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## Spiritwood High holds grad ceremony and parade



A variety of floats and other modes of transportation were used to get Spiritwood Graduates around town on June 30.

Spiritwood High School wrapped up another year on June 30 with a graduation ceremony and parade. This year, the school had 39 graduates.

Subject awards and scholarships were handed out at the ceremony, which took place in the hockey arena. It was followed by a parade featuring a variety of floats carrying graduates.

The parade started at SAD SAAC park and looped through multiple streets in town, before returning to the starting location. Many members of the community were on Main Street or on their front lawns to enjoy the display.

Subject awards were given to the fol-

lowing: Boys PE – Kyle Brewer, Morgan Prefontaine, and Joseph Laguyo, Girls PE – Aleah McNabb, Career and Work Exploration - Karstin Booth and Colton Balazsi, Psychology- Cassidee Price, Financial Literacy - Kylie Salisbury, Pre-Calculus - Kolbie Parker, Math Foundations - Kolbie Parker, Calculus - Hunter Petersen, Work Place and Apprenticeship - Morgan Prefontaine, Biology - Cairah Cabase, Chemistry - Cairah Cabase, Physics - Hunter Petersen, Computer Science - Syjer Mel Asuncion, Information Processing - Syjer Mel Asuncion, ELA A30 - Cairah Cabase, ELA B30 - Cairah Cabase, Law - Kylie Salisbury, History -

Cairah Cabase, Food Studies - Kendall Benoanie, Visual Arts - Keegan Chamakese, Construction - Karstin Booth, Wildlife Management - Jaylene Franson, and PAA Survey - Dalton Wasden.

Other awards and scholarships were handed out to the following: English Valedictorian - Cairah Cabase, Salutatorian - Syjer Mel Asuncion, Lake Country Coop Award and Scholarship - Caley Lehouillier, Golden Lion Award - Emma Beaulac, Golden Lion Scholarship - Aleah McNabb, RCMP Student of the Year - Shayla Chaykowski, Growth in Learning - Kylie Salisbury, Most Dedicated First Nation Student - Christy Jo Thomas,

Harper Scholarship - Syjer Mel Asuncion, Harper Scholarship (Agriculture) - Shayla Chaykowski, LSKYSD Academic Proficiency - Cairah Cabase, Governor General Award (2019-2020) - Olivia Parker, Knight's of Columbus Scholarship - Shayla Chaykowski, Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship - Colton Balazsi, Prairie Spirit Credit Union - Kyle Brewer, Cairah Cabase, Tyson Knot, and Kolbie Parker, Fast Genetics Science Award - Cairah Cabase, CUPE Scholarship - Kyle Brewer, Colton Balazsi, and Morgan Prefontaine, G-Mac's AgTeam Scholarship - Olivia Woytiuk, Frank Koska Scholarship - Aleah MacNabb.





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# Doukhobor Dugout House hosts season opening

Change was in the air at the Doukhobor Dugout House over the weekend, when the provincial and national heritage site welcomed in visitors for the opening of the 2021 tourism season and the Season of Colours.

For Brenda Cheveldayoff, a Doukhobor descendant and the founder of the site, Saturday's season opening was both a blessing and a surprise, as there was a time, at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, when she thought she might not be able to re-open.

Fortunately for her, Tourism Saskatchewan had no intention of letting that happen.

"They believed the heritage site was a valuable legacy for Saskatchewan visitors," Cheveldayoff said, noting that Tourism Saskatchewan invested \$10,000 in a new website for the Doukhobor Dugout House.

"Along with the website change, we opened up a new patio and made tours self-guided, at your leisure. We also had an opportunity to employ five new people."

Cheveldayoff's remarks came as part of the Doukhobor Dugout House's grand re-opening ceremony, which began with herself, visiting dignitaries, and Doukhobor elders being led into the ceremony site, overlooking the river valley, by bagpiper Dave Hjertaas.

Cheveldayoff began by greeting visitors

and reading the Lord's Prayer, before Camilia Konkin was called upon to sing the prayer in Russian.

Taking the podium next, Saskatchewan Lt.-Gov. Russ Mirasty brought greetings, in both Cree and English, on behalf of Queen Elizabeth II and spoke of the importance of honouring heritage.

"We must never forget where we come from and who we are," he said. "We have a lot to learn from each other, and from the Doukhobors it's determination and perseverance. It is remarkable that 300 men, women, and children survived not only one prairie winter in their dugout homes, but five years."

When Mirasty finished speaking, Cheveldayoff presented him with a traditional, handmade Doukhobor rug, which was made by 88-year-old Doukhobor elder Bob Ewashen, then turned the microphone over to Kelly Block, MP for Carlton-Eagle Creek.

With the opening of the Doukhobor Dugout House site coming just two days after Canada Day, Block said it was a perfect time to both celebrate all that is good about Canada and also reflect on its history.

On the good side, she pointed to Canada's legacy as a pioneer when it comes to freedom of religion. It was this very freedom that made the original Doukhobor immigrants choose to settle in Canada,



**Doukhobor elders and children close out the re-opening ceremony with traditional Russian hymns.**

after they fled Russia to escape religious and cultural persecution.

"Like many who settled on the prairies, the Doukhobors arrived with very little," she said. "That didn't stop them from creating a life for themselves, embodying the slogan 'toil and peaceful life.'"

Bringing greetings on behalf of the province and Premier Scott Moe, Todd Goudy, MLA for Melfort, thanked the Doukhobor elders and volunteers in attendance for the warm welcome that "embodies the philosophy of the Doukhobor people."

He also praised the original Doukhobor settlers for their courage to live their lives based on their beliefs, calling it the em-

bodiment of Saskatchewan's motto, "multis e gentibus vires."

"From many peoples, strength, is really what makes the future bright," he said. "It's the commitment to our values, and our beliefs, that will allow us to have this spirit of reconciliation, unity, and love."

Reconciliation, as it turns out, was a key word on a day that reflected a great deal about the need for change.

Special guest JJ Verigin, the great grandson of Peter "The Lordly" Verigin – a spiritual leader of the Doukhobor people whose death in 1924 remains one of Canada's great unsolved mysteries – began by recalling that the original Doukhobor settlers were aided by their "indigenous brothers and sisters" when they arrived in Canada.

Reflecting on the traditional Doukhobor philosophy that "The welfare of the world is not worth the life of a single child," he called on all in attendance to devote themselves to "reconciliation" (rather than just reconciliation).

"I think we do a great disservice to all of our forbearers, respectful of every tradition we come from... if we don't fulfill and realize the dreams that they carried," he said. "Because their dreams were for a better life for all of us."

The opening ceremony closed with more change-focused words from Norm Rebin, and the singing of traditional Russian hymns by Doukhobor elders and children, including Jenette Stringer, Edna Wright, Bill Kalmakoff, Shelly Lacertilia, Harvey Kazakoff, Pasha Ponomarenko, Alex Kalesnikoff, Mae Popoff, Camelia Konkin, Jessica Hueser, Evelyn Nixey, and Carly, Bailey, and Brooklyn Penner.

The Doukhobor Dugout House site, located south-east of Blaine Lake, is open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



**Bagpiper Dave Hjertaas leads the procession of Doukhobor elders and visiting dignitaries to the site of the opening ceremony.**

## Re-Opening Roadmap

### STEP 3 Starting July 11

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# Benson receives award for volunteerism

Anyone who knows Lorna Benson knows she doesn't like to be in the spotlight. Whether its in her professional capacity as the administrator for the R.M. of Canwood, or in one of her many roles as a volunteer, she's never been in it for attention or accolades.

Imagine her surprise, then, when members of her community nominated her to be one of this year's recipients of the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers, an honour presented by Saskatchewan

Lt.-Gov. Russ Mirasty.

And imagine how her surprise deepened when she learned she was one of just 26 Saskatchewan residents selected to receive the honour in an online ceremony held on July 1.

"There are a few people who spent a lot of time putting the application together. I am very grateful for their efforts with the application," she said.

"I must also say there are many people equally deserving of such an award. Saskatchewan has some of the best people living within its borders, and by far the best volunteers."

Benson dove into the deep end of volunteerism in 2007, starting out as a volunteer first responder in Canwood after she was approached by a friend and asked if she'd like to take the course.

Not long after she received her certification, she was encouraged to step into the role of coordinator (a role she still carries out 14 years later) when the serving coordinator decided to step aside.

"The First Responder group that came before us is one very special group, as they were the FIRST First Responder group in Saskatchewan," Benson recalled. "Those are big shoes to fill."

As if being a First Responder coordinator wasn't already a 24-hour-a-day commitment, Benson has spent the past 14 years volunteering in numer-

ous ways. Once her children grew up and started getting involved in community activities, she added treasurer of the skating rink and church event organizer to her list of duties.

She's also been involved with Donor's Choice, helped plan Canwood's centennial celebration, and initiated and spearheaded the development of the Canwood Rural Crime Watch, which has expanded to include many surrounding communities.

For Benson, volunteerism is a way to give back to the community, bring the community closer together, and honour those who helped make it what it is today.

"The community members before us have worked hard to provide opportunities in the community," she said. "I feel it is our generation's turn to step up and take on these responsibilities so that our children can have the same or similar experiences."

As one of this year's recipients of the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers, Benson adds that she hopes to be a role model for others.

"I hope this recognition reminds people to be or get actively involved in the community they call home. I would like to inspire others to find the time and passion to give back to their community through volunteering."



Lorna Benson is one of 26 Saskatchewan residents to have received the Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers from Lt.-Gov. Russ Mirasty on Canada Day.

## McNabb wins Lions Graduate Scholarship

Each spring, the Spiritwood and District Lions award one scholarship to a Spiritwood High School graduate in the amount of \$500.

This year's recipient was Aleah McNabb. Aleah grew up in Spiritwood and was an active youth, participating in school and community sports. She was a part of a variety of high school teams during her career.

Aleah is looking forward to starting a program in social work with the University of Regina at the Saskatoon

campus in the fall.

She says she would like a career where she

can help others, especially those dealing with mental health issues.



Outgoing Lions President Marg Pretli (right) presents Aleah McNabb (left) with the Spiritwood Lions Graduate Scholarship.



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## Trudeau government heads to court to hide the truth

Before we get into this week's column, let's play a little game. Can you guess which politician made the following statement?

"Bits of blacked-out documents with key information missing are not disclosure. Non-answers in the House are not disclosure. Rhetorical personal attacks are not disclosure. We need to get at the truth. The international reputation of Canada and our military is at stake here."

Here's a hint: the quote comes from a Nov. 26, 2009 House of Commons debate, wherein Opposition MPs were demanding that the then-Harper government release documents pertaining to the alleged abuse of Afghan prisoners.

Still not sure?

Okay, let's try multiple choice.

Was it:

- A) Jack Layton
- B) Elizabeth May
- C) Justin Trudeau
- D) None of the above?

If you guessed C, you're right on the money. And, if you have even a passing familiarity with Mr. Trudeau's record since he became prime minister in 2015, you're likely surprised by the answer.

Looking at the above statement, one has to wonder what happened to Mr. Trudeau in the six years between the time he made it and the time his government was sworn into office.

Sure, it's easy for opposition MPs to talk about transparency and accountability when they're not the ones responsible for making the decisions and facing the consequences.

Sure, much of politics is performative and politicians give their best performances when they're holding their rivals' feet to the fire.

But beneath all the rhetoric and partisan showmanship, you'd think there would be at least a hint of sincerity, or something to suggest that politicians truly believe and mean what they're saying.



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Then again, experience has taught us that to expect sincerity from Mr. Trudeau is to invite bitter disappointment.

His is a government that pledged to end Ottawa's neglect of veterans, only to take them to court when they dared to "ask for too much."

His is a government that vowed to make truth and reconciliation a top priority, only to fight a legal battle against residential school survivors seeking reparations.

His is a government that promised to be transparent, only to resort to the use of bits of blacked-out documents, non-answers, and rhetorical personal attacks Mr. Trudeau had once railed against when his opponents were in power.

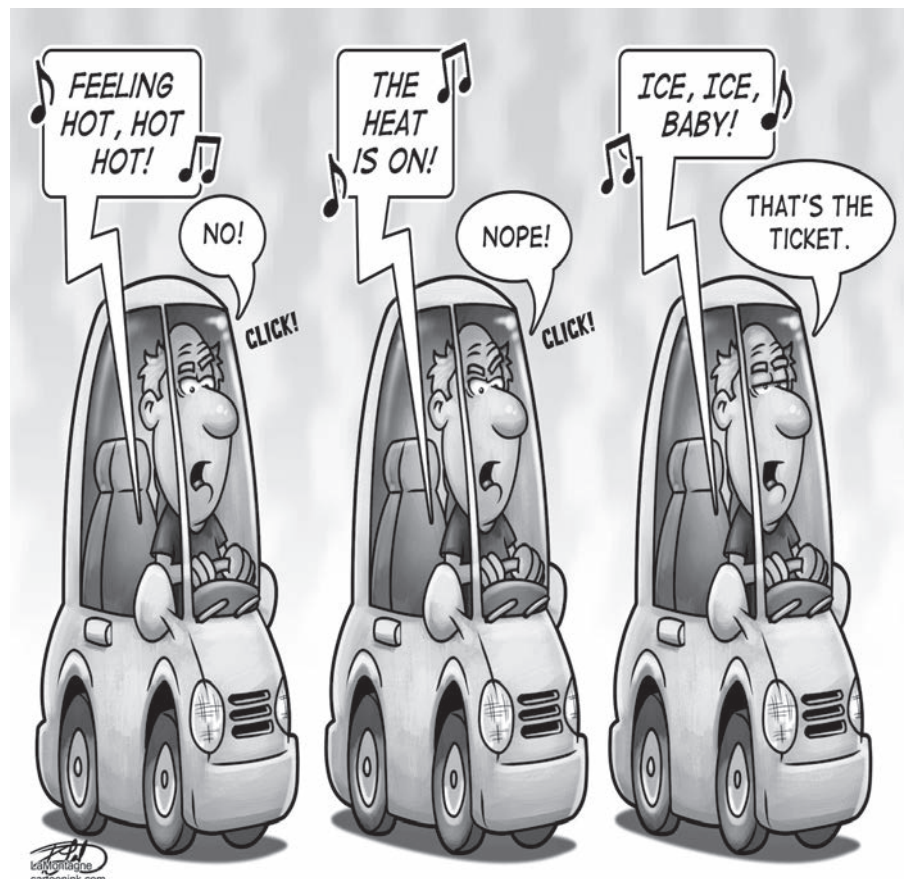
In its latest gambit to avoid answering difficult questions about the removal of two Chinese-born scientists from the National Microbiology Lab in Winnipeg, it's even gone so far as to take the Speaker of the House to federal court.

The aim of the lawsuit is to have the court seal documents relating to the firing of the scientists, renowned ebola researcher Xiangguo Qiu and her husband, Keding Cheng, and the investigations carried out by the RCMP and CSIS.

Publicly, we know only that Ms. Qiu is alleged to have violated some of the high-security lab's policies, and that she shipped samples of ebola and hepinah viruses to the Wuhan Institute of Virology four months before she and her husband were fired.

Because Mr. Trudeau's government refuses to obey the House's demands to turn the documents over to the Commons Law Clerk, who would redact any sensitive information that could harm Canada's national security interests, the truth is shrouded in mystery, and conspiracy theories have been allowed to run rampant.

Perhaps someone should reacquaint Mr. Trudeau with the words he spoke in 2009. It seems he could benefit from a reminder about what he once claimed to stand for.



## CTF sounds alarm over expensive gun buyback bill

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation is calling on the federal government to cancel the gun buyback after a Parliamentary Budget Officer report that estimated the cost of compensating gun owners could reach \$756 million.

"Today we learned the gun buyback could cost hundreds of millions more than Canadians have been told and the government still doesn't know the full costs," said Franco Terrazzano, Federal Director for the CTF. "This a huge sum of money and the people on the front line say the buyback won't make Canadians safer."

The PBO estimates reim-

bursing gun owners could cost taxpayers up to \$756 million. The PBO did not provide an estimate for staffing and administration costs "given the current lack of details regarding program design and administration."

"Focusing on reimbursement costs is misleading because it ignores the biggest expense —staffing costs," wrote Gary Mauser, a Professor Emeritus at Simon Fraser University, in his analysis of the policy.

The National Police Federation said the gun buyback will not address public safety.

"It diverts extremely important personnel, resources, and funding away from

addressing the more immediate and growing threat of criminal use of illegal firearms," reads an NPF statement.

Instead of spending \$756 million on the gun buyback, the federal government could hire more than 1,200 police officers for five years.

"The people on the front lines say they don't need an ineffective and expensive gun buyback program and taxpayers can't afford another costly scheme that won't make our lives better," said Terrazzano. "Prime Minister Justin Trudeau needs to reverse course and scrap the ineffective and expensive gun buyback."

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## Report from the Legislature

Summer is always an exciting time in Saskatchewan and with our province leading the country's economic recovery, a great Saskatchewan summer awaits.

Since so many of you have been vaccinated in the fight against COVID-19, Saskatchewan is on track to lift all public health orders. As vaccination numbers have gone up, case numbers have trended down, as have hospitalizations, making Saskatchewan a much safer place.

On Father's Day, Saskatchewan entered Step Two of our Re-Opening Roadmap, with in-person gathering limits increasing across various sectors, as well as for private gatherings.

On July 11, Step 3 of our re-opening plan will see the removal of all public health orders, including mandatory masking and limits on events and gathering sizes. While those who wish to continue wearing a mask will be free to do so, that will be up to them.

If you are not yet fully vaccinated, you are still



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at risk and should make it a priority. Appointments are available at a variety of drive-thru, walk-in and pop-up sites around the province, as well as local pharmacies. You can also book appointments through the Saskatchewan Health Authority by calling 1-833-SaskVax (1-833-727-5829).

Thank you all for following the restrictions and guidelines these past 15 months and for doing your part to protect yourself and those around you. Let's finish the job, Stick It To COVID, and have a great Saskatchewan summer.

SaskTel recently an-

nounced that over 30,000 more rural residents and businesses will gain access to advanced fibre optic broadband infrastructure allowing them to fully utilize the latest digital tools and technologies to connect, learn and pursue business opportunities.

Originally announced in December, the Rural Fibre Initiative is a multi-phase program that will bring SaskTel iNFiNET-service to over 40 rural Saskatchewan communities by the end of 2023. SaskTel has finalized the communities to be connected in the first three phases of the initiative,

- Phase 1 - Balgonie, Biggar, Langham and Pilot Butte. Construction has begun in all four communities, and SaskTel anticipates that the majority of homes and businesses will be fibre ready by the end of March 2022.
- Phase 2 - Kindersley, Meadow Lake and Rosetown. Construction will begin in all three communities later this year.



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- Phase 3 - Canora, Carlyle, Esterhazy, Fort Qu'Appelle, Hudson Bay, Indian Head, Kamsack, La Ronge, Lumsden, Maple Creek, Moosomin, Shaunavon, Watrous and Wynyard. SaskTel plans to begin construction in these communities in 2022.
- Phase 4 - SaskTel will spend \$50 million to bring fibre to 24 additional communities to be announced at a later date.

Upon completion of this initiative, SaskTel estimates that approximately 75 per cent of the popula-

tion of the province will have access to its fibre optic broadband network. SaskTel is also investigating partnership opportunities that would enable it to connect more communities beyond those included in the Rural Fibre Initiative.

The Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan recently announced 23 important infrastructure investments. Esterhazy, Unity, Meadow Lake and other communities will benefit from improved access to reliable potable water services while wastewater treatment facilities will be upgraded and expanded in Humboldt, Oxbow and Grenfell. Other communities will benefit from projects that deal with the decommissioning of landfills or flood prevention projects and recreation projects include upgrades to the Rexentre Arena in Fort Qu'Appelle.

After the events of the past year, we're all excited to explore and enjoy Saskatchewan. In doing so, please remember that this is going to be a busy construction season. I



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## Idylwild Lodge Auxiliary activities

The Idylwild Lodge Auxiliary has been busy throughout the pandemic, continuing to find ways to fundraise and provide enhancements for Spiritwood's nursing home.

The Auxiliary was started by women from Spiritwood and the surrounding communities, with history books mentioning their activities as early as the mid 1940s. There was a period of inactivity before it was revived alongside the opening of Spiritwood's first nursing home in 1966. The organization incorporated in 2016.

The Auxiliary serves to raise money to help enhance the lives and enjoyment of the Long Term Care Facility's residents. The board consists of 11 registered members and the Lodge's recreation director. The current chairperson is Linda Pauls while other members are Ruth Siegel, Angie Gardner, Roberta Wasden, Augustine Lestage, Linda Hill, Yvette

McGowan, Lynn Gaboury, Barn Olson, Connie Gatzke, and Alice Grigor.

In the past, the auxiliary has been able to provide gazebos, lifting recliners, a Broda chair, window coverings, a TV and stand, folding TV trays, raised garden beds, a permanent 28' x 28' gazebo, large flowerpots, sod, and repainting and refinishing in the Palliative Care Family room. They also provide funds for the Recreation Department's entertainment budget, help the facility run garage sales, provide money for resident Christmas gifts, and supply birthday gifts, lunch, and entertainment for the residents during the Birthday of the Month.

Currently, the Auxiliary is busy cleaning up and landscaping around the facility to make the area more attractive for residents and visitors. There are plans to purchase and install a smaller gazebo to be installed off the dining

room, screening for the permanent gazebo, coach lights for the sidewalks between wings 1 and 2, and siding for the storage shed behind wing 1. When enough pandemic restrictions have been lifted, the Auxiliary plans to redo the Pallia-

tive Care Room and hold a Grand Opening of the gazebo on Aug. 25, 2021.

The permanent gazebo was a big project, requiring funds of around \$43,000 to complete it. Throughout the pandemic, the space has



**The permanent gazebo and raised garden beds in between wings 1 and 2 at the Spiritwood Health Complex has been thoroughly used and enjoyed throughout the pandemic.**

been primarily used for family visitation that was compliant with the restrictions. The Recreation Department also makes use of it for their daily programming. Residents, family, and staff are all impressed with the space, enjoying the raised beds and the opportunity for outdoor activity throughout the pandemic where outings were prohibited.

In the future, they plan to build a permanent gazebo for the dementia unit grounds and address any requests from the Recreation Department as it is needed.

The Auxiliary obtains funds in a few ways. They hold fundraisers such as bake sales and raffles, collect rebates from Liquor and Gaming from raffle licences, accept donations in memory of deceased residents, anonymous donations, and donations from the local Lions Club, as well as applying for Lions Grants and canvassing the surrounding area for specific projects.



# Colby Moe wins massive Lucky 7 jackpot

Another big year for Shellbrook's Chase the Lucky 7 came to an end in exciting fashion on Friday, June 26.

It was the final night of draws, mean-

ing the Lucky 7 had to go. And, for the second time in recent history, the 7 had yet to be pulled, leaving the inevitable winner with a pot of close to \$55,000.



Chase the Lucky 7 winner Colby Moe took home a jackpot of \$54,902.50 on Friday, June 26. Here, he's pictured with proxy Kris Moe, Tasha Cyr, Gayle Draper, and Melissa Moe.

It took 13 balls to get there, and Judy Philp drawing the first ball and taking home the consolation prize of \$500, until proxy Kris Moe pulled the Lucky 7 for winner Colby Moe, who is now \$54,902.50 richer.

While Colby was the night's big winner, there's no denying that the Shellbrook Kinettes and the Shellbrook Curling Club, the two organizers and beneficiaries of Chase the Lucky 7, were winners too. After paying out \$3,500 in weekly prizes, and Colby's jackpot, the two organizations are left with \$50,000.

With \$5,000 of that likely to go towards seeding the jackpot of next year's Chase the Lucky 7, the Shellbrook Kinettes and Shellbrook Curling Club are each left with tidy little profits of about \$23,000.

Though the groups still have to decide where the funds will go, Gayle Draper, who is a member of both organizations, says they'll certainly be put to good use right here in Shellbrook. And, after the year everyone's had, it's a much-needed win all around.

"This past year was financially strenuous on each of our clubs, because we still wanted to be able to offer our services to our community but were unable to generate our regular income due to all of the COVID restrictions," Draper said. "So this extremely successful fundraiser couldn't have come in a better

year!"

"From the Curling Club's perspective, it's fundraisers like this that help supplement our monthly costs so we can keep our memberships fees low and keep recreation affordable for our community," she added.

While this year's Chase the Lucky 7 yielded the best possible outcome, it was never a guaranteed thing, as organizers had to constantly adapt to changing public health guidelines.

While the draws would be held in the rink throughout the winter, the resurgence of COVID-19 shutdown all facilities in November and forced organizers to adapt. Luckily for them, Lake Country Co-op offered its support by hauling a shack to the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre to provide some shelter over the winter months.

Just as important, however, was the support of the volunteers, who filled out tickets, handled e-transfers, tracked finances and worked on Fridays, and the support of the community, which was always willing to roll with the changes.

"They kept on supporting and buying tickets, no matter if we were live videoing the draw from someone's living room during isolation, or driving up to buy tickets at -40," Kinetite Tasha Cyr said.

"We are fortunate to always have our community behind us."

## Every Child Matters Walk held in Spiritwood

A group of people gathered at SAD SAAC park on July 1 for the Every Child Matters Awareness Walk that was held in Spiritwood. The walk was to honour Residential School survivors and the children who didn't make it home.

The Awareness Walk, which coincided with many other organized events across the country, was planned in the wake of unmarked graves being dug up at the sites of residential schools across the country.

To date, more than 1,500 unmarked graves have been dug up at seven sites. There were 139 registered schools in Can-

ada.

Residential schools operated in Canada between 1831 and 1996. Schools were funded and operated by the Government of Canada and many denominations of churches, primarily the Roman Catholic church.

The schools were intended to force First Nations, Inuit, and Metis children to assimilate to European culture. Many forms of abuse were inflicted upon students who attended these institutions, many did not survive. Those who survived have been left with significant negative cultural impact and a variety of mental health issues.



Participants in Spiritwood's Every Child Matters Awareness Walk were encouraged to wear orange.

## All Public Health Measures to Be Lifted July 11

With more than 70 per cent of residents over the age of 18 having received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, the full implementation of Step 3 of Saskatchewan's Re-Opening Roadmap will occur on Sunday, July 11. **As of Sunday, July 11, all public health orders in Saskatchewan will officially be removed.** This includes the removal of the province-wide mandatory masking order, and the removal of limits on events and gathering sizes.



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## July brings nostalgia for summer fairs

For this journalist the arrival of July has long been a time of reflection on my childhood and some of the best memories of those years up to and through my teen years.

While there are fishing trips, and favoured books, and learning chess, Christmas presents and school friends – I suppose the usual things for many farm boys growing up through the 1960s and 70s – attending summer fairs was such a huge part of my summer



CALVIN DANIELS  
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holidays that the summer season brings back so many memories.

And increasingly they are

memories of a time now past.

Summer fairs of course still exist today – a few returning after 2020 saw all cancelled due to COVID-19 – but they are not the fairs of my youth.

For me, summer fairs were largely about agriculture, with the ability, after chores were done at the barns, to hit the midway to ride the bumper cars, or to eat a corndog.

I recall a time when the Yorkton Fair – my home

base for 30-plus years now – had cattle shows, dairy too, heavy horses, swine, and sheep. The barns, most still standing – a few barely – were full for all three days of the fair.

Livestock producers from a large area packed up their trailers and brought out their best stock to have it judged against others. It was an advertising tool for producers – a championship rosette was marketable when someone came looking to buy stock. A wall covered with first place red ribbons, interspersed with a few trophies in the office, was a rather obvious billboard proclaiming the herd had shown well over the years.

And, back then the farm

community – still mostly mixed farms in that era – headed the fairs for a day away from the usual work. They walked the machinery rows to see the latest offerings from a range of dealerships.

Then it was off to the barns to look at the stock, and talk to the producers. I don't recall a lot of "at fair sales," but it was a time to set the seed that when they needed their next stock to give Dad a call.

It sounds business like, and it had that aspect, but there was a camaraderie at the fairs too. It was old friends gathering at each fair to enjoy a cold drink, to talk bloodlines and weather and Roughriders.

Along the way you met

people who became important for life – my first wife and mother of our children – being the most obvious.

A certain sheep shepherdess now living in Australia was another, she and I getting into more water fights that I can even recall.

Today, livestock is all but gone – light horses being a general exception – from shows from Saskatoon to Yorkton to Melfort to Connaught and Invermay and Dauphin.

Fairs are simply different now. You can't spend six-eight weeks as gypsies going one to another showing swine, sheep, goats or chickens – over the years I showed all – but when July hits each year I sure wish I still could hit the fair trail.

## Local haskap producer opens for first U-pick season

It has been three years since Jessica Buban planted her first bunch of haskap trees and they are finally producing enough for her to open a U-pick.

Jessica's orchard currently has 2,000 trees with five different varieties, half of which she planted in 2018 and the other half in 2020. She plans to incorporate at least one weekend of U-pick into each season with her first opening up July 10 to 11. As production increases in consecutive seasons she says she may open for more than one weekend.

Once her orchard is reaching peak production, Jessica says she plans to look into mechanical harvesting options so that she can sell her berries for further processing into products like jams, jellies, or juices.

There will be two varieties available for picking

this season. One is sweet and good for eating fresh, while the other is more tart and would be suitable for baking.



Jessica Buban is opening her first U-pick season in her haskap orchard.

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# Greyeyes honoured by Prairie Spirit SD

Deanna J. Greyeyes was a Trustee on the Prairie Spirit School Division Board from 2012 until 2016 and is fondly remembered as having the ‘big picture’ of education as a basis for her decisions.

Sadly, she passed away in November of 2018.

Her memory, and the legacy of her contributions to her community and our School Division, will continue to live on through the Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation Legacy and Memorial Giving Program. On her behalf, a donation was made and requested that, in honour of Ms. Greyeyes’ commitment, dedication and support of the students and schools in the Prairie Spirit School Division, her name be added to the commemorative plaque that is on display in the Prairie Spirit School Division office in Warman.

The Foundation’s Legacy and Memorial Giving Program was designed to support professional development within the Prairie Spirit School Division, a way for members of the community to give back and to recognize and/or memorialize

contributions made by others.

When a minimum donation of \$500 (gathered from a group or individual and/or done cumulatively) is made to this program, the donor’s choice of honouree is added to the Foundation’s commemorative plaque and an acknowledgement of this generous gift is sent to the recipient or their family.

Bonnie Hope, a board member and past board chair of Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation and current vice-chair of the Prairie Spirit School Division Board who worked alongside Ms. Greyeyes during her time as a Trustee, fondly recalls her as not only a fellow board member, but as a friend.

“Deanna kindly gave of her time and knowledge. This program not only provides an opportunity to recognize and honor her for all of her contributions but leaves a lasting legacy in providing additional professional development opportunities for those in our School Division,” said Hope.

In addition to a personal or group donation to the Foundation’s Legacy and Memo-

rial Giving Program, when a donation to any SARCAN in Saskatchewan is made anyone can designate the value of their bottle return ‘funds’ using the word “LEGACY.” The funds are then placed in the Legacy and Memorial Giving Program, and designated for use in professional development opportunities for educators in our School Division.

“It is our purpose as a Foundation to enhance and enrich the learning opportunities available to not only our students but to those supporting our students within our School Division. By creating an opportunity for additional resources, training and tools to assist educators we know it can have a positive and significant impact on students,” said Michael Wright, board chair, Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation.

“An ‘In Memory’ or ‘In Honor’ donation is a special way to pay tribute to a special friend, family member, teacher or colleague who has passed away or a unique and meaningful way to honour someone and truly make a difference within our community.”



The name of the late Deanna Greyeyes has been added to the commemorative plaque for the Prairie Spirit Schools Foundation Legacy and Memorial Giving Program.

## 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**  
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& Wednesday evenings  
Leask 306-466-4498  
Marcelin 306-226-4615

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

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN**  
Parkside  
11 a.m. - Worship

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

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

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

**EVANGELICAL FREE**  
Big River  
11:00 a.m. - Worship  
Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.  
Summer: 10:30 a.m. - 12  
306-469-2258  
Youth Nite: Fridays  
Mont Nebo  
Bible Study & Prayer  
Sun., 11:00 a.m. - Worship  
Pastor Bill 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  
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# Highlights of a Shellbrook town council meeting

Shellbrook's town council met for its regular meeting via teleconference on Monday, July 5.

In attendance were Mayor Amund Otterson, councillors Larry Batten, Bruce Clements, John Hughes, Cheryl Ledding, Brent Miller, and Kathleen Nording, and the town's Deputy CAO, Sigourney O'Halligan.

Mayor Otterson called the meeting to order at 4 p.m., and council began by approving the agenda for the meeting and adopting the minutes of its June 21 regular meeting. With no business arising from said minutes, council acknowledged its correspondence, approved payment of its regular accounts and its financials, then moved on to provide oral reports.

With nothing new going on in public works, the first report was councillor Miller's PARWU Steering Committee update. In his report, Miller said the steering committee is still waiting on an answer from the R.M. of Shellbrook. If the R.M. of Shellbrook chooses not to approve the project, the committee's existing bylaw will have to be written to exclude it.

In another brief update, Miller also said the committee had put in an offer on a piece of land for PARWU's water treatment plant. With the offer accepted, it can now tender out geotechnical and other reviews.

Up next was a sparse report from the dealings of the Airstrip Steering Committee, which has been formed to help the town and airstrip users figure out a path forward for the Shellbrook Airport, whether that be at the current location or a new location.

In her minor sports update, Councillor Ledding said that ball is winding down ahead of provincials later this month.

In an update on his last hospital and clinics report, Mayor Otterson confirmed that Dr. Alimardani has opted not to renew her contracts after fulfilling her three-year service commitment. Otterson noted that the town will still have more than adequate physician coverage.

Reporting on activities at the Hidden Hills of Shellbrook Golf Course, councillor Miller said the course is really busy, thanks in no small part to its relationships with the Sturgeon Lake and Mistawasis First Nations. Mistawasis just approached the golf course this year, and already about 80 people have joined (the club only expected about 30).

With nothing further to discuss, council shifted to new business and began by approving Public Works' custom work rates, and by tabling discussion about whether or not it wants to enforce a provision in the town's Zoning Bylaw that prohibits hedges from being taller than one metre in height.

Council's general feeling seemed to be that the bylaw doesn't need enforcing so long as hedges are trimmed neatly and don't cause sight line problems. However, it wanted to wait for clarification on a few details before finalizing any decisions.

Moving on, council agreed to hire Sir Lines A lot Painting to repaint the lines and parking stalls on Main Street, 2nd Avenue West, and the first blocks of both 1 Avenue East and West at an approximate cost of \$5,600. The parking stalls were originally painted to discourage drivers from illegally crossing the centre line.

Wrapping up its new business, council agreed to allow golf cart sheds to only have ground anchorage rather than being built on a slab foundation, and voted to return to in-person meetings starting with the July 19 meeting (for councillors who feel comfortable doing so).

In one last go around the table, councillor Hughes informed his fellow councillors that he intends to resign due to health issues.

Council's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 19.

## One dead after assault near Big River FN

The Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crime Unit South, with assistance from the Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crime Unit North, Spiritwood and Big River RCMP, Prince Albert RCMP Forensic Identification Section and the Saskatchewan Coroners Service, are investigating a death near the Big River First Nation, SK.

On June 30, 2021, at approximately 5:45 a.m., Spiritwood RCMP received a report of an alleged assault on two adult males. While investigating the incident, officers located one of the victims of the alleged assault deceased inside a vehicle just outside of Big River First Nation, along Highway 793.

The deceased has been identified and his family notified. We will not be providing any further identification information at this time.

An autopsy was scheduled to take place in Saskatoon on Monday, July 5.

The circumstances surrounding the death are being considered suspicious and continue to be investigated by the Major Crime Unit. Residents of Big River First Nation will continue to see an increased police presence in and around the community as a result of the ongoing investigation.

The RCMP is encouraging anyone with information regarding this incident to contact Spiritwood RCMP at 306-883-4210 or Big River RCMP at 306-469-2590.

Updates will be provided as more information can be released.

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

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Christchurch Anglican,  
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Spiritwood  
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Rev. Sarah Urano

**UNITED /ANGLICAN**  
Worship Services  
Glaslyn  
Time is on the sign  
Rev. Kun Kim  
Rev. Don Skinner

**CATHOLIC SUNDAY**  
Spiritwood - 9:00 a.m.  
Leoville - 11:00 a.m.  
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**SATURDAY**  
Shell Lake - 8:00 p.m.  
Medstead - 6 p.m.  
Father Ramel Macapala

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

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Shellbrook  
Sat., 9:45 am -  
Sabbath School  
Sat., 11:00 am - Worship  
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Pastor Liviu Tilihoi  
306-747-3398

**MENNONITE BRETHREN**  
Glenbush  
10:00 am - Sunday School  
Worship 10:50 am

**FIELDS OF HOPE (HOFFNUNGSFELDER) MENNONITE CHURCH**  
Glenbush  
Worship - 10:00 am

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

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Pastor Bill Klumpenhower

**LAKELAND COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Spiritwood  
Sun., 11 am - Worship  
Service & Sunday School

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

**COWBOY CHURCH**  
Spiritwood  
Every Wednesday Night  
7 pm  
Spiritwood Legion Hall  
Pastor Rick Martin

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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**SPIRITWOOD:** Wapiti Regional Library - Limited Capacity. Tuesday 9 am - 5 pm; Wednesday 9 am - 5 pm; Friday 9 am - 5 pm

**LEOVILLE:** Wapiti Regional Library - Appointment only. Wednesday 10 am - 4 pm; Thursday 10 am - 2 pm

**SHELL LAKE:** Wapiti Regional Library - Curb Side Pickup. Tuesday 12 pm - 4 pm; Wednesday 12 pm - 4 pm

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**BLAINE LAKE:** Wapiti Library - Appointment only. Wednesday 11 am - 6 pm; Friday 11 am - 5 pm; Saturday 10 am - 4 pm. Contact us for more info 306-497-3130, www.wapitilibrary.ca.

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

**CANWOOD:** Canwood Branch of Wapiti Regional Library. Appointment only. Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm; Thursday 10 am - 4 pm; Friday 12 pm - 4 pm. Call 306-468-2501 to book a slot.

**DEBDEN:** Wapiti Library hours: Appointment only. Monday 2 pm - 7 pm; Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon

**LEASK:** Wapiti Library & Legacy Gallery Hours - Limited Capacity. Tuesday 10:30 am - 5 pm; Friday 10:30 am - 5 pm; Saturday 1 pm - 4 pm

**MARCELIN:** Wapiti Library - Appointment only. Tuesday 2 pm - 7 pm; Thursday 2 pm - 8 pm; Saturday 9 am - 2 pm. For information on all your library needs, please contact 306-226-2110.

**SHELLBROOK:** Shellbrook Branch of the Wapiti Library located at 105 Railway Ave., West (Provincial building). Library Hours: Limited capacity - Monday 2 pm - 6 pm; Tuesday 12 pm - 8 pm; Wednesday 2 pm - 8 pm; Thursday 12 pm - 6 pm; Friday 9 am - 4 pm.

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# PIHC elders host virtual art show

Although the pandemic has been hard on all of us — elders, family members and friends, volunteers, Health Care providers and community — we are all doing our best to find JOY every day! This has forced us to think outside the box as to how to provide creative opportunities.

Instead of engaging in in-person intergenerational art and art classes led by volunteers, we have moved into independent guided art projects, online classes, and seasonal pieces.

To safely showcase the joy of creating art we invite you to join us by logging on to the Shellbrook Public Library Facebook page as we launch our first ever Virtual Art Gallery And Auction from July 5-16, 2021, featuring works of art by many Parkland Integrated

Health Centre elders. Some are open for online bidding while others are for viewing pleasure only.

Creative arts at PIHC has been made possible by Shellbrook Kinnettes, Shellbrook Arts Council, pre-pandemic art assistant volunteers, Shellbrook Elementary and High School, the Mann Art Gallery from Prince Albert, Shellbrook Public Library, and also from encouragement from people like you.

Any comments or words of encouragement posted on the Facebook photo album will be shared with each artist.

If you are not able to access the gallery through Facebook, contact Morgan Janz, Therapeutic Recreation student, at 306-747-6833 for the link.

*Submitted by Trina Chamberlain and Morgan Janz*



Muriel Howrie is one of the elder artists featured in PIHC's first-ever Virtual Art Gallery And Auction.

## Minutes of a Village of Canwood meeting

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the Village of Canwood, held at 580 Main Street (café), Canwood, Sask., on Wednesday, May 19, 2021.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Thompson at 5:32 p.m.

Present: Mayor – Robert Thompson, Councillors – Lorne Benson and Ron Willner, Administrator – Erin Robertson

Thompson: That we acknowledge receipt of the resignation of Svend Hansen from his position on Council effective May 10, 2021. Carried

Willner: That we set a date for holding a by-election to fill the vacancy on Council for Oct. 20, 2021. Carried

Benson: That we appoint Mayor Thompson to the Public Works Committee with a term ending Dec. 31, 2021. Carried

Benson: That we appoint Councillor Moar to the Human Resource Committee

with a term ending Dec. 31, 2021. Carried

Thompson: That we appoint Councillor Moar as Deputy Mayor for a term ending at the December Regular Meeting of Council. Carried

Thompson: That we advise the Administrator to change the signing authority with Affinity Credit Union, Canwood Branch, on our member account 5108733, to indicate that the Administrator, Erin Robertson and either the Mayor, Robert Thompson or Deputy Mayor, Ken Moar have signing authority. Carried

Willner: That the minutes of the April 21, 2021, Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented. Carried

Thompson: That the Statement of Financial Activities and Bank Reconciliation for the month of April 2021 be approved as presented. Carried

Willner: That we issue Cheques 5305 to 5316 and Other payments totaling \$21,009.43, as detailed on

attached List of Accounts for Approval, Pay Period 04 and May payroll advance from the general account. Carried

Thompson: That the water report for the month of April 2021 be approved as presented. Carried

Thompson: That we acknowledge receipt of Maintenance Manager Calendar, Office Assistant and Administrator Attendance Statements for April 2021 as presented. Carried

Thompson: That we move to in-camera at 6:16 p.m. sighting strategic planning and The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, section 15(1)(b)(ii) and section 23(1)(k) and ask that the Administrator remain in Council chambers. Carried

Administrator Robertson was asked to leave the in-camera session and left Council Chambers at 6:33 p.m.

Thompson: That we move out of in-camera at 7 p.m. and note that at the same time the Administrator re-

joined the meeting. Carried

Committee Updates:

1. Highway 55 Waste Management Corporation – verbal report provided by Robert Thompson

2. Public Works Committee – Verbal report provided by Lorne Benson and Ron Willner

Thompson: That the correspondence by noted and filed (list omitted). Carried

Willner: Whereas the Federal Government has passed a motion to adbot a 988 National three-digit suicide and crisis hotline;

And whereas the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic have increased the demand for suicide prevention;

And whereas the Village of Canwood Council recognizes the it is a and important initiative to ensure critical barriers are removed to those in a crisis and seeking help;

Be it resolved that the Council for the Village of Canwood endorse this 988 crisis line initiative. Carried

Benson: That we amend our Bulk Water Rate from \$1.00/50 gallons to \$1.50/50 effective June 28, 2021. Carried

Benson: That we approve the Application for Development Permit 2021-02, for the addition of a lower deck to current infrastructure at Lot C, Plan AT3087, Ext. 0, civic address 525 South Avenue. This approval is conditional to compliance with stipulations as set out by the Municipal Building Inspector and setbacks as indicated in the Villages Zoning Bylaw 2/1993.

Additionally, all applica-

ble permit fees must be paid prior to commencement of construction. Carried

Benson: That we approve the Application for Development Permit 2021-03 that would change the existing use of the land and buildings at Lots 1 & 2, Block 3, Plan Y3516 Ext. 0, civic address of 611 Main Street from commercial (business) to personal use. Carried

Willner: That we agree the Memorandum of Understanding with the affiliated Municipalities for the continuation of the Parkland Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee (PPRRC) and instruct the Mayor and Administrator to sign and seal, as attached to form part of the minutes. Carried

Willner: That we acknowledge the Ultimate Receipt Agreement for Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), Project Title – Village of Canwood Rink Re-Build Project Number: 30200118, being signed and sealed by Mayor and Administrator, as attached to form part of the minutes. Carried

Thompson: That we agree to accept the Draft Financial Statements for 2020 as presented by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. Carried

Thompson: That we adjourn at 9:26 p.m., and set a special meeting date of May 27, 2021, commencing at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of dealing with the unfinished items from the agenda. Carried

**May 27**

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council for the

Village of Canwood, held at 580 Main Street (café), Canwood, Sask., on Thursday, May 27, 2021. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Thompson at 5:46 p.m.

Present: Mayor – Robert Thompson, Deputy Mayor – Ken Moar, Councillors – Lorne Benson and Ron Willner, Administrator – Erin Robertson

Moar: That we agree to approve the Budget for 2021 as presented. Carried

Willner: That we agree to set the Municipal Mill Rate at 6.0 Mills for the 2021 taxation year. Carried

Thompson: That Bylaw No. 2021-02, being a Bylaw to Provide for a Base Tax and Rate Factors within the Village of Canwood, be read for the first time at this meeting. Carried

Moar: That Bylaw No. 2021-02, being a Bylaw to Provide for a Base Tax and Rate Factors within the Village of Canwood, be read for a second time at this meeting. Carried

Willner: That we agree to give to three readings at this meeting to Bylaw No. 2021-02, being a Bylaw to Provide for a Base Tax and Mill Rate Factors within the Village of Canwood. Carried

Moar: That Bylaw No. 2021-02, being a Bylaw to Provide for a Base Tax and Rate Factors within the Village of Canwood, be read a third and final time and adopted. Carried

Benson: That we adjourn at 8:53 p.m., and set the next regular meeting date of Council to June 21, 2021, commencing at 6 p.m. Carried



### Missing: Emerson Grant Dobroskay

Date of Birth: Mar 13, 1967  
FROM: Vancouver, BC  
Weight: 126 Lbs.  
Eyes: Brown

MISSING SINCE: Oct 28, 1988  
Height: 5' 7"  
Hair: Light Brown  
File: 3070 SR

CHARACTERISTICS: Emerson has freckles, scars, birthmarks: Slight mark below left eye. Right forearm has dog bites scar. Slight bulge inside right index finger, prone to acne. Walks with a slight shuffle. Has a built up front tooth.

PARTICULARS: Last seen leaving the bar on the University of British Columbia campus.

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# Dream continues for Habs, and their fans

Moving vans have been busy this late spring and early summer as hundreds of hockey fans take up residence on Cloud 9.

We're talking Montreal Canadiens' fans, of course.

The Habs, with only 24 wins in 56 games, barely made the playoffs in the National Hockey League's Canadian Division, considered the weakest of the four in the realigned COVID-19 setup. They weren't supposed to beat the Toronto Maple Leafs in the first round, but they did, 4-3 in the best-of-seven, coming back from a 3-1 deficit to do so. They weren't supposed to beat Winnipeg Jets in the Canadian Division final, because the Jets had finished four points ahead of Montreal in the regular season. But they did, impressively, a four-game sweep. And then they definitely weren't supposed to beat the Vegas Golden Knights in the Stanley Cup semi-final, because the No. 1-ranked Golden Knights outpoint-

ed them by a whopping 23 points (82-59) during the regular season.

So here they are, the Cinderella Habs, vying for their first Stanley Cup since 1993 and creating a hockey frenzy in July in La Belle Province and dozens of pockets of Canada from coast to coast. Back in the Original Six days of the NHL, Canadian hockey fans generally rooted for either the Canadiens or the Leafs, and those cheering habits were often passed down through generations. As a result, it's hard to walk into any bar, or any business, or stop on any block anywhere in English- or French Canada and not find an avid 'CH' supporter.

Whether the Habs' playoff magic carries through to a victory over Tampa Bay Lightning remains to be seen, but it has been a glorious and unforgettable six weeks for fans of the Rouge, Blanc and Bleu. Goalie Carey Price has been sensational, record-



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ing a 2.02 goals-against average and .934 save percentage in games leading to the final. The defence, led by Shea Weber (remember when Habs' fans lamented the trade bringing Weber to Montreal and sending beloved P.K. Subban to Nashville?), has been rock solid and up front, a collection of trade acquisitions, long-in-the-tooth veterans and blossoming draft picks have combined to provide just enough offence to make this magic happen. Through three playoff rounds, Montreal had a mere three players

among the top 30 playoff scorers — free agent signee Tyler Toffoli was 10th; Nick Suzuki, acquired from Vegas in the 2018 Max Pacioretty deal, was 13th; and 2019 draft pick Cole Caufield, who joined the Habs with 10 games left in the regular season after a stellar college career, was 30th.

It's been a great ride for the Habs, and their fans couldn't be more excited. But really, they can't be expected to beat the defending Cup champion Lightning, can they?

Can they?

• Phil Mushnick of the New York Post: "MLB fan marketing surveys now include a question as to the political party one is registered, Democrat or Republican. Seriously, as if that's any of MLB business or should influence its business. I'd go with Bolshevik, on behalf of all the players who choose to Trotsky to first base."

• Patti Dawn Swanson, on Twitter: "Toronto

Blue Jays manager Charlie Montoyo calling to the bullpen for help is like relying on Tiger Woods for emergency roadside assistance."

• RJ Currie of sportsdeck.com: "A long-term study of musicians and chess players has led scientists to finally conclude that practice doesn't make perfect. Wouldn't it have been easier to just follow the Toronto Maple Leafs?"

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "After failing to make his fifth Olympic team, Ryan Lochte said, 'I wanted to prove so much to everyone.' 'That's great,' said a man, 'but can I order my Starbucks latte now?'"

• Kaseberg again: Returning U.S. Open champion, Bryson DeChambeau, shot eight over par on the back nine of the final round. Bryson refused to call it a meltdown. Really? Compared to him, Chernobyl was a slight glitch."

• Ron Borges of si.com, giving his take on Buffalo

wide receiver Cole Beasley saying he won't get vaccinated and 'I may die of COVID, but I'd rather die actually living.' How many times has this guy been hit in the head again?"

• Headline at theonion.com: "Bob Baffert Once Again Denies Doping Allegations After Medina Spirit Wins Coca-Cola 600."

• From Fark.com: "Aaron Nola strikes out 10 straight New York Mets, if you wondering why people are abandoning major league baseball in droves."

• Another one from Fark.com: "Houston Astros have won 11 in a row. Forget foreign substances, MLB should start checking for cameras and trash cans."

• Steve Simmons of Sun Media: "I'd like to golf with Buck Martinez, if only to hear him chant 'Get out ball, get out!' after I've hit yet another drive out of bounds."

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

## Looking for new and different trees?

By Sara Williams

Manitoba maples, green ash and American elms have dominated prairie landscapes for more than a century. And for much of that time, our universities and federal and provincial research stations carried out extensive testing of new trees for hardiness and disease and insect resistance. That task has now fallen to the nursery industry.

The Western Nursery Growers Group established four test sites across the prairies in which "new" (and sometimes old) species and varieties were trialed from 2008 to 2016. These were located in Edmonton, Alberta; Strathmore, Alberta; Portage la Prairie, Manitoba; and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. In each location the trees were rated as recommended (R), marginal (M), or not recommended (NR). (For additional information, see the WNGG website: [www.prairietrees.ca](http://www.prairietrees.ca).)

Some of the trees recommended for Saskatchewan are described below.

For many years, birches (*Betula* spp.) were a prominent part of our city landscapes. Drought and

the bronze birch borer led to the demise of the vast majority of our birches. Three new introductions are now available. While they will still need even moisture, they have shown resistance (but not immunity) to the ravages of the bronze birch borer. Plant them in full sun to partial shade in well drained average to moist soil. A thick mulch of shredded post peelings is beneficial.

The 'Chickadee' paper birch (*Betula papyrifera*) has a columnar to pyramidal form, is hardy to Zone 2a, and grows to about 40 ft. The foliage turns to gold in fall and its snow white peeling bark provides winter interest. Less susceptible to bronze birch borer.

'Prairie Dream' paper birch (*Betula papyrifera*) is about 40 ft in height with a 25-ft spread. It also has snow white exfoliating bark and golden fall foliage. It is stress tolerant and resistant to the bronze birch borer.

'Dakota Pinnacle' birch (*Betula platyphylla*) is smaller at 25 ft in height with a 10-ft spread and hardy to Zone 3b. It has a dense, narrow pyramidal form well suited for

a smaller space, white slightly exfoliating bark, and yellow fall foliage. It is bronze birch borer resistant. Do not allow it to dry out.

The 'Prairie Horizon' Manchurian alder (*Alnus hirsuta* 'Harbin') is a largish tree of 40 x 30 ft with a strong central leader, smooth grey bark and dark green glossy leaves that turn yellow in fall. It is hardy to Zone 2 and long lived. Adapted to sun or shade and varying moisture conditions, it is drought-tolerant once established.

Our native larch or tamarack (*Larix laricina*), found in our boreal forests, is not "new" but seldom planted in our urban landscapes. Yet it is very adaptable to average garden conditions. About 60 x 20 ft at maturity, it does best in full sun in moist soil. It has a narrow pyramidal form. Larch are our only deciduous conifers. The needles are a bright green, turning golden in the fall, and then falling. The small cones ap-

pear as tiny wooden rosettes.

'Oasis' Siberian larch (*Larix sibirica*) is slow growing but long lived, about 40 x 20 ft at maturity and hardy to Zone 2a. (Remember, any plant with *sibirica* in its botanical name is generally hardy

on the Canadian prairies!) Fuller and denser than the species, its fine textured foliage remains green into the fall longer than the species before turning golden yellow. It has a low tolerance for urban pollution and is best not planted as a street tree. Plant it in full sun to partial shade in well drained but evenly moist soil.

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.

This column is provided courtesy of the Saskatchewan Perennial Society (SPS; [saskperennial@hotmail.com](mailto:saskperennial@hotmail.com)). Check our website [saskperennial.ca](http://saskperennial.ca) or Facebook page ([facebook.com/saskperennial](https://www.facebook.com/saskperennial)).



The chickadee' birch with a pyramidal form is less susceptible to bronze birch borer. Photo credit: Rick Durand, Bylands



## OBITUARY

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*Therese Estelle Zilan*

THERESE ESTELLE ZILAN

June 3, 1925 – June 11, 2021

Therese Zilan passed away peacefully at the Spir-

itwood and District Health Complex June 11, 2021 at the age of 96 years.

Therese is survived by: Daughters: Monique and Chris Young – Greenville, SC and Delores Beaulac – Spiritwood, Sask., Grandchildren: Ed and Brenda Beaulac – Spiritwood, Sask., Phil and Shannon Beaulac – Spiritwood, Sask., Alex Young – Indiana, Amanda and Tyler Wilkinson – Hawaii and Jessica Young – Texas, Great Grandchildren: Dawson, Owen and Alea Beaulac – Spiritwood, Sask., Emma, Jaron, Ava and Doran

Beaulac – Spiritwood, Sask. special friend – Mag Szabo – Spiritwood, Sask. also numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She is predeceased by: Her husband Bill, Her parents Alphonse Dube and Marie Louise (Dube) Turgeon, Her step-father Joseph Turgeon, her siblings Philip, Gerard, Anne, Henri and Arthur.

Therese was born in Duck Lake, Sask. After her dad died when she was nine years old, her mom and 6 kids moved to Victoire, Sask. Her mom had family there that could help her out. Mom went to school in Victoire and eventually quit after grade 9 and went out to work. She worked as a

nurses aid in Tisdale hospital and also at the Holy Family Hospital in Prince Albert. Mom quit that job to move back to Laventure and help her mom who had remarried a farmer, Joe Turgeon, with a large family. This is where she met her husband Bill. Together, mom and dad farmed. She had a large garden, milked cows, butchered chickens in the fall and fed the pigs. There were trips to town to bring the cream to the station, also delivered milk, cream, eggs and chickens to her customers. She was a hard worker, side by side in the field with dad. In the winter, a neighbor fed their cows and mom and dad went out to work in the

bush. Here she cooked for up to 125 men. When she retired from the farm, mom worked for many years for Soup and Such with Mag Szabo. The 2 of them became close friends. Mom taught 4-H sewing, as well as teaching anyone who wanted to learn crocheting and knitting. She enjoyed to travel when she could. A yearly trip to Monique's was important to her. She enjoyed dispatching for the ambulance and worked with Ed and Delores at the funeral home. Therese could be opinionated, but she had a good heart and would help out anyone. Her last few years were spent in Rabbit Lake and in Spiritwood at the long term

facility. She has left many memories which will be remembered for a very long time.

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions a private funeral mass to celebrate the life of Therese Zilan was held on Friday June 18, 2021.

Friends so wishing may make donations to Idywild Lodge Auxiliary in memory of Therese Zilan 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 Beau "Lac" Funeral Home & Crematorium, Mark Muir Funeral Director, Spiritwood, SK (306) 883 - 3500.

## GOOD NEWS

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## YOURSELF IS THE BEST THING TO BE

Just be yourself

I suspect that your mom or dad gave you that advice. We just celebrated Father's Day. I have been thinking about that expression you "remind me of your dad or mom." Maybe someone said that to you before.

On Sunday my message was called Like Father Like Son – Almost. I borrowed that title, and I can certainly identify with that title. I recognize I have got a lot of traits that my dad had but I also see some differences.

My dad was a fine carpenter, well I get by. In 1978 or 1979 I got building basements in Calgary, Alta. I started out as a cribber's helper. Life moved along and I became a cribber. I would visit my dad in Hay River, N.W.T and he would say to me "get out the basement." I eventually learnt how to shingle when Marlene and I pastored in S.E. Saskatchewan. So I guess I took his advice.

There is great admiration for Abraham in Scripture and there should be, he was a man

of faith. Abraham had a grandson, Jacob, and he too is celebrated in the Bible. Then there is Isaac, Abraham's boy. He is in the Bible but some think of Isaac as a light weight among the spiritual elders. Well, to Isaac's defense, I don't think he was a failure, I just think he was different. He spent most of his life travelling around Canaan. Unlike Abraham, Isaac's personality was less confrontational. He was a meditative kind of guy. Isaac was a chip off the old block, but at the same time he had his differences.

I understand that Preacher John Hagee was a fairly good student. He has a brother called Jack. I guess the teacher that had taught John said to Jack one day "Why can't you be more like John." One has to appreciate

his answer I am paraphrasing here. "John is John," he said. "I prefer to be Jack."

Pretty good answer.

It is good to just be yourself. You are unique and you are gifted. I love the way someone put this "God thinks we are the best thing to come down the pike in quite a while. If God had a refrigerator, our picture would be on it. If He had a wallet, our photo would be in it. He sends us flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever we want to talk, He'll listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose our hearts. And the Christmas gift He sent us in Bethlehem? Face it, friend. He's crazy about us!"

Blessings,

Pastor David Bodvarson, SPA

*Minutes of an RM of Shellbrook meeting*

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

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council of the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493 held on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 in the Municipal Office Council Chambers at Shellbrook, Saskatchewan.

Present: Reeve - Doug Oleksyn, Division 1 - Cliff Skaug, Division 2 - Phil Hamel, Division 3 - Christine Strube, Division 5 - Derwin Joelson, Administrator - Duane Storey.

Absent: Division 4 - Jay Ferster, Division 6 - Ron Herzog.

## DELEGATIONS:

10 a.m. Dave Hudak, Lake Country Co-operative Association Ltd. On road maintenance concerns.

11 a.m. Foreman Bill Aug, update on municipal operations.

Reeve Oleksyn called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m.

Joelson: That, the May 5, 2021, agenda be adopted as amended. Carried

Strube: That, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 7, 2021 be approved as presented. Carried

Strube: That, the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on April 23rd, 2021 be approved as presented. Carried

Hamel: That, the Statement of Financial Activities for the month April, 2021 be accepted as presented. Carried

Joelson: That, the List of Accounts dated April 1st, 2021, as attached hereto and forming part of these Minutes, being regular cheque numbers 12083 to 12129 in the amount of \$123,894.21 and payroll cheque numbers 13914 to 13934 in the amount of \$41,865.05 be approved for payment. Carried

Strube: That, the reconciled bank statement for the month of March 2021 be approved as presented. Carried

Joelson: That, the invoice for the fire call at NW-04-52-01-W3 on April 22, 2021 be issued in the amount of \$9,000. Carried

Delegation Dave Hudak, Lake Country Coop Association Ltd. entered the Council Chambers at 10 a.m. to have discussions in regards to dust issues on service road.

Councilor Skaug declared a pe-

cuniary interest and was excused from the meeting at 10 a.m.

Delegation Dave Hudak, Lake Country Coop Association Ltd. left the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Councilor Skaug re-entered the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Delegation Foreman Bill Aug entered the Council Chambers at 10:45 a.m. to update Council on Municipal Operations.

Skaug: That, approval be given to Foreman Bill Aug to take appropriate measures to repair the engine in the scraper. Carried

Joelson: That, the Calcium Chloride Policy # 2019-06 be continued for the 2021 season. Carried

Delegation Foreman Bill Aug left the meeting at 1 p.m.

Skaug: That, the Organized Hamlet of Holbein agrees to contract P. Machibroda Engineering Ltd. for the installation of 4 piezometers in the lagoon at a cost of \$14,129.19 as recommended by Sask Environment. Carried

Strube: That, Certificate in Leadership Management Skills classes offered by Pine Tree Management Skills Inc. be offered to Todd Lande starting in the fall of

2021 at a cost of \$471.25 per class. Carried

Strube: That, the proposal for Safe Restart Funding presented by the Board of the Organized Hamlet of Crutwell be approved in the amount of \$3,400.05. Carried

Hamel: That, the Consulting Engineering Services Agreement for portion of the Heavy Haul road SW-27-49-03-W3 at a cost of \$6,500 be approved. Carried

Skaug: That, discussions in regards to subdivision SE-1-49-01-W3 be postponed until the June 9, 2021 regular meeting of Council requiring more information. Carried

Skaug: That, approval be given to request quotes for core samples of Oil Surface 693 sections - west of 23-49-02-W3 and west of 26-49-02-W3 to determine appropriate future maintenance options. Carried

Skaug: That, a development permit be approved for installation of a septic mound on Lot 2 Block 4 in the organized Hamlet of Crutwell, pending the approval of a permit from the Public Health Agency Inspector. Carried

Strube: That, in regards to the thin oil surface 6,000-lb road bans, that truck/trailer combinations each be allotted the 6,000-lb gross vehicle weight. Carried

Hamel: That, the time being 2:58 p.m., Council close a portion of this meeting to the public to go in camera under the authority of Part III of The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, to discuss Strategic Planning, the public gallery be vacated and those present for this closed session be Reeve Doug Oleksyn and Councillors Cliff Skaug, Phil Hamel, Christine Strube, and Derwin Joelson. Carried

Joelson: That, the time being 3:21 p.m., Council go out of camera and invite the public and Administrator Duane Storey back into the Council Meeting. Carried

Joelson: That, the correspondence having been read now be filed and that a list of the correspondence having been read be added to and form part of these minutes (list omitted). Carried

Joelson: That, this meeting be adjourned at 3:45 p.m.



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Be advised that on February 18, 2021, the members of The Foxdale Grazing Co-operative Ltd. passed a special resolution authorizing the voluntary dissolution of the co-operative under the provisions of *The Co-operatives Act, 1996*. The resolution was approved by the Registrar of Co-operatives on June 28, 2021.

Be further advised that:

Mami Danberg of RR1, Site 7, Comp 7, Shellbrook, SK S0J 2E0 was appointed liquidator.

Be further advised that:

- any person who is indebted to the co-operative is to render an account and pay to the liquidator any amount owing at Shellbrook, SK by July 31, 2021;
- any person who possesses property of the co-operative is to deliver it to the liquidator at Shellbrook, SK by July 31, 2021; and
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A Graveside Service was held at Memorial Gardens for Harold Gray on June 23rd. We are grateful for family and friends who supported us with visits and phone calls during this difficult time. Thank you to the Beau Lac Funeral Home in Prince Albert for their ongoing professional advice and friendly service. God Bless. Dorothy, Ken, Sandra and Mitchell

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## Fire ban issued for all of Saskatchewan

Due to hot, dry conditions and an extreme fire risk that covers most of the province, the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) has issued a provincial fire ban for Crown lands, provincial parks and the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District, effective immediately.

The fire ban includes any open fires, controlled burns and fireworks.

Many municipalities already have fire bans in place. The SPSA encourages all municipalities to examine the

fire risk in their area.

"We know that this is a popular weekend for camping and outdoor activities, but due to the extreme conditions across the province, implementing a fire ban was a necessary decision," SPSA Vice-President of Operations Steve Roberts said.

As of Monday there were 24 wildfires burning in the province. To date, Saskatchewan has had 218 wildfires, which is slightly over the five-year average of 199.

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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## Provincial Parks continue to add accessible features throughout parks system

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"Provincial parks are for people of all ages and abilities," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Laura Ross

said. "By identifying and removing barriers throughout the parks system, we are ensuring that all families have the opportunity to get out in nature to explore, play and relax."

This year, the government is investing \$18.1 million into Saskatchewan Provincial Parks. Recent improvements include more accessible trails and pathways, wheelchair accessible picnic sites and campsites within

campgrounds, as well as public facilities with accessible washrooms, showers, front desk reception areas and ramps. A new standard service centre design has also been developed that includes universally-accessible family change rooms and washrooms to accommodate visitors with limited mobility and their caregivers.

In addition, new play structure installations that are barrier-free and provide sensory experiences for children of all abilities will be integrated into some playgrounds. The addition of natural playgrounds in parks will include some accessible routes and grading that will allow play experiences to be reached by wheelchair. Sask Parks offers four-

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