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Dr. Hughes honoured with street naming

Wild rice and a pair of homemade boots. A half-ton of chopped wood for his fireplace. A pig.

These are just some of the items Dr. John Hughes received, in lieu of cash, as payment for his services in his three decades as a dentist in Shellbrook.

"People always paid their bills," Hughes remembered, noting that he didn't mind bartering at all. "It was a very friendly atmosphere right from the start. It's a good community."

Now, 15 years after he hung up his tools, Dr. Hughes has been recognized with a street named in his honour. The street, originally signed as 3rd Street West, connects 2nd Avenue West with Dr. Fung Drive, the secondary access to Parkland Integrated Health Centre.

"It was a great honour. I was really chuffed," Dr. Hughes said, adding that he would never have anticipated such an honour, if not for a suggestion, which he thought was a joke, made by Town of Shellbrook foreman Mike Tanchuk. "It was quite humbling when I went there to see it actually up there."

Dr. Hughes says he decided to be a dentist after getting to know his own dentist back in England. After completing his dentistry education in 1968, and working at a dental clinic close to home, he began to look around for his next opportunity.

His search led him to a job notice for a dental clinic in Nipawin, Sask. Though he'd never heard of Nipawin, and knew next to nothing about Saskatchewan, Dr. Hughes applied for the job, only to learn the position had been filled.

A couple months later, he received a letter from Dr. Ron Hill, the dentist in Shellbrook at the time, promising him a position in the community, and he agreed to make the trip across the Atlantic Ocean.

After a few delays, and a brief stint at a dental clinic in Darbyshire, Dr. Hughes landed in Saskatchewan on Dec. 31, 1969 and was in for an almost immediate shock.

"I came over here with not very much cash in my pocket. I didn't have a winter coat, gloves, a toque, or underwear. All I had was a pair of brogue shoes," he said.

Staying at Saskatoon's King George Hotel while he wrote his Saskatchewan dental board exams, Dr. Hughes quickly learned the error of his ways on a chilly walk across the bridge to the University of Saskatchewan the first Monday after he arrived.

"The first thing I did as soon as I got home that night was spend every penny I had buying winter clothes."

Despite this chilling introduction to Saskatchewan, Dr. Hughes toughed it out and began working in Shellbrook on Feb. 1, 1970, with then-RCMP Sgt. Ken Conrad serving as his first patient.

Fifty-one years later, he's still here, and he has no regrets — even if his original plan was just to stay in Shellbrook for a few years before moving some place else. A year after starting work in Shellbrook, Dr. Hughes met his wife Lois, and his plans changed. They were married in 1972 and had their first of three children in 1973.

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Dr. John Hughes (middle) stands with wife, Lois, and Shellbrook Mayor Amund Otterson beneath the street sign that now bears his name.



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Highlights of a Shellbrook Town Council meeting

Shellbrook's town council met for its regular meeting in person and via teleconference on Monday, Dec. 6.

In attendance were Mayor Amund Otterson, councillors Larry Batten, Peter Halayka, Cheryl Ledding, Brent Miller, and Kathleen Nording, and the town's CAO, Kelly Hoare.

Councillor Bruce Clements was absent, having chosen to step away from council. With Christmas holidays fast approaching, Hoare said a call for nominations won't go out until early in the new year.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Otterson at 5 p.m., and council began by approving the meeting's agenda and adopting the minutes of its Monday, Nov. 15 meeting. With no business arising from said minutes, council approved payment of the town's regular accounts, then moved on to provide its reports.

In the PARWU Steering Committee and Board update, Councillor Miller said he'd like to see a town hall meeting scheduled for the end of March. Hoare said she could let ratepayers know about the meeting in the water bills that go out at the end of February.

In local recreation items, Councillor Batten brought

forward a concern from a local pastor that the only public skate time for children conflicts with church services. Meanwhile, Councillor Nording reported that responsibility for meetings of the theatre committee has been passed on to the recreation director.

Hoare noted that she had seen no rentals for Christmas concerts and added that she expects there won't be much happening there until COVID has mostly passed. Councillor Miller added that local churches do seem to be planning their own Christmas carol events.

In a full hospital and clinics report, Mayor Otterson said the new doctor coming through SIPPA is expected to move to town with her family at some point in January and will be signing a three-year return for service contract. On the flip side, he noted that two doctors are nearing the end of their three-year contracts and have yet to indicate their future plans. On the nursing side, meanwhile, Otterson said he's heard that there's a staffing shortage.

In potentially positive news, Otterson provided an update on efforts to improve ambulance services in the Shellbrook area. The province reportedly has a five-year plan to address communities experiencing ambulance deficits and Shellbrook is in year two of the program, meaning changes may be coming soon if provincial funding allows for it.

In new business, council's first move was to reverse charges on accounts for parties that no longer wish to advertise at the rink, as well as an account for an unpaid business license. The unpaid business license was for Fluent Homes, which sold to another company and wouldn't have paid the license.

Next, council approved a number of housekeeping items, including a responsibility chart for the town and

position descriptions for the recreation director and the facility and grounds operations manager. The revisions were made to clarify the chain of command and the roles town employees are expected to play, and will come into effect in the new year.

Moving on, council carried a motion to approve spending for normal town activities until the passing of the 2022 budget. Any extraordinary or capital spending will require a resolution of council prior to the passing of the budget.

Council also approved the new wage grids for Public Works, Recreation and Administration for 2022, and acknowledged the Swimming Pool Steering Committee's name change to the Parkland Pool Project Steering Committee, before adjourning for the evening.

Council's next meeting is set for Monday, Dec. 20.

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Apart from starting a family with Lois, Dr. Hughes says he was welcomed warmly by then-veterinarian Peter McCann and his wife, who invited him over for dinner every Sunday and took him to the local rink. "He introduced me to hockey, which was the introduction to the town," Dr. Hughes said, adding that his trips to the rink allowed him to strike up friendships with Jim McComas, Ron Hollowell, and Terry Mason, among many others.

When he wasn't fixing teeth over his 35 years as Shellbrook's dentist, Dr. Hughes was heavily involved in the community as a member of the Shellbrook Kinsmen, and as one of the many people who helped get the Rich-

ardson Pioneer Recreation Centre built.

He also became a mainstay in local sports and recreation, playing and coaching softball, and recreational hockey (both learning curves for a Brit).

"That's what I really remember over the first few years, is getting involved in that."

Dr. Hughes would serve as the community's dentist until late 2005, when he sold his practice to Dr. Denise Koeberlin. He continued to practice one day per week at the Prince Albert Penitentiary up until 2015.

For Shellbrook Mayor Amund Otterson, it only made sense for the town to honour Dr. Hughes for his service in the same way it had honoured Dr. Jack Spencer and Dr. Wing-Kun Fung.

"It was just to complete the honouring of the three practicing physicians who put in several decades of service here," he said.

"Dr. Hughes came to town in the early 70s as part of the British invasion that happened at that time. He stayed, married a local, raised his family here, and continues to be here. It was just an opportunity to honour him."

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



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COVID rapid test kits available in Spiritwood

The Spiritwood Town Office is distributing COVID rapid antigen self-testing kits to residents in town. These kits were provided by the Government of Saskatchewan, to be made available to the general public to support asymptomatic COVID-19 surveillance. They believe that voluntary testing at home will help prevent asymptomatic transmission in the community. Both the Government of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) still advise that these self-test-

ing kits are only to be used as a screening tool and will not be accepted as proof of a negative test result. Point-of-care rapid antigen self-tests should only be used on people not experiencing COVID symptoms. Both the government and the SHA recommend PCR testing through the SHA's testing sites or drive-thru locations for those experiencing visible symptoms of COVID-19. The Spiritwood Town Office distributes these free test kits during its hours of opera-

tion from 9 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Thursday, with a limit of one box per household containing five tests in a box. For the safety of its employees and other Spiritwood residents, the Town of Spiritwood is urging residents not to enter the town office to pick up rapid antigen self-test kits if they currently are experiencing (or recently experienced) symptoms of COVID-19, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19.



Spiritwood Library news highlights

The Spiritwood Public Library board met on Nov. 24, 2021. We wish to say goodbye and best wishes to Susan Siegel, who will be stepping down as a board member after years of hard work and dedication. Things are gearing up for Christmas. There is an ongoing Used Book Sale, which might make great stocking stuffers or extra stories to have on hand when the kids come to visit or curling up by the fire to read a great book! There will be a Christmas Trivia Contest, where you get your name in a draw with each cor-

rect trivia answer. Christmas is a time for crafts, and we have take and make crafts based on the poem by Clement C. Moore, *The Night Before Christmas*. There have been a few changes in the library layout, with new signs up. Fiction and non-fiction books have changed places. The Board members are busy working on the financial budget so that we can continue giving the same quality service. Last but not least, we are at the end of the year and the eagerly awaited final draw of Dessert of the month. Stop in and check it out!

The Chronicle & Herald needs you

Unlike most major daily or weekly news publications, the *Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald* is billed as a community newspaper. And it's billed this way for good reason. First, and most obvious, is the fact that the *Chronicle & Herald* reflects the communities it covers by reporting on the happenings within them, whether it be a hockey game, a bake sale fundraiser, or municipal affairs. Second, and still somewhat obvious, is the fact that the *Chronicle & Herald* is a part of the communities it serves, offering support for important local causes, events, and organizations, through not only its news coverage but also through donations and other contributions. Third, and too often overlooked, is the fact that the *Chronicle & Herald* is made possible, in large part, by the communities it serves. Simply put, we wouldn't be able to publish a newspaper without local advertising, events and people to report on, or those who submit news items on behalf of their communities. In many ways, this third point is most important of all. While other publications may have a whole team of reporters, the *Chronicle & Herald* must try to cover more than 20 towns, villages, and hamlets with just one full-time reporter based in Shellbrook and a part-time reporter in Spiritwood.

Two people just can't be everywhere at once (no matter how much they'd like to be), and, without the help of the community, they have no way of knowing about everything that's happening in the area. Without awareness of what's happening, news items and communities get missed. And we, and our readers, notice the absence. That's why the *Chronicle & Herald* needs you, its community, to serve as both its eyes and ears, and to ensure that no community is overlooked or underserved – as has sometimes been the case. Are you hosting a local event? Do you know someone who's accomplished something remarkable? Are you concerned about something in your community? If so, don't hesitate to reach out to the *Chronicle & Herald* and let us know about it. As was previously mentioned, our team is dedicated to the communities it serves, but it can't be everywhere at once. However, it can do its best to follow-up on any leads it's given. And, failing that, it is always open to submissions of news items and photos from the community. The *Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald* can't be a community newspaper without its community. Submit Shellbrook and area news to Jordan: jordan@sbchron.com or chnews@sbchron.com Submit Spiritwood and area news to: tashacabase@gmail.com

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On poverty, Sask. Party's silence speaks volumes

In 1989, federal NDP leader Ed Broadbent rose in the House of Commons and introduced a motion calling on Parliament to end child poverty in Canada by 2000.

The motion passed unanimously, giving the government and the opposition parties of the day more than a decade to come up with and implement a plan to address the issue. Instead, the year 2000 came and went with little to no meaningful progress being made to reduce, much less eradicate, child poverty.

Another promise came in 2009, followed by a third in 2015.

Yet, as of the beginning of this school year, as many as 2 million Canadian children were at risk of going to school hungry, according to the National School Food Program Advisory Committee. Canada, meanwhile, remains the only G7 country without a national school food program.

In Saskatchewan, child poverty peaked in 2004 before going into a slow but steady decline, according to a new report from the University of Regina.

But, although the percentage of children living in poverty has dipped over the past decade, dropping to 26.1 per cent in 2019 from 29.1 per cent in 2009, the number of children living in poverty has actually increased to 73,520 from 71,720.

This child poverty rate is well above the national average of 17.7 per cent, and only Manitoba and Nunavut have worse report cards on child poverty.

Beyond child poverty, the province had an overall poverty rate of 18.8 per cent (also slightly higher than the national average), with nearly half of First Nations families and single parent families living below the poverty line.

These numbers, you may have noted, all predate the COVID-19 pandemic, which for the past nearly two years has ravaged the provincial, national, and global economies.

The author of the University of Regina report, Dr. Miguel Sanchez, makes note of this fact, contending that, "The current benefit levels available in the province have demonstrated their inadequacy year after year. The future does not bode well for low-income residents of the province – it seems likely that when data about the province's poverty rate for 2020 become available, there will be a significant increase in poverty."

Dr. Sanchez concludes his report with a



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condemnation of the federal and provincial governments' "indifference to the plight of children living below the poverty line."

Indifference seems to be giving certain governments far too much credit.

When Prime Minister Justin Trudeau attended the United Nations' COP26 climate change conference in Glasgow in early November, and pledged to place an emissions cap on Canada's oil and gas sectors, Premier Scott Moe was quick to respond.

Mr. Moe called the promise "an outright attack" on Saskatchewan's energy industry, and floated the idea of the province becoming a "nation within a nation," with greater independence over policing, taxation, and immigration.

"When the federal government implements policies that are detrimental to our province, our government will continue to stand up for Saskatchewan people," Mr. Moe tweeted.

Funny, then, that two weeks after the release of the University of Regina's report, Mr. Moe and his government have remained silent about the fact that more than a quarter of the province's children live in poverty.

No one in the Sask. Party government has called on the federal government to increase supports for the province's most vulnerable, or moved to introduce legislation to address poverty in the province, or even offered so much as an empathetic remark to those who may be struggling.

Mr. Moe has said often that his government stands up for the people of Saskatchewan, and we have seen the depth of its conviction when it comes to Saskatchewan's agriculture, forestry and energy sectors.

Where, then, is this conviction when it comes to poverty?

Why does this government, which so steadfastly defends the province's economy, sit idly by when the economic yearly cost of poverty is estimated to at \$3.8 billion (including health-care costs, social program costs, justice system costs, and lost tax revenue)?

It's true that there will always be those who have more and those who have less. It's true, too, that legislation alone won't eradicate poverty. But a government that truly stood up for the people wouldn't stay silent about this.

On poverty, the Sask. Party's silence speaks volumes about its priorities.

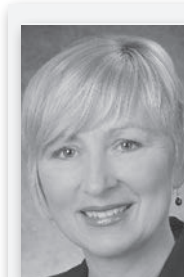


Designated Responder

In this session of the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly, it has become clear that only one member of the House will respond to the questions I pose verbally to the government. Whether on Health, Justice or Corrections, the Minister of Finance is apparently the designated responder for all things.

Curiously, on November 30th when I asked a financial question about the costs of the Secure Isolation Sites, the Finance Minister had no answer. (Even though funding of the sites appears to be complete since, according to the government, the site(s) are no longer operational.) Apparently, it won't be until budget deliberations that she, as Finance Minister, will know how much of taxpayers' money it took to fund the site(s).

When I asked about



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whether the citizens of Saskatchewan are protected under the medical and legal ethics of expressed, informed consent and are entitled to the full protection guaranteed under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights and the Nuremberg Code, the Minis-

ter of Finance brought up my previous travel record.

The minister said she would love to hear my explanation of why it was acceptable for me to previously disclose my status when entering another country, and not now. I would have thought this to be self-evident.

Clearly, she does not see the difference between the processes of traveling with voluntary disclosure, to what we are now facing in Saskatchewan which is coerced, mandatory disclosure.

Coerced mandatory disclosure to hold a job. Coerced mandatory disclosure to visit health and public facilities that all Saskatchewan people pay for. Coerced mandatory disclosure to obtain a post-secondary education. Can the difference be any clearer?

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Report from the Legislature

Driven by our entrepreneurs and resource sector, Saskatchewan is seeing a strong economic recovery according to the 2021-22 Mid-Year Report released by the Ministry of Finance.

At mid-year, Saskatchewan's economy is doing well and is forecast to increase by 4 per cent in 2021. A number of factors can be attributed to this positive news including a strong labour market this summer, higher investments in the housing market and strong commodity prices.

So far, total employment is up about 13,730 jobs and we are expecting to see a total of 15,900 new jobs



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for 2021. The outlook is good for 2022 with an anticipated 12,000 new jobs being created. Overall, Saskatchewan has the second

highest employment rate in Canada.

Saskatchewan also saw the strongest growth in manufacturing sales and second highest growth in housing starts, so far this year. Both are strong indicators of a resilient economy that is on the path to recovery.

Perhaps the strongest indicator of growing confidence is the surge of capital investment that has flowed into the province during the last few months. Projects worth nearly \$10 billion have been announced including advances in the forestry and helium industries along with value

added agriculture production. Another \$3 billion has been invested in provincial capital projects such as health care and school infrastructure improvements along with highway and Crown infrastructure upgrades.

Overall exports have increased by nearly 35 per cent this year with the global demand for our energy product exports resulting in a 63 per cent increase from January to September 2021, compared to the same time period in 2020. Resource revenue is up \$669 million from budget, with higher oil and potash prices reflecting strength in the energy and mining sectors.

Saskatchewan is on the rebound with revenue forecast to increase by \$2.4 billion with significant increases across all categories. That has resulted in our province being able to benefit from the second-highest credit rating in the country when all three ratings from the major agencies are combined.

But there are still strug-



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we have committed an additional \$292.5 million in relief.

Health expenses are also up, forecast to be \$250 million higher than budget due to pandemic and drug plan pressures. A commitment of \$1.7 billion has been made to COVID-19 related health, safety and economic support as part of a \$5 billion multi-year response. An increase of \$100.9 million in Protection of Persons and Property expense was also recorded due to wildfires which emerged during the dry conditions this summer.

The labour force has now recovered to 99 per cent of its pre-pandemic levels and investment dollars are flowing into the province as businesses look to the future. Saskatchewan is on the road to economic recovery thanks to the hard work of residents, entrepreneurs and investors during one of the most difficult global times in recent history.

A better, stronger Saskatchewan is on the horizon.

Designated Responder

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Her answer was a straw-man approach to my actual question to the Justice Minister regarding brand new legislation that will protect employers from liability if the employer implements coercive employment terms.

My actual question was: "On what basis is this legislation (Bill 60) that allows an employer to terminate an employee for not getting a COVID-19 shot? If an employer does so, they are inviting a wrongful dismissal claim as well as a claim for a human rights code violation. Does the Minister of Justice protect the rights of all individuals in Saskatchewan? Does he want the province unified again? Will he stand and fight for this province's freedom, strong and free?"

The minister also misused another of my questions about whether the government is committed to individual constitutional rights. In response, she proudly referred to a recent resolution requesting a constitutional amendment to resolve taxation issues concerning CP Rail. While that is a worthy endeavor, it has nothing to do with the failure of the Saskatchewan government to protect the rights of its own citizens.

Within the government narrative is an assumption that the mandated injections, (which require an emergency order for their use until 2023,) are on an equal footing with traditional vaccines. Anyone who

disagrees, even medical professionals with stellar credentials, are dismissed without even an honest evaluation of why they hold their opinions. I have said before, truth can bear scrutiny. Saskatchewan people deserve a government that is willing to fairly assess information from many credible sources, not just that which

fits a canned narrative. Saskatchewan people deserve a government that will listen to them, not coerce them.

Going forward, I hope the Ministers charged with the duty to justify government actions and legislation, will have the courage to address these questions themselves and leave the straw-men behind.

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Please call the R.M. Office at 306-466-2000 or the Village Office at 306-466-2229 for more information.

Deadline for submissions is **December 31, 2021.**

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Parkside Nativity Parade becomes community effort

In small-town Saskatchewan, a good idea never stays just an idea for very long. Case in point, the upcoming Nativity Parade being put on in Parkside this Saturday, Dec. 11.

With COVID-19 restrictions continuing to make it difficult to organize indoor community events this holiday season, Natalie Jonasson had the novel thought to stage the Nativity play for the community in parade format, and have the parade coincide with the Village of Parkside's annual Christmas tree lighting and carolling.

"I just thought why not do something that's community involved and correlate it with the carolling and the [Christmas tree lighting]," Natalie and her husband, Steven, recalled, noting that they wanted something that would be more than just a 10-minute drive-by. "The first night, there were more than 20 people who came out to a meeting just for the idea."

Taking Natalie's idea and running with it, the Village of Parkside, the Immanuel Lutheran Church, the Parkside Pentecostal Church, and a number of community groups and individuals are all chipping in.

Now, in addition to the Nativity Parade (featuring a live cast and live animals), the Christmas tree lighting, and the carolling, the evening's festivities will include hot chocolate, candy bags, and skating at the community's outdoor rink.

"It's not just us. I might have had an idea, but it's the team that's pulling off all the work," Natalie said, calling Parkside "an amazing little community."

There's a lot of work, too, from making props and sets, to lining up trailers, drivers, and cast members, to securing generators, power sources and p.a. systems, and coordinating traffic, parking and the parade route (and keeping everything clear of snow).

With the community's efforts, all those little pieces are in place for Saturday evening's performance (with the exception of a few weather-dependent items, like a planned horse and sleigh).

Featuring nine floats and 11 vignettes, the Nativity parade will follow its route, stopping on Main Street across from the Parkside General Store and at the Immanuel Lutheran Church. Both locations will have a narrator and a musical interlude will come between each scene.

Saturday night's parade festivities are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Natalie and Steven say there will be ample space for parking at both narration spots.

Saskatchewan creates 600 new childcare spaces

Over 600 new childcare centre spaces have been created in 20 communities across Saskatchewan, thanks to a partnership between the provincial and federal governments.

The province said this announcement is the first step in a commitment to increase the number of regulated childcare spaces by 6,000 in 2021-2022 and by 28,000 over the next five years.

"We know that access to childcare can be more difficult in some communities," said Education Minister Dustin Duncan in a statement. "By providing childcare spaces regardless of where people live, our government is ensuring Saskatchewan families can have access to affordable, high quality early learning and childcare should they choose to use these services."

This news comes following the Government of Canada's transformative investment to build a Canada-wide early learning and childcare system in partnership with provincial, territorial, and Indigenous partners. This includes a historic federal investment of close to \$1.1 billion in childcare for Saskatchewan.

The goal is to bring fees for regulated childcare down to \$10 per day on average within the next five years. By the end of 2022, the Government of Canada is aiming to reduce average fees for regulated early learning and childcare by 50 per cent to make it more affordable for families.

"Growing quality spaces is a critical part of our Canada-wide early learning and childcare system," said Canada's Minister of Families, Children and Social Development Karina Gould in a statement. "That is why we are working with the Government of Saskatchewan to help ensure that children and families across the province have access to the high-quality, affordable, and inclusive early learning and childcare they need to succeed."

Over 1,900 childcare centre spaces have been allocated across Saskatchewan since the signing of the first Federal ELCC Agreement in March 2018. With the addition of these spaces, the province will have provided funding for 7,771 new spaces since 2007 — a nearly 84 per cent increase.

COVID-19 vaccines are now available for children aged five to 11.

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www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-vaccine

Higher prices don't mean higher profits for farmers

It doesn't take long when talking to a grocery shopper to hear laments regarding higher costs, which are stretching budgets to the max.

Of course, few consumers I suspect have a real solid handle on exactly what they spend on food.

There is a tendency to point to the bags from the grocery store and note the cost of what was purchased.

Often of course, the bags contain far more than essential food, including everything from a magazine to read, to toilet paper, aftershave, shampoo,

dish soap, dog food, pop, chocolate bars and a new bathroom brush.

Grocery stores today provide a wide range of non-food items that add to the purchase price and are not part of the cost of the food we put on the table.

But at present, food costs are jumping to be sure.

That would not be the worst thing from a farmer's perspective, if they were actually seeing a better price based on the consumer paying more.

That, however, is never the case.

At present, one of the culprits from the con-



CALVIN DANIELS

sumer's perspective is the cost of meats, in particular beef.

Certainly, farmers have seen an increase. Cattle prices in Alberta, for example, increased by 15.6 per cent in September 2021 compared to the same time period a year earlier — to

\$146.76 per hundred-weight, the highest price in Canada, according to www.alberta.ca

But \$146 to a farmer for 100 pounds of beef would mean \$1.46 per pound, a country mile and more from what beef is fetching in the grocery store.

A pound of beef goes through a number of hands from farm gate to the consumer table, with processors and store chains adding price along the way.

Those along the production chain are able to set prices to an extent to ensure a profit at any time, but in the last year or two they have had the

ability to increase costs with near impunity, because they have lots of reasons they can point to besides profit.

There are the increased costs associated with, or at least tagged onto, the COVID-19 pandemic.

There is the 'assumed' impact of the carbon tax on everything we do.

There are issues with weather, for example the flooding in B.C.

There are international issues such as the movement of goods on the ocean.

They are all reasons to add cost to ensure profit retention, which adds to the consumer costs but

does not mean better returns for producers.

Of course, what farmers are paid has less impact on grocery costs than many likely realize.

It's important to remember a bushel of barley typically produces about 300 bottles of beer, and a bushel of wheat yields 42 one-and-a-half pound commercial loaves of white bread (or about 90 one-pound loaves of whole wheat bread, after a quick Google search). Prices for barley and wheat could jump and have only a minor impact on the price of beer or bread.

Canada's crop production plummets in tough 2021

It wasn't a good year to be a crop farmer on the prairies, and Statistics Canada has the numbers to prove it.

Production of several major field crops, except for corn, fell across the country, with drought across the prairies leading to large losses.

Wheat yields across Canada fell by 38.5 per cent to 21.7 million tonnes, with Saskatchewan taking the brunt of crop losses, seeing yields plummet by 43.4 per cent to 26 bushels an acre.

Manitoba, meanwhile, saw wheat production decrease by 28.9 per cent to 3.8 million tonnes, while yields fell by 21.9 per cent to 47.9 bushels per acre, according to StatCan.

It was hardly a banner year for canola

either, which fell to the lowest levels since 2007 with a 35.4 per cent drop in production.

Canola yields across Western Canada decreased by 40.2 per cent, to only 25 bushels an acre.

In Saskatchewan, canola production was down 45.4 per cent to 6 million tonnes, driven by lower yields (-48.5 per cent to 22.0 bushels per acre) offsetting higher harvested area (+6.2 per cent to 12.0 million acres).

Despite Manitoba's harvested area increasing by 0.3 per cent to 3.4 million acres, yields fell by 28.3 per cent resulting in 29.7 bushels an acre.

It wasn't all doom and gloom, however, as StatsCan says corn production

increased by 3.1 per cent to 14 million tonnes despite a 1.3 per cent drop in harvested area across the country.

Ontario saw corn yields jump by nearly 7 per cent to a record-high 175.2 bushels an acre, offsetting a 0.5 per cent decrease in harvested area.

Elsewhere, Manitoba's soybean production fell by just over 17 per cent even though farmers harvested more land. Yields are down 27.3 per cent to 27.1 bushels an acre.

Barley production fell 35.3 per cent to 6.9 million tonnes in 2021. While harvested area rose (+6.9 per cent to 7.4 million acres), yields fell (-39.5 per cent to 43.0 bushels per acre) because of dry conditions in Western Canada.

Total oat production decreased by 43.0 per cent nationally to 2.6 million tonnes, on lower harvested areas (-15.4 per cent to 2.7 million acres) and lower yields (-32.6 per cent to 61.5 bushels per acre).

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Canwood Royal Purple Elks host online auction

Submitted by Donna Lovberg
From Thursday, Nov. 25 through Sunday, Nov. 28, the Canwood Royal Purple Elks held their second Online Fundraiser Auction! Now that we have that in the books, we are in awe of the wonderful response we received from the people who donated cash and homemade and home-based business items.

We cannot forget those amazing people who bid on the 101 items. We got everything from a mystery box, to Barbie crocheted outfits, to Moose hide Christmas ornaments, to home made canning, to buns and tons of traditional Christmas dishes.

For anyone interested in supporting any of these local talented crafters, go back on our Royal Purple Facebook page to find out who they are and contact them! Buy Local!

Between the auction and cash donations, we were able to raise more than \$8,800.

For the funds raised, we will be giving the majority to the Canwood Community Hall for maintenance, and then share the balance of funds with local community groups who need assistance. We have already purchased two larger items for the Canwood Wapiti Regional Library for their use in their new location.

Again, we can not say enough about the amazing people in Canwood and area who very willingly support all of our fundraising endeavours.



The generosity of the community meant there was plenty of variety to bid on during the Canwood Royal Purple Elks' online auction fundraiser.

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SaskTel bringing

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Shellbrook is one of 24 communities in north and north central Saskatchewan that will soon be receiving access to SaskTel's infiNET services as part of Phase 4 of the Crown corporation's \$100 million Rural Fibre Initiative.

SaskTel plans to begin construction in these communities next year and expects to have the majority of residents and businesses fibre ready by the end of 2023.

"The need for connectivity continues to grow at a rapid pace," said Don Morgan, Minister Responsible for SaskTel. "Through SaskTel's Rural Fibre Initiative, tens of thousands of rural Saskatchewan families and businesses will gain access to advanced fibre-optic broadband infrastructure better enabling them to connect and thrive in the modern world."

Originally announced

in 2020, the Rural Fibre Initiative is a multi-phase program that will bring SaskTel infiNET service to over 60,000 residents and businesses spread across 45 rural communities by the end of 2023.

Other communities included in Phase 4 are: La Loche, Preeceville, Buffalo Narrows, Macklin, Carrot River, Osler, Dalmeny, Île-à-la-Crosse, Unity, Wadena, Assiniboia, Dundurn, Foam Lake, Lanigan, Regina Beach (includes Buena Vista and Kinookimaw), Caronport, Gravelbourg, Rocanville,

Gull Lake, Outlook, Davidson, Kipling and Ox-bow.

"Delivering speeds of up to a Gigabit per second, our infiNET service ensures SaskTel customers have the bandwidth they need to utilize the latest digital tools and technologies," said Doug Burnett, SaskTel president and CEO. "In addition, upgrading our network to fibre provides us with a more flexible platform in these communities that can quickly grow to meet customers' evolving needs."

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Shellbrook Library news highlights

By Dian Campbell
Despite the crazy weather, the library has been busy with patrons borrowing materials and programming for kids and adults.
Our November theme of “bedtime stories” wound up with our first ever Teddy Bear Sleepover.

Four young patrons dropped off their special

friends (stuffed animals) after story time on Friday, Nov. 26. The bears, bunny, and elephant had fun roaming around the Library Friday evening, taking part in all kinds of Library fun, from visiting the Sensory Playroom to popcorn and a movie. They then snuggled up in the story area for a good night's sleep, before being

picked up on Saturday morning.
December Storytime will include Christmas themed stories, activities, and crafts. Check in with the librarian for more details.
Watch for our Christmas Story Stroll, to be taking place downtown Shellbrook from Dec. 10 to 17, featuring the book *Corduroy's Christmas Surprise* based on the character created by Don Freeman. Enjoy a family walk down Main Street, Shellbrook as you read this inspiring Christmas Story. Page 1 begins at Woodland Pharmacy.

The library has two take-n-make projects for December. Our first is a Family take-n-make kit for decorating Christmas sugar cookies. Kits include cookies, icing, and sprinkles. Our second is a teen/pre-teen Art kit to make a Gingerbread Clay Pot candy holder. Kits are available at the library while supplies last.
On display at the Library this December, art by The Saturday Painters. The Saturday Painters group meets monthly at the library to paint, craft, and visit. Drop in to see their wonderful art display.



A group of teddies had a lot of fun during the Shellbrook Library's first ever teddy sleepover.



Works by the Saturday Painters are on display at the Shellbrook Library throughout December.

Timberwolves extend losing streak to 3

On Dec. 3, the Spiritwood Timberwolves hosted their next contender, the Turtleford Tigers.
Timberwolves 2 vs Tigers 4
During the first period, the Tigers were able to get on the board while keeping the Timberwolves from scoring, taking a 1-0 lead into the second period.
In the second period, the Tigers added two more goals against the Timberwolves, jumping out to a 3-0 lead. Though the first half of the game was frustrating for the Timberwolves, they finally scored their first goal towards the 12 minute mark, leaving the score at 3-1.
In the third period, the Timberwolves picked up the pace and found a ray of hope with another goal, closing the gap

with the Tigers to 3-2. Their luck and time ran out, as the Tigers scored another goal to end the game with a 4-2 victory.
During the match-up with Turtleford Tigers, Jeff Caffet and Dallyn Saam provided the main offensive highlights for Spiritwood, both scoring one goal apiece. As far as assists go, Patrick Robinson scored two while Colton Poulin had one.
Meanwhile, on the Turtleford scorecard, Mitch Perkins was able to score two goals while Dustin MacNab scored one goal and two assists. Moreover, Damian Tough also netted himself a goal.
In the assist column, Trent MacNab scored two while Austin and Karstin McDonald both scored one apiece.

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Spiritwood Timberwolves goalie J.R. Bussiere comes up with a big save in action against the Turtleford Tigers.



Keira and Ryder Verbonac enjoy the Cookie Decorating Kit from the Shellbrook Public Library.

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
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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 1 pm - 5 pm. Kids Club is Fridays 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm, Crafter's Choice is the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.
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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.
SHELLBROOK & AREA: Christmas Hampers (Shellbrook, Parkside Holbein, Mont Nebo & Canwood) Those requesting Christmas Food Hampers, pick up an application form from any church, Bigway or Parkside General Store. Complete the form and *make sure* the application is sent to: Ministerial Association Food Bank, PO Box 97, Holbein, Sask., S0J 1G0, post marked by Dec. 12, 2021 (no later). Hamper pick-up: December 20, 5:30 - 8:30. Phone Dave Bodvarson 306-747-7235 or Dave Whalley 306-747-2804.
MARCELIN: Marcelin Métis Local #113 – Annual General Meeting. Saturday, December 11, 2021 – 10 am, Marcelin Senior's Hall, Marcelin, SK. All Marcelin Métis Local members and local Métis citizens are invited to attend. For more information, please check out the Marcelin Métis Local #113 Facebook page
SHELLBROOK: The Shellbrook Kinettes welcome you back to The Annual COOKIE WALK. Saturday, December 11 – Christmas cookies & treats 10am - 2pm or until goodies are gone! Royal Canadian Legion Hall Branch 111, 102 2 Ave E, Shellbrook. Photos with Santa from 11am - 1pm – please bring a non-perishable food item & take your own pictures with Santa!
SHELLBROOK: Brought to you by the Shellbrook Kinettes – The second annual *Twinkle Tour & Hamper Haul* – Get those Christmas lights up! Register your light display & decor entries by Wed., Dec. 8th by call/text 306-747-7085 or shellbrook_kinettes@hotmail.com. Come Tour the Town with us December 11th! Meet on Elevator Rd @ 5:15pm (line up by sports grounds & follow Santa) | Tour starts @ 5:30pm. Voting December 12th & 13th by text or email – Choose your top 3 favourite displays! Food bank donations will be collected along the tour. Have your bright coloured garbage bags out that night, so we can grab them. To donate ahead of time, contact one of your local Kinettes or find a collection gift box around town. We will be bringing a little cheer to our long term care residence, and a drive by thank you to our essential workers.

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Timberwolves extend losing streak to 3

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Timberwolves 6 vs Blues 9
After the Timberwolves' game with the Tigers, the Timberwolves played their next game against the Battleford Beaver Blues on Dec. 4. The game was played in the Battleford Arena at 8 p.m.
Still with no luck, the Beaver Blues were able to trample the Timberwolves with a 9-6 score.
During their match up with Battleford, Jesse Swanson provided the main offensive output for Spiritwood, scoring a hat trick and one assist. Justin Bill was able to score two goals, while Aiden Nielson-Clark scored one. On the assist side, Tyler Cross and Raymon Harris both earned a helper apiece.
On the Beaver Blues scorecard, three players were able to accrue two goals,

including Colton Adair, Blake Fennig and Kody Wolf. Adair also had three assists, while Wolf earned one.
Ty Jack and Keegan Sparrow tied up with one goal and a helper apiece, while Cody Kalyn scored a goal. On the assist side, Troy Watt was able to acquire three, Nick Sturk had two, and Kolby Heidt earned one.
Though neither of the weekend's two games ended in favour of the Timberwolves, the team continued to believe that every game is an opportunity to grow and is still hoping for a better performance in the next games to come.
The next scheduled match will be on Saturday, Dec. 11 with the Maymont Settlers at 8 p.m. in the Spiritwood Arena.



A loose puck in the Timberwolves' end creates a fierce battle.

Silvertips earn OT redemption in Clavet

The Shellbrook Silvertips hit the road for a single game Saturday evening, travelling to Clavet for a showdown with the middle-of-the-pack Clavet Cougars. They got more than they bargained for, including some redemption for the overtime loss they suffered to the Dalmeny Sabres last weekend, fighting tooth and nail to a 6-5 overtime victory.
The Tips came out of the gate strong on Saturday night, drawing first blood just over two min-

utes into the game. Gage Helm netted the opening goal, continuing his strong first season as a Silvertip, and Austin Lamotte and Dylan Smith earned assists on the play.
The Tips and the Cougars settled into their rhythm in a penalty-free period, until the Clavet Cougars found a chink in the Silvertips' armour and took advantage, scoring two late goals to take a 2-1 lead into the second frame.
Kade Cooper opened

the scoring for the Cougars, with assists from Chase Unger and Dale Chow, and Martial Hodgson struck just two minutes later on an assist from Tayden Wallin.
The Cougars picked up where they left off scoring early in the second stanza to claim a 3-1 lead. Jason Bucko netted the goal, with helpers from Hodgson and Wallin.
The Silvertips finally had an answer a little more than two minutes later, when Dallas Gal-

loway found the back of the net on an assist from Sam Miller. However, the Cougars roared back into action late in the frame, tacking on another two goals to take a 5-2 lead.
Hodgson scored his second of the night on a solo assist from Wallin, then Dana Gamble struck on the power play with an assist from Cooper.
Facing a three-goal deficit to start the third period, the Tips returned to the ice and got down to business. Brendon Canaday pulled the Tips within two around

the three-minute mark, drawing assists from Evan Williams and Smith.
Following up, Justin Kerr narrowed the gap to two on helpers from Braidon Turner and Canaday. Then, less than a minute later, Smith knotted the game at 5-5 with assists from Lamotte and Canaday. The Tips and the Cougars fought to a draw after this, sending the game to overtime.
Here, Lamotte had the magic stick to complete the Tips' comeback, scoring on an assist from Kerr.

With the game winner and two assists on the evening, Lamotte earned "Tip of the Game" honours for his performance. The Tips, meanwhile, climbed to 5-1-0-1 on the season, good enough for third place in the Twin Rivers Hockey League standings.
The Tips play a home and road split this weekend, hosting the Warman Wildcats on Saturday night at 8:30 p.m. On Sunday afternoon, they head to Cudworth for a 3:30 p.m. match with the Cudworth Tricky Maroons.

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Saskatchewanians love their Riders gear

Having spent a couple of days as a spectator at the SaskTel Centre in Saskatoon while Canada's best curlers were trying to win a trip to Beijing in February for the Winter Olympics, a couple of astute observations need to be expanded upon:

— If the Saskatchewan Roughriders did not exist, many thousands of Saskatchewan people would have absolutely nothing to wear. As for headwear, one of approximately every two hats worn by curling fans in the stands had the 'Riders logo emblazoned on the front.

— Maybe it's a law of the Flatland that not only is 'Green is the Colour' the Roughriders' fight song, but it's also a basic way of apparel life if you live between Kindersley and Fleming; Estevan and Uranium City.

— Saskatchewan people are definitely some of the nicest on earth, but that's hardly news. Departing the parking lot after each draw of the Curl-

ing Trials might have been an exasperating and frustrating experience, but the courtesy of drivers — "please sir, go ahead" — the vast majority of them Saskatchewanians, made it a relatively pleasant experience.

— Man, it can get cold in Saskatchewan. And that wind ...

— Tim Hortons is a solid sponsor of curling — of sports, in general — in Canada, and those TV 'Timbits of Wisdom' commercials featuring Sidney Crosby and the young boys put a smile on my face every time. The meaning of life? "Just have fun!" Of course.

— Two of the rinks ranked as favourites going into the Trials, Rachel Homan of Ottawa on the women's side and Brendan Bottcher of Edmonton for the men, both performed like they were struggling to get into seventh place in the Delisle Curling Club Thursday night league. Homan has three Scot-ties' titles to her name plus Olympic experi-



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ence, while Bottcher is merely the defending Brier winner and a three-time finalist.

— Winnipeg native Matt Dunstone, who now officially curls out of a club in Regina but lives in Kamloops (not sure what he has against Alberta), was the most popular curler among the rabid Saskatchewan fans (he was wearing a green sweater, naturally), and when he beat Bottcher Wednesday night to improve his record to 1-5, there was a thunderous roar in the building similar to one following a winning overtime field goal by Riders Brett Lauther.

— Canada may not ex-

hibit world dominance in curling as it did 15 or 20 years ago, but the talented rinks wearing the Maple Leaf on their backs in China in February, skipped by Brad Gushue and Jennifer Jones, will do our country proud.

• Headline at the on-ion.com: "Frustrated James Harden Tries To Draw Foul By Planting Gun On Defender"

• NOTSportsCentre, on Twitter: "BREAKING: The NBA has announced they have suspended Pistons C Isaiah Stewart for the rest of the season for getting his face in the way of LeBron's fist."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "Thanksgiving can be a challenging day for people. There can be yelling, screaming, fighting, crying, too much drinking, arguments, break-ups and even people coming out. And that's just in the Detroit Lions' locker room at halftime."

• Greg Cote of the Miami Herald, on the three NFL games on Thanksgiving: "This was the

16th year of Thanksgiving Day tripleheaders as Americans competed to see what they would be more full of come midnight: food, or football."

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "A British Columbia study found individuals who experience a lot of failure have greater appreciation for life's little moments. When Canucks' coach Travis Green heard this he said, 'Look! I just found a dime.'"

• One more from the on-ion.com: "Carson Wentz's Helmet Radio Won't Stop Ringing After Answering Call From Telemarketer"

• Headline at fark.com: "Mets sign two versatile veteran players expected to underperform before going on the IL in May."

• Comedian Craig Ferguson: "I like football. I find it's an exciting strategic game. It's a great way to avoid conversation with your family at Thanksgiving."

• Another theonion.com headline: "World Chess Championship forced to use salt shak-

er after losing bishop."

• From Dwight Perry's 'Sideline Chatter' column in the Seattle Times: "Pittsburgh fan Wayne Alexa, 76, got in one last shot at his favourite NFL team in his obituary, posted on PittsburghCremation.com: 'Passed away on Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021, after a long bout with the Steelers. He was at his home with family when they went into overtime against the 0-8 Detroit Lions, and that was all he could take.'"

• Dwight Perry again: The Rams and NFL settled their relocation lawsuit with St. Louis — to the tune of a \$790 million payout. Who knew illegal procedure could be so costly?"

• Cowboys LB Micah Parsons, on being called for a roughing-the-passer penalty when it appeared the Raiders' Derek Carr fell into him: "I think we should be playing football, not tag."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Elks fall in home ice heartbreaker

The Parkland U18 AA Elks put on one of their best performances of the 2021-2022 regular season when they hosted the Martinsville Marauders on Friday evening, battling their way to a heartbreaking 5-3 defeat.

The team came out strong from the get-go, playing to a draw with the Marauders through much of the first period. While the Elks generated some offensive zone pressure and scoring opportunities, it was netminder Shae Stewart who kept the team in contention by stopping two breakaways by the Marauders' penalty kill.

This opened the door for the Elks to draw first blood on a late power play, when Brendan Aug found the back of the net on a screen shot from the point. Kendon Skalicky and Anson Favel assisted on the goal.

Shooting themselves in the foot, the Elks closed out the period by taking a four-minute major and had to hold on for dear life to take their lead into the second stanza. This lead

didn't last too long, however, as the Marauders used the remainder of their power play to pull even on a textbook cross-ice pass and top-shelf sniper shot.

Trey Goebel netted the goal, with assists from Brodie Ringdal and Mason Engele.

With the game knotted at 1-1, the Marauders began to exert more pressure and rack up the scoring opportunities. Once again, Stewart's solid performance kept the Elks in the match, eventually allowing them to swing the momentum and reclaim the lead after hemming the Marauders in their own end.

Skalicky netted the go-ahead goal, on helpers from Kaiden Couture and Corvan Stewart.

The Elks nearly went up 3-1 moments later, with a beautiful stretch pass that created a breakaway chance. Marauders' netminder Logan Moskal shut-down the scoring opportunity and swung the momentum in Martinsville's favour.

With the Elks falling into a deep shots on goal deficit, the



Parkland Elks forward Peter Bird narrowly misses on a first period scoring opportunity.

Marauders made the most of what they were given, tying the game at 2-2 with a rebound tucked through the five hole. Maddix Mathies scored, with assists from Kael Tebb and Engele.

The Marauders nearly struck again in the waning minutes of the second period, but were denied by a post, allowing the Elks to take a tie game into the third period.

Coming out for the third period, the Elks quickly found

themselves on the defensive, tallying just one shot on goal through the first half of the frame. Thanks to continued strong play in goal by Stewart, the Elks managed to reclaim their lead again, with a lucky bounce on the power play.

Kaiden Couture found himself in the right place at the right time to record the goal, with Tylee Sylvestre and Skalicky earning assists.

The Marauders struck back just 90 seconds later, when

Oakland Flodell found the back of the net on a Martinsville power play. Myles Johnson and Engele assisted on the goal.

Gifted a late power play, the Elks failed to record a single shot on goal. Then, in the final minute of play, the Marauders pinned them deep, racking up scoring chance after scoring chance to take a 4-3 lead with just 50 seconds left. Jack Janzen netted the go-ahead goal, on assists from Johnson and Mathies.

Taking a chance, the Elks pulled their goalie in hopes of forcing overtime. Instead, the Marauders found the empty net to claim a tough 5-3 victory. Goebel scored the empty-netter, with assists from Tebb and Engele.

With the hard-fought defeat, the Elks now sit at 1-18-0-1 on the season. This weekend, the team plays a home and away split, hosting the North West Stars on Friday evening at 7:30 p.m.

On Saturday, they travel to Humboldt for a 4 p.m. showdown with the Broncos.

OBITUARIES

Andy Leroy Anderson

In memory of Andy Leroy Anderson

February 18, 1953 – November 4, 2021

It is with the heaviest of hearts that we announce the passing of Andy Anderson of Penticton, BC, who passed away peacefully with family by his side on November 4, 2021 at the age of 68.

Andy was born in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan on February 18, 1953. He was raised on his family farm but as a young adult he moved to Calgary, Alberta.

He was married to Sam (Marilee) for 47 years.

They built their life in Calgary, Alberta, where they had two children and five grandchildren. They spent 18 years on a beautiful acreage in DeWinton, Alberta, before moving to Penticton, BC, almost seven years ago.

His passion after moving to BC was his yard and "the hill", turning it into the most beautiful oasis of fruit trees, vegetable gardens and flower beds. Not to mention the swimming pool he built himself. As his mini me Cooper would say, "Grandpa could do and fix anything!" And he really could, and if he didn't know how to fix it, he would Google it so he could learn how to fix it. That was Andy, completely. He was such a hard working man, never slowing down.

He was predeceased by his son Jesse Anderson, his father Elis Anderson, his mother Esther Fisher, his step father Arnold Fisher, brother Edward Anderson, sisters Arlene McDonald and Dawn Switenky and his nephew TJ Pike.

His is survived by his wife Sam (Marilee), his daughter Tamara Anderson, his grandchildren Ryder Anderson, Cooper Anderson, Austin Anderson, Kayden Anderson, Liberty Anderson as well as his sisters, Elaine, Vickie, and Wendy, along with many cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was the best husband, father and grandfather anyone could ask for. He would do anything for anyone. Never asking for anything in return. He loved seeing those around him happy.

He fought such a hard fight with various health issues over the years always conquering the unbelievable. Never skipping a beat and never giving up. He fought so hard, even until the end.

Our lives are forever changed and our hearts are completely broken. Not sure how we will move on without him but one thing for sure is we will forever hold him in our hearts and memories.

Tena Mabel Schock (née Buhr)

Tena Mabel Schock (Buhr) was born to Abram and Justina Buhr on July 11, 1922, in Rosenfeld, Manitoba. She was the youngest of nine children.

They moved to Shell Lake when Tena was a child. She attended school at Restall School walking 4 miles each way.

Her mother made her strawberry shortcake with wild strawberries every year for her birthday. When she had taken all the schooling, she wanted she went out working for families as a babysitter, cook and house cleaner.

She met Ryan Schock and when she was 19, they got married on Oct. 24, 1941. They lived on the farm for quite a few years. Judy was born in 1942, Phyllis in 1945 and Eileen in 1952. They then moved into Shell Lake before going to BC for a few years, Ontario for a year then back to BC and then back to Shell Lake, Saskatoon for a year and then they bought the lumber yard in Shell Lake and ran that until they retired. She enjoyed working with Ryan. When she was in her 60's she got her drivers li-

cense and drove for many years. She also became active in the church and the Shell Lake Seniors Club. Being part of the choir was a great joy to her also. Socializing and travelling with friends was another highlight of her retirement years.

After Ryan passed away Tena moved into Schwartz Villa where she lived until she broke her hip in 2015. Confined to a wheelchair she moved into Long-term care in Hafford and then to Shellbrook. She was very content and happy there and enjoyed the staff and the loving care she received.

Tena was an avid reader and an accomplished knitter doing both into her 90's. She was an excellent cook, and the coffee was always on. She loved to garden and can. She loved to hang her laundry outside and had the whitest whites possible.

She loved her family unconditionally; she accepted any changes in her life with grace and courage. She taught us "what will be will be and don't complain"! Not with her words but with her actions! Time spent with family was the most important thing to her and we can't thank the staff in House "C" of Shellbrook Long Term Care enough for the loving care she received when we weren't able to be with her.

Tena is lovingly remembered by her daughter: Eileen (Doug) Johnson, her son-in-law: Gary (Dorothy) Sandercock, her grandchildren: Janet

(David) Martodam, Gary (Brenda) Sandercock, Sandra (Greg) Potts, Jackie Jean-Marie, Carla Helgeton (Dennis), Guy Melton (Christine), Jill (Dan) Cronin, an abundance of great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, and great, great, great grandchildren also numerous nephews, nieces, and cherished friends.

Predeceased by her husband: Ryan Schock (2003), her daughter: Judy Sandercock (2009), her daughter: Phyllis Melton (2018), her sons-in-law: William Melton (1996), Bud Weegar (2015), her great grandson: Joshua Martodam (2009), her parents: Abram and Justina Buhr, her siblings: Lena, Sarah, Eddie, Abram, Justina, Cornelius, Suzie, and Marie.

A Funeral Service was held Thursday, November 25, 2021, at 1:00pm, Shell Lake Lion's Hall, Shell Lake, SK with Rev. Sarah Urano officiating.

Tena's final resting place is with her husband Ryan in the Shell Lake Cemetery.

Donations in Tena's memory may be made to the Parkland Integrated Health Centre, House "C", Shellbrook, SK.

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

Elsie Jean Birkett

BIRKETT – Elsie Jean
Mrs. Elsie "Jean" Birkett passed away peacefully on November 29th, 2021. A private family service will be held on December 11, 2021. A Celebration of Life to be announced for July 2022 at the Birkett Farm.

Mom, Grandma Jean is survived by her son, Wayne Birkett (Muriel); her Grandchildren Clay Birkett (Sonia), Melissa Adams (Jeff) and her Great Grandchildren Jack, Alison, Wylie and Thomas Birkett; Job and Mac Adams; Emma and Abby Forrester; Cousin Bonnie Lamb, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was predeceased by her husband Joseph

Birkett, her parents Zora and Thomas Pollard, Belle and Charles Birkett, her siblings; Ruth (Luke), Blanche (Albert), Lavona, Edna (Bruce), Evelyn (Marvin), Thelma, Nora (Gus), Russell (Mary), Claire (Jim), and Fern (Clare); Sisters in law, Mae, Lucy (Lloyd) Brother in laws Trouper Thomas Birkett, and Bob (Alma).

The late Mrs. Birkett was born on July 26, 1928, in Blaine Lake, Saskatchewan. She married her husband Joseph on November 24, 1947, and moved from her home at Windsor Lake to farm with Joe at Tallman, Saskatchewan. They moved to Blaine Lake, Saskatchewan in retirement in 1980. She left us on November 29, 2021, at the Care Home in Hafford, Saskatchewan.

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, Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK. 306-747-2828.

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All I want for Christmas: Part 2

By Bernadette Vangool

As the person who fields emails for the Saskatchewan Perennial Society, I'm often approached with a variation on the question: "What do I plant on the east side of the house in a six-foot wide flower bed?" I used to think about this and reflect on what is growing at my house in that location and offer some suggestions. But really, the answer is, "Please do your homework." And if that is not an option, hire a landscape designer to come up with a plan for you.

If you are willing to do the work, start by assessing what is, what you would like, and how will you get to your future dream landscape. Creating the Prairie Xeriscape by Sara Williams is an excellent resource for low water, low maintenance landscaping. There are chapters on design, including beds, hardscape and dry riverbeds; irrigation; lawns (how much do you really need?); soil; mulch; and the numerous drought tolerant trees, shrubs, perennials, bulbs and

vines that are hardy on the prairies. Remember, the landscape is a living thing. Trees grow up and provide shade, some perennials are short lived and will need to be replaced, others are brutes and need to be kept in check. You will still need to do the work, but with Sara guiding you through the process the results will be very rewarding. Pay special attention to paths and hardscaping as well as the placement of trees. For the rest, plants are very forgiving to work with and small changes in future years are easy to make.

Now that you have your plan in place, review your trees and shrubs selection. First ensure that your selections will actually fit your space. A 'Dropmore' linden is not a good choice for a small yard as they can become quite large. You may also want to replace some of your ornamental selections with edible trees or shrubs. These days we hear a lot of talk about food security and sustainability, so perhaps now is the time to incorporate those fruit trees. Sara Williams joined forces with Bob Bors of sour cherry and haskap fame at the University of Saskatchewan to produce Growing Fruit for Northern Gardens. This book is very comprehensive and includes most of the fruit that can be grown in our climate. It is fully illustrated with beautiful photographs to guide you to the fruit that is right for you and your yard. It also discusses some of the potential problems you may encounter with specific varieties of fruit. Looking back, I often wish that instead of the

ornamental crabapple, I would have chosen a variety that would have actual edible fruit for me later in the year. Sour cherry and Nanking cherries are the first to bloom and provide a bountiful harvest of cherries that last me through the winter in the form of jam or cherry cakes. If you include haskaps in your landscape, plant them adjacent to one another to make netting easier to prevent birds from harvesting your crop.

How about including some hardy roses in your landscape? Bob Osbourne has recently revamped his previous rose book, published under the new title of Hardy Roses: The Essential Guide for High Latitudes and Altitudes. With the same basic information, it now includes many, many more of the rose varieties that do well in Canada. The ones listed as zones 2 to 3 should be fully hardy on the prairies. Besides the roses detailed by description, photograph, origin and parentage, a list of hardy cultivars is included at the back of the book, including roses that are readily available through nurseries which may or may not be featured elsewhere in the book.

If you are a Lyndon Penner fan, you may also check out his books: The Prairie Short Season Yard; Garden Design for the Short Season Yard and Native Plants for the Short Season Yard.

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Minutes of an R.M. of Blaine Lake meeting

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

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blaine Lake #434 which was held in the RM's Municipal Office, at 118 Main Street, on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2021.

Present Council Members and Administration attended as follows: Gerry Strelieff - Reeve, Michael Chudskov - Division 1, Lee Dolezal - Division 2, Courtney Swystun - Division 3, Alan Lavoie - Division 4, Tim Stupnikoff - Division 5, Glenn Lamontagne - Division 6, Alan Tanchak - Asst. Administrator, and Linda Klimm - Administrator.

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Strelieff at 7 a.m.

Lavoie: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 approves the Sept. 21, 2021, Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Carried

Stupnikoff: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 approves the Sept. 30, 2021, Special Meeting minutes as presented. Carried

Chudskov: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 approves the Oct. 6, 2021, Special Meeting minutes as presented. Carried

Chudskov: That the Coun-

cil of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 accept the September 2021 Statement of Financial Activities, Income Statement, Budgetary Control, Chequing Account Statement, and Bank Reconciliation as informational purposes only. Carried

Chudskov: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 approves the List of Accounts for Approval, including cheques #5463 to #5514 with the total payable amount being \$417,636.34. Carried

Stupnikoff: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 approves the Additional Accounts for payment as presented by Administration, totaling \$4,927.12:

- \$1,128.72 Lake Country Co-op
- \$2,410.90 Brian Verbonac PCO Services
- \$1,387.50 Weber's Excavating & Hauling. Carried

Chudskov: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 approves the presented Council Indemnity totaling \$1,790.00 for payment:

- Lee Aug - Oct \$650
- Gerry Aug - Sept \$182
- Glenn Aug - Oct \$518
- Mike Jul - Sept \$440. Carried

Chudskov: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 move in camera to discuss Per-

sonnel Matters, compliant with s. 120(2) of The Municipalities Act, and on the basis that the discussions that take place during the meeting apply to s. 16(1) (b) and (d) of The Local Freedom of Information and Protection Act, the time being 7:25 a.m. Carried

Strelieff: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 move out of camera, the time being 7:45 a.m. Carried

Dolezal: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake authorize the Administrator to send a letter to Markwart regarding his current lease. Carried

Chudskov: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 move in camera to discuss Public Works, the time being 7:48 a.m. Carried

Dolezal: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 move out of camera, the time being 7:55 a.m. Carried

Thomas Lozochuk met with Council from 8:05 a.m. to 8:17 a.m. and presented Council with a quote for a used fire truck.

Chudskov: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 acknowledge the Certificate of Approval received with the approved subdivision of NW 05-44-06 W3. Carried

Stupnikoff: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake

#434 authorize the payment of Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways Permit #820063 for 2,445 cubic yards (or 1,869.337 cubic metres) of reject gravel at a price of \$1.45 per cubic metre plus GST, or \$2,846.05. Carried

Lorne Zelinsky met with Council from 8:40 a.m. to 9:33 a.m.

Stupnikoff: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 authorize the cleaning of the culvert on the old highway in Division 5 with a cap of \$2,000. Carried

Dolezal: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 authorize the purchase of a Makita compressor with an approximate cost of \$1,450. Carried

Chudskov: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 move in camera to discuss Tax Enforcement Matters, the time being 9:53 a.m. Carried

Stupnikoff: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 move out of camera, the time being 9:58 a.m. Carried

Stupnikoff: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 authorize an abatement for interest with respect to WCB applied to taxes for roll #313 in the amount of \$17,835.36. Carried

Lavoie: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 au-

thorize Powered Mobile Equipment (PME) training for Mark Curry for the amount of \$600 and purchase of a PME manual for \$125. Carried

Tionna Mutch spoke with Council from 10 a.m. to 10:12 a.m.

Stupnikoff: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 adjourn, the time being 10:12 a.m. Carried

Special Meeting Oct. 27

Lavoie: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 hire Weber's Excavating & Hauling to repair Range Road #3061, south of the Blind Line Road at NE 26-44-06 W3, in order to rebuild the road and install a culvert at an estimated cost of \$6,000. Carried

Councillor Tim Stupnikoff declared a Conflict of Interest and he suspended communication with Council at 4:09 p.m.

Chudskov: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 purchase 800 yards of clay at a cost of \$1,600 from River Lot Holdings Inc. and 101134873 Saskatchewan Ltd. Carried

Councillor Tim Stupnikoff reestablished telephone communication with Council at 4:12 p.m.

Lavoie: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 adjourn, the time being 4:15 p.m. Carried

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