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Spiritwood welcomes new dental clinic



Spiritwood's new dentist, Dr. Javed Khan (right), with his staff.

By **NATASHA CABASE**
Spiritwood Herald Reporter

Many long years without having easy dental access in Spiritwood have finally come to an end, as the town has welcomed the new Spiritwood Dental Clinic.

Patients looking for a teeth cleaning, tooth extractions, and other dental services will see a new face in Spiritwood, as Dr. Javed Khan gets started meeting people in his new location at 107 Main Street.

Born and raised in India, Dr. Khan says he was excited to get to know clients when they walked through the doors on March 29, 2023, during the clinic's soft opening.

Since he currently lives in North

Battleford with his wife and child, he plans to operate the clinic from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesdays (although he can extend his hours to as late as 6 p.m., depending on the circumstances) until the end of May. Starting in June, he hopes to begin providing services three or four days per week.

Dr. Khan started his dentistry journey in India in 2004, and undertook five years of studying. After a few years of practicing in India, he moved to Canada and worked as a dental assistant from 2014 to 2017.

He then went to San Francisco, where he studied and earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree at the University of California in 2020. Dr. Khan decided to move back to Canada, settling first in Alberta and Regi-

na, before moving to North Battleford where he currently resides.

He has been in Canada with his license to practice for two and a half years.

Around September of last year, he began coming to Spiritwood, and says he met with a few people from the community who helped him acquire his new clinic.

"I've been living in North Battleford for quite some time and managed to [get to] know nearby towns and locations," Dr. Khan said. "I was looking for a space in small communities that don't have easy access to dental services. I've been to some small towns, but I liked the vibe here in Spiritwood. I get to meet people here and they're all very welcoming. That's why

I chose to provide my service here."

He also added that he likes small towns, as he gets to spend more time with family compared to being in a big city.

Although he doesn't plan to permanently reside in Spiritwood, he said he doesn't mind travelling back and forth from North Battleford. After years of moving around, he says an hour-long drive from North Battleford to Spiritwood is accessible enough for him.

When he's not providing dental service to his clients, he says he's a simple family man and enjoys spending time with his family as well as cooking.

"As you can see, I love to eat," he joked.

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You've goat to be kidding me!

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Move over lightning strikes and shark attacks; there's a brand-new quantifier for rarity in town.

Thanks to Candace Wolfe's "Superdoe" named Party, we can now say "That's as rare as a female goat having sextuplets."

Party, Wolfe's five-year-old, tricolored Nigerian dwarf cross with flashy blue eyes, successfully delivered six live kids on March 30, putting her just shy of the world record of seven. The litter included four bucklings and two doelings.

The feat is incredibly rare, as most does give birth to two or three kids per litter. However, this isn't the first time Party has showcased her "Superdoe" powers.

Though she had more normal litters of twins in 2019 and triplets in 2021 and 2022, Party gave birth to quintuplets in 2020.

"I did not know Party was carrying so many kids," Wolfe said of the doe's pregnancy. "[But] she was looking like she did in 2020."

When not pregnant, Party typically weighs about 90 pounds. Though Wolfe was unable to weigh her while pregnant because she couldn't fit on the scale, her six kids came in at a combined weight of 28.5 pounds.

Needless to say, it made for an interesting birthing process for both Party and Wolfe.

"Maintaining multiple birth nutrition is the first challenge, along with being present to assist with kidding," Wolfe said.

"Jake Nagy loaded her on the mobile maternity pen (aka horse trailer) along with Sugar (quadruplets) and Gina (triplets), so she could be monitored while I was working. Five of the kids were presented



Party the "Superdoe" while pregnant with her six kids.

backwards with one other being in normal presentation."

Fortunately, Wolfe says, the birthing went well, and Party is looking wonderful and feeding three of her kids, while the other three are being bottle fed.

Locally, and in the surrounding area, Wolfe is well known for her permanent full-time job as a continuing care aide. However, she's also always had a love for animals, starting with her involvement with the Light Horse 4-H as a kid.

Participating in 4-H alongside her sisters, Tasje and Damaris, Candace says she learned much about caring for and showing horses over the years, while



Party's six kids were delivered healthy and are thriving.

also gaining a deep understanding of the feeding and basic care requirements for multiple types of animals.

As her passion for animals only continued to grow, she was inspired to start Lovestruck Miniatures, a farm and petting zoo, in 2008.

Wolfe began Lovestruck Miniatures with just three miniature horses. Starting with one pregnant doe, she welcomed goats into the fold in 2013, when her mom, Loretta, told her, "We can't have a petting zoo without a goat."

In 2019, a flock of sheep joined the menagerie, which has also included donkeys, alpacas, potbelly pigs, llamas, assorted unique chickens, geese, and guinea fowl, and kittens.

Over the years, Lovestruck Miniatures has become a way for Wolfe to share her passion with others while also teaching them about animals. Wolfe has shown off her animals to long-term care residents and at daycares, and was also a mainstay at Shellbrook's Street Fair during its nearly ten-year run.

Of course, it's no easy feat to balance a full-time job with caring for so many animals (especially without a tractor to help with some of the farm work), and it's sometimes a challenge to find good feed, which is critical for the health and wellbeing of the animals.

During lambing/kidding season, Wolfe has to keep the pregnant animals close to be checked on at two-hour intervals. That's on top of her normal day, which includes feeding and watering the animals, bottle feeding any young ones every two to four hours, and assisting with birthing as needed. And somewhere in between all that, she also has to make time for family and friends.

For Wolfe, though, the hard work is worth the reward of following her passion.

"I feel at peace while being around animals," she said. "My favorite part is the birthing process."



Candace Wolfe, owner of Lovestruck Miniatures.

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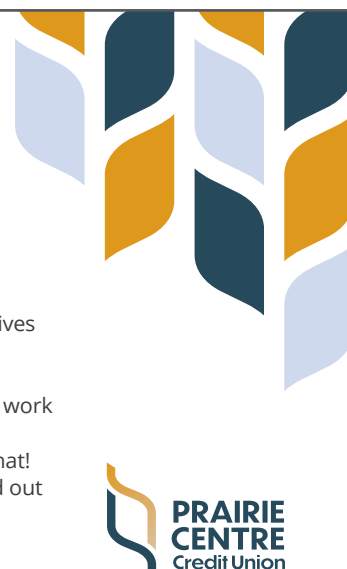
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Spiritwood RCMP seeks wanted male

By **JORDAN TWISS**
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The Spiritwood RCMP Detachment is on the lookout for a male suspect wanted in connection with a firearms-related incident on the Pelican Lake First Nation.

According to a press release, officers with the Spiritwood RCMP responded to a report of a firearm discharge on the Pelican Lake First Nation on March 30. Once on scene, investigation determined that a group of individuals in a vehicle discharged a firearm at a house, then drove away. No physical injuries were reported.

Officers began patrolling the area and eventually located the suspect vehicle at a business in Spiritwood. As police approached, a male who had been inside the business fled on foot. The vehicle fled at a high rate of speed, and officers followed the vehicle and activated their emergency lights and sirens.

The vehicle did not pull over and continued travelling for approximately 45 minutes. Officers used a tire deflation device, and the vehicle came to a stop on Highway #55, allowing police to arrest the vehicle's lone occupant.

21-year-old Tyson Starblanket from Prince Albert was arrested without incident, and is charged with one count of careless use of a firearm, one count of pointing a firearm, one count of possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, one count of unauthorized possession of a firearm, one count of possession of a firearm knowing possession is unauthorized, one count of possession of a firearm in a motor vehicle, one count of flight from peace officer, one count of dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, three counts

of failing to comply with release order condition, one count of failing to comply with probation order, and one count of assault with a weapon.

Tyson Starblanket appeared in Prince Albert Provincial Court on April 3.

Through further investigation, police have also identified the male who fled from the business in Spiritwood as 33-year-old Melvin Starblanket from the Witchehan Lake First Nation.

He is charged with one count of careless use of a firearm, one count of pointing a firearm, one count of possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, one count of unauthorized possession of a firearm, one count of possession of a firearm knowing possession is unauthorized, one count of possession of a firearm in a motor vehicle, two counts of failing to comply with release order condition, two counts of weapons possession contrary to order and failing to surrender authorization, two counts of failing to comply with undertaking, one count of assault with a weapon, one count of discharging a firearm with intent.

A warrant has been issued for Melvin Starblanket's arrest and Spiritwood RCMP are actively working to locate him. Investigators ask members of the public to report all information on his whereabouts.

Melvin Starblanket is described as approximately 6' and 150 lbs. He has black hair and brown eyes. He has a tattoo of the letters "KRD" on the right side of his neck, a Superman logo on his right thumb, as well as various other tattoos on his arms and back.

Melvin Starblanket was previously charged and arrested in connection with a September 2022 shooting incident on the Witchehan Lake First

Nation.

At that time, he was wanted by police on a number of other charges as well, including failing to stop for police and obstructing/fleeing a peace officer on Dec. 31, 2021, failing to report to a probation officer on June 16, 2022, a break and enter and theft of a vehicle on Aug. 7, and failure to appear in court on Aug. 9.

Anyone who sees Melvin Starblanket is urged not approach him and to report this sighting to police immediately.

Information on Melvin Starblanket's whereabouts can be reported to Spiritwood RCMP at 306-883-4210. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

Saskatchewan RCMP's Ahtahkookop, Big River and Meadow Lake detachments, Police Dog Service, Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan and Meadow Lake Crime Reduction Team assisted in this ongoing investigation.

Shellbrook

The Ahtahkookop-Shellbrook RCMP Detachment is seeking the public's assistance after a pair of vehicles were stolen in Shellbrook on April 5 and 6.

In press releases issued through the Saskatchewan Crime Watch Advisory Network, police say they received reports about a vehicle being stolen from the Lake Country Co-op gas station on April 5. Upon investigation, officers determined the vehicle had been stolen from Saskatoon.

The vehicle, described as a 2014 Black Chrysler 300 with Saskatchewan licence plate 386 MTI, was observed to have a broken front driver's side window and rear window. The vehicle fled from police, heading west on Highway 3.

On the morning of April 6, police received reports of a break and enter and vehicle theft at the Shellbrook Airport.

Police say a truck, identified as a 1986 Chevrolet 1500 with Saskatchewan license plate 549 LXU, was stolen in this instance.

Anyone with information about the stolen vehicles can contact the Ahtahkookop-Shellbrook RCMP Detachment at 306 747-2606, or call 310-RCMP(7267).

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Melvin Starblanket.



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The rules of reality no longer apply

In last week's column about the 2023-2024 federal budget, I delved deep into the topsy turvy, downright nonsensical, version of reality we find ourselves living in.

Looked at through the lens of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government, the new reality we live in is one in which a \$40 billion deficit and \$1.2 trillion dollars in debt are emblematic of fiscal restraint.

It's also a reality in which a one-time "grocery rebate", worth up to \$467 for families, \$234 for single people, or \$225 for seniors, is a silver bullet for Canadians who are struggling to keep up with the soaring cost of living.

Speaking of groceries – which in February of this year increased in cost by 10.6 per cent compared to February 2022, even as inflation cooled off – it's not only the federal government trying to bend the rules of reality to their liking.

Certain Canadian grocery magnates are just as guilty of crafting their own narratives when the real world becomes an inconvenience to them.

Back in March, the heads of Canada's three largest grocery chains were summoned to parliament to answer questions and face accusations that they've been using inflation as a pretense to price gouge consumers and pad their profit margins.

Surprising no one, the three executives said nothing could be further from the truth. Not only are they not price gouging consumers, they're victims of inflation, too, just like all Canadians.

So, you say you're paying \$8 for a pound of butter when you used to pay \$5 (a 60 per cent increase)? Well, that's because of all the cost increases for grocers along every step of the supply chain, of course!

Surely, we can expect prices to drop back to pre-pandemic levels eventually. Right?

In the meantime, Canada's grocery chain executives can find some comfort in the inflationary woes their companies are profiting... I mean struggling... through.

Just last week, news broke that Loblaw president Galen Weston was awarded a \$1.2 million raise in 2022, after consultants determined he



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was underpaid. The modest 11 per cent bump to Mr. Weston's pay brings his annual take to a more comfortable \$11.79 million.

Meanwhile, Metro Inc. CEO Eric La Flèche received a comparatively paltry 6.8 per cent raise, boosting his annual pay to \$5.36 million.

To put this into context, Mr. Weston now (rightfully) earns in a single day what the average employee at one of his company's stores earns in an entire year. It takes Mr.

Laflèche a little longer (two-and-a-half days) to reach this threshold.

Elsewhere in Canada's corporate sphere, last week saw Rogers Communications complete its \$26-billion purchase of Shaw Communications Inc.

The deal, which required Shaw to transfer its Freedom Mobile wireless licences to Quebecor Inc.'s Videotron to clear regulatory hurdles, has been the source of much concern among Canadian consumers.

Year after year, reports show that Canadians pay some of the highest cellphone and mobile data rates in the world.

For instance, Rewheel, an independent telecom research firm based in Finland, publishes reports on the mobile data pricing across 50 countries worldwide twice a year.

In its May 2022 report, it found that Canada's cost-per-gigabyte for mobile data is seven times more expensive than Australia, 25 times more than Ireland and France, and 1,000 times more than Finland.

Though the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association takes issue with these findings, Rewheel isn't the only research firm to rank Canada among the most expensive countries for mobile data usage.

What's more, the one report that didn't find Canada more expensive, submitted to the CRTC by Telus in 2021, was dismissed as flawed because Telus artificially lowered average costs by excluding many types of plans from its analysis.

The only real relief from cellphone costs came in 2020, when the federal government demanded that companies lower the costs of their low-data plans by 25 per cent or face more stringent regulation. In the end, the companies complied, but some fear



the Rogers-Shaw deal will reduce competition and undo this progress.

Fortunately, much of the potential fallout from the merger will be blunted in Saskatchewan, where SaskTel is a strong regional competitor in the mobile market.

But Rogers CEO Tony Staffieri says Canadians have nothing to worry about at all. Not only will the merger create jobs in western Canada, it will actually increase competition and lower costs for consumers.

"This whole transaction has always been about increasing competition," he said following the completion of the deal.

"What we want to make sure we get right is all the things for our customers, and in particular, affordability. One of the key pluses of this is that competition is going up, especially in the west, and prices are going to come down."

Our final piece of corporate reality rewriting comes from our very own Sask. Party government, who last week celebrated the "huge success" of its Accelerated Site Closure Program.

With the help of a \$400 million investment from Saskatchewan taxpayers, the program resulted in the capping or closing of 8,800 inactive oil and gas wells and facilities.

"This work would not have been possible without the dedication of Saskatchewan's oil and gas service sector, which stepped up to get the work done within a relatively short timeframe,"

Energy and Resources Minister Jim Reiter said of the program's success.

Ignoring the fact that oil companies needed a financial incentive to properly care for the land they extracted resources and made billions of dollars from, there's plenty of reason to question the sector's dedication.

Between 2010 and 2020, the number of wells orphaned by oil companies in this province increased to 1,500 from 300. And the problem is even more out of control in Alberta, which boasted 8,600 orphaned wells in 2020 compared to just 700 in 2010.

According to the Parliamentary Budget Officer, the cost of dealing with orphaned wells is set to climb to \$1.1 billion by 2025, if oil companies are allowed to continue shirking their responsibility.

In 2020, the federal government gave \$1.7 billion to the Alberta, Saskatchewan, and B.C. governments to tackle the issue, with the expectation that the funds would assist oil companies lacking the financial capacity to meet their obligations. Instead, nearly half of the funding received by Alberta went to firms deemed to be "not financially at risk."

If you find all of this confusing, you're almost certainly not alone.

At every turn, governments and corporations are insisting to us that up is down and left is right, and expecting us to simply nod our heads in agreement.

We mustn't let them rewrite reality.

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Report from the Legislature

Saskatchewan is growing at a pace not seen in more than 100 years, recently reaching an all-time population record of 1.21 million. With this rapid growth, we now have over 189,000 students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 schools in the province, the most we have seen in over 20 years.

Growth that works for everyone means every student receives the best possible education. That's why our government made significant investments in education in the provincial 2023-24 Budget, totaling a record \$4 billion.

This year's budget includes a record \$3.1 billion for the Ministry of Education to fund schools, early learning and child care, and libraries. Saskatchewan's school divisions will get a record \$2 billion in operation funding. Funding will maintain the over 200 Educational Assistants hired since September 2021 and allow them to continue providing student support in our classrooms.

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tance Learning Corporation (Sask DLC) will receive \$23 million for startup and operational costs. Sask DLC will offer unique learning opportunities for students by offering over 180 courses for Kindergarten to Grade 12 students, including several unique high school electives. Grade 12 completion and electives are available to adult learners as well. Registration is now open for the 2023-24 school year at SaskDLC.ca.

Several capital projects are being funded this year, including a new school to

replace and consolidate the elementary and high school in Carlyle. A new K-12 Francophone school will replace École Valois in Prince Albert, and a new Francophone elementary school will be built in Saskatoon. Several schools across the province will also be renovated and a site has been chosen for the new Harbour Landing school.

These new capital education projects are in addition to 15 new school builds and seven renovations already underway across the province. Investments in schools ensure our facilities are prepared for continued growth and can provide quality learning opportunities for students into the future.

Our government will invest \$382.4 million in early learning and child care this year to support young families. This funding, through a partnership with the federal government, reduces parent fees for regulated child care to \$10 per day as of April 1, three years ahead of schedule. Funding will also support continued efforts to

add more child care spaces and programs for early childhood educators.

Public libraries will receive \$11.6 million to support the services they provide to communities across the province. This includes an increase in grants to public libraries for resource-sharing services. A new investment of \$200,000 will refresh the province's collection of multi-lingual materials and add more materials in Indigenous languages. These investments in public libraries continue to support learning opportunities in our growing and diverse province.

Post-secondary education funding has increased by 3.3 per cent in this year's budget, for a total of \$764.8 million. This includes a 90 per cent increase for infrastructure projects. Funding will go towards planning and design for Saskatchewan Polytechnic's campus renewal project in Saskatoon. Investments will also allow for renovations to the University of Saskatche-



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wan's dental clinic, as well as equipment and renovations for expanded health programs across the province.

Our government will expand training programs for key health professionals with a \$25.2 million investment. Beginning this fall, 550 new seats will be added to 18 high-priority health training programs. Funding will also support the continuation of a 150-seat expansion in nursing programs to further address needs in the health sector. These expansions will increase

educational opportunities for Saskatchewan students while generating interest in the health sector in our province.

Post-secondary students will benefit from \$47 million in student supports. This year, the Student Aid Fund and Saskatchewan Advantage Scholarship will increase, and an investment of \$50,000 will provide new Indigenous Language Scholarships. The Graduate Retention Program will continue to support students who remain in the province to work with up to \$20,000 in tax credits. Our government's post-secondary investments contribute to further growth by supporting students as they put down roots in Saskatchewan communities.

Investments in education are investments in our province's continued growth. Ensuring students at all levels have access to learning opportunities is growth that works for everyone. To learn more about the 2023/24 Provincial Budget visit Saskatchewan.ca.

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Highlights of a Shellbrook Town Council meeting

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Shellbrook's Town Council met for its regular meeting in person and via teleconference on Monday, April 3.

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Otterson, and council began with its customary recognition of Truth and Reconciliation. Immediately after this, it approved the meeting's agenda, adopted the minutes of its March 20 meeting, and moved on to communications and council's reports.

Under communications, council received correspondence from the R.M. of Blaine Lake regarding the Parkland Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee's request to increase its levy to \$10 per capita from \$7 per capita. Council for the rural municipality approved the re-

quest, meaning its contribution, based on a population of 301, will climb to \$3,010.

In a sparse reports section, Mayor Otterson fielded a question about the current staffing situation at Parkland Integrated Health Centre and recent ER closures. He confirmed that there had been a closure of the ER over the weekend due to an illness, noting that the facility's staffing challenges often mean that just one staff member being sick is enough to force a closure of the ER.

Where policing is concerned, Hoare received questions about when the Community Safety Officer will begin issuing tickets to those who break laws or bylaws. Hoare said he would begin soon, with a focus on things like people not wearing seatbelts.

Moving on to new business, council began by reviewing and approving the 2023-2024 municipal budget, which includes a 6 per cent mill rate increase. One councillor opposed passing the budget, because they wanted more time to review the document.

Up next, council approved first and second readings of Bylaw 2023-06 - The Mill Rate Bylaw, which allows for the mill rate to increase to 4.42 from 4.17. The revised bylaw also removes a provision that states "A vacancy adjustment of 25 per cent shall be applied to all vacant commercial buildings," because the provision was found to not apply to many properties in town.

Council was unable to obtain the required unanimous vote to have a third reading and enact the bylaw, however, and made plans to conduct the third reading at a special meeting.

Up next, council approved a recommendation from Shellbrook's Recreation Committee to implement a dry floor rental rate of \$40 per hour for both floor surfaces at the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre. While it noted that the rate might not be greeted with excitement by user groups, it also said this was significantly lower than its original rate suggestion, which was based on Prince Albert's rates.

Moving on, council also set the pool

rates for 2023, and authorized TAXservice to handle tax enforcement proceedings for properties with unpaid taxes from 2022.

Council then had a lengthy discussion about Policy 4002, which sets out vacation entitlements for municipal employees. The main issue of contention was the number of weeks employees should get off after working full-time for the Town of Shellbrook for 5, 10, and 20 year increments. In the end, council voted to table the policy to discuss it further.

Wrapping up the meeting, council agreed to a request from the Senior's Citizens' Co-operative Club to write a letter of support for their program — Shellbrook Seniors Exercising for Health. The club is seeking Affinity Credit Union funding to help it run its programming and keep up with facility costs.

Finally, council agreed to set May 8 as the date for its next meeting, and to only have one meeting in May (its second April meeting conflicts with the 2023 SUMA conference).

Sask ends mandatory masking at health facilities

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

The era of mandatory masking is officially at an end in Saskatchewan.

Last Tuesday (April 4), the province moved to eliminate the requirement for healthcare

workers, patients, and guests to wear masks in Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) facilities, and returned to routine infection prevention and control protocols.

Moving forward, masking will be optional in all SHA facilities including administrative of-

fices, hospitals, clinics, and long-term care facilities. Requirements for masking will remain only where they existed pre-pandemic, such as operating rooms, but otherwise, personal protective equipment (PPE) that may include masks, gowns or gloves, will only be required for staff and visitors during outbreaks or in specific high-risk clinical areas as per SHA infection control policies.

Masks will continue to be made available to healthcare staff, patients, residents, and visitors who wish to wear a mask.

Physical distancing

measures will also end, and there will no longer be restrictions on food sharing and food donations.

While these new protocols apply to SHA facilities, privately-operated physician's offices, clinics, and other non-SHA facilities are permitted to set their own infection prevention and control protocols, including policies requiring masking onsite.

According to the province, the final decision was made in consultation with Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Saqib Shahab, the SHA,

and SHA Chief Medical Officer Dr. Susan Shaw.

Following the announcement of the change, Rural and Remote Health Minister Everett Hindley said families and healthcare workers were also asking for a return to normalcy.

"I was hearing about it from families, but also from healthcare workers, as a matter of fact — a number of healthcare workers from across this province who felt that it was time to revert back to the previous policy," he said.

Hindley also said the change reflects a change

in the province's approach to living with COVID-19.

"We want to make sure that we're treating it the same as every other respiratory illness that we know of, in terms of the precautions that we take," Hindley said.

Though he didn't say whether the Opposition agrees or disagrees with the decision, Sask. NDP rural and remote health critic Matt Love called for more insight into the factors that influenced the decision to rescind the masking protocols.

"I think what would help the public to understand is to directly hear from Dr. Shahab about this change so we can trust that this decision is being made by healthcare professionals and not politicians," he said.

At the same time that the province is ending mandatory masking in SHA facilities, it has also announced that it will be winding down the SK Vax Wallet app, which was used to provide proof of vaccination when such public health measures were in place prior to Feb. 14, 2022.

Citing the decline in the need for proof of vaccination globally, the government said the app will no longer be updated after April 17, and will no longer be available in mobile app stores as of April 30.

COVID-19 vaccination records can still be accessed through MySaskHealthRecord and can be printed, or saved and viewed on mobile devices. The QR code is also still available on vaccination records through MySaskHealthRecord.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

HIDDEN HILLS OF SHELLBROOK Golf Course

Hidden Hills is accepting applications for full-time work at the Golf Pro Shop and lounge for the 2023 golf season.

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GRASS MOWING TENDER — RM OF SPIRITWOOD NO. 496

Expressions of interest including price quotes are being accepted for grass mowing and whipper snipping in the municipal right of ways of the following locations within the RM of Spiritwood No. 496:

Green Jewel Estates
Angus Estates
Aspen Ridge Estates
Aspen Ridge Lagoon
Misty Grove
Sunset Rim Estates
RM Compound — Shell Lake
The Cove
South Shore Ridge
Norbury Cemetery

Mowing to be completed monthly at all locations and will commence on or about the end of May 2023 and continue until end of August 2023. The successful bidder shall be responsible for all equipment, labour, materials, fuel & other such things as are necessary to provide the grass mowing & whipper snipping.

The tender shall include the following:

- Detailed description of mowing equipment
- Price per hour for mowing and whipper snipping
- Any mileage charges that may apply

The RM of Spiritwood No. 496 reserves the right to reject and refuse any or all expressions of interest.

The successful applicant shall provide proof of liability insurance of no less than \$2,000,000.

Please submit tender to:

RM of Spiritwood #496
Mowing Tender
Box 340
Spiritwood, SK S0J 2M0
Fax: 306-883-2557
Email: rm496@sasktel.net

On or before 4:00 pm on April 28, 2023.

For more information, please contact the municipal office @ (306) 883-2034.

IMPORTANT NOTICE



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Pulses show great future potential

For decades the Canadian Prairies proudly wore the moniker 'Bread Basket for the World' (or at least a similar version of that label).

We grew a lot of hard spring wheat and did it very well. There was an expectation that when buying wheat from Canada it was of the highest, quality and that earned market access and sales for years.

But nothing lasts forever.

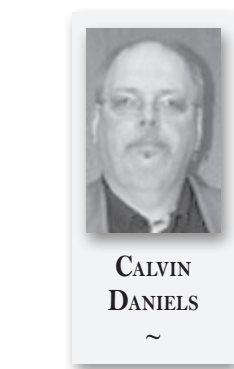
When plant breeders in Saskatchewan and Manitoba during the 1960s and 1970s, through traditional cross-breeding experiments, minimized the undesirable compounds in rapeseed and developed varieties that yielded food-grade oil,

creating canola (an abbreviation of 'Canadian oil'), it signaled a change in what the Prairies would be known for. By the 1980s, canola had replaced rapeseed in Canadian oilseed production, and today the acres produced are massive and the crop's value forming the foundation of most farm incomes.

While there certainly are few indications that will change anytime soon, one has to wonder what may one day unseat canola as the major Prairie crop.

The answer might not be a single crop as much as a rather diverse basket of crops, all of which fall under the umbrella of being pulse crops.

Now pulse crops, like lentils, peas, and



CALVIN DANIELS

various beans, are not something new for the Prairies. My Dad used to add some field peas into the barley he seeded for pig feed, essentially adding a protein source to the feed in the field. That was in the early 1970s.

So, farmers here can grow pulse crops, but the markets have never been particularly stable. Typically, Canadian producers have relied

on production issues in major pulse eating countries such as India and Pakistan, as an opportunity to fill the production gap.

And, in Canada, while we have production, it isn't necessarily as diverse to fill the varied and often very specific markets in countries such as India. We might think lentils are simply identified by colour, but size and other factors are important in many markets too. It's a case

where perhaps at this point our 'sophistication' in terms of growing pulses is a tad lacking.

But Canadian farmers are a rather adaptive lot, and they could adapt if the market was consistent.

Therein lies the hint of the potential of pulses.

The populations in countries such as India are still growing. That's simply more mouths to feed — mouths that culturally have a taste for pulse crops.

And we can't discount the interest in fake meat concoctions that have an element of plant protein from pulses.

Whether that market grows because people turn to such offerings out of choice, or whether cattle in particular, come under scrutiny and regulation as methane producers, we are going to see pulses become a bigger part of diets here too. It's just a matter of how far into the future it happens.

Sask Wheat commits \$467,000 to collaborative research

The Saskatchewan Wheat Development Commission (Sask Wheat) has committed over \$467,000 to four research projects funded through the Alberta Agriculture Funding Consortium (AFC) in the 2022-2023 crop year.

"The projects Sask Wheat funded through the AFC program address key issues that are important to Saskatchewan wheat producers such as efficient fertilizer application and studying herbicide resistance," Sask Wheat Chair Brett Halstead said in a statement. "This is a multi-province, collaborative funding effort that will develop tools producers can use to assist in the sustainability and profitability of their farms."

The projects funded are:

- Prairie Crop Disease Monitoring Network – Fostering further network development (Dr. Kelly Turkington, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) - Lacombe)
- Dissecting herbicide resistance in wild oat to design novel efficient molecular diagnostic tools (Dr. Leonardo Galindo-González, Ca-

nadian Food Inspection Agency – Ottawa)

- Understanding the interactions of N fertilizer technologies, fungicides, and the soil microbiome to optimize sustainable agriculture (Dr. Monika Gorzelak, AAFC – Lethbridge)
- Field sensing phenocart data management and image analysis pipeline development to improve cereal crop characteristics (Dr. Keshav Singh, AAFC - Lethbridge)

Sask Wheat has committed over \$6.6 million to 56 projects through the AFC since 2016. The AFC consists of 18 agricultural organizations that leverage and coordinate funding to support sustainability, diversification, and long-term growth for agriculture and the food industry in Western Canada.

For more information on Sask Wheat's funded research, visit saskwheat.ca.

ADVERTISING DEADLINE IS **FRIDAY 4:00 P.M.**

Annual General Meeting Tuesday April 25

Join us virtually, or in person in Delisle! For more information, including registration links and proposed Bylaw changes, please use the QR code below or visit pccu.ca.

Notice to Membership of Proposed Bylaw Changes

Please be advised that a resolution to rescind and replace the Bylaws of the Credit Union will be presented to members for approval at the Annual General Meeting. Notable changes to the Bylaws include reduction of the number of Directors elected from two to one in two of the Districts, and an increase in the number of Directors elected at large from two to four.



Growth That Works For Everyone

Registration Opens For Saskatchewan Distance Learning Centre (Sask DLC)

This new and innovative approach to learning will ensure that all students have access to high-quality education. Kindergarten to Grade 12 students can now access online learning through the new provincial online school at www.saskdlc.ca. Sask DLC has over 180 online course options covering all core requirements for each grade, including many exciting high school electives.

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Hon. Jeremy Harrison
MLA for Meadow Lake
jharrisonmla@sasktel.net

Hon. Scott Moe, Premier
MLA for Rosthern-Shellbrook
scottmoe.mla@sasktel.net



Canwood bowling alley wind-up

On Friday, March 31, an enjoyable evening was had by all as the Canwood Bowling Alley staff hosted their annual potluck supper and wind-up.

The people taking home the trophies were as follows:

The Ladies High Single, at 291, was Eileen Hamborg, and the Ladies High Triple, at 730, was also Eileen Hamborg. The Men's High Single, at 313, was Dale Benson, and the Men's High Triple, at 716, was Tom Wilson.

The Tuesday and Thursday afternoon group winners were Grant and Janine Folden, and Hilda and Paul Gaboury. The Wednesday evening group winners were Lorraine Benson, Dale Benson, Sandra Willner, Wendy Otterson, and Grant Person.



Eileen Hamborg won both the ladies high single and the ladies high triple.



Tuesday and Thursday afternoon winners: Grant and Janine Folden, and Hilda and Paul Gaboury.



Tom Wilson won the men's high triple.



Dale Benson won the men's high single.



Wednesday evening group winners, from left to right: Lorraine Benson, Dale Benson, and Sandra Willner. Absent: Wendy Otterson and Grant Person.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Parkside
10:30 a.m. Worship
Pastor Lorne Valuck
306-747-3572
Shellbrook
Adult Study
9:30 a.m.
Sun., 10:30 a.m. - Worship
Pastor David Bodvarson
306-747-7235
Canwood

Summer: 10 a.m. - Worship
Pastor Bob Wrench
306-468-2138

Leask Gospel Tabernacle
Sunday 11 a.m.
306-466-2296

PRESBYTERIAN

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

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

Parkside
11 a.m. - Worship

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Leask - All Saint's
Sunday Service - 9 a.m.
St. Andrew's - Shellbrook
Sunday, 11 a.m. Service
Canwood - Christ Church
Sunday, 2 p.m. - Service
Rev. Canon David Butorac
306-961-1634
Minister's Warden:
306-922-5159
H.C. Service with Rev.
Butorac - 1st Sunday of the
month

MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCH

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

EVANGELICAL FREE

Big River
11:00 a.m. - Worship
Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Summer: 10:30 a.m. - 12
306-469-2258
Youth Nite: Fridays
Mont Nebo
Sun. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
(10:30 a.m. June - August)
306-468-2525

UNITED CHURCH

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Debden
Sun. Mass - 9:30 a.m.
Fr. Mariusz Zajac
Big River - Sacred Heart
Sun., 11:30 a.m. - Mass
Whitefish
Sun., 2:30 p.m. - Mass.
Victoire
Sat., 7:30 p.m. - Mass.
Fr. Mariusz Zajac
St. Agatha's - Shellbrook
Mass - Sunday 11 a.m.
St. Henry's - Leask
Mass - Sunday 9 a.m.
Mistawasis
1st & 3rd Sundays 1:30 p.m.
Fr. Tuan Doan

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

407-2nd Ave E, Shellbrook
Sat., 9:45 a.m. - Sabbath
School
Sat., 11:00 am -Worship
Broadcast on
VOAR 92.1 FM
Pastor Liviu Tilihoi
306-747-3398

PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

PARTNERS IN FAITH

Lutheran/Unite/
Christchurch Anglican,
137-2nd St. W.
Spiritwood
Worship 1:30 p.m.
Rev. Sarah Urano

UNITED /ANGLICAN

Worship Services
Glaslyn
Time is on the sign
Rev. Kun Kim
Rev. Don Skinner

CATHOLIC SUNDAY

Spiritwood - 11:15 a.m.
Leoville - 9:30 a.m.
Shell Lake - 2:00 p.m.
SATURDAY
Medstead - 6 p.m.
Everyone Welcome
Fr. Ramel Macapala

COWBOY CHURCH

Spiritwood
Every Wednesday Night
7 pm
Spiritwood Legion Hall
Pastor Rick Martin

LAKELAND COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

FIELDS OF HOPE (HOFFNUNGSFELDER) MENNONITE CHURCH

Glenbush
Worship - 11:00 am

BETHEL

Medstead
1st Sunday, 10 am -
Worship
Pastor David Jensen
3rd Sunday - 10 am
Worship
Pastor David Jensen

MENNONITE BRETHREN

Glenbush
10:00 am - Sunday School
Worship 10:50 am

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BELBUTTE FULL GOSPEL

11 am Worship Service

PARTNERS IN WORSHIP

Shell Lake
Worship Services
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Pastor Sarah Urano
306-841-7333

Sask Rivers expects \$1.8 million budget shortfall

By **MICHAEL OLEKSYN**,
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter,
PA Daily Herald

The Saskatchewan Rivers School Division finds itself with a shortfall of roughly \$1.8 million dollars, forcing trustees to spend their Monday, April 3 meeting finding ways to work around the challenges that lie ahead.

The division made the announcement following an analysis conducted by senior administration after the provincial budget was announced.

At its regular meeting on Monday, the board of education discussed the shortfall and ways to work around the challenges

that lie ahead.

Director of education Robert Bratvold said part of the challenge comes because some funds announced in the budget had been previously announced.

"We are a reflection of the bigger picture," Bratvold said. "They talk about nearly \$50 million more in budget, but the reality of that is much of it has already been within this year's budget. It's not new money."

The \$49.4 million or 2.5 per cent operating grant increase announced in the provincial budget includes some funding adjustments that have already been made. Therefore, the real impact of this budget compared to 2022-23 actual revenues is

considerably less, Bratvold said.

"I think \$20 million was for last year," he explained. "That came to us in July and another \$15 million was in December for some reconciliation for growth. Really, when you look at it, for us it is far less than a percentage point of increase when our inflationary costs are approaching that four or five per cent rate. It's a significant shortfall."

According to figures provided by the division, \$20 million was announced in July 2022 for last year's inflationary increases and is included in school divisions' 2022-23 Ministry approved budgets. As well, \$15.5 million was provided in December 2022 for Sept. 30 enrolment increases that exceeded projections by 3,840 students provincewide. The remaining \$13.9M is for enrolment increases and amounts to a real increase of 0.7 per cent in 2023-24. This funding increase falls far short of status quo requirements.

The Ministry of Education provides a mid-year adjustment in December following the confirmation of Sept. 30 enrolment numbers.

"The reality is we can't really plan for that mid-year adjustment because it's dependent on enrolment," Bratvold said. "This year it has a significant dependency on the online learning school and its impact. We have to prepare our budget given

the revenue that we are recognized for and knowing what our costs are, and that's going to mean challenging decisions for us."

Bratvold said the real term increase of 0.7 per cent is not sufficient to maintain current operations and programs, especially considering support staff collective agreements, teacher salary increments and local agreement costs, statutory benefit increases and other payroll related costs, fuel, insurance and utility increases as well as other general inflation, unprecedented enrolment growth, and the continuing need for specialized programming to meet student needs.

"We have already done our budget preparations and made some difficult decisions and we are still left with nearly a million dollars to find," Bratvold said.

"That poses the question: do you continue to make further reductions and cuts or do you anticipate some potential change in the coming year? That would enable you to use surplus this year to balance your budget, knowing that you are faced with a tougher decision to find a balanced budget the next year."

School divisions are required to balance their budget by law.

Bratvold added that School divisions are looking forward to hearing the results of the Class Size and Composition Committee in the coming months.

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, Feb. 21, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Mayor Moar at 4:45 p.m.

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

Willner: That the agenda as per attached be accepted as presented. Carried

Benson: That the minutes of Dec. 20, 2022, be corrected as follows: Motion 287/22 be carried unanimously, Motion 303/22 be carried, Motion 314/22 be carried, Motion 316/22 be carried. Carried

Moar: That the minutes of the Jan. 24, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented. Carried

Willner: That the statement of Financial Activities and Bank Reconciliation For the month of January be approved as presented. Carried

Lorne Benson and Carmen Jean left the Meeting at 5:12 p.m.

Moar: That we issue cheques 5827 to 5829 totaling \$725.31. Carried

Lorne Benson and Carmen Jean returned to meeting at 5:17 p.m.

Benson: That we issue cheques 5814 to 5821, 5822 to 5826, 5830 to 5842 and other payments totaling \$46,266.69. Carried

Willner: That we acknowledge receipt of Maintenance Manager report from January 2023 and addition Maintenance Manager report from Jan. 27, 2023. Carried

Willner: That we approve

January/February 2023 lab water results as presented. Carried

Moar: That we approve Water Treatment Reports from January 2023. Carried

Moar: That we acknowledge staff attendance statements for January 2023. Carried

Councillor Kaytlyn Mitchell joined the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Mitchell: That we remove Dan Cyr, Martin Wilson and Daphnie Nelson from Auto Fleet Drivers List and add Ken Moar and Brian Benson. Carried

Moar: That the Administration be given preapproval to pay the following: Highway 55, MasterCard and Lake Country Co-op, prior to council Meeting to avoid interest charges. Carried

Moar: That we write a letter of concern to Canwood Affinity Credit Union regarding closure of the Canwood Branch and that Councilor Kaytlyn Mitchell will be our spokesperson.

Carried Mitchell: That Council agrees to use Council Meeting Delegation Request Forms. Carried

Mitchell: That we pay Council indemnities once a month. Carried

Moar: That for any tax liens that have been placed by the Village of Canwood, that have been paid in full, that the Administration may complete withdrawal of tax lien. Carried

Willner: That we agree to give first reading to Bylaw No. 2023/02, being a Bylaw to establish a Zoning Bylaw for the Village of Canwood. Carried

Willner: That we agree to give first reading to Bylaw No. 2023/01, that is a Bylaw to adopt an Official Community Plan for the Village of Canwood. Carried

Mitchell: That Council agrees to make donation to Canwood Regional Park. Carried

Mitchell: That we adjourn at 8:45 p.m.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

LEOVILLE: Wapiti Regional Library - Wednesday 10 am - 4 pm; Thursday 10 am - 3 pm

SHELL LAKE: Wapiti Regional Library - Tuesday 12:30 pm - 4 pm; Wednesday 12:30 pm - 4 pm

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

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

CANWOOD: Canwood Branch of Wapiti Regional Library. Tuesday 10 am - 3:30 pm; Thursday 3:30 pm - 8 pm; Friday 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Kids Club is Fridays 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm, Crafter's Choice is the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

DEBDEN: Wapiti Library hours: Tuesday 10 am - 3 pm; Wednesday 3 pm - 7 pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon

LEASK: Wapiti Library & Legacy Gallery Hours - Tuesday 9 am - 2 pm; Wednesday 3 pm - 6 pm; Friday 1 pm - 5 pm

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

SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Branch of the Wapiti Library located at 105 Railway Ave., West (Provincial building). Library Hours: Monday 2 pm - 6 pm; Tuesday 12 pm - 8 pm; Wednesday 2 pm - 6 pm; Thursday 12 pm - 6 pm; Friday 10 am - 5 pm (Story Time 11 am - 12 pm); Saturday 10 am - 4 pm.

PARKSIDE: The Chuck Labrash & Darrel Martin Memorial Fish Fry - Friday, April 21, 2023, Parkside Immanuel Lutheran Church. Sittings at 4:30 pm, 5:45 pm & 7 pm. Limited take out meals available. Cost: \$25/Adult; \$10 Kids 6-12 yrs; Kids 5 & under Free. Tickets: Shellbrook Pharmacy 306-747-3435 or Parkside General Store 306-747-2275. Sponsored by Jon Fonos.

SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Minor Hockey Annual General Meeting - Wednesday, May 10, 2023, 7 pm @ Shellbrook Senior's Centre. Everyone's invited to share concerns or ideas. New board members welcome!

PARKSIDE: Sunday, April 23, 2023 - Celebrate the Coming of Spring!! Honeywood Heritage Nursery Inc. Spring Fundraising Event - Supper & Live Auction - Parkside Heritage Centre, 5 pm. Advance tickets: \$25 From: Shellbrook - Woodland Pharmacy & Scotiabank; Parkside General Store. Email: honeywoodn8@gmail.com

CANWOOD: Elk's Fish Fry Supper, Canwood Elk's Community Hall. Sunday, April 30th, Supper - 4 pm to 7 pm. Includes: fried fish, potato salad, coleslaw, P & Beans, buns & dessert. Adults - \$20; 10 & Under - \$10; Preschool - Free. ALL proceeds go to the operation of the Canwood Elk's Community Hall

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Province passes Saskatchewan Firearms Act

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle
Reporter

The provincial government has passed the Saskatchewan Firearms Act in the legislature, in a move it says will enhance public safety across Saskatchewan and protect the rights of lawful Saskatchewan firearms owners.

The act passed its final reading unanimously last Thursday, with all members present voting in favour, and is now law.

"It's a responsive act, and it's an act that will work quite well in protecting those law-abiding firearm owners in our province," Premier Scott Moe said in an interview following the bill's passage. "We feel the federal government is approaching this in the wrong way. They're going after law-abiding firearm

owners."

Moe's sentiment was echoed by Corrections, Policing and Public Safety Minister Christine Tell, who said the province's legislation will ensure the concerns of responsible firearms owners are taken into account.

"This legislation will create a strong, consistent framework to enhance public safety and support the proud tradition of responsible firearms use and ownership in this province," she said in a statement.

The Saskatchewan First Act is a response to the federal government's Bill C-21.

Three years ago, the federal government banned 1,500 models of "assault-style" firearms in an effort to prevent gun violence and mass shootings. The ban takes effect this fall and includes a mandatory buyback program.

Since Bill C-21's introduction, however, its critics have accused it of missing the mark on combatting gun-related crime, and of being too broad in scope by targeting firearms models used in hunting and sport shooting.

Hoping to remedy this, the Saskatchewan Firearms Act establishes licensing requirements for seizure agents involved in firearms expropriation, requires and provides oversight for fair compensation for any firearms being seized, and requires forensic and ballistic testing of any seized firearms.

In addition to the regulatory oversight of firearms seizures, the Saskatchewan Firearms Act will also establish a provincial firearms regulatory system to promote the safe and responsible use of firearms.

The legislation will be primarily administered by the

Saskatchewan Firearms Office, which will also take on an expanded role in prosecuting non-violent provincial firearms offenses.

"The Saskatchewan Firearms Act is critical to our work to improve public safety, promote responsible firearms ownership, and assist the police in addressing crimes committed with illegal firearms," Chief Firearms Officer Robert Freberg said.

"This legislation, and the significant funding we have received in this year's provincial budget, will be put to good use as we continue to develop the Saskatchewan Firearms Office."

The provincial government has dedicated about \$8.9 million to the Saskatchewan Firearms Office in the 2023-24 budget, which includes funding for initiatives such as:

- Creating a Central Manage-

ment and Services (CMS) unit to administer the Firearms Act in Saskatchewan, which includes jurisdiction over the licensing, storage, transportation, and carrying of firearms (\$2.2 million);

- Establishing a Firearms Compensation Committee to determine the fair market value of any firearms, ammunition, and related accessories being expropriated by the federal government (\$1.3 million);
- Constructing a Saskatchewan Firearms Ballistics Lab to support police services and provide timely access to Saskatchewan-based ballistics and firearms expertise (\$927,000); and,
- Enhancing training and education regarding safe storage and firearms licensing.

Minutes of an RM of Spiritwood meeting

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

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 was held on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023.

In attendance were Reeve Shirley Dauvin, Division 1 Larry Vaagen, and Division 2 Dale Wasden, Division 3 Terry Wingerter, Division 4 Dennis Laventure, Division 5 Heather Warkentin, Division 6 Bevra Fee, Administrator Colette Bussiere, and Foreman Darcy Laventure.

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by Reeve, Shirley Dauvin.

Vaagen: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried

The regular meeting of council was adjourned by Reeve Shirley Dauvin at 9:02 am to go in-camera to discuss HR concerns.

CAO Colette Bussiere left council chambers at 9:02 am.

CAO Colette Bussiere returned to council chambers at 9:13 a.m.

The regular meeting of council was called back to order at 9:13 a.m.

Foreman Darcy Laventure joined the council meeting at 9:13 a.m.

Vaagen: That the Foreman's report having been read now be filed. Carried

Laventure: That we purchase a 2017 Tornada Sand Salt Spreader in the amount of \$7,500 plus applicable taxes. Carried

Fee: That Foreman Darcy Laventure attend the Human Resources Workshop on March 13, 2023, and that the full-time public works employees attend the SARM tradeshow on March 14, 2023. Carried

Foreman Darcy Laventure left the council meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Wingerter: That the minutes of the Jan. 10, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented. Carried

Wasden: That we authorize administration staff to draft a policy regarding the clearing of snow from seasonal roads by ratepayers. Carried

Warkentin: That we are in favor of the remaining monies in the District #33 Rat Eradication Program bank account, less any applicable fees, being equally disbursed between the five rural municipalities and that the account be closed. Carried

Vaagen: That we approve the amendment to the CSO agreement to extend

services to June 30, 2023. All other terms remain the same. Carried

Delegation: Dillan Simonar – recreation grant funding

Delegate Dillan Simonar, accompanied by Doug Johnson & Scott Strate, representing the Shell Lake Rec Board joined the council meeting at 11:30 a.m. to discuss future recreation funding.

Dillan Simonar, Doug Johnson, and Scott Strate left the council meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Wingerter: That the Administrator's report having been read now be filed. Carried

Laventure: That the Aspen Ridge Lagoon reports having been read now be filed. Carried

Warkentin: That the updated bank reconciliation for the year ending Dec. 31, 2022, and the bank reconciliation for the month ending Jan. 31, 2023, be accepted as presented. Carried

Wingerter: That the "List of Accounts" as listed on the attached Schedule "A" forming part of these minutes be passed for payment: Cheque No. 14039 - 14077 ((\$139,370.51), Payroll File No. 397 & 399 (\$33,669.62), EFT 2023-0001-0006 (\$23,144.79), Wire Transfer (\$17,251.50). Carried

Fee: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month ending Jan. 31, 2023, be approved as presented. Carried

Laventure: That we transfer \$40,000 from the general operating account to a reserve account for future fire protection expenditures. Carried

Fee: That Reeve Shirley Dauvin, and Councillors Dale Wasden and Terry Wingerter attend the SARM Convention held from March 14 to 16, 2023, in Saskatoon and that Councillors Dale Wasden and Terry Wingerter be registered as voting delegates. Carried

Vaagen: That the regular meeting of council for the month of March be rescheduled to Tuesday, March 21, 2023. Carried

Wasden: That we allocate our Sask. Lotteries Grant in the amount of \$9,898 as follows: Town of Spiritwood (SARCS) - \$6,934, Village of Leoville - \$1,482, Village of Shell Lake - \$1,482. Carried

Wingerter: That payment of claim in the amount of \$11,999.73 for damages to the 2018 John Deere 872G grader is hereby accepted and in consideration of such payment the Insurer is discharged from

all further claim by reason of the said loss or damage. Carried

Wingerter: That the gravel crushing tender for 2023 be awarded to Venture Construction Inc. Carried

Fee: That the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 is not in a position to accept the proposal for the purchase of gravel on NE 24-49-12-W3. Carried

Laventure: That the gravel haul tender for 2023 be awarded to Kustaski Enterprises Ltd. & Bedrock Sand & Gravel Inc. Carried

Wasden: That we enter into a road maintenance agreement with Carrier Forest Products Ltd. to haul timber from NE 17-53-13-W3 and SE 20-53-13-W3. Carried

Laventure: That we enter into a road maintenance agreement with Soucy Holdings Ltd. to haul timber from NW 27-54-11-W3, SE 28-54-11-W3 and E 1/2 09-54-12-W3. Carried

Vaagen: That we enter into a road maintenance agreement with Mistik Management Ltd. to haul timber from E 1/2 36-52-10-W3, SW31-52-10-W3, SE30-52-10-W3, NW 20-52-10-W3 and Section 19-52-10-W3. Carried

Wingerter: That we enter into a road maintenance agreement with Tolko Industries to haul timber from SW 27, NE 28, SE 22, SW 23, SE 23 & NE 14-54-11-W3. Carried

Laventure: That the road maintenance agreement with Fast Sexing Technologies be renewed for 2023 at the same terms & conditions. Carried

Fee: That the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 appoints Liana Stepan with Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. as Secretary to the Board of Revision for the term of Jan. 1, 2023, through to Dec. 31, 2023; remuneration as set out in Western Municipal Consulting Ltd. fee schedule. If Liana Stepan is unable to perform secretarial functions for reasons which may include scheduling difficulties the secretary may appoint a delegate to perform administrative functions and may appoint a recording secretary for the purposes of any hearing. Carried

Warkentin: That TAXervice, on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No.496, be authorized to proceed under the Tax Enforcement Act to acquire title for the following described land: SW 31-53-10-3 Ext 0, 148081158, SW 31-53-10-3 Plan A04380 Ext 1, 148081170. Carried

Wingerter: That permission is hereby granted to Morris Sanitation, Wilko Farms Ltd. and Muskeg Lake First Nation Public Works for the disposal of liquid domestic waste (sewage) from all residential property located in Aspen Ridge Estates, Lots 9, 10 & 11 in Sunset Rim Estates, Lots 1-4 in Caswell Development & PT SE 13-50-09-W3 (Reiger) into the Aspen Ridge Lagoon located at PT SW 10-49-08-W3. Carried

Warkentin: That the sewage disposal fee be set at \$30 per dump for the 2023 calendar year. Carried

Laventure: That we do not renew the membership with the Thickwood Hills Watershed Association. Carried

Fee: That the quote in the amount of \$2,323.45 for the purchase of a new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) be accepted. Carried

Wasden: That the quote in the amount of \$3,040.87 plus applicable taxes for the replacement of a window in the library be accepted. The cost of the window replacement will be shared with the Town of Spiritwood. Carried

Fee: The RM of Spiritwood No. 496 has no objections to the placement of a gas pipeline to service NE 21-54-12-W3. Carried

Warkentin: That the request by the Spiritwood Public Library to pay for one and one half (1 1/2) extra hours of operation for 2023 in the amount of \$1,785 be approved, and that the request for \$1,000 in grant funding for custodial services & supplies also be approved. Carried

Wingerter: That Council for the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496, in which the lease land described as SW 08-54-10-W3 is located, hereby agrees to the sale of the lease lands. Carried

Wasden: That Thomas (T.J.) Tipton be appointed to the Spiritwood Fire Dept. Carried

Laventure: That the regular meeting of council be adjourned at 3:47 p.m. to go in camera to discuss HR concerns. Carried

CAO Colette Bussiere left council chambers at 3:47 p.m.

CAO Colette Bussiere returned to council chambers at 3:51 p.m.

The regular meeting of council was called back to order at 3:51 p.m.

Vaagen: That the following correspondence having been read now be filed. Carried

Fee: That the meeting be adjourned.

Sorry, Bruins fans — no Cup for you

The six-month regular season of the National Hockey League has already determined the league's best team (Boston Bruins), but it will take two months of play-offs to determine what team's name will be engraved on the Stanley Cup.

Sorry, Boston fans, it won't be the Bruins. Not as long as the President's Trophy curse continues.

For nine straight years, the team that racked up the most points during the 82-game regular season has failed to win Lord Stanley's mug. How Boston is going to lose this year is a mystery, because the Bruins are solid up front, on defence, and in goal. However, you can't argue with curses.

So who will do the celebrating come mid-June, when the Stanley Cup final wraps up? Here are 10 teams with a chance:

10. Dallas Stars — Can't count out the team with the best goal differential in the Western Conference.

9. Toronto Maple

Leafs — Goaltending, not very reliable all year, could suddenly get hot, and with the Matthews-Marner-Tavares-Nylander offence, the Leafs could go on a run.

8. Los Angeles Kings — Something about the Kings says surprising underdog. Coach Todd McLellan has lots of scoring punch with the likes of Kopitar, Kempe, Arvidsson, Fiala and Danault.

7. Vegas Golden Knights — Jack Eichel is a stud and the Golden Knights play a perfect playoff style of in-your-face hockey. But has goalie Jonathan Quick lost some of his quickness?

6. New Jersey Devils — The Devils are in the playoffs for only the second time in 10 years. All those bad years led to solid-gold draft picks (Jack Hughes, Nico Hischier, etc.) and now it's dividend-paying time.

5. Minnesota Wild: No Kaprizov, no problem. The Wild have a potential Conn Smythe trophy winner in goalie Filip Gustavsson.



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4. Edmonton Oilers — The strongest top-five forward combination in the league (McDavid, Draisaitl, Nugent-Hopkins, Hyman, Kane) will take them a long way.

3. New York Rangers — Owners of a stellar goal differential (Boston leads that category by a mile) and a team with few holes. Panarin, Kreider, Trocheck and Zibanejad lead the offence. Adding Vladimir Tarasenko and Patrick Kane at the trade deadline didn't hurt.

2. Colorado Avalanche — If everyone's finally healthy, the likes of MacKinnon, Rantanen and Makar can generate

enough goals to defend their title, and Alexandar Georgiev's goaltending is a strength.

1. Carolina Hurricanes — Were it not for the historic season the Bruins are having, Carolina's extraordinary campaign (.715 winning percentage at the end of March) would be the talk of the hockey world. The 'Canes have the league's best coach in Rod Brind'Amour and his team is loaded up front (Aho, Terevainen, Necas, Jarvis, Stastny) and on the blue line (Burns, Slavin, Pesce, Gostisbehere).

Colorado-Carolina Stanley Cup final? Or will the Bruins overcome the President's Trophy curse?

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com, with a bunch of doggone puns: "The St. Louis Cardinals are already selling tickets for their May 6 Pooches in the Ballpark game where fans can bring along their dog. Viewers can expect to see pup flies, a few hound-rule doubles and even the odd inside-the-bark home run."

• Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel, on the death of Willis Reed, who famously limped onto the court in the 1970 NBA final to lead the Knicks to the title: "Fifty years later in New York, Kyrie Irving missed an entire season because he wouldn't get jabbed with a needle."

• Pro golfer Jim Furyk, on the scariest shot at Augusta National: "If you happen to hit it in the water at 12, the drop is much tougher than the original shot. I'll go with the third shot at 12."

• Scott Ostler of the San Francisco Chronicle, after viewing a video of Dallas Mavericks' Luka Doncic merely walking into the arena: "Are you sure that's Luka? He went 20 feet without snapping his head back and flailing his arms and screaming in pain."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "At an L.A. Dodgers game, a man ran out to centrefield and when he kneeled to propose to his girlfriend, he was tackled hard by security. Cannot think of a

more apt preparation for marriage than that."

• Another one from Kaseberg: "Die-hard 'Jeopardy!' fans were furious at a crossover promotion for pro wrestling's WWE. Of course, die-hard 'Jeopardy!' fans tend to take to sports like a fish takes to a bicycle."

• RJ Currie again: "Complaints from fans prompted the N.Y. Islanders to scrap their new goal horn. It's a shame too, because they got a good deal on it from the Ottawa Senators, who had rarely used it."

• Headline at the onion.com: "NFL owners announce secret meeting to make sure they aren't colluding against Lamar Jackson"

• fark.com headline: "Being a Philly sports fan may be good for your mental health, since becoming a Philly sports fan in the first place is a clear sign your mental health has nowhere to go but up."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Trudeau doesn't know what saving money means

By FRANCO TERRAZZANO
CTF Director

You know you've been in Ottawa too long when you forget what saving money means.

Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland claims she is "exercising fiscal restraint" and "reducing government spending by more than \$15 billion."

Here are the numbers in Budget 2023.

In 2022, spending was \$470 billion. In 2023, it will be \$491 billion.

Spending will climb to \$509 billion in 2024, \$523 billion in 2025, \$538 billion in 2026 and \$556 billion in 2027.

Does that look like saving money to you?

For politicians reading this in Ottawa, here's a clue to answer that question: if you increase spending by \$85 billion, you're saving money wrong.

Freeland pinky promises to save money on consultants and travel, and across department budgets and in Crown corporations. But 97 per cent of those savings won't begin until 2024. If you promise to start your diet next year, are you taking that diet seriously?

The government doesn't need to wait until next year to stop serving bureaucrats beef Wellington or stuffed pork tenderloin on flights. Freeland doesn't need to wait until next year to stop hiring luxury chauffeurs when she books a hotel in the wrong city. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau should stop billing taxpayers for \$6,000 per night hotel rooms right now.

Bureaucrats don't need to wait another year to stop giving themselves \$200 mil-

lion in bonuses when they barely meet half of their own performance targets. Crown corporations — like the Bank of Canada, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the CBC — should cut the bonus party today, not next year.

Cutting back on consultants and travel and finding savings in departments and Crown corporations is needed. But the government is promising to use a scalpel to slice a gram of fat tomorrow when it should be pulling out the STIHL today.

Budget 2023 is like a bad episode of the Oprah Show. Instead of a prize for everyone in the audience, there's special taxpayer treatment for every business with green in its name.

"The government is offering major tax credits to companies promising lower-carbon technologies," the Post reported. "A senior government official estimated the value of the credits at roughly \$80 billion over the next decade."

The government is also putting taxpayers on the hook for \$15 billion through a corporate slush fund dubbed the Canada Growth Fund. The government still won't tell taxpayers how many billions of dollars it's giving Volkswagen.

Any flicker of hope the Trudeau government will ever balance the budget has vanished.

The deficit will be \$40 billion in 2023. That's almost \$10 billion larger than the deficit Freeland forecasted five months ago. The best this government can do is promise to bring the deficit down to \$14 billion by 2027. But even that may be wishful thinking for a government that hasn't met a budget target it couldn't miss.

The debt will total \$1.2 trillion by the end of the year. That's about double the \$616-billion debt Prime Minister Justin Trudeau started with.

More debt means more money wasted on interest charges. Interest charges on the federal government credit card will cost each Canadian an average of about \$1,000 this year. Annual interest charges will hit \$50 billion in 2027.

Budget 2023 contains \$11.6 billion in new taxes over the next five years. For context, Freeland outspent her own bud-

get by \$18 billion last year. The government could win the lottery every day and still run massive deficits if it doesn't stop overspending.

The biggest sting will come through higher gas, heating and grocery bills as the government increases the carbon tax in April. The carbon tax will cost the average family up to \$710 this year, even after the rebates.

Budget 2023 is proof this government doesn't care about fiscal restraint or helping taxpayers.

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Spring flowering perennials - Part III

By SARA WILLIAMS

We'll conclude our series on spring flowering perennials with globe-flower, corydalis and hepatica. Last, but not least! And no spring garden should be without them.

Globeflower (Trollius spp.)

Trollius is one of the very few botanical names that is not based on Latin or Greek. It is from the Swiss-German trollblume, and, like the common English name, means a round flower. Native to the mountain meadows of Europe and Asia, they are hardy, trouble-free, and long-lived, forming slowly increasing clumps.

Varying in height from 30 to 80 cm (12-32 in.), they form neat, erect clumps of dark green, lobed or divided foliage. The globe-shaped or buttercup-like flowers are single or double. Their colour ranges from bright orange to almost white. They are fibrous-rooted.

Globeflowers require well-drained but evenly moist soil to which generous amounts of organic matter has been added. They grow best in full sun but will also do well in partial shade. They do struggle in heat or drought.

Place them in a perennial border or a water-

side or bog garden. They are easily increased through division just after flowering.

Common or European globeflower (T. europaeus), native to the moist meadows of Europe and Britain, has lemon to buttery-yellow flowers and dark green, palmately divided, deeply toothed foliage. The plants range from 30 to 70 cm (12-28 in.) in height.

Trollius x cultorum hybrids generally have a globe-form flowers with their sepals rolled in, larger flowers, and good foliage. Among the varieties are: 'Alabaster', 'Cheddar', 'Earliest of All', 'Lemon Queen', 'New Moon', 'Orange Princess' and 'Superbus'.

Ledebour trollius (T. ledebourii), native to Siberia, Korea and Mongolia, is usually available as 'Golden Queen' with deep orange, bowl-shaped flowers on plants 45 to 60 cm (18-24 in.) in height.

Dwarf globeflower (T. pumila), native to the Himalayan Mountains of northern India and China, forms small clumps of about 25 cm (10 in.) in height, with clear yellow, single flowers that open flat.

Noble fumitory, noble corydalis (Corydalis nobilis)

Here is a lovely perennial, one of the earliest to bloom, which should

have a place in every northern garden. Sadly, it is seldom seen in our gardens. The blue-flowered corydalis are more readily available, but are not reliably hardy in most northern regions.

First introduced to Europe in 1783, the noble corydalis is native to central Asia and Siberia. It forms leafy mounds of attractive, ferny, pinnately compound foliage with a blue-green cast. The flowers, in large dense racemes, are bright yellow with a brown tip, each with four petals, one of which is spurred. They appear in early spring on 45 to 60 cm (18-24 in.) stems. By early summer corydalis has entered dormancy, leaving not a trace until it emerges the following spring.

They do well in full sun to partial shade in well-drained soil with even moisture. Mark their position and take care not to place another plant over them once they become dormant.

This is a good border plant to place adjacent to a perennial that will modestly spread into the space vacated by the corydalis by midsummer. They are also well suited to the edge of a woodland or a shade garden. They self-seed in a very gentle and limited way.

Liverwort, liverleaf (Hepatica spp.)

Gardeners may com-

plain about Latin names, but given a choice, there is no doubt that I would name a daughter Hepatica rather than Liverleaf or Liverwort. All of these names describe the leaves, said to resemble a human liver. The Greek word hepar means liver, while wort means a cure for. Both are based on the early medieval "Doctrine of Signatures," wherein the signature or characteristic of a plant indicated its medicinal use as a cure. Thus, Hepatica was said to cure ailments of the liver. Hepaticas are lovely, hardy, and long-lived perennial that should be seen much more often in our northern gardens.

Place them in semi- to full shade in humus-rich but well-drained soil with a pH above neutral. Provide them with even moisture. Hepatica self-seed gently or can be divided. They are ideal for a shaded rock garden or a woodland garden.

Hepatica nobilis, 10 to 15 cm (4-6 in.) in height, is native to the subalpine deciduous forests of Europe and western Asia. The solitary, blue, pink, red, or white flowers appear above the previous season's foliage in early spring. There are also double forms. The almost evergreen, dark green, basal leaves are three-lobed and develop after the flowers; they remain attractive through-

out the growing season. The following are similar to the species except in flower colour: 'Alba' is white, 'Rubra' red, and 'Rosea' pink.

Transylvanian hepatica (H. transsilvanica) is very similar but is a more robust and spreading plant, and larger in all of its parts (15 cm/6 in. in height) than the noble liverleaf. Its azure blue flowers appear about a week later than H. nobilis. Its leaves are scalloped and pubescent.

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Trollius 'New Moon.
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GOOD NEWS

A MOMENT OF GRACE

By DAVE BODVARSON

Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly

A moment of grace can erase a lifetime of guilt.

One preacher said that while speaking on Samson. Samson has got to be the one of most well known of the 12 judges God raised up in Israel. Samson sure made some choices that got him into a place he shouldn't have been. He certainly had gifting and anointing. Samson quite often leaned on his gifting to get him out a tough spot.

As the youngest Bodvarson, I came to Christ as a young man. During my

teens, I confess I didn't walk as close to Jesus as I should have. But I had a mother who prayed. I recall my mother would say to me, "David Paul you were named and dedicated to the Lord by Dr. Abby." She never let me forget that.

Thinking about Samson, he had a tendency to push the boundaries. Samson got to a place where he actually broke his Nazirite vow. After much pressing, he told Delilah the secret of his strength. He told Delilah if you cut off my hair I will be like any other man. It's not that his hair gave him the strength, but it symbolized his dedication to God. You may know the story

well. Samson not only lost his hair, he lost his eyes and his strength. He ends up in a grinding mill, where he has a lot of time to reflect.

One preacher said the "Philistines made one of the biggest blunders in the history of human mankind. They forgot to keep cutting Samson's hair."

As Samson worked in the grinding mill, grinding grain like an oxen, he renewed his dedication to God. Samson confessed how he messed up, and asked for an opportunity to get things right. Or in the words of Samson, "O Lord God, remember me, I pray, just this once."

God did remember Samson. Samson's strength returned, and he defeated more in one act than he had in his lifetime. A moment of grace can erase a lifetime of guilt. That was certainly true of Samson.

In 1977 I got an opportunity to work on a spud barge. I worked for Northern Construction in the High Arctic. Our barge had a huge crane on it. We were dismantling artificial islands that had been built to drill for natural gas. I was fresh out of High School. The company had a common room where we could gather.

Interesting what the Holy Spirit can use. I heard a video tape being played. Kris Kristofferson was singing "Why me Lord?" As he sang that song, those words penetrated my heart. I asked if we could play the video a second time. Some protested but it was played.

I left the common room and in the high Arctic I, like Samson, rededicated my life to Jesus. That was 46 years ago, but I remember it like it was yesterday.

It's encouraging. A moment of grace can erase a lifetime of guilt.

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In the estate of Reginald Miners, late of Shellbrook, Saskatchewan, deceased. All claims against the above estate, duly verified by statutory declaration and with particulars and valuation of security held, if any, must be sent to the undersigned before June 1, 2023.
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Prince Albert, SK S6V 4V8
Attention: Bill Cannon
Solicitors for the Estate
2-15

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SINGLE SITES available on Fish Lake, gated community. Please contact Cathy at 306-468-2260.
3-17

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