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Bilodeau wins Sask Sport Volunteer Dedication Award



Debden's Leslie Bilodeau is one of four recipients of a Sask Sport Volunteer Dedication Award this year. He was fêted with fellow recipients at a celebration in Saskatoon on Thursday, Jan. 26. *Photo Credit: Sask Sport/Brayden Elliott*

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Debden's Leslie Bilodeau fondly remembers the 1980s, and the days when he'd accompany his parents to the rink, just like most children in the community, and watch them play broomball.

Nearly 40 years later, his name has become synonymous with the sport in the village of 327 people, meaning it was a surprise to no one but him when he was presented with one of four 2022 Sask Sport Volunteer Dedication Awards.

"The instant reaction was pride. I was proud to receive it. After that, it was nice that somebody recognized all the volunteer hours I put in," he said, estimating that he volunteers between 10 and 20 hours per week during broomball season, not including the work done away from the rink.

"There are a lot of other people around me making [broomball] work. Especially my wife, Liz Bilodeau, our manager, Rhonda Peterson, and Mel Amundson. Those three are the ones really helping to keep me going," he added.

Bilodeau's early exposure to broomball developed into a love for the sport, and by the mid-1990s he was playing minor broomball himself. He continued to play into adulthood, founding a fun night in 2010, which quickly evolved into an adult mixed broomball team. Bilodeau competed with this team for six years, going to Provincials and even organizing and hosting the Provincials tournament in 2012.

In 2016, he stepped into a coaching role when his middle son began playing broomball. Soon, he found himself coaching three boy's teams and one men's team (which he founded in

2021 so young adults in the community would have an option to play beyond minor broomball), and serving as an assistant coach for a girl's team. He's also heavily involved with Debden's national broomball team.

"I've always been interested in coaching. My dad used to work away when I was a kid, so I had to run our hockey practices as a kid on the team," Bilodeau said.

"[Giving] life lessons to the athletes is my favourite part about coaching. It's nice to win, but when the kids are smiling and you can teach them stuff, and you get the feedback from players or parents that you made a difference... it feels like all your hours are worth something."

While hockey is generally the first sport to come to mind when one thinks of Saskatchewan's long, cold winters,

Debden has been the home of broomball in the area since Claude Ruel introduced the sport to the community in the 1980s.

At first, men working in the bush camp would play nightly matches on a patch of ice in the camp. As wives got involved, and the sport gained popularity in the community, men's, women's, and mixed teams were formed, and, eventually, the sport was passed down to the kids.

Over the years, Debden's broomball teams have built a winning legacy for their community. In 2022, the Debden Roadrunners made provincial history by becoming the first Saskatchewan ladies team to claim Juvenile Nationals gold.

"It's always been strong in Debden because there's all these people committed to keeping it going," Bilodeau said.



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Witchekan Lake First Nation holds Men's beauty pageant

By NATASHA CABASE
Spiritwood Herald Reporter

In conjunction with National Addiction Awareness Week, Witchekan Lake First Nation attempted to lift the spirits of the community by hosting a series of activities during the third week of January.

There was a pancake breakfast held at the Witchekan Lake First Nation's Kisikohk Gym, as well as some workshops in place, training, walks, a supper, a movie night, guest speakers, and AA meetings.

The centrepiece of the activities, however, was the "Miss Witchekan" men's beauty pageant, which took place in the Kisikohk Gym on Jan. 19 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Participants in the beauty pageant were Paul Thomas, Justice Starblanket, Leon Thomas, Lyle Thomas, Brian Scott aka "Fudge", Fred Wapass, and Gary Fineday.

The evening consisted of laughter and creativity. Each participant was presented, and all the contestants were given an opportunity to showcase their dance moves.

Once all the pageantry was over and done with, Brian "Fudge" Scott (Cookie) was crowned the winner and presented with the \$500 grand prize. Meanwhile, Fred Wapass (Beatrice) claimed second place and a prize of \$400, and Lyle Thomas (Miss Running Waters) finished third and took home a prize of \$300.

Finally, each of the remaining participants received a \$100 consolation prize.

Witchekan Lake First Nation Chief, Anne Thomas, said that humour is healing, and that's what the Miss Witchekan men's beauty pageant brought to the community. She added that the pageant was the highlight of the fun activities the community put on for National Addiction Awareness Week.

"Addiction to alcohol and drugs can be devastating



The participants in Miss Witchekan, from left to right: Paul Thomas, Justice Starblanket, Leon Thomas, Lyle Thomas, Brian "Fudge" Scott, Fred Wapass, and Gary Fineday (kneeling).

as the addiction progresses, but there is hope and help to treat this disease. Through treatment, counseling, and support, the healing can be achieved," Chief Thomas said, admitting that she is a living example of healing from addiction.

This isn't the first time in recent months that Chief Thomas has tried to start a dialogue about her community's challenges with addiction. In 2022, after the community's COVID centre and 10 homes were destroyed by fires, she spoke out about the rise of meth abuse in the community.

National Addictions Awareness Week is a chance for Canadians to learn more about addiction, talk openly about prevention, treatment, and recovery, and reduce the stigma surrounding substance use.



The winners of Miss Witchekan, from left to right: Lyle Thomas — 3rd place, Brian "Fudge" Scott — 1st place, and Fred Wapass — 2nd place.

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Town of Blaine Lake seeks PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN

The Town of Blaine Lake is accepting applications for the position of Public Works Foreman. This full-time permanent position is responsible for the day-to-day management, operations and maintenance of the Public Works and Utilities department.

Duties include but are not limited to:

- Maintain and operate Water Treatment Plant and Lift Station
- Ability to service and maintain Town equipment as required
- Maintain Town properties
- Operating graders, payloaders, trucks, and other equipment
- Present to Council with monthly reports

Qualifications for this position are:

- Valid Class 5A driver's license, abstract must be supplied
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Good public relations and communication skills
- **MUST** have Class 2 Water Treatment & Distribution Certificate
- **MUST** have Class 2 Wastewater Treatment & Collection Certificate
- **MUST** be willing to submit to a criminal record check

Salary will be based on qualifications and experience. Applicants should submit a resume to:

Town of Blaine Lake
Box 10
Blaine Lake, SK S0J 0J0
blainelake@sasktel.net
Fax: (306) 497-2511

Start date will be determined.

Application close date is **February 10, 2023**.

The Town of Blaine Lake wishes to thank all applicants for their interest and advises that only those to be interviewed will be contacted.

Shellbrook Curling Club hosts first Ladies Funspiel

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

The Shellbrook Curling Club dialed the fun up to 11, when it hosted its first-ever Ladies Funspiel on Jan. 20 and 21.

The idea for the event came from the club's lady curlers, who noted that the club had never hosted a bonspiel just for ladies before. The Shellbrook Curling Club took the idea and ran with it, and curlers showed up in strong numbers to take part.

Including one team that had three members make the trip from Saskatoon, six teams of ladies took to the sheets, sporting creative names like the Office Nerds, the Coco-Nuts Luau Ladies, the Sweeping Beauties, the Baby Broomers, the Denim Divas, and Read 'em and Sweep.

"Most curlers today are looking for a fun outing as we find we do not have as much success getting people out for competitive bonspiels," said event organizer Tricia Bell. "Running the Ladies Funspiel was really all about having fun and getting ladies out to our wonderful recreation facility. It worked out well as there was some AA hockey games going on too, so the Rec Centre was busy which was nice to see."

As the event's name implies, the Ladies Funspiel was all about having fun and sharing a few laughs while

playing shorter, four-end games. Though there was no shortage of competitive matches over the course of the two-day funspiel, the true competition was for the title and bragging rights of being the best dressed team.

In the end, the curlers voted the Office Nerds, Tanya Tait, Kerri Wason, Crystal Schmitz, and Fran Sabraw, as the winners. For winning, they each received gift certificates, which were graciously donated by local business Lou's Boutique.

While noting that it would always be nice to get more teams out for a bonspiel, Bell says that the most important thing is the positive feedback provided by

those who participated. With this in mind, she says the Ladies Funspiel will certainly become an annual event in the Shellbrook Curling Club's calendar.

"We may pick a theme to go with for the [next] event, but it will remain a fun spiel with four-end games, music playing, and prizes for best dressed," she said.



The Office Nerds, winners of the best dressed team prize at the Shellbrook Curling Club's Ladies Funspiel, from left to right: Kerri Wason, Tanya Tait, Crystal Schmitz, and Fran Sabraw.



The Ladies Funspiel kept the Shellbrook Curling Rink bustling with action and laughter on Jan. 20 and 21.



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Postmedia woes highlight need to support local

For most, Jan. 19 was just a regular Thursday. For those of us in the newspaper business, it was another sounding of the death knell for an industry that has long been in peril.

The first headline I saw was CKOM's "Changes coming for Postmedia newspapers in Regina, Saskatoon." Curious, I clicked on the link and read, only to discover the news had much farther reach than just Regina and Saskatoon.

Per the story, Postmedia is shutting the doors of the *Saskatoon StarPhoenix* and putting the building up for sale, meaning all employees will be working remotely going forward.

It's also shutting down its printing press in Saskatoon, moving all printing operations to Estevan through a partnership with Glacier Media, and eliminating an as yet undetermined number of jobs.

The consolidation of printing operations is significant and concerning, as it illustrates the ripple effect one change can have on an entire industry.

The news got worse, however, as it was revealed that 12 PostMedia publications in Alberta, including the *Airdrie Echo*, *Vermillion Standard*, *Cold Lake Sun*, *Peace Country News*, *Drayton Valley Western Review*, *Hanna Herald*, *Pincher Creek Echo*, *Bow Valley Crag and Canyon*, *Whitecourt Star*, *Leduc County Market*, *Cochrane Times*, and *Fort McMurray Today*, will be transitioning to online-only publications.

This, too, is troubling. These aren't major urban newspapers like PostMedia's flagship publication, the *National Post*. They're smaller titles that likely have rural readership – readership that may now be locked out of receiving the daily or weekly news.

As if this wasn't enough, PostMedia delivered more bad news just five days later, announcing plans to lay off 11 per cent of its editorial employees across the country.

Both Postmedia announcements were greeted with an understandable amount of sadness, disappointment,



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News Editor

and anger. But what was absent as one scrolled through the reactions was shock.

Time and time again, commenters reminisced about the good old days, when newspapers like the *StarPhoenix* were thick enough to serve as door stoppers and chock-full of local news. These days, they said, Postmedia publications are but shadows of their former selves. Thin, flimsy, and filled with retreads of provincial and national headlines, and opinions.

Of course, the great irony here is that Postmedia is creating a self-perpetuating downward spiral. Eliminating journalists means fewer people to cover local events, fewer incentives for local businesses to advertise, and fewer reasons for readers to pick up the daily or weekly edition.

This all bears mentioning, because it's a reflection of the trajectory of the Canadian newspaper industry as a whole.

In a digital age, in which social media allows fake news to travel around the world before the truth crawls out of bed, traditional newspapers are struggling to keep up.

Some call it inevitable, or a sign of the times.

But it doesn't have to be.

Newspapers should never become relics of some bygone age. They are invaluable sources of truth and objectivity, checks on the power of governments, and archives of the social, cultural, and political history of the communities they serve.

Without newspapers, who will ask the tough questions? Who will bring to light what the corrupt and the powerful so desperately want kept in the dark?

Here at the *Chronicle & Herald* we do our best to fulfill this duty, and we provide a free weekly record of local and regional news – because significant events and important information should be available to everyone, not locked behind a pay wall.

Of course, doing our job isn't without its challenges. For starters, we have an editorial staff of two people (one full time reporter, and one part time re-



porter who also works a full time job). Together, we're responsible for covering a massive geographical area spanning from Medstead in the west, to Big River in the north, to Crutwell in the east, to Blaine Lake in the south.

We do our best to cover as much as we can, but we can't be everywhere at once, and we can only cover the things we know about (and Facebook posts and posters are easy to miss).

This is where the community part of a *community newspaper* becomes so important.

If you're involved with a local event, or know someone whose accomplishments should be recognized, we need you to keep us in the loop. We won't be able to make it out to every fundraiser or game, but our inboxes are always open to news submissions, and we're always happy to follow up afterward.

This is our duty. And with your help, the *Chronicle & Herald* can be an even better reflection and historical record of the many communities it serves.

Local newspapers face another challenge in providing the news to their readers: the challenge of keeping the lights on. While many newspapers or online publications charge subscription fees to access their news (the *Chronicle & Herald's* only subscriptions are

for readers who want physical copies mailed to them), all newspapers have one thing in common in that they all depend on advertising as their primary source of revenue.

This means they need the support of their communities to stay in business.

Unfortunately, another side effect of the social media age has been the migration of advertising to Facebook, where events or items for sale can be listed free of charge.

The trouble is, you get what you pay for. A Facebook post or ad might save you a few bucks in the short term, but it will also only get you a handful of likes and shares, compared to thousands of people who read the newspaper, online or in print, each week.

What's more, the positive impact of your Facebook ad begins and ends on Facebook. Unlike your local newspaper, Mark Zuckerberg won't be supporting your fundraiser or hockey team any time soon – or any other business in your community, for that matter.

The *Chronicle & Herald* is called a community newspaper for a reason. We're as committed as ever to serving our community, and we hope you will support us in our mission.

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Will Moe stand up for Sask. on Digital ID?

Is the federal government about to force a health deal on the provinces that will be a back door to force provinces to create and impose digital identification on their people?

On Jan. 25, the Globe and Mail reported that "Ottawa has signaled it is willing to negotiate a 10-year health funding deal that will see a hefty increase for both Canada Health Transfer, or CHT, and bilateral financial agreements with individual provinces and territories.

In exchange for billions in new money that provinces and territories have been requesting, they will have to agree to national

accountability measures and reforms to improve their health care systems. Quebec and Ontario initially objected to Ottawa's key demands, but last week agreed to accept the conditions, *including the creation of a national health data system.*" (Emphasis mine.)

These parties are now scheduled to discuss the deal Feb. 7.

Only two months ago, the federal government put out a Request for Proposal for a Digital Health Tech Platform (HT218-224061/A) which specifies "Proof of Vaccination Credentials (PVC)" and "HC (Health Canada) is looking to enable and support verifiable standards and



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solutions for *Canadian health credentials among the federal government, provinces and territories for domestic use cases and international travel.*"

That RFP was put out less than a month after

the Oct. 30-31 G20 Summit, where Canada signed on to "Support continued international dialogue and collaboration on the establishment of trusted global digital health networks as part of effort to strengthen prevention and response to future pandemics."

Last March 2022, when I raised the issue of Digital ID in the Legislature, then Minister of SaskBuilds, Jim Reiter, stated that, "Sask Service Connect was in some very preliminary work...in an effort to improve quality of life and access to government programs for all citizens of the province."

He also stated that the provincial RFP had not

been awarded and that, "if we do decide to proceed with this, we'll be extremely cautious to make sure that citizens' privacy is protected."

By March 31, 2022, the Regina Leader-Post reported that, "Saskatchewan is pausing the process to bring a new digital ID into the province after saying it's heard concerns from residents."

One question arises from these incredibly rapid developments.

On Feb. 7, 2023, will Premier Scott Moe honour the people of Saskatchewan's concerns and refuse to drag them into a system that could easily morph into a China-style social credit tracking system?

Or will he bow to coercion and say we have no choice; the federal government holds the purse strings of the Canada Health Transfer? (Money that belongs to taxpayers in the first place.)

This is Premier Moe's moment to prove he is serious about Saskatchewan autonomy and protect this province from a federal government that appears to be intent on selling out our nation to a global agenda.

This is Premier Moe's moment to show himself a true leader.

Please make time to let Premier Scott Moe (premier@gov.sk.ca) and your MLA know your thoughts today!

Taxpayers should be mad at the government

By **FRANCO TERRAZZANO**
CTF Director

Ottawa is wondering why the rubes are mad. People are hurting. But the anger comes from a deeper sense of being ripped off.

Taxes and regulations are making it hard to put food on the table. Politicians and bureaucrats are misleading us. They're wasting our money and not being honest about how it's spent. And they're showering themselves with bonuses and raises no matter how bad of a job they're doing.

The federal government is raising five taxes this year. The Canada Pension Plan tax, Employment Insurance tax, the carbon tax and alcohol taxes are going up. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is imposing a second carbon tax through fuel regulations. The government also spent \$450,000 studying and promoting a home equity tax.

Trudeau promised that "we are not going to be saddling Canadians with extra costs ... the last thing Canadians need is to see a rise in taxes right now." This isn't the only time the government misled taxpayers.

Trudeau's former environment minister said the government had "no intention" to raise the carbon tax after 2022. The carbon tax is now increasing to 37 cents per litre of gas by 2030.

The Trudeau government claims "families are going to be better off" with the carbon tax and rebates. Politicians continue making this claim even though the Parliamentary Budget Officer shows it's incorrect. The average family will be out hundreds of dollars this year even after the rebates.

If politicians were serious about fighting misinformation, they would stop misleading taxpayers.

Politicians are raising taxes to paper over the wasteful spending. The federal government spent \$8,800 on a sex toy art exhibit in Germany. It spent \$6,000 per night on a single hotel room. It spent \$1 million on the governor general's week-long trip to the Middle East that included a bill for almost \$100,000 for airplane food.

Trudeau won't say who stayed in the \$6,000 hotel

room. Governor General Mary Simon said the "meals are not very extravagant on these trips" and "they're pretty much like airline meals." The receipts later revealed they enjoyed beef Wellington, beef carpaccio, stuffed pork tenderloin, among other fancy feasts.

Big business is also on the take. The government announced \$295 million for the Ford Motor Company, \$12 million for Loblaw, \$420 million for Algoma Steel and \$372 million for Bombardier.

People skipped meals because of the regulations and inflation coming from governments. Politicians and bureaucrats won't even skip a raise.

Members of Parliament took three pay raises since the beginning of COVID-19. A total of 312,825 federal bureaucrats received a raise. There were no pay cuts.

The government doled out \$361 million in bonuses during the pandemic. All while departments failed to meet half of their objectives.

The Bank of Canada failed to keep inflation low and

still handed out \$45 million in bonuses and raises. The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has "one goal: housing affordability for all." Canadians couldn't afford homes in 2020 and 2021. The CMHC still gave its employees nearly \$60 million in bonuses and raises.

Destination Canada is a Crown corporation dedicated to promoting Canadian tourism. It gave employees bonuses and raises even though tourists weren't allowed to come to Canada.

VIA Rail handed out bonuses, raises and lavish executive pay while it lost hundreds of millions and took a taxpayer bailout.

The CBC handed out \$51 million in bonuses and raises during the pandemic.

If politicians don't want Canadians to be angry, there are simple solutions: stop taking so much money, stop misleading, stop wasting money and stop rewarding failure with our tax dollars.

R.M. OF MEDSTEAD NO. 497

SEASONAL MAINTENANCE/EQUIPMENT OPERATOR POSITION

The R.M. of Medstead No. 497 invites applications for an experienced full time Seasonal Maintenance/Equipment Operator. The Seasonal Maintenance/Equipment Operator will be responsible for mowing this municipality's ditches, rock picking, mulching in conjunction with the grader operators, installing and repairing signs and other jobs as directed by the Reeve. Opportunity may be present in the future to move into a grader operator position. Pay rates depending on experience.

The R.M. of Medstead No. 497 is located in central Saskatchewan located approximately forty five minutes north of North Battleford.

Applicants must possess a valid Class 5 driver's license and have skill and experience in maintenance and operation of equipment including tractor, mower, rock picker and mulcher.

Submit written resumes stating experience, expected wage, two references and a current driver's abstract by 4:00 p.m. on February 13th, 2023. All resumes shall be marked "Seasonal Maintenance/Equipment Operator Position" and dropped off at the RM Office, mailed to the address below or emailed to rm497@sasktel.net.

R.M. of Medstead No. 497
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Council thanks all applicants for their interest in this position but only persons selected for interviews will be contacted.

The R.M. of Medstead No. 497 reserves the right to reject and refuse any or all expressions of interest.

TOWN OF BIG RIVER PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Big River intends to adopt a bylaw pursuant to Section 207 of *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 2015-02, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT

The proposed bylaws will amend: Bylaw 2015-02, the Zoning Bylaw Part 14, C2-Arterial Commercial District Section 14.2 Discretionary Uses to add: 13. Cannabis Retail Store

AFFECTED LAND

The affected lands are legally described as C2- Arterial Commercial District of the Town of Big River Zoning District Map.

REASON

The reason for the amendment is to add a Cannabis Retail Store as a Discretionary Use in the C2-Arterial Commercial District.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaws at the Town Office in Big River on any judicial day from Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on February 21, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room at Big River Community Centre, 606 1st Street North, in Big River, Saskatchewan to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaws. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing (or delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office before the hearing).

Issued at Big River this 26th day of January, 2023.
Noreen Olsen, Administrator

Advertising Deadline is
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Three more charged in 2020 Shellbrook death

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

More than two years after a man died under suspicious circumstances in Shellbrook, three more men have been arrested and charged in his death.

The victim, 20-year-old Wesley Custer of Denare Beach, was dropped off at Parkland Integrated Health Centre (PIHC) in Shellbrook on the night of Aug. 21, 2020, with what police described at the time as “serious injuries.” Custer later died in hospital, and police began investigating his death as suspicious.

Following a lengthy investigation, police had their first

breakthrough in the case in May 2022 and arrested three individuals who were already in custody in Saskatchewan correctional facilities.

After discussions with Crown prosecutors, Saskatchewan RCMP first arrested a 34-year-old, identified by police as Evan Ledoux, at the Prince Albert Correctional Centre in relation to Custer’s death. Ledoux was charged with manslaughter in Custer’s death, and also faced a long list of charges, including aggravated assault and several weapons-related charges, in relation to the assault of a woman which was reported earlier that month on Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation. The woman reportedly required hospitalization for her injuries.

Elsewhere, 42-year-old Curtis Ledoux was charged with accessory after the fact to murder and was arrested at the Prince Albert Correctional Centre, and 23-year-old Tyson Lachance was charged with second-degree murder and arrested at the Saskatoon Correctional Centre.

With new details uncovered through continued investiga-

tion, police have now added 30-year-old Brian Dreaver from Ahtahkakoop First Nation, 25-year-old Kyle Standing from Saskatoon, and 29-year-old Matthew Whitstone from Pelican Lake First Nation to the list of individuals charged in Custer’s death.

Dreaver, Standing, and Whitstone are each charged

with one count of first degree murder.

All three accused are scheduled to appear next in Prince Albert Provincial Court on Feb. 6, 2023 at 10 a.m.

The investigation continues and Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crimes is asking anyone with information about Custer’s death to contact their

local police service. Dial 310-RCMP to reach your local RCMP detachment. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

None of the charges against any of the suspects have been proven in court.

Sask. RCMP seeks information on wanted man

Correctional Service Canada has requested the Saskatchewan RCMP’s Warrant Enforcement and Suppression Team’s (WEST) assistance with locating 45-year-old Willard Bear, who is wanted for being unlawfully at large.

WEST is actively working to locate and arrest him and is asking the public to report information on his whereabouts.

Bear is described as 6’ and 165 lbs. He has black hair, sometimes worn shaved, and brown eyes. He wears glasses

and may have a beard.

Police say Bear may be in the Big River First Nation area, but his current whereabouts are unknown.

If you see Bear, do not approach him. Report sightings or information on his whereabouts to your local police service. You can reach your local RCMP detachment by dialling 310-RCMP. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.



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The Government of Saskatchewan is offering one of the most generous incentive packages in Canada for healthcare workers who fill hard to recruit positions in rural and remote areas. Packages ranging from \$30,000 to \$50,000 will be paid over a three-year period with a matching Return-of-Service agreement.

These packages will be designated for certain positions such as: Nurse Practitioners, Registered Nurses, Registered Psychiatric Nurses and many other professional areas.

For more information on location and eligibility visit:

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Wetland preservation incentives needed

When we think of Saskatchewan farms, we tend to hold pictures of fields of wheat or canola, or maybe a pasture dotted with cattle, as images in our mind.

While those are certainly part of a Saskatchewan farm, another image might well be a wetland slough with ducks swimming in it.

Sloughs and wetlands have of course been part of the farm landscape from day one. They're areas normally too wet to allow for crop production, so they're left to nature.

Of course, through the decades, farmer ingenuity

and better equipment has allowed many wetlands to be drained so they can be productive acres for crop.

That reality is very much a good news-bad news one.

It can be good in terms of the individual farmer adding a few acres and not having to manoeuvre ever larger equipment around sloughs. Yet, there's also no denying the benefits of wetlands.

For example, "wetlands help mitigate the extremes of flooding or drought, and they store carbon by helping remove sediments, impurities, excess nutrients



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and bacteria, cleansing waters used for cooking, bathing and quenching thirst," noted the Nature Conservancy of Canada in 2016. "Over two-thirds of Canadians get their drinking water from lakes, rivers and reservoirs, and the

quality of that water depends on watershed health and functioning wetlands. Like giant sponges, wetlands absorb, filter and replenish water as well as buffer our communities from climatic extremes."

Wetlands are also an important part of our overall ecosystem.

"Wetlands are also key nesting and feeding grounds for many migratory bird species including waterfowl and shorebirds, and they are nursery habitat for amphibians and fish, as well. At least one-half of our wildlife species rely on wetlands for part

of their lifecycle," reported the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

So, it's not surprising that World Wetlands Day (WWD) is celebrated each year on Feb. 2, which marks the day when the Convention on Wetlands was adopted in 1971 in Ramsar, Iran. The Convention is an international government agreement acknowledging the importance of wetlands. It plays a central role in the wise use and conservation of these critical ecosystems.

The importance of a wetland extends far beyond the small piece of

land owned by a farmer where it exists.

So perhaps draining the slough is a positive for a farmer, but less so for the broader community.

If that is indeed the case, should a farmer hold those acres out of production for the broader good, at his cost?

That doesn't seem particularly reasonable but is generally the case, which makes one wonder if it's not time for tax concessions, or outright annual grants, to make it a good business decision for farmers to maintain wetlands.

Governments invest in livestock, forage research

A total of \$6 million in funding was announced today by Canada's Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Marie-Claude Bibeau and Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit for livestock and forage research activities.

Provided through the Agriculture Development Fund (ADF), funded under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, this will support a total of 34 new scientific projects for 2023.

"Scientific research is the engine that drives innovation and competitiveness and helps keep Saskatchewan's world-class agriculture producers doing what they do best," Marit said. "These investments enable researchers and institutions to do the work that helps position our producers to meet the global market needs of tomorrow. Research drives sustainability in the livestock sector."

This year's projects, which are submitted annually and awarded funding on a competitive basis, focus on topics such as developing water quality test kits for agricultural ponds in Saskatchewan, developing economic thresholds and sampling plans for lesser clover leaf weevil in red clover, and development of an effective, multivalent vaccine to control foot rot in cattle.

In addition to the federal-provincial ADF funding, a total of \$288,530 for 12 livestock and forage projects was contributed by seven industry co-funders: Saskatchewan Alfalfa Seed Producers Development Commission, Saskatchewan Canola Development Commission, Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association, Saskatchewan Forage Seed Development Commission, Sask Milk, Alberta Milk, and Results Driven Agriculture Research.

"Investment in research is a cornerstone for the growth of our industry," Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association Chair Arnold Balicki said. "Saskatchewan beef producers value projects that focus on priorities such as increasing the nutritional value of forage or better managing their herd's health, which leads to more profitability on their operations. We are pleased to see both the federal and provincial governments partnering with us and ensuring this essential research is adequately funded."

"A sustainable forage seed production system helps Canadian livestock producers have a consistent, reliable and affordable supply of high-quality feed, and Saskatchewan's production of red clover seed used for sowing supports Canada's position as the number two exporter of this seed to the European Union and the num-

ber one exporter to the United States," Saskatchewan Forage Seed Development Commission Executive Director Jo-Anne Relf-Eckstein said. "Determining economic thresholds for timely control of the lesser clover leaf weevil—the first research done on this pest—is a crucial project."

The ADF is supported through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a five-year, \$3 billion investment by federal, provincial, and territorial governments to strengthen and grow Canada's agriculture, agri-food and agri-products sectors. This includes a \$2 billion commitment that is cost-shared 60 per cent federally and 40 per cent provincially/territorially for programs that are designed and delivered by provinces and territories, including a \$388 million investment in strategic initiatives for Saskatchewan agriculture. The CAP ends on March 31, 2023.

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Crown land grazing rates adjusted for 2023

The Government of Saskatchewan is freezing the 2023 rate charged to producers who lease Crown grazing land. Additionally, for 2023, lessees who must reduce their stocking rates on Crown land due to ongoing dry conditions will be eligible for a rent reduction to a maximum of 50 per cent.

"Saskatchewan's livestock sector is facing increasing costs of production in addition to successive years of low precipitation in many areas of the province," Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit said. "Keeping this year's grazing rate at 2022 levels and implementing reductions for Crown grazing lands hardest hit by drought, will assist producers through the current challenges while supporting the continued stewardship and productivity of the land."

Saskatchewan's Crown grazing rates are established annually using a formula based on fall cattle prices and the long-term stocking rate of each parcel of land. This year's

rate freeze will apply to all grazing leases across the province.

A 2023 rent reduction will apply in situations where an individual lessee or pasture association must reduce the number of animals grazing Crown leases by 20 per cent or more, compared to the approved long-term carrying capacity of that land. The 2023 rate reduction will match the reduction in carrying capacity, ranging from a 20 per cent rate reduction up to a maximum of 50 per cent.

"We are pleased with today's announcement, as it is something many of our ranchers have been calling for," Saskatchewan Cattle-men's Association Chair Arnold Balicki said. "We appreciate the responsiveness of this government, and the pragmatic approach taken with today's announcement shows a real interest in supporting our livestock industry in the face of ongoing challenges."

Saskatchewan has about six million acres of Crown land under grazing leases.

Shell Lake Seniors celebrate birthdays, anniversaries

Submitted by
DAVID JENSEN

The Shell Lake Fifty-Plus Senior's Club gathered at 7 p.m. on Jan. 23 to celebrate the birthdays and anniversaries for months of December, January, and February.

Born on Jan. 1, Sylvia Jensen was the only birthday celebrant. However, she and her husband, David, were joined in celebrating their anniversary by Don and Anita Weiers and Ken and Peggy Grandberg.

In addition to the celebrations, everyone at the gathering was served coffee and delicious cake made by cake baker and decorator extraordinaire, Sherry Garand.

This is only the second time that we have gathered to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries in pandemic times. In light of the times, we were pleased with the 13

members who came out. And in our visiting before the coffee and cake, we expressed our desires to resume more of our normal senior activities.

First, it was noted that through the pandemic our membership has dropped to one half of our pre-pandemic numbers. So, we decided we will hold a membership drive at which memberships can be renewed and new memberships

will also be sold.

Second, noting that some regular activities like kaiser, pool, and exercises have already resumed, it was decided that the club would resume other activities, such as birthday and anniversary celebrations, having regular meetings, having tournaments, and having opportunities to gather at the table to eat and visit with friends.



Shell Lake Fifty-Plus Senior's Club members celebrating anniversaries at the January gathering were, from left to right: Don and Anita Weiers, David and Sylvia Jensen, and Ken and Peggy Grandberg.

PUBLIC NOTICE

R.M. of Big River No. 555

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555 intends to consider a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to adopt a new Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT

A – Agriculture District: To provide for the primary use of land in the form of agricultural development, associated residences, limited single-parcel agricultural residential development, location-dependent natural resource development and other uses compatible with agricultural development.

F – Forest District: To provide for the management of extensive areas of forested Crown Land using sound integrated resource management principles and techniques and recognizing a wide variety of resource uses.

CR1 – Low Density Country Residential District: To provide for low density, multiple lot country residential development and other compatible development in specific areas with standards for such development which does not directly support agriculture.

CR2 – Medium Density Country Residential District: To provide for medium density, multiple lot country residential development and other compatible development in specific areas with standards for such development which does not directly support agriculture.

CR3 – High Density Country Residential District: To provide for high density, multiple lot country residential development and other compatible development in specific areas with standards for such development which does not directly support agriculture.

LR1 – Low Density Lakeshore Residential District: To provide for low density lakeshore residential development and other compatible development in specified areas with standards for such development.

LR2 – Medium Density Lakeshore Residential District: To provide for medium density lakeshore residential development and other compatible development in specified areas with standards for such development.

RMH – Manufactured Dwelling District: To provide for comprehensively planned manufactured and modular dwelling residential development and other compatible uses.

RPM – Park Model Residential District: To provide for comprehensively planned park model trailer residential development and other compatible uses.

C1 – Resort Commercial District: To provide for resort commercial development and other compatible development in specific areas with standards for such development.

C2 – Highway Commercial District: To provide for general commercial and other compatible development in specific areas with standards for such development.

M1 – Industrial District: To provide for light industrial, heavy industrial and other compatible development in specific areas with standards for such development.

RD – Restricted Development District: To provide for the protection of easements within the Tranquility Shores Development.

The proposed Zoning Bylaw also contains updated and new general provisions that apply to development throughout the Rural Municipality. Provisions include but are not limited to:

- Reducing the minimum square footage required for dwellings in all zoning districts to 40 m²;
- Allowing Garden/Granny Suites between 30 & 50 m²;
- Allow short term accommodation rentals
- Allowing engineered membrane covered structures in LR1 and LR2 zoning districts;
- Allow wet flood proofing for accessory buildings such as detached garages, workshops and storage buildings in flood prone areas requiring all electrical and mechanical equipment or connections to be located above Estimated Peak Water Level plus .5 meters.
- Recognize the NFPA 1192 RV Standard Label of certification from the National Fire Protection Association.
- Decks below .6096 meters will require a development permit but do not require a building permit
- Allow temporary greenhouses provided they are under 10 m².
- Allow in the AG or Forest zoning districts one shed on an undeveloped site that is less than 20 m² and is not on a foundation, or connected to electricity or natural gas.

AFFECTED LAND

All land within the corporate limits of the R.M. of Big River No. 555 is affected by the new Zoning Bylaw.

Maps are available to view online at www.crosbyhanna.ca/downloads

YOUR PROPERTY MAY BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY PROVISIONS IN THE NEW ZONING BYLAW. PLEASE CHECK THE FULL VERSION OF THE BYLAW, AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW OR PURCHASE AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE OR FOR REVIEW OR DOWNLOAD FROM THE FOLLOWING website:

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REASON

The new Zoning Bylaw will help direct and manage growth and development in the R.M. of Big River No. 555.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the proposed bylaw at the R.M. of Big River Municipal Office, located in the Big River Community Centre at 606 1st Street North, Big River, SK, between the hours of 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Copies of the proposed bylaw are available to individuals at cost.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Council of the R.M. of Big River No. 555 will hold a public hearing at 3:00 PM on March 3rd, 2023 in the Small Hall of the Big River Community Centre, 606 1st Street North in the Town of Big River to hear any person or group that wishes to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the Municipal Office before the hearings.

Issued at the R.M. of Big River No. 555 this 2nd day of February, 2023.

Michael Yuzik, Administrator

PUBLIC NOTICE

R.M. of Big River No. 555

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555 intends to consider a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to adopt a new Official Community Plan.

INTENT

The proposed bylaw establishes rural land use policies under the following categories:

NATURAL & HERITAGE RESOURCES: Policies regarding heritage resource protection and cultural and tourism promotion.

BIOPHYSICAL CONSTRAINTS ON DEVELOPMENT: Policies regarding hazardous and sensitive lands, flood management and mitigation, and source water protection.

MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES: Policies regarding maintenance of infrastructure, asset management, transportation, servicing thresholds, and servicing agreements.

INTERMUNICIPAL & JURISDICTIONAL COOPERATION: Policies regarding the integration of planning, finance and engineering to manage infrastructure effectively, connectivity and traffic safety for all users, non-motorized transportation, servicing agreements, and infrastructure capacities.

AGRICULTURAL LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT: Policies regarding protection of farm land, agricultural subdivision, farm-based businesses, agricultural and economic diversification, intensive agricultural uses and intensive livestock operations.

RESIDENTIAL LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT: Policies regarding existing and future residential development areas, housing diversity, infill development, home based businesses, and neighbourhood design.

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT: Policies regarding down town strength, visually appealing commercial districts, supply of commercial land, and provision for attractive highway commercial corridors.

RECREATION & TOURISM: Policies regarding cultural and tourism promotion, service management, and collaboration and integration of services.

FOREST: policies regarding forest product production, and the exploration and development of mineral and hydrocarbon deposits.

IMPLEMENTATION: Policies regarding implementation of the Official Community Plan and the implementation tools that will or may be used for same, including individual municipal Zoning Bylaws, dedicated lands, development levies and servicing fees, community engagement and provincial land use policies and interests.

The Official Community Plan contains general use maps which illustrate the and assist with the application of general rural policies.

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AFFECTED LAND

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REASON

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Spiritwood U9-1 wins close game over Turtleford

By **NATASHA CABASE**
Spiritwood Herald Reporter

The Spiritwood Timberwolves U9-1 team had a close call on the road against the U9 Turtleford Tigers on Jan. 28, but was able to maintain its undefeated record in the S.T.E.P. League's U9 Central Division.

The Spiritwood U9-1 team is composed of Keatley Aumack, William Buswell, Huxley Kotun, Heath St. John, Sayge Lehouillier, Payten Caffet, River Andrews, Cameron Gaboury, Aidan Smolinski and goalie Marshal Wingenter. The Team is coached by Kendall Gaboury, who is assisted by Jeff Caffet, Lane Buswell and Adam Kotun, and managed by Stacey Gaboury.

On the Turtleford Tigers team were Emmett Mitchell, Connor Pilling, Miller Macnab, Quinn Knowlton, Kate McKee, Hayden Gervais, Blake Koop, Alexandra Rodriguez Brown, Kixtyn Warrington, Monroe Macnab, Charlotte Macnab and goalie Luke Bauldic. The team is coached by Jordan Macnab, who is assisted by Trent Macnab and Craige McKee, and managed by Kari Bauldic.

Referees were Tripp Gervais and Carter McKee.

During the first period between the two teams, Spiritwood scored four goals while holding Turtleford to just one to take a commanding lead in the match. On the Spiritwood side, River Andrews scored two points and Sayge

Lehouillier and Payten Caffet scored a point each, while Hayden Gervais on the Turtleford team scored one.

Despite a rocky second period that saw Turtleford rally and score five goals, the Timberwolves outplayed them and scored six goals of their own to hold onto a 10-5 lead going into the final period.

Huxley Kotun from Spiritwood scored two points while Payten Caffet, Cameron Gaboury, Heath St. John, and William Buswell were able to gain a point each for the second period. On the Turtleford side, Miller Macnab, Hayden Gervais, Monroe Macnab, and Kixtyn Warrington scored one goal each.

In the third period, the Tigers saw an opportunity and pounced on it, closing the gap by scoring six goals to just two for the Timberwolves to fall by a final score of 12-11.

Andrews and Buswell scored the goals for the Timberwolves. For the Tigers, Rodriguez-Brown was able to garner two points, while Miller Macnab, Blake Koop, Emmett Mitchell, and Kixtyn Warrington each had one.

With their victory, the U9-1 Timberwolves are 5-0 on the season. Their next game is a home match against Meadow Lake 2 on Saturday morning.

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North Stars outshine Raiders

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

The inaugural season of the Redberry Raiders continued in Blaine Lake on Saturday night, when the team played host to the Glaslyn North Stars in Saskatchewan Prairie Hockey League action.

The Raiders have been playing like a different team since their first meeting with the North Stars on Nov. 26, 2022 ended with an 8-0 shutout in their opponent's favour. Despite this, the North Stars still outshone them in front of their home crowd, skating to an easy 8-3 victory.

Adam Horner continued to be the offensive leader for the Raiders. With a goal and two assists on the evening, he had a hand in every Raiders goal. Also making appearances on the scorecard for the Raiders were Patrick Gauthier and Simon Gentes, who each scored a

goal. Meanwhile, Braidan Onishenko earned two assists on the night, and Wyatt Dyck earned one.

On the North Stars' scoresheet, Darren Delainey and Calvin Koczka led the way with a goal and two assists, while Ty Anderson, Tyler Cross, Carson McNabb, Jaxon Penner, and Colton Poulin all had a goal and an assist each. Lyndon Carey scored the final Glaslyn goal.

As for North Stars' assists, Kyle Fiddler had three, Chad Crookedneck earned two, and Colin Buban and Will Davies each got one.

With the loss, the Raiders find themselves sitting at 1-12 on the season. This weekend, they close out their first-ever season with a road game against the Meota Combines on Friday night, followed by back-to-back home games in Blaine Lake against the Turtleford Tigers and the Maidstone Jets on Saturday and Sunday.

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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.

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Nominations must be received by close of business on Friday, March 3, 2023.

Interested persons must attest to director qualification requirements.

If required, an election will be held March 20-31, 2023.

Date of Record is March 10, 2023.

For further information, please contact Wendy Krip at wendy.krip@diamondnorthcu.com

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CREDIT UNION

Minutes of an RM of Shellbrook meeting

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

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council of the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493 held on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022, in the Municipal Office Council Chambers at Shellbrook, Sask.

Present: Reeve - Doug Oleksyn, Division 1 - Cliff Skauge, Division 2 - Phil Hamel, Division 3 - Christine Strube, Division 4 - Jay Ferster, Division 5 - Derwin Joelson, and Administrator - Duane Storey.

Absent: Division 6 - Ron Herzog.

Delegations: 11:40 a.m. Foreman Bill Aug update on municipal activities.

Reeve Oleksyn called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Skauge: That the Agenda be adopted as presented. Carried

Skauge: That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council on Oct. 5, 2022, be approved. Carried

Ferster: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of October 2022 be approved as presented. Carried

Skauge: That the bank reconciliation for the month of September 2022 be approved as presented.

Joelson: That the accounts payable dated Nov. 1, 2022, as attached hereto and forming part of these Minutes, being regular cheque numbers 13064 to 13117 in the amount of \$149,446.47 and payroll cheque numbers 14346 to 14371 in the amount of \$47,285.80 be approved. Carried

Joelson: That a 1/10-page (Busi-

ness Card) ad be approved at a cost of \$214.29 for the Military Service Recognition Book 2023. Carried

Strube: That Special Meetings of Council be set for Nov. 18, 2022, and Dec 21, 2022, both commencing at 8:30 a.m. at the Municipal Office in Shellbrook. Carried

Strube: That Council authorizes Deputy Reeve Joelson and Councillor Ferster to purchase a Tandem Truck/Semi up to \$200,000. Carried

Ferster: That the Administrators Report for the month November 2022 be accepted as presented. Carried

Joelson: That Division 4 Councillor Ferster be appointed to the Volunteer Fire Department Committee. Carried

Delegation Foreman Bill Aug and Todd Lande entered the Council Chambers at 11:25 a.m. to update Council on municipal operations.

Delegation Foreman Bill Aug and Todd Lande left the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

Ferster: That further discussions in regards to the 5-Year Capital Plan be postponed to 2023 Budget sessions. Carried

Strube: That the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493 supports the application for a Targeted Sector Support Grant by The Regional Emergency Operations Committee. Carried

Skauge: That discussions in regards to municipal gravel be postponed to 2023 Budget sessions. Carried

Hamel: That the request from Hidden Hills of Shellbrook Golf Course for the use of the Municipality's Cat Dozer be denied. Carried

Ferster: That Bylaw 2022-05, being a Bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 04-2019 A Bylaw Respecting Buildings as annexed hereto and forming a part of these minutes be read a third time. Further this Bylaw be now adopted, sealed and signed by Reeve and Administrator. Carried

Strube: That the Council of the RM of Shellbrook No. 493 agrees to approve the proposed subdivision application for subdivision SE ¼ Section 32-50-02-W3 Proposed Parcel A, and also agrees to waive minimum allowable size for Agricultural Residential District, and forward a response to the Community Planning Branch, Ministry of Government Relations as follows;

1. No: there are no land uses in the vicinity that would be incompatible with the intended use of the proposed site.
2. No: there are no facilities that could be affected by the proposed development.
3. No: there are no further requirements of the applicant. Carried

Strube: That the Council of the RM of Shellbrook No. 493 declines the proposed subdivision application of Subdivision NE ¼ Section 24-50-03-W3 LSD 9. Carried

Hamel: That the request from Town of Shellbrook Community Safety Officer requesting parking in one of the Municipal shops be denied. Carried

Skauge: That discussions in regards to Rat/Pest control be postponed to 2023 Budget sessions. Carried

Skauge: That representatives from The Department of Highways be invited to meet with Council in regards to discussions pertaining to overweight permitting on Highway 240. Carried

Skauge: That discussion's in regards to the Property Self-Insurance Program be postponed to the November

Special Meeting of Council. Carried
Skauge: That the following correspondence be received and filed: 3rd Quarter Community Policing Report. dated Oct. 4, 2022. Carried

Strube: That the following correspondence be received and filed: Plant Health Officer Fall 2022 News Letter dated Oct. 13, 2022. Carried

Strube: That the meeting be adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Special Meeting Nov. 18

Present: Reeve - Doug Oleksyn, Division 1 - Cliff Skauge, Division 2 - Phil Hamel, Division 3 - Christine Strube, Division 4 - Jay Ferster, Division 5 - Derwin Joelson, Division 6 - Ivan Ten Bos, and Administrator - Duane Storey.

Reeve Oleksyn called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Skauge: That the Agenda of the Special Meeting of Council on Nov. 18, 2022, be amended as follows: Equipment Update. Carried

Administrator Duane Storey reports that the following: Division 2 - Philip Hamel, Division 4 - Jay Ferster, Division 6 - Ivan Ten Bos Have all been elected as Councillor of the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493 by acclamation, and that all the Oaths of Office have been signed.

Joelson: That discussions in regards to the Property Self Insurance Program be postponed to the Dec. 7, 2022, regular meeting of Council. Carried

Skauge: That a \$1,000 refundable deposit be sent to Western Truck & Trailer to hold a 2014 Kenworth T800 Plow Truck for further inspection. Carried

Strube: That discussions in regards to Policy Review be postponed awaiting further information from the Administrator. Carried

Joelson: That this meeting be adjourned at 10:46 a.m.



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2023 JUNIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR SCHOLARSHIP CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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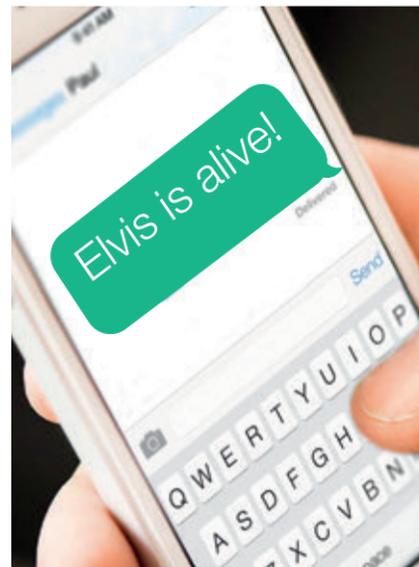
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New year off to a blistering start

The Seattle Kraken won seven straight road games to set a National Hockey League record, Tom Brady may have played his last game in the NFL, Canadian Brooke Henderson won the first LPGA tournament of the season, LeBron James became only the second player to surpass 38,000 career points in the National Basketball Association and Canadian quarterback sensation Nathan Rourke is taking his considerable talents to Jacksonville where, at the very best, he will be a backup to Trevor Lawrence.

And that was only January in the wonderful world of sports.

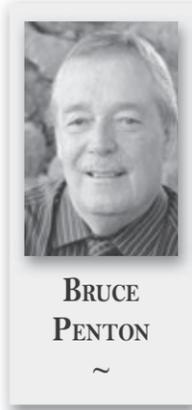
What's to come in 2023? A gaze into the crystal ball for the next five months gives us the following (a look ahead into the last six months of 2023 will follow next week):

February — Philadelphia Eagles continue to ride the Jalen Hurts train all the way to the Super Bowl; Kerri Einarson of Gimli solidifies her

position as skip of Canada's best female curling team by winning the Scotties; and the LIV Golf tour plays its first event with hardly anyone noticing, or caring.

March — Brad Gushue goes after his fifth Brier title but Brendan Bottcher guides his Alberta rink to its second national crown; Connor McDavid continues his run toward 150 points, while Connor Bedard finishes his junior career with McDavid's numbers giving him something to shoot for; the Chicago Blackhawks, Anaheim Ducks, and Columbus Blue Jackets continue being 'Bad for Bedard.'

April — Finally, Rory McIlroy completes the career Grand Slam by winning the Masters at Augusta; The Raptors make a late surge and squeak into the NBA playoffs; the Blue Jays are favoured by the most observers to be an American League East contender; it will be Canada over the U.S. — again — for the women's world



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hockey championship being played in Brampton, Ont.

May — Vladimir Guerrero, Jr., is the talk of baseball by hitting 14 home runs through the Jays' first 29 games; Boston over New Jersey for the NHL's Eastern Conference title; Winnipeg over Seattle in the West; The greatest two minutes in sports, the Kentucky Derby, cannot possibly be as exciting as last year, when Rich Strike came from nowhere to win at the wire, but it will be worth devoting an hour's worth of attention on the first Saturday in May.

June — The Bruins complete their sensational season with a Stanley Cup victory; A shocker at the U.S. Open at L.A. Country Club when second-year tour player Taylor Montgomery emerges victorious; Ja Morant becomes a household name as he leads Memphis Grizzlies to the NBA title; Henderson repeats her 2016 win in the Women's PGA championship, giving her three career majors.

• Kyle Porter of CBS Sports, on this fall's Ryder Cup in Rome: "Jon Rahm is going to go 6-0-0 at the Ryder Cup. They'll probably rename the city Rohm after he's done with his conquest."

• From the Canadian parody website The Beaverton: "Hockey world in shock after NHL star marries brunette."

• Everett Silvertips assistant GM Mike Fraser, a former junior and U.S. college goalie: "They can't figure out why the red light won't turn off (at WinSport's Canada Olympic Park). They've tried everything. Now they know

how I felt my entire career."

• Retired quipster Dwight Perry of Seattle, after Cowboys' kicker Brett Maher was good on only one of five point-after attempts in a playoff game against Tampa Bay: "If nothing else, Brett Maher has introduced the baseball term 'Mendoza line' to the NFL."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "In Dallas' 31-14 win over Tampa Bay, Cowboys' kicker Brett Maher missed a record four extra points. It turns out Maher is a German word for shank."

• Farmers Open golf tournament director Marty Gorsich: "LIV Golf didn't take our (PGA Tour's) best golfers. They took the villains and took the guys whose names were bigger than their games."

• Bob Molinaro of pilot online.com (Hampton, Va.), on robot umpires being used at all AAA level games next year: "Arguing balls and strikes with a robot ump is about the same as someone

cursing at their laptop."

• Broadcaster Dave Hodge, on Twitter: "The NHL should conduct a 'Support for Ukraine' campaign. Russian players could invoke their 'Provorov warmup rights.'"

• Brad Dickson of Omaha, a regular critic of Nebraska Cornhuskers football team and its recent poor play: "The world's oldest person, a French nun, has died at 118. She's so old she can remember the last time the Huskers fielded a competitive football team."

• From theonion.com, among "Things You Should Never Say to a Tom Brady Fan: 'Which of his boring plays, among his eight-yard completions, stands out for you?'"

• From fark.com: "Wife of Phillies' Rob Thomson unimpressed he was named one of MLB's most handsome managers, presumably because they failed to factor in his sharp, knobby knees."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Silvertips finish season with losses

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Playing mostly for pride, the Shellbrook Silvertips made their last home stand of the 2022-2023 Twin Rivers Hockey League season over the weekend, hosting the Waldheim Warriors and the Willow Cree Chiefs.

Tips (2) vs Warriors (7)

Just 15 minutes into Friday night's game, the Silvertips knew the Waldheim Warriors had come to battle. The visitors started the scoring early, with Nate Daku drawing first blood on assists from Kelly Friesen and Nolan Enns.

Later in the frame, a Tips penalty opened the door for TJ Hiebert to strike with helpers from Kyle Schmidt and Derek Bergen. However, Ashton Miller continued a strong late bloom in his first season as a Tip, closing the gap to 2-1 on helpers from Devin Dicus and Nathaniel Martin.

In a second period that played out much like the first, Waldheim struck early to reclaim a two-goal lead, thanks to a goal from Friesen, assisted by Daku.

A late penalty for the Tips proved both beneficial and costly, as Dorin Canaday struck shorthanded on an assist from Braidon Turner to close the gap to 3-2, and Daku pushed the score to 4-2 on helpers from Schmidt and Hiebert.

Outclassed and outplayed in the third period, the Tips surrendered three more unanswered goals to fall 7-2. Friesen started early, scoring his second of the game on assists from Aubrey Reban and Enns, and Kaelen Wall tallied less than a minute later, earning assists from Enns and Daku.

Finally, just after the midway point of the

frame, Bruce Crowe got in on the action, scoring with assists from Friesen and Daku.

Tips (5) vs Chiefs (9)

It was a veritable David vs Goliath type showdown Saturday night, as the top-dog Willow Cree Chiefs skated into the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre to face the Tips with a short bench. If spectators expected offensive fireworks, they certainly got them — from both teams.

Despite the gulf between them in the standings, both the Tips and the Chiefs looked evenly matched out of the gate. It was a fast and clean game, and against the odds, the Tips found themselves up early on, as a neutral zone turnover allowed Nathaniel Martin to draw first blood on an assist from Devin Dicus. The lead was short-

lived, however, as Nathan Gardipy struck 40 seconds later with an assist from Linden Bird.

The game opened up after this, until the Chiefs took their only penalty of the game to put the Tips on the power play. Though the Tips failed to tally, another Chiefs turnover soon after the man advantage allowed Dallas Galloway to bury a rebound in a wide-open net. Rylan Moe and Brendon Beaulac assisted on the goal.

Once again, the Chiefs had an answer. Trapping the Tips in their own end, they gradually wore them down until Tylin Cameron found the back of the net on assists from Trent Campbell and Gordon Wasteste.

In good shape for having ended the first period with a 2-2 tie, the Tips came out

strong and established solid control in the offensive zone in the opening minutes of the second frame. This paved the way for Ashton Miller to pounce on a rebound and reclaim the lead for the Tips.

After holding on to this lead for more than three minutes, the Tips learned why Campbell is the league's leading scorer, as he powered through two defenders and deked out Tips netminder Jon Nelson to tie the game at 3-3. Gordon Wasteste assisted on the play.

Fired up by the goal, the Chiefs came alive and took control of the game with the help of two goals from Linden Bird. The first, assisted by Nathan Gardipy and Cody Michelle, came on a beautiful cross-crease feed, while the second, with another assist from Gardipy, was made possible by a long, lead pass.

Despite the momentum reversal, the Tips still had plenty of fight left, as another turnover opened the door for Martin to score his second of the game on an assist from Miller.

But in a truly dominant third period, the Chiefs rattled off four unanswered goals, starting with a hat trick goal from Bird, on assists from Gardipy and Wasteste.

Also scoring were Cody Michelle, on assists from Bird and Gardipy, Lucas Seesequasis, with helpers from Campbell and Michelle, and Gardipy, with a solo assist from Bird.

With the game all but over, Dorin Canaday buried a rebound from the front of the Chiefs' net to put the final score at 9-5 for the Chiefs. Shayden Smith and Dallas Galloway assisted on the goal.

With the loss, the Tips ended their season with a 3-13 record.



Willow Cree's Linden Bird buries a puck in a wide-open Silvertips goal on a two-on-one rush in the second period.

OBITUARIES

*Gwendolynne Carole Carlson*

Carlson, Gwendolynne Carole

September 7, 1941—January 20, 2023

Our dear Mom and Nan passed away January 20, 2023, with her family by

her side at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon.

We were so blessed to spend our last few hours with Mom, reminiscing, listening to favorite songs, and celebrating our lives together with laughter and tears. Mom left us peacefully, knowing how blessed and loved she was.

She will be welcomed joyously by her husband and our Papa, Jerry Carlson, her parents Tom and Mildred (Whelen) Allen, her parents-in-law Carl and Anna (Pellack) Carlson and many other relatives and friends.

Left to cherish her

memory are her children, Tracy Carlson (Ronald Dupuis), Todd Carlson (Lesley Strelloff), Tricia Lucyshyn (Francis), 8 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, beloved brother and sister-in-law Gary and Delores Allen, their children and grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

At Mom's request, we will have a private family memorial rather than a traditional funeral.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to a cause that is close to your heart, in loving memory of Mom.

Dorothy Hitchings

HITCHINGS, Dorothy Dorothy Hitchings (née Rosen) of Big River, SK passed away peacefully on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, with her children by her side.

Dorothy was born in Edson, Alberta on May 11, 1940, and always loved the mountains. She married her husband, George, in 1963, and was a loving wife until George passed in March 2000.

Dorothy is survived by her two children, Edith and Kelly (Bev), grandchildren Shawn, Ryan (Niketa) and Brandy (Matthew) and great-grandchildren Kaidan, Sophia, Colten, Dominic and Stephen, and sisters Ellen, Karen and Kathleen and many

sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews. Dorothy is pre-deceased by her parents, her brother Alfred, sister June and numerous others.

Dorothy was generous, giving, strong, stubborn and fiercely independent. She lived life her own way. She loved bingo, berry picking, and mowing the grass. She welcomed everyone into her home with open arms and something to drink or eat. Her laugh was unique and contagious. Not much scared her, including the bears that made her acreage their home from time to time. Dorothy was also famous for her quilts and people from all over enjoyed seeing her at the Big River Farmer's Market, with her pieces of art displayed. When she could no longer cope with the demands of the market, she kept making quilt tops with her stash of material. Her sisters assembled over 50 quilts from those tops and donated them to charities across Saskatchewan and Alberta. Her "Blue Jean Quilts" were hotly pursued, and those that she gave such a quilt felt

honored by the gift, and knew they were loved. There was a special gift or message hidden in each quilt, specifically for the recipient, such as initials, special pockets, carrying bags, favorite colors, etc.

The family would like to thank the Big River Health Centre and numerous friends and community members for their care of Dorothy. We will be forever grateful for your kindness.

Dorothy has requested no service be held. A family gathering will be held in the summer, when we will be scattering her ashes as requested. Flowers are respectfully declined, but donations may be Lakewood Lodge Auxiliary, Box 846 Big River, SK S0J 0E0.

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

Current municipal election date a barrier

By **RANDY GOULDEN**
President, SUMA

Municipal governance, like municipal services, tends to be something people only think about when it's not working. There are, by design, no party affiliations for people to focus on; there tend to be few Twitter wars fought on municipal ground; and the dozens of cameras that sit in the House of Commons catching members of parliament sleeping are absent from most council chambers.

While this lack of a circus is an important part of why municipal governments—those closest to the people—can get so much done, it often makes it more challenging to encourage residents to take part in municipal elections. In 2020, Nipawin saw a voter turnout of 30 per cent, and Melfort saw a similar turnout of 28 per cent. In Saskatchewan's two biggest cities, where seats are nearly always contested, voter turnout was 27 per cent and 21 per cent in Saskatoon and Regina, respectively. Regina's voter turnout was similar in 2016, meaning in the last two municipal elections, four out of five eligible voters in the city did not cast a ballot.

Municipalities have historically struggled to get people to the municipal polls. And in 2020, the Government of Saskatchewan made it even more difficult when they moved the

municipal election date to November to accommodate their own election in October. Cue a November blizzard. Nothing dissuades someone faster from voting than having to venture out in cold, blowing, snow. With travel brought to a standstill in many parts of the province, the provincial government had to pass an emergency order to extend the election period so that anyone could make it to the polls.

Blizzards are not uncommon in Saskatchewan, in November. (As the saying goes, there are only two seasons in Saskatchewan—construction and winter.) Having municipal elections so close to a provincial one also causes other problems, including voter confusion and fatigue in both voters and volunteers running the polls. November also tends to be a time when many people turn their eyes to our neighbours to the south and the spectacular spectacle they provide during their elections.

The province's own Chief Electoral Officer acknowledged the challenges of the 2020 election date in his report on the provincial election and recommended that the municipal election date—the next election scheduled for November 2024—be moved to spring. SUMA, the voice of cities, towns, villages, resort villages, and northern municipalities in Saskatchewan has made a similar call of its own, after consultation with members: towns and villages should have their date move into September, and cities should be moved to May.

Despite these many calls, the province's response has been a consistent "no." They have said no to municipalities, who fund their own elections and know their residents best, no to the recommendations of their own Chief Electoral Officer, and no to an election date that would maximize the number of residents exercising their democratic right to vote for their municipal council.

It's time for that no to become a yes.

GOOD NEWS



SPEAK LIFE WORDS

By **DAVE BODVARSON**
Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly

I have always liked the Scripture in Proverbs that says, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue."

There are stories that speak volumes. One is about Larry Crabb. Crabb is a bestselling author. When he was a young man, he attended a church that had this custom of having young men participate in communion by praying publicly.

Praying out loud for some can be intimidating. It certainly was for Larry, who felt the pressure when called upon. Larry had a problem with stuttering and when he got up to pray, he prayed a terribly confused prayer. Larry Crabb recalls he prayed, "thanking the Father for hanging on the cross and praising Christ for triumphantly bringing the Spirit from the grave."

You could well imagine that Larry wanted to head for the exit after the service. He wanted to avoid any elders who felt the need to correct him. I love what happened next. Before Larry could leave, an older man named Jim Dunbar caught him.

Larry braced himself, thinking he would be corrected. Instead, he found himself listening to these words, "Lar-

ry, there's one thing I want you to know. Whatever you do for the Lord, I am behind you 1,000 per cent."

Larry Crabb reflects in his book, "Even as I write these words, my eyes fill with tears. I have yet to tell that story to an audience without at least mildly choking up. Those words were life words. They had power. They reached deep into my being."

A number of years ago Marlene and I pastored in Semans. It is a village very close to Raymore, located 125 km North of Regina.

Part of my time there I had a chance to work for a farmer. Being from the N.W.T., this was all new to me. The farmer was pretty patient with me as he sat beside me on his open cab swather and attempted to teach me the art of cutting lentils. That can't be the easiest crop to cut.

While I was contemplating about giving up, I turned to the farmer and said, "I don't think I am up to this."

Without any hesitation he said, "Yes you are."

Life words. He saw potential in me when I didn't see it myself.

Speak life words; someone might be needing to hear those words.

It is still true that life and death are in the power of the tongue.

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Minutes of a Village of Canwood meeting

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the Village of Canwood, held at Canwood Elks Community Hall, 640 2nd Avenue East, Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Moar at 3 p.m.

Present: Deputy Mayor - Ken Moar, Councillors - Kaytlyn Mitchell, Lorne Benson, Ron Willner, and Acting Administrator - Carmen Jean and Lindsey Olson.

Absent: Mayor - Robert Thompson

Submitted to the Administration the Public Disclosure Statements for 2023: Ron Willner, Kaytlyn Mitchell, Lorne Benson, and Ken Moar.

Willner: That the agenda as per attached be accepted as presented, with the additions of: Air Limited, Christmas hours, Gail, Water turn off, Well Leak, Bylaw 12/05 • Policy - Employee Traffic Tickets. Carried

Benson: That the minutes of

the Nov. 14, 2022, and Nov. 25, 2022, meetings be approved as presented with the Correction to Nov. 14, 2022, meeting that Kaytlyn left the meeting before Motion 266/22 and returned before motion 269/22. Carried

Mitchell: That the Bank Reconciliation for the month of November 2022 be approved as presented. Carried

Benson: That the financial statements for November 2022 be approved as presented. Carried

Willner: That we issue Cheques 5735-5773, totaling \$53,816.19, and Other payments, totaling \$6,817.93 and \$3,878.52, as per \$36,709.13, as per attached List of Accounts for Approval. Carried

Willner: That the water treatment plant report for the month of November 2022 be approved as presented. Carried

Moar: That we acknowledge receipt of Maintenance Manager Calendar and weekly reports, as presented. Carried

Benson: That the Time Sheets for Gail Westgard and Lorna Benson be approved as

presented. Carried

Kaytlyn Mitchell left the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

Moar: That the Public Works Committee verbal reports given by Lorne Benson From Dec. 13 and Dec. 15, 2022, as presented. Carried

Willner: That the verbal report from Lorne Benson for Hwy 55 be accepted as presented.

Delegation: Hugh Otterson addressed the council regarding equipment that was sold and concerns regarding Public Notice Bylaw and Administration.

Moar: That the Village of Canwood appoint NorSask Board Services as the official Board of Revisions. Carried

Willner: That the code of Ethics Conduct Policy signed by Lindsey Olson be accepted as presented. Carried

Benson: That the Village of Canwood Accept the Financial Statement for Nov. 1, 2021, to Oct. 31, 2022, for the Canwood and District Memorial Fund. Carried

Moar: That the council ap-

prove the training for Lindsey Olson on the Munisoft Programs at a cost of \$1,540. Carried

Moar: That we agree to provide a token of appreciation in the form of \$100 Co-op Gift Cards to Gail Westgard, Dean Anderson, and Trevor Kvinlaug for work that was completed for the Village in 2022. Carried

Moar: That Councillor Willner and Councillor Benson be appointed to the Hwy 55 Waste management Board for the Village of Canwood for a term to Dec. 31, 2023. Carried

Willner: That the mileage rate for all council, administration and maintenance be .60 km for council business. Carried

Benson: That we agree to allow the Administrator to process the 2022 year-end expenditures and budget items prior to the January 2022 meeting with all payments to be verified by the Mayor. Carried

Moar: That we authorize the Administrator to add any utility accounts that are 60 days

past due onto the appropriate tax roll. Carried

Willner: That we agree that Council Indemnity and Remuneration remain unchanged for 2023 and are as follows:

- Mayor \$130 per council meeting;
- Councillors \$120 per council meeting;
- Full day meetings \$130;
- Half day meetings (2-5 hours) \$80; and
- Two hours or less meetings \$40. Carried

Benson: That we agree to give first reading to Bylaw 2022-08, that is a Bylaw to provide for Public Notice for the Village of Canwood. Carried

Moar: That we agree to give a second reading to Bylaw No. 2022-08, that is a Bylaw to provide for the Public Notice for the Village of Canwood. Carried

Editor's note: Council spent much of the rest of the meeting making its annual appointments. These have been omitted due to space restraints.

Moar: That we adjourn at 9 p.m.

Echoing colour in the garden

By SARA WILLIAMS

When new to gardening, many of us begin by acquiring perennial plants from our mother's garden, a friend or neighbour, a horticultural society or garden club plant exchange or a nursery. Generally, these plants will be hardy and survive our tough prairie winters.

Our initial object may be simply to fill the available space within a bed or border. While we will probably pay attention to a perennial's height, we may not initially be as aware of its season of bloom or precise colour.

At first, we get to know our plants – their growth habit, where they thrive (or not) and other characteristics. But few of us decide on a colour scheme when staring out. However, sooner or later, we begin to pay attention to colour. We may decide on an overall colour scheme for one portion of a border or a bed, then add plants with only those colours that harmonize with it. One approach to introducing a colour scheme is to use a colour echo.

So, what is a colour echo? Broadly speaking, it's a colour in one plant repeated in a nearby plant. The idea of colour echoes was popularized by Pamela Harper, an American garden writer, who wrote *Colour Echoes* in 1994. "Too much sameness is boring, too much diversity bewildering, and colour echoes...although united by similarities, also involve contrast... in colour, form or texture." They are a means of creating unity, serenity, interest, and

charm within a garden.

In practice, the echo can consist of two tones (a colour to which black or white has been added) of the same colour. One of the colours in a bi-colour or multi-coloured flower or leaf may be repeated in adjacent foliage or flowers. Often, the colour of two adjacent plants is the same, but the form or texture of their flower or foliage is very different. The colour of foliage is as important flower colour, but we seldom give it the same attention. Colour echoes can be used in multi-coloured (polychromatic) borders without major changes to the existing plants. These possibilities increase considerably in a mixed border that includes annuals, biennials, vines, and shrubs as well as perennials.

Occasionally, we may see a perennial quite a distance away that would be a perfect colour echo for another and move it closer. As Helen Dillon, an Irish garden writer, wrote, "If you come to colour late in your gardening life, you will do a lot of transplanting..."

Some examples of colour echoes:

- The dark purple falls of a two-toned bearded iris echo the colour of a purple clustered bellflower.
- Hosta foliage with a white margin and the white fruit of dogbane.
- Puschkinia flowers and those of Siberian squill.
- The yellow foliage of Veronica 'Trehane' with that of a yellow and green hosta.
- The yellow flowers of Trollius globe flower with the yellow margin of hosta foliage.
- A pink tulip and the pink of a bleeding heart present the same colour but a contrast of foliage.

Echoes can also come from the hard- scape. The colour in your house, garage, shutters, fences, gates, garden furniture

or even a bird house can be repeated in nearby flowers. Many of the pink flowers in Claude Monet's famous garden in Giverny, France, were a colour echo of his pink house.

Most echoes are found in close proximity, next to each other or along a path within a few feet. But in more expansive landscapes they can be viewed across a distance such as larger groupings of Bergenia with tulips of the same hue in spring.

Combinations among foliage plants are more long-lasting through the growing season. There may be disappointment if two flowers in a planned colour echo fails to bloom at the same time in a particular year. It's safer to pair a foliage

colour with those of a flower. The foliage will be there whenever the flower opens.

Often, we simply develop a border and are pleasantly surprised when an unintentional but pleasing colour echo appears.

Sara Williams is the author and co-author of many books including *Creating the Prairie Xeriscape*, *Gardening Naturally with Hugh Skinner* and, with Bob Bors, the recently published *Growing Fruit in Northern Gardens*. She continues to give workshops on a wide range of gardening topics throughout the prairies.

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