a major nuisance on rural roads.

## Provincial ball returns to Shellbrook

Shellbrook’s Sports Grounds will be the place for baseball lovers to gather from July 23 through 25, when both the U14 Shellbrook Rangers and the U11 Shellbrook Knights, fresh off their inaugural regular season, host provincial tournaments.  
The tournaments will be the first held in the community since the COVID-19 pandemic caused the cancellation of tournament play in the 2020 ball season, and nearly all competitive play in the 2020-2021 hockey season.  
Despite the limitations on minor sports, Nicole

Philp, who volunteers with the U11 Shellbrook Knights, says the kids have shown great resilience through the constant disappointments, and shown great dedication to honing and improving their skills.  
“This spring, their resilience and commitment to sport paid off when they were able to begin playing games. Hosting a provincial competition in our community provides them the opportunity to continue building towards an exciting end to their season,” Philp said.  
“It’s always exciting preparing for a provin-

cial tournament but following a pandemic and hosting it in our hometown definitely brings that excitement to a whole new level!”  
Speaking for the U14 Shellbrook Rangers, Stephanie Gosselin says the upcoming tournaments present a great opportunity for the community to “get back to a sense of normalcy” by coming out to cheer on the local kids.  
She adds that the tournaments are also a great way for people to scratch their itch to volunteer, as major events depend on the efforts of volunteers to be successful.



### 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](http://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.  
**CRUTWELL:** 7th Annual Shoot For The Vitals 3D Archery Shoot. July 24 & 25 ~ 8 am to 5 pm. 21 km W of Prince Albert on Hwy 55 & 6.5 km N from Crutwell Corner. Canteen, 50/50 & Raffles. Supporting those going through organ & tissue donation. Find us on Instagram & Facebook!

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# Minutes of an RM of Spiritwood meeting

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

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 was held on Tuesday, May 11, 2020.

In attendance were Reeve Shirley Dauvin, Division 1 Larry Vaagen, Division 2 Al Steinhilber, Division 3 Terry Wingerter, Division 4 Dennis Laventure, Division 6 Bevra Fee, Administrator Colette Bussiere, and Foreman Darcy Laventure. Absent was Division 5 Jerome Tetreault.

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 8:06 a.m. by Reeve, Shirley Dauvin.

Al Steinhilber: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: That the basement restoration project be awarded to WA Carpentry. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That we authorize the Administrator to set up a teleconference with legal counsel to advice Council on defamation of character and social media posts. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the bank reconciliation for the month ending April 30, 2021 be accepted as presented. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: That the List of Accounts for Approval, hereby attached as Schedule "A" and forming part of these minutes be passed for payment: Cheque No. 13000 – 13053, Payroll File No. 323 & 325, EFT- Grader Lease Payment. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month ending April 30, 2021 be approved as pre-

sented. Carried.  
Brenda Beaulac joined the web conference at 10:30 a.m. for SARCS Financial Presentation. She left at 10:50 a.m.

Yvonne Prussak and Mae Rotsey of Northbound Planning joined the web conference at 11:01 a.m. for the Enforcement Procedure & General Penalty Procedure Bylaw. They left at 11:45 a.m.

Mayor von Holwede and Councillor James Bedi joined the web conference at 11:45 a.m. for the Fire Department Discussion. They left at 12:03 p.m.

Al Steinhilber: That the request by the property owner to clear brush & trees from the road allowance on the east side of NE 13-50-09-W3 & SE 24-50-09-W3 be ratified as per email approval. Any trees, brush, rocks & debris cleared from the right of way shall be stockpiled on the aforementioned lands for future disposal by the property owner. That compensation in the amount of \$500.00 per 1/2 mile be paid to the property owner, as per RM policy, as both parties benefit from the clearing of the road allowance. Carried.

Bevra Fee: That the discretionary use application for a storage compound for the storage of off-season equipment and located on PT SW 04-49-12-W3 be approved under the following conditions: The site at all times shall be clear of waste & debris and not become a public nuisance; The storage compound shall be used for the storage of off-season equipment which may include but is not limited to recreational vehicles, boats, boat lifts, golf carts, fishing shacks, and accessory equipment. etc. The storage of wrecked, partially dismantled or in-

operable vehicles or machinery, or hazardous materials are strictly prohibited; The outdoor storage area shall provide sufficient screening by way of tree buffer or appropriate screening material; The use shall not interfere with amenities or change the character of the neighborhood; The use shall only be valid for the period of time the property is occupied by the applicant for such us. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: That the discretionary use application for an agriculture repair business located on SE 22-50-11-W3 be approved under the following conditions: The site at all times shall be clear of waste & debris and not become a public nuisance; The agriculture repair business shall be used for the repair of agriculture machinery & equipment; The use shall not interfere with amenities or change the character of the neighborhood; The applicant shall be required to enter into an agreement with a solid waste provider for the disposal of soled waste (garbage); The use shall only be valid for the period of time the property is occupied by the applicant for such use. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: The following withdrawal applications have been considered by Council and approved for withdrawal from Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance: NE 08-49-121-W3, NE 22-50-11-W3, NE 28-50-11-W3, SE 33-50-11-W3, NW 34-50-11-W3, SW 05-51-12-W3. Carried.

Larry Vaagen: That we accept Service Order No. 2029294, being Quote No. 129203 from SaskPower for the installation of a new electrical service for the proposed RM Shop located at 600 Highway Drive in Spiritwood, SK. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That we authorize the Administrator to proceed with a Bylaw to Provide Fire Protection Services for the RM of Round Hill No. 467. Carried.

Larry Vaagen: That we approve the request to remove dead, dying & fallen trees within the Environmental Reserve (ER1) in front of Lot F in Misty Grove. The applicant is solely responsible for all design, safety, and workmanship aspects associated with this approval and all work must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the Water Security Agency's Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit. Carried.

Larry Vaagen: That we approve the request for access (staircase) within the Environmental Reserve (ER1) in front of Lot M in Misty Grove. The access path shall be no greater than 2 metres in width at any given time and the removal of live mature trees and aquatic vegetation is prohibited. The applicant is solely responsible for all design, safety, and workmanship aspects associated with this approval and all work must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the Water Security Agency's Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That we approve the request for the removal of dead, dying and fallen trees (woody vegetation) & debris within the Municipal Reserve (MR) in front Lot 14/Blk 1 in The Cove. In addition, that we approve the placement of clay fill, geotextile cloth and rip rap rock on the MR in front of Lot 14/Blk 1 for shoreline stabilization. The maximum allowable encroachment into the MR beyond the property boundary shall be no more than 3 metres. The applicant is solely responsible for all design, safety, and workmanship aspects associated with this approval and all work must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the Water Security Agency's Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit. Carried.

Larry Vaagen: That we approve the request for an access path across Environmental Reserve (ER) adjacent to Lot 4/Blk 2 in Green Jewel Estates. The access path shall be no greater than 2 metres in width and the removal of live mature trees and aquatic vegetation is prohibited. In addition, that we also approve the request to remove dead, dying & fallen trees within the Environmental Reserve (ER) in front of Lot Lot 4/Blk 2 in Green Jewel Estates. The applicant is solely responsible for all design, safety, and workmanship aspects associated with this approval and all work must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the Water Security Agency's Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That we purchase a 1996 Darley International Pumper Fire Truck from Colya J Fire Services. Carried.

Larry Vaagen: That this meeting be adjourned. Carried.

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

<b>PARTNERS IN FAITH</b> Lutheran/United/ Christchurch Anglican, 137-2nd St. W. Spiritwood Worship 11:00 a.m. Rev. Sarah Urano	<b>SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST</b> 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	<b>Gideons International of Canada</b> Battlefords Camp Phone Art Martynes (306) 389-4633
<b>UNITED /ANGLICAN</b> Worship Services Glaslyn Time is on the sign Rev. Kun Kim Rev. Don Skinner	<b>MENNONITE BRETHREN</b> Glenbush 10:00 am - Sunday School Worship 10:50 am	<b>EVANGELICAL FREE</b> Mont Nebo Wed., 7:30 pm - Bible Study & Prayer Sun., 10:30 am - Worship Pastor Bill Klumpenhower
<b>CATHOLIC SUNDAY</b> Spiritwood - 9:00 a.m. Leoville - 11:00 a.m. Chitek Lake - Closed for the Season Everyone Welcome <b>SATURDAY</b> Shell Lake - 8:00 p.m. Medstead - 6 p.m. Father Ramel Macapala	<b>FIELDS OF HOPE (HOFFNUNGSFELDER) MENNONITE CHURCH</b> Glenbush Worship - 10:00 am	<b>LAKELAND COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> Spiritwood Sun., 11 am - Worship Service & Sunday School
<b>PARTNERS IN WORSHIP</b> Shell Lake Worship Services Sunday 9:00 a.m. Pastor Sarah Urano 306-841-7333	<b>BETHEL</b> Medstead 1st Sunday, 10 am - Worship Pastor David Jensen 3rd Sunday - 10 am Worship Pastor David Jensen	<b>BELBUTTE FULL GOSPEL</b> 11 am Worship Service 1st Sun., 7:30 pm - Hymn Sing Pastor Floyd Berg
		<b>COWBOY CHURCH</b> Spiritwood Every Wednesday Night 7 pm Spiritwood Legion Hall Pastor Rick Martin

## Spiritwood Emergency services face disruption

The Saskatchewan Health Authority is advising the public of a temporary disruption to emergency services at the Spiritwood & District Health Complex. The disruption is expected to last from Saturday, July 17 to Thursday July 22, and during this time emergency services will not be available at the Spiritwood & District Health Complex. In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1 and an ambulance will be dispatched to provide assistance. Non-urgent health-related questions can be directed to the provincial HealthLine by calling 811 toll-free 24 hours/day. Emergency services are available at Parkland Integrated Health Centre in Shellbrook.



# Mets' Degrom pitching on 'another level'

Fans of Major League Baseball have a plethora of young talent to drool over this year, with Shohei Ohtani, Vladimir Guerrero, Jr., Ronald Acuna, Jr., Jesse Winker and Fernando Tatis, Jr., all having spectacular years.

But it's an old veteran, 33-year-old pitcher Jacob deGrom of the Mets, who is the most spectacular of all.

"He's on another level," says rival manager Brian Snitker of Atlanta Braves.

DeGrom, pitching while not exactly 100 per cent healthy, is throwing bullets to National League hitters and, for the most part, they're winding up in the catcher's glove and not being sprayed around the ball yard. DeGrom's earned-run average of a nasty 0.95 through the first half of the season is so far ahead of anyone else, voting for the Cy Young award in the NL has been cancelled. The Mets' right-hander is the winner.

On the the first of July, deGrom was scorched for three runs in the first inning by Atlanta Braves to end a streak of 30 consecutive scoreless innings. But that's all the Braves got against him, while striking out 14 times in seven innings. Prior to that game, deGrom had gone through 12 straight starts allowing no more than one run. Batters are hitting .122 against him. For every walk he gives up, he strikes out more than 12 opposing hitters. He had given up only 35 hits in 85 innings of work and recorded 136 strikeouts and only 11 walks.

National League hitters should be aware that deGrom is improving as each month passes. In April, he gave up 16 hits in 35 innings; in May, he gave up six hits in 16 innings; and in June, he was touched for five hits in 21 innings. A no-hitter has to be in the cards in the near future. Maybe even a no-hit month.



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Meanwhile, deGrom will have to find room on his mantle for another Cy Young award, of which he already owns two. No one in the NL is close to him statistically and while an Ohtani performance is must-see TV in the American League, deGrom's outings also shouldn't be missed. Fortunately, fans who don't get to see a lot of Mets' games may finally get a chance to see deGrom in post-season action, since his team has been leading the NL East most of this

season.

En route to the Hall of Fame, perhaps deGrom can take the bypass to the World Series this fall. It would be a fitting addition to his spectacular pitching resumé.

• RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "Did you know that by 1930, the famous Canadian painting collective known as the Group of Seven had nine members? So they were as bad at math as the Big Ten."

• Columnist Phil Mushnick of the New York Post: "Pitchers of seven-inning no-hitters will now be rewarded with unlimited edition Rob Manfred trophies that come attached to bells with clappers so they'll always have a hollow ring to them."

• Blogger Patti Dawn Swansson, on umpires cracking down on foreign substances on baseballs: "Officials were prepared to look the other way until they noticed the grounds crew at

Yankee Stadium replaced the resin bag with a bucket of tar every time Gerrit Cole was on the mound."

• Steve Simmons of Sun Media: "Word around the broadcast world: This may be Ron MacLean's last season hosting Hockey Night In Canada and the decision apparently will be mutual. Why? Because apparently he's had enough of the job and they've probably had enough of him."

• Some wiseguy on Twitter, while the eight-hole Travelers golf playoff was ongoing: "How many holes does a PGA Tour playoff go before a windmill is involved?"

• Comedy writer Eric Stangel, on Twitter: "While he's in town, and since he can do anything, can Shohei Ohtani fix the NYC Mayoral Election crapshow?"

• RJ Currie again: "Three things scientists found on the recently-discovered Einstein's planet, 2,000 light-years from Earth: 3.

Temperatures of 3,600 degrees Fahrenheit; 2. Fast jet-stream winds; 1. Dozens of Vladimir Guerrero Jr.'s home run balls.

• Phil Mushnick again, on the Mets' firing of hitting coach Chili Davis: "Good thing the Mets, team batting average .227, came to the realization that Chili Davis was the cause of their hitting deficiencies. In May, when Davis was dumped, the Mets were batting .241."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "Sha'Carri Richardson can't run in the Tokyo Olympics 100-metres after testing positive for marijuana. This is idiotic. The only sport pot has enhanced a performance in is a hot dog eating contest."

• Headline at dark.com, after pro golfer Bryson DeChambeau and caddie Tim Tucker parted ways on the eve of the Rocket Mortgage Classic: "Caddy sacked."

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

## New and under-used deciduous trees

By Sara Williams

Looking for trees that are a bit unusual but have been tested for winter hardiness on the prairies? As I mentioned in part 1 of this article, the Western Nursery Growers Group established four test sites across the prairies, including Saskatoon, where "new" (and sometimes old) tree species and varieties were tested from 2008 to 2016. For additional information, see their website: [www.prairietrees.ca](http://www.prairietrees.ca). Here are more trees hardy to zone 2 and recommended for Saskatchewan.

### 'Dropmore' linden (*Tillia flavescens* 'Dropmore')

A hybrid of the American linden (*Tillia americana*) and the little leaf linden (*T. cordata*), the 'Dropmore' linden was introduced by Frank Skinner of Skinner's Nursery in 1955 and named for the then closest post office that served the nursery. A strong grower of about 50 x 35 ft, it has a dense conical form and has performed well and consistently across the prairies since its introduction. It has fragrant flowers in mid-summer, yellow fall colour and is resistant to the linden leaf gall mite

### 'Lone Star' linden

### (*Tillia cordata*)

Keeping lindens in the family, Frank's son, Hugh, introduced 'Lone Star' in 2018. Hugh selected it from a row of little leaf seedlings in 1982 and it has since been tested extensively across Canada and the United States. Derived from a Swedish race of little leaf linden, 'Lone Star' is about 40 x 25 ft with a dense symmetrical canopy and pyramidal form and needs little pruning. The flowers are much visited by bees and the green heart-shaped leaves turn golden yellow in fall. It thrives in full sun to partial shade. Once established, it's adaptable to various moisture and soil conditions

### 'Navigator' pear (*Pyrusus suriensis*)

A selection of the Ussurian pear, 'Navigator' is 35 x 20 ft, with a dense, conical to pyramidal form. It has gorgeous white flowers in early spring that emerge before the leaves, making it an excellent ornamental as well as a pollinator for hardy edible pears (unfortunately 'Navigator' pears are not for eating). The dark green foliage shifts from yellow to red in fall. Place it in full sun. Adaptable to various soil

types, once established it is quite drought-tolerant.

### 'Shooting Star' Northern pin oak (*Quercus ellipsoides*)

About 40 x 30 ft, northern pin oaks are excellent, long lived (up to 100 years) shade trees with furrowed gray bark and green glossy foliage that turns a brick red in fall. They'll grow in full sun to partial shade. Pyramidal to oval in form, they are relatively fast growing and prefer average to moist soil. But because they are grafted onto bur oak root stock, they are more tolerant of drier, high pH soils.

### 'Top Gun' bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*)

Bur oak, native to the eastern prairies, is tough and long-lived. With a dense, spire-like, narrowly upright form of about 45 x 15 ft, 'Top Gun' is ideal for a narrow space. Its branches are shorter rather than upright. The large, dark green lobed leaves turn yellow in fall. The bark is corky and gnarled. It produces large acorns. It can be grown in full to partial sun, dry or moist sites and various soils.

### Regal Celebration Freeman maple (*Acer x freemanii*)

Here is a selection from a population of natural hybrids of silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*) and red maple (*A. rubrum*) from Ontario and Minnesota's Lake of the Woods area that has proven hardy in zone 2. Seedless and more tolerant of high pH soils, 'Regal Celebration' is an excellent shade tree of about 40 x 30 ft. It has furrowed grey bark and green lobed leaves that turn an outstanding early red fall colour. Grow it in full sun in average to moist soil.

### Delta Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*)

Delta hackberry (44 x 40 ft) is a great but much under-appreciated shade tree that tolerates alkaline soils and urban stress. Although somewhat similar in appearance to elms, it is immune to Dutch Elm Disease. Originating from a seed strain from the Lake Manitoba's southern shores, it has warty gray bark. Grow it in full sunlight to partial shade. Once established, it is adaptable to various soils and moisture conditions.

Sara Williams is the author and coauthor of many books including *Creating the Prairie Xeriscape*, *Gardening Naturally with Hugh Skinner* and, with Bob Bors,

the recently published *Growing Fruit in Northern Gardens*. She continues to give workshops on a wide range of gardening topics throughout the prairies.

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**Lone Star' linden, selected by Hugh Skinner, is an excellent shade tree with a dense, symmetrical form. Photo credit: Bylands Nurseries**



## OBITUARIES

~  
*Phyllis Hayward*

Phyllis Hayward  
May 28, 1925 - July 1, 2021

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of our mother, Phyllis (née Buhr) Hayward at the Victoria Hospital at the age of 96.

Mom was born and grew up on the farm near Waldheim, Sask. She was the eldest child

of John and Maria (née Neufeldt) Buhr. Soon a sister, Ruth and brothers, Allan and Leslie joined the family. She attended "Normal School" in Saskatoon to get her teaching certification. While teaching at Honeywood, her students introduced her to their wonderful uncle Bill. He was a handsome soldier returned home from the Second World War. They married in July of 1949 and moved to the homestead in Briarlea. They farmed together and Mom taught school at Crutwell and Briarlea East. In 1952 mom took time off from teaching to raise a family of three sons and one daughter. In 1961 she returned to teaching at Wild Rose School and retired in

1983. Many of her former students still fondly remember Mrs. Hayward.

Mom and Dad enjoyed their farm, community, church and friends. They had a large extended family of sisters, brothers and their families who often came to visit in the summer. The grandchildren have many good memories of visits at Grandma's house. Mom and Dad enjoyed a peaceful and relaxed, retired life on the farm until his passing in May of 1998. Mom continued to live on the farm alone. She took pride in caring for her huge yard and gardens and seeing her friends and family. These enjoyable activities kept her strong and healthy both in mind and body.

Mom was a continual

learner with an inquisitive mind and organized manner. She was an active member of the Briarlea ACW for 47 years. She "lived" her faith and took pleasure in helping others. She was an exceptional gardener and grew many vegetables and beautiful flowers. Some of these flowers are still flourishing in her garden today. Mom enjoyed seeing new places and travelled on a Panama Canal Cruise, Ireland, Cuba, Dominion Republic, Mexico, Arizona, Hawaii and Western Canada. Mom went para sailing in the Dominican at 78 years old. She claimed it was the best 25 bucks she had ever spent!

Mom decided to move to Caleb Village in 2015 at 90 years of age. She

wanted to have someone else do the cooking. She grew flowers on her balcony and made some new friends. After Mom fell and broke her femur, she moved to Ika's Care Home for more assistance. We appreciate the kind and considerate care she received there. Mom will be missed by many friends and family members.

Phyllis will be lovingly remembered by her children, James "Jim" Hayward and Amy Selsing, Richard and Carol (nee Markowski) Hayward, Donald Hayward and Martina Maguire, Ann (Brent) Wilson; her 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; her siblings, Ruth Bullbeck and Allan Buhr; her

in-laws Rob Hayward, Emily Milne, and Reta (Dave) Wurzer. She was predeceased by her husband, William Hayward; her grandson, Shawn Wilson; her brother, Leslie Buhr and many beloved brothers and sisters-in-law. Rest in peace Mom.

A Public Graveside Service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 31, 2021 at Briarlea Anglican Cemetery. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, Tracy-Lynn Lenchuk, Funeral Director, Prince Albert, SK 306-763-3322.

*Eileen Evelyn Krgovich (née Johnson)*

Eileen Evelyn Krgovich [née Johnson]

December 30, 1933 – June 16, 2021

We remember a strong and caring woman; daughter; a sister; wife; mother; grandma; great grandma; auntie; great auntie, and true friend. Eileen passed away peacefully at the age of 87 years in a loving and caring home environment at Brookside Lodge, where she lived for the past twelve years with Alzheimer's disease. The staff grew to love and care for her exceptionally well. With our extreme gratitude through the COVID-19 chaos, she was kept safe from the pandemic.

Eileen was born to Olaf and Ruby Johnson on December 30, 1933, in Shellbrook, Saskatchewan. She left the family

farm in Ordale District at the age of sixteen to move to Vancouver to live with her sister Margaret and family. Eileen worked for Eaton's and Glenburn Telephone Exchange and contributed her time to the Royal Canadian Air Force Reserve.

Eileen married Mike on June 1, 1957. They became proprietors of Admiral Decorating Supplies, and later on, Mike's Kaboose. Eileen was actively involved in her community. While raising her children, she opened their home to many neighbourhood children. She was a PTA mom and when the boys became involved with Lacrosse and Hockey, she was a valued contributor to the Minor and Junior Sports Club Executives.

Eileen is predeceased by her husband, Mike [Milan]. She is survived by her daughter Janis Rose; granddaughters Auzsha Rose & Tallea Evelyn Rose; great-grandson Kache Michael Robert; sons Milan Robert [Marna] and Douglas John; her brothers Clarence; Aaron [Arlene]; Bill and sisters Kate; Grace; Shirley [Al]. Also, many nieces & nephews; great-nieces & great-nephews. Eileen is predeceased by her parents and siblings Ernie, Annie, Margaret, Marvin, Ida and Lesley.

To honour Eileen a donation to the Alzheimer's Society or a Society of your choice.

A Memorial Service for the sisters Eileen and Margaret Agrey will be held on August 27, 2 pm at Richmond Funeral Home.

*Ardes Petersen*

PETERSEN – Ardes

On Thursday, July 8th Ardes Petersen of Rabbit Lake, SK, loving wife, mother and grandmother passed away at the age of 74.

Ardes Marie Rosnes was born in Rabbit Lake, SK on March 18th, 1947. She was the youngest of four children born to Ivor and Martha Rosnes. The family lived near Medstead SK, then a few years in Prince

Rupert, BC, before returning back to the family farm by Medstead, SK. On Aug. 14th, 1970 Ardes married the love of her life, Donald Petersen. They raised two sons, Layne, Barry, and a daughter, Tanya.

Ardes will be remembered for her wonderful cooking, beautiful garden, sharp and witty sense of humor and her love for her grandchildren. Ardes spent many hours on the family farm helping move equipment, baling, and driving endless miles to bring meals out to the field. It was not uncommon to find Ardes in her kitchen, playing cards with, or teaching the grand kids to gamble with macaroni. An avid crocheter and knitter, Ardes made sweaters, scarves, blankets, dishcloths, mittens and baby toys for all of her family and every child for miles around.

Ardes was predeceased by her parents Ivor and Martha Rosnes, brothers Joseph Rosnes and Oscar Rosnes, sister Inger Frank, and grandson Trace Michael.

She is survived by her loving husband of almost 51 years, Don, three children Layne (Jen), Barry (Lana), Tanya (Shaun), grandchildren Justin, Conner, Jady, Hunter, Camden, Declan, Mattias, Harley, and several cousins, nephews and nieces.

At Ardes's request there will be no funeral. Any donations in lieu of flowers can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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, R. Mark Muir - Funeral Director, Spiritwood, SK 306-883-3500.



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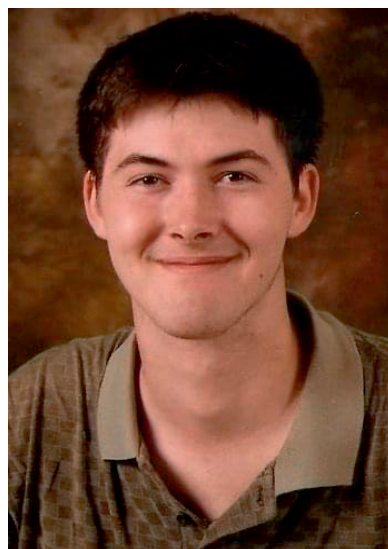
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