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## U11 Shellbrook Knights claim provincial gold



After a thrilling comeback, the U11 Knights are provincial champions in their first season. Back row: coaches Curtis Olsen, Dave Philp, and Jamie Capner, and manager Brittney Capner. Middle row: Will Kasner, Mason Harris, Morgan McEwan, Noah Klein, Wyatt Smith, and Camden Olsen. Front row: Ryder Verbonac, Caleb Philp, Merek Tait, Ty Keyowski, Devlin Capner, and Brody Moe.

There was ball aplenty at the Shellbrook Sports Grounds over the weekend, as the U11 Shellbrook Knights and the U14 Shellbrook Rangers hosted 12 opposing teams from across the province for their respective provincial tournaments.

The action in both provincial tournaments kicked off on Friday, running from morning until evening, when the opening ceremonies were held. Tournament organizer Stephanie Gosselin drew MC duties for the brief program, and welcomed and introduced each of the teams before asking Lydia, Dayton, and Madison Graham to sing O'Canada.

Next, the mic was turned over to Alanna Ross, MLA for Prince Albert-Northcote, who brought greetings on behalf of the province.

"My dad, my uncles, my cousins, my son, played ball on this diamond. I have a lot of very good memories from here,"

she said of her personal ties to Shellbrook. "I wish you all the very best of luck. Have great games, and most of all have a lot of fun."

Next up, Shellbrook Deputy Mayor Brent Miller delivered remarks on behalf of the Town of Shellbrook and focused mostly on the effort that went into putting together the pair of tournaments.

"There are a lot of parents who worked hard on short notice to bring this all together and make it happen," he said. "All of you that are visiting, know that there's a lot of care and volunteerism that went into being able to be here. It's a hallmark of our community."

The opening ceremonies closed with comments from U14 Rangers coach, Cheryl Ledding, and U11 Knights coach, Jamie Capner, and ceremonial opening pitches, clearing the way for the real action to begin on Saturday

and Sunday.

### U11

After topping the Prince Albert league in their inaugural season, the Shellbrook U11 Knights decided to go all in by hosting the Tier 5 U11 Provincials. To have any hope of winning, however, the team had to top seven rivals.

The Knights found themselves on shaky footing in their first outing of the tournament, as they failed to score a run against the Saskatoon Bomb Squad Braves and came out on the wrong side of a hard-fought 1-0 decision.

On Saturday morning, the Knights' bats came alive, allowing them to top the Outlook Hawks by a tally of 11-9 and then deliver a one-sided 12-2 defeat to the Dinsmore Dynamos.

After clinching their spot in the Provincial finals Sunday morning, the Knights earned a shot at redemption, and the title, against the Braves. Firing

on all cylinders from the first pitch, the team most certainly made the most of their opportunity.

Lefty Camden Olsen drew the start on the mound and gave the Braves batters fits in the first inning, retiring three batters while only giving up a single walk.

In a complete change from their first meeting with the Braves, the Knights got on the scoreboard early in the provincial finals, cashing in six runs in their first at bat.

Caleb Philp started things off by sending home a runner on a bouncing grounder up the middle, and Olsen earned two RBIs on a grounder to left field. Noah Klein kept the pressure on the Braves with a big hit to the outfield, and Wyatt Smith cashed in a final run to give the Knights their comfy six-run lead.

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Turning the tables in the second inning, the Braves showed patience at the plate and allowed themselves to score four runs off bases loaded walks. The Knights, finding their lead reduced to just two runs, went down on three straight strikeouts.

Bouncing back after a tough second inning, Olsen retired three consecutive Braves batters with two strikeouts and an infield pop out. However, a base running gaffe kept the team from building on its narrow lead.

Remaining hot through the fourth, Olsen retired the Braves without surrendering another run, while Smith sent a Knights runner home with a bouncy grounder and some good hustle to put the Knights up 7-4.

The Knights nearly came unravelled in the fifth inning, allowing the Braves to knot the game up on a drive to centerfield, then take an 8-7 lead on a missed out at first base. The team went three up, three down their next turn at bat, leaving them with only one more opportunity to make a come back.

Playing the role of closer, Will Kasner came in and cleaned up before the Braves could do any more damage, leaving the Knights facing a one run deficit in their final at bats.

As the first two Knights batters went down to strikeouts, it fell to Philp to

keep the team's hopes alive. He did so by hitting a single, clearing the way for Merek Tait to complete the Knights' comeback, and 9-8 victory, with a monster blast to the rightfield fence.

Speaking after the win, coach Jamie Capner struggled to find words before calling this the "best year ever." He also praised his players for playing their hearts out and growing throughout the season.

"These kids started from not having anything for two years to come and start a new ball team that's different from what they were all playing before," he said. "To go this far and grow this much has just been absolutely amazing."

Capner says another huge shoutout goes to everyone who helped make the whole season possible, from parents to sponsors including Lonach Farms, Hannigan Honey, TMK Eavestroughing, Broston Enterprises, Yvonne Groenen – Y Business Concepts, KDM Enterprises, Lake Country Co-op, Trevor Miller – Sunlife, and Shellbrook Chev.

## U14

Following a similar trajectory to the U11 Knights, the U14 Shellbrook Knights dropped their first game to the Prince Albert Astros in a crushing 14-5 defeat.

They bounced back quickly throughout the rest of Friday and Saturday, scoring a huge 18-3 victory over the Delisle Diamond Dogs, a 13-0 shutout against the Saskatoon Selects Warriors, and a 15-0 win against the Okanese Thunder.

Sunday morning saw the Rangers clinch their place in the gold medal game and earn their chance at redemption against the Astros. Unfortunately the team came up just shy, losing 7-3 to claim silver rather than gold.



The U14 Shellbrook Rangers came up short against the Prince Albert Astros in the provincial final, taking the silver medal.



The U14 Prince Albert Astros are provincial champions.



What looks like a sure out becomes a run for the Knights' Devlin Capner, as the Braves catcher fumbles the ball.



U14 Rangers pitcher Lane Keyowski winds up to deliver the pitch in action from the gold medal game.



RCMP Corporal Smith threw the ceremonial opening pitch to kick off the U11 tournament.

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# Roy Mayo retires after 40-year career

After 36 years of business in Spiritwood, Roy's Fixit has finally retired. The business, owned and operated by Roy Mayo, has been a staple in the Spiritwood community for the past few decades and is already missed by some of Mayo's faithful customers.

Mayo grew up on a farm in Shell Lake and says that he has worked his whole life as a mechanic. Before opening the shop just west of the Town of Spiritwood, Roy had worked as a mechanic in road construction and as a mechanic in the gravel crushing industry.

His work in crushing took him all over the prairies, from Key Lake to Lanigan to Calgary. Whether it was working as a mechanic, operating a crusher, or setting up crushers, Mayo was on the move. He also had some fly in work in Northern Manitoba at Barrens rivers and Poplar Ridge.

Eventually, the mine he was working at went on strike and Mayo decided to take his skills back home and set up shop.

He and his wife Laurie had purchased a parcel of land just west of Spiritwood from Laurie's uncle, Ed Heisler, and Roy started working as a mechanic out of the house garage. He had plans to spend one week working at home and one week working away, but Laurie said, "He opened the doors to the shop and he never left."

For two years, Roy worked out of the small garage and had a service truck which he took on the road to respond to calls. In 1987, the Mayos built a heated garage on their property and it has been used for the business ever since.

Over the years, Roy has taken on five aspiring mechanics for their apprenticeship, four of which have obtained journeyman status, Bob Worobec, Darren Senum, his son Mitchel Mayo, Cody Dicus, and Garrett Reddekopp. Taking on apprentices was a challenge according to Mayo, but it was something he enjoyed. All of his students were great and continue to come back for visits, he says.

Worobec has gone on to teach mechanics at Saskatchewan Polytechnic

in Saskatoon, Senum has opened his own garage just south of Spiritwood, Mayo works out of La Ronge and takes on apprentices of his own, and Dicus and Reddekopp are either just finished or are wrapping up their schooling and starting their careers.

Mayo has taken care of vehicles for a variety of area businesses such as Co-op, Home Hardware, and R+L Feeds, which were all sorry to hear of his plans to retire. As well, there were numerous area residents who

relied on Roy for any car trouble they may have been having. As Roy's second daughter Lynne astutely put in a Grade 4 paper, "My data is a mechanic and he can fix anything but a broken heart."

Mayo plans to relax a little bit during his retirement, spending time at home and at the lake with his wife Laurie, fishing, hunting and doing the odd job here and there. Roy says he doesn't plan to stop working entirely. "I miss it, I love working," he said. "I wish I

was 18 now and not 74."

A little bit of the charm of Roy's Fixit remains, however, as the coffee pot stays on. While it may not be on as much as it used to be, visitors still stop in occasionally for coffee, company, and conversation, something the shop was always known for.

Roy was extremely appreciative of all of his loyal customers over the years, saying they were the reason that his business was a success and they helped make his life what it is.



Roy Mayo enjoys a bit of conversation around the shop coffee pot.



Cody Dicus (left) was a journeymen apprenticing at Roy Mayo's (right) shop prior to his retirement.



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Shop visitors were frequent at Roy's Fixit, where the conversation is said to always have been lively.

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## As an election looms, O'Toole has yet to make his mark

Our illustrious Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, can try to deny it all he likes. The simple reality is that a federal election is coming, sooner rather than later.

Mr. Trudeau was uncharacteristically wise to wait until the end of the pandemic came into sharp focus to drop the writ. But as Erin O'Toole's Conservative Party flounders in the polls, and Annamie Paul's Green Party self-immolates, he has fewer and fewer reasons to delay sending Canadians to the polls.

For many, the prospect of a second Liberal Party majority is the stuff of nightmares. Yet, in spite of Mr. Trudeau's frequent flirtations with scandal and poor governance over the past six years, Canada's current political climate suggests a big victory isn't out of the realm of possibility.

While it would be easy to blame this on elitists, the mainstream media, and eastern Canadians who have been indoctrinated into Mr. Trudeau's so-called cult of wokeness, this would be an oversimplification of reality (even if there is some truth to it).

This rigid, Trudeau-obsessed mentality is also one of the reasons why Mr. O'Toole is failing to gain any real traction with the electorate beyond his prairie strongholds.

Back in March, as Mr. O'Toole was nearing the seven-month mark as Conservative Party leader, I posited that there had never been a time more ripe for a change in government.

At the same time, I also suggested Mr. O'Toole had plenty of work to do, if he was to take advantage of the opportunity he'd been handed.

Four-and-a-half months later, with the anniversary of his leadership victory approaching, little has changed for Mr. O'Toole's party, which is still more focused on explaining why Trudeau is bad than why it's the cure for what ails Canadian voters.

The problem with making this argument ad nauseum is that it only appeals to the people who weren't likely to vote for Mr. Trudeau. Those who are on the fence, and those who are Liberal sup-



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porters, just aren't going to be persuaded by criticism without any tangible solutions.

To be fair, Mr. O'Toole has tried. In April, he unveiled his party's first-ever climate change strategy. It would have been an historic moment, if only it hadn't come less than a month after the party voted not to revise its policy book to state it believes "climate change is real" and it is "willing to act."

Unfortunate timing aside, Mr. O'Toole's policy was panned by supporters as a betrayal of his promise to never implement a carbon tax, and dismissed by critics as a slightly altered version of the current federal carbon tax.

When his own party hasn't been undermining him on the environmental file, it's been a thorn in his side when it comes to hot-button social issues, like the Liberal government's bill to prohibit conversion therapy for youth.

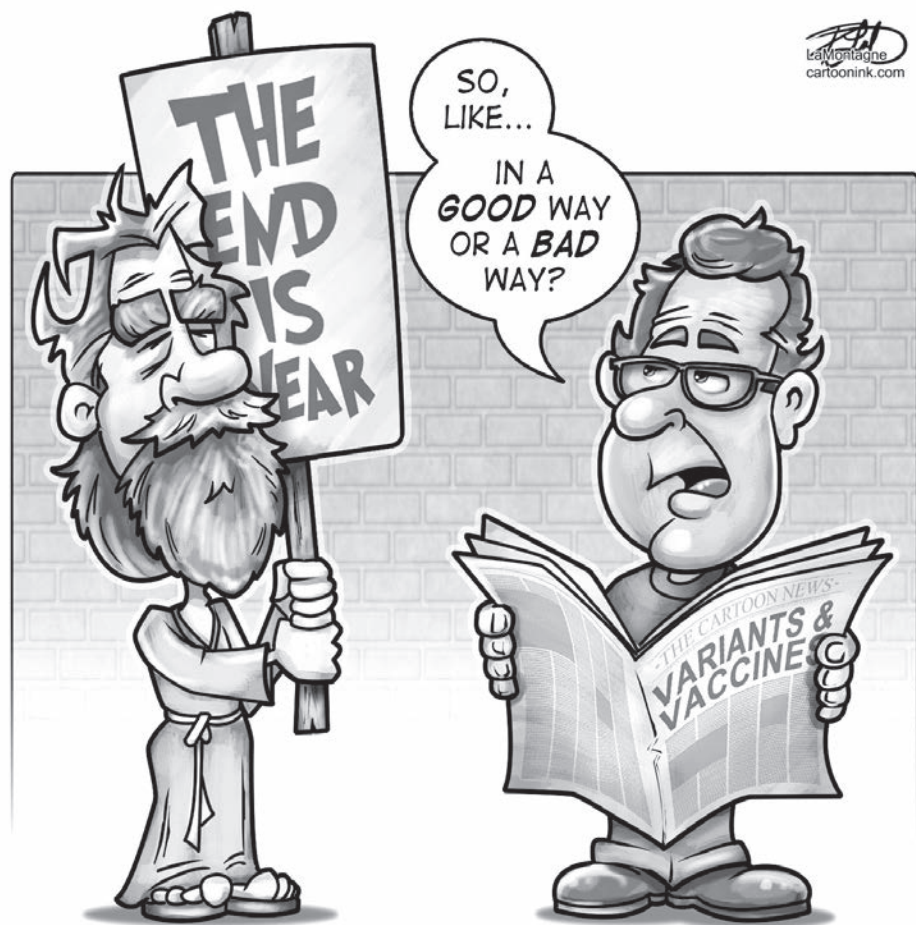
When the bill passed its third reading in late June, it did so with opposition from more than half of Conservative MPs.

While there may have been legitimate concerns about the language of the bill, the optics certainly aren't good. And they don't get any better when another Conservative MP brings forward a bill relating to abortion (even if it's a bill to restrict sex-selective abortions – a practice that few Canadians would be likely to endorse).

Few Conservative supporters are likely to find fault with the party's stance on these issues. But, much like with its tried and true "Trudeau is bad" mantra, the Conservative party won't win over any new voters by continuing to dredge up debates most Canadians consider to be long over.

The same holds true for Mr. O'Toole's most recent vow to "end the mistreatment of western Canada" by reworking the fiscal stabilization program.

It's important, of course, for any political leader to respect his or her base of support. But if Mr. O'Toole fails to do anything beyond this, and fails to articulate his party's identity and ideas, he's already lost the next election.



## Feds won't balance the budget until 2070, says PBO

By Franco Terrazzano  
CTF Federal Director

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation is calling on federal politicians to focus on saving taxpayers' money in light of Parliamentary Budget Officer data that predicts the federal government won't balance its budget until 2070.

"Prime Minister Justin Trudeau promised Canadians he would balance the books in 2019, but it turns out that we will have to wait about 50 years before we see a balanced budget," said Franco Terrazzano, Federal Director for the CTF.

"Racking up trillions of dollars in debt and interest is not okay, and that's why we need to see federal politicians start taking deficits seriously."

The federal government won't return to a balanced budget until 2070 under the status quo, according to supplementary data released by the Parliamentary Budget Officer in its most re-

cent Fiscal Sustainability Report.

The federal government is projected to rack-up another \$2.7 trillion in debt before balancing the budget in 2070. This is in addition to the current \$1 trillion in existing federal debt. Interest charges will cost taxpayers about \$3.8 trillion by 2070.

When running for prime minister in the 2015 election, Trudeau promised Canadians he would balance the budget in 2019.

"If things don't change, Canadians will lose out on a tonne of money to the bond fund managers because of government debt interest charges. That money can't go to health care or lower taxes because of these huge debt interest costs," said Terrazzano.

"Politicians should not be okay with five decades of red ink and families shouldn't be forced to pay for all the overspending, so we need the feds to roll-up their sleeves and save some money."

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# Proposed pipeline tackling vital questions

A proposed intermunicipal water pipeline being explored by the Town of Shellbrook, in conjunction with the Prince Albert Rural Water Utility (PARWU) and a group of rural municipalities, has answered a key question.

With approval from PARWU's board, land for the utility's water treatment plant, which will serve as the operations hub for the entire pipeline system, has been purchased. The land, located on Peter Pond Road, carries a price tag of \$900,000, and Brent Miller, Town of Shellbrook Deputy Mayor and PARWU Steering Committee chair, says the expenditure was necessary to allow key logistical questions to be answered.

Before the land can become the site of a water treatment plant, however, a portion with a house will be subdivided and sold off. And, of course, the legal transfer of title still has to be finalized.

While the matter of location has been settled, several things about the \$53.5 million project remain uncertain. With a view to getting answers to these lingering uncertainties, the PARWU board is authorizing an expenditure of up to \$1.37 million.

"It's to get us to the point where we can define with really good certainty how much the project is going to cost and how long it will take to execute it," Miller said.

One key unanswered question is the right-of-way for the pipeline. Though using a highway right-of-way would be cheaper, Miller says building on private property may be an option if it makes more sense for water delivery.

Next come all important questions about the water itself.

Apart from Atana, which was consulted to provide the initial cost estimates and feasibility assessments, Miller says Meridian Surveys out of Prince Albert has been contracted to profile the North Saskatchewan River in two locations.

The pipeline will have to transport water under and to the other side of the river from the new treatment plant, and this profile offers vital information about the contour of the river valley and what happens in a flood year.

"That river crossing is very uncertain at this point. It could cost anywhere from \$500,000 to \$7 or \$8 million," Miller said, noting that gathering data will help lower the costs of the river crossing. "It all depends on what our geological survey finds. If there's big rocks and problems under the river, we might have to go really deep to get under it."

Keeping the focus on what's in the water, Miller says the river is going to be analyzed and tested in every season to determine turbidity, the organisms living in it, and the sand and sediment content.

Answering these questions will determine how the water is treated, whether it be using reverse osmosis (a process Miller isn't a fan of, due to water wastage) or some type of nano filtration system (Miller says this is favourable, as extra water can be diverted back into the river and a sludge pond may not be needed).

"Once you know what kind of process, that will dictate the equipment that has to go into the treatment plant. With that, we can do a preliminary design on the treatment plant and get a good idea of the cost of it," Miller said, noting that the current plan is to attach a small shop to the treatment plant for employees.

Miller says these and many other questions will be answered ahead of a final decision on the future of the project that he expects to come down in October 2022.

But while some might be interested in the nuts and bolts of the capital side of the project, Miller recognizes most ratepayers only care about one thing: how the project will affect what they pay for water. Here, too, there is still some uncertainty, but Miller remains confident the proposed pipeline is a better option for ratepayers than the town's now-abandoned \$7.8 million plan to upgrade its own water treatment plant.

According to Miller's own calculations, the finance costs of the project alone would have cost \$46 per month, per subscriber, over 30 years. Thus far, the economics for the PARWU project look fairly similar, but Miller feels the pipeline has some key benefits the town's original plan didn't.

"Before we were going to be managing three wells and an inefficient reverse osmosis system. Now, we're just going to be buying water, so we save employee costs for managing treatment facilities," Miller said, noting that PARWU would fund maintenance of the local water treatment plant if it's kept operational to provide a redundant water supply.

Speaking of maintenance, Miller says any problems with the water treatment plant and pipeline would be much less costly to address, as the costs will be shouldered by a broader user base than just Shellbrook's ratepayers.

Ratepayers, meanwhile, can expect to have good water at every faucet in their homes, perhaps even eliminating the need for water softeners and reverse osmosis systems and thereby lowering the maintenance costs associated with those systems.

Miller also says he plans to investigate a program to allow any disconnected systems to be recovered or resold.

"There are going to be a lot of those kinds of benefits," he said. "It would seem a shame to me to see [those systems] disconnected to rot in a basement or go to a landfill."

Currently the proposed water pipeline project includes the Town of Shellbrook, PARWU, and the Rural Municipalities of Duck Lake, Prince Albert, and Shellbrook.

The R.M. of Shellbrook was the most recent to sign on to the project, having opted to seek a legal opinion before voting to get on board at a recent council meeting.

The *Chronicle* reached out to Reeve Doug Oleksyn to see what convinced council, but didn't hear back prior to publication.

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# Shellbrook Disc Golf Course up and running

Though there's been no grand opening just yet, Shellbrook's new disc golf course, located in Centennial Park, is up and running – albeit with seven baskets instead of the standard nine.

Installation of the first seven holes was completed with a little hard work by the Kinettes crew and their husbands, and some guidance from the folks at Disc Golf Saskatchewan.

The remaining two holes will be added after Field of Dreams has wrapped up and the area is incorporated into Centennial Park.

"It is 100 per cent usable as a seven-hole course right now, and will be completed as soon as we can get in there," Kinette Tasha Cyr said. "We are predicting next spring."

Currently the site of the local skate park, the sledding hill, some playground equipment, and a lot of wide open green space, Centennial Park has been somewhat a puzzle for the town, which has been looking to add equipment or amenities to the public space for a number of years.

In a serendipitous turn of events, a solution to the town's puzzle came from Shellbrook Kinette Regan Buckingham and her husband, Jerad.

The couple were playing disc golf in Waskesiu and had the thought that Shellbrook could have a disc golf course of its own. When Jerad brought the idea up to then-councillor, Amund Otterson, while the pair were working on the solar panel project for the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre, Otterson was excited by the suggestion.

Shellbrook's Town Council shared in Otterson's excitement, and before long a partnership between the Kinettes and the town was formed to make Shellbrook's disc golf course a reality, with Council agreeing to cover \$5,000 of the estimated \$20,000 price tag for the course.

With the town chipping in \$5,000 for the project, the Kinettes have gotten creative when it comes to funding the course by offering sponsorship opportunities for each of the nine baskets. The one-time,

permanent sponsorship opportunities cost \$750, and include advertising on the hole signage and basket.

Additionally, in a bid to both beautify Centennial Park and add some obstacles for the disc golf course, upwards of 40 trees will be planted in the park. The Kinettes are offering community members the opportunity to have the trees planted in memory of a loved one, with a single tree costing \$250, or a bundle of trees on a single hole (two to five trees) for \$200 per tree.

While all the basket sponsorships have been snatched up, opportunities for memorial trees are still available. Cyr says the Kinettes also hope to put up gazebos this year and will offer opportunities to sponsor them, as well.

For more information on memorial tree sponsorships, contact Cyr at 306-747-7331.



The Shellbrook Kinettes (and their husbands) have completed installation of seven out of nine baskets at Centennial Park's new Disc Golf Course.

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## One dead following Hwy 942 rollover

On July 24, 2021 at approximately 1:30 a.m., Big River RCMP responded to a report of a single vehicle rollover on Highway #942, 2.5 kilometres north of the junction with Highway #55.

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Initial investigation has determined that a vehicle with three adult male occupants left the roadway and rolled into the ditch. The driver, a 35-year-old male from North Battleford, was declared deceased on scene. His family has been notified.

One occupant was transported to hospital by STARS with life-threatening injuries. We do not have an update on his condition. The other was transported to hospital with minor injuries.

Big River RCMP and an RCMP collision reconstructionist continue to investigate.

**Nadine Wilson**  
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# Happy Saskatchewan Day!



## Dry conditions are just the beginning

It's nearly August.

It should be a time when farmers, in particular grain farmers, can pause and exhale, just a little. It is that time between seeding and spraying just completed and the hectic time ahead that is harvest. It is a time when maybe a producer gets to the lake to fish for a day, or to take the family camping without getting other work undone on the farm.

This year, however, this lull in the work schedule is quite simply a time of stress for most.

The combination of too many days where the

temperature has surged past 30°C, and far too many days without significant moisture has put huge drought stress on crops across Saskatchewan and the Prairies.

A recent moisture conditions map from the provincial government shows a rather bleak picture. Topsoil moisture for Saskatchewan's cropland was rated as eight per cent adequate, 39 per cent short and 53 per cent very short.

The problem becomes worse as August arrives because it will soon become too late for moisture, should it come, to do



CALVIN DANIELS

crops a lot of good.

The situation is one which obviously hits grain producers hard as the drought conditions are going to cut yields significantly. No matter what happens the rest of the summer, a level of

damage in terms of yield potential has hit almost every crop.

The situation is perhaps even worse for many cattle producers.

Pastures, which are supposed to feed herds through the summer, are not producing as they should, which will force producers to feed more hay.

In some cases, water sources, such as dugouts are drying up as well, making the situation more immediate and dire.

Of course hay yields are short due to the drought, and that brings forth

questions of what producers will feed this winter.

Since there is a drought buying hay is becoming a very high cost option that won't be financially viable for many producers.

The situation for cattle, and sheep producers, may be to sell off portions of the herd/flock. A sell-off of course tends to push prices down and lower returns, and it also means the loss of herd genetics often created through years of a carefully laid out breeding program.

It's a no-win situation for farmers needing pasture and hay to operate.

The situation is bad news for more than producers too.

While government is starting to respond with programming to help producers, they will not generate the incomes of a good crop.

With less income, farmers will not be spending money as they normally would, and since agriculture is an economic driver on the Prairies it will hurt business.

Coming on the heels of the economic impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had the past 18 months, the drought is bad news for business too.

## Producers need more support from Ottawa

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) is pleased to see the Government of Canada offering additional support for producers who are facing a relentless drought. However, these measures don't go far enough in offering assistance to all producers in the province who are in some way impacted by this drought.

"Producers are scrambling to secure feed and water for their livestock," APAS President Todd Lewis said. "The state of Canada's supply chain is at risk right now, and these measures don't

do enough to ensure producers will be able to recover from this year and ensure the supply chains does too."

On Thursday, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada announced early designation of the Livestock Tax Deferral provision to assist cattle producers who have to sell a significant amount of their breeding herd due to lack of feed supply.

The early designation stops short of needed enhancements to the program, which include eligibility for yearlings and other classes of cattle as well as an

extension of the deferral period from 1 to 5 years. APAS also takes issue with the area designated for eligibility which excludes 47% of RMs in Saskatchewan.

"Our concern is that the entire agricultural region of Saskatchewan is not included in this provision when all livestock producers are seeing production shortfalls and record-high feed prices," Lewis said. "The high price and the lack of feed will result in many producers not in these regions still being forced to sell off breeding stock or, in some cases, the whole herd. We need to ensure that all producers are given the flexibility to manage their taxes during this difficult time."

APAS is requesting the Government of Canada undergo fast consultation with producer groups in its AgriRecov-

ery assessments.

Last Thursday's announcement from the Federal Government included calls for provinces to make changes to AgriInsurance and APAS recognizes the Government of Saskatchewan has already made changes to help expedite the conversion of insured crops into greenfeed and other feed supplies.

APAS is reiterating its call for an increased AgriStability compensation rate from 70% to 80%, along with an extension of the enrolment deadline.

"During this extreme drought, it's very important that governments continue to work together and provide additional support to producers," Lewis said. "The wait and see time has passed. We need help now because many crops are too far gone."

## Provincial fire ban lifted

Due to recent rainfall and cooler weather, the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) is lifting the provincial fire ban that has been in place since July 2. The ban had applied to all Crown lands, provincial parks and the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District.

Some municipalities continue to experience a high fire risk and may

choose to keep their fire bans in place. The SPSA continues to encourage all municipalities to examine the fire risk in their local area and reminds the public to practice fire safety.

Anyone who spots a wildfire can call 1-800-667-9660, dial 9-1-1 or contact their closest SPSA Forest Protection Area office.

People can find the latest fire risk maps and municipal fire ban map at [www.saskatchewan.ca/fire](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/fire).

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# Summer reading program heats up

As things return to business as usual, the Summer Reading Club at the Shellbrook Library is continuing into August.



Ada Peake was the lucky winner of a dinosaur fossil kit through the Shellbrook Public Library's Summer Reading Program.

Over 50 children have registered and taken part in activities both in-library and take home. The kids have enjoyed making dragon eyes, fairy wands, di-



Layne Cobb won a dinosaur-themed Lego kit through the Summer Reading Program.

nosaur fossils and pirate bandanas.

As August arrives, Indigenous stories, oceans and science will be the themes.

The children have been very busy reading (together they have read over 500 books) and winning weekly prizes. For each four books read, their name is placed into a draw for weekly prizes.

Ada Peake was the first winner (dinosaur fossil kit), and Layne Cobb won the second week (Dinosaur Lego kit.)

Names are also sent into Wapiti Headquarters for regional prizes.

Now that all COVID-related public health measures have been lifted, all Wapiti libraries are back to full operation. With this, full capacity browsing is allowed, in-library programming has resumed, and overdue fines and billing fees have been reinstated. Masks are

optional at all libraries.

"We are very excited to be fully open again. Children's programming has begun again, and summer reading activities are available each week, as well as special programming on Friday mornings. Stop into the library for information," Librarian Dian Campbell said.

In addition to all the programs on offer locally, Wapiti Regional Library has partnered with the North Saskatchewan Riverbasin Council and Lakeland Regional Library this summer for the Notice Nature Program.

Nature Bingo Cards can be picked up at the Shellbrook public Library or downloaded at <http://noticenature.ca>

Fill in any two lines, then submit your cards to your local library for prizes. It's sure to be a fun learning activity for the family.

## Minutes of a Town of Blaine Lake meeting

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of the council of the Town Of Blaine Lake held at The Blaine Lake Curling Rink Monday, May 17, 2021 at 4 p.m.

Mayor Al Sorenson called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Attending: Mayor Al Sorenson, Councilor Mayor Bev Breland, Rodger Pederson, Darlene Harder, Melissa Johnson, Jason Weber, and Jennifer Gutknecht and Administrator Brenda Lockhart.

Harder: That the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2021 be accepted as presented. Carried

Breland: That the Minutes from the Budget Meeting of April 28, 2021 be accepted as presented. Carried

Johnson: That the Minutes from the Budget Meeting of May 5, 2021 be accepted as amended. Carried

Delegation – Foreman Russ Krysak

- Exercising curb stops and documenting any not working
- Thiessen Bros will be repairing two curb stops where water is needed to be turned off
- GM Truck – fenders are rusted – repair or fender covers?
- Will be installing the 6 new cook stoves at the campground – take out the 6 worst

ones

- Water trees at campground and the cleaning of facilities is being down twice a day
- Street sweeping will be done tomorrow
- Touching up back alleys and filling hole by the General Store
- Large boil back of the Esso needs to be dug and some on Railway Ave are bad and need to be worked
- Flowers coming June 10, 2021. If watering done on weekend it will result in overtime if Council wants.

Weber: That the Financial Statement for April 2021 be accepted as presented. Carried

Harder: That the April 2021 Affinity & CIBC Bank Reconciliations be approved as presented. Carried

Pederson: That GIC #25 in the amount of \$375,000 invested at the Affinity Credit Union and maturing on June 20, 2021 be moved to the Town of Blaine Lake operating account. Carried

Weber: That Affinity Credit Union cheques numbered 1669 to 1720 and "Other (EFT)" payments Affinity and CIBC totaling \$388,723.96 be approved for payment. Carried

Gutknecht: That the reports be accepted and filed. Carried

Councilor Gutknecht declared Conflict of Interest with respect to the discussion on the Report from Town/RM Joint Committee and

left Council Chambers at 4:54 p.m. returning to Chambers at 4:59 p.m.

Weber: That we agree to send a letter to Christy Dargin-Linsley advising that as the Town appointed representative on the Martin's Lake Regional Park Board she is expected to follow SHA rules respecting Covid 19 and encourage other members to do so as well. Carried

Breland: That we agree to hire Commissionaires to enforce bylaws for 2021. Carried

Weber: That Bylaw No: 2021-004, a Bylaw of the Town of Blaine Lake in the Province of Saskatchewan to provide for exemption from taxes for the current year be given first reading at this meeting.

*(Editor's note: council unanimously gave three readings to the bylaw and enacted it)*

Johnson: That we approve the Development Permit for construction of a fence at 109 – 3rd Avenue East and advise the owner accordingly. Carried

Gutknecht: That we approve the Development Permit for construction of a fence at 111 – 3rd Avenue East and advise the owner accordingly. Carried

Harder: That we approve the Development Permit for construction of a fence at 111 – 1st Avenue East and advise the owner accordingly. Carried

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### 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.

**CANWOOD:** Walter Willoughby Horticultural Society's 58th Annual Show will take place Thurs., August 19, 2021, 2 to 4 pm @ Canwood Community Hall. Kids/Adult Showbooks Available, Canwood Leask Shellbrook Libraries/Flowershop. For more info: 306-747-3301.

**SHELL LAKE AREA:** 2021 Thickwood Hills Studio Trail – Saturday, August 7: 10am - 6pm & Sunday, August 8: 10am - 5pm. Introducing new studios & guest artists! Follow the blue moon signs on the 20th annual self-drive tour of unique studios in the Shell Lake area. Contact: 1-306-281-4020, [www.thickwoodhillsstudiotrail.com](http://www.thickwoodhillsstudiotrail.com), facebook.com/thickwoodhillsstudiotrail

**SHELLBROOK:** Shellbrook Minor Sports Annual General Meeting – Tuesday, September 7, 2021, 7 pm @ Shellbrook Seniors Hall

**SHELLBROOK:** TOPS Shellbrook (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is hosting an information night on Tuesday, August 17, 6:30 - 7:30 pm @ Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly at 61-2nd St. W. Call Brian 306-841-7966 for more details or visit [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org)

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Weber: That we advise the owner of 207 – 1st Street East that, in order to approve her Development Permit, the fence/privacy screen located in the front yard must be 1m in height or moved in line with front of house as it does not currently comply with the Zoning Bylaw. Carried

Weber: That we approve the Development Permit from Brooklyn Nielsen to holding a Farmers Market at 607 Main Street on Fridays during the summer months. Carried

Breland: That we approve the Development Permit to construct an accessory building for use as an art studio at 215 - 1st Avenue West providing Building Permits are obtained if required. Carried

Breland: That we advise Debra Schmidt-Hurd that the Town will agree to the sale of the lot at 106 Railway Avenue E under the condition that the lot is developed in accordance with the Town's Purchase Policy. Carried

Johnson: That we agree to table the request from the owner of 108 Main Street for the tax exemption for starting a new business until the Bylaw can be further reviewed. Carried

Breland: That we agree to rent the Skating Rink to Carol McGonville to operate a café/restaurant. Defeated

Weber: That we agree to Keith Woy-

tiuk resurfacing the asphalt driveway in front of the Blaine Lake Ambulance Building and allow for it to cross Town sidewalk. Carried

Breland: That the hiring of all contractors be approved by the Administrator who will contact the Committee involved. Carried

Gutknecht: That we agree to purchase and install a fingerprint time clock in the maintenance shop to be used by maintenance staff. Carried

Pederson: That we accept the resignation of Councillor Jennifer Gutknecht effective May 28, 2021. Carried

Gutknecht: That we agree to authorize the HR Committee to hire the three summer employment applicants following the completion of an employment interview. Carried

Breland: That we accept the legal opinion of Robertson Stromberg Law in regards to the curb stop damaged at 202 2nd Street East and advise the owner accordingly. Carried

Pederson: That we agree to the request by Jack Hill to allow for the rezoning of his property at 302 2nd Street West from community service to residential with all costs associated with the process. Carried

Weber: That that Bylaw No: 2021-001 a bylaw to establish a code of ethics for Council Members be given second reading at this meeting. Carried

Harder: That that Bylaw No: 2021-

001 a bylaw to establish a code of ethics for Council Members be given third and final reading at this meeting and adopted. Carried

Sorenson: That we advise Teresa Korol, Facility Planner for the PSSD, that we agree to be financial partners in the enhancement of the new Blaine Lake School design to the library, fitness centre and gymnasium to meet the needs of the community. Defeated Unanimously

Pederson: That we send a letter to Stan Crowder advising that the Centennial Sign at the shop is not for sale. Carried

Harder: That this meeting adjourns. Carried

## Big River hosts first Friends golf tourney

**Submitted by Maisie Krienke**

The first annual 'Friends' tournament, hosted at Big River Golf Club was exciting and successful.

This tourney, a new venture, was planned by Cole Pister and Brian Moyer, with exciting results with more than half of the participants coming 'home' to play. Cole and Brian, members of the Big River Club, were anxious to get friends back home to enjoy a day

on the course.

Golfers were ready for the tee off at 9 a.m. and enjoyed a full day of golf. Chili and a bun served by the student staff was waiting for golfers at noon, then off for another round! The Service Cart made continuous loops delivering food and drink orders.

Meeting some of the challenges were Justin Bechtel and MaryEllen Reed landing Closest to the Pin on #9 and Madison Krienke and Evan

Gilbert earning the Longest Drive status.

Prizes donated by Krienke's Promotional Products were awarded to Easton Neufeld, Josh Krienke, Lyndon Johnson, Reese Krienke, and MaryEllen Reed.

It was obvious these two members will be hosting the 2022 event, and likely expanding the number of entries as the word quickly spread across Alberta and B.C. that this is an event not to miss.

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# Our boreal backyard

By Heather Beauchesne

The last two years, or so, have propelled the majority of us outdoors to engage in Saskatchewan's proverbial back yard. With the assistance of Tourism Saskatchewan and the almighty Instagram, the summer of 2021 thus far has enabled me to revisit old and discover new landscapes, particularly those nestled in our fascinating Boreal forest. Highlights of these adventures I am compelled to share, particularly those from our breath-taking Gem Lakes and soul-quenching Ness Creek Music Festival.

Admittedly, I was unaware until recently of the Gem Lakes, a cluster of seven, small, jewel colored lakes resting at the North-West border of the Narrow Hills Provincial Park.

To my understanding, the lakes were formed in the last ice age, their surroundings carved by glaciers, and current bodies of water are fed by rainfall, run off and the water table. No streams or creeks connect



**Ness-scapes Mini Breaks of Ness Creek Music Festival**

to any one of the lakes, gifting them with their clarity and fascinating gem like colors.

The parking lot rests on the North edge of the lake cluster, butting up to Jade Lake. From here, you have the option of following a mapped and landmarked 5.5 km loop guiding you around the lakes, or taking the short four minute walk down to Jade Lake's shoreline.

It is here, toes in sand, that you will experience the awe that Canadian landscape paintings have for centuries anticipated to capture. At this opening of Jade Lake, and similar to the balance of the gem lakes, white sand envelopes the shoreline, glass surfaced jade infused water rests within an elevated tree-lined perimeter. A vision I had previously assumed requires a drive to Jasper and hiking a few km uphill.

The diameter of each lake can be described a quaint, and each lake is connected by short walkable trails allowing one to travel the length of the lakes by alternating between paddle boarding (our preference) and barefoot walking.

The majority of campsites surrounding the Gem Lakes are first-come-first-serve. Thankfully, J1 and J2, the first two sites from the parking lot, are reservable. Making the drive without site availability could be a minor disappointment, with that said, Lower Fishing Lake campsites are minutes away.

What to note when attempting to reserve camp sites J1 and J2 on the Saskatchewan Provincial Park res-

ervation website, is that these sites in particular are listed as "back-country camping."

Take home: the lakes are an estimated 3.5-hour drive from our neck of the woods, provide a majestic other-worldly experience, campsites are impeccably maintained, and the experience is unique.

More recently, hugging the west border of the Prince Albert National Park and just North of the resort village of Big River, Sask., we had the privilege of attending the Ness-scapes Mini Breaks, the 2021 version of the well-established annual Ness Creek Music Festival.

The Ness Creek site is a four-season eco-conscious landscape facilitating annual events ranging from music festivals to arts education, to group retreats. Unique to this year's music festival was a 150-person cap (hence 'mini-ness'), a stretch from the standard 3,500 head count, and an all-inclusive ticket including cabin, locally crafted meals, workshops guided by master artisans, and, as expected, exceptional live music.

Sometime in our most recent snow filled months, and prompted by fond memories from my 20s, I had decided to revisit the festival, perhaps as vendor or volunteer. Once I absorbed the value of this year's all-inclusive ticket, I immediately, and without their prior knowledge, organized tickets for my entire extended family to join me.

The results: the adults, who had admitted that they would not have

previously considered Ness Creek Musical Festival as an option resolved to arranging attendance to next year's festival again as a family event. The five kids in tow, ranging from five to 15, had an exceptional free-range escape including trail hikes, a creek splash (mostly they splashed me...), guided activities, and, most excitedly recalled to date, an extensive site wide scavenger hunt that absorbed their entire weekend.

Take home: Ness Creek site is an estimated 1.5-hour drive from our neck of the woods, the environment and entertainment is family friendly, the inclusions alleviate all participants from the time consuming planning, packing and organizing of food and entertainment, and lastly, is just doesn't get much better than live music while nestled on a blanket in the boreal forest.

Note that this year's mini-ness was a direct result of the big "C" and

related restrictions. With that said, word has it that due to positive feedback there is talk of again offering a small group setting all-inclusive package in following years, so stay tuned.

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See you out there.



**Jade Lake, Gem Lakes, Narrow Hills Provincial Park**

## Minutes of an R.M. of Canwood meeting

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

A regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 was held at the Seniors' Room (Elks Hall), 2nd Avenue East, in Canwood on June 15, 2021, commencing at 9:07 a.m.

Present – Reeve Lyndon Pease, Administrator Lorna Benson and the following Councillors for their respective divisions: #1 Ralph Korody, #2 Dennis Benke, #4 Ray Duret, and #6 Leonard Smith.

Delegations: Dwight Diehl, Public Works Supervisor, Municipal Operations Update.

Korody: That the minutes of the May 18, 2021, Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented. Carried

Duret: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of May 2021 for the R.M. General Account be approved as presented. Carried

Korody: That we approve the payments as listed on the attached account listing for a total of \$576,214.67, Council Direct Deposits for June and Payroll Direct Deposits for 2020 Pay Period 11 and 12. Carried

Public Works Supervisor Dwight Diehl attended the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Duret: That the Council of the R.M. of Canwood No. 494 has no objections to the sale of the following Crown Land and wishes to offer the following comments:

1. The municipality assumes no responsibility for access to the parcel of land;

2. Future development will be conditional to land abutting a developed road (Basic Planning Statement Bylaw No. 2003-6);

3. The Ministry of Agriculture shall insist on the registration of parcel ties where appropriate with Information Services Corporation (ISC) to ensure ac-

cess is not jeopardized by future land transactions;

4. The Ministry of Agriculture shall register an interest on titles that currently do not abut a developed roadway to ensure landowners are made aware of access issues; and

5. To the best of Council's knowledge, the following comments can be made with respect to the specific parcels of land in this specific lease: SE 22-52-07 W3 does not abut a developed municipal roadway. Carried

(Editor's note: Council carried the same motion for NW 22-52-07 W3, noting that it does abut a developed municipal roadway)

Pease: That we amend Resolution No. 11 of April 21, 2021, as the SW 08-54-05 W3 was in duplicate on the original document. The quarter of land to replace the duplicate listing is the SW 29-54-05 W3. Further to this Council has no objections to the sale of the SW 29-54-05 W3. Carried

Korody: Further to resolutions made on Nov. 17, 2020, Dec. 15, 2020, and Feb. 16, 2021, in the matter to close and transfer the original road allowance being vested in the crown, Council acknowledges and accepts the amendments to the proposed Parcel B on the Plan of Proposed Subdivision dated April 7, 2021, prepared by Meridian Surveys Ltd. to extend the road closure 331.78 meters north of the south boundary of the SE 32-50-04 W3. Carried

Schutte: That Bylaw 2021-05 attached hereto and forming a part of these Minutes, being a Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 to provide for the closing and selling of a municipal road, now be read the first time. Carried

(Editor's note: Council unanimously gave the by-law three readings and enacted it)

Councillor Korody left the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

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## GOOD NEWS

### DAVID TEACHES US THE IMPORTANCE OF LETTING GO

I preached a message and called it letting go. One preacher made a point that I used. He said, "Letting go is a choice you make, not because it feels right, but it is right."

When I was in my teen years I didn't walk as close to Jesus as I should have. My mother Theresa Bodvarson would often remind that when I was a baby I was dedicated to the Lord. She was reminding me that I was God's. My mom would add that it was Dr. Abbey, who likely was one of first doctors to serve in Hay River, who asked my mom if he could name me David Paul and dedicate me. It was quite an honor to be named by Dr. Abbey, who I believe was also a missionary to Africa. I can't say I always lived up to the David in the Old Testament, but he sure inspires me to reach higher.

In my message I mentioned David in the Old Testament who was a great example of letting things go. It seems to me reading about David and King Saul's relationship it went from bad to worse. At one point King Saul is singing the praises of David. The next moment King Saul is jealous of him. The women of Israel didn't make it any easier when they wrote those lyrics and sang

them enthusiastically, "Paul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands" (1 Samuel 18:7).

Hear King Saul's response. I Samuel 18:8 -9 says, "Then Saul was very angry, and the saying displeased him; and he said, 'They have ascribed to David his ten thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?' So Saul eyed David from that day forward."

To David's credit, he spared King Saul's life twice when he had the opportunity to take it. To David's credit, I don't see in Scripture where he ever harboured any ill feelings toward King Saul.

It was some seven years or so later that David was being hounded in the hills of Judea on the run for his life. King Saul and David spent some time playing cat and mouse.

From King Saul's own lips on one occasion, after David had spared his, life he said to David from a distance, "You are more righteous than I; for you rewarded me with good, whereas I have rewarded you with evil" (1 Samuel 24:17).

What a wonderful example David was of letting things go.

Blessings,

Pastor David Bodvarson

Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly



# 'Sho-time' most compelling sports figure

Last week's column exposed the first half (seven through 12) of the Dazzling Dozen — the 12 most compelling people in sports (from a Canadian's perspective) — and now it's time to list the top six. (The six highlighted last week: Roger Federer, Jay Onrait, Brooke Henderson, Bianca Andreescu, Vladimir Guerrero, Jr., and Tom Brady.) The drums are rolling, the anticipation is high and the eagerness to find out who ranks in the top six is without compare. So, here we go:

6. Hayley Wickenheiser. What an achiever! The trail-blazing hockey star from Shaunavon, Sask., is not only regarded as the best female player in the game's history, but her post-playing days are raising eyebrows, too. She completed medical school in 2021, but instead of saving lives in hospital ERs, she instead veered into hockey

management, deciding to try to save the Toronto Maple Leafs. Wickenheiser was hired in 2018 as the Leafs' assistant director of player development and was promoted in 2021 to senior director of player development.

5. Alphonso Davies. Probably more famous in Europe, Germany in particular, than in Canada, the 20-year-old Edmontonian is our country's best soccer player. Born in Ghana, Davies at age 17 was the youngest player ever to suit up for Canada's national team, and now stars for Bayern Munich in the Bundesliga. A Wikipedia entry says Davies is "considered by some to be the best left-back of his generation."

4. Christine Sinclair. From one soccer superstar to another. What Davies has become in men's soccer, Sinclair has been doing in spectacular fashion for the past 20 years on behalf of Canadian teams.



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Now 38, the Burnaby, B.C. native has won the award for best Canadian soccer player an astonishing 14 times. She is the world's — the world's! — all-time leading goal scorer in international play (men or women) with 186. Sinclair is a national treasure.

3. Bryson DeChambeau. This is a list of 'compelling' people, and DeChambeau, love him or hate him, is certainly compelling. He has changed the game of profes-

sional golf, using science and human biometrics to drive the ball astounding distances, making the game a matter of pitch-and-putt for him on some layouts. His controversial methods and public spats with fellow golf superstar Brooks Koepka have kept DeChambeau in the headlines — on the course and off.

2. Connor McDavid. Like Oilers' alum Wayne Gretzky, McDavid, aka the Best Player in the World, is can't-miss viewing. He performs miraculous tricks with the puck at higher speed than anyone in the NHL, leaving defence-men breathless, goaltenders shaking their heads and fans amazed.

1. Shohei Ohtani. He hits. He pitches. He's the top slugger in Major League Baseball. He was the starting pitcher for the American League in this year's All-Star game. Apparently, there's nothing the Japanese superstar cannot do. That's why it's 'Sho-time' when the Los Angeles Angels play and why he is the most compelling sports figure in

the world today.

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "Italy beat England on penalty kicks. Deciding a soccer game with penalty kicks is like deciding a baseball game with a bowling match."

• Golf Channel broadcaster Shane Bacon, on Twitter, after Open Championship video of Tyrrell Hatton snapping a short iron after a poor shot: "Hatton running out of holes to complete the Tantrum Slam. Flipped the bird, broke a wedge. All that's left is kicking your bag and breaking a tee marker."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "Aaron Judge was among six New York Yankees who tested positive for COVID (the day after the all-star game). Aaron Judge was an all-star. So the worst thing that came out of that MLB All-Star game might not turn out to be those hideous uniforms."

• Comedy writer Brad Dickson of Omaha: "Summer Olympics start soon. Prediction: by the time they're over

NBC will stand for 'Nothing But COVID.'"

• Kaseberg again: "NFL star, Richard Sherman, was charged with five counts — including DUI and criminal trespass. They threw out the lesser charge of impersonating a Cincinnati Bengal."

• Another Richard Sherman crack from Kaseberg: "In Seattle, future Hall of Famer, Richard Sherman was taken down by a police dog and charged with burglary domestic violence and a hit-and-run. Sherman is a free-agent, but this latest ugly incident will make him all but utterly irresistible to the Las Vegas Raiders."

• From Jack Finarelli's column on sports curmudgeon.com: "(Bears QB) Mitchell Trubisky got married on July 3. Now we know he completed at least one pass in his life."

• Headline at the onion.com: "Conor McGregor Undergoes 3 Hours Of Surgery To Repair Fractured Ego"

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## Minutes of an R.M. of Canwood meeting

### Continued from 10

Schutte: That in the matter of the request from the Cameo and Hilldrop Cooperative Association to purchase the Hilldrop School site, we agree to transfer title of the school and land located on Block A, Plan 101510480, Ext 30, on the SW 13-49-05 W3, with the condition that the site be retained and maintained as a school site. Further to this, the Cameo and Hilldrop Co-operative Association is responsible for the title transfer fees. Carried

Councillor Korody returned to the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

Benke: That we agree to the request of Margaret Nemes, Mont Nebo, Sask., to consolidate Lots 3, 4, and 5 of Block 5, Plan BD532 in Mont Nebo, Sask. Carried

Duret: That we acknowledge the correspondence of June 3, 2021, from the Saskatchewan Municipal Board in regard to the boundary alteration proposed by the Resort Village of Pebble Baye. Further to this, the municipality will participate in mediation as arranged by the Municipal Boundary Committee. Carried

Benke: That we approve an extension of time to Ms. Silvia Gerard to comply with the R.M.'s Zoning Bylaw No. 2003-7 for the removal of the unpermitted development on the SW 04-50-06 W3 and request periodic updates on the 15th of each month respecting the progress made towards the removal. Further to this, if the development has not been removed from the property by September 15, 2021, the municipality will proceed with an application to the Court of Queen's Bench seeking an order directing Ms. Gerard to have the development removed. Carried

Benke: That we approve the Development and Building Permit Applications of Blain Gerein, Unity, Sask., to construct a detached garage on Lot 7, Block 1, Plan 80PA04566, Pratt Lake, with approval pursuant to Section 9.1.2 of the LD – Lakeshore Development District, Municipal Zoning Bylaw 2003-7. Carried

(Editor's note: Council approved another seven building and development permits)

Korody: That we approve the Council's Indemnity as presented. Carried

Duret: whereas, the Federal Government has passed a motion to adopt 988, a Notational three-digit suicide and crisis hotline; AND WHEREAS, the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic has increased the demand for the suicide prevention services by 200 percent; and

Whereas, existing suicide prevention hotlines require the user to remember a six-digit number and go through directories or be placed on hold; and

Whereas, in 2022 the United States will have in place a national 985 crisis hotline; and

Whereas, the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 recognizes that this is a significant and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

It be hereby resolved, that the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 endorses the 988 crisis line initiative. Carried

Pease: That we now file the correspondence. Carried

Benke: That we now adjourn at 12:08 p.m. with the next regular meeting of Council to be held on July 20, 2021, at 9 a.m. Carried

## Parkland Heat comes up shy of provincials bronze

The Parkland Heat U16 girls team travelled to Regina over the weekend, where they were one of 21 teams vying for the provincial title.

After a hard-fought tournament, the team, made up of girls from Shellbrook and the wider area, were forced to settle for a fourth place finish after a heart-breaking last inning loss to Unity.

Kara Thiessen earned the start on the mound for the heat, while Shelby Woytiuk was tapped as closer, in a game that came down to the bottom of the seventh inning.

With the score tied 3-3, Unity's first batter executed a perfect bunt and got

on first, prompting the Heat to make the tactical decision to intentionally walk the next hitter.

The call didn't pay off, as a line drive to right centerfield by the next batter allowed Unity to score the bronze medal winning run.

Regardless of where the team finished, coach Deanna Ledding says she's proud of how her girls played.

"Each game in round robin was a tight fought battle and the bronze game was no exception," she said. "The girls played their hearts out all weekend and left everything they had on the field."



The Parkland Heat U16 girls team finished just shy of bronze at provincials in Regina.



## OBITUARIES

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*Alban Anthony Herzog*

Alban Anthony Herzog, born August 3, 1923. Died July 18, 2021, 16 days shy of this 98th birthday. Predeceased by his mom and dad; 13 siblings; his wife Laura and grandson Ian; as well as numerous in-laws. Survived by daughters Deb (Garry) Dahl; Donna (Micky) Giberson; Kath (Clem) Delisle; Paula (Hugh) Malone; Yvonne (Ray) Houston; 18

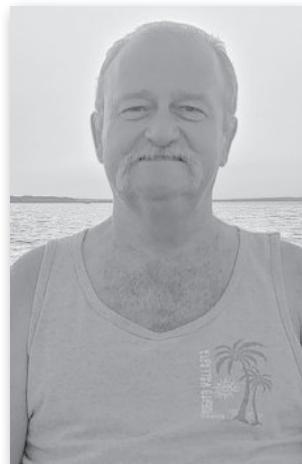
grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren; his sisters-in-law Marie Herzog, Delphine Paquette, Adele Mohr, Bernie Racette, and Pauline Herzog.

He was born to Fred and Agnes Herzog in Wakaw, Saskatchewan. They later moved to Mayview where his dad Fred, homesteaded. At the age of 9, Alban had his first job pounding posts for a neighbor. Later, he sold newspapers in Prince Albert; ran the threshing machine for his dad's business; ran and owned a sawmill with his brothers; worked in the Flin Flon nickel mine for 7 years – driving out after harvest and coming back in time to seed in the spring. He would buy vehicles in Ontario and drive them back to Saskatchewan where he sold them for a profit. Between the mine jobs and selling cars, he was able to save enough money to

start his own farm in Mayview, sharing equipment with his brothers at the start. He worked with Ken and Arnold building a Flight Services Station and a school in several northern communities. He helped build the DEW line and farmed until 1983 when Dad and Mom went to Africa. They moved to Prince Albert in 1984 where he lived until 2020 at which time, he moved to the Parkland Terrace nursing home in Shellbrook.

Memorial donations in Alban's memory may be directed to Shellbrook and Districts Health Services Foundation – Recreation Department – House C Awning Project. Box 33, Shellbrook SK. S0J 2E0.

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, Shellbrook, SK. 306-747-2828.

*Buster Raymond Reimer*

Buster Raymond Reimer was born January 10, 1963 in Quesnel, BC and passed away July 2, 2021 at his home at Delaronde Lake by Big River, SK at 58 years of age.

Buster is lovingly remembered by: his wife: Holly Reimer, his children and grandchildren: Joanne (Ryan) – Jade and JR, Brandon (Melissa) –

Penelope and Buster, his mother: Viola Borgen, his brothers/sisters and nieces/nephews: Pete (Marie) – Tristan, Lawrence (Janet) – Cheyenne (Richard) – Thomas, Charmaine (Joshua), Chris (Nikki) – Desirae, Kacie, Sean and Wes, Trudy (Francois) – Dylan, Rachael – Matthew and Ryan, his in-laws: Pearl (Lloyd), Rose, Russell (Joy) also numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and special friends. He was predeceased by: his father: Raymond Reimer, his parents-in-law: Clarence and Vivian Beebe, his nieces: Chantal Reimer, Isabelle Guillemetto-Reimer, many uncles/aunts, and his grandparents.

A Celebration of Buster's Life was held Sunday, July 11, 2021 at 2:00 pm at the Big River Community Hall, Big

River, SK with Jason Boucher officiating. The Eulogy was given by Martha Reimer and Robert Reimer. Stories of Buster were told by Brenda Hanson, Jason Boucher and anyone else who wished to share with the congregation of friends and relatives. Music was provided by LaLayne Martel. Honorary Pallbearers are considered all his nieces, nephews, and SPECIAL friends. Interment will take place at a later date. Friends so wishing may make memorial donations to STARS Air Ambulance or to Big River Bible Camp in memory of Buster Reimer as tokens of remembrance. 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, R. Mark Muir Funeral Director, Big River, SK 306-469-2277.

*Caren Elizabeth Shillington*

SHILLINGTON – Caren Elizabeth

July 6, 1954 – July 24, 2021

Caren was born in the Shellbrook Union Hospital

on July 6th, 1954 along with her twin sister, Carol, to parents Helen and Norman Shillington.

She grew up attending school in Shellbrook and participated in the many school sports. Her love of sports extended into her adult life as she played softball in the Saskatoon Women's League and later in the Calgary Women's League, learned to ski in Banff and enjoyed the sports of curling and golf. Upon moving back to Saskatchewan, Caren became interested in rodeos becoming a team roper and participated in many rodeos.

Caren's career in cooking led her to work in and manage many restaurants eventually leading her to camps in northern Saskatchewan and northern Alberta.

Caren acquired two significant achievements in her lifetime: The first occurred while working in Shellbrook she was approached by the then mayor of Shellbrook, Bill Simington, to consider running for a vacancy on Town Council as it was felt time there should be a female on council. With trepidation, Caren agreed and thus became the "first" female to actively be on the Shellbrook Town Council.

The second achievement occurred while cooking in the PTI camps in northern Alberta. Caren applied for the position of "field officer" for the PTI company. Upon being accepted, she became the "first" female to hold this position in the company for northern Alberta and northern BC. With her "new Technology", a company cell phone, laptop and a 3/4 ton company truck radio equipped with her own "ten-four" handle, Caren drove the highways, the side roads, the bush roads and in winter, the ice roads of northern Alberta and northern BC to reach all the camps she was responsible for.

Caren continued in this

position until illness and surgery necessitated she be placed on permanent disability causing her to return to Shellbrook to spend time with family and enjoy "coffee time" with friends.

Caren passed away in Shellbrook at the Parkland Integrated Health Centre on July 24th, 2021 at the age of 67. She was predeceased by her parents, Helen and Norman Shillington and brother, Gary Shillington.

She is survived and sadly missed by: her twin sister, Carol (Dale) Martin with their family, son, Scott Martin and daughter, Kim (Jason) Lamotte; her older sister, Gail (Thorn) Boyko and family, daughter, Lynne (Harvey) Lewsaw and

son, Brad Thorn; her aunt, Margaret Shillington; her cousins, several great nieces and nephews who loved their "great" auntie Caren.

There will be a family only "graveside memorial" at the Shellbrook Cemetery as per Caren's wishes.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made to the "Town of Shellbrook" to be designated to the Cemetery upkeep fund. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are invited to visit [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, Fred Pomrenk, Funeral Director, Shellbrook (306-747-2828).

*Henry Wonderham*

Henry Wonderham November 24, 1930 – July 18, 2021

Henry Wonderham died peacefully July 18, 2021 with his wife by his side at Whispering Pine Place in Canwood, Saskatchewan.

Henry is survived by:

his wife, Valerie; sons, Gary and Dave and their families; daughter, Karen and her family; brother, Peter (Susan) Wonderham of Calgary, AB.; sister, Joanne Powers of Sarnia, Ontario; in-laws Wayne Schmalz and Margaret George of Shellbrook, SK., Myron and Caroline Schmalz of Prince Albert, SK., and Patty Schmalz and Mark Fusick of Shellbrook, SK.; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Henry was predeceased by: his son, John; parents, John and Petranella Wonderham; sisters, Nellie (Martin) Jackobsen, Susan (Tom) Aiery and Elizabeth (Bill) Kelch; brothers, Bill (Jean)

Wonderham and Simon (Dolly) Wonderham; daughter-in-law, Cheryl; and in-laws, Harry and Louise Schmalz.

Born in Chatham, Ontario on November 24, 1930. Shortly thereafter the family moved to Windsor, Ontario. At the age of 15 he moved with his family to a small farm outside of Sarnia, Ontario. He worked at the Autolite plant which later became Prestolite and also owned his own service station in Sarnia. In the mid 70's he moved to Edmonton where he excelled as a sales rep. He also worked as camp security during oilfield shutdown. In the mid 80's he moved to Saskatoon and worked for several years as a sales rep for Turner Warwick Commu-

nications. It was here he met Valerie and they were married June 2, 1990. In 1995 they moved to the South Okanagan where he delivered papers and also worked at Walmart. Due to his declining health they returned to Saskatchewan to be near family.

He was a man of simple tastes and needs. He loved to spend time with Valerie and their dogs. Many road trips, camping trips, picnics and wiener roasts were enjoyed. He was a man with integrity and always looked out for everyone offering sound advice. He was always available to lend a hand to anyone from helping Wayne and Margaret to move farm machinery, pulling bolts out of granary floors, helping Myron sell cars, and

hilling Mark and Patty's potatoes. Henry loved to garden and friends and family will attest to his sound advice at how to plant produce for the best yields. He was also very resourceful. When barbecuing and realizing a turner was not available he improvised with a lid from a tin can and a pair of pliers. He was an active man and enjoyed sky diving, scuba diving and especially bike riding. Even though his mobility declined he maintained his positive attitude and his sense of humour. When he needed a moment to answer a question or offer advice he would gently raise his right index figure. He loved his little room at Canwood where he could look out at the trees and watch the birds at the feed-

er and care for the variety of plants in his room. He was so very grateful for the care he received in Canwood. His two favourite sayings were "never get old" and "never stop laughing". A Graveside Service will be held on Saturday July 24, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at BRIGHTHOLME Lutheran Cemetery with lunch to follow at St. John's Lutheran Church in Shellbrook. Memorial donations may be made to Whispering Pine Place "Patio Roof Project" or Whispering Pine Place Long Term Care Facility P.O. Box 418 Canwood, Sask. S0J 0K0. Condolences may be left at [www.prairieviewchapel.com](http://www.prairieviewchapel.com). Arrangements entrusted to Prairie View Cremation and Memorial Services (306-242-7884).



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Riannon Nelson, Treasurer  
Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464

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The family of the late Francis Bazley would like to say a big thank you to all who attended his memorial service. For all the flowers, phone calls, visits, texts, cards and food brought to our house. Many thanks to the Shellbrook Hospital and to the two nursing homes he'd been in. A big thank you for the donations given to various charities. To Pastor Bill and Pastor Glenn for the beautiful service. To our grandchildren for their musical selections. Also a big thank you to Beau Lac Funeral Home, especially to Lynn Anderson for her kind and compassionate ways she dealt with us. To my niece, Paula (Sletten) Ashe who did such a great job on the eulogy. God bless you all.

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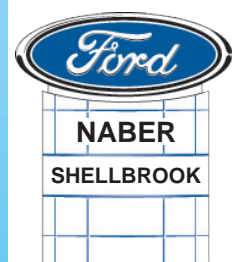
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# Does gardening help you live longer?

**By Patricia Hanbidge**

Many of the world's centenarians are gardeners. Is gardening the elixir that helps to keep you to live longer – but even more importantly live better?

It is very well known that an outdoor lifestyle that also involves physical activity is linked to a longer life. If you are a gardener, then this is an easy way to accomplish getting outside and doing some low-intensity activity. Gardeners do live longer and are less stressed as there are both physical and mental benefits from gardening.

A fairly recent Dutch study took two groups of participants and gave them a fairly stressful activity. After completing this activity one half of the group read indoors while the other half gardened outdoors for a period of thirty minutes. The group that read indoors reported their mood "further deteriorated" while the gardening group showed lower levels of the stress hormone cortisol and felt "fully restored".

In Australia, researchers following men and women in their sixties and found that those participants that gardened had a 36% lower risk of dementia than the non-gardening group. Also, elderly people suffering from cognitive issues reported benefits from garden settings and by involvement in horticultural therapy. Sunlight, fresh air and the colours and textures of plants help improve visual and tactile ability.

Okinawa, Japan has the world's highest ratio of centenarians with a whopping 50 per 100,000 people. Many of these residents maintain small personal gardens well into an old age. There is a saying in Okinawa that anyone that grows old healthfully needs an ikagai or reason for living. Gardening give you a reason to get up and moving each and every day. One other factor that is key to this healthy lifestyle is the concept of yuimaru or a high level of social connectedness obtained by bringing their produce to market and sharing your latest creations from the garden as a social

activity. This connectivity to other people and to nature itself by living surrounded by lush greenery live longer and have less chance of developing cancer or respiratory illness.

One other important factor is gardeners often eat better and often develop a more Mediterranean diet that is rich in vegetables, fruit, whole grains, legumes, nuts, fish and olive oil. Vegetables that you grow yourself taste better and are actually healthier than vegetables that are produced commercially. They are richer in vitamins, minerals and phytoactive compounds. Gardeners tend to grow what they like to eat and thus eat more of this healthy food and enjoy it more.

If we take a moment to explore the benefits of horticultural therapy these factors are even enforced more strongly. HT is the use of plants and horticulture or gardening to improve the quality of life socially, physically, mentally and spiritually. I think that is another way to demonstrate what gardening gives back to you, the gardener. Whether your HT is used to improve rehabilitation, to build a vocational option into your life or if you just use it as a social program – it is all beneficial to you personally. In my opinion everyone should garden forever, but it is totally reasonable and acceptable to alter or evolve your garden to meet your current needs, abilities and skill level. Be creative, be brave and get outside to garden!

There are no guarantees in life and gardening is not any guarantee of living a longer life, but the lifestyle factors associated with gardening – going outside, physical activity and eating a healthy plant-based diet just might be the ticket to living a longer, healthier and happier life!

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