



Canwood School honours class of 2023



Canwood Community School's class of 2023, from left to right: Cooper Taylor, Josie Hoeflicher, Caleb McLean, Kierra Dee, Creeson Thomas, Kaylee-Anne Bloom, and Wesley Charbonneau. Missing: Zander Hounsell.

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

The eight graduates in Canwood Community School's class of 2023 received a stylish send off Friday, June 23, as school staff, parents, family, and friends gathered for their graduation ceremony.

"It was very simple, and very nice. After COVID, it was nice to start putting the pieces back together of a bigger graduation celebration," grad coordinator Kori Sansom said of the evening.

Though the class of 2023 had no interest in putting together a flashy or extravagant ceremony, they did eventually settle on the theme of "It's Time to Make our Move," taking inspiration from the lyrics of One Republic's "Stop and Stare" (which also served as the official grad song).

Sticking with a long-standing Canwood Community School tradition, the ceremony began with the History & Prophecy, a short, often humorous pre-

sentation which introduces who each of the graduates is, what they enjoy doing, what they'll be most remembered for, and what they have planned for the future.

This was followed by a slideshow presentation, featuring photos of the graduates as they grew up over the years, as well as speeches from Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division (SRPSD) Board trustee Cher Bloom, SRPSD superintendent of schools Tom Michaud, and special guest Greg Duval, who teaches practical and applied arts and physical education at the school.

"Our graduation group in Canwood usually starts Kindergarten and all graduate together. But we've had a few students who joined only in Grade 10, and one student who came to our school this year," Sansom noted.

"Trying to find someone who's had that long-term impact [on the graduates] didn't quite fit as well. But they all really bonded well with Mr. Duval. They

all were taking his classes and excelling in their classes."

Along with all the traditional speeches, Friday's graduation ceremony also featured the presentation of diplomas, academic achievement awards, and scholarships.

Looking at individual subject awards, Josie Hoeflicher earned the Financial Lit 30, PAA A30, ELA B30, History 30, Math Foundations 30, Biology 30, and Creative Writing 30 awards. She also shared the Chemistry 30 award with Zander Hounsell, who won the PE 30 and ELA A30 awards. Finally, Wesley Charbonneau won the Law 30 award, while Cooper Taylor brought home the Math Workplace 30 award.

As for most improved student, which recognizes the student who shows the greatest improvement from their Grade 10 to Grade 12 average, the award was presented to Kierra Dee.

Meanwhile, Wesley Charbonneau was presented with the congeniality award

and the student of the year award, which both focus on traits like kindness and respect for others as much as they focus on academic performance.

Though Cooper Taylor was named valedictorian for having the highest Grade 12 marks, the class of 2023's Governor General Medal was presented to Josie Hoeflicher (this award factors in grades from both Grade 11 and 12).

Rounding out the presentations, Cooper Taylor was presented with both the P.A.A.T.A. Scholarship, and the Carlson Memorial Scholarship.

For her part, Sansom says her fondest memory of this year's graduating class will be of their commitment to ensuring they made it to graduation day.

"They all had moments where they struggled, but they all really persevered and worked hard to make sure they got to that finish line on time," she said. "They didn't give up when things got tough. They just worked through it. I'm really proud of them for that."

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Spiritwood Lions going strong at 60 years

By **BEVRA FEE**
Spiritwood Correspondent

The Spiritwood & District Lions Club held its summer windup barbecue at the home of Lions Torben and Sonja Nielsen on June 18.

The highlight of the afternoon was the induction of seven new members, which was kicked off by Lion George Pretli acknowledging that the Club was formed on May 15, 1963.

From the original count of 26 members, the club has hovered between 30 and 40 in optimal eras, and today's roster shows 25 Lions.

When asked her motive for joining the Lions Club, newly minted (and youngest) member Kalli Franson said, "I enjoy socializing and helping out, and also I am trying to build a strong resume of volunteerism."

With a motto of "We Serve" as the Lions' mandate, all members new and old will fulfill their desire to volunteer. In fact, many of the new members have already helped out during the course of the year – whether at the Seniors' Appreciation Supper or the annual Lions Craft Sale.

Lion Marlene Walter, who recruited two of the new members, was honoured as Lion of the Year. Lion Marlene chairs several key project committees, and has strived to include the new members in many of the Lions activities over the past year. As if this were not enough, Lion Marlene donated all the home-made pickles for one of the funeral lunches the Club served this year – that's worth mentioning in small-town Saskatchewan!

Action will gear up for the Lions again in September after the summer break.



L-R: Lions President Cheyenne Orange, new Lion David Recalde, sponsor Lion Ali Sullivan, new Lion Sanale Andebor, new Lion Kalli Franson, new Lion Tanis Franson, sponsor Lion Sonja Nielsen, sponsor Lion Marlene Walter, new Lion Daniela Boniche, and new Lion Juan Alburez.



Lion of the Year Marlene Walter (left) with Lions President Cheyenne Orange.

One suspect sought in Shellbrook carjacking

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying and locating a suspect involved in an armed robbery and carjacking on the Service Road in Shellbrook at about 6 p.m. on June 22.

According to police, a man and a woman approached an occupied and parked pickup truck and got in. The man then pointed a gun at the driver, who got out, and the thieves drove away in the truck.

The driver did not report physical injuries to police.

The incident was reported to the Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook RCMP Detachment, which began an immediate search for the vehicle and suspects.

Shortly after, officers from Big River RCMP located the truck travelling on Highway 55 near Canwood. The officers activated their emergency lights and attempted a traffic stop, but the suspect didn't stop and continued into Debden. There, he got out of the truck and tried to flee on foot, but was eventually arrested without incident.

Upon searching the truck, officers located and seized an air gun.

As a result of police investigation, Neil Michel, 34, from Pelican Narrows is charged with robbery with a firearm, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, flight from a peace officer, failing to comply with an undertaking condition, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, and carrying a concealed

weapon.

He was scheduled to appear in Prince Albert Provincial Court on June 26.

Police are still seeking the female suspect involved in the robbery, and have yet to identify or provide an estimated age range for her. Thus far, police say she has dark hair and was last seen wearing sunglasses, a plaid top or jacket,

dark pants, and light-coloured shoes.

Anyone who recognizes the female suspect, or has information about this incident, can contact Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook RCMP at 306-468-2969. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskerimestoppers.com.



Photo of the female suspect, as provided by RCMP.

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Shellbrook Fire & Rescue gets equipment boost

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Shellbrook Fire & Rescue is now better equipped than ever to respond to accidents, thanks to SGI and the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency's (SPSA) Transportation Rescue Extrication (TREX) Program.

On Thursday afternoon, members of the local volunteer fire department accepted delivery of roughly \$93,000 worth of state-of-the-art cutters, rams, spreaders, and other equipment, all of it battery-powered rather than hydraulic like the department's existing tools.

Volunteer firefighter Ken Kraft calls the tools, obtained at no cost to the department through TREX, a huge upgrade over the old hydraulic cutter, ram, and spreader the department had relied on for years.

"[With hydraulic tools] you're called to the scene and it's five minutes to hook up the generator, hook your lines up, and get everything prepped," he said.

"Now, you just grab your tool and you go. We're talking minutes saved, and that could be a life [saved]."

In addition to those critical, life-saving minutes, Kraft says older hydraulic tools just aren't as capable of dealing with new vehicles, which are made of much stronger materials, and struggle to cut through an A-frame or a dash.

"Everything is much lighter and much more reinforced," he said. "With these new tools, they have twice the cutting power, pushing power, and spreading power."

Under ordinary circumstances, Kraft says it would have taken years for Shellbrook Fire & Rescue to upgrade its equipment to this level, as the funding just doesn't exist for small volunteer fire departments. Thanks to TREX, however, many of the province's more than 300 departments were able to receive a much-needed upgrade, as well as important training, at no cost.

Developed by the SPSA, in collaboration with the Saskatchewan Volunteer Fire Fighters Association, the Saskatchewan Association of Fire Chiefs and the Provincial Training Standards Committee, and with one-time funding of \$5.6 million from SGI, TREX offers training and equipment to Saskatchewan fire departments.

The objectives of the program are to enhance capacity for fire departments to respond to motor vehicle collisions through the provision of funded training and equipment, ensure participating fire departments can maintain their response levels by having set program criteria, and provide the

SPSA and SGI the ability to measure program success for a minimum of five years once each participating community enters the maintenance phase of the program.

The TREX Program also formalizes minimum training standards by establishing three levels of auto extrication.



Shellbrook Fire & Rescue members Larry Bergen and Ken Kraft accept new equipment on the department's behalf.

Completion in sight for Rose Garden Hospice

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

After a nearly eight-year journey, the finish line is in sight for the Rose Garden Hospice.

As of this month, Marina Mitchell, funding chair for the Rose Garden Hospice Association, says the palliative care home is 99 per cent complete, with interior doors being the only missing piece of the puzzle.

Those doors are expected to arrive in mid-July, and Mitchell says it's a "dream come true" that the project has made it all the way to completion.

"Honestly, words can not express what this means to me; I get emotional every time I think of everyone who has been involved to get up to this point," she said. "I cannot wait for families to be able to use the hospice and have a home-like environment for their final days. The hospice is a place of warmth and love for all."

For Mitchell, the Rose Garden Hospice is more than just a hospice. The facility is named in honour of her mother, Rose, who died of cancer in 2007. At this time, Mitchell says, there were no options available to families aside from in-home care, and palliative care in hospitals. And unfortunately, hospitals are unable to provide the level of comfort needed by patients and their families during the final days of life.

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The finish line is in sight for the long-awaited Rose Garden Hospice, as construction is 99 per cent complete.

R.M. OF LEASK NO. 464 PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 2/20, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT

The proposed bylaw will rezone the land from Resort Commercial (RC) to Lakeshore District (LD).

AFFECTED LAND

The affected lands are Lot 4A Lot 3 Plan 84B13418 as shown within the bold dashed line on the following map.

REASON

The reason for the amendment is to allow for the zoning change from Resort Commercial (RC) to Lakeshore District (LD).

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect bylaw at the municipal office between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday excluding statutory holidays. Copies are available at cost.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on July 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Leask Municipal Office to hear any person or group that wants 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 hearing).

Issued at Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 this 15th day of June, 2023.

Donna Goertzen
Administrator



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Highway 55 Waste Management Corporation is currently inviting applications for a temporary Office Clerk to provide support to the Operations Manager and Secretary/Treasurer in the management and operation of the regional landfill.

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Federal disability act better late than never

It's about time.

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This seems the only appropriate response to last week's passage of Bill C-22, the Canada Disability Act, which will at some point in the future establish a federal disability program.

In a deeply divided Parliament, Bill C-22 is a rarity, receiving unanimous support from all parties.

Indeed, the legislation's only resistance came from the Senate, which rightly raised concerns about the possibility for private insurance companies and the provinces and territories to claw back their own disability benefits once the federal benefit becomes available.

In the end, the government chose not to amend Bill C-22 to safeguard against this very likely consequence, citing concerns about the potential for constitutional battles over provincial jurisdiction (marking, perhaps, the first time this federal government has shown restraint about running roughshod over the provinces).

With Bill C-22's passage, however, the hard work is only now beginning.

In its current state, the Canada Disability Act exists only as a sketchy outline of a potential future program. It is, in this regard, a standard Liberal policy piece: all aspiration and very little detail.

Federal Employment Minister Carla Qualtrough says officials will be working quickly to fill in the outline with crucial details, such as who will qualify and the amount of the benefit that will be received by eligible individuals.

Currently, the program is generically aimed at "low-income adults, between the ages of 18 and 64, with disabilities", and has been described as similar to the Guaranteed Income Supplement for low-income seniors. The federal disability benefit is also intended to be a top-up for provincial disability programs, not a replacement for them.

Another key missing piece of the picture is funding. The 2023 Federal Budget earmarked \$21.5 million to begin work on the regulatory outline of Bill C-22, but the program itself has not been publicly costed or budgeted for by the federal government.

In the coming months, government



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officials will consult with disability advocates, as well as the provinces and territories, to finalize the details of the disability program.

With so much work still to be done, Ms. Qualtrough's best guess is that the first federal disability payments are at least a year and a half away.

In the meantime, as they wait for the Canada Disability Act to be finalized, the 6.2 million Canadians who are disabled will continue to struggle to make ends meet in the face of the ever-rising cost of living.

According to Statistics Canada data, people with disabilities make up 40 per cent of Canada's low-income population, as well as half of Canadians who experience food insecurity.

It's easy to see why.

For a single person, most monthly provincial disability benefits hover around the \$1,000 mark.

In some cases, individuals can also qualify for the federal CPP disability program, which offers an average monthly benefit of \$1,064.80. But this is contingent on a person having contributed to CPP through employment, and some provinces will claw back benefits once the recipient exceeds the provincial limit.

Provincial disability benefits also vary widely in terms of what they cover. Some are simple payouts, while others tie specific amounts to things like shelter.

In Saskatchewan, where nearly 18,500 people are recipients of Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability (SAID) benefits, the program consists of three components.

There's the living benefit, a fixed sum that recipients decide how to spend, the disability income, which is meant to help with costs related to a disability, and the exceptional need income, which helps pay for doctor-recommended items, such as specialized foods or clothing.

Tallied up, monthly benefits total between \$931 and \$1,759, depending on whether the beneficiary is a single person or a parent of one or more children. But once a disabled individual earns more than \$6,000 in a calendar year, benefits are reduced.

For an individual, this means a maximum annual income of \$17,172, or a



monthly income of \$1,431.

Meanwhile, according to a June 2023 report by Numbeo, the average cost of living as a single, able-bodied person in Canada is \$1,331.20 before rent.

Factor in rent, which as of January averaged \$2,005 per month in Canada, and you're looking at a monthly cost of living of about \$3,336.20.

Though rent in Saskatchewan is far below the national average, a SAID recipient is still looking at an income shortfall of as much as \$1,900. And this doesn't take into account the added expenses that sometimes come with having a disability – like medication, treatment, mobility aids, home modifications, vehicle modifications, and travel, just to name a few.

What's more, aside from a paltry \$30 per month benefit increase included in the 2023 Provincial Budget, SAID benefits haven't seen a significant increase since 2012. With cost-of-living increases, this means recipients are receiving far less than they were 11 years ago.

"We have seen significant cuts to additional rental supports and a range of special needs, so life has become harder and harder for people with significant and enduring disabilities," said Peter Gilmer, an advocate with the Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry.

Earlier this year, the Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry filed a charter challenge against the province and its SAID program, due to its practice of forcing disabled seniors to take out their Canada Pension Plan (CPP) money early and

using this as a pretext to claw back disability benefits.

In Manitoba, a 2020 Court of Appeal ruling found this practice to be discriminatory, contrary to section 15 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. When the Government of Manitoba tried to appeal the ruling all the way to the Manitoba Supreme Court, the court refused to hear it.

Today, Saskatchewan and New Brunswick are the only two provinces to enforce early CPP withdrawals.

"For clients, it means a reduction of 36 to 48 per cent of their CPP income. People living in poverty before becoming seniors are pushed into deeper depths," Mr. Gilmer said. "The Manitoba ruling shows it is unconstitutional and must be struck down."

Canadians with disabilities aren't asking for benefits that will allow them to buy a mansion in Toronto's Bridle Path neighbourhood.

All they want (and deserve) is a benefit that will allow them to live without having to choose between the basic necessities that too many able-bodied Canadians take for granted.

Though the Canada Disability Act is a case of "better late than never," it is a much-needed step in the right direction.

But for the program to truly work for the benefit of those it's meant to help, the federal government must do its due diligence, and protect disabled Canadians from any efforts to claw back their benefits.

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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, June 19.

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, then approved the meeting's agenda, adopted the minutes of its May 8 meeting, and moved on to reports.

In the public works report, garbage cans on Main Street were the biggest point of discussion. Noting that the garbage cans are cleaned out twice a week and still seem to be full, Mayor Otterson said there's a clear need for larger bins, as well as bins that raven can be kept out of. Council agreed to talk to the Business Improvement District Committee

about the matter.

In an update on the PARWU Board and the proposed project to bring a water pipeline to Shellbrook, Mayor Otterson said work is still being done by the City of Prince Albert on the formula that will determine how much it charges PARWU for water (and, in turn, how much PARWU charges customers).

Mayor Otterson also shared news that the cost just for the pipeline and four booster stations required to bring water to Shellbrook is being estimated at about \$6 million. He suggested council can expect a more detailed briefing on numbers for the project from PARWU general manager Ken Danger in the near future.

Moving on to the hospital and clinics report, Mayor Otterson informed council that local physicians are working to have more of a medical teaching emphasis in Shellbrook. If all goes according to plan, Shellbrook could begin hosting medical residents in 2024.

In his Shellbrook Housing Authority report, councillor Anderson said the Sask. Housing Corporation declined a request to

help with increasing affordable housing inventory in Shellbrook, meaning it would be up to the town to expand the inventory on its own.

Currently, the Shellbrook Housing Authority manages 42 units, and wait lists tend to resolve in three to four months. Despite the Sask. Housing Corporation's decision, Anderson said he still feels more units are needed.

Closing out the reports with policing, Hoare said a new CSO has been hired to work 40 hours per week, with a start date of June 28. The CSO will focus on bylaw enforcement, liaising with schools and monitoring school zones, monitoring businesses after hours, monitoring Kinsmen Park and the swimming pool, and watching for speeding drivers.

On the topic of speeding drivers, Councillor Miller mentioned that data from the town's electronic speed signs point to a clear issue with speeding in town. Per data collected from the sign on 2nd Street West by the Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly, 80 per cent of drivers are speeding. Meanwhile, speeds of up to 100 km/h have been recorded by the sign on Main Street.

With the reports concluded and accepted, council welcomed Randall Johnson from TJ Disposals, who attended to discuss his work with Carbotura, a company focused on eliminating all household waste and landfills with its Recyclotron waste processing technology.

Council was intrigued by the idea, and agreed to look at a memorandum of understanding regarding the initiative, and provide waste and recycling volume data for the town.

Council's next item was new business, starting with discussion about the town's proposed dog park. Here, Hoare informed

council that the cost for fencing and gates had come in at \$34,000, more than double what was budgeted. Council agreed to put the project on hold until financing or fundraising make it viable.

Up next, council discussed a \$44,500 quote from Associated Engineering (AE) to draft a report about whether or not the filters can be removed from the lagoon at the recommendation of public works. The issue was raised when AE was surprised by the amount of chemical the town uses.

Council agreed that this was a high price for just a report and not the actual work. In the end, it decided to seek quotes from other companies.

Moving on, council passed and enacted Bylaw 2023-07, which sets the water and sewer utility rates and fees for 2024 through 2028. In this period, monthly water and sewer rates will increase 2 per cent per year for in-town residents, and 5 per cent for out of town residents. Meanwhile, the monthly infrastructure fee will see jumps of \$10 in both 2024 and 2025, climbing from \$23.84 to \$43.84. For 2026 through 2028, the infrastructure fee will increase by 2 per cent.

Continuing with new business, council agreed to tender out municipal insurance for 2024, and signed an agreement with the Prince Albert SPCA to have the organization take the town's stray dogs. Per the agreement, pets that aren't reclaimed by their owners will see the town incur a charge of \$400 to cover the SPCA's fees.

Closing out the meeting, council passed and enacted Bylaw 2023-08, which extends the time required for the completion of the town's 2022 financial statement, and adjourned for the evening.

Completion in sight for Rose Garden Hospice

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From this experience with end-of-life care, the seed for the Rose Garden Hospice was planted. In 2015, this seed blossomed into a vision for a 10-bed, \$4 million palliative care home situated in Prince Albert.

And in no time at all, the idea of the Rose Garden Hospice attracted the support of the community, the region, and eventually the provincial government, which in 2019 committed \$2 million in annual operating funding for the home.

Indeed, the most recent show of support for the Rose Garden Hospice came just over a month ago, when it hosted a Radio Day for the Rose. In support of the initiative, Canadian Tire Prince Albert owner Malcolm Jenkins pledged to match the first \$25,000 raised, and Gord and Barb Broda promised to match the next \$25,000.

At the end of the day, roughly \$119,000 was raised for the Rose Garden Hospice.

"It doesn't matter the need; Prince Albert and sur-

rounding communities have been so supportive," Mitchell said, noting this support will be needed even after the hospice is complete and open.

"We will continue to collect donations and support; we will always need extra funds than what the government will cover. For example, for updating equipment, furniture, and more."

Though an official opening date has yet to be set, Mitch-

ell says there's as much need for the Rose Garden Hospice as there was when the fundraising journey began eight years ago.

"If anyone has ever lost a loved one due to a terminal illness, you know how important it is to be in a loving, comfortable environment in those last days," she said. "As family and friends, you just want to be with them. I hope that the hospice will provide this for many families."

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District 33 4-H hosts Show and Sale

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Northern Spirit 4-H Club Member

The rain stayed away, and it was the perfect day for the three 4-H Clubs taking part in the District 33 4-H Show and Sale on June 2 and 3.

The Big River 4-H Club hosted the show at the Ladder Valley Hall near Big River. It was the first year since before COVID that Big River 4-H Club, Medstead 4-H Club, and Northern Spirit 4-H Club (Spiritwood) were all together for the event.

After many decades of the event being held at the Spiritwood and District Ag Society barns in Spiritwood, a new and exciting idea was born, where the event will be hosted by a different club each year. This would give each club the opportunity to showcase their projects at home for their families and residents. The bar was certainly set high, as the

event this year was very well organized.

The show kicked off Friday evening with supper and Bingo hosted by Big River's Creative Combinations members. Other projects by the baking, sewing, welding, and photography members were also on display in the hall. Steers from all of the clubs were then weighed Friday evening, before settling in for the night.

The show was judged by Alicia Sopatyk.

Show day Saturday began with the Judging competition at 8 a.m., followed by grooming at 8:30 a.m.

Show classes included current year calves, heifers, cow/calf pairs, and five weight classes of steers.

Awards were handed out after the show was complete, followed by a delicious silver plate supper. A live auction was held for the steers of the Big River and Medstead clubs. The Northern Spirit Club chose to sell their steers through an online auction



Coleby Rose with his Reserve Champion Female.



Ethan Gaboury with his Grand Champion steer.



Grayson Aumack with his Grand Champion Female.

platform.

The kids had a great weekend showing their year's projects and getting back together with friends from other communities.

Winners were as follows:
Senior Grooming: 1st Ayla Peterson, 2nd Zoe McLean

Intermediate Grooming: 1st Brooke Breker, 2nd Liam Aumack, 3rd Afton Grimard

Junior Grooming: 1st Theron Jonasson, 2nd Macyn Breker, 3rd Ciara Conacher

Cloverbud Grooming: 1st Emerson Airth, 2nd Tenille Rose, 3rd Brielle Airth

Senior Judging: 1st Ayla Peterson, 2nd Zoe McLean

Int Judging: 1st Averie Conacher, 2nd Hayden Peterson, 3rd Ethan Gaboury

Junior Judging: 1st Addison Pain, 2nd Macyn Breker, 3rd Georgia Scott

CB Judging: 1st Tenille Rose, 2nd Kassidy Vaadeland, 3rd Brielle Airth

Current Year Male Calf Class: 1st Macyn Breker (Grand Champion), 2nd Brooke Breker (Reserve Champion), 3rd Grayson Aumack

Current Year Female Calf Class: 1st Emerson Airth (Grand Champion), 2nd Brooke Breker (Reserve Champion), 3rd Brielle Airth

Heifer Class: 1st Brooke Breker, 2nd Dalton Sanders, 3rd Alex Vaadeland

Cow/Calf 2 yr old: 1st Grayson Aumack, 2nd Coleby Rose, 3rd Tenille Rose

Cow/Calf 3 yr old: 1st Dalton Sanders

Grayson Aumack (Grand Champion Female)

Coleby Rose (Reserve Champion Female)

Market Steer Classes

Class A: 1st Dalton Sanders, 2nd Keatley Aumack, 3rd Ben Lehouillier
Class B: 1st Afton Grimard, 2nd Liam Aumack, 3rd Cole Grimard

Class C: 1st Georgia Scott, 2nd Faryn Grimard, 3rd Cameron Gaboury

Class D: 1st Hayden Peterson, 2nd Zoe McLean, 3rd Caybrie Grimard

Class E: 1st Ethan Gaboury (Grand Champion), 2nd Brooke Breker (Reserve Champion), 3rd Macyn Breker

Senior Showmanship: 1st Ayla Peterson, 2nd Zoe McLean

Int Showmanship: 1st Dalton Sanders, 2nd Brooke Breker, 3rd Brenner Egeland

Junior Showmanship: 1st Macyn Breker, 2nd Theron Jonasson, 3rd Coleby Rose

CB Showmanship: 1st Emerson Airth, 2nd Tenille Rose, 3rd Mackenzy Johnson

2023 Heart of 4-H Award, in memory of Barry Moule: Merris Lehouillier

True Commitment to 4-H, in memory of Dean Horn: Kiara Duhaime

Medstead's Outstanding Beef Member of 2023: Brenner Egeland

Spirit of 4-H Award, provided by 4-H Saskatchewan: Liam Aumack.



Merris Lehouillier was the winner of the 2023 Heart of 4-H Award in memory of Barry Moule.



Kiara Duhaime was the winner of the True Commitment to 4-H Award in memory of Dean Horn.



Brenner Egeland was the winner of Medstead's Outstanding Beef Member Award.



Brooke Breker with her Reserve Champion steer.

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Farming and nature go hand in hand

It is difficult to not see farming and nature as entwined, at least here on the Canadian prairies.

While there are natural enclaves which have been carved out and protected as national and provincial and regional parks, most of nature these days lives on farmer-controlled property.

We see it all the time on drives, where ducks swim in a slough that has been left in the middle of a wheat field, or deer bound into a bluff on another farm, or a hawk flies over a hay field in search of a mouse.

Such scenes speak to

the adaptability of wildlife to life in tandem with farming, and to the willingness of farmers to play a role in maintaining nature on some level.

While wildlife and nature don't exactly mesh with the concept of profits on the farm – a flock of geese can eat a lot of barley as it gathers for its flight south, and whitetail deer can eat and damage hay as they feed in winter – most farmers hold a level of appreciation for nature which makes them tolerant of it. It would be difficult for a farmer not to smile from the tractor seat as they watch a fox chase a mouse near



CALVIN DANIELS

where they are working.

And a slough might be idle acres in terms of grain production, but a mother mallard and her brood out for a swim is another smile amid the tedium of seeding a field in the spring.

On a larger scale, of course, society generally has an interest in nature too. While we increas-

ingly live in clusters of steel, glass, concrete, and pavement, we also lobby for neighbourhood parks, hang potted flowers from our apartment balconies, and dream of long weekends at the lake. There is something of a natural connection with nature in many of us.

So there is importance in maintaining nature, something we seem to collectively realize today more than we did in the past.

Today we have greater nature awareness thanks to efforts such as the recent Native Prairie Appreciation Week, marked in Saskatchewan from June 18 to 24.

The native prairie is part of our provincial identity. It is a distinctive ecosystem that brings a multitude of ecological, societal, and environmental advantages while providing a habitat for several species, noted a government release announcing the week.

“Native Prairie Appreciation Week serves as a fantastic platform to celebrate the diversity of the native prairie and its indispensable contribution to preserving Saskatchewan’s rich biodiversity, carbon sequestration and other economic and environmental benefits,” Environment Minister Dana

Skoropad said in the release.

“Native prairie in Saskatchewan is a valuable resource to support the growth of the livestock industry and environmental biodiversity in our province,” Agriculture Minister David Marit said in the same release. “Our ranchers understand the importance of practicing sustainable grazing management to maintain this important ecosystem for generations to come.”

It is a small thing, but it does again show that nature and farming can exist together, and there is comfort in realizing that.

Science takes back seat in federal gene editing decision

By CATHY HOLTSLANDER
NFU Research & Policy Director

Even though they have no history of safe use in Canada or elsewhere, Agriculture Minister Bibeau announced on May 3, 2023 that Canada will exempt gene-edited plants from regulation and mandatory public notification unless they contain foreign DNA or if they are herbicide tolerant. For all other changes in a gene-edited plant, it is up to the company to decide whether their product might cause an environmental harm and thus should be assessed by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). There is no way for the public to know whether a biotech company’s assessment was thorough, and no mechanism to ensure it reports any troublesome impacts it might discover.

Nobody doubts that gene editing is a powerful tool. With CRISPR, it is possible to change a plant’s DNA at specific locations by silencing or forcing the expression of specific genes, altering the DNA sequence or removing a gene altogether. Gene editing can force genetic changes that are not otherwise possible because CRISPR can defeat mechanisms that protect critical areas of a plant’s genome from random mutation. New techniques are further expanding the scope of gene editing technology, allowing even more profound changes to the functions of the cell.

The trouble is, science doesn’t fully understand what actually happens when changes are made this way. CRISPR can cut a gene sequence at a precise spot – but it is up to the cell to knit the DNA back together, and it might not do that exactly as envisioned.

Genes are not Lego blocks – an individual gene can control multiple aspects of an organism’s development and its response to different environmental conditions. Using gene editing is therefore likely to change more than just one trait. A gene-edited vegetable might, for example, produce a less bitter-tasting leaf, but the altered genome might also make it more susceptible to insect infestations, leading growers to use more pesticides. Or the bitterness gene might also regulate the plant’s response to heat stress – changing it might mean the new plant needs more intensive irrigation, or produce lower yields during summer weather.

Canada regulates genetically engineered organisms as “Plants with Novel Traits” based on their outward characteristics instead of the technology used to make changes. The CFIA’s new regulatory approach defines most gene-edited plants as “non-novel” or not “new” and thus exempt. The companies that hold patents on CRISPR have licenced the world’s biggest seed companies – Bayer, Syngenta, Corteva, and BASF – to use the technology in seed, allowing them to collect royal-

ties on gene-edited varieties. As with patented GM corn, canola, and soy, farmers will not be allowed to save seed from gene-edited crops for future planting. To obtain a patent, inventors must demonstrate their product or process is new, involves an inventive step, and is capable of industrial application. So how can the same gene-edited seed be non-novel in the eyes of the CFIA, but novel when seen by the patent office?

In spite of having no experience assessing gene-edited crops, the CFIA assumes that, for gene edited seeds that have no foreign DNA, all the science needed to safeguard health and environmental safety already exists and is known – there will be no new questions. Chemicals like DDT and drugs like

Thalidomide taught us that benefits of new products are easy to see, but harms and problems may only become apparent over time. By allowing non-disclosure of gene-edited seed before marketing, the CFIA is closing its eyes to what might be growing in our fields, thwarting its own ability to investigate emerging issues in the future.

The current tools used to identify transgenic crops for GMO labelling by sensitive markets such as the EU cannot find gene-edited plants. However, several scientists have now published methodologies to detect them. Allowing biotech companies to market

gene-edited seed without mandatory public disclosure puts huge financial risks on farmers who will pay the cost when buyers use these tools and find unwanted gene-edited products. How will our agriculture sector recover if our export customers lose trust in Canada?

The biotech companies claim that by using gene-editing they can create seed with amazing new qualities to solve our biggest problems – and at the same time say these high-tech seeds are no different from the seed that farmers, plant breeders and Indigenous communities have developed over centuries of traditional breeding. Since both these claims cannot be true, shouldn’t gene edited plants and seeds be publicly disclosed and examined with unbiased science and publicly listed before being released?

We need mandatory, independent safety assessments and mandatory reporting to government for all gene-edited seeds and foods. The CFIA and Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada have put their faith in the biotech lobby’s claims and self-interested promises. Minister Bibeau must re-evaluate this misplaced trust and reverse her decision to give biotech companies free reign over gene-edited seed. Until then, it is simply not possible to claim that Canada’s regulations are independent, science-based, or in the public interest.

What happens when you don't advertise?

Very little.

Bourdages & Cameron Memorial Golf Tourney tees off again

By BEVRA FEE
Spiritwood Correspondent

The 17th Annual Bourdages & Cameron Memorial Golf Tournament was held at the Spiritwood Golf Course on June 19. The popular gathering saw 56 golfers enjoy a full day of golf with a Texas Scramble format.

From 10 a.m. and into the evening, volunteers were busy accommodating registrants with lunch, specialty hole competitions, prizes, a catered supper and fellowship.

"The memorial golf tournament is held annually in order to never forget our two fallen officers and their families who made the ultimate sacrifice protecting the community of Spiritwood and our country," said Sgt. Andrews of the Spiritwood RCMP Detachment.

The two RCMP members for whom

the event is named, Cst. Marc Bourdages and Cst. Robin Cameron, were killed in the line of duty in 2006 near Spiritwood.

A very special presentation saw Withekan Lake First Nation donating a quilt to the detachment to be raffled, with funds directed to the enhancement of the Memorial Park in Spiritwood.

The golf winners, for the second year in a row, were the Cameron family with a score of 55.

Apart from the action on the golf course, the RCMP is celebrating 150 years of service this year. To commemorate the anniversary, the Spiritwood RCMP Detachment will be hosting a free barbecue at Cameron & Bourdages Memorial Park on July 7. Special guests and activities for the kids are in the planning stage, and everyone is invited to the celebration.



The Withekan Lake First Nation donated a quilt to the detachment to be raffled off at the Bourdages & Cameron Memorial Golf Tournament. Pictured, left to right: Barb Tipewan accepts the quilt on behalf of Spiritwood detachment from Chief Anne Thomas of Withekan Lake First Nation.



For the second year in a row, the Cameron family won the tournament.



Volunteer Laurica Pinay cooks up lunchtime burgers for the golfers.

Partners in Faith honours volunteers



On Wednesday, June 14, 2023, the church council of Partners in Faith Spiritwood provided the volunteers at Nu 2 U with a delicious supper. Of special note was Kathleen Gatzke (pictured), who retired in December after volunteering for 30 years.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

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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

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10:30 a.m. Worship
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Shellbrook
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Pastor David Bodvarson
306-747-7235
Canwood

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Pastor Bob Wrench
306-468-2138

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

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

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

Parkside
11 a.m. - Worship

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Leask - All Saint's
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St. Andrew's - Shellbrook
Sunday, 11 a.m. Service
Canwood - Christ Church
Sunday, 2 p.m. - Service
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109 Railway Ave. W.
Blaine Lake
306-497-3316
Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
Worship

EVANGELICAL FREE

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306-469-2258
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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
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Sun., 11:30 a.m. - Mass
Whitefish
Sun., 2:30 p.m. - Mass.
Victoire
Sat., 7:30 p.m. - Mass.
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St. Agatha's - Shellbrook
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St. Henry's - Leask
Mass - Sunday 9 a.m.
Mistawasis
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Fr. Tuan Doan

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Spiritwood
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Rev. Sarah Urano

UNITED /ANGLICAN

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Rev. Kun Kim
Rev. Don Skinner

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Leoville - 11:00 a.m.
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Pastor Rick Martin

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

WP Sandin honours athletic achievement

By **JORDAN TWISS**

Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Capping off a 2022-2023 school year in which its student athletes won championship banners in multiple sports and at many levels of competition, WP Sandin High School celebrated the extracurricular feats of its students at an athletics awards ceremony held in the jam-packed school gym on June 21.

The ceremony, MCed by Rhonda Berezowski, saw more than 50 awards and recognitions handed out to students across different sporting categories, including golf, volleyball, cross-country, basketball, curling, badminton, track and field, and football. There were also awards for clubs, such as drama, the Aardvark Awards, and the top female and male athlete awards at both the junior and senior levels.

Beginning with golf, the senior girls MVP was handed to Shelby Woytiuk and the senior boys MVP honour went to Casen Keyowski.

In Volleyball, Weston Nelson won the Grade 6/7 boys MVP award, while Jaylynn Helm earned the Grade 6/7 girls MVP award, and Hunter Smith claimed the Grade 7/8 boys MVP award. For the Grade 8 girls, Kallie Smith won the Most Improved award, and Adison Kyliuk was the recipient of the Grade 9/10 girls MVP.

In senior girls volleyball, Brooke Cadrain was named MVP, Allison Lamotte and Josee Schatkoske shared Strongest Leadership honours, and Maddison Nelson won the Most Dedicated award.

Once all the awards were handed out, the Grade 7/8 boys team and the Grade 9/10 girls team were called up to the stage for recognition of their league championship victories.

Moving into cross-country, there were five individual honours to be handed out, including the junior girls MVP award to June Robin and Julia Shindle, the junior boys MVP to Cashian Sandry, the senior girls MVP to Marcail Philp, and the senior boys MVP to Ethan Klaassen. The junior cross-country team was also recognized for winning the large school banner at the P4A extravaganza.

Bouncing over to basketball, June Robin was named the Grade 6/7 girls MVP award to June Robin, and Ty Keyowski and Caleb Philp split the Grade 6 boys MVP award. Next, Ayli Schatkoske and Dalen Thiel won the Grade 8 girls and Grade 7/8 boys MVP honours, respectively.

Finally, Allison Lamotte and Josee Schatkoske shared senior girls MVP honours, and Connor Musgrave was named the senior boys MVP. The Grade 6/7 girls basketball team was also recognized for winning the league

championship.

Speeding along to track and field, Ayli Schatkoske was named junior female MVP, Cashian Sandry won the junior male MVP award, Marcail Philp received the senior female MVP award, and Adam Schatkoske earned the senior boys MVP award.

In other recognitions, The atom boys and girls, the peewee boys and girls, and the bantam girls track teams were honoured for winning banners at the P4A Track & Field Meet.

For curling, there were five individual honours presented, including the junior female MVP to Emmy Ledding, the junior male MVP to Nash Helm, the senior female MVP to Payten Keyowski, and the senior male MVP to Carson Ledding and Noah Verbonac.

Up next, junior badminton MVP awards were handed out to Kallie Smith on the girls' side, and to Cashian Sandry on the boys' side. Allison Lamotte received the senior female MVP award, while Julian Peake earned the MVP award for the boys.

Afterward, the Grade 6/7 and Grade 7/8 badminton teams were recognized for being crowned champions at their respective P4A competition.

Taking a short break from the athletic accolades, the junior drama award went to Cashian Sandry, while Airionna McQuillan and Mason Mamchur earned the senior girls and senior boys drama awards, respectively.

Rushing into football, Adam Schatkoske was named most versatile player, Tucker McDonald won the lineman of the year award, Aiden Tait shared rookie of the year honours, Jesse Nyberg and Brett Stene shared the heart and soul award, and Brandon Dingwall was named MVP.

The athlete of the year awards were presented next. Davin Schmitz won the junior male athlete award, while the junior female athlete was shared by Brooklyn Klaassen, Marcail Philp, and Emersyn Nahorniak. On the senior side, Adam Schatkoske was the male athlete of the year, while Josee Schatkoske won the girls' honour.

The Aardvark of the Year Awards, which recognize students who "display the best of WP Sandin school spirit and pride", were then handed out. Marcail Philp was crowned junior Aardvark of the year, with Payten Keyowski claiming the senior Aardvark of the year award.

Closing out the recognitions, Allison Lamotte was named the winner of the Grant Sommerfeld Memorial Award for Sportsmanship.

With the presentations complete, principal Karisa Klaassen wrapped up the ceremony by recognizing the coaches, parents, volunteers, and students who make the school's extracurricular programs run smoothly.



Rhonda Berezowski and Kelly Herndier present the Junior Aardvark award to Marcail Philp.



Devon Thorpe presents the junior male athlete award to Davin Schmitz.



Devon Thorpe presents the junior female athlete award to joint honourees Brooklyn Klaassen, Emersyn Nahorniak, and Marcail Philp.



Devon Thorpe presents the senior female athlete award to Josee Schatkoske.



Rhonda Berezowski and Kelly Herndier present the Senior Aardvark award to Payten Keyowski.



Devon Thorpe presents the senior male athlete award to Adam Schatkoske.



Lauren Cromartie presents the Grant Sommerfeld Memorial Award for Sportsmanship to Allison Lamotte.



Pam Boettcher presents the Junior Drama award to Cashian Sandry.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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SHELL LAKE: Wapiti Regional Library - Tuesday 11am - 4pm; Wednesday 12pm - 5pm

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

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Academic achievement takes spotlight at WP Sandin

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

The staff, students, and proud parents of WP Sandin High School gathered in the school's gymnasium on Thursday evening for the presentation of the winners of this year's academic awards and scholarships.

The celebration of the achievements of the Grades 6 through 12 students was MCed by Rhonda Berezowski, and the program included more than 80 awards and scholarships.

Keeping the focus on more than just academics, the awards presentations included the return of the heart and grit awards, which were first introduced for students from Grade 6 through Grade 12 in 2020.

The Heart awards are presented to students who demonstrate kindness, respect, and empathy for their peers and teachers. Meanwhile, the Grit awards are given to students who show perseverance and determination, and approach school with a positive attitude.

On the academic side, there were the standard awards for each subject from Grade 9 upwards, as well as proficiency awards for the student in Grades 6 through 12 with the highest academic average.

Before the awards were handed out, however, principal Karisa Klaassen was invited to the stage to share some remarks.

"There are many ways we define success at WP Sandin. Academic excellence is only one of them," she said.

"Today, we'll also be celebrating those who deserve recognition for their kind-

ness, their generosity, and their empathy toward others, those who show fierce determination and grit in achieving their goals, and those who volunteer their time for the betterment of our community."

The Grade 6 heart, grit, and proficiency awards, presented by Mrs. Kyliuk and Mrs. Kasner, started off the evening. Brody Moe received the Heart Award, while Sofia Pozdnyakova earned the Grit Award, and Julia Shindle and Caleb Philp shared the Proficiency Award.

The Grade 7 presentation, also handled by Mrs. Kasner, saw Brooklyn Anderson receive the Heart Award, Jaylynn Helm earn the Grit Award, and June Robin claim the Proficiency Award.

Next, the Grade 8 heart, grit, and proficiency awards, presented by Mrs. Boettcher, went to Thora Lenz, Navarra Mumm, and Emmy Ledding and Kallie Smith, respectively.

At the Grade 9 level, the awards were presented by Mrs. Stefankiw and Mr. Gerstner. The Heart Award went to Brooklyn Klaassen, the Grit Award was won by Emersyn Nahorniak, and Marcail Philp earned the Proficiency Award.

Among Grade 10s, Mr. Meyers and Mr. Thorpe presented the Heart Award to Ezra Peake, the Grit Award to Cole Smith, and the Proficiency Award to Taylor Henderson and Maddison Nelson.

For Grade 11 students, Mrs. Thorpe presented the Heart Award to Abby Ledding, the Grit Award to Meagan Denis, and the Proficiency Award to Payten Keyowski and Abi Kyliuk.

Finally, Mr. Kyliuk handed out the Grade 12 awards, with Mason Mamchur earning the Heart Award, and Connor Musgrave receiving the Grit Award. For the Proficiency Award, principal Klaassen did the honours, presenting the plaque to Kassie Ferster.

Aside from the academic awards presented by the school, WP Sandin's students were also the recipients of scholarships, bursaries, and other awards.

Here, the presentations started off with the Sask Rivers Student for Change Award, which went to Abi Kyliuk and Ali Lamotte, and the 2022 Governor General Award, which was awarded to Jade Keyowski.

Up next, Ethan Klaassen received the

Model UN Scholarship, Abi Kyliuk and Payten Keyowski shared the Alice Patricia Buckingham Scholarships, and Shelby Woytiuk was awarded the Lake Country Co-op Scholarship.

In other presentations, Mason Mamchur received the Royal Purple Scholarship, Kassie Ferster and Shelby Woytiuk each received a Bourgeault and Associates Scholarship, and Adam Schatkoske was awarded the Billy Simington Memorial Scholarship.

As the evening continued, two new awards were presented, starting with the Heart of the Community Scholarship, presented by the Moe Family. The inaugural award was presented to Ashton Tanchuk.

Up next was the Darrel Martin Memorial Award, presented by Darrel's son, Nick Martin. In recognition of Darrel's legacy of volunteerism, the award is to be presented to a student who demonstrates a commitment to volunteerism. The inaugural recipient was Sawyer Mamchur.

Continuing a long-standing WP Sandin tradition, the next award was the Kinette Marie Nesdoly Memorial Award for the Junior Student of the Year, which went to Marcail Philp.

Last, but certainly not least, was the Clarence Martin Memorial Award for Senior Student of the Year. This year's winner was Payten Keyowski.

As for individual subject awards, those were presented as follows:

- ELA 9: Marcail Philp & Adison Kyliuk
- Math 9: Adison Kyliuk
- Social 9: Marcail Philp and Sara Verbonac
- Science 9: Marcail Philp
- Health 9: Marcail Philp
- Art 9: Marcail Philp & Reese Galloway
- PAA 9: Airionna McQuillan & Lane Keyowski
- Phys. Ed 9: Marcail Philp & Aiden Tait
- ELA A 10: Taylor Henderson & Maddison Nelson

- ELA B 10: Taylor Henderson, Maddison Nelson & Sawyer Mamchur
- Math Workplace 10: Taylor Henderson & Maddison Nelson
- Math Foundations 10: Sawyer Mamchur
- Science 10: Taylor Henderson & Maddison Nelson
- History 10: Taylor Henderson, Maddison Nelson & Molly Maynard
- PAA Survey 10: Colton Sommerfeld & Sawyer Mamchur
- Wellness 10: Cole Smith
- ELA 20: Abi Kyliuk
- Math Workplace 20: Adam Schatkoske
- Pre-Calculus 20: Abi Kyliuk
- Math Foundations 20: Abi Kyliuk
- Physical Science 20: Payten Keyowski
- History 20: Josee Schatkoske
- Mental Health 20: Abby Ledding
- Construction & Carpentry 20: Cole Smith
- Active Living & Fitness Leadership 20: Christiaan Greyling
- Personal Fitness 20: Brett Stene
- Commercial Cooking 20: Payten Keyowski
- Financial Literacy 20: Kassie Ferster
- Graphic Arts 20: Alyssa Lenz
- Photography 20: Jack Sharron
- Physical Education 20: Josee Schatkoske
- Environmental Science 20: Payten Keyowski, Abi Kyliuk & Taylor Henderson
- PAA Survey 20: Payten Keyowski
- ELA A 30: Mason Mamchur
- ELA B 30: Mason Mamchur
- Math Workplace 30: Adam Schatkoske
- Math Foundations 30: Mason Mamchur
- Pre-Calculus 30: Mason Mamchur
- Biology 30: Abi Kyliuk
- History 30: Mason Mamchur
- Law 30: Taylor Henderson & Maddison Nelson
- Studio Art 30: Beau Ahenakew, Sophia Kolodychuk & Jessica Sharron
- Life Transitions 30: Ethan Klaassen
- Chemistry 30: Payten Keyowski.



Melissa Moe (left) and Kelly Herndier (right) present the Junior Student of The Year award to Marcail Philp.



WP Sandin principal Karisa Klaassen presents the Senior Student of the Year award to Payten Keyowski.



Nick Martin presents the inaugural Darrel Martin Memorial Award to Sawyer Mamchur.



Brody and Boston Moe (left and right) present the first Heart of the Community Scholarship to Ashton Tanchuk.



WP Sandin principal Karisa Klaassen presents the 2022 Governor General Award to Jade Keyowski.



From left to right: Mr. Gerstner and Mrs. Stefankiw present the Grade 9 awards to Aiden Tait, Marcail Philp, Airionna McQuillan, and Adison Kyliuk.



Mr. Thorpe (left) and Mr. Meyers (right) present the Grade 10 awards. From left to right: Cole Smith, Maddison Nelson, Taylor Henderson, Sawyer Mamchur, and Colton Sommerfeld.

Taylor on Canadian 'Rushmore' after amazing putt

That wasn't just 'a putt' that Nick Taylor made to shock the golf world in mid-June. That was a putt that created a new stone figure on the Canadian version of Mount Rushmore's Great Sports Moments.

Paul Henderson is up there of course, with his goal with 34 seconds left in the final game giving Canada victory over the hated Russians in the 1972 Summit Series; Joe Carter's smiling face beams down on the strength of his World-Series-winning three-run homer in 1993 that gave the Blue Jays the title over Philadelphia Phillies; and Sidney Crosby's 'golden goal' to win the Olympic gold medal in 2010 has elevated him to Rushmore history.

Now, Nick Taylor completes the rocky Rushmore foursome.

For 69 years, no Canadian had ever won the Canadian Open golf tournament. Pat Fletcher in 1954 was the last to do it. The drought might have gone on forever be-

cause there are only five or six Canadians with enough game to win on the PGA Tour and the weekly competition is stiff.

But at the Oakdale Golf Club on June 11, Abbotsford's Taylor made history — and in the most spectacular of fashion.

A score of minus 17 for four rounds, including spectacular weekend play of 63-66, earned Taylor a spot in a playoff with England's Tommy Fleetwood, who was looking to make a little personal history himself. Ranked 21st in the world and a six-time winner on the European Tour, Fleetwood was still seeking his first PGA Tour event. Only Taylor stood in his way of finally winning in North America.

Canadian golf fans don't have to be told what happened but, for the record, we'll state what millions of them watched around supertime on that Sunday. Playing the fourth hole of a sudden-death



BRUCE PENTON

playoff, Taylor sank the most unlikely putt of his career — it was also the longest he has ever holed in his professional life — a 72-footer that caused pandemonium to break out on site and in millions of living rooms, sports bars and golf club lounges across the country. Golf statisticians said the chance of making that putt was in the one per cent range.

Pack your bags, Nick. You're going to Canada's Mount Rushmore. That winning smile will be etched in stone forever.

The \$1.62 million he banked for the win pushed his season earnings past the \$5.5 mil-

lion mark, but the money was secondary to the honour of a Canadian winning the Canadian Open. With that miraculous 72-foot putt, Pat Fletcher, like Tommy Fleetwood, has been bumped aside.

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "An elevated section of I95 in Philadelphia collapsed. The collapse was so bad they decided to name that section after the New York Jets."

• Headline at fark.com: "Dak Prescott is partnering with Dude Perfect as an owner of Major League Pickleball's Frisco Pandas. No, you're not having a stroke, those are actual words in a sentence describing something that's actually happening."

• Las Vegas Golden Knights forward Reilly Smith on the best aspect of being Jonathan Marchessault's friend: "He sets up the tee times." And the worst part? "He's always late for those times."

• Golf website 'The

Fried Egg' on Twitter, without mentioning the name Adam Hadwin: "We hope you all made it through your weekend without being tackled."

• Jerry Tarde of golf digest.com, simplifying the PGA-Saudi golf merger: "Marry me or I will kill you' was the proposition the PGA Tour commissioner faced. In the geopolitical world, it's the same deal Putin proposed to Ukraine and China to Taiwan."

• Steve Simmons of Sunmedia: "I wish I better understood how memory works. I can name the starting lineup from the 1967 World Series champion St. Louis Cardinals, player by player — I was 10 then — but I can't tell you three starters from the Cards today. And I can remember all the words to Brown Eyed Girl, a huge hit in 1967, but I never know where my car keys are"

• Vancouver comedian Torben Rolfsen: "A New York Yankees game was postponed because of

smoke. What? A Snoop Dogg pre-game concert?"

• Ron Green, Jr., of golfpost.com, on the 80-yard 15th hole at the Los Angeles Country Club: "That's shorter than Terrell Hatton's tamper."

• Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "Putting Lord Stanley's Cup in Vegas is like hanging the Mona Lisa in Room 123 of the Motel 6 in Oc-ala."

• Bob Molinaro of pilot online.com: "Jokic in basketball, Novak Djokovic in tennis ... the Serbs are no joke."

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "The Vegas Golden Knights ended the NHL playoffs, knocking off the Florida Panthers to claim the Stanley Cup final. The NHL preseason starts next Tuesday."

• Headline at fark.com: "Nine arrested for stealing Yogi Berra's rings. Apparently they weren't smarter than the average Berra."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Local quilter donates commemorative quilt to RCMP

By ALLISON IRVINE
Prince Albert RCMP

In honour of the RCMP's 150th Anniversary, local quilter Norma Dahl has donated a crafted quilt to the Prince Albert RCMP Detachment. The quilt was originally given to Allison Irvine, DSA. Irvine had the quilt framed by Twilight Framing.

On Thursday, June 15, 2023, Norma attended the detachment to formally gift and view the quilt. S/Sgt. Stephen Hurst, Detachment Commander, welcomed and thanked Norma for the quilt. Hurst presented Norma with an RCMP Challenge Coin and gave her an office tour.

The quilt now hangs in the main entrance to the detachment.



Quilter Norma Dahl (middle) presented the commemorative quilt to Allison Irvine and S/Sgt. Stephen Hurst of the Prince Albert RCMP. Photos courtesy of Bev Irvine



This quilt, crafted by Norma Dahl in honour of the RCMP's 150th anniversary, was presented to the Prince Albert RCMP Detachment.

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OBITUARIES

Frances Boryski



BORYSKI – Frances

Our lives will never be the same. Today, we lost our mother, Frances (née Pampu) Boryski, June 21, 2023. She was predeceased by her husband, parents and siblings.

Left to honour mom's memory are her daughters, Michelle (Rick) Koshinsky, their children Kelsey (Landon) and Kirkland, Lisa Boryski and her daughter Megan (Gareth), and Janice MacNab (Scott) and her children Matthew and Avery as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Mom was born on her parent's homestead near Blaine Lake, Saskatchewan on March 14, 1940. At age 18, she worked as a SaskTel telephone operator in Blaine Lake. There, she met her future husband of 62 years, Arthur Boryski. Their life

together began in Krydor, then Saskatoon and eventually, Regina.

Mom helped support her family by working in care homes, book-keeping and cooking at the Zeller's restaurant, The Skillet. Mom was a gourmet cook who could always make a delicious meal out of nothing. Her expert skills as a seamstress kept her family clothed by mending and altering clothing passed on to her. Mom always put her children first, that is until we gave her grandchildren that she could not have loved more.

Card game opponents

including her friends and grandchildren regularly found themselves quickly defeated; the sting soothed by a fresh slice of pie, a cup of coffee and another round. Kings Corners and Kaiser were always her favourites. Visitors always left with goodie bags of fresh cinnamon buns, pies, cookies, chifon cake and jelly rolls. Mom's phone frequently rang with calls from loved ones sharing news from home, or asking for cooking advice and words of encouragement.

Being miles away from friends and family

didn't stop Frances from bringing trunk loads of baking to support those who had lost a loved one or making wedding cakes and flowers for family celebrations. Her support could always be counted on. When mom referred to "home" we knew she meant the Blaine Lake – Marcelin district because that's where her roots and heart were.

Our mom didn't have an easy life but she always reminded us that there was someone else who wasn't as fortunate. There was never a time she was ever concerned about herself, she always

put others first. We may not have had all the material possessions others had, but we were wealthy beyond our means with the love and support our mom provided.

Our family would like to thank Dr. Laursen for his years of care and compassion as well as the staff at Selo Gardens Personal Care Home. At Frances' request, donations may be made in her honour to the Department of Veterans Affairs to honour the service of her father, Alexander Pampu, in the first and second world war. A private ceremony will be held at a later date.

Fred Leverton



Fred farmed most of his life on the farmstead he grew up on. He loved farming, livestock and hunting.

In his younger years, Fred and Wilma loved to attend dances at Polwarth, Stump Lake, Deep Lake, Nestledown, Park Valley. He enjoyed curling at Park Valley and visiting with anyone... Fred could be found socializing no matter where he travelled to. His working life took him across the west (copper mine, coal mine, potato farm, logging camps) and back to the farm and forested country he loved.

He was happiest when he could make kids/grandkids squeal and

loved to pull pranks and jokes, especially with his close friend Leonard Park. He also enjoyed playing cards and hosting Whist tournaments at the farm. The farm was always busy with company – Fred loved to visit with friends/neighbours, eat lunch and drink coffee! Each fall, the yard was full of hungry hunters looking for birds, moose, deer or bear and some of Wilma's home cooking!

Fred was very proud of the Park Valley History book, 'Wilderness to Neighbourhoods' and his contributions to it. So proud, he had a backpack full of the books that he peddled across the west and through

BC.

In their later years, Fred and Wilma enjoyed travelling. Barley a stone was returned in Southern Saskatchewan, two trips to Churchill to visit with the polar bears, bus trip to PEI and many trips to Burnaby, BC and many points between!

Fred was always willing to help with projects and would not shy away from work well into his later years. If Wilma was working away from home, the food she left for Fred was still waiting when she returned. Too many people to visit with or restaurants to visit.

He is fondly remembered by: his loving wife of 62 years Wilma,

daughter Debbie (Doug) children Roxanne, Leanne, Chad (Erin), son Bruce (Treena), children Jesse (Sarah), Gary (Chantelle), Warren (Deamber), son Walter (Pauline), children Brandon (John Deibert), Craig (Kelsie), Devon, son Lyle (Tina), children Sarah, Jessica. Also lovingly remembered by his great grandchildren: Britany, Domic, Reese, Makayla, Alyssa, Ryder, Jax, Keelyn, Maddyn, and great-great grandchild Zane.

He was predeceased by his mother Nellie, father Jesse and brother Bill.

A graveside service for family and dear friends was held at Stump Lake Cemetery 2pm Satur-

day June 17, 2023 with a come and go tea/celebration of life to follow at the Canwood Legion Hall.

Honourary pallbearers: all Fred's family and friends.

Memorial donations in Fred's memory may be directed to the Stump Lake Cemetery (Box 24, Stump Lake, SK S0J 2S0). 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 and Crematorium, Lynn Anderson Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK 306-747-2828.

GOOD NEWS

Distracted Living

By LORNE VALUCK
Parkside Pentecostal Church

Some time ago, a truck hauling grain hit the ditch on our quiet rural road. Road conditions were fine.

What caused the mishap?

The driver's can of pop fell and he quickly reached down to retrieve it, resulting in him losing control and driving off the road.

Thankfully, there were no injuries and only minimal damage.

A teacher I knew had a great idea of sharing a bit of farm fun with her students. She took a hen and chicks to school. Not the plant, but the birds. I believe it was on the trip home that the hen got out of the box, and you can imagine what happened next.

In all the activity, and reactivity the

vehicle ended up off the road. I don't remember if the driver or the chickens were hurt, but the accident wasn't part of the lesson plan.

Several years ago on a trip to Ontario, I realized how sparse and slow-paced our traffic is on the prairies. I got anxious more than a few times encountering six lane traffic with constant mergers and exits.

So I'm doing all I can to just drive, and I look over and see a guy driving, talking on his phone, and reading a map propped against his steering wheel.

Show-off.

At one time, that may have been considered cool. Now it's called distracted driving. In fact, each of these true stories I've related are instances of distractions affecting driving.

Most of the time there are no serious consequences, but often there are - a narrow miss, or a minor rear ender, but sometimes, tragically, a fatal head-on or roll-over.

Proverbs 4:25-27 instructs us, "Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path. Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil."

And Hebrews 12:1-2a says, "Let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith."

Distracted driving is one thing, but what about distracted living?

We are created for fellowship with God. He offers us an abundant life through Jesus, who is the Way, the

Truth, and the Life.

When we are distracted from that purpose, we veer off the pathway to real love, peace, joy, and fulfillment, and sometimes we end up in the "ditch", or worse.

I won't ask if you drive distracted at times, but I will ask if you've been doing some distracted living, letting temporal things take priority over that which has eternal value and consequence.

They may not be terrible things. They may even be "good" things, but they have somehow taken the place of your having a vital, personal relationship with God.

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Jesus take the wheel

I pray you experience God's presence in a special way today.



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Edging, rock garden or groundcover? - Part 1

By **SARA WILLIAMS**

All of the following perennials are attractive, fairly low growing, hardy, and can serve multiple functions in our prairie gardens. They can edge a border or path, are at home in a rock garden, and, given time, can act as groundcovers in "difficult" areas.

Bearberry (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*) has a challenging botanical name but is easy to grow. A short (10 cm/4 in.) broadleaf evergreen, native to the polar regions of the Northern Hemisphere, it produces small, pale pink,

downward-facing urn-shaped flowers followed by bright red edible berries (loved by bears as well). Place it in full sun to partial shade in average well drained soil.

Canadian ginger (*Asarum canadense*) is similar in height as bearberry, but is characterized by a steadily increasing mound of attractive, soft, light green, kidney-shaped foliage which mostly hide the small brown flowers produced in spring. The common name is derived from the ginger-like smell of the roots. It's native from New Brunswick to Manitoba and south to South Carolina. The foliage can cause dermatitis in sensitive individuals. Best to wear gloves and deal with it in the cool of the morning. It does well in evenly moist, well-drained soil rich in organic matter.

Perennial alyssum, basket of gold (*Aurinia saxatilis*) was one of the very first perennials I grew from seed. It's long lived, low maintenance, and produces dainty mounds of bright yellow flowers that practically hide the grey-dusted green foliage for about 6 weeks from late spring to early summer. An alpine plant native to Europe of 22-30 cm (9-12 in.), it's very versatile in our landscapes. Place it in full sun on well-drained soil. For a neater appearance, it may be lightly sheared after flowering.

Snow-in-summer (*Cerastium tomentosum*) is perhaps not a very marketable name after such a long winter! It's characterized by masses of pure white flowers over low woolly silver foliage. Only 15-30 cm (6-12 in.) high, it is long lived and blooms for 4-6 weeks from late spring to early summer. Very drought-tolerant once established, it should be grown in full sun on well-drained soil.

Blue fescue (*Festuca glauca*) is a lovely blue ornamental grass of only 10 to 20 cm (4-8 in.). The variety 'Skinner's Blue' is one of the hardiest for the prairies. Its biochemistry is unique in that an chemical is released by its roots inhibits the germination of seeds above its root space. This results in less competition from other plants for space, sunlight, nutrients and moisture. And from the gardener's perspective, little or no weeding. Place it in full sunlight on well-drained soil.

Siberian avens (*Geum urbanum*) produces bright, orange-red, five-petaled flowers on erect stems from late spring to early summer. The bright green, pinnately compound foliage is attractive throughout the growing season. Native to Europe and western Asia, it was considered a medicinal herb throughout the Middle Ages. Place it in full sun to partial shade on average well drained soil. It is drought-tolerant once established.

Woolly speedwell (*Veronica incana*) has a calm and relaxing appearance with its combination of blue flowers and soft silver foliage. Between 30-45 cm (12-18 in.) in height, it blooms for four weeks from late June to early July. It is best placed in full sun to partial shade in average well drained soil. It is easily propagated by spring division.

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

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Canwood Pines hosts Senior Golf Tourney

By LORRAINE BENSON

It was a beautiful, sunny day as the Canwood Pines Golf Committee hosted the annual Seniors Golf Tournament on Thursday, June 21, 2023. A whopping 55 golfers attended the event.

The morning registration was at 9 a.m., with coffee, cake and cookies served. The golfers started their first round at approximately 10 a.m. At noon a delicious lunch of burgers, potato salad, cucumber salad, and beans was served, along with carrot cake for dessert. Then everyone began the second round, which was completed at about 3 p.m.

Winners of the first event were: Lyle Bannerman, Jack Payne, Janet Altstadt, and

Mitch Altstadt.

Second event winners were: Ray Peterson, Barry Person, Al Dion, and Joyce Willick.

Third event winners were: Robert Bonneau Wayne Pauls, Lynn Harper, and Wally Tetarenko.

Finally, fourth event winners were: Ken Hyman, Glen Claffet, Marc Bonneau, and Bob Hryniuk.

Prizes were handed out for longest drive on Number 1, and winners were Glen Stevens and Lee Stevens. For the closest to the pin on Number 8, Bob Olson and Pamela Oleynick were the winners, and the closest golfers to the line on Number 9 were Luc Demers and Ruth Ziegeman.

Clarence Bowes won the raffle prize of four rounds of

golf with a cart. Pam Oleynick won the 50/50 of \$125. There were also four door prizes

handed out.

Then, of course, the five lucky golfers who landed in

Punky's Pond (who will not be named) were awarded a brilliant fluorescent golf ball.



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SASK Distance Learning Centre partners on ag courses

The Government of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Distance Learning Centre (Sask DLC) and the North American Equipment Dealers Association (NAEDA) are pleased to partner in support of agricultural education in Saskatchewan.

Through a newly signed five-year agreement, NAEDA will provide \$40,000 annually to support work placements for students enrolled in agricultural-focused programs offered online through the Sask DLC. Eligible courses include Agricultural Equipment Technician 20, Agricultural Equipment Technician 30, Parts Technician 30L and a new Precision Agriculture

30L program, which is currently in development.

"The agricultural industry is constantly evolving and with that comes the need for multi-skilled workers and innovative student learning opportunities," Education Minister Dustin Duncan said in a statement. "This partnership will contribute to our goal of developing a highly skilled and educated population while ensuring long-term growth, competitiveness and sustainability in Saskatchewan's agriculture sector."

Students enrolled in each of the agricultural programs will complete 50 hours of online theory, 50 hours of a work placement at a

local equipment dealership, and an optional boot camp at Saskatchewan Polytechnic (SaskPoly). The optional boot camp is an opportunity for students to attend SaskPoly's Saskatoon campus to shadow apprentices, experience the industry, and determine their interest in pursuing their respective career path.

"Sask DLC is pleased to support the agricultural industry in Saskatchewan by providing comprehensive learning opportunities right in students' home communities," Sask DLC Chief Executive Officer Darren Gasper said in a statement. "The three learning components included in these

courses - online, on the job and mentorship - will allow students to make an informed choice about whether the respective career path is right for them."

Through online delivery, Sask DLC is able to provide specialized content to students across the province. Work placements are coordinated centrally and provide a local experience for students.

"Labour shortages are one of the most pressing risks facing Canadian agriculture and are a major constraint on both agricultural growth and global competitiveness," NAEDA Vice President Larry Hertz said in a statement. "NAEDA is pleased to support Saskatchewan

and the economy by investing in educational experiences that will enable students to pursue a wide variety of roles in the agriculture industry."

Sask DLC offers more than 180 online courses for Kindergarten to Grade 12 students including more than 120 high school courses with many electives including Construction and Carpentry, Drafting and CAD, Digital Media and Web Design.

Registration is now open for Sask DLC courses. Parents or students who have questions or would like assistance registering can contact the Sask DLC at 306-252-1000 or by email at helpdesk@saskDLC.ca.