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Sask. Film Festival gets under way in Shellbrook



SIFF organizers and special guests took part in a red carpet ribbon cutting to kick off the festival at the opening gala on Saturday, Nov. 26. From left: organizer Joyce Malayba, Uranium Traction CEO Les Esteban, Prince Albert Mayor Greg Dionne, Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe, Shellbrook Mayor Amund Otterson, and organizer Danny Baliad.

The second Saskatchewan International Film Festival (SIFF) kicked off in Shellbrook over the weekend, making the Shellbrook Theatre the centre of the cinematic universe from Nov. 26 to 30.

Featuring 20 films of varying lengths from five countries, including three entries in the Indigenous Film category, the second edition of SIFF promised and delivered everything from comedy to drama, to musicals, to documentaries, some of which dealt with sensitive issues like gender inequality and sexual identity.

Most exciting of all, each of the 20 films were shown on the big screen at the Shellbrook Theatre — a huge change over last year's inaugural SIFF, which was streamed online due to COVID-19

public health protocols.

Before all the action and drama onscreen, however, SIFF kicked off with an opening gala, attended by Premier Scott Moe, Shellbrook Mayor Amund Otterson, Prince Albert Mayor Greg Dionne, a number of other dignitaries, and, of course, avid moviegoers.

The gala also shone a spotlight on Shellbrook, as dancers from Studio 747 took the stage for a musical-inspired number, and a Shellbrook produced film, *Starlight*, was screened.

Premier Moe was the first to speak. Hailing SIFF as an example of something that once would have been thought of as impossible in Saskatchewan, he expressed excitement at the province's continued growth.

"Our province is growing, and it's evolving as we grow," he said. "This festival is welcome recognition that culture is found everywhere in Saskatchewan. As we grow, that culture is much more diverse than it was 10, 20, and 30 years ago. And it's far beyond our major centres. Everywhere across this province, there are so many talented, passionate, and engaged artists that are hard at work."

Along with the province, Saskatchewan's film industry is also growing, Premier Moe said, pointing to the Creative Saskatchewan Feature Film and Television Production Grant, which has grown to \$17.5 million from its original total of \$2 million to meet increased demand.

"There's a growing realization in this

province that we can do anything we set our minds to. Anything that is possible, we can achieve it in this province," he concluded.

The mic was then turned over to Les Esteban, CEO of SIFF main sponsor Traction Uranium, who reflected on the festival's theme of "Bridging People" by fondly recalling his childhood, which was spent renting and watching movies with his family.

"Film has tremendous power. It's not only an escape from our day-to-day lives. It gives us an opportunity to see different places, people, and cultures," he said. "Throughout my childhood, and now with my own family, film is what brings us together."

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Highway 3 twinning officially completed

summer of construction on Highway 3, work to twin the roadway has been complet-

Construction on a \$21.4 million project to twin eight kilometres of the highway from the junction of Highway 2 to the Shell River bridge got under way in

After a second straight April and wrapped up in November. Aecon Transportation West Ltd. handled the construction and the design, which includes a four-lane highway with a concrete median barrier in the centre of the road, four protected T-intersections, and new lighting throughout the corridor.

Premier Scott Moe was on hand last Friday morning, along with Highways Minister Jeremy Cockrill and local stakeholders, to take part in the ribbon cutting marking the completion of the work.

"With the significant growth across our industries, this is an important infrastructure investment," Premier Moe said. "Not only that, it's also an important investment into the safety of the thousands of people who travel it every day."

ority for our government and this investment demonstrates that commitment," Cockrill added. "These improvements will reduce the potential for serious collisions on Highway 3."

With the focus being on safety, speeds will be reduced because of the concrete median barriers, including a 70 km/hr speed from the Nordale Access to the city limits and 90 km/hr to the Shell River Bridge.

Highway 3 - especially the stretch between Prince

 has long been of concern for area residents, with an estimated 414 collisions and 67 fatalities occurring on the roadway over the past decade. However, calls for safety improvements were further amplified after two accidents resulted in three deaths in the lead up to Christmas in 2020.

In the weeks following the fatal accidents, the Ministry of Highways said its 2021 plans for the Highway included three sets of two-kilometre passing lanes kilometres west of Prince Albert and Shellbrook, and improvements to bridges and intersections.

That project, which cost \$9.1 million, was carried out in 2021 and the lanes were officially opened that fall. Facing pressure from municipal leaders and area residents, the government later announced the twinning project.

"We got listening to the people who are around P.A. and Nadine Wilson (Independent Saskatchewan Rivers MLA) was a great advocate for 'Maybe we should do something more," said then-Minister of Highways, Fred Bradshaw, when the project was announced. "We're always looking at safety, and the more she talked, and the more we heard from other people, we decided that it would be best to twin that section."

Apart from the obvious safety reasons for the improvements to Highway 3, the government has also cited economic rationale for carrying out the projects. With the upcoming opening of an OSB Mill in Prince Albert, and efforts underway to get the Prince Albert Pulp Mill up and running again, traffic on the already busy highway is only expected to increase in the coming years.

The Government of Saskatchewan is keeping its 10year Growth Plan commitment to build and improve 10,000 km of provincial roads and highways. The government says planned delivery over the first three years is more than 3,500 km, well ahead of the pace needed to meet our target.

The government has invested \$11.5 billion in highways infrastructure since 2008, improving more than 18,400 km of Saskatchewan highways.

CORRECTION

In the Nov. 17 coverage of the Remembrance Day ceremony at WP Sandin High School, we didn't include the names of all the students who read their Remembrance Day poetry, and instead named only the students who appeared in the published photo. The full list of students is: Matt Muller, Marcail Philp, Emmy Ledding, Navarra Mumm, and Brielle Nahorniak The Chronicle & Herald apologize for the omission.



Highways Minister Jeremy Cockrill (centre-left), and Premier Scott Moe (center-right), take part in a ribbon cutting to mark the completion of the



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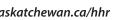
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After more words from Shellbrook Mayor Amund Otterson, who praised SIFF's organizers for partnering with the Parkland Pool Project Committee to benefit the community, and organizers Danny Baliad and Joyce Malayba, trailers for each of the 20 films were presented — some of them in rather humorous fashion by their creators.

There was also some hardware to hand out, as the awards from the 2021 SIFF were formally presented in person. The presentation turned out to be rather easy, as Blind Ambition: The Wop May Story, a short film directed by Frederick Kroetsch and Tom Robinson, took home top honours for best short film, best director, and best cinematography.

Including Malayba and her husband, Renato, SIFF was conceived and founded by six Filipino immigrants who found themselves in Saskatoon for varying reasons (whether it be work, a spouse, or just simple curiosity about what Canada and Saskatoon had to offer). The other four founders are Liza Baliad, Danny Baliad, Maria Shella Bartolome, and Ricky Bartolome.

One day, while talking about their lives in Canada, and how their loved ones back home didn't know much of anything about Saskatoon, the six began brainstorming a project to raise awareness about the city. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit in early 2020, giving some more time to spend on social media or binge-watching Netflix content, the idea for SIFF was born.

In the end, however, the group decided it wasn't enough to just promote and draw people to Saskatoon. Instead, they wanted to bring people to Saskatchewan as a whole. Reflecting this idea, they decided to name their film festival the Saskatchewan International Film Festival.

With promoting film and Saskatchewan as its primary objectives, SIFF will be held in a different community every year.

Due to her personal connection to Shellbrook through Mayor Otterson and late resident George Harrison — who she met in Hong Kong — Shellbrook was already near and dear to Joyce's heart. After she and her husband moved to Canada in 2011, they had both been sought after to practice in the soon-tobe constructed Parkland Integrated Health Centre. As such, it was easy to settle on Shellbrook as the location for this year's SIFF.

The opportunity to do good for the community

 by sharing part of the proceeds with the Parkland Pool Project and all the food concession proceeds with the Shellbrook Theatre — was an added bonus, and something they hope to continue at future festivals in years to come.

In the meantime, with the screenings wrapped up, all that remains is to present this year's SIFF awards. Those will be handed out Saturday, Dec. 3 at TCU Place in Saskatoon.



Shellbrook Mayor Amund Otterson Premier Scott Moe gave a short delivers greetings and opening re-speech to celebrate SIFF.

marks on behalf of the Town of Shellbrook.





Filmmaker Carlee Smith introduces her film, Divorcee at Large, alongside "Twinky Boy," one of the film's characters.









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Sask. Party tells tale of two provinces

When pressured to temporarily suspend the provincial fuel tax – a move that could lower the price at the pumps by as much as 15 cents per litre - Saskatchewan Finance Minister Donna Harpauer made a startling admission.

The pressure was applied by independent Saskatchewan Rivers MLA Nadine Wilson, who brought forth concerns from a rural constituent who is facing a \$10,000 energy bill this year.

Rising during question pe-

riod, Ms. Wilson told the legislature that the senior constituent uses heating fuel because they can't afford \$100,000 to bring a natural gas line to their home. Their bill has nearly doubled given higher prices, she said.

As Sask. Party MLAs used Wilson's line of questioning to criticize the Sask. NDP for its alleged relationship with Jagmeet Singh's federal NDP, Ms. Wilson found an unlikely ally in NDP energy critic Aleana Young, whose party has also been pushing for the suspension of the provincial fuel tax, a reversal of SaskEnergy rate hikes, and other affordability relief measures.

"There is not a single person in the province, from Saskatchewan Rivers to Regina University, who will tell you that they are doing better now than they were a year ago," Ms. Young said.

It was, in essence, business as usual in the legislature. Until Ms. Harpauer spoke to reporters afterward.

"It's not like we have more money," she told them, calling the proposal to axe the provincial fuel tax "another expense."

Ms. Harpauer then rattled off the list of everything the Sask. Party has done for the province's residents, including the \$500 affordability relief cheques, which many are still waiting on, keeping small business taxes low, and paying down the province's debt.

Later, it was reported that a suspension of the provincial fuel tax would cost the government \$507.9 million, robbing funds from vital provincial services.



JORDAN **Twiss** News Editor

the province is apparently strapped for cash marks a stark departure from the Sask. Party's messaging.

For the past few months, the provincial government's rhetoric about how good we have it has been relentless.

This is Saskatchewan's time, we've been told. Riding the tide of high resource revenues, we'll unlock the province's true potential and enjoy "growth that works for everyone."

So which is it? Are we broke? Or is Saskatchewan's economy leading the nation and attracting billions of dollars of investment to the province for the benefit of all of us?

Whatever the answer, the next question remains the same: where is all the money going?

Given recent reports of children waiting up to 20 hours in the ER, and other patients spending as long as three days being treated in hospital hallways, it's apparently not going into our healthcare system, which is currently being pushed to its limits by an influx of respiratory viruses.

The same can be said for the province's 18,000 affordable housing units, 3,000 of which are currently sitting vacant while rates of homelessness in the province climb year after year, and one in four children in the province live in poverty (one of the highest rates in the country).

Meanwhile, many other units are reported to be in varying states of disrepair, or infested with cockroaches, rats, mice, and bats. Or, in extremely rare cases, they're blowing up, as was the case recently with a fourplex in Regina.

And the money's also not going to seniors, who haven't seen an increase to the Personal Care Home Benefit in a decade. Many are even having their benefits clawed back, because the Sask. Party government is using increases to federal benefits as a pretext to cut provincial benefits intended to assist seniors with rising costs of living.

Increasing rates of homelessness and

injuries over the past three years, only put further strain on the province's already overburdened healthcare system.

It's a vicious cycle, and the Sask. Party government seems to lack either the will or the ability to end it – even though taking concrete action to fight homelessness and poverty would save the province money in the long run.

In 2019, the Saskatchewan Health Quality Council published a report examining the costs of poverty in the province. For 2010, a time well before the current affordability crisis we find ourselves in, those costs were pegged at \$3.8 billion per year. This includes \$420 million in heightened healthcare costs, \$50 to \$120 million in additional spending in the criminal justice system, \$2.6 billion in lost contributions to GDP and taxes, and \$720 million in increased social assistance spending.

If the province is truly strapped for cash, as the finance minister implied, perhaps this squandered money is one of the reasons why.

Whatever the reason, having doled out \$450 million to the people of the province through its \$500 affordability cheques, with little critical thought about who could use the relief most. Ms. Harpauer's proclamation that than 1,200 ER visits for cold weather move on as if the affordability crisis is province's most vulnerable.

over - even as other policies, like the PST expansion, and SaskPower and SaskEnergy rate hikes, make daily life less affordable.

Instead, it's focused on the real issues of the day, like its utterly pointless and overly political Saskatchewan First Act, or its equally political amendments to the province's Trespass to Property Act, or community safety measures like the Saskatchewan Marshals Service, which won't do anything to help anyone until at least 2026.

To borrow a line from federal Conservative Party Leader Pierre Poilievre, the Sask. Party government is out of touch, and the people of Saskatchewan are out of money.

After 15 years of a majority mandate, it seems this government has forgotten the province's motto, Multis e gentibus vires – From many peoples, strength.

Worded differently, the strength of Saskatchewan is its people. It's the people who drive the nation-leading economy the Sask. Party always boasts about. It's the people who make this province a great place to live, work, and raise a

The Sask. Party needs to remember this, and invest in those who need it poverty, which have resulted in more the Sask. Party seems determined to most. For we are only as strong as our



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Report from the Legislature

A growing economy in Saskatchewan has allowed our government to expand investments in the programs and services that make a difference. These initiatives benefit our most vulnerable residents while supporting the needs of a growing population.

A strong province is one where everyone benefits from growth. This fall, your Saskatchewan Party Government introduced new legislation that will create a more inclusive and accessible province for all people. The Accessible Saskatchewan Act will establish standards and regulations that will lead the way to support people with disabilities. Following the principle of "Nothing about us, without us", this new legislation will continue to engage the community in



this important work.

We will lead by example with this new legislation. To ensure organizations are supported, the proposed legislation will apply to the government first, including rolling out an accessibility plan. The legislation includes an Accessibility Advisory Committee, with at least half of the members be-

ing persons with disabilities or from organizations representing people with disabilities. We will increase public awareness of issues impacting the community through the Saskatchewan Accessibility Office, which will monitor compliance concerns. The legislation will also recognize sign language as the primary form of communication for people who are deaf. By introducing these changes, we are working to create a province where persons with disabilities can fully partic-

Our government is embarking on a new oneyear pilot project to deliver services to victims of human trafficking. Partnering with Hope Restored Canada, we are investing \$150,000 to expand secure housing, counselling, treatment and life skills programs. This initiative results from months of work with Hope Restored Canada to support victims as they heal from the trauma inflicted and pave a new path for their lives.

Supporting Saskatchewan's efforts to prevent interpersonal violence and abuse, our government endorses the new National Action Plan to End Gender-Based Violence. Unveiled in Nova Scotia at the 40th Annual Meeting of Ministers Responsible for the Status of Women, the action plan is a collaboration between governments, stakeholders and Indigenous organizations. Implementing the National Action Plan will build on the initiatives already in place, including the \$25 million in annual support Saskatchewan currently provides.

As Saskatchewan continues to grow, our government is working to



provide more support to families. A \$28.9 million joint investment with the Government of Canada will see nearly 2,200 new regulated childcare spaces across the province. With this announcement. Saskatchewan will have just shy of 23,000 regulated childcare spaces, well on our way to creating 28,000 spaces by the end of March 2026 and reducing fees to \$10 a day. On average, 70 per cent of childcare fees have now been reduced in Saskatchewan thanks to the Canada-Saskatchewan Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement.

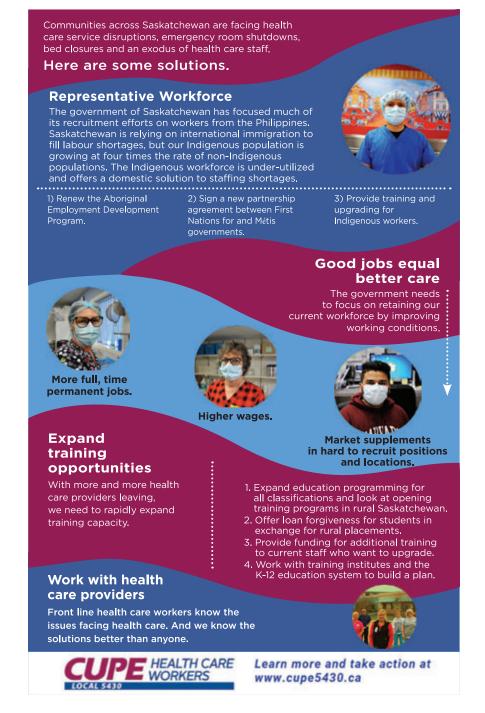
Seniors across the province will see more financial support in the coming months. This year, our government increased the maximum monthly benefit through the Senior's Income Plan by \$30 per month, with a second \$30 increase approved for 2023/24. Around \$34 million in annual funding helps support 14,500 low-income seniors in the province.

Increased investments are made possible by the strong economy. Our government will continue to make sure all residents see the benefits. New private investment, more jobs, and higher resource revenues support expanding these important government services. That's growth that works for everyone.

Parkside Derby donates \$1,000 to food bank



The Parkside Demolition Derby continued its legacy of smashing things for a good cause, donating \$1,000 to the Shellbrook and Area Ministerial Food Bank as it readies to distribute its annual Christmas food hampers to families in need. Pictured: Food bank representative Dave Bodvarson accepts the cheque from Parkside Community Club president Jory Segberg.



Silvertips drop to 1-5 with road losses

assists from Ethan Beaulac and Jayden Skauge to

close the gap to 3-1. Later, with just 14 seconds left on

the clock, Dicus netted his second goal of the night,

unassisted, to give the Tips a fighting chance as the

With the momentum from the previous period be-

hind them, the Tips knotted the game at 3-3 early in

the frame on a goal from Nathaniel Martin. Dorin

But it was all downhill from here for the Tips, as

the Huskies rebounded and reclaimed control of the

game, pulling out to a 4-3 lead near the end of the

second period. Spencer netted the go-ahead goal,

action moved to the second period.

The rough ride for the Shellbrook Silvertips continues, as the team nears the midway point of the 2022-2023 regular season campaign.

The Tips hit the road for back-to-back games against the middle-of-the-pack Hanley Huskies and the undefeated Willow Cree Chiefs, desperate to get back in the win column and turn their season around. Instead, they returned home with a double dose of defeat.

Elks (3) @ Huskies (6)

The Tips' Saturday night game against the Hanley Huskies went wrong out of the gate, leaving the Tips playing catch up just 37 seconds into the action. Josh Anderson raced down the ice and scored for the Huskies, earning an assist from Ethan Hill.

Though the game settled down quickly after this, the Huskies continued to get the better of the action and soon went up 2-0 on a goal from Tyler Spencer, assisted by Jake Schlosser and Carson Bogdan.

As the period continued, the Tips did themselves no favours by taking a penalty, allowing the Huskies' powerplay to go to work. Conor Prosofsky made sure the man advantage wasn't wasted, scoring on assists from Sammy Gogol and Spencer.

Already down 3-0, the Tips finally got to work on a powerplay of their own, as Devin Dicus scored on with assists from Micah Abbott and Anderson. Back on the powerplay early in the third period, the Huskies needed just seven seconds to make the Tips

Canaday earned the lone assist on the goal.

pay for the mistake, as Abbott tallied on assists from Anderson and Hill.

Closing out another tough defeat for the Tips, Sammy Gogol scored late to give the Huskies a 6-3 win. Spencer supplied the only assist on the goal.

Elks (0) @ Chiefs (9)

Following their mauling at the hands of the Hanley Huskies, the Tips travelled to Beardy's & Okemasis' Cree Nation to face-off with the undefeated Willow Cree Chiefs, knowing they'd have to play their best hockey of the season to stand a chance of winning.

Unfortunately, they quickly found themselves outclassed by their opponents, and fell behind 2-0 within the first six minutes of the match, en route to a 9-0

Trent Campbell started the scoring for the Chiefs, receiving assists from Lucas Seesequasis and Talon Thomas. Dustin Perillat tallied next, with Tylin Cameron providing the only assist on the goal.

The Chiefs piled on the goals in the second frame, scoring four times in total to go up 6-0. Campbell got the scoring started again, receiving assists from Seesequasis and Perillat then Blake Thomas netted a goal with helpers from Darwin Morin and Justice Gardypie.

Canadä

Later in the frame, Tylin Cameron tallied twice for the Chiefs, earning assists from Thien Gamble and Darian Clark on the first goal, and helpers from Clark and Seesequasis on the second.

Moving to the third period, the Chiefs struck again within the first minute. Darwin Morin scored the goal, with assists from Perillat and Campbell.

On a late powerplay (one of only three the Chiefs had in what was a very clean game), Morin scored with assists from Talon Thomas and Chris Mike. And finally, Cameron earned himself a hat trick in the last minute of play to push the score to 9-0. Gamble and Campbell assisted on the goal.

With the pair of losses, the Tips now sit at 1-5 on the season. This coming weekend, they'll play a home and road split, welcoming the Kinistino Tigers to the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre on Saturday night, and travelling to Allan for a showdown with the Allan Flames Sunday evening.

No senior hockey for Spiritwood this season

There will be no senior hockey at the Spiritwood & District Recreation Centre this season. In a post on Facebook on Nov. 27, the Spiritwood Timberwolves announced they would not be taking the ice.

"It is very unfortunate

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that The Spiritwood

Timberwolves do not have a senior team this

year. It not only hurts

the committed players to

not be able to wear this

jersey for the season, it

also hurts their fami-

ly members, long time

committed fans and re-

tired players to not see

the wolves take the ice," the post said. "It's nobody's fault that the team had to take the year off. [Being] surrounded by other communities that are also trying to keep their senior hockey team alive makes it tough on every team in the area to roster a full committed team. We kept admission to a minimum to ensure people could come watch their sons, grandsons, and friends play a game we love while donning a jersey we all dreamt of wearing as kids. We wish the best to our players who joined the Glaslyn North Stars in their first

The post concluded with hope that the Spiritwood Timberwolves will return to the ice again "in a future season."

season back."

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We thank all who apply and advise that only those selected for further consideration will be contacted



Ag education provides valuable life skills

In terms of education, I count myself among those who are a fan of the efforts of Agriculture in the Classroom.

While I am of an age where most kids had a close tie to farming, whether through family or someone they would at least visit at times, today that is far from the case.

Now, I don't think it's particularly necessary to know how to raise a chicken and collect eggs. Those are skills you simply won't ever use – in Yorkton, the city even rejected a request to allow for regulated backyard laying hens based on concerns from the Protective Services Commission.

And therein is why you might at least want to know where eggs come from, and how farmers make sure we have safe eggs to eat, because if 'protective services' had issues with hens within their purview of protecting the community, there would seem to have been a lack of understanding about the birds.

A rogue hen wandering down a residential street is hardly a public threat, and if the concern was attracting foxes and coyotes, then cats might be banned as well, and restaurant garbage better policed.

So, understanding where our food comes from is important.

A larger question is should youth learn how to grow food?

My grandparents would likely do the proverbial roll over in their graves to think people



wouldn't know how to grow a garden.

They had green thumbs that extended up to their elbows, and back then in Tisdale, Sask., the majority of homes would have had a garden.

Today we make much of our food security, but often prefer a yard covered in concrete and gazebos over sweating in the garden growing carrots.

It's understandable

from the sense we trust the system to have food on the shelves whenever we go.

The COVID pandemic, and now whatever is conspiring to make lettuce and other food items so expensive, are showing us shortages can occur in our world, and lettuce grown hundreds of miles away may not always be affordable.

Maybe our front yards should be a potato patch, and city boulevards should grow corn for community food banks, but that seems like an unlikely scenario anytime soon.

So, does teaching kids how to garden matter?

Probably not, since the opportunities to use the skill is limited, and an internet search is great for

finding 'how-to' videos.

That said maybe youth do learn something intrinsic about food by getting their hands dirty in growing their future lunch.

What is more intriguing from Agriculture in the Classroom Saskatchewan is its launch of a new educational resource to help prepare students for life outside of the classroom.

"The Food Security Budget Game helps students explore the obstacles preventing food security and learn the skills of budgeting and cost-effective food choices. Based on the latest data from Statistics Canada, 5.8 million Canadians, including 1.4 million children, lived in food insecure households in

2021," noted a release.

"The Food Security Budget Game helps high school students develop important life skills," says Sara Shymko, Executive Director of AITC-SK. "Students learn that many families are only a paycheck or unexpected expense away from food insecurity. It is imperative that students understand the barriers and challenges of food security, and why budgeting is so important to financial stability."

These are skills that are critical – understanding that while soft drinks might be cheaper than milk, they are not a better choice, and how to be careful with purchases because, for most, money is always more limited than we might like.

APAS supports farmers' right to repair equipment

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) reiterates its steadfast support for Saskatchewan farmers' right-to-repair their equipment. Competition is essential in agriculture input markets, there is limited competition however for repairs. Farmers own equipment but lack the tools to make rapid repairs when systems are protected behind copyright.

"Most equipment manufacturers build in software protections that restrict a farmers ability to perform basic diagnostics, maintenance or repair of their own equipment," noted Ian Boxall, APAS President. "APAS members believe that when you own the equipment, you also should have the right to repair it in a manner that makes sense for your farm."

House of Commons Bill C-244 An Act to amend the Copyright Act was introduced in February 2022 and passed Second Reading on October 5, 2022. A key principle in the Bill is to enable farmers access to the software and computer programs being used in their equipment.

"We respect the manufacturers right to protect their intellectual property and the Copyright Act provides them protection from anything being copied or distributed," noted Boxall. "At the same time, we want farmers to be able to find the most cost-effective solution when they need to repair their equipment and we support a market-based approach."

"Access to professional repair can be difficult during critical times, and with the increased digitization of farm machinery, a new complexity has been added," stated Boxall. "Farmers have for years used their own grit and knowhow to do these repairs. However, with digital locks, inaccessible diagnostics tools, and part shortages the ability of producers to do this work is limited."

Almost 20 States in the United States and numerous European countries are developing legislation to address this issue. "There is more work to be done and it will be in everyone's interests to ensure clarity and understanding on this issue before these amendments are finalized," stated Boxall.

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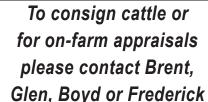
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Main Street Gallery features four local artists

An art show entitled "One For The Many" debuted at the Spiritwood Main Street Gallery on Friday, Nov. 18 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The show features the works of four local artists, including Alison Sullivan, Mavis Hunt Bellisle, Dolores Rey (Beauchesne), and Rick Pilling.

This is the Main Street Gallery's fifth year of showcasing artists from Spiritwood and beyond, after it opened its doors in 2017 with a showcase by Pilling.

This show will be on display until November 2023.

Main organizer, Heather Beauchesne, started the event by welcoming the crowd and sharing a few introductory words about the artists.

"Four individuals, Alison Sullivan, Mavis Bellisle, Dolores Rey, and Rick Pilling, in particular, hold this beautiful, arduous, life balance. Although, to the majority, each is likely known for his/her labour related title, these artists in practice can equally be defined by a

unique creative perspective, technique, and intention," she said.

"It is to their solitude and devotion in their creative discipline that we need to attribute, as a community, the opportunity to view ourselves and the world around us with perhaps a different lens. It is here that the work of one may then become the growth of the many."

Formal introductions for each artist were presented around 6 p.m. as follows:

Alison Sullivan grew up on the rivers and trails of eastern Ontario. She attended the University of Guelph, completing her Bachelor's degree in 2015 and her Master's degree in 2018. Sullivan moved to Spiritwood, Sask. in 2017, where she obtained work with local corporation Fast Genetics. While her days are occupied by data analysis, her personal time is consumed by paintbrush, palette, and canvas. Sullivan has dabbled in many mediums and subjects over the years, but has found

most enjoyment working with oils and the visual capture of nature. Her recent work features native plants of Saskatchewan, a topic of interest and research that has consumed Sullivan since settling in the west.

Mavis Hunt Bellisle, born and raised in the flat lands of Kinistino, Sask., found herself in Spiritwood in 1970. She soon married her partner in 1971 and went on to raise four spectacular children on their mixed farm. While the children attended school, Mavis attended local art classes. She went on to study under renowned ceramicists Sandy Ledingham, Charley Farrero and Gail Carlson, and studio artists Graham Flatt and Roger Trottier. Bellisle has extended her art education to annual peer influenced artist retreats in Flin Flon, Manitoba. Through painterly layers of acrylics and oils, she offers expressions of her unfaltering fondness of the ever-changing colors of the aspen and pines in the nearby hills of her sheep pasture.

Dolores Rev (Beauchesne) was born in Leoville and raised in Spiritwood. She attended the University of Saskatchewan and graduated with a Bachelor of Education degree in 1981. She

Rick Pilling discusses his art with the crowd at Spiritwood's Main Street Gal-

taught in the Greater Saskatoon Catholic School system until she retired in 2011. Although still an active member in her community and caring for grandchildren in her retirement, she was inspired to undertake the formal study of art and fundamentals with studio instructor Joanne Marchildon. In time, Rey carried on to pursue extended training at the Gail Adams School of Art. Rey is a landscape artist; her palette and subjects are inspired by the natural world around her. She captures the texture and essence of our natural world

with chalk pastels applied to suede board.

Rick Pilling, born and raised in Spiritwood, obtained his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Saskatchewan in 2000, graduating with both Great Distinction and Distinguished Exhibition. He augmented his formal studies with multiple trips to major galleries and art centers in the Middle East, Europe and North America. These endeavors have since culminated in a clear influence from European classical traditions and have solidified his interests in figurative painting. In 2008 Pilling attained his Master of Fine Arts from the University of Saskatchewan, during which time his large-scale narrative paintings were concentrated in the genre of portraiture. He continued to create acrylic and oil-based paintings, primarily in portraiture, until 2011 when he took on an initially intended temporary position with a Saskatchewan-based carbon technology start-up company. His involvement with the start-up continues to this day, and although his current position of Operations Manager at Titan Clean Energy keeps him extremely busy, Pilling has finally been able to regenerate his art practice after almost a decade out of studio.

After each artist's introduction, there was an open question for the crowd to engage with every artist. Questions asked ranged between their work technique, the subject matter, and their future plans for their

Once the Q&A session was over, guests had the opportunity to mingle and take in the artwork on dis-

Heather Beauchesne said cessful turnout.

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Canwood Royal Purple holds online auction

The Canwood Royal Purple's third Annual online auction was held from Nov. 23 to Nov. 27. Again, this year's response for donations was very positive! With 90 items donated for the auction, and the help of very generous bidders, we were able to raise enough funds to pay at least two months of utility bills at the Canwood Elks Community Centre. Monetary donations were also plentiful this year, and support came not just from Canwood, but from the surrounding communities as well.





Pictured are a couple of the items up for grabs in the Canwood Royal Purple's third Annual online auction fundraiser.

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Spiritwood Pioneer Centre receives \$1,000 donation



Spiritwood's Pioneer Centre was recently the beneficiary of a generous donation of \$1,000 by one of its members Alma Latus. Pictured: Pioneer Centre president Armand Smith (left) and treasurer Helen Mack (right) accept the cheque from Alma Latus.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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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 - 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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SPIRITWOOD: Witchekan Wildlife Federation - Horn Scoring, Saturday, December 17, 4pm to 8pm, Ag Barn is Spiritwood.

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Ottawa approves Sask. Output-Based Performance Standards Program

The provincial government has received confirmation that a provincial plan has been approved to replace the federally imposed carbon tax on industrial emitters in the province, effective Jan. 1, 2023. The Saskatchewan Output-Based Performance Standards (OBPS) Program meets the requirements for the 2023-2030 federal carbon pricing benchmark, including the addition of the electricity generation and natural gas transmission pipeline sectors.

All industrial carbon taxes will now stay in Saskatchewan, saving Saskatchewan industry (and the jobs and families these industries support) an estimated \$3.7 billion in federal carbon taxes between now and 2030 compared to federal carbon pricing.

"Now more than ever, the world needs food and energy security - and that means the world Saskatchewan and our clean and sustainable, food, fuel and fertilizer," Environment Minister Dana Skoropad said. "This is not the time for federal climate policies that risk undermining our economic growth and prosperity. Our plan will allow industries to grow and operate sustainably while maintaining our economic competitiveness as a province."

With industrial carbon pricing under provincial control, the number of facilities in Saskatchewan's OBPS Program is expected to double by 2030. Regulated emitters will receive credit for every tonne of carbon emissions under their permitted amount, creating incentives to reduce emissions.

"We're very pleased to hear the announcement from today and appreciate the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment and Environment and Climate Change Canada for all of the efforts taken to date," Director of Regulatory Affairs and Sustainability for Mosaic Jessica Theriault said. "This decision will not only contribute to ensuring that our Mosaic sites in Saskatchewan remain competitive around the

world, but further supports our ESG commitments and continued role in helping to feed the world."

The Saskatchewan OBPS Program will also include credit for carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS), which supports Saskatchewan's

CCUS strategy. Regulated emitters will have the option to pay into the Saskatchewan Technology Fund, which will create incentives for industry to develop and implement technologies that contribute to meaningful reductions in greenhouse gas emissions intensity.

Doucette wins Nov. dessert



The winner of the Spiritwood Public Library's November dessert of the month was Dana Doucette. The dessert was made and presented by library board member Ruth French.

Wild Rose 4-H holds first meeting

By Alea Beaulac

The Wild Rose 4-H Beef Club held its organizational meeting on Thursday, Nov. 10, at the Wild Rose School. We have 16 club members that will be showing a variety of market steers, heifers, and cow/calves this year.

Our new club executive is president Shelby Woytiuk, vice president Layla Dorko, treasurer Allison Oleskyn, secretary Shannon Brodacki, and reporters Alea Beaulac and Jaici Woytiuk.

The general leader is Brenda Beaulac, assistant general leader is Jennifer Gagne, and project leaders are Jody Woytiuk, Terry Oleksyn, and Nicole Forrest. We will be having steer weigh day Dec. 4, which was decided at this meeting along with other project activities.

Praise & Worship

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

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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Pastor Bob Wrench
306-468-2138
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Mistawasis Sunday worship 11:00 a.m. Rev. Katherine Bretzlaff

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Parkside 11 a.m. - Worship

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Sunday Service - 9 a.m.
St. Andrew's - Shellbrook
Sunday, 11 a.m. Service
Canwood - Christ Church
Sunday, 2 p.m. - Service
Rev. Wendell Brock
306-460-7696
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MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCH

Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel 109 Railway Ave. W. Blaine Lake 306-497-3316 Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Worship

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11:00 a.m. - Worship
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Summer: 10:30 a.m. - 12
306-469-2258
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Regular services, Sunday school and special services will be listed.

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Enough already with gambling commercials

It's time for the annual multiple-choice sports quiz:

- 1. Police, ambulance and heavy security is required at: a) An outdoor speech given by the prime minister; b) A Justin Bieber concert; c) A Flames-Oilers game.
- 2. Milwaukee Bucks' star Giannis Antetokounmpo has: a) An inside track to the NBA's Hall of Fame; b) A per-game point average above 30; c) A surname that would stump even the world's spelling bee champion.
- 3. Definitely not needed in Toronto: a) More 'Centre of the Universe' references; b) Injuries to key Raptors, Leafs, or Blue Jays players; c) A Stanley Cup parade planner.
- 4. Sports television viewers could use less of: a) Replays and slow-mo shots of gruesome injuries; b) Shots of rambunctious fans brandishing silly signs; c) Gambling commercials.
- 5. Another name for the LIV golf tour: a) The Multi-Millionaires tour;

b) The Never-Miss-A-Cut Tour; c) The Professionals' Retirement Tour.

- 6. What goes downhill at breakneck speed? a) A World Cup skier in the Alps; b) A car in the mountains with brake failure; c) Green Bay Packers Super Bowl chances.
- 7. Ultimate success for an NHL team this year means: a) Capturing the Stanley Cup; b) Playing in front of capacity crowds at home games; c) Winning the Connor Bedard sweepstakes.
- 8. Which team will free agent Aaron Judge sign with? a) The Yankees, because of the familiarity with his longtime team; b) The Braves, because of its 'Aaron' home-run hitting connection; c) The Giants, because the 6-foot-7, 282-pound outfielder is one.
- 9. Qatar is best known for: a) Hosting the 2022 World Cup of Soccer; b) Major oil producer but questionable record in the area of human rights; c) Not having a 'U' following the 'Q.



- Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "The Colts hired Jeff Saturday, who has zero coaching experience, as their coach. They should hire former baseball great Rick Monday, hockey player Tim Friday and Spanish soccer player Stephen Sunday as consultants. And Wednesday Adams while they're at it."
- Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "If Tuesday Weld divorced Rick Monday for cheating on her with 'Our Girl Friday' and then Weld married Jeff Saturday, the headline would be: "Tuesday moves past Monday

and Friday to get to Saturday."

- Bianchi again, on 'Fat Bear Week' in Alaska, when bears gorge on salmon before going into hibernation: "Hey, that sounds like Nick Saban on National Signing Day!"
- Sam Farmer of the L.A. Times, on Twitter: "When they are designing the statue of Justin Jefferson in downtown Minneapolis, I suggest having him catch Mary Tyler Moore's hat."
- Vic Tafur of The Athletic, on Raiders' coach Josh McDaniels losing to newly hired and inexperienced coach Jeff Saturday and the Indianapolis Colts in Saturday's first game: "That's like Garry Kasparov walking into Central Park and getting checkmated by a guy with mustard stains on his sweatshirt."
- Retired NHLer Daniel Sedin, at the Hall of Fame induction ceremony where he and twin brother Henrik were inducted, from The Athletic: "I want to thank whoever it

was that selected me to speak first. It reminds me of draft day."

- Buffalo columnist Budd Bailey, during the recent major snowfall in western New York: "So one station in Orchard Park reports 66 inches of snow. To put that in perspective, Jose Altuve is 66 inches tall."
- From the parody website The Beaverton: "Sidney Crosby: "I would never let my children play hockey. The risk of getting drafted by Edmonton is too high."
- Jack Finarelli, at sports curmudgeon.com: "(Las Vegas Raiders) are not mathematically eliminated from the playoffs just yet but if those playoff chances were in human form, they would be in an ICU somewhere."
- Dwight Perry of the Seattle Tines: "UFC's Dana White is creating slap-fighting league in which two contestants trade slaps called Power Slap, set to launch in 2023 with an eight-episode series that airs on

TBS. So will actor Will Smith be a first-round draft pick?"

- Dolphins coach Mike McDaniel, to reporters, when asked about his relationship with NFL referees: "It's not monogamous."
- Another one from Mike Bianchi, on complaints about TV and big money holding too much sway in college football: "That battle was lost long ago when people were still using phone booths and sending handwritten letters."
- Another one from Perry: "Mavericks star Luca Doncic and his mother, Mirjam Poterbin, are squabbling over who owns the trademark to 'Luka Doncic 7,' and have taken their case to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. In her defence, back when he was born she did have his original naming rights."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Elks win two straight over weekend

For the first time in the past two seasons, the Parkland U18 AA Elks are on a win streak, after they picked up two big victories over the weekend.

The Elks were coming off a pair of tough 3-2 losses in solid performances against the Prince Albert Vulcans and the Saskatoon Icehawks — both teams that rank higher than them in the Centre Four Division standings.

Facing the Saskatoon Sabercats at home, then the West Central Wheat Kings in Unity, the Elks kicked their offence into overdrive to return to the win column in decisive fashion.

Elks (8) vs Sabercats (1)

Friday night's home game against the Saskatoon Sabercats could have easily been a blowout for the Sabercats, if a few bounces had gone the other way. Though, the Elks came out strong and fast to set the early pace of the game, they soon found themselves struggling to keep up.

The quick start came back to bite them, as the Sabercats drew first blood on a deflection by Ethan Tetu. Nate Berezowski and Sedrik Murfitt assisted on the goal.

The Elks bounced back after this, knotting the game at 1-1 with a beautiful shot from the point by Tavis Galloway, assisted by Brody Anderson and Luke Evans.

Rather than finding themselves back in the game after tying it, the Elks struggled to connect on passes, apply any lasting pressure in the offensive zone, or direct shots at the Sabercats' goal. Despite being outshot 18-8, they managed to escape the period with the score still tied at 1-1.

Picking up where they left off, the Sabercats continued to rack up the shots and scoring opportunities through the first few minutes of the second period, while the Elks held on thanks to the strength of Keegan Dansereau's goaltending.

Finally, a breakaway goal for Cody Morash, assisted by Colton Sommerfeld, allowed the Elks to take their first lead of the game and slowly turn the momentum of the game in their favour. And after the Sabercats missed a wide-open net, the Elks' Kaiden Couture made them pay for it by putting his team up 3-1.

With the Elks beginning to find their rhythm, a power play proved to be the perfect opportunity for them to grow their lead to 4-1, as Sommerfeld struck with assists from Chase Hansen and Couture. Having surrendered four goals on 15 shots, the Sabercats' starting goalie, Ashton Olson, was replaced by backup Logan Lux.

Things weren't any easier for Lux, as the Sabercats continued their defensive meltdown, allowing Kendon Skalicky to take a beautiful pass from behind the Sabercats' goal and redirect it into the net. Corvan Stewart and Couture assisted on the play.

The Sabercats finally got their skates back underneath them as time wound down in the period, and they began to rack up some good scoring opportunities. The Elks, meanwhile, spent much of the rest of the period icing the puck to ease the pressure. Indeed, they failed to tally another shot on goal in the last eight minutes of the frame, finding themselves down 37-17 in shots on goal, but somehow up 5-1 on the scoreboard.

Mirroring the second period, all the Elks had to do was score, and the momentum of the game was theirs. Kamden Shewchuk netted the first goal on a messy offensive zone face-off, receiving an assist from Brody Anderson.

From here on, the Elks gradually closed the shots on goal gap and controlled much of the action. After tempers flared up late in the frame, the Elks' powerplay came up with a big goal on a beautiful cross-crease pass. Bronson Parker netted the goal, with helpers from Tyson Gagnon and Stewart.

As time wound down, the Elks kept pouring it on, ending the game on a high note with Cody Morash's second goal of the night. Ashton Harris earned the lone assist on the play, which gave the Elks an 8-1 win (the team's highest goal tally over the past two seasons).

Elks (6) @ Wheat Kings (3)

If getting shots on the net has been one of the most consistent struggles for the Elks, it certainly wasn't an issue when the team travelled to Unity on Saturday night for a showdown with the West Central Wheat Kings.

The Elks racked up 52 shots on goal through 60 minutes of action, and completely dominated the first 30 minutes of the game.

Despite the strong outing, it took the Elks until close to the end of the first period to tally on an unassisted goal from Brody Anderson.

In the second period, however, the goals came fast and furious in the first 10 minutes. Luke Evans got the highlights started early, scoring on assists from Kamden Shewchuk and Anderson, then Corvan Stewart tallied on a helper from Jake Boettcher.

On the powerplay, the Elks went up 4-0 on a goal from Chase Hanson, assisted by Kaiden Couture and Colton Sommerfeld.

The period belonged to the Wheat Kings after this, as Dawson Rusk and Chase Douglas scored unassisted goals to close the gap to 4-2. And early in the third period, Chase Weinkauf added on another unassisted goal to pull the Wheat Kings to within one.

The Elks' powerplay once again proved to be dangerous, allowing Stewart to score his second goal of the evening with an assist from Bronson Parker.

Rounding out the scorecard, Parker got on the board late to give the Elks a 6-3 victory.

Now sitting at 5-7-1-0 on the season, the Elks have climbed to 8th in the Centre Four conference standings.

They have a busy weekend coming up, with a home game against the West Central Wheat Kings on Friday night, and a road game against the North West Stars on Sunday afternoon.

OBITUARIES

Benny Bruce Bittner



Benny Bruce Bittner -It is with great sadness that our family announce the passing of Ben on November 14, 2022, at the age of 69 years. Ben passed away after a brief courageous, gracious journey

Ben was born November 21, 1952 in Shellbrook to Rudolph and Ottelia Bittner. Ben was the 5th born of nine siblings. He was raised on the family farm in Yankee Valley district, eight miles south of Parkside.

with cancer.

Ben attended school in Yankee Valley, Parkside and Shellbrook. After graduating in 1970 he moved to Edmonton to work for his cousins Marvin and Art Bittner (Bittner Bros. Construction), which sparked his love for construction. In 1980, Ben started his own company Ben Bittner Construction. Ben took great pride in the quality of his workmanship, attention to detail, and square walls. His career in construction lasted for 42 years, until his health wouldn't allow him to continue. Over the years Ben has often been called upon for advice and or to assist as a "building inspector" of homes for family and friends (potential buyers). Some of Ben's employment was a building inspector, CMHC Prince Albert, Shellbrook IGA, Lake Country Construction, Spiritwood, driving rock trucks, welder's helper and labourer at Fort Mc-

Murray. Over the past few years, Ben enjoyed driving combine during harvest time. Ben really missed being there this past fall, working and socializing with his harvesting family and friends.

In his younger years, he loved playing ball and hockey, especially playing with Parkside Packers. He carried over his love of playing into coaching ball, ringette and hockey, spending special time with his daughters, grandchildren and friends. Ben was a little competitive, but mostly he wanted everyone to be their best. Ben taught his children the value of hardwork and respect. He was so proud of his family, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Ben was a special man "one of a kind". We will miss Ben's incredible smile, twinkle in his eyes, mischievous sense of humour, advice and the kindest heart so full of love.

On July 20, 1974 Ben married Betty Schapansky. Together they built a life and a family that has been full of love.

Ben is lovingly by, remembered his wife Betty Bittner; his daughters, son-in-law's, grandchildren and great grandchildren; Regan **Bittner** (Sheldon Jupe) family, and Jordan Bittner and his daughters Kallia & Charlee; and Chase Wutzke; Candice Benson (Leeland) and family, Hadley, Javon, and Tyne Benson; Brynn **Bittner** (Clint Tiringer) and family, Payton Sanders and Jake Sanders; his siblings, Ernie (Vicki) Bittner; Edith (Murray) Dahl; Baverley (Bill) Loth; Norma (Bob) Beck; Sharri (Curtis) Mortensen; Debbie (Murray) Kvinlaug; Bittner (Danny Rick Barkhouse); his brothersin-law, David Moe; Milton (Paulette) Schapansky;

his sisters-in-law, Marlene Rausch; Diana Schapansky; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Ben was predeceased by, his parents Rudolph & Ottelia Bittner; his granddaughter, Kayla Schmalz; his sister, Vivian Moe; his parents-inlaw, Jake and Margaret Schapansky; his brothersin-law, Milen Schapansky and William Schapansky; his sisters-in-law, infant Darlene Schapansky and Audrey Donald.

The Celebration of Life for Ben was held on his birthday, November 21, 2022, at the Shellbrook Community Hall with Pastor Chris Dean officiating. The eulogy was read by Ben's daughters, Regan Bittner, Candice Benson, and Brynn Bittner. There was a private family graveside service held prior to the Celebration of Life, where the pallbearers were Ben's grandchildren, Jordan Bittner, Payton Sanders, Hadley Benson, Jake Sanders, Javon Benson, Chase Wutzke & Tyne Benson.

"I'll not be far, I promise that, and hope you'll always know that my spirit will be close to you, wherever you may go Thank-you for loving me. You know I love you, too. That's why it's hard to say good-bye and end this life with you."

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Ben to either the Heart & Stroke Foundation, or to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome. com

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home & Crematorium, Tammy Smart, Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK. 306-747-2828.

Albert Armand Primeau



Albert Armand Primeau was born January 2nd, 1936, in the D'Amour district and passed away peacefully on November 15th, 2022, at Saskatoon

RUH with his family by his side. He married Naomi Klassen on November 13th, 1959, and together they had four children: Julie, Bonnie, Jesse, & Denise. While there were lots of good times, there was also no shortage of challenges and setbacks but he and Naomi persevered... and as a result they had a very tight knit family.

Albert worked at the PFRA for many years and in 1976 took over as Pasture Manager at Meeting Lake, retiring in 1997. He loved working with horses from the time he was a child all throughout his life, horse trading, breaking saddle & harness horses, rodeos, horse pulls, building wagons & sleighs, and while not a veterinarian, he was also known for his medicinal horse therapies & cures. In fact, after barely surviving an aortic aneurysm almost 5 years ago, with dogged determination, he still cut and baled hay every year since to feed his horses. To top it all off he could fix almost anything...he was the family electrician, plumber, welder, carpenter, mechanic, and much more.

He LOVED family gatherings, visiting with his children and teasing the grandkids and great grandkids, telling them stories which were sometimes slightly enhanced. He is a legend to them just as a grandpa should be. There are many pictures and fond memories of these gatherings, and he will long be remembered and cherished.

Albert is survived by Naomi, his loving wife of 63 years; his children Julie (Ken), Bonnie, Jesse, & Denise (Ken); grandchildren Amy (Jim), Carla (Christian), Krista (Shaun), Cole (Madison), Michelle (Bobby), & Harley; his sisters-in-law Martha,

Betty, Carol (Harvey), Dianne, & Gertie; his brothers-in-law Arthur (Lynn) & Ron (Jennifer); great-grandchildren numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents Fred & Marguerite Primeau; brothers: Wilfrid, Johnny, Alfred, Elzear, Alcide, Rene, & Leon; sisters: Rose Alma, Leona, Irene, & Helen; his parents-in-law George & Anne Klassen; brothers-in-law Reuben, Allan, Victor, & Marvin.

A funeral service was held Wednesday, Novem-

ber 23, 2022, at 2:00 pm from the Lions Community Hall, Shell Lake, SK with Delores Beaulac officiating. Honorary pallbearers are considered "All those who shared in Albert's life". The pallbearers were Bobby Kwiatkowski, Christian Lobb, Jim Wingert, Shaun Nelson, Kyle Lobb, & Xzavier Lobb. Albert's final resting place is in the Shell Lake Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, R. Mark Muir Funeral Director, Spiritwood, SK (306) 883-3500.

GOOD NEWS

Uncovering the truth of the resurrection

So, scripture is reliable, Jesus was real. What about the crucifixion/resur-

Arguably, the world expert on that would be Dr. Gary Habermas. He has authored, co-authored or edited a total of 45 books (about 18 of which concern the resurrection), 80 chapters in other people's books, and has had over 100 articles published or accepted for publication. His newest book is in four volumes, totalling 5,200 pages, and contains all new material on the resurrection. His academic credentials are impeccable, and he has proposed the paradigm of "minimal facts" as a way to determine if events from antiquity are credible.

The minimal facts method only uses historical data that is supported by multiple sources and that is accepted by the vast majority of critical scholars. Using this basis, he presents six data points that he believes are sound evidence for the resurrection of Christ.

- 1. Jesus died by Roman crucifixion.
- 2. The disciples had experiences they believed to be of the risen Jesus.
- Some among the disciples died for their belief.
- 4. James, a skeptic, was converted.
- 5. Paul, a skeptic and persecutor of Christians, was converted.
- 6. The earliness of the proclamation of the risen Jesus.

It is noteworthy that he did not include the empty tomb, as most Christians would think that this is the most important fact. But it remains that fact falls outside of his strict parameters for being a minimal fact.

That being said, from a rational and pragmatic viewpoint, all that the Jews and the Romans had to do to stop Christianity dead in its tracks, was to produce the body. A body, we might add, that had been under a Roman seal and protected by guards. It goes without saying they did not or could not do so. That may not be a "minimal fact", but it is most certainly a critical fact.

Martin Luther taught us that "I (we)

believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts....". In that light, minimal facts cannot by themselves, lead us to true faith. But they do rule out opinions that say the Bible or Jesus or the resurrection are nothing more than mere mythology. For you to comprehend these as a truth you can act on, would require a Holy Spirit revelation. I pray you will ask for and receive just such a thing.

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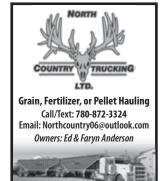


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Legislation requires federal employees to comply with trespass laws

In further response to concerns about unauthorized access to private land by federal employees, the Government of Saskatchewan has introduced The Trespass to Property Amendment Act, 2022.

"This formalizes and reinforces the change to trespass regulations, made earlier this year, that requires federal employees to comply with the Act which prohibits individuals from entering private land without the owner's consent," Minister of Justice and Attorney General Bronwyn Eyre said. "After agricultural producers in our province raised concerns about federal employees testing water on their private land without consent, Health Canada admitted that federal employees had, in fact, been testing for pesticides."

The Trespass to Property Act prohibits a

person from entering premises except with the consent of the occupier or while acting under legal authority. Failure to comply with the rules of the Act will constitute an offence that could incur fines of up to \$200,000.

"Seeking the consent of landowners prior to access is simply best practice and common courtesy, and we see no reason for federal government employees to not meet this standard," Eyre said. Existing exemptions in the Act, such as those for emergency services personnel, utility providers and inspectors remain unchanged. The Government of Saskatchewan is already required to comply with the Act.

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Growing herbs indoors By Patricia Hanbidge and more thoroughly. If you was

For those of us who find winter a bit long, there is an easy solution. As I love to cook and eat, it makes sense that one of the things I miss in winter is the ability to harvest fresh herbs. Growing edible herbs indoors when it is cold outside, helps to keep the winter blues away.

In my life, if I am not growing, I am most likely to be found in the kitchen. There is nothing better than to enjoy the wonderful aroma and flavour of food cooked with fresh herbs. Not all herbs are suitable for growing indoors, but there are many that are really quite easy to grow. If you are new to indoor gardening, grow herbs that you will use to enhance the food that you like to cook. Secondly, try to grow those herbs that are compact in size so they don't get too large for your growing area.

Most herbs are sun worshipers. The light in our homes - even if you place your herbs in direct sunlight will not be sufficient to promote healthy growth. You will have to provide supplemental light for your herbs. There are many options to supply adequate light for production growth. Many economical LED light fixtures are now readily available and use minimum electricity. Ensure you do some research on what works for your space as the light will need to be adjustable to ensure any plants get enough light throughout their lifespan. Be aware that the amount of foot candles or lux (both common measurements of the brightness of light falling on a given area) hitting your plants decreases substantially with the distance the light is away. Ideally you never want to have your lights further away than about 8 inches from the lowest leaves.

Although light is the most important factor for success, soil or media also has importance. Herbs almost always like good drainage, so ensure your soil or media mixture will drain quite quickly. Feed your herbs once a week while they are actively growing and water less often

and more thoroughly. If you wait until the soil is dry to the touch, you will ensure that you do not "drown" your herbs before you have a chance to enjoy them.

Many of the herbs you may wish to grow are readily started from seed. Basil, dill, oregano, cilantro and mint are all easy to grow from seed. Other herbs like rosemary, lavender and lemon verbena need to be started by taking cuttings. Cuttings are a type of asexual propagation that is also referred to by some as cloning plants. Each part of a plant will be genetically identical to the parent plant and will not display the diversity that occurs when growing plants from seed.

General directions for taking cuttings are to select a healthy plant to take a cutting from. Take a 4 to 6-inch piece of stem with the leaves attached ensuring there are a number of nodes present where the current leaves are growing. Use scissors, secateurs or a sharp knife that is clean and remove all but two of the leaves at the top of the stem and gently pinch back the very top leaf or tip of the cutting. By removing the apical meristematic tissue (the top leaf or point of growth) will cause a number of internal processes that will help the plant to more quickly grow new roots and to then continue growing stems and leaves. By removing the lower leaves, the nodes where the leaves were once located are usually the easiest point for new tissue to develop.

Place cuttings in a damp soilless mix, vermiculite or peat moss. Tent some plastic over the cuttings to retain the humidity and place the cuttings in bright light. Monitor the cuttings until you see roots and new growth. Gradually remove the humidity tent and if necessary plant up in growing media.

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.

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Minutes of an R.M. of Blaine Lake meetings

(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 on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022.

Present Council Members and Administration attended as follows: Gerry Strelioff — 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, Assistant Administrator Alan Tanchak, and Administrator Linda Klimm.

Absent: Courtney Swystun -Division 2, and Glenn Lamontagne — Division 6.

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Strelioff at 7:04 a.m.

Mark Curry provided Council with a lead hand report from 7:07 a.m. to 7:25 a.m.

Lavoie: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 move in camera to discuss Legal 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. 21 of The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the time being 7:25 a.m. Carried

Swystun: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 move out of camera, the time being 8:05 a.m. Carried

Swystun: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 approves the Aug. 16, 2022, Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Carried

Chudskov: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 accept the August 2022 Statement of Financial Activities, Income Statement, Budgetary Control, Chequing Account Statement, and Bank Reconciliation as presented.

Lamontagne: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 approves the List of Accounts for Approval, including cheques #5970 to #6017 with the total payable amount being \$120,877.05. Carried

Lamontagne: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 approves the Additional Accounts for payment as presented by Administration, totaling \$105.75: \$15.75 Success Office Systems, \$90.00 Linda Klimm. Carried

Chudskov: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 approves the presented Council Indemnity totaling \$234.80: Lee, August - \$234.80. Carried

Lamontagne: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 apply gravel along Township Road #454 between Range Road #3070 and #3071. Carried

Swystun: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 apply gravel to Township Road #430 between Range Road #3075 and 3080. Carried

Chudskov: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 authorize the purchase of yield signs.

Stupnikoff: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 hire Jeremy Hosegood to repair the grader. Carried

Lavoie: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 authorize Administration to obtain culvert estimates for a culvert 1 foot in diameter and 40 feet in length. Carried

Swystun: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 hire Alan Tanchak at 1/5 of the RMAA Salary Schedule at \$1,584 per month for the remainder of the year. Carried

Swystun: That Bylaw 14-2022 being A Bylaw for Capital Reserves, be read a third time, signed, sealed and that it form a part of these minutes. Carried

Strelioff: That the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blaine Lake #434 acknowledge the List of Lands in Arrears, prepared by the Administrator, attached hereto and forming part of these minutes, that accounts be excluded from the Tax Enforcement List where the arrears are less than 50 per cent of the previous year's tax levy, and further that the Tax Enforcement List be advertised in the Regional News Optimist for one week. Carried

Lavoie: That the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blaine Lake #434 abate the following lands for missed 293 exemptions in the amount of \$212.76: Pt NW 08-44-07 W3m - \$159.51, Pt SW 17-44-07 W3m - \$33.02, Pt SE 16-42-07 W3m - \$5.32, Pt NW 28-42-07 W3m - \$9.14, Pt SE 28-45-04 W3m - \$5.77. Carried

Mark Curry returned and provided a brief report from 9:10 to

Swystun: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 acknowledge the Application for Progress Payment received from Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions on behalf of Maxies Excavating, and that a progress payment be authorized in the amount of \$86,613.30. Carried

Chudskov: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 acknowledge the gravel haul invoice received from 102051721 Sask Ltd., and that payment be authorized in the amount of \$68,043.83.

Dolezal: That the RM of Blaine Lake #434 acknowledge the TSS Initiative Grant Contribution invoice received from the RM of Great Bend, and that payment in the amount of \$625 be authorized. Carried

Chudskov: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 accept the estimate of \$23,449.76 received from Sea Hawk, and that the RM Council agree to pay 50 per cent of the estimate, or \$11,724.88. Carried

Chudskov: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 authorize a payment of \$600 for the reimbursement of the cost of tires for Jerritt Onishenko. Carried

Swystun: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 acknowledge the invoice received from Gerald Fehr Construction, and that a payment for Division 3 road work be made in the amount of \$9,324. Carried

Lamontagne: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 authorize the placement of an advertisement in the Military Service Recognition book at a cost of \$225 payable to the Royal Canadian Legion Saskatchewan Command. Carried

Chudskov: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 acknowledge the maintenance agreement received from the Ministry of Parks, Culture & Sport with respect to Petrofka Park, and that the Reeve be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the municipality. Carried

Swystun: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 acknowledge the SaskPower rebuild notification received with respect to section 21-42-07 W3m to section 04-42-07 W3m and from section 05-42-07 W3m to section 03-42-07 W3m. Carried

A public hearing was conducted from 10 to 10:25 a.m. with respect to proposed route change for the irrigation project proposed by Audrey Reban. With three people in attendance, and one written submission, no opposition was heard.

Lamontagne: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 move in camera to discuss Legal 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. 21 of The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the time being 10:25 a.m. Carried

Lamontagne: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 move out of camera, the time being 10:40 a.m. Carried

Swystun: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 provide conditional approval with respect to the irrigation project contingent on Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit (AHPP) approval. Carried

Swystun: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 provide consent to cross the Township Road #424 (Grid #781) and the summer road located in the North section of 30-42-06 W3m contingent on obtaining an Aquatic Habitat Protection (AHPP) Permit, that consent be provided to place the pipeline across the road allowance with NE 30-42o6 W3m (between Block A and Block B) and from the NW portion of NW 30-42-06 W3m to SE 36-42-07 W3m contingent on obtaining an Aquatic Habitat Protection (AHPP) Permit, and that Aubrey Reban assume liability for any damage to roadways. Carried

Chudskov: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 remove beaver dams located south of intersection of Range Road #3045 and Township Road #454 at SW 20-45-04 W3m subject to cap of \$1,000. Carried

Lamontagne: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 adjourn, the time being 10:50 a.m.

Minutes of an RM of Canwood meeting

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

A regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 was held in the Municipal Council Chambers, at 641 Main Street, Canwood, SK, on Oct. 18, 2022, commencing at 9:14 a.m.

Present – Reeve Lyndon Pease, Administrator Lorna Benson and the following Councillors for their respective divisions: #1 Ralph Korody, #2 Dennis Benke, #3 Gordon Andrews, #4 Ray Duret, #5 Kevin Olson, and #6 Leonard Smith.

Delegations:

9:30 a.m. Dwight Diehl, Public Works Supervisor, Municipal Operations Update 11:45 a.m. Councillor Indemnity

Benke: That the minutes of the Sept. 20, 2022, Regular Council Meeting be approved. Carried

Benke: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of September 2022 for the R.M. General Account be approved as presented. Carried

Duret: That we approve the payments as listed on the attached account listing for a total of \$411,382.37, Council Direct Deposits for October and Payroll Direct Deposits for 2022 Pay Periods 19 & 20. Carried

Public Works Supervisor Dwight Diehl attended the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Benke: That we authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to transfer \$100,000 utes now be read a second time. Carried into the Shop Reserve Account. Carried

Pease: That we adopt Policy 8.07 Unacceptable Conduct that aims to protect members of Council, staff, as well as members of the public who use R.M. services and facilities, from unreasonable behaviors and frivolous and/or vexatious requests by others. Carried

Duret: That we acknowledge an application to the Ministry of Government Relations, Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Initiative for funding in the amount of \$75,000 to assist in the development of a Regional Emergency Operations Committee. Carried

Korody: That we approve the HR Committee meeting minutes of Sept. 22 and Oct. 6, 2022. Carried

Korody: That Bylaw 2022-07 attached hereto and forming a part of these Minutes, being a Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 to establish a code of ethics for members of council, be read the first time. Carried

Benke: That Bylaw 2022-07 attached hereto and forming a part of these Min-

Pease: That we give third reading of Bylaw 2022-07 at this meeting. Carried Unanimously

Duret: That Bylaw 2022-07 attached hereto and forming a part of these Minutes, being a Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 to establish a code of ethics for members of council, be read the third time and adopted. Carried

Pease: That we acknowledge the letter of September 22, 2022, from the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency, where an increase will be implemented over a twoyear period, from \$40 to \$65 per radio. Carried

Olson: That we approve the Development and Building Permit Applications of Eric and Sharlene Nordquist to complete alterations to an existing dwelling, with conditional approval pursuant to 5.2.1(1)

(a) of the AR-Agricultural Residential District, Municipal Zoning Bylaw 2003-7.

Andrews: That we approve the Development and Building Permit Applications of Saretta Pethick and Mark Button to move a cabin with approval pursuant to Section 9.1.1(1)(b) of the LD - Lakeshore Development District, Municipal Zoning Bylaw 2003-7. Carried

Smith: That we approve the Development and Building Permit Applications of Ron and Mildred Arcand to construct a building to be used as a dwelling, with approval pursuant to 5.1.1(1)(c) of the AR-Agricultural Residential District, Municipal Zoning Bylaw 2003-7. Carried

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

Duret: That we now file the correspondence. Carried

Duret: That we now adjourn at 12:29 p.m. with the next regular meeting of Council to be held Nov. 22, 2022, at the Municipal Council Chambers in the Municipal Building located at 641 Main Street, Canwood,