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Local students return to the classroom



A Shellbrook Elementary School student leaves the school bus and heads into the schoolyard.

Students in the Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division, including those in Shellbrook, Canwood, Debden, Big River, and Wild Rose School, headed back to school for the 2021-2022 year on Thursday.

At Shellbrook Elementary School, buses were lined up on the north side of the facility ahead of the official start of the first day of school, and kids and parents made their way into the schoolyard to greet the staff and mingle — some anxiously, and others with tears or excitement.

It was, in many ways, a first day of school just like any other, the key difference being that, for the second straight

school year, students will be required to wear masks.

The week prior to the return to classes, the Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division (SRPSD), the Prairie Spirit School Division (PSSD), the Living Sky School Division (LSSD), and the Light of Christ Catholic Schools (LCCS) each sent out letters to parents and school staff advising of the mask mandate.

While the SRPSD, LSSD, and LCCS have opted for indoor masking across the board, including students and teachers from Kindergarten to Grade 12, and all school staff, the PSSD is only requiring indoor masking for elementary school students born after 2010 and

all connected school staff.

Where all four school divisions agree, is that masks will also be required on all school buses. They won't, however, be required for outdoor activities (though, students and staff can choose to wear them, if they feel more comfortable).

"The added layer of protection provided by masks indoors will allow extra-curricular clubs, sports, and activities to resume with appropriate protocols and enable parents to return to some in-person connections in schools," the SRPSD said in a press release.

The full details of each school division's back-to-school plan are available on their respective websites. These

plans will be reviewed on an ongoing basis, and revised in consideration of the experiences of students, families, staff and rely on local Health advice and data related to transmission risk, COVID-19 case rates, vaccine rates, and local epidemiological evidence.

In the meantime, the school divisions say they are making contingency plans should a hybrid or remote learning approach be required and are encouraging families to prepare for such a possibility as well. Public Health will also still conduct case investigations and be communicating with parents and schools.

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Lastly, students and families are reminded to continue to be diligent in performing daily health screening, staying home if ill, calling the HealthLine at 811 if exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, practicing proper hand hygiene, maintaining physical distancing as much as possible, wearing a mask when appropriate, and doing everything we can to keep each other safe.

At an Aug. 30 board meeting, the SRPSD Board received questions from a group of concerned parents about the school division's universal masking policy.

During a 10-minute presentation, which became an hour-long discussion, parents expressed concerns about the effects masks will have on students' mental health, class sizes, and the lack of communication and consultation with parents prior to the plan being announced.

Speaking on behalf of the board, director of education Robert Bratvold said the mask mandate was put in place following consultation with, and recommendations from, local Medical Health Officer, Dr. Khami Chokani, and that it may not be in place for the entire school year.

Bratvold added that the rapidly changing COVID-19 landscape over the past month, during which active cases exploded to above 3,000 after falling below 300, prevented the SRPSD from developing and communicating its plan sooner.



The schoolyard of Shellbrook Elementary School was buzzing on Thursday morning, as students, parents, and teachers mingled before the first day of school.



In Spiritwood, in a first day of school tradition, this pair posed with signs detailing what they want to be when they grow up.



Spiritwood students from all grades returned to the classroom on Wednesday, Sept. 1.

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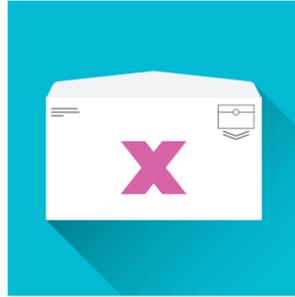
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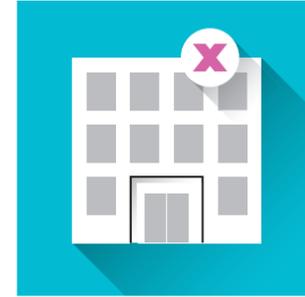
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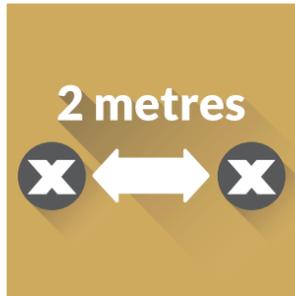
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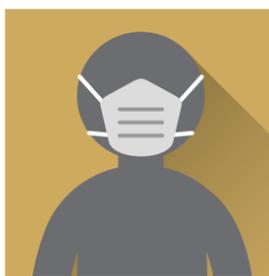


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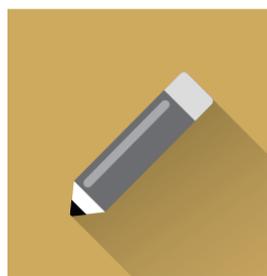


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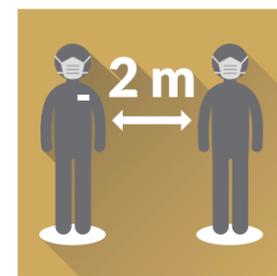
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Conservatives get it right with animal welfare policy

A quote, often attributed to famed pacifist Mahatma Gandhi says, “The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.”

Whether Gandhi ever said or wrote those words is up for debate. But whoever thought them up was definitely on to something.

What does it say about Canada, then, when issues relating to the treatment of animals hardly ever seem to be on our radar? (Except, of course, when we read news stories about animal abuse and rage against the cruelty of our fellow humans for a brief spell before returning to our normal lives.)

Though we didn't ask for it, we currently find ourselves in the midst of a federal election. As they announce their plans to earn our support by spending our own money, the parties' priorities are becoming clearer in the run up to election day on Sept. 20.

When they haven't been too distracted smearing their opponents with manipulated media, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his Liberal party have been promising to tax and spend their way to prosperity for all Canadians.

Meanwhile, Jagmeet Singh's NDP is vowing to make the wealthiest Canadians “pay their fair share” by introducing new wealth taxes and closing existing tax loopholes.

Given that we're in the midst of a global pandemic that has battered and beaten our economy for the past year-and-a-half, it makes sense that much of the campaign messaging has been focused on the economy, creating jobs, and making housing more affordable for Canadians.

Perhaps that's what made it so surprising when Conservative Party leader Erin O'Toole released a campaign platform focused (almost) solely on the welfare of animals.

Aptly titled Securing Animal Welfare, the platform includes promises to ban puppy mills and the importation of inhumanely bred animals, and eliminate the cruel and unnecessary practice of cosmetic testing on animals.



JORDAN TWISS
~
News Editor

Most animal lovers would be happy enough just to see this, but the Conservative policy goes even further.

Recognizing that pets are cherished family members, the platform pledges to make animal cruelty an aggravating factor in domestic abuse cases where the abuser harms a pet to harm their spouse.

It also includes a promise to work with shelters, so abuse victims can leave their abusers without the fear of abandoning their pets.

Given the state of our country, some may scoff at the idea that the Conservatives consider animal welfare enough of a priority to make it a pillar of their campaign.

But consider that a woman loses her life to an intimate partner every six days in Canada, and that domestic abuse and its after effects cost Canadians \$7.4 billion each year, according to data from the Canadian Women's Foundation.

Consider, too, the well-established link between animal abuse and future violence against people.

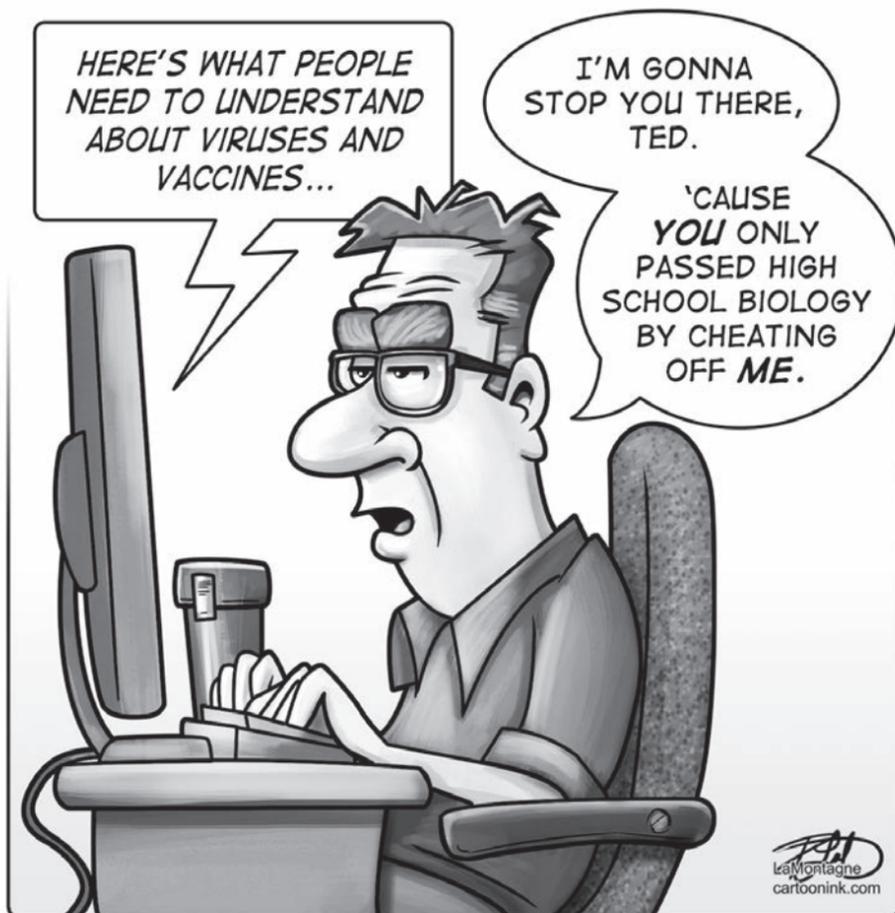
Finally, consider that 89 per cent of women who had pets while in an abusive relationship reported their animals were threatened, abused, or killed by their partner.

Animal abuse and domestic abuse may not always be linked, but the link exists and the Conservative's animal welfare platform sagely recognizes this reality.

Some may view the policy as a joke, or as a low priority, but it's a serious and well-considered platform with the potential to save the lives of both animals and domestic abuse victims (whether they be women, children, or men).

Certainly, if more of our elected officials paid more than just lip service to the issue of domestic abuse, people like Charlene Aubichon, who was murdered last week by her long-time abusive partner, might still be alive.

Indeed, instead of dismissing the Conservatives' platform, we should be asking the other parties to show us what plans they have to combat animal cruelty and domestic abuse.



Op-ed: Taxpayers still waiting on credible plan to balance budget

By Franco Terrazzano
CTF Federal Director

If the federal government's fiscal policy stays on its current trajectory, Canada's trillion-dollar debt will be a major drain on taxpayers' wallets for generations to come.

In this election, voters will need to closely examine parties' plans to plug that drain.

Unfortunately, the current Liberal plan would keep the federal budget in deficit territory for another half-century. The Conservatives and New Democrats have been critical of the Liberal government's record, but neither party has found any clear way to save taxpayers money.

Let's look at the options, starting with the Liberals.

Since Prime Minister Justin Trudeau took office nearly six years ago, Canada's debt has ballooned.

Trudeau was elected in part on a promise to run a few “modest” deficits for three years and balance the books

by 2019. But instead, Trudeau has steadily increased government spending to levels never before seen in Canadian history.

Trudeau's inflation-adjusted per-person spending was higher in 2018 than in any single year during the Second World War or any prior recession, according to the Fraser Institute. And that was before the pandemic.

If Trudeau gets re-elected, at the end of his next term in office, years after COVID-19 has come and gone, the Liberals will increase permanent government spending by \$100 billion above already high 2019 levels.

Budget 2021 will nearly double the pre-pandemic federal debt within a few short years, but data from the Parliamentary Budget Officer shows that's just the beginning of the bad news. On the Liberals' current trajectory, the feds won't balance the budget until 2070.

What about the Conservatives?

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Parking stalls return to Shellbrook's Main Street

Shellbrook's Main Street recently received a fresh coat of paint, in the form of new parking stalls.

The parking stalls first appeared on the east side of Shellbrook's Main Street between the intersections of 2nd Avenue and 3rd Avenue. Stalls have since

been added on both sides of Main Street all the way down to Railway Avenue, and on the north side of 1st Avenue West to allow for parking space beside Scotiabank, in front of Studio 747 and Dr. Koeberlin's office, and across the street from the Shellbrook Theatre and Shell-

brook Home Hardware.

The new paint job comes after Main Street's crosswalks and centre lines received much-needed touch-ups earlier this year.

However, this isn't the first time Shellbrook's Main Street has had parking stalls. Shellbrook's Town Council first voted to add the lines to the road in the summer of 2016.

"The belief is that [the parking stalls] will help guide people to park at the appropriate angles, and maybe assist a bit with movement across the centre line," then-Mayor George Tomporowski explained at the time.

"If you're heading south and trying to park at the right angle, it's going to be difficult."

Drivers illegally crossing the centre line have long been a thorn in the side of Shellbrook's Town Council. Over the years, multiple councils have tried all available means to deter the dangerous be-

haviour, including directing Bylaw enforcement to monitor Main Street and even asking the Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook RCMP Detachment to keep an eye out for offences, with little success.

Though they were short lived, due to multiple sewer and water line issues that necessitated digs on Main Street, and general wear and tear, the first set of parking stalls did seem to deter at least some drivers from making the illegal crossing on Main Street.



Parking stalls have been repainted on Shellbrook's Main Street for the first time since they were originally added in 2016.



The crew doing the relining put in hours on Labour Day to finish adding stalls on 1st Avenue West.

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Taxpayers shouldn't hold their breath waiting for Erin O'Toole's party to balance the budget. The Conservatives' platform vaguely promises to balance the budget within the next decade, but offers few plans to save money and no credible targets to shrink the deficit.

In fact, O'Toole is proposing to spend billions the government doesn't have on new programs.

The lack of savings comes as a headscratcher. O'Toole criticized the government less than a year ago for being "willing to bankrupt a nation in order to win the next election."

With a statement like that, savings should be easy to come by. But other than ending Trudeau's \$600-million media bailout, you have to jump to the very last paragraph on the last page of the platform to find out where O'Toole thinks a Conservative government could squeeze out some savings.

O'Toole's answer to Canada's spending problem is to turn to remote work for government employees. That's it. Balance the budget one Zoom meeting at a time.

Rather than finding savings in a bloated budget, O'Toole is betting the

farm that he can erase the deficit by relying on economic growth. But what if reality isn't as rosy? Will O'Toole find savings, or let the debt continue to balloon?

Finally, there's the NDP. NDP leader Jagmeet Singh plans to increase income taxes, business taxes and capital gains taxes. He also wants to impose a wealth tax, excess profits tax, luxury

taxes, a tax on foreign home buyers and a tax on so-called internet giants. Despite all of those taxes, the NDP still offers no clue as to how it would balance the budget.

That's a far cry from the days of former NDP leader Jack Layton, who bragged that his party had the best record in balancing the books when in power.

The bottom line is that

none of Canada's three major parties have presented a credible plan to deal with the deficit that's adding \$424 million to the debt every day.

Canadians deserve better. With politicians trying to avoid talking about how they'll balance the books, it's up to Canadians to ask tough questions about the deficit when politicians come knocking.



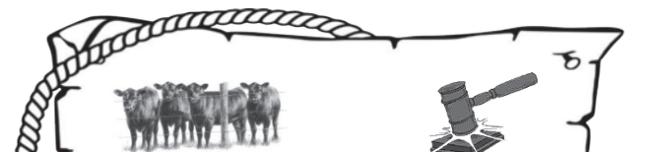
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Big River FN launches sport development program

Hockey and soccer players from the Big River First Nation are the latest to benefit from a skills training program that hopes to revolutionize the way young athletes, especially underserved Indigenous athletes, develop in their sport.

With guidance from hockey program coordinator Brenda Cromartie, the First Nation has partnered with Regina-based Om Hockey Systems on a pilot project to incorporate its training program into the school curriculum and run both hockey and soccer programs throughout the year.

All told, about 200 student athletes from the community are expected to take part in the full Om Academy experience, training three times per week in the soccer program, which is running until the beginning of winter, and the hockey program, which will run from winter through spring.

"I started Om Hockey Systems to address a significant shortcoming in regards to elite Indigenous sports development," said Tyadg McGauley,

founder of Om Hockey.

McGauley, 31, is a retired Indigenous hockey player who played for the SMAAAHL's Swift Current Legionnaires and the AJHL's Lloydminster Bobcats, and even saw action in Sweden and Japan.

In addition to his desire to help train up future generations of Indigenous athletes, he says he founded Om Hockey Systems to revolutionize professional development programs after growing frustrated by the rate of development from traditional mainstream elite training programs.

While Om Hockey Systems started with professional development in mind, it didn't take long for McGauley to shift his focus to Indigenous athletes.

In 2016, Om began sponsoring First Nations programs. The next year, Om started offering full camps for young Indigenous athletes and partnered with seven First Nations. Om has continued to expand since then, hosting a hockey program this past summer on the Enoch Cree

Nation in Alberta.

McGauley says the kids and their parents began seeing positive results almost immediately, transforming, in some cases, from third and fourth liners into team captains, leading scorers, and league champions. The benefits, McGauley says, even went beyond the sport of hockey, helping the kids improve their social skills and self-esteem, and perform at a higher level in school and other aspects of their lives.

"The parents of our Indigenous athletes told us what an impact this had on their confidence and self worth [and] how their newfound success in hockey was making them more successful in other aspects of their lives like their education," McGauley said, noting that it was this feedback that inspired Om's shift to focus on Indigenous youth.

"We realized that we not only had a chance to impact Indigenous athletics but to impact Canadian society at large."

Om's training program uses obstacle-based skill development, which is premised on the fact that hockey and soccer are sports in which players must navigate obstacles, such as bodies, skates, balls, and sticks, at high speeds to be successful.

The program applies this reality to training athletes, using specially developed obstacles that mimic the obstacles that players will confront in a game and requiring them to dribble, stick handle, pass, shoot, and sometimes even jump, around or through those obstacles.

"We believe direct experience is the greatest teacher and we hope that players realize the link between discipline and effort with increased suc-

cess in their endeavours," McGauley said.

"Learning the skills of Leadership and Discipline will not only have reverberating bene-

fits in and out of the arena, but these young men and women will have a big impact on their communities as well as a result."



Indigenous athletes from the Big River First Nation will benefit from a hockey skills development program put on by Om Hockey Systems this winter.



Om's soccer skills development program is already under way on the Big River First Nation, training kids to navigate through in-game obstacles.

Donovan Kultgen for Shellbrook Town Council

Good Day! I am Donovan Kultgen, I am 41 years old, and happily married with two kids. We welcomed our first child, Claire, in February 2018 and our second child, Isabelle, in October 2019.



I wish to run for local office because I really feel that my years of experience in the logistics of the military dealing with the federal Treasury rules mean I understand finances and proper procurement procedures.

My time working closely with Road and Camp Maintenance in the oil field mean that I understand the essentials of maintenance forward planning.

My OHS specialty means I have an in-depth knowledge of Risk Assessment, Risk Management, and Legislation Adherence.

Maybe you have already met me, with my girls, at the Shellbrook pool in the summer, or seen me rollerblading down the road being pulled by my dogs. Feel free to wave and say hi, I would enjoy hearing from you and discussing your thoughts on how to improve our town.

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Draft horse days conjure fond memories

When you have been reporting for as long as I, now more than three decades, there are events that you find you enjoy covering more than most.

For me, the PALS Draft Horse Field Day held in Rama would rate rather high on my list of favoured events.

Granted the events are much the same year after year, and the photos might have a 'sameness' to them if you were to look at them side-by-side, but the atmosphere is still compelling.

There is a sort of laid-back element to the

event, perhaps emanating from the big horses that provide the power for most of the antique farm equipment demonstrated over the weekend.

Of course, that was the pace of farming when the horse was used. A pair of horses pulling a six, or eight-foot disc across a field was not an operation of speed.

Nor was four horses driven abreast on a binder, a piece of equipment that was part swather, as it cut the crop, and part baler as it tied bundles of crop into sheaves which were then set in groups



CALVIN DANIELS

in the field to cure dry before threshing.

For the teamster sitting atop the equipment being used, it had to have been a very solitary workday.

And remember that was long before radios, air conditioner, cell-

phones and cabs, which make driving today's equipment a little less monotonous.

I use the word monotonous, but I come from an era where the days of the horse were past even in my youth on the farm.

I doubt the people demonstrating the equipment at Rama ever look at time spent working with their horses as anything but an activity of memories and joy.

I certainly recall my father telling me how he quit school part way through Grade 9 so he could work horses in the field.

I wonder how many farm youth today are eager to drive a tractor all day?

While I never quite developed the love of horses my father had (he always dreamed of owning big horses again, but never did), I certainly appreciate what they meant to farming, and how gentle the powerful horses are.

If I were to score that elusive lottery win, the small farm I still dream of would certainly include at least a team for wagon and cutter rides.

So, Rama was again a fun day of taking 900 photos of big horses do-

ing what they were meant to do, worked by teamsters who clearly loved what they were doing.

But the farm equipment is old, some of it going back 75-plus years, and the teamsters are generally grey-haired and many just as old as the equipment.

What happens when the equipment breaks and no one remains who remembers how to repair it, or to operate the binders and threshing machines?

That is a sombre thought, as I reflect on the joy of another draft horse field day.

Police capture James Smith FN shooting suspect

After an emergency alert was sent out Sunday evening, the Saskatchewan RCMP confirmed on Monday evening that the suspect in a deadly multiple shooting on the James Smith First Nation had been captured without incident.

Shawn Moostoos, 33, was located by police at a residence in Melfort.

According to investigators, three individuals were shot during an altercation in a residence on the James Smith First Nation at approximately 7:19 p.m. on Sept. 5.

An adult male, 37, and an adult female, 28, are confirmed to be deceased as a result of this incident. The families of the deceased have been notified of the deaths and the names of the deceased will not be released by RCMP at

this time.

A second adult male, 44, was transported to hospital by local ambulance for treatment of serious but non-life-threatening injuries.

Investigators have determined that the suspect and the three victims were known to each other, and that there were no other suspects involved in the fatal shooting.

After this incident was reported to police, the James Smith First Nation and surrounding area were thoroughly searched. These search efforts included assistance from Saskatoon Police Service Air 1, STARS Air Ambulance, surrounding RCMP Detachments and Police Dog Services.

A province-wide emergency alert was also issued Sunday evening, warning

the public to stay away from windows, lock their doors, and not approach Moostoos if they spotted him.

As the investigation continues, the RCMP is asking the public to ensure that information being shared through social media is from a trusted source.

"It is easy for misinformation and rumours to spread during tragic incidents like this," the RCMP said in a statement. "The Saskatchewan RCMP is committed to ensuring the public has accurate information and updates will be provided as they become available."

The investigation is ongoing and residents in the area can expect to see an increased police presence. Residents are asked to respect police barricades and any direction given by police.



Shawn Moostoos is the suspect a fatal multiple shooting on the James Smith First Nation. He was captured by police on Monday evening.

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Buzz grows around Bee & Thistle Winery

The MacInnis family crest motto reads "From work comes pleasure."

This must certainly hold true for Peter and Margaret MacInnis, as well as Peter's brother and sister, Collin MacInnis and Anne (MacInnis) Greeno, who, together, founded the Bee & Thistle Winery.

For the better part of the past decade, starting when Peter and Margaret planted their first crop of haskaps in 2013 and wondered what they'd do with all the fruit they produced, the foursome has done nothing but work to get their Debden area craft winery off the ground.

Specializing in fruit wines, they turned those haskaps into their first product, Chiad Fhion Haskap Wine, in 2019. In 2020, they added homegrown rhubarb to the mix to create Loch Aline Rhubarb with Haskap Fruit Wine.

Through this hard work, and Peter and Margaret's expertise as master distiller and certified winemaker, respectively, the Bee & Thistle Winery obtained its license from the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority in April 2020.

And already, after just a year and a half

of business, the Bee & Thistle is creating quite the buzz at the local, regional, national, and even international levels, with its wines earning high praise from industry judges at awards shows.

At the Alberta Beverage Awards, Bee & Thistle's Chiad Fhion 2019 Haskap Wine was named a judge's selection, and at the All Canadian Wine Competition it was given a gold medal.

Elsewhere, at the New York International Wine Competition, where between 1,200 and 1,500 wines were judged, the Chiad Fhion earned a score of 92 and a silver medal, ranking it up there alongside some of the better wines.

The Loch Aline Rhubarb with Haskap Fruit Wine was also well received by the judges, receiving a score of 90 and a bronze medal.

But the true feather in Bee & Thistle's cap was being named Canada's Fruit Winery of the Year for 2021.

"We were blown away when we read that," Peter said. "We were so excited about the two medals, we never dreamed of winning that one."

While it's been earning accolades from



Peter MacInnis (left), with members of the Bisson family. The Bisson family owned the property before Peter and Margaret bought it. When some family came to visit from Manitoba, they were curious to see what had been done with the property.

the wine industry, the Bee & Thistle Winery has also expanded into more than 35 retail locations in Saskatchewan, and started working with Rabbit Lake's Aumack Haskap Berry Ranch to sell other haskap products, including spread and syrup. It's even started looking beyond Saskatchewan's borders, earning the greenlight from Alberta Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis to distribute in Alberta.

"We've just started the process of introducing ourselves to the various liquor retailers in that province," Anne said, noting that several locations are already on board. "We're hoping that's going to be another really successful avenue for us."

With COVID-19 restrictions having lifted over the summer, the work continued to get the Bee & Thistle Winery's name and products out there through tasting events in retail locations from Nipawin, to Prince Albert, to Meadow Lake, to Saskatoon, and (eventually) to Regina.

More locally, Bee & Thistle made an appearance at the Country at the Creek Music Festival, where it was well-received by a festival crowd that typically prefers beer and hard liquor.

"It's encouraged us to keep exploring and trying to improve upon what we had," Peter said about the reception Bee & Thistle's received in its first year-and-a-half.

"We've got a couple new batches coming up that have been requested by a few people, including a dry haskap wine. Fruit wine and dry is very difficult, but we perfected the process and I believe we're coming up to the finish line with

that one. We're very excited about that."

With the warm reception, the winery has already expanded its tankage to increase its production volume. It's also looking into diversifying its products by experimenting with fortified wine and with black currants from Collin's orchards.

"There was a lot of cooperation and organization to get to this," Peter said, crediting the whole crew for their attention to detail and determination.

"It's a lot of work, but it was worth it."



With its success over its first year-and-a-half, the Bee & Thistle Winery is beginning to experiment. Here, Peter MacInnis is pictured with the first batch of black currant wine.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

PARTNERS IN FAITH

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

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Glaslyn
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Rev. Kun Kim
Rev. Don Skinner

CATHOLIC

SUNDAY
Spiritwood - 9:00 a.m.
Leoville - 11:00 a.m.
Chitek Lake - Closed for
the Season
Everyone Welcome
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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Sat., 9:45 am -
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Worship 10:50 am

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Pastor David Jensen
3rd Sunday - 10 am
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Wed., 7:30 pm -
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Sun., 10:30 am - Worship
Pastor Bill Klumpenhower

LAKELAND COMMUNITY CHURCH

(Corner of 1st Ave. and 4th
St., Spiritwood)
Sun., 11 am - Worship
Service & Sunday School
Pastor Michael Kluthe
306-883-2380

BELBUTTE FULL GOSPEL

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

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Spiritwood
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Spiritwood Legion Hall
Pastor Rick Martin

Municipalities Benefit From Provincial Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Funding

The TSS was established following a review of the 2018-19 Municipal Revenue Sharing (MRS) Grant program, with input from the municipal sector. Since 2020, 56 grants totaling over \$1.9 million were approved by the TSS Steering Committee, which aims to build capacity, foster good governance, and encourage inter-municipal co-operation.

Information about the next intake of grant applications will be posted at www.saskatchewan.ca/government/municipal-administration.



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Wild Rose 4-H gives back to community

The members of the Wild Rose 4-H Beef Club felt that this year was the perfect time to give back to the communities that have supported them over the years.

The members made a motion that each 4-H family was able to donate \$200 to a local Charity of their choice.

The Donations were as follows: Amyotte Family - Ned's Wish A Society for Retired Police Service Dogs; Brodacki Family - Mont St. Joseph Foundation; Gagne Family - PA Food Bank; Oleksyn Family - Rose Garden Hospice; Feige Family - Honeywood Heritage Nursery and Woytiuk & Beaulac Families - Idylwild Lodge Ladies Auxiliary.



The Beaulac and Woytiuk families chose to donate their families make their donations to the Idylwild Lodge Ladies Auxiliary.

This was a perfect way to end off a great 4-H year.



The Brodacki family made their donation to Mont St. Joseph Foundation.



The Gagne family chose to donate to the PA Food Bank.

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, July 19, 2021 at 4 p.m.

Mayor Al Sorenson called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Attending: Mayor Al

Sorenson, Councilor Mayor Bev Breland, Roger Pederson, Darlene Harder, Melissa Johnson, Jason Weber, and Administrator Brenda Lockhart.

That the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of June 21, 2021 be accepted as amended. Carried

Delegates:

4:15 to 4:30 p.m.: Russ Krysak presented his

Foreman's Report.

4:35 to 4:50 p.m.: Consultant Robert Bourne presented report of water treatment plant management.

4:50 to 5:05 p.m.: Debra Schmidt-Hurd presented clarification for wish to purchase town-owned lot to the west of her property on Railroad Avenue.

Harder: That we agree to purchase a desk top

computer and monitor and authorize Rob Bourne to purchase same for maximum \$1,000. Carried

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

Johnson: That the June 2021 Affinity & CIBC Bank Reconciliations be

approved as presented. Carried

Pederson: That Affinity Credit Union cheques numbered 1766 to 1723 and "Other (EFT)" payments Affinity and CIBC totaling \$388,138.71 be approved for payment. Carried

Johnson: That the reports be accepted and

filed. Carried

Weber: That we proceed to Small Claims Court to recover the cost of the fire invoice for TJ Disposal. Carried

Weber: That we agree to purchase a metal detector to maximum \$1500 to be used by maintenance staff. Carried

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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

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

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

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
Parkside
11 a.m. - Worship

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

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

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

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

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

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPIRITWOOD: Wapiti Regional Library - Tuesday 9 am - 5 pm; Wednesday 9 am - 5 pm; Friday 9 am - 5 pm
LEOVILLE: Wapiti Regional Library - Wednesday 10 am - 4 pm; Thursday 10 am - 3 pm
SHELL LAKE: Wapiti Regional Library - Tuesday 12:30 pm - 4 pm; Wednesday 12:30 pm - 4 pm

BLAINE LAKE: Wapiti Library - 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 - 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. Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm; Thursday 10 am - 4 pm; Friday 12 pm - 4 pm.
DEBDEN: Wapiti Library hours: Tuesday 10 am - 3 pm; Wednesday 3 pm - 7 pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon
LEASK: Wapiti Library & Legacy Gallery Hours - Tuesday 10:30 am - 5 pm; Friday 10:30 am - 5 pm; Saturday 1 pm - 4 pm
MARCELIN: Wapiti Library - 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: 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.
PARKSIDE: 'A Touch of Autumn' Sunday, September 19th ~ 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Honeywood (Dr. A. J. Porter) Heritage Nursery Inc. ~ Parkside. Come and see the beauty of Honeywood decked out in the Fabulous Colours of Fall!! Music by: Bruce Isbister & The Midnight Ramblers, * Lilies * Tours * Artist/Crafter Displays *, Our selection of Potted Lilies...ALL ON SALE!! Lily Bulbs & Perennials available to purchase. Refreshments & dessert ~ Served from the Porter Home. Admission: \$5.00. Ph: 306-747-3307 or honeywoodn8@gmail.com. Facebook @ Honeywood Heritage Nursery Inc

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Breland: That we agree to hire a contractor to replace and install the library exterior door. Carried

Sorenson: That we advise Debra Schmidt-Hurd that the Town is prepared to sell the lot to her under the terms of a Purchase Agreement and that the Town will not survey the lot to determine the lot lines. The Town further encourages her to determine the lot lines of her property prior to undertaking building a fence or other development of her lot. Carried

Harder: That we agree to obtain a quote to replace all windows in the library. Carried

Breland: That we agree to the Chamber of Commerce advertising the Town lots for sale in the Blaine Lake Directory at their own expense. Carried

Weber: That we approve the amended Foreman Employment Contract as presented by the Employee Relations Committee and that same be presented to Foreman Krysak for review. Carried

Breland: That we agree

to amend Section 12 of the HR Policy to read "All permanent part-time employees of the Town of Blaine Lake shall be entitled to seven (7) sick days in a calendar year" as per the recommendations from the Employment Relations Committee. Carried

Weber: That we adopt the Employee Development Policy as presented. Carried

Johnson: That we request Rudi Hamburg enroll in water certification courses after his one-year anniversary and that expenses be paid as per the Employee Development Policy. Carried

Breland: That we agree close 4th Avenue East for the construction of the new school and provide appropriate public notice as required. Carried

Weber: That we agree to resume holding Council meetings in Council Chambers in the Town Office. Carried

Weber: That we agree to cancel the internet service in the Curling Rink. Carried

Breland: That we agree to reimburse Diana Vigeant the cost to have Roto Rooter attend due to the blockage was at

the main and ask that, in the future, she contact the office prior to Roto Rooter. Carried

Breland: That we agree to purchase the asset management program PubWorks from MuniSoft. Carried

Weber: That we agree to contact Carmen Jean to assist the Administrator with asset management to be completed by Aug. 9, 2021 and pay to maximum of \$6,000. Carried

Councillor Johnson declared Conflict of Interest with respect to the discussion on the Request for Cannabis Outlet item on the agenda and left Council Chambers at 6:33 p.m.

Breland: That we agree to the request by Jatinder Sharma of Esso Gas Station to open a Cannabis Outlet. Defeated

Councillor Johnson returned to Council Chambers at 6:40 p.m.

Breland: That we agree to Table discussion on the proposal Office Staff Position. Carried

Councillor Pederson declared Conflict of Interest with respect to the discussion on the Safety Platform/Manlift item on the agenda and left

Council Chambers at 6:47 p.m.

Breland: That we agree to purchase Rodger Pederson's share in the safety platform in the amount of \$888.43. Carried

Councillor Pederson returned to Council Chambers at 6:51 p.m.

Weber: That we agree to advertise commercial and residential incentives and opportunities that the Town offers on the BLCA sign in the sign corridor. Carried

Weber: That we accept the offer from Waylyn Burton for the purchase of the commercial lots on main street for \$2,500. Carried

Harder: That we agree to proceed with tax enforcement on Lot 5 Block 33 Plan 62BO7320 through Robertson Stromberg Law. Carried

Weber: That we agree to sell the remaining concrete flowerpots to Pam Lavoie for \$100 total. Carried

Weber: That we agree to Tender the tax title properties as per the following conditions:

- Commercial lots –

202 Main Street, 204 Main Street and 206 Main Street: Tender must include plans to commence commercial construction within 1 year of purchase;

- Residential Properties – 204 Railway Avenue East and 111 2nd Avenue West: Tender to include removal of houses within 6 months;

- Residential Lot – 107 – 2nd Avenue E: Tender with no conditions; and

- Commercial Property (Bistro) – 101 Main Street: Tender with no conditions. Carried

Weber: That we acknowledge that the Order to Remedy sent via registered mail has been returned and that we agree to remedy the by-law contravention at Parcel F Plan 60PA04869 by leveling the lot and removing the concrete and maintain the grass and weeds with the cost to be added to property taxes. Carried

Breland: That we agree

to approach Thiessen Construction obtain a second quote for repair of frost boils. Carried

Weber: That we agree to approach Alan Autet of Autet Construction to obtain a second quote to install a concrete swale. Carried

Pederson: That we approve the "draft" Permit to Operate a Waterworks presented by Water Security Agency. Carried

Pederson: That we agree to approach Dave Harms of Waldheim to provide Oversight services for the WTP while Foreman Krysak obtains Level 2 certification. Carried

Breland: That we agree to reimburse the Owner of 320 NS Road Allowance for the cost to have the sewer line cleared by Roto Rooter. Carried

Pederson: That we agree to send a letter in support of Peter Julian, MP for New Westminster-Burnaby, Bill C313 Banning Symbols of Hate Act. Carried

Breland: That this meeting adjourns. Carried

Sask. AgriRecovery Program funding details announced

On Aug. 30, Agriculture Minister David Marit announced details of the AgriRecovery program, now referred to as the 2021 Canada-Saskatchewan Drought Response Initiative. Producers can submit applications toward the Initiative on September 1, 2021.

The Initiative will consist of two payments totaling up to \$200/head for cattle, with adjustments based on animal unit equivalents for other livestock. The initial payment will provide producers with \$100 per breeding female equivalent in inventory as of August 1, 2021. Secondary payments will be up to \$100 per breeding female equivalent in inventory as of December 31, 2021.

"We are here to support livestock producers during this difficult time," Marit said. "We have worked efficiently to solidify initiative details and understand producers need financial assistance to help offset costs associated with herd management decisions. We are eager to begin accepting applications for the Initiative on September 1."

Eligible livestock for the Initiative include Canadian-owned female beef and dairy cattle, bison, elk, sheep or goats that are bred or intended to be bred. The number of open replacement females that can be considered eligible livestock is 15 per cent of the total number of bred females.

Earlier this month, Agriculture Minister David Marit announced \$119 mil-

lion in direct support for drought-affected livestock producers under the AgriRecovery program. AgriRecovery is part of the Canadian Agricultural Partnership agreement, with funding shared on a 60-40 federal-provincial basis.

The 2021 Canada-Saskatchewan Drought Response Initiative will provide financial relief to help offset the extraordinary costs livestock producers face related to the current drought, with a per head payment on female breeding livestock.

Further details on the Initiative and applications will be available on the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation's website, www.scic.ca.

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DeChambeau, Koepka should be left off team

The world of golf needs shaking up, so how great would it be if U.S. Ryder cup captain Steve Stricker said 'to heck with the rules, I'm leaving Bryson DeChambeau and Brooks Koepka off this year's team.'

Unfortunately, he apparently can't do that, so the two golf stars embroiled in a year-long childish rivalry will be wearing the same uniform and apparently cheering each other on as the Americans try to win the Cup on home soil Sept. 24-26 at Whistling Straits in Wisconsin.

DeChambeau and Koepka have both performed well enough over the past two years to accumulate enough Ryder Cup points to automatically qualify for the team, bringing into question what sort of chemistry the 12-player team will have in trying to stem the recent tide of European dominance.

Stricker says the war between the two is over. Sure, and I'm vacationing next week in Kabul.

"They assured me that the team and the country ... is their (top priority)," Stricker said in a Sports Illustrated story. "They say it's not going to be an issue, and I believe them. I trust them."

While the U.S. has an overall 26-14 lead in the biennial competition, the European side has been far better recently, winning four of the past five and nine of 12.

Stricker is saddled with six automatic picks, and gets to choose six wildcards. Is it possible he could break with tradition and eschew two of the 'automatic' picks and choose eight wildcards? The PGA of America probably wouldn't give him such authority,

but if he were able to send both Koepka and DeChambeau to their rooms without supper for the Ryder Cup weekend, much of the golf world would cheer.

The two have been nitpicking at each other on social media and in person in a variety of childish ways and are at the point now where they can't be civil to each other. How can that situation be allowed to transpire in a competition where 'team' plays such a pivotal role in the results? Stricker will probably orchestrate a huge pre-event hug and have them swear that by-gones are truly by-gones, but it would have all the authenticity of Donald Trump and Joe Biden spending a weekend together in the Hamptons.

If a hockey coach can bench a star player for insubordination, a Ryder Cup captain should be allowed to take similar action. It would be great if Stricker were to leave DeChambeau and Koepka at home and have them show up in 2023 in Italy with their pettiness and grudges a long forgotten thing of the past.

• Comedy writer Brad Dickson of Omaha: "To go to a Tulane football game you're going to need to show proof of vaccination AND wear a mask. Meanwhile, Memorial Stadium in Lincoln is adding special ramps and seating so Covid patients on ventilators can attend the games."

• Bob Molinaro of pilot online.com (Hampton, Va.): "The whittled list of new names for the Washington Football Team, according to CBS Sports, includes Armada, Brigade, Commanders,



BRUCE PENTON

Defenders, Presidents, Redhogs and Redwolves. This is an easy one for me. I hate them all."

• Comedy guy Torben Rolfesen of Vancouver, on potential new homes for Arizona Coyotes: "Quebec City was mentioned as a possibility,

but Commissioner Gary Bettman's office said the NHL is still at least a decade away from European expansion."

• Patti Dawn Swanson on Twitter, commenting on a reporter's statement that it was easy to get into and out of BMO Field in Toronto when the Argos played host to the Blue Bombers: "Well duh. The official head count was 9,866 in a 25,000-seat facility. It's not like they were trying to squeeze 24 circus clowns into a VW Beetle."

• Jon Nedry on Twitter, in a sarcastic reference to Major League Baseball's new extra-inning rule: "Next year's MLB

extra innings rules: Start with three players on base, you can't pick them off, the batter will hit off a tee, the centerfielder will be blindfolded, and only the catcher can wear a glove."

• Sportswriter Mike McIntyre of the Winnipeg Free Press, being truthful: "If someone were to give a scouting report of my (golf) game, it would probably read something like this: Good attitude. Tries hard. Zero actual talent. FORE!"

• Bob Molinaro again: "Tuesday was the 32nd anniversary of Pete Rose's banishment from baseball for betting on games and his own team.

Rose lives in Las Vegas and works for an online service that picks games for bettors. Of course he does."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "The Washington Football Team has narrowed its choice of new names. Sadly, the Internet poll's chosen name, Footballly McFootballface, did not make the cut."

• Kaseberg again: "Pfizer renamed the COVID-19 vaccine Comirnaty. The only thing you can say about the name Comirnaty is that it is better than the name Redskins."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Ladies don 80s style for Canwood golf night

Submitted by Lorraine Benson

On Thursday, Aug. 19, a group of young ladies sponsored an 80s Ladies' Night at the Canwood Pines Golf Course. The clothes from the 80s were pulled out of the closet and quite a display of hot pink and lime green outfits was put on by the participants.

A contest for the best dressed outfit was won by Jamie Skarpinsky, for her sassy pink jogging suit. I'm sure that will bring back many memories for people. Many names were drawn out of a hat for prizes graciously donated by the ladies who sponsored the evening.

Thirty-six women participated in the fun, with a delicious meal provided by the club house staff. It was suggested that perhaps some Michael Jackson "Moves" were danced on the course during the evening. This great idea made it a fun evening for all.



Jamie Skarpinsky was voted best dressed during the Ladies' Night festivities



The ladies channelled their inner 80s divas, when Canwood Pines Golf Course hosted a ladies' night on Aug. 19.

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COVID-19 vaccination boosters starting September 7

Proof of Vaccination where required by Venues, Events

With increasing COVID-19 transmission in all regions of the province, public health officials remind all residents that the best practices continue to protect against transmission, including the Delta variant:

- Get vaccinated. Two doses are required for optimal protection.
- Mask or maintain physical distancing when you cannot verify the vaccination status of others outside your home.
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Stay home and seek a COVID-19 test if experiencing even mild symptoms.

Vaccination remains the best option to prevent COVID-19 transmission as well as serious illness and death. The Saskatchewan Health Authority and pharmacies throughout the province continue to provide vaccination clinics. Find a clinic near you at www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-vaccine.

Starting August 30, the Saskatchewan COVID-19 cases

and risk page will also include vaccination rates by zone and age group, available at saskatchewan.ca/COVID-19-cases.

This information will be posted as a PDF daily until it can be integrated into the dashboard application.

Vaccination Boosters for Immunocompromised Residents

Real-world evidence indicates that there are factors that may contribute to the waning of effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines, including the age of the recipients and if the individual is immunocompromised due to a medical condition or medication.

Saskatchewan will begin offering vaccination “boosters” to eligible populations starting Tuesday, September 7. Note that booster doses will be administered at least eight weeks following receipt of the second mRNA dose (Pfizer or Moderna).

Those eligible to receive booster immunizations in the first phase, starting September 7 include:

- Residents of long-term care

and personal care homes.

- Transplants recipients (including solid organ transplant and hematopoietic stem cell transplants).
- Recipients of stable, active treatment (chemotherapy, targeted therapies, immunotherapy) for malignant hematologic disorders.
- Recipients of an anti-CD20 agent (e.g. rituximab, ocrelizumab, ofatumumab).

Eligibility letters will be sent either from your physician or from the Ministry of Health Drug Plan branch. Additional eligible immunocompromised groups will be announced soon.

This is in addition to the additional doses of COVID-19 vaccinations for Saskatchewan residents who may require them for international travel.

For more information visit www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-vaccine.

Proof of Vaccination for Health Care Workers

The Ministry of Health and the Saskatchewan Health Authority will be working with public

health sector representation to establish a policy that requires front-line health care workers to provide proof of vaccination in the workplace. If these care providers elect not to be fully vaccinated, they will be required to undertake regular COVID-19 testing.

The details on this workplace policy will be announced in the coming days.

Proof of Vaccination for Venues, Events

Businesses, municipalities, venue and event organizers may request proof of vaccination to host and attend events or access their services. This documentation is available now to anyone who requires it through the one-page printable form from a personal MySaskHealthRecord (MSHR) account at eHealth Saskatchewan. Visit MySaskHealthRecord to set up your account now.

Work is underway to include a digital QR (Quick Response) code to the MSHR vaccination record in early fall. This will ensure this record meets the stan-

dards set by the Government of Canada to help support proof of vaccine for international travel.

Further information will be provided in the coming weeks about QR code readers and how they may be used by domestic organizations seeking to use this QR code as part of their proof of vaccination requirements for their venues and/or events.

Security, privacy, and patient confidentiality are paramount in the QR code solution.

Living With COVID-19

For guidance on living with COVID-19, including the requirements for self-isolation if you have a positive COVID-19 test, expectations around masking, information for businesses and workplaces and the visitation requirements for acute care as well as long term care and personal care homes, go to <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/living-with-covid>.

General COVID-19 Information

General public inquiries may be directed to COVID19@health.gov.sk.ca.

Tips to keep your lawn healthy through fall and beyond

By Patricia Hanbidge

The summer season is evidently waning when there is a deep build-up of condensation on the car windows in the morning; the dew on the lawn gets very heavy; and the wasps begin to come out with gusto! Other subtler things are happening as well. By mid-August woody ornamentals and perennials are beginning to prepare for winter.

Although it seems hard to believe and rather a bit depressing – ‘tis life and no man, woman or creative gardener will change the seasons or time.... leaving of course the only alternative to be running away when it gets too cold!

So what about the lawn? What should you be doing now to ensure a green lush growth in spring and summer next year? It may be hard to believe but fall is the absolute best time to care for your lawn. Controlling weeds, fertilizing, renovation and even seeding of lawns is easier and more successful beginning right about now for the next number of weeks.

The best fertilizers for fall care are either slow-release or controlled-release fertilizers or other organic alternatives. (Note that organic fertilizers are generally a bit

more expensive and contain less nutrients than commercially prepared slow release alternatives.) If you are unsure of what to purchase, ensure you go to your favourite garden centre or garden supply store to have the assistance of trained and knowledgeable personnel. Commercially prepared slow release fertilizers may be in the form of ureaform, sulfur-coated urea, milorganite and IBDU. All of these forms will stimulate even or uniform growth over a period of time and will be far less likely to burn the grass. They will not exhibit that quick green-up that fast-release formulations show but will give you a healthier lawn for the long-term. Ensure to follow the guidelines for application that are clearly displayed on the label.

If this summer your lawn got a bit weed infested, then now is for sure the best time to deal with those pesky things. Don't give in – keep weeding until freeze-up to ensure good control. If you decide that you need to apply a herbicide then you will have a better effect. Like all perennial plants the weeds are also preparing for winter by sending nutrients and starches to the root zone for storage over the winter. When plants are actively doing this, they will also draw more herbicides into their root systems which will give more effective control. Eradica-

tion of all perennial weeds is essential to the health of your lawn. Avoid products like weed and seed as they are not considered to be an effective method of weed control or fertilization. If your lawn has lots of weeds, then it is likely not a really healthy lawn as a healthy lawn can actually choke out weeds. If your lawn does not have the ability to choke out weeds on its own merit, then you, the gardener, needs to lend a helping hand.

From mid- August on, grass will grow rapidly with the cooling of temperatures and the reduced competition of germinating weeds. Renovation, seeding or overseeding at this time is ideal. Proper soil preparation is essential for a healthy lawn. Ideally, soil should be tilled to at least a 6 inch (15cm) depth while working in a good source of organic matter. After tilling, smooth with rake and pack firmly. Seed areas with a good quality grass seed and keep adequately moist for six weeks.

So, although September has only just started, do not yet give up on the garden.

Hanbidge is the Lead Horticulturist with Orchid Horticulture. Find us at www.orchidhort.com; by email at info@orchidhort.com; on facebook @orchidhort and on instagram at #orchidhort.

GOOD NEWS

KIDS' HERO

When Marlene and I pastored in Southern Saskatchewan, I began to drive school bus as a spare. I enjoyed the opportunity.

In a rare moment as I dropped off two boys that were fairly new to the area I asked them a question. My question was who their favorite hockey player was. You see their dad had played over 800 games in the NHL, so I knew they had been around hockey.

The village of Spy Hill was their dad's birthplace. I remember seeing a sign as I passed by Spy Hill acknowledging and honouring their hometown boy who made it big. Well, that day as I dropped off the boys, they too were going to honour their dad. That was their answer: their dad was

their favorite hockey player. That answer has never left me. I really thought they were going to mention one of the super stars of the NHL, but it seemed those boys saw their dad as a hero.

I watched as my mom got up early in the morning and set off to work at a hospital. She was the breakfast cook. She never saw her name in lights. She avoided the lime-light or public attention. She along with my dad raised 6 children in the north. I suspect if I asked my siblings, they would agree with me she was a hero.

There are many like my mom. Hard working moms and dads that get up everyday and maybe work because they love their jobs but more than that they love their family. They are the real heroes.

I have always loved comeback stories. There was a son of an Irish mother and Anglo-Irish father who was born in what was referred to as Hell's Kitchen in New

York in 1905. One could imagine it wasn't an easy area to grow up in.

As time moved on, he had to go through what has been called the great depression. He was a boxer, but he was floundering and in order to keep his family from poverty he worked as a longshoreman. His name was James Braddock.

He did have some success, but he also had some setbacks. He fractured his right hand in several places and had to give up boxing for awhile. While working on the docks I read Braddock found his right hand almost useless. What happened? He began to compensate with his left.

I read “Little did he know, it was this practice which would begin to turn the tide in his favour.”

In 1934, Braddock was given the opportunity to box again. He won the match in the third round leading with his left hand. James Braddock kept winning. He finally

faced Max Baer on the evening of June 13, 1935, at Madison Square Gardens in Long Island City, NY.

Braddock was the underdog. Max Baer should have won but James Braddock was determined. Some credit must go to Braddock's wife, Mae Braddock. I understand she gave James Braddock a word of encouragement she told him just remember who you are.

She said to James Braddock “You are the Bulldog of Bergen, and the Pride of New Jersey, you're everybody's hope, and the kids' hero and you are the champion of my heart, James J. Braddock.”

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 Community Calendar **FREE** for two weeks
 prior to the event!

\$60 + GST - A savings of over 30%

*Don't miss out on letting your community
 and others know about your event!*

We are also your local supplier for:

- Business Cards
- Rubber Stamps
- Posters
- Paper Supplies
- Photocopies
 - Full Colour & Black/White
- Brochures
- Invoices & Forms
- Envelopes
- Cheques
- Labels
- *and More!*

Have flyers you need to distribute? Give us a call!

\$70 per 1,000 (Inquire about volume rates)

Contact us at:
306-747-2442 or chads@sbchron.com