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Leoville Trailriders Rodeo returns for 2021



Some exciting rides were seen in the 15 and under steer riding competition.

The dust was flying all weekend up in Timberland for the Trailriders Amateur Rodeo, which took place July 31 through Aug. 1. The rodeo is organized by the Leoville Trailriders who sources all the livestock from local farmers.

Ronnie's Catering was running the food both all weekend, alongside the petting zoo, fishpond, yard games, and tattoos that were set out for the kids.

The Rodeo Queen contest was not able to be held this year due to the short notice, but the previous year's Queens were present to hand out trophies.

Outdoor dances were run both on Saturday and Sunday, with music from Gremlin of Lloydminster and fireworks that were donated by local businesses.

The Dave Saam Memorial team roping event had 100 teams entered and was run on Saturday with the rest of the Rodeo event being run on Sunday.

The team roping event was won by Darren Byers and Troy Moore, followed by

Randy Friesen and TJ Maynard in second place and Randy Friesen and Dave Anderson in third.

Eleven and under pole bending was won by Sunshine Toews, with Gage Gardner in second and Georgia Scott in 3rd. In 12-17 pole bending Brayden Moore came in first, Sunny Schutte in second, and Kabri Schault in third.

Eleven and under barrels saw Sunshine Toews in top spot followed by Jersey Lamonte and Gage Gardner. In the 12-17 group barrels was won by Taylor L. Heureux, followed by Molly Maynard, and Keralie Schault.

Ladies pole bending had Jordyn Geiger in first, Michelle Cote in second, and Vanessa Cote in third, while the ladies' barrels had Jordyn Geiger in first, Kierstin Kalmakoff in seconds, and Sunny Schutte in third.

Men's barrels had Jodie Saam take the top spot followed by Justin Humen and Kevin Liebaert.

The rescue race was won by Jordyn Geiger and Melvin Dorval while Branson Moore and Ryder Moore came second, and Vanessa Cote and Jared Higgins placed third.

The 15 and under calf riding ended in a tie with Jenna Saam and Ryder Keller in first place and Jaeger Moore in third.

Ladies Steer riding had Vanessa Cote in the top place followed by Carly Arshinoff and Danica Friesen. The Ladies Steer Throwing was won by Kylie Salisbury, Candice Hetu, and Michelle Heinz while the team of Lauren Liebaert, Julie Scott, and Lesley Striga took second, followed by Vanessa Cote, Michelle Cote, and Chrissy in thirds.

Wild cow milking was won by Ben Saam, Jodie Saam, and Ryker Saam, followed by John Prasad, Phil Reuschlin, and Don Lechaminant in second, and Larry Potts, Carl Marshall, and Tyson Brause in third.

The men's steer throwing had Chad Lepage, Bryden Lepage, and Riley Lepage

in first, Devin Beebe, Randy Friesen, and Jeff Saam in second, and Larry Potts, Carl Marshall, and Tyson Brause in third.

Men's 16-29 steer riding was won by Lonnie Dunn, with William Hewitt in second, and Jackson Saam in third. Thirty and over steer riding was won by Phil Reuschlin, followed by Brennan Huard, and Troy Moore.

Fifteen and under calf roping was won by Liam Potts and Justice Potts, with Branson Moore and Chase Peterson taking second, and Gage Gardner and Chase Armstrong in third.

Mutton Busting was won by Tora Beebe, with Bryn Lee in second, and Brianna King in third. The 6-8 chicken scramble was won by Georgia Scott, while Ireland Parenteau won the 5 and under chicken scramble.

The all-around cowgirl for the weekend was Vanessa Cote and the all-around cowboy was Phil Reuschlin.

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Shellbrook Playground Program makes most of change

Sometimes change turns out to be a good thing.

This is certainly true for the Town of Shellbrook's Summer Playground Program, which, in a world before the COVID-19 pandemic, operated on a drop-in basis, leaving program supervisors responsible for varying numbers of children every day over the course of the program's six weeks.

Though many things were cancelled during the first summer of the pandemic, the Playground Program wasn't one of them. Instead the program was changed to operate on a registration basis, with children taking part for a week at a time.

Seeing how well that worked in 2020, Town of Shellbrook Recreation Director Jessica Kernohan says it was a no-brainer to retain the registration format.

"People enjoyed having that consistency, and it helps with our leaders and their planning," she said. "They know how many kids they're going to have and can buy the appropriate amount of craft supplies and plan their week."

With the format change and enhanced cleaning protocols sticking around, but the masks left behind with the lifting of

public health measures, Kernohan says the program has been averaging about 12 kids per week and that everyone has been having a blast this summer.

Indeed, through the first two weeks of the program back at the start of July, Kernohan says the program supervisors were having a tough time containing the kids' excitement.

"They were so excited to see friends again and not have to sit in a classroom with a mask on," she said.

As with past years, each week of the six-week Playground Program has had a different theme, such as Disney, superheroes, camping, and the four seasons, and offered physical activities and crafting opportunities centred around the theme.

This week, kids were encouraged to channel their inner Einstein for science week. The final week of the program, which ends on Aug. 20, will be all about water.

Regardless of the alternating themes, Kernohan says the playground has a singular, overarching goal.

"It's all about staying active, both physically and cognitively, through the summer months and having fun with a big, huge exclamation mark."

Away from the Playground Program, it's been a busy summer of recreation for Shellbrook residents, especially where the Shellbrook Swimming Pool is concerned. Lessons have been going swimmingly (pun intended), water workouts and public swims have been well attended, and pool rentals have been plentiful.

As if they aren't busy enough during the day, the swimming pool's lifeguards have also tried to raise some funds for pool equipment, like life jackets and pool toys, through night swims with glow sticks, music, and games.

With the lifeguards volunteering their time in order to maximize the profits, the first night swim, held in July, raised \$1,000 between admissions and donations.

The second swim is scheduled for Aug. 14, from 10 p.m. to midnight.



From left: Nathaniel, Payton, Tomas, Gwyn, and Kylie enjoyed finding cat tails during one of their Playground Program adventures. According to them, the plants turn into corn dogs when microwaved.



Gabriel discovered a large dandelion during a trip down a rural road.



From left: Nathaniel, Gwyn and Kylie enjoy a visit to the Live Together, Grow Together community garden.



From left: Tomas, Tiago, Matthieu, Gabriel, Gwyn, Nathaniel, Kylie and Payton spend some time around the fire during camping week.

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Dated this 6th day of August, 2021.

Tim Melnyk,
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Dated the 12th of August, 2021.

Rhonda Saam
CAO, Town of Spiritwood

Inquest announced in Brennan Ahenakew death

Three years after his remains were discovered in a burnt-out car on the Ahtahkakoop First Nation, all files pertaining to the RCMP's investigation into the death of 20-year-old Brennan Ahenakew-Johnstone are set to be released through a public inquest.

The inquest was originally scheduled for August of 2020 but was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Now, after a year of delays, it's set for Aug. 23-27 at the Saskatoon Inn and Conference Centre.

"An inquest is a public hearing where witnesses are called and evidence heard before six jury members," Margherita Vittorelli, a spokesperson for the Ministry of Justice, explained. "The inquest is fact finding, not fault finding, and is not a civil or criminal proceeding."

In Saskatchewan an inquest is mandatory when a person dies in custody. Inquests may also be called for by the province's Chief Coroner in instances of sudden, unexpected, or unnatural death.

Rather than pointing fingers, a public inquest determines the identity of the deceased, when and where they died, and how they died. It may also serve as an educational tool for the public, providing a warning about potentially dangerous activities.

"The jury, at the conclusion of the inquest, considers the evidence presented at the inquest and... may make recommendations that it considers to be of assistance in preventing similar deaths," Vittorelli said.

Brennan's body was found in his blackened vehicle on May 10, 2018.

The Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook RCMP detachment received a complaint about a burning vehicle early that morning but the officer who initially responded did not search the vehicle, citing the ongoing fire. Officers only returned to the scene later on, after receiving missing persons reports and information that there may be human remains in the vehicle.

Following their investigation, police ruled Brennan's death an accident. On Jan. 24, 2019, the coroner released a report supporting the RCMP's conclusion that Brennan died of "smoke inhalation and burns due to a single vehicle collision and subsequent fire."

Lisa Ahenakew, Brennan's mother, still believes her son was murdered and that the RCMP mishandled the case from the moment they found his charred vehicle over three years ago.

She has spent these past three years quietly but passionately advocating on Brennan's behalf, and poring over the police reports, witness statements, photos, and videos.

Though she's disheartened by what those docu-

ments revealed about how the investigation into Brennan's death was handled, and the low probability the public inquest will lead to the investigation being re-opened, Lisa says she welcomes it and she hopes no other parents will have to go through what she went through.

"I want people to know that we aren't taken seriously — all of our people, not just my son," Lisa said. "Maybe from this I'll create a Brennan's Law, where it's mandatory that when [police] come across a burning vehicle they get out and make sure no one's baby is in there. That's what I want from this."

For Lisa, who says she's tried to have faith in the system over the past three years, questions about the RCMP's handling of Brennan's death begin from the moment his car was discovered. Though the RCMP said the first officer on scene didn't search the vehicle due to the active fire in the bushy area it was found in, photos taken by the officer reportedly show no active fire.

Lisa also says the RCMP didn't put any effort into investigating statements made by witnesses. For instance, one witness at the house Brennan visited the night before his death claimed he said he was going to "go burn himself," but text message records show he messaged a friend about stopping by to smoke with her on his way home.

"The cops want me to believe that my son accidentally drove off of the road, hit a rock that damaged the under carriage of his car and exposed some leaking fluid, drove between two fence posts and into a bush and sat there and started on fire," Lisa said.

"The fact of the matter is, right from the get-go, right from when that officer responded to Brennan's car and took two pictures and drove away, nothing was done properly," she adds, noting that investigators failed to even gather all of Brennan's remains for her and her family.

Three years after Brennan's death, and after multiple incidents where she and her family were victims of harassment, Lisa has moved to the fringes of the community and enrolled her kids in school in Mistawasis.

Now, with the public inquest finally looming, she says it's time for her to prove she was right, and for those she believes to have played a role in Brennan's death to be held accountable.

"My fight is for my son. I have to be his voice," she said.

"I have to be the one who speaks for him, not some pieces of paper that tell me this and tell me that. In my heart I know the truth, and I've always known. Otherwise, I would have just left everything."



Brennan Ahenakew

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Parkside outbreak a failure on every level

In March of 2020, when COVID-19 was only just arriving in Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) and Extencicare were well aware that the Parkside long-term care facility in Regina would be in "serious trouble" if an outbreak occurred.

Somehow, in spite of this awareness by both parties, the facility became the site of what was arguably one of the worst outbreaks in the province a mere eight months later.

The outbreak affected 194 out of 198 residents at the Parkside facility, killing 39 of them (three others who had COVID-19 died of other causes). Additionally, 132 staff members were infected over the course of the outbreak.

According to an investigation conducted by Saskatchewan Ombudsman Mary McFadyen, almost all of it could have been avoided if the SHA and Extencicare had worked together and taken pre-emptive action.

Instead, the long-term facility was left unprepared to deal with the pandemic.

In a report on her investigation, Ms. McFadyen found that Extencicare Parkside's staff weren't properly screened for symptoms or made to physical distance or wear masks during breaks.

Indeed, for some time, neither Extencicare nor the SHA believed staff needed to comply with masking mandates. When the requirement was enforced, staff were given just one mask per shift (and a paper bag to store it in) rather than the recommended four or more.

In addition to failing to equip the facility's staff, Extencicare also failed to establish contingency plans to replace staff who had to self-isolate. This created a staffing crisis during the outbreak, forcing the SHA to take over the facility.

Ms. McFadyen also found that Extencicare failed to develop and follow anything resembling a plan for residents who contracted COVID-19.

Parkside had long been criticized for having up to four residents in a room. Rather than reducing the facility's population to allow just two people per room, Extencicare opted to keep a few rooms vacant to house the infected.



JORDAN TWISS
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News Editor

"Parkside's pandemic plan was to isolate positive residents in a hallway on its north wing. Instead, it isolated the first few positive residents in its main wing where they had been staying," Ms. McFadyen wrote in her report.

"By the time it decided to move positive residents as planned, it had so many cases it needed to convert its entire north wing into a COVID-19 wing," she continued, adding that the infected and non-infected were often moved si-

multaneously, sometimes without proper masking and disinfection procedures being followed.

Ms. McFadyen doesn't lay all the blame at the feet of Extencicare. In her report, she noted that the Ministry of Health failed to rollout rapid testing to long-term care facilities until after the Parkside outbreak.

The ministry also appears to have failed to communicate its own policies, as Ms. McFadyen found the SHA and Extencicare weren't aware of the Nov. 6, 2020 public health order requiring residents to wear masks when outside of their rooms until late December.

The Parkside outbreak was, in essence, the result of systemic and organizational failures at nearly every level.

To its credit, the SHA has taken immediate action on the recommendations contained in Ms. McFadyen's report by eliminating three and four-bed rooms (this was done as of March 31).

The SHA also appointed itself administrator of Extencicare's five Saskatchewan facilities for the next 30 days, after which it will submit a report to the Ministry of Health. This report could determine Extencicare's future as a long-term care provider in the province.

These are positive first steps, but once again they come too late.

The Sask. Party government has long been aware of the systemic problems plaguing long-term care. Time and again, it has taken an incremental, reactionary approach to fixing them.

Now, it must act quickly and decisively to protect our seniors. It's time to mend what's broken in long-term care.



Op-ed: Canada's divide between government and taxpayers

By Franco Terrazzano
CTF Federal Director

COVID-19 has shone a light on a fundamental divide within Canada: the growing government bureaucracy and those forced to pay for it.

This contrast is illustrated by Statistics Canada's latest jobs report. The private sector, including those who are self-employed, has shed 520,400 jobs since COVID-19 hit us, while the number of government jobs across the country has increased by 180,000.

Of those new government jobs, 52,900 are public administration bureaucrats.

These new government positions spur on a higher tax burden for many families saddled with pay cuts and job losses and for businesses that were ordered to shut down.

Unfortunately, this isn't new. This bureaucrat surge follows years of increases. "Ottawa's public service has swelled by roughly 10,000 bureaucrats per year under Trudeau, to roughly 380,000 today,"

wrote Postmedia reporter Jesse Snyder in May.

We just endured months of government lockdowns, so let's do a thought experiment.

What does a gym owner who's fighting to keep their business lights on need more: tax relief and red tape reductions, or more bureaucrat mouths to feed?

On top of the government job gains, Canadian taxpayers also have to pay for pay raises for politicians and thousands of bureaucrats during the pandemic.

Members of Parliament pocketed not one, but two pay raises during COVID-19. The pay hikes range from \$6,900 for a backbench MP to \$13,800 for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Before these pay raises, Trudeau and his ministers were already within the top one per cent of Canadian income earners.

This is in stark contrast to politicians in New Zealand who quickly stood in solidarity with taxpayers.

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Woytiuk, Cooling win Joyce Willick Scholarships

Spiritwood's women's hockey team recently announced the recipients of the 2021 Joyce Willick Scholarship. Olivia Woytiuk and Carli Cooling are the first ever winners of the scholarship, which is planned to return each year.

The Northern Wolves Female Hockey team was started officially in 2019 and was spearheaded by Courtney Caffet, Kaeli Cross, Regan Cross, Delaney Lehouillier, and Teigan Anderson. They were finding they were missing playing the game and there was little opportunity for women after minor hockey.

The ladies decided to start looking for other teams to play against throughout

the season and began fundraising to help support the team. Currently their team is made up of 18 players.

They organized a tournament in 2019, which was a great success and made them many contacts, reaching teams from Prince Albert, Saskatoon, and Kinsmere. That season they were able to play 10 league games.

The fundraising they did in 2019 was enough to help purchase a set of team jerseys for themselves as well as sponsoring a set for a minor girl's team. Anderson says that since they were financially set, they started to brainstorm a way to give back to the community using

some of the funds that they had raised.

The goal was to create something that they could realistically continue to fund over the years and that was when the idea of the scholarship came about.

"I brought the idea to the table. The rest of the group are the ones who figured out the logistics part of it," said Anderson. "They deserve all the credit."

After they had decided to go through with the scholarship idea, they needed to give it a name. While there were many ideas that came up, the one they stuck with was the Joyce Willick Scholarship.

Anyone who has been around the Spiritwood rink has probably seen Joyce, whether she is out driving the Zamboni or taking in the minor hockey action, she always seems to be there. This was true for most players on the Women's hockey team. They have fond memories of her growing up and she has been one of the biggest supporters of their team.

"Anything and everything we ever needed, she is always there," said Anderson. "She is a great role model for our team."

The scholarship winners each received \$500. They were selected from a pool of seven applicants, who each wrote an essay discussing how sports have shaped them into the person they are today and the life skills that sports taught them. Both recipients graduated from high school this year.

Carli Cooling of Leoville played minor hockey in Spiritwood for a few years along with a wide variety of other sports like softball, volleyball, badminton, and track and field.

Olivia Woytiuk of Shell Lake has al-



Olivia Woytiuk is heading to Colorado on a partial softball scholarship this fall.

ways been enthusiastic about softball, playing on the PA Aces for a number of years and attending a softball academy in Saskatoon. She is headed to Otero Junior College in Colorado on a partial softball scholarship this fall.

In the future, the Northern Wolves Female Hockey team would like to offer one scholarship and one hockey membership for a female minor hockey player each year. Due to the pandemic, minor hockey looked a bit different this year, so the team opted for two scholarships this year instead.



Carli Cooling (left) receives one of two Joyce Willick Scholarships from Courtney Caffet.

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"We acknowledge New Zealanders who are reliant on wage subsidies, taking pay cuts and losing their jobs as a result of the COVID-19 global pandemic," said New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern. "I can confirm that myself and government ministers and public service chief executives will take a 20 per cent pay cut for the next six months."

Back home in Canada, government bureaucrats gobbled-up pay raises alongside of politicians.

Documents obtained by the Canadian Taxpayers Federation show more than 18,000 provincial government

bureaucrats and post-secondary employees received a raise during lockdowns last year in Alberta.

Same goes at city hall.

Nearly 14,000 employees at the city of Calgary and more than 34,000 employees at the city of Toronto received a raise last year. How many other cities and provinces handed-out pay raises while taxpayers struggled through lockdowns?

It's a similar story at the federal level, where the feds agreed to hike the pay for thousands of its employees.

It's tough to track down any government bureaucrat that took a pay cut during the lockdowns. In fact, the

federal government has no records of its employees ever receiving a pay cut, according to research from the think tank Secondstreet.org.

Fortunately, there are some politicians, such as Alberta's Jason Kenney, who are trying to make the government payroll fairer to the taxpayers who pay for it.

Premier Kenney is proposing a three or four per cent wage reduction for employees. By comparison, any private sector worker lucky enough to take that hair cut over the last five-plus years in Alberta was one of the fortunate ones.

However, instead of being willing to

help shoulder the burden of the downturn, government union bosses are lighting their collective manes on fire.

A university union boss called the proposed haircut "nothing short of disgusting." During the pandemic, a group of union bosses even threatened general strikes.

Soon, Canadians will have to grapple with an important question: how are we going to pay back the mountain of government debt? The answer can't be to make the private sector bear the entire burden.

We need politicians and bureaucrats to share in the difficult times and take a cut.

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Unvaccinated account for most Sask. COVID cases

The numbers from July are in, and as COVID-19 cases slowly tick upwards in Saskatchewan the Ministry of Health is reporting that those new cases are “overwhelmingly among unvaccinated people.”

Factoring the 1,221 cases of COVID-19 reported from July 1 to 31, the Ministry of Health found that more than 90 per cent of new cases and hospitalizations in Saskatchewan during the month were unvaccinated or partially vaccinated people. Additionally, 95 per cent of ICU admissions were unvaccinated or partially vaccinated, and 100 per cent of deaths were unvaccinated.

Breaking down the numbers in more precise detail, the Ministry of Health reports:

- Of the 1,220 cases reported, 921 (75.5 per cent) were unvaccinated or tested positive within three weeks of receiving their first vaccination. One hundred and eighty-four cases (15.1 per cent) were partially vaccinated with one dose, while just 115 cases (9.4 per cent) were fully vaccinated.
- Of the 83 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19, 66 (79.5 per cent) were unvaccinated or tested positive within three weeks of receiving their first vaccination. Ten cases (12.0 per cent) were partially vaccinated with one dose, while just seven cases (8.4 per cent) were fully vaccinated.
- Of the 20 individuals admitted to ICU, 17 (85 per cent) were unvaccinated or tested positive within three weeks of receiving their first vaccination. Two cases (10 per cent) were partially vaccinated with one dose,

while just one case (five per cent) was fully vaccinated.

- Of the four deaths reported among people who tested positive in July, all four were unvaccinated or within three weeks of receiving their first vaccination. There were no deaths in individuals who were more than 21 days post first dose or fully vaccinated.

July's case numbers also indicate that about a third of Saskatchewan's cases were 19 years of age or under and about 20 per cent were under 12, which is an age group that cannot be vaccinated at this time. However, no one 19 years of age or under required ICU care or died due to COVID-19 during this period.

“At this point in time, there are no COVID-19 vaccines approved for children under 12,” the Ministry of Health said in a press release. “All residents 12+ are encouraged to be fully vac-

More than a year after his body was found in a rural area near Pekakumew Lake, the Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crimes Unit has pressed charges in the death of 36-year-old Richard Netmaker.

Netmaker was last seen alive on Jan. 6, 2020, in an isolated area around five kilometres northwest of Big River First Nation. Around the time of his disappearance, Big River RCMP received a

complaint that Netmaker had been abducted from his residence on the Big River First Nation and assaulted.

Fearing he may need medical attention, and that he wasn't wearing a jacket, police began searching for Netmaker and asked the public for any information that might help them locate him.

Officers from the Big River RCMP detachment found Netmaker's

body near Pekakumew Lake just four days later.

The Major Crimes Unit - South has been investigating his death since.

On July 26, 2021, officers arrested and charged Karlyne Morin (DOB: 2000-09-18) of the Big River First Nation with one count of criminal negligence causing death and two counts of forcible confinement.

Daily provincial COVID-19 statistics by age, date and geographic zones including active cases, recoveries and vaccination rates can be found on the dashboard at www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-cases.

As of Monday, Aug. 8, with 666,931

people fully vaccinated, the province has shifted its vaccination strategy to a focused outreach model, targeting those in the province who are under and unvaccinated.

With the strategic change, the SHA will discontinue drive-thru and appointments booked through their online system and 1-833-SASKVAX, shifting to walk-in clinics in public venues throughout the province including planned summer events, post-secondary campuses, retail locations including grocery stores, pow wows, provincial parks and recreations areas, community centres and more.

Participating Saskatchewan pharmacies will also continue to provide COVID-19 vaccinations by appointment.

For information on when, where, and how to book a vaccination appointment, visit <https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/>

Charges laid in death of Richard Netmaker

PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

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

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

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

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

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

UNITED CHURCH
Big River
Sundays
10 a.m. - Worship
at Anglican Church
Rev. Dave Whalley
306-747-2804

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

EVANGELICAL FREE
Big River
11:00 a.m. - Worship
Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Summer: 10:30 a.m. - 12
306-469-2258
Youth Nite: Fridays
Mont Nebo
Bible Study & Prayer
Sun., 11:00 a.m. - Worship
Pastor Bill Klumpenhower

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

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407-2nd Ave E, Shellbrook
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There's a silver lining to every cloud

There is not a lot to suggest the cloud of drought which hangs over the Canadian Prairies will have a silver lining for farmers but there is some good news that comes in-part because crop yields will be low.

Producers can anticipate some very high prices over the next few months as the full impact of the drought on production is better defined by actual crop in the bin numbers.

There are already suggestions out there that lentil demand is going to be high, partly because

there has been a drought in Turkey as well and that country is a major lentil consumer.

India is also expected to be an active buyer, having reduced import tariffs in order to assure supplies there.

Of course those high prices won't be fully realized by producers here, with yields expected to be significantly below long term averages.

However, it might provide a bit of a financial buffer if the bushels which are produced are sold at higher than normal prices.



CALVIN DANIELS

It's the same across most crops, which is the good news of a sort.

But, not every bushel produced this fall will be able to garner the higher prices.

As a financial tool many

producers forward price at least a portion of expected yield. The practice provides some known numbers for creating a financial plan.

For some producers the lower yields expected this year may not even fulfill the forward pricing contracts, which means no bushels to sell into a higher market now, and many producers will need to work with the contractor on just how they fulfill their part of the deal.

The other issue may well be what grade the grain comes off this fall.

With luck we won't suddenly hit a wet spell, which would be a disaster now that it is harvest time. But even in an open dry fall grades may be hit hard.

In the driest of areas, and that is large parts of the Prairies, the lack of moisture and extreme heat as heads filled, will mean less than fully developed grain in the head. The usual plump kernels simply will not be there and that can mean a lower grade, which in turn means lower prices.

And while the situation is not good at pres-

ent, and it is only August, there has to be concerns when looking ahead to 2022 as well.

We haven't gotten a lot of fall rain in recent years, and even winter snowfall has not been huge of late, and both things would be good in terms of replenishing soil moisture levels pre-seeding 2022. If those things do not occur (big fall rains and lots and lots of snow) producers are going to need spring rains to get a crop growing (but not so much they can't plant) and then a far wetter summer than we have had in 2021.

AgriStability receives interim benefit boost

The federal and provincial governments have agreed to increase the 2021 AgriStability interim benefit payment percentage from 50 per cent to 75 per cent for Saskatchewan producers.

"My heart goes out to those farmers and ranchers feeling the impacts of the drought. We are working closely with provinces to get farm families the support they need as soon as possible. By unlocking more AgriStability funds through interim payments, we can get more cash in hand for farmers who are making tough decisions in a difficult situation and I urge other provinces to request the same if needed," Federal Minister

of Agriculture and Agri-Food Marie-Claude Bibeau said. "We will continue to support farm families to get them through the challenges we face today, and position them for a sustainable future, since we know climate change will continue to pose challenges."

"We are closely monitoring and responding to the challenges facing Saskatchewan producers due to the extreme drought conditions this growing season. That is why we are taking another step today to provide our producers with additional support," Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit said. "This increase allows producers to access a larger portion of their

final AgriStability benefit early. The AgriStability interim benefit can help producers with cash flow needs and provide them with additional flexibility to deal with the dry conditions."

The interim benefit provides the opportunity for producers who are enrolled in AgriStability to access a portion of their benefit early, to help support losses and cover costs. With this increase, Saskatchewan producers can apply for an interim benefit to receive 75 per cent of their estimated final 2021 benefit, before completing their program year.

The interim benefit is calculated based on the estimated margin decline or loss for the

year compared to the farming operation's reference margin. The decline must be at least 30 per cent below the reference margin to access a payment. If a producer receives an interim benefit payment, they must still file all final program year forms and meet program requirements by the assigned deadlines.

To apply for an interim benefit, producers can contact their local SCIC office, call the AgriStability Call Centre toll-free at 1-886-270-8450, or email agristability@scic.ca. Understanding the importance of issuing interim benefits in a timely manner, SCIC is prioritizing Interim Benefit applications. SCIC will work with producers to finalize Inter-

im Benefit applications as soon as possible.

AgriStability is one of the business risk management (BRM) programs under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership. It protects Canadian producers against large declines in farming income for reasons such as production loss, increased costs and market conditions.

The Government of Saskatchewan, through the Ministry of Agriculture and Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation, and the Government of Canada, continue to stay in regular contact with producers, stakeholders, and provincial counterparts as we confront the challenges of drought across Western Canada.

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Leoville Trailriders Rodeo returns for 2021



All-around cowgirl Vanessa Cote (left) with Jessilynne Chalifour (right).



From left: CJ Parker, Kayla Donohue, Jennifer Hoffman, Shelley Laventure, Danielle Higgins, and Sheila Laventure were all previous Rodeo Queens who came out to hand out awards.



All around cowboy Phil Reuschlin (center) with Shelly Laventure (left) and Sheila Laventure (right).



The top placing team ropers from Saturday's Dave Saam Memorial Competition.



Liam and Justice Potts won the 15 and under calf roping competition. They are pictured here with Jennifer Soucy.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

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Rev. Sarah Urano

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Rev. Kun Kim
Rev. Don Skinner

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Leoville - 11:00 a.m.
Chitek Lake - Closed for
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Everyone Welcome
SATURDAY
Shell Lake - 8:00 p.m.
Medstead - 6 p.m.
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Glenbush
10:00 am - Sunday School
Worship 10:50 am

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Glenbush
Worship - 10:00 am

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Worship
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Pastor Rick Martin



Eli Goller from Spiritwood in the mutton busting competition.

Highlights of a Village of Leask council meeting

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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Leask, which was held in the Leask Community Hall on Wednesday, April 26, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor: Joanne Lapierre, Deputy Mayor: Shea Donohue, Councillors: Valerie Priestley, and Zach Walden, Acting Administrator: Tim Melnyk, Delegates: Caitlin Ericson, Faye Johnston. Absent: Murray Donohue (submitted resignation April 23).

The regular council meeting was called to order by mayor Joanne Lapierre at 6:25 p.m.

Motion: That the agenda be approved as it presented and read. Carried

Motion: that the minutes from the March 17th regular council meeting be approved. Carried

Delegation: Caitlin Ericson

Caitlin Erickson had complaints of the mayor addressing people online about the election, that the information was incorrect. She also had a complaint about the store having no financials for the public to read and that if you are on council that you should not be benefiting from that what is owned by the town. That it was a conflict of interest.

Delegation: Faye Johnston

Faye Johnston is part of the Emerald Lake board. They were looking to get sponsorship from the Village of Leask so they can set their board with 5 members. The need of the council to interview the potential members. The council member would need to have time to spare up to 8 hrs.

Mayor & Councillor Forum

Motion: That all motions have a recorded

vote. Carried

The Facebook page for emergencies and public notices would need to be accessed by the CAO of the Village of Leask to make things go easier, but the mayor said she would rather shut the page down than give access to it to the administrator.

Motion: To add Tim Melnyk CAO as admin of the Village Of Leask Facebook page and remove Joanne Lapierre as admin of the web page. Carried

After consulting legal counsel and the municipal advisory office and as the Municipal Act, Section 112 reads "no member of council is eligible to be appointed as an employee of the municipality or of any committee, business improvement district or controlled corporation of the municipality in which she serves as a member of council". Section 142(2) reads "where the public Disclosure statement requires the name of each corporation in which the member or someone in the members family is a director or a senior officer". Whereas Joanne Lapierre is currently employed as the manager of the Leask Community Hardware store, which violates Section 112 of the Act.

Whereas Joanne Lapierre has also failed to disclose that she is a director of the Leask Community Hardware Store, which violates 142(2) of the Act. The motion to ask Joanne Lapierre for her resignation from the Village of Leask council.

Discussion was had regarding the information gathered that Joanne Lapierre refused to step down as mayor. It needs to be noted that a member of the audience was verbally attacking one of the active council members (the person noted to be the wife of Murray Donohue, the councillor that stepped down prior to meeting).

Motion: That we declare the office of mayor of the village of Leask, vacant and instruct our CAO to call a by-election for the position of mayor. Carried

JoAnne Lapierre addressed the crowd regarding that of her accomplishments and then made it noted that rules are made to be broken.

JoAnne Lapierre left the meeting at this point.

Motion: That we seek legal counsel from Roberson Stromberg Legal Firm on the matter of the Leask Community Hardware store as it applies to the Village Of Leask. Carried

Motion: That we require the board of directors of the Leask Hardware store to provide monthly financial statements as well as the minutes to the village council for review. Carried

Motion: That we move garbage pick-up from bi-weekly to weekly from now till oct. Recycle pick-up to remain the same scheduled with bi-weekly pickup. Carried

Motion: That the lines of communication between Village of Leask employees and the council be followed as laid out in the Municipalities Act, section 5. No citizen or staff member should be directed by a member of council. Their direction is to occur through council as a whole and the implementation of council's direction is delegated through the CAO, who is to be

directed by the bylaws and resolutions of the council. Carried

Motion: To prevent the possibility liability issue, our maintenance staff use the street sweeper that we already own. Carried

Motion: That unauthorized personnel not to be running village of Leask equipment. Since this could result in a liability issue. There would be no insurance coverage for personnel who are not employed by the Village. Carried

Motion: That our CAO contact the RM of Leask 464 for a meeting between them and council over the fire department, the culvert by the lagoon and the arena, in hope of getting clarification on all concerns. Carried

Motion: That when there is an emergency with our infrastructure in the future, information for the public be posted on the website, Village of Leask Facebook page, post office door, office door as well as setting up a phone, text or e-mail list. Carried

Motion: That the locks on both the pump house coin box and the car wash coin box be changed immediately. Carried

Motion: That Chantelle Robin be paid \$12 per hour for every hour worked in the Village of Leask office. Carried (Editor's note: Robin had only been invited to work in the office by former Mayor JoAnne Lapierre and not through a motion of council)

William, Veronica Duquette celebrate 70 years

A couple from the Mistawasis First Nation celebrated their 70th anniversary and renewed their wedding vows at the Leask Lion's Hall on Aug. 7.

William and Veronica Duquette were married on the Big River First Nation on June 8, 1951. They have lived on and raised 13 children on the Mistawasis First Nation, and welcomed numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren over the years.

Though their anniversary was in June, the couple opted to wait until COVID-19 public health restrictions were lifted before celebrating the milestone anniversary so they could celebrate with as many family members and friends as possible.

William and Veronica's son, Marcel Duquette, says it's a great honour for his parents to have been married for so long.



William and Veronica Duquette (front row, middle) recently celebrated 70 years of marriage with family and friends.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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The Paris Cafe, Part 2

By Norma Galambos

Small town cafes have always been an integral part of the history of communities throughout Canada. This is the part two of the story of one such establishment, the Paris Café in Leask, Sask.

CHARLIE'S ANGELS

I worked at the Paris Cafe as a waitress in the summer of 1978 before entering Grade 11. That was the closest I ever came to spending a summer in Paris. I remember how nervous I was asking Charlie for a job. He indicated that he had enough help but would try and give me some shifts, and he did. The local boys jokingly called us waitresses "Charlie's Angels," referring to the television series that ran from 1976 to 1981; they thought they were so clever.

Charlie was a bachelor, and he lived above the restaurant where he grew up. Papers and random items, on their way up or down, lined the outer sides of each step with a well-worn path visible in the middle. The waitresses speculated what it looked like upstairs, but none of us ventured up to take a look. For years I thought Charlie's last name was McHanson and that Mack was his nickname.

I'm an autumn baby, so I was still fifteen and didn't have a driver's license that summer. My dad faithfully dropped whatever he was doing on the farm to drive me to work. The parking spots in front of the cafe were full at noon, so he would quickly stop and drop me off on the street and carry on. Dad or my boyfriend picked me up after my shift.

When I worked at the cafe, the building was already fifty years old, but the structure was made of brick and mortar and had stood the test of time. Equipment upgrades over the years had modernized it. The Paris Cafe sign that had once hung front and centre had deteriorated and was taken down; only the sign pole remained jutting out. A thin bamboo blind hung from the front window.

I braved going down to the dimly lit basement once to get some restocking items. The basement was the only place for stock storage, so everything had to be hauled down and eventually lugged back up. I remember pop piled to the low ceiling and big boxes filled

with individual bags of potato chips, cartons of cigarettes and tobacco and smaller boxes of chocolate bars and candy.

Waitressing was hot, exhausting, hard work, but it was fun as a couple of my friends also worked there. The learning curve was steep as it was my first job. I babysat a bit for neighbours, but that was the extent of my employment experience. Many people worked for Charlie over the years as waitresses and cooks. Even though they were of different ages, they bonded through this shared experience.

We took orders on our little order pads and then clipped them to a food order wheel in the kitchen. In its heyday, the kitchen was a bustling place with a deep fryer, stove and grill cranking out meals. For years dishes were washed by hand with soap and scalding hot water. When I worked there, waitresses brought a steady stream of dirty dishes to the kitchen, where they were loaded into an industrial dishwasher.

We were often run off our feet serving meals, clearing tables, collecting payments and selling confectionery items and ice cream. Minors were allowed to sell cigarettes then, and patrons puffed away freely in the cafe. When my shift was over, I left smelling of cigarette and cigar smoke and deep fryer and grill grease. There were many customers: local people, construction workers, business people and travellers. It was hard to get a table on some days.

When we cleared tables, we found small tips. It wasn't common to receive large ones; there wasn't a percentage expected like there is today. The travellers or construction workers were our best hope for gratuities. We kept the tips from the tables we served; there wasn't a communal tip jar.

I recall filling napkin, sugar, ketchup, salt and pepper containers during the slow hours and restocking pop, candy, chips and cigarettes. Waitresses weren't keen on making milkshakes during busy hours as the process was messy, noisy and time-consuming.

Charlie was good to his staff. He was a jokester who liked to tease, and he had a great sense of humour; his customers loved him. He moved

about quickly and efficiently, bursting through the two sets of swinging doors that separated the customer area from the bathrooms and the kitchen. He would survey the tables and greet the customers with a big smile before darting back into the kitchen.

He did a lot of the cooking but also hired cooks to work the busy midday hours during the week. The cook when I worked there was named Rosie. She was a small, feisty lady with a big smile. Rosie was an excellent cook, and she moved around the kitchen like a tiny whirlwind; it wasn't her first rodeo. The weekday noon specials were full course feasts that included soup, a drink and dessert. You even got a glass of water without having to ask for it. Those were the days.

WHAT I LEARNED

I learned many things working at Charlie's, such as:

- how to apply for a job
- the importance of being on time
- teamwork
- managing the money I earned
- cleaning
- communication skills when working with coworkers and serving the public
- multitasking
- working independently when required
- the experience of working evenings and weekends when I had to give up time with family and friends

The Paris Cafe closed in the late eighties; Charlie continued to reside there until 1995. He passed away that year in Saskatoon of cancer; he was sixty-two. The building was demolished in 1996 along with the old hardware store and the old Spriggs Meats building to make way for a medical clinic.

They say you never forget your first love or your first job. I certainly will never forget my summer at the Paris Cafe.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REFLECTIONS

Charles Sr. and Fay Ping's grandchildren (Leo and Sue's children), Roberta, Janet and Robert, helped with the research for this story. Their insight, memories and pictures helped bring this story to life.

I was also helped by all who shared recollections of the Paris Cafe with me during casual conversations and through social media over the past

few months; here are some of those memories:

- local teens showing up at the cafe during off hours looking for something to eat and Charlie, in jest, saying, "why don't you go the home and eat?"
- they served the best french fries
- at one point, the menu offered plain white or vanilla ice cream as two options
- a couple of girls were looking through 45s that had been changed out of the jukebox, and one of the girls picked up a record by Kenny Rogers with the song Something's Burning on it and said, "something's burning", Charlie ran out of the kitchen yelling, "where?", the girl held up the record, and he returned to the kitchen muttering something about crazy kids
- owners and employees from other businesses going daily to join coffee row on their breaks
- a waitress recalling coming through the swinging doors carrying a burger order, tripping on the lifting tile, and the burger hitting the floor (I am not sure if the three-second rule applied)

Charlie was good friends with my husband's parents and their social group. In the mid-sixties, the stores in Leask stayed open on Saturday nights, and the cafe was open until eleven. It was customary for these families to gather in town on weekends. The women picked up groceries while the men secured a spot in the beer parlour. When the women finished shopping, and their groceries were stowed in the vehicle, they went to the beer parlour as well. There was still a men's side and a women's side at that time so they couldn't sit with their husbands. They probably didn't mind visiting as a group of ladies and letting the men talk about hunting, fishing and farming on their side.

The kids played outside, eventually waiting in the vehicle or gathering upstairs at Charlie's, where he would let them watch a movie until their parents came to collect them. He sometimes joined their parents at the parlour and his brother, George, watched the kids. The evening was often capped off with Charlie cooking food for the group back at the cafe. When I imagine this scene, I can almost smell the french fries and hear the laughter.



Main Street Leask circa 1970s Left to right - Hotel Windsor (not in view), Drug Store, Jerry's Barber Shop, McHanson Home Hardware, old hardware building, Paris Cafe, Spriggs Meats



Main Street Leask 2021, Left to right Bramshott Spirits, IG Wealth Management, Ace Hardware (two buildings), Leask Village Office, Woodland Pharmacy, Medical Clinic, Lori Saam Hair and Healing.

Olympic games generally forgettable

This has not been your ordinary Olympic Games. This year's event in Tokyo, Japan, will go down in the annals of Olympic history as one the world never wants to see again.

For starters, the 2020 Summer Olympics were held in 2021 and, for the record, the number of off-field, or non-athletic stories have outnumbered the normal.

Thanks, coronavirus. Thanks for nothing.

Athletes left and right opted out of the Games for a variety of reasons, primarily COVID-19 concerns. Among the best tennis players, Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer, stayed home. Some of the world's best golfers — Adam Scott, Dustin Johnson, Bryson DeChambeau and the world No. 1, Jon Rahm — were all absent from competition. Thankfully, Canadian superstar swimmer Penny Oleksiak was not.

The most celebrated Games' performer, U.S. gymnast Simone Biles, cited mental health concerns, accelerated by COVID-19, for pulling out of a number of events. Mental health injuries, we're discovering, are just as debilitating as physical ones.

Others, like the world's best female tennis player, Naomi Osaka, withdrew from the French Open and Wimbledon due to mental health issues and then lost relatively early in her home country's Olympics.

The world is different this year, as are the sports featured in the Olympics. Skateboarding, for example, was included in this year's Games for the first time ever, and two 13-year-olds and a 16-year-old were medal winners in one of skateboard's first events. Their total ages, 42, was approximately the average age of individuals on the U.S. equestrian squad. Faster, higher, stronger, indeed. You can also add 'younger.'

Other new sports, all obviously aimed at trying to attract a younger demographic, included 3-on-3 basketball, surfing, sport climbing, BMX freestyle, and karate.

It all might work out, and the new sports might attract more young people, but in general, TV ratings for the Games were at an all-time low — you've probably heard that young people today don't watch as much TV as their parents — and COVID-19 was the dominating theme of the two-



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week sports festival. Reports out of Tokyo said the majority of citizens of Japan's largest city were against the Games altogether.

When it's all over, results from the 2020 Olympic Games will be posted in the record books and the Summer Olympic focus will switch to Paris, France, where the 2024 Games are only three years away. By then, the world will have hopefully returned to normal and sports and athletes will take centre stage, where it belongs. And we add an adjective to the Tokyo

Games that may last forever — forgettable.

• Sam Farley, on Twitter: "You really can't beat the Olympics. That golden two-week period when you live and breathe handball, archery and gymnastics, only to forget about it for another four years afterwards."

• Patti Dawn Swansson on Twitter: "Interesting that Elliotte Friedman regularly appears on Canadian hockey broadcasts looking like a railway hobo, but he tidies himself up for American TV. I just wonder if ESPN instructed him to clean up his act. If so, why doesn't Sportsnet do the same?"

• Swansson again, on the Winnipeg Jets' roster of small defencemen: "They'll never win the Stanley Cup with that undersized group, but one of them might win the Kentucky Derby."

• Norman Chad, on Twitter: "With the USA losing to France in Olympic men's basketball —

due to an overlooked clause in the 1886 transaction between the two nations — the USA must now return the Statue of Liberty."

• Phil Mickelson, on Twitter, after Tour player Harry Higgs begged for a Tuesday practice round with him, during which some gambling dough will be at stake: "This will save me a trip to the ATM... thank you."

• Golf Channel broadcaster Shane Bacon, on Twitter: "I love that Sepp Straka's (Olympic Games) hat says 'golf team' on the side in case he gets confused and wants to try his hand at taekwondo."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "Imagine how fast those Olympic swimmers would be if they didn't have to tow those huge banners with their name, place and their country's name and flag?"

• Another one from Kaseberg: "NBC say their ratings at the Tokyo Olympics are down 36

per cent from Brazil five years ago. Once again, Tokyo putting the limp in the Olympics."

• Jack Finarelli, at the-sportscurmudgeon.com: "If I woke you up from a dead sleep at 2 a.m. and asked you to give me all your free association thoughts that go with 'Cleveland, would you have gotten to 'Guardians' any time before 6 a.m.?"

• Headline at theonion.com: "Conservatives Blast Simone Biles For Robbing Them Of Opportunity To Criticize Her Win"

• Another one at theonion.com: "Kings concerned about character issues after multiple prospects lie about being excited to play for Sacramento"

• fark.com headline: "The fact that we don't celebrate silver and bronze is (wrong)," says some person who didn't win a gold medal"

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FUNERAL NOTICE

Sunni June Hubbard (née: Davies)



Sunni June Hubbard (née: Davies)
December 22, 1932 – April 1, 2021

A Funeral Service for the late Sunni June Hubbard will be held Sunday, August 29, 2021 - 2:30 pm. at the Leask Gos-

pel Tabernacle, Leask, SK with Lorne Valuck officiating. Interment will follow in the Leask Cemetery. Donations in memory of Sunni June Hubbard may be made to the Shellbrook & District Heath Services Foundation House "C", Box 33, Shellbrook, SK S0J 2E0. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, R. Mark Muir Funeral Director, Spiritwood, SK 306-883-3500.



Madeleine Jeanette Collins (née: Belair)
May 13, 1934 - July 24, 2021

It is with great sorrow we announce the passing of our dear mother, grandmother Marlene on July 24, 2021, in Humboldt Hospital. Marlene was born in Debden, SK, to Ovila & Eva Belair and married Lawrence Collins November 21, 1955. They had 7 children, 37 grandchildren and 39 great grandchildren.

Granny lived a full life that was totally devoted to

her family and her church.

She had numerous talents and was a fabulous cook, seamstress, gardener, and did a lot of volunteer work in her community.

She helped teach catechism for many years and all the children called her granny. They also looked forward to her homemade snack she prepared lovingly for them. Granny also owned and operated two restaurants in her life. The last one was the L&M Cafe where she cooked until her retirement in the late 90s. In 2020 granny moved to Humboldt where she was diagnosed with terminal cancer. She put on a brave battle to the end, and never complained, never lost her sense of humor, and so appreciated her family and all of her visitors at the end. The Hospital staff took good care of our dear mother, and we all thank you for that.

Madeleine leaves to cherish her memory, her children and grandchildren:

Hubert "Tiggy" (Lynn) Collins and family: Shanna (Jamie), Robert (Nicole), Christy (Aaron); **Tom** "Skinny" (Cecile) Collins and family: Jesse (Sherri), Clint (Megan), Leroy (Cindy); **Maurice** and family: Pam (Andy), Tanya, Jordan (Ashley), Tessa (Bismark); **Estelle** (Glen) Berscheid and family: Jeremy, Danielle (Geoff), Ryan (Andrew), Valerie (Craig), Brent (Shanelle); **Allan** "Sharky" (Sylvia) Collins and family: Grant, Anthony, Candy, Robin (Rebecca); **Richard** "Budgie" (Serena) Collins and family: Justin (Shannon), Breann (Dylan), Karly; **Daughter-in-law, Sharon** Scott Collins (Len) and family: Christopher, Jennifer (Logan), Hailey; **Son-in-law: Ron** Brown (Marlene); as well as 39 great grandchildren; **Her siblings:** Anita (Philippe) Ruel, Real Belair, sister-in-law: Edwardine Belair; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

OBITUARY

Madeleine Jeanette Collins (née: Belair)

Madeleine was predeceased by her husband: Lawrence Collins; her son: Phillippe, and daughter Rose Brown; her parents Ovila and Eva Belair; her siblings Giselle (Roger) Fortier and Ivan Belair; her sister-in-law Rita Belair; her nephews Denis Belair, Luc Belair, & Aimee Fortier.

Madeleine's Funeral Mass took place on Friday, July 30, 2021, at St. Jean Baptiste RC Church in Debden with Father Dong Doan as Celebrant.

Granny was laid to rest in the Victoire Cemetery.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Madeleine to the Debden Heritage Manor or to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Thanks to all for celebrating in our mother's life, she is sadly missed but fondly remembered.

Family and friends wishing to share online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home & Crematorium, Tammy Smart, Director, Debden, SK. 306-724-4474.

OBITUARIES

Eileen Agnes Dobson

Mrs. Eileen Dobson
July 3, 1948 – August 2, 2021

With heavy hearts and sadness, we announce the passing of our loving wife, mother and grandmother after a short battle with cancer.

Eileen Agnes Dobson (Banda) was born on the family homestead near Martins Lake, SK. She was the third eldest of 9 brothers and sisters. Eileen met and married the love of her life Bill Dobson while working at the Royal Bank in Leask, SK. Together they had three daughters, Cindy, Connie and Leanne. They moved to the Dobson homestead northeast of Leask where they lived up until her passing. Bill and Eileen celebrated their 50 years on marriage in July 2018.

Managing a family and a successful insurance business kept her very busy until her retirement in 2009.

She was happiest hosting family and friends at home

where she would cook and bake, with no one leaving the house hungry or without some homemade buns or delicious treats to take home. Her yard and gardens were bountiful and beautiful allowing many the opportunity to share in the produce and beauty.

Enjoying the great outdoors was a pastime that both Eileen and Bill shared together. When the girls were younger, they would spend many summers at Emerald Lake and later at their cabin at Besnard Lake, SK. There they enjoyed fishing, campfires and the company of many friends and family. When it was time to head back to camp after a long day of fishing she would often say, "just one more tug".

Eileen loved and adored her three grandchildren, Ken, Emily and Brendan. Countless memories were made of sleepovers and time was spent at the farm together, where anything was possible. Including milkshakes for breakfast.

Survived by her husband of 53 years, Bill Dobson of Leask. Daughters Cindy (Dion) Knorr, and son Brendan, Connie (Ross) Martin, son Ken and daughter Emily (Quinten) and Leanne Dobson (Andrew) stepdaughter Neisa and stepson Dylan.

Siblings Ron (Eleanor) Banda, Gordon (Deb) Banda, Gerri Perrault, Deb (Ken) Hogg and Marlene Banda.

In-laws Vi (Richard) Stieb, Carol (Clint) Woolsey, Merle Dobson, Bonnie (Owen) Harbicht, Ray Dobson, Brenda Dobson, Lois Dobson and numerous nieces and nephews.

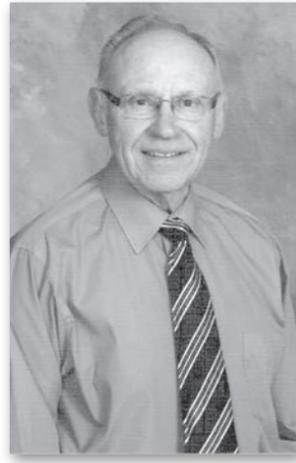
She was predeceased by her parents Steve and Lucille Banda, siblings, Ralph Banda, Diane Muller, Herold Banda, and Judy Banda. Parent in-laws Frank and Doris Dobson and in-laws Jim Dobson, Ray Perrault, Iver Muller, Willard Jupe and Joyce Jupe.

The family wishes to extend their sincere gratitude to all the healthcare workers that provided care to Mom in her last few months and for all the text, calls and messages.

There was a Memorial Mass held for Eileen on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. from the St. Henry's RC Church in Leask with Father Phong Tran officiating. Following the service, everyone was invited to the Leask Community Hall for a time of lunch and fellowship.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Eileen to either the S.T.A.R.S Foundation or to the Shellbrook & Districts Health Services Foundation ~ Palliative Long Term Care.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home & Crematorium, Tammy Smart – Director, Leask, SK. 306-466-4822.

Frank Mazurek

Frank Mazurek
October 16, 1939 – August 4, 2021

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our loving husband, father, and grandfather, Frank Mazurek. He was surrounded by the love of his family who were his greatest gems on this earth.

Frank will be dearly remembered and forever missed by: his wife, Faith Mazurek. His three children and their families, Darron (Angela) Mazurek of Calgary (Brendon, Morgan), Tricia (Clint) Weiland of Saskatoon (Avery, Evan), and Lori (Stan) Neigum of Saskatoon (Nick, Julia).

Frank was predeceased by his parents, Tom and Nellie Mazurek; his mother in law, Ruth Hetland; his father-in-law, Orville Hetland; his brother in law, Ray Leicht; and his sister in law, Judy Roy.

Frank was born on October 16, 1939 and grew up on a farm south of Krydor with Redberry Lake in his backyard. Frank loved sharing his many fond memories

of the hours spent with his Grandma Mazurek on the homestead. He shared her love of gardening, the value of hard work, and stories of the past. His Dad and Grandma passed on their Ukrainian traditions and were instrumental in the famous perogies and cabbage rolls we all have loved over the years. Frank's hard work ethic brought him to Blaine Lake where he worked at Reliance Lumber and then later formed a partnership with Sam at Blaine Lake Lumber. Frank embraced small town life and the kinship of sports, cards and comradery it brought him. In 1973 Frank met the love of his life in Blaine Lake and their life journey began together.

Frank and Faith moved to Shellbrook in 1974 where Frank managed North American Lumber. In 1978 they moved to the Shellbrook Motel where he took on the manager role for the next 20 years. They lovingly raised three children Darron, Tricia and Lori. Frank's love of ball and hockey was fostered in the community and he was an active supporter of the local sports teams, the Shellbrook Elks and the SilverTips. Frank coached all three of his children in softball and loved sharing his passion of the game with others. Frank devoted countless hours to the local Kinsmen and K-40 clubs and was a proud member of the Knights of Columbus. He loved family time at Candle Lake where swim-

ming, cards, blueberry and mushroom picking were his hobbies. Frank ended his career working maintenance at the Parkland Terrace and Shellbrook Hospital. His love of gardening and yard work brought beauty and enjoyment to the seniors of Shellbrook.

Frank enjoyed the value of hard work. Nothing was ever wasted or taken for granted. He could always find something to be done and always had a hand to lend to anyone in need. Family meant the world to Frank. His children and grandchildren were his pride and joy and he was their number 1 fan. He spent every opportunity he could with those he loved dearly. During their 48 years together Frank and Faith built a beautiful family and FAMILY was his most prized possession.

A celebration of Frank's life was held on Tuesday, August 10th at 1:00 p.m. at St. Agatha's Parish in Shellbrook. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Society of Saskatchewan Inc. at 1405 Faulkner Cres, Saskatoon SK S7L 3R5

We would like to thank the staff at Shellbrook Hospital and Whispering Pines Care home for taking such great care of Frank.

Family and friends wishing to send messages of condolence are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home & Crematorium, Tammy Smart, Director, Shellbrook, SK. 306-747-2828.

Betty Lou Dunn (née: Panter)

DUNN – Betty Lou

With heavy hearts we announce the recent the passing of our mother Betty Lou Dunn (née: Panter), 1937-2021.

Betty passed away July 20, 2021, in Prince Albert Hospital, one day shy of her 84th birthday after a short illness. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and friend to many.

Betty is survived by her sister Ethel Millard.

Daughter Kelly Veloso (Lito Veloso) (children: Jordan, Vaughn, Steven, and Amy). Daughter Karen Steed-Weircinski (Joseph Weircinski), (daughters: Kelly and Mikyla). Son William Steed (Robyn Steed), (children: Brendan, Johana, Owen, Hayden, and Abby-Lynn), as well as numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grand child.

Betty Lou was born in Rapid Bend, Saskatchewan and was raised on the family farm in Ladder Valley. She was the youngest daughter of the 8 children of Anton and Neta Panter. She attended the one room school in Ladder Valley during her school age years.

Mom loved gardening, visiting, and playing cards with her friends and family, she was an active member of the community of Big River, attending many fundraisers and gatherings. She was a

member of Big River Town Council from 2007-2012.

As Betty lived independently in Big River in her later years, Betty's children would like to express our heart-felt gratitude to the Panter family in Big River and her close friends that helped her when she occasionally needed it and checked in on her often. Without them, things would have been much more difficult for her.

A Celebration of Life will be held later this summer at the Ladder Valley Hall.

Donations in Betty's memory may be made to the Donor's Choice. Family and friends wishing to send on line condolences may visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, Lynn Anderson, Funeral Director, Shellbrook SK. 306-747-2828.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Evelyn Doreen Matzner (née: Dutnall)

Evelyn Doreen Matzner (née: Dutnall)
October 31, 1936 – November 2, 2020
A Funeral Service for the late Evelyn Matzner

will be held Saturday August 21, 2021 - 11:00 am. at the Chitek Lake Community Hall, Chitek Lake, SK. with Delores Beaulac officiating. Donation in memory of Evelyn Matzner may be made to the Penn Cemetery. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, R. Mark Muir Funeral Director, Spiritwood, SK 306-883-3500.

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Late summer in the garden

By Patricia Hanbidge

August is most definitely the summer month for enjoying the garden! Raspberries, strawberries, tomatoes and believe it or not still some asparagus is being enjoyed each and every day. Better yet, the colour in the garden is exquisite. All of our tropical plants go outside with all the other annuals and they are blooming up a storm! Passion flower, clivia, cannas and calla and even non-hardy hydrangeas are currently being enjoyed immensely!

However, one of the best and worst parts of living on the prairies is our ever-changing weather. It is wonderful but challenging, interesting and frustrating... but it is what we live with. It is somewhat like our gardens - ever evolving and changing to continue to share the challenges of keeping it both beautiful and fruitful. Already, we have been reminded that it is time to pull out the bunny hugs and the fleece. From 40 C to 15 C is rather a large change to adapt to.

There are still many tasks to be done as in August, many of the summer days continue but as the garden ripens, nature reminds us that fall is near. Many gardeners consider August a jewel. We can finally put down some of our tools to enjoy the warm sunshine during the daylight hours. The manic days of summer have passed and our chores involve that endless tie up of floppy flowers and tomatoes; harvesting what is ripe and removing the odd tenacious weed. Deadhead-

ing perennials and annuals that have finished blooming is a good chore and produces more blooms to enjoy.

Replanting lettuce and spinach that has gone to seed and removing worn-out annuals and vegetables is a great August chore. Pruning back annual herbs will ensure that the bounty continues. My basil crop has been rejuvenated once again and will sure to continue to grace our table for the next couple of months.

If you are looking for a bit more physical work, dividing perennials that have finished blooming is another timely chore. How do you know if your perennials need dividing you may ask? Certain signs like the centre of the plant looking a bit dead; loss of flowering profusion; or just finding the border being a little bit crowded are signs to share the wealth with your gardening friends.

If you are a gardener who likes to collect seed, August is the time to get

going. First it is necessary to correctly identify the plant and ensure you understand its lifecycle. Remember that heirloom plants are the best choice for collecting seed. Learn how the seed will ripen and how the seed is dispersed to allow you to collect the seed at the right time and the best level of maturity.

When it is time to collect the seed, gather them when they are ripe but before they are shed by the parent plant. Remove capsules, heads or pods as they begin to dry and separate the seed later as they are more completely dry. If you are collecting seed from a plant that tends to disperse its seed with vigour, simply tying a paper bag over the seed head will ensure you are able to collect the seed. After collecting the seed, dry them in a warm, dry location for another week or two. Prior to storage, it will be necessary to separate the seeds from other plant parts. Store the seeds in airtight containers in a cool, frost-free location.

Last but not least - begin to plan for purchasing spring flowering bulbs to plant in September. Nothing says spring like scilla, muscari, and tulips poking through the late spring snow. Enjoy the remainder of your summer!

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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IN THE ESTATE OF
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late of Spiritwood,
Saskatchewan, Deceased,
who died on October 15, 2018

All claims against the estate, duly verified by statutory declaration and with particulars and valuation of security held, if any, must be sent to the undersigned before the 15th day of September, 2021.

REVERING LAW OFFICE
Barristers & Solicitors
5018 - 50 Avenue
Lloydminster, Alberta T9V 0W7
Attention: Donnon F. Reverting

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Saskatchewan, deceased
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Weight: 114 Lbs. Hair: Blonde
Eyes: Blue File: 3251 U

PARTICULARS: Wearing a red gemstone ring, a teal infinity scarf, and carrying a blue plaid backpack. It is out of character for Mekayla to not be in contact with her family. Last seen in the area of Highway 16 & Broadway Street W. in Yorkton at approximately 10:30 am on Tuesday, April 12th.

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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, June 21, 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 Administrator Brenda Lockhart.

Johnson: That the Agenda be approved as presented. Carried

Delegation – Russ Krysak presented his Foreman's Report

Harder: That the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 17, 2021 be accepted as amended. Carried

Harder: That the Financial Statement for May 2021 be accepted as presented. Carried

Johnson: That the May 2021 Affinity & CIBC Bank Reconciliations be approved as presented. Carried

Weber: That Affinity Credit Union cheques numbered 1721 to 1765 and "Other (EFT)" payments Affinity and CIBC totaling \$81,608.58 be approved for payment. Carried

Pederson: That the reports be accepted and filed. Carried

Weber: That we agree to send an Order to Remedy under the Nuisance Abatement Bylaw to the owner of Parcel F Plan 60PA04869 to level lot and clean it of grass and weeds. Carried

Breland: That we instruct maintenance to clear and grade the back alley running on either side of main street and others as time permits. Carried

Harder: That we agree share in the full cost to purchase and erect a sign in the sign corridor promoting both BLCA and the Town of Blaine Lake and that we share in the annual maintenance fee. Carried

Breland: That we agree that no items be added to the Agenda unless determined by the Administrator to be of urgent business. Carried

Harder: That Res # 2021-202, a resolution to purchase and install a finger print time clock in the maintenance shop to be used by maintenance staff, be rescinded and that the vote be recorded. Carried (4 for, 2 against)

Breland: That we agree to approach Kelly Caron a certified Water Treatment Operator to provide Oversight services to the Town of Blaine Lake until Foreman Krysak obtains certification. Carried

Weber: That we agree to set the Summer Students wages at \$15 per hour for the 2021 summer. Carried

Weber: That we agree to request a quote from Johnson Enterprises to repair frost boils within the Town of Blaine Lake. Carried

Weber: That we obtain a quote to install a concrete swale on 1st Street and 4th Avenue West. Carried

Pederson: That we hold the By Election for Councillor on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021, to be held at the Blaine Lake Seniors Centre from 9 a.m. to 8

p.m. Carried

Weber: That we hold the Advance Poll for the By Election on Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021, to be held at the Blaine Lake Seniors Centre from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Carried

Harder: That we agree to set the wages for the Deputy Returning Officer and the Poll Clerk at \$20 per hour. Carried

Johnson: That Bylaw No: 2021-005, a Bylaw of the Town of Blaine Lake in the Province of Saskatchewan to extend the time required for the completion of the 2020 Financial Statement be read a first time at this meeting. Carried

(Editor's note: the bylaw was unanimously given three readings and adopted)

Weber: That we approve the Development Permit for construction of a fence at 107 – 5th Avenue East and advise the owner accordingly. Carried

(Editor's note: council approved two more development permits)

Councillor Pederson declared Conflict of Interest with respect to the discussion on the Animal Control item on the Agenda at 6:33 p.m.

Harder: That we agree to appoint Councillor Pederson as Town Firearms Officer to control the rodent population within Town limits. Carried

Councillor Pederson returned to Council Chambers at 6:36 p.m.

Breland: That we agree to purchase and install beacons on all Town vehicles and equipment. Carried

Weber: That we agree to advertise the stone flower pots that were located at the south

end of Main Street for sale at a cost of \$50 each. Carried

Breland: That we adopt a policy to close the landfill when summer temperatures reach 30C at any time during the day for employee safety concerns and that we advise the RM 434 accordingly. Carried

Pederson: That we agree to schedule and pay for CPR training for staff and any Councillors who are interested. Carried

Pederson: That we acknowledge Administrator Lockhart's Municipal Administrator Certificate of Qualification as presented. Carried

Breland: That we agree to hire Robert Borne of Borne Consulting as per his proposal at \$65/hour, two (2) days per week for a three-month period initially and to be reviewed for extension and, in addition, to provide mentorship to our operators/maintenance staff. Carried

Sorenson: That we agree to signing of the Amending Agreement No 2 for the Town of Blaine Lake NBC Grant Fund Scope Change. Carried

Weber: That we agree to table the request from Mr. Morenz to qualify for a tax discount under the Tax Holiday Agreement until the Bylaw can be further reviewed. Carried

Johnson: That we send a letter to the owner Lot 17 Block 19 Plan AV4398 of advising he has thirty (30) days to present proof of Development Permit or submit application for Development Permit with respect to the shed and carport constructed on his property.

Carried

Weber: That we request Ryan Shepherd of Construction Code Authority attend Lot 17 Block 19 Plan AV4398 to carry out an inspection of a shed and carport constructed at the property. Carried

Sorenson: That we advise the owners of Lot 16 Block 6 Plan H3043 and Lot 8 Block 33 Plan 77B00739 that their fences were constructed in contravention of the Zoning Bylaw and that corrections need to be made. Carried

Weber: That we approve the request to install a driveway at 213 Railway Avenue W as per the submitted proposal and advise the owner accordingly. Carried

Weber: That we advise Kelly Goyer of MMSW that the Town of Blaine Lake, through the 16 to 43 Waste Management Corporation, continues to exploring and pursuing options for recyclables. Carried

Harder: That we advise Kelly Caron that, although we appreciate that his property has a longer than usual connection with two cleanouts, the Town of Blaine Lake's Water & Sewer Service Lines Policy outlines the responsibility for the service connections and mains which applies to all properties within the Town. Carried

Breland: That we acknowledge the RCMP Annual Performance Plan and request that they continue focus on monitoring criminal activity at known locations, high speed reckless driving, as well as, the presence of transient and homeless individuals "camping out" within Town limits. Carried

GOOD NEWS

THE BIBLE TELLS US TO SHARE!

Dave Whalley, DLM(R)

First United Church, Big River

There are many stories in the Bible that give us the value of sharing. One such story that sticks out in my mind is when Jesus feeds the crowd of 5000.

On July 15 my life partner and I went to a farm near Bladworth to participate in the launch of the "Treaty Land Sharing Network". There were over 100 people in attendance from Saskatchewan, including at least 80 white settler farmers who signed up for the network. I am sure there will be more in the future.

It takes two or more parties to negotiate and implement a treaty. Here in Canada we are all treaty people. The treaties entered into will remain in effect as long as the "rivers flow."

The Treaty Land Sharing Network is a group of white settler farmers, landholders and ranchers who are beginning to work toward honouring the Treaties made with Indigenous people

in Saskatchewan.

They welcome Indigenous people to access the land they control so they can practice their way of life. Those white settler people are doing their part in implementing treaty relationships. They are actually doing their part for Truth and Reconciliation. One farmer said to me, "I am looking for a healing and different way forward for Saskatchewan." To me, the Treaty Land Sharing Network is a much needed alliance with white settler farmers and ranchers who want to share their land with our Indigenous relations.

In Saskatchewan the overwhelming majority of land below the treeline is privately owned and only 10 % of the original prairie remains. Do you know that reserve land only amounts to 2% of our land base, which is not sufficient for Indigenous people to sustain their livelihoods?

One important point to remember is that during treaty negotiations the

Indigenous people agreed to share the land with settlers-not to cede or surrender it. This was a sacred commitment to live together in peace, as well as share the land, which would guarantee everyone's well being. Those treaties guaranteed that their way of life would be protected. In other words they would be able to move freely throughout Saskatchewan. They were guaranteed to relate to the whole area through their own laws and practices.

In recent years we have seen more privatization of public lands that is encouraged by racism and systemic discrimination. We are aware of the coming changes to the trespassing laws which will compound the land loss of access and will mainly affect the Indigenous people of Saskatchewan.

The Treaty Land Sharing Network has opened a door to help build respectful and positive relationships of mutual respect and mutual benefit to all people.

Some of the rules for access to the land are 1) Land users are asked to contact landholders before an initial visit so visiting information for everyone's safety can be shared. 2) Permission is for foot traffic only. 3) Gates and fences must be left as they are found. 4) Open fires are not permitted unless agreed upon in advance.

Each of the participating land holders have posted their land with the following words. "Treaty Land Sharing Network. Indigenous land users welcome. Foot traffic only."

As these 80 white settler farmers and ranchers in Saskatchewan have stepped forward to do their part for Truth and Reconciliation, I am sure that we will see more people join the network. This is something for our government to reconsider when privatization of Crown Lands is being looked at in the future. The Bible tells us to share with one another. Luke 6:31 "Do for others as you would like them to do for you."