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Shellbrook summer program provides great S-CAPE



With adult supervision, S-CAPE participants learned the basics of cooking in the kitchen at the Shellbrook Community Hall.

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

The relaxation of connecting with nature. The excitement of scoring a game-winning goal. The thrill of taking a refreshing plunge into the water. These are just a few of the experiences kids have had as part of Shellbrook's 2023 Summer Playground Program.

Now called S-CAPE (meaning Summer Program - Culture, Arts, Physical Activity, Experiences), the program runs for eight weeks throughout the summer, providing programming for children aged six to 12 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each week day (to accommodate families, there are extended drop off and pick-up times) at a cost of \$50 a week.

"The goal of the program is to provide healthy activities, foster creativity, and provide educational programming to children throughout the summer

months to improve general health and wellbeing, and physical literacy in our community," said Jessica Kernohan, manager of recreation & community development for the Town of Shellbrook.

Based on registration numbers this summer, it's clear parents in the community and surrounding area see the program's value.

Kernohan says this summer has been among the busiest for the S-CAPE Program. With a maximum capacity of 30 participants per week, she says the program has been full most weeks and even had a waitlist at times.

Indeed, by the end of summer, Kernohan expects the S-CAPE Program will have had 232 participants.

While general program planning, budgeting, grant applications, field trip coordinating, and much more, are completed by Kernohan prior to the program beginning for the summer, she credits much of the program's overwhelming

success this year to its program leaders, including coordinator Sarra Hazelwood, leaders Allison Lamotte and Kailee Cameron, and occasional substitute leader Kaelee Saam (who has also previously been a program coordinator).

Together, the coordinator and leaders plan out the games, crafts, and activities for each day and help ensure they run smoothly and safely.

"These ladies have hit the ground running this summer and developed highly successful and fun programming," Kernohan said. "We are so lucky to have such a great group of leaders."

Through six themed weeks of programming, including Nature/Gardening Week, Sports Week, Water Week, Mystery Week, Science Week, and Camping week, participants in the S-CAPE Program have gone on a field trip to Honeywood Heritage Nursery, played disc golf at Centennial Park, learned the basics of cooking in the kitchen, travelled to Stur-

geon Lake, visited the elders at Parkland Integrated Health Centre's Care Home, gone swimming at the Shellbrook Swimming Pool, and much more.

With more fun still to be had in the remaining Space Week and Disney Week, Kernohan says another key piece of the S-CAPE Program's success is Broston Enterprises (Melissa and Kris Moe), which donated its bussing services for out-of-town field trips.

Because of this support, as well as the strong registration numbers and grant funding through the Communities Initiative Fund (\$5,000), the RM of Shellbrook's Sask Lotteries Grant (\$600), and the Town of Shellbrook's Sask Lotteries Fund (\$300), Kernohan says this year's program will likely break even.

In past years, by comparison, the program needed to be subsidized to the tune of anywhere between \$1,000 and \$5,000.

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As part of the S-CAPE Program, kids played disc golf at Centennial Park.



For Mystery Week, kids worked together to decorate a themed banner.



A trip to the Shellbrook Public Library allowed kids to tap into their creativity.

Olsen named head coach of U18 AA Elks

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

With hockey season just around the corner, the Parkland U18 AA Elks will be taking the ice with a familiar face calling the plays from behind the bench.

Shellbrook's Curtis Olsen, who served as the team's assistant coach for a successful 2022-2023 season, has been named the team's head coach, stepping into the role in place of fellow hometown coach Sheldon Moe.

Olsen brings with him a wealth of knowledge as a player, having competed in the SJHL with the North Battleford North Stars and the Flin Flon Bombers. He also logged a lot of minutes in a Shellbrook Elks jersey throughout his senior hockey career.

As a coach, Olsen got his start in Shellbrook minor hockey by coaching his daughter and son through the program, but also served as head coach of the Prince Albert Bantam Foxes, assistant coach of the Prince Albert U18 AA Foxes and the Prince Albert U18 AAA Northern Bears, and as a provincial regional coach mentor with Hockey Saskatchewan.

"It was just an opportunity to get back into it as a head coach, and it was an opportunity I thought worked well, coaching my hometown [team]," Olsen

said.

"Hopefully I can help the program and continue its growth, and make sure the kids in Shellbrook and area who can come to us have a place to play."

While Olsen has coached both hockey and ball teams that have gone on to compete at some of the highest levels, he says the highlight for him has always been building relationships with young players, and seeing them grow and continue to play the sport as an adult, even if it isn't at the college or pro-

fessional level.

This, he says, shows that the players really love the game, which is what it's all about at the end of the day.

When it comes to coaching style, Olsen says he has a very team-focused approach. It's not about one player, or even him as a coach, but about the whole.

"We're going to do everything as a group. Our ups and downs will be dealt with as a group," he said. "If we can get that instilled in everyone, we're that much stronger. That's where you start to have success."

With the U18 AA Elks' camp and tryouts slated for the end of August, Olsen says he'll be looking for players who bring this team-first mentality, a positive attitude, and an openness to new ideas.

But, noting that every team needs a little bit of everything, he encourages players to just "play and be who they are."

"You don't have to be everything. But whatever you do, and whatever skill you bring, I'm going to ask you to work hard and play to your strength," he said.

Joining Olsen behind the bench for the 2023-2024 season is assistant coach Brad Rock, who served as an assistant coach to the U18 AAA Northern Bears at the same time as Olsen. Olsen says he jumped at the opportunity to invite Rock to the team, because they share a similar coaching philosophy.

Looking ahead, Olsen says the team may look to add another assistant coach to the staff, just to have an extra set of eyes. But in the meantime, with the hockey season looming, he's just excited to help his players grow and see where the season takes the team.



Shellbrook's Curtis Olsen is the new head coach of the Parkland U18 AA Elks.

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Co-op bringing two new food options to Spiritwood

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Residents of Spiritwood, and those passing through the town, will soon have two new quick serve meal options to satisfy their appetites.

Lake Country Co-op has announced plans to bring TJ's Pizza and Chester's Chicken to the community. The two restaurants will be owned and operated by Lake Country Co-op, and located in the C-Store attached to its gas station along Highway 3.

"Spiritwood was seen as a good location for these additions because we heard

the need from our members," said Britney Rosenberg, Lake Country Co-op's director of marketing and community relations. "As well, [the community] is a junction point to surrounding lakes and communities."

Rosenberg says Lake Country Co-op built a commercial rental space along side the new C-Store in 2021, with future plans to open a quick serve franchise.

Now, Rosenberg is confident the new TJ's Pizza and Chester's Chicken franchises will be right at home in Spiritwood.

"These franchises were a good fit for the market in Spiritwood because who

doesn't love chicken and pizza!?" she said. "We went with two quick serve food franchises, so our members and customers have a great selection for all their lunch and dinner cravings."

Lake Country Co-op says the addition of the two new restaurants was seen as a means to meet the changing needs and preferences of Co-op members and the community at large, and will help the Spiritwood C-Store become a one-stop destination for both food and fuel.

This, it says, makes it a win-win for everyone.

"This investment contributes to the long-term sustainability of Lake Country

Co-op and the community of Spiritwood by enhancing local employment and economic growth," Lake Country Co-op said in a press release. "As well, these additions align with our commitment to offering high-quality, convenient options for our members and customers."

Construction on the new restaurants is expected to begin in the coming months, ahead of an anticipated opening in the fall.

Rosenberg says the restaurants will employ between five and 10 people.

Details about job postings and the grand opening are expected at a later date.

Shellbrook Library abuzz with activities

By **LORRAINE THIBEAULT**
Assistant Librarian,
Shellbrook Library

On July 25, 2023, Lego Club members at the Shellbrook Public Library took on the task of creating the story of Goldilocks & the Three Bears with Lego blocks. Challenged to create one of the 'threes' of the story – three bowls of porridge, three chairs, three beds, and three bears – the children worked together to create the story.

Once completed, the creations were placed in the order of the story, and the story was told by each child for the part of the story that each created. Participants growled like papa bear, spoke softly like momma bear, and cried like baby bear.

It was a fun afternoon at the Shellbrook Library.

Lego challenges encourage children to use their imagination and develop problem-solving skills. This week, they also developed some co-operation skills so that the whole story could be told with Lego

blocks.

Mandala Rock Painting

On July 26, 2023, adults attended the Shellbrook Public Library for a session on mandala rock painting. Typically, with mandala rock painting, a central dot is painted in the middle of a rock, and small patterns of symmetrical dots are painted in different colours around the central dot, creating a fluid, intricate pattern of dots in various colours and colour combinations.

Participants spent 1.5 hours designing a pattern on paper and then painting their rocks. Regular paint supplies were used as well as specialized items from a mandala paint kit. The mandala effect can also be obtained using toothpicks, Q-tips, straws, and a variety of home items.

Mandala stones are meditative symbols that are created by painting smooth river rocks with intricate patterns of dots. The art and practice of creating the mandala is a form of meditation, a soothing ritual that allows the painter to

express their creativity and find a sense of calmness.

Ladybug Storytime

On July 28, 2023, Storytime participants at the Shellbrook Public Library listened to stories about 'ladybugs.' A ladybug craft was made, with each child taking their ladybug home.

After two more ladybug stories, the children played a ladybug spot game, which challenged them to sing, dance around a table, and to stay fit with actions such as touching toes, squatting, clapping hands, and turning in a circle.

Storytime aims to encourage in children a love of reading and to imagine things in a way that the real world does not. Ladybug, the hero of one of the stories, was a superhero who could lift elephants stuck in mud and untangle snakes who turned themselves in knots.

Participants helped a



Lego Club members act out when papa bear says, "Who's been sitting in my chair?" From left to right: Hudson, Keira, Thane, Jeremiah, Dawson, and Natasha.

young girl locate a ladybug on each page of the book. Laughter filled the library as a ladybug was found. Another fun morning at the Shellbrook Library was had.



Wesley, Wyatt, and Ava make ladybugs during ladybug storytime at the Shellbrook Library on July 28.



Many creative rocks were painted during an adult mandala rock painting session at the Shellbrook Library on July 26.



Baby bear (Bennett) and momma bear (Keira) work on the Lego story of Goldilocks & the Three Bears.

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Sask. Party must listen to educators

No matter their political leanings, ruling governments all have one thing in common: at some point, they will find ways to waste taxpayer dollars.

Sometimes, this waste is the direct product of a policy deliberately enacted by the government of the day. And at other times, it's an unexpected and unintended consequence of policy.

At the end of the day, however, the only difference that matters to most taxpayers is how much it's going to cost them in the long run.

Though far from the most costly or wasteful decision made by the Sask. Party government – those honours would go to the Lean program, or the grossly over-budget Regina Bypass, or the chronically underperforming carbon capture and storage project at Boundary Dam 3 – a recent ad campaign by the Ministry of Education may have been the poorest in taste.

The billboard ad campaign, which had cost taxpayers \$34,000 as of last Monday and was expected to continue running in other formats throughout the summer, comes as the Ministry and the province's educators are deadlocked over a four-year collective bargaining agreement.

The billboards in question highlight the province's offer to educators of a 7 per cent salary bump over three years – an offer the Ministry of Education considers to be more than fair, even if it doesn't keep pace with inflation.

Where things get murky, though, is with the Ministry's assertion that the average teacher's annual salary as of 2022 was \$92,000, placing them well above the average salary of \$90,300 for educators in western Canada.

On the surface, there's nothing wrong with providing information to taxpayers, especially when it pertains to public employees.

The Ministry has even used this fact to defend its ad campaign, noting that "public notification and information related to bargaining" has been used before by both parties during collective bargaining agreement negotiations.

Setting aside the school-age lesson of "two wrongs don't make a right," there are other glaring issues with the Ministry's ad campaign when you



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look beyond the surface and take into consideration the Ministry's (and Education Minister Dustin Duncan's) attitude throughout the negotiation process.

First, and most obvious, is the inaccuracy of the billboards.

Per Mr. Duncan's own admission, the salary depicted in the ads is for a teacher on Class IV, Step 11 of the pay scale. To get there, a teacher must have a four-year degree and at least 11 years of experience – a benchmark that Mr. Duncan says nearly 70 per cent of the province's teachers have reached.

Meanwhile, Samantha Becotte, president of the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation, says the starting salary for a new teacher is \$60,000, and the maximum salary of just over \$100,000 puts compensation for Saskatchewan teachers at between 3.7 per cent and 4.5 per cent less than other provinces.

So, in this case, the Ministry's inaccuracy stems not from the use of incorrect information, but from the exclusion of vital context. Though this tactic isn't uncommon in politics, it's hard not to read it as a deliberate effort by the Ministry of Education to mislead the public.

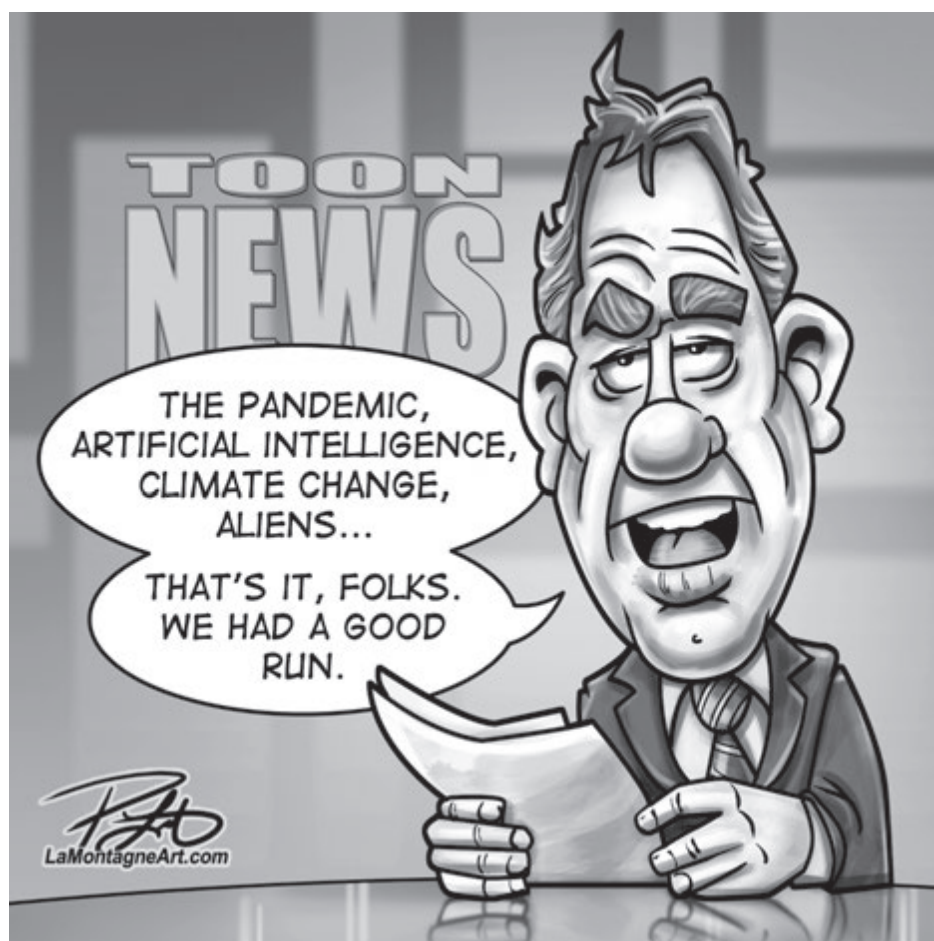
The intended subtext of the ads is clear: the Ministry is being reasonable, and teachers are being greedy, putting their own salaries above the interests of their students.

In truth, it's not really subtext at this point. Since well before negotiations began, the Ministry, and Mr. Duncan, have been suggesting that teachers are only in it for the money.

Second, and most troubling, is the Ministry's seeming unwillingness to address the other significant issues educators are bringing to the bargaining table, including concerns about class size and complexity, supports and services, and growing classroom violence.

Noting that "teachers' working conditions are also students' learning conditions," Ms. Becotte says these matters have traditionally been part of the negotiating process.

For his part, Mr. Duncan disagrees. "While we do want to address issues like class size and complexity, we don't think that that's appropriate to be negotiating those as part of a collective bargaining agreement," he said while



speaking on Gormley last week.

"We can look at addressing ways that we can address class size and complexity in other ways, but certainly we don't think that (collective bargaining) is the appropriate place to do it," he added.

These "other ways" include reviewing and acting upon the recommendations of a class size and composition committee formed earlier this year, and the \$20 million the province earmarked to address class size and complexity as part of a \$40 million education top-up it announced in June.

This additional funding, offered up only after 3,500 concerned teachers and parents protested at the Legislature in April, is coupled with the \$4 billion budgeted for education in the spring (a 5 per cent increase over last year).

Altogether, the funding is meant to serve as proof of the Sask. Party government's commitment to addressing the challenges facing public education. But Ms. Becotte says the government's assertion that there haven't been cuts to education is patently false.

Citing a Fraser Institute study, Ms. Becotte and the STF point to the province's decline in per student spending between the 2012-2013 and 2019-2020 school years, which dropped Saskatchewan from the top per student spender all the way down to sixth place.

Between the 2017-2018 and 2020-2021 school years, the STF contends this shift in funding resulted in a num-

ber of cuts, including: a 13.5 per cent reduction in English as an additional language teachers, a 16.2 per cent reduction in teacher counsellors, a 64.5 per cent reduction in teacher librarians, a 5 per cent reduction in teacher coordinators, and 377 fewer teachers working in the province.

While spending more money per student doesn't necessarily mean the money is being spent well, it's hard to sincerely argue that there's any benefit to having fewer teachers and support staff to handle more children.

It's harder, still, for the Sask. Party government to point to an unexpected influx of immigration as the cause of the education system's woes, when it's been boasting for years about the province's growing population and apparently doing nothing to address the stress this growth places on schools and educators.

Now, instead of wasting taxpayer dollars to dismiss and disrespect teachers and turn the public against them, the Sask. Party government should be listening to teachers, who best understand what's going on in their classrooms (just like it should be listening to frontline healthcare workers to fix healthcare).

Sure, a blank cheque without a clear strategy won't solve everything, but neither will a closed mind. With another school year just weeks away, time is running out to provide Saskatchewan students with what they need and deserve in the classroom.

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Sask. Crowns see steep decline in profits

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

The Government of Saskatchewan is facing questions and criticism following the recent release of the 2022-2023 Crown annual reports, which show a \$353 million drop in profits compared to 2021-2022.

Per the reports, the Crowns recorded consolidated net earnings of \$7.4 million in 2022-2023. This is not only well below the \$361 million they reported in 2021-2022 but also \$242.5 million under their projected target for 2022-2023.

Among the Crowns, only SaskTel's profits remained steady at \$104 million — exactly the same as they were in the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Meanwhile, SaskPower was the loss leader among the Crowns, reporting a record loss of \$172 million, even after

power rates received two 4 per cent increases.

Crown Investments Corporation Minister Don Morgan says the losses at SaskPower are largely attributed to an unexpected increase in the price of natural gas.

“Also contributing to the decrease in earnings was increased storm maintenance and overhaul costs, small modular reactor feasibility studies, and higher interest rates on debt,” SaskPower’s report noted.

SaskPower also said in its report that it expects to return to a \$23 million surplus next year, as increased demand and another four per cent utility rate increase should help offset expenses.

Elsewhere, SaskEnergy made \$59 million (down from \$158 million), and SGI recorded profits of \$24 million (compared to \$82 million). Morgan said SGI’s reduced revenue was largely attributable to “more frequent severe weather events, inflation, supply chain pressures, and labour market issues,” and SaskEnergy’s income dip was caused by investments in maintaining capital and infrastructure, and higher fuel prices.

In addition to being released later in the year than usual (they’re typically released by July 10), the Crown annual reports were also released without accompanying news releases, technical briefings for journalists, or press conferences.

Morgan said by-elections in three Regina area constituencies prevented the government of Saskatchewan from handling the news release as it typically would with a tech briefing and a week of reports roll-

ing out.

“This year, we have the by-elections underway, which precludes us from doing that,” he said while speaking to reporters last week. “[The reports] have to be tabled within three months of the fiscal year end, which was the end of March, so there was no way we were going to be able to have them filed before the by-elections.”

Asked if a press release would have broken conduct, Morgan said it would have, as the government isn’t supposed to “advertise or promote.”

This explanation doesn’t hold water with the Sask. NDP, which says the government is using the by-elections as an excuse to hide its mismanagement of the province’s Crown corporations from taxpayers.

“Frankly, it shows how little they respect the people of Saskatchewan that they think they can miss their target by \$243 million and not answer for it,” Sask. NDP leader Carla Beck said in a statement issued last Friday.

“Saskatchewan people deserve answers as to why they are being asked to pay more in utilities due to the Sask. Party’s mismanagement of our Crowns. Scott Moe hiked power rates three times this year and somehow SaskPower still lost \$172 million. Scott Moe needs to come out of hiding and answer for his failures,” Crown Investments Corporation Critic Erika Ritchie added in the same statement.



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Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Spiritwood intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 487/13, known as the Official Community Plan and Bylaw 486/13, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

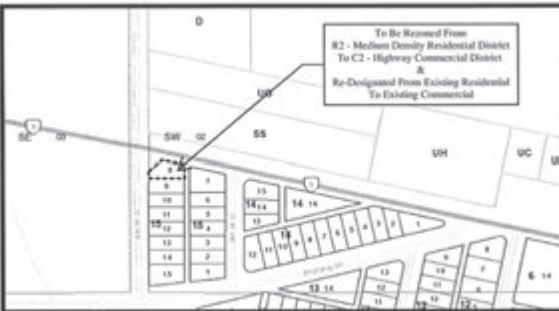
INTENT
The proposed Official Community Plan amendment will:

- Re-designate from Existing Residential to Existing Commercial, Lot 8, Block 15, Plan BK4385, as shown within the bold dashed line on Sketch “A” below.

The proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment will:

- Rezone from R2 - Medium Density Residential District to C2 - Highway Commercial District, Lot 8, Block 15, Plan BK4385, as shown within the bold line on Sketch “A” below.

SKETCH “A”:



REASON
The reasons for the amendments is to:

- Facilitate commercial development in the Town of Spiritwood.

PUBLIC INSPECTION
Any person may inspect the bylaw at the Town Office, located at 212 Main Street, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM on Monday to Thursday, and 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Copies of the bylaw are available at the Town Office at a cost of \$5.

PUBLIC HEARING
Council will hold a public hearing on August 22nd, 2023 at 6:45pm at the Town 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 Town Office before the hearing.

Issued at the Town of Spiritwood this 3rd day of August, 2023.
Rhonda Saam, Chief Administrative Officer

Shellbrook’s 2nd Avenue West gets pedestrian, bike lane



A little over a year after the stretch of 2nd Avenue West leading to Parkland Integrated Health Centre was paved, the promised pedestrian and bike lane along the south shoulder of the road has finally been added. The lines, pictured above, were painted onto the road on July 30, while crews also refreshed the lines on Main Street and the rest of 2nd Avenue. The Town of Shellbrook announced that the lane was officially ready for use in an Aug. 3 Facebook post.

By **JORDAN TWISS**, *Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter*

Health Services Foundation donates to PIHC



The Shellbrook & Districts Health Services Foundation has helped improve the lifesaving capabilities of the team at Parkland Integrated Health Centre (PIHC) with the donation of a Life Pak 15 Cardiac Monitor and Defibrillator. Pictured: Registered nurse Hillary Brown, charge nurse Lynne Farthing, and health services manager of PIHC acute care Milan Mijatovic accept the device from foundation representative Ron Ferster.

By **JORDAN TWISS**, *Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter*



Hon. Jeremy Harrison
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Growth That Works For Everyone

Early Works Construction Begins for Prince Albert Victoria Hospital Project

Early construction work and site preparation for the Prince Albert Victoria Hospital Project includes geotechnical drilling, utility work, and construction of a new parking lot. The beginning of this work means we are one step closer to beginning construction of the new hospital addition.



Hon. Scott Moe, Premier
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Shellbrook welcomes two continuing care aides



Shellbrook Mayor Amund Otterson presents a \$3,000 settling assistance grant cheque to continuing care aide Merin Jose on behalf of the Parkland Physician Recruitment & Retention Committee.



Shellbrook Mayor Amund Otterson presents a \$3,000 settling assistance grant cheque to continuing care aide Babajide Famuyiwa on behalf of the Parkland Physician Recruitment & Retention Committee.

Photos courtesy of Kelly Hoare, CAO, Town of Shellbrook

Trees and the environment – Part 1

By PATRICIA HANBIDGE

If you have ever asked yourself about how important it is to have trees in the environment, or had a niggling sense of guilt when you turn on your air conditioner then this article will be a great read for you. As gardeners, somehow we have a natural tendency to appreciate the beauty of nature but we often forget about some of the other important aspects that trees and greenspaces give to us when they are part of our landscapes.

It doesn't matter where you plant trees in your community or your landscape as they all help to fight climate change. Plants are such a wonderful thing as they have the ability to harness light energy from the sun and create usable energy through the process of photosynthesis. It is also true that through this natural process of photosynthesis, trees will also absorb pollutant particulates, carbon dioxide and then store the carbon and emit or release pure oxygen.

For your landscape, if you plant deciduous trees on the south and west sides of your home it will help keep your home cooler in summer and still allow the sun to warm your home during our cooler months. The added bonus of making your landscape more beautiful could also save you up to 30% of the energy used to both heat and cool your home. Another thought is utilizing trees or shrubs to shade your air conditioners so the unit will stay cooler and work more efficiently than an air conditioner in full sun.

Good planning and development of our green spaces gives urban residents the opportunity to have access to safe green spaces and to reconnect with nature. Studies show that those who live closer to green environments have a significantly reduced rate of death. For every 10% increase in greenspace there is also a related

significant increase in health. Green spaces increase physical activity which in turn reduces obesity. There is a significant decrease in stress which also improves both mental and physical health. Green spaces will decrease urban noise which also will benefit overall health.

Green spaces will significantly increase the property value of surrounding homes and businesses but they also serve many other functions in a community. Attractive and proper placement of softscape materials will actually make it easier for people to locate a business. The framework provided by trees and vegetation can serve as a form of focal point which enhances the buildings that are present.

Business districts that are adjacent to green spaces show an increase in customer satisfaction. When shopping, customers will actually spend more on individual items and will purchase more items as well. Employees and residents will both be happier in environments that have a view of green spaces and have shown to be more productive. Sick time by employees is also decreased.

There is a significant amount of energy conservation possible with properly planted trees and shrubs. They reduce the need to heat in the cooler seasons, if the buildings are sheltered from the wind by the landscape. In the warmer seasons, trees and vegetation that shade the buildings from the sun during the heat of the day will reduce the cooling needed for the comfort of those inhabiting the buildings.

Watch next week for more on the value of trees and greenspaces in our outdoor spaces.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

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.

DEBDEN: Wapiti Library hours: Tuesday 10am - 4pm; Wednesday 1pm - 7pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon

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

MARCELIN: Wapiti Library - Thursday 2pm - 7pm; Saturday 9am - 2pm. 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 2pm - 6pm; Tuesday 12pm - 8pm; Wednesday 2pm - 6pm; Thursday 12pm - 6pm; Friday 10am - 5pm (Story Time 11am - 12pm); Saturday 10am - 4pm.

SPIRITWOOD: Spiritwood Horticulture Society Annual Show - Tuesday, August 15, 2023 @ Spiritwood Civic Centre. Doors open to the public @ 2pm; Awards & Presentations @ 6:30pm. *Entry drop-off is Mon., Aug. 14 from 1pm - 9pm* Entries accepted for Rural or Urban Yard &/or Garden or Commercial Store Front Flower Pots until Sun., August 6, 2023. For more information or to enter contact Roberta Wasden @ 306-883-2865 or 306-883-7392.

SHELLBROOK: Walter Willoughby Horticultural Society - 60th Annual Horticulture Show, Thurs., August 17th, 2023, Shellbrook Community Hall. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. Awards at 4:00 p.m. Everyone welcome. Youth & Adult show books available. Please contact: 306-747-3301 for more information.

BIG RIVER: Northern Lights Bluegrass & Old Tyme | Music Camp: August 14-18, 2023 | Festival: August 18-20, 2023. At the Ness Creek Site, Big River, SK. The Well Drinkers, Martha Spencer & The Wonderland Band, Happy Trails, Prospector, The Bix Mix Boys - The Barrelmen, Hummingbird Crossing - Steph Cameron, JJ Guy & Cathy Sproule & More! Workshops, Pickin' Shack, Square Dancing, Sunday Morning Gospel, Children's Activities. www.northernlightsbluegrass.com

SHELL LAKE AREA: 2023 Thickwood Hills Studio Trail - Saturday, August 12: 10am - 5pm, Sunday, August 13: 10am - 5pm. Introducing new studios & guest artists! Follow the blue moon signs on the 22nd annual self-drive tour of unique studios in the Shell Lake area. www.thickwoodhillsstudiotrail.com, [facebook.com/thickwoodhillsstudiotrail](https://www.facebook.com/thickwoodhillsstudiotrail)

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Next 10 years will bring major change in vehicles

What will the vehicles we drive look like in say a decade from now?

Ten years is not too great a length of time, but one should expect some rather dramatic changes in vehicles given a number of factors.

To start with, there is the idea of autonomous driving vehicles.

Some of course see the idea as absurd, at least on a large scale, given the ever-changing conditions we face as we drive. Can sensors recognize every danger, and will a computer make the correct decision to deal with the massive pothole, a

child running into the street, or a patch of black ice?

Of course, the response to that concern is that human drivers don't themselves do a particularly good job behind the wheel, which accounts for so many deaths on our highways, and countless accidents that keep fleets of tow trucks busy.

In some situations, autonomous – once fine-tuned – will be better. The computer won't get behind the wheel intoxicated, and won't fall asleep after a long day.

Conversely, there will be times a human driver



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would likely do better.

The bottom line in my mind though, is autonomous vehicles are a thing, and a decade from now are going to be in broader use.

Of more interest to farmers and to western Canada is what fuel will

be powering our vehicles.

In Saskatchewan and Alberta, many are still going to rally to the cause of oil. And given the wealth of big oil companies to lobby, gasoline and diesel are going to be around for far longer than a decade.

But there is a government push, fuelled at least in part by a broader consumer demand than you find from people on the prairies, to move away from fossil fuels.

Farmers aren't totally opposed to that idea, since blending renewable fuel into gasoline and diesel can be one way to

achieve a reduction in emissions.

Ethanol from grain and canola based bio-diesel can be a huge boon as an alternate market for farmers. Although, it does come with a caveat of worry about whether using grain for cars is a good thing when too many still starve in this world.

There are also those who see electric as the way to leave fossil fuels to the history books.

Like much of the likely changes to what we drive, electric vehicles have holes to patch, from sources of resources

such as lithium, the environmental impact of disposing of old cars and batteries, the distance a battery charge takes you, and the ability of the power grid to deal with hundreds of thousands of electric cars charging.

But think back 10 years, and electric cars were pretty much the stuff of science fiction. Today, most dealerships have them in their lots.

Imagine where 10 more years could take the technology. Might farming have a role to play in what will be a decidedly different vehicular future?

Crop Report: July 24 to 31

Harvest is beginning with combines becoming a frequent site in the west-central and southwest regions of Saskatchewan. Many other areas of the province are preparing for harvest operations as the hot and dry conditions continue and the crops ripen. Producers are hoping for rain once the crops are off to help replenish soil moisture for next year.

Rain was received in the north this past week, as pockets of moisture moved through the region. Reports of hail were also received in some areas. The most rain recorded was in the

Prince Albert area with 53 mm and the Shellbrook region also recorded significant moisture with 47 mm reported this week. Other areas of the province received some precipitation, with many reporting only trace amounts. Hot temperatures persisted this week, which, coupled with the lack of rain, caused a decrease in soil moisture. Provincially, cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 13 per cent adequate, 49 per cent short and 38 per cent very short. Hay and pastureland is very similar, where 11 per cent has adequate moisture, 42 per cent is

short and 47 per cent is very short.

Pastures have also been impacted by the lack of rainfall. Currently, five per cent of pastures are in good condition, 28 per cent are fair, 42 per cent are poor and 25 per cent are in very poor condition.

Drought stress, heat, grasshoppers and gophers took their toll on some crops this past week. Many producers have stopped applying pest control products. Producers should always read the label and follow pre-harvest intervals when applying pest control products. More information is avail-

able in the Guide to Crop Protection.

Dry conditions can be stressful for producers and they are reminded to take safety precautions in all the work they do. The Farm Stress Line is available to provide support to producers toll free at 1-800-667-4442. For producers dealing with dry conditions, additional resources are available through the ministry website or by contacting their regional office.

A complete, printable version of the Crop Report is available online: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/crop-report>

Minutes of a Big River Town Council meeting

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

The regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Big River was held in the Community Centre Board Room, 606 1st Street North, on May 15, 2023, at 8 a.m.

Present: Deputy Mayor Rick Croshaw, Councillors Chad Dunn, Sandra Gilbert, and Lana Meyers, and Administrator Norreen Olsen.

Absent: Mayor David Krawetz.

A quorum being present, Deputy Mayor Rick Croshaw called the meeting to order at 8 a.m.

Dunn: THAT the May 15, 2023, Agenda be adopted with the power to add. Carried

Maintenance Foreman, Terry Olsen, attended the meeting from 10:02 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.

Dunn: THAT the regular written Sewer and Water and Maintenance reports to April 30, 2023, be accepted. Carried

Gilbert: THAT the Town retain Integrated Water Systems Inc. to perform SDI testing of the raw water samples. Carried

Gilbert: THAT the Waterworks Compliance Inspection Report dated May 11, 2023, from the Government of Saskatchewan, Water Security

Agency, Environmental Project Officer, Morgan Gutek, be acknowledged. Carried

Delegations:

Patty Kitella and Leona Isbester attended the meeting from 10:30 a.m. to 10:53 a.m.

Randall Johnson, President of Aspen Innovation Park Inc. attended the meeting from 10:56 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.

Dunn: THAT the minutes of the April 11, 2023, regular meeting be adopted as presented. Carried

Gilbert: THAT the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of April 2023 be acknowledged. Carried

Meyers: THAT the Bank Reconciliation for the month of April 2023 be acknowledged. Carried

Meyers: THAT the Journal Entries for the month of April 2023 be acknowledged. Carried

Meyers: THAT accounts for approval to include cheque nos. 20128 through 20210 for a total of \$163,720.59 be approved for payment. Carried

Dunn: THAT Correspondence be filed as presented. Carried

Gilbert: THAT the Big River and District Recreation and Cultural Board 2023 budget be accepted as presented. Carried

Gilbert: As presented by the Big River & District Fire Committee, THAT the 10-year Capital Plan Budget be increased to a total of \$1,000,000.00 and subject to the R.M. of Big River No.555 approval, THAT the Capital Plan Budget be approved. Carried

Meyers: THAT the 2023 Landfill transfer Station Committee Budget be accepted as presented. Carried

Dunn: THAT the Town approve the quote amount of \$2,360.00 from Munisoft for Cemetery map development. Carried

Dunn: THAT the Town of Big River enter into agreement with the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure for the Community Airport Partnership (CAP) grant for upgrades at the Big River airport. Carried

Council in Camera from 1:20 p.m. to 1:26 p.m.

Gilbert: That the Board/Committee Reports be filed as presented. Carried

Gilbert: THAT the Council of the Town of Big River has no objection to entering into a three-year lease agreement with the Big River Golf Club. Carried

Dunn: THAT the Town purchase one Traffic Logix Solar

Evolution 15 SD Radar Sign and bracket from Airmaster Signs for \$4,173.75. Carried

Meyers: THAT the Town enter into agreement with Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) for one youth worker for 8 weeks at 35 hours per week for a total of \$1,820.00. Carried

Meyers: THAT the Town make application for a Nuisance Wildlife Control permit to control muskrats at the town lagoon area, and THAT Jason Klassen be named as the Nuisance Control Officer. Carried

Gilbert: THAT the Town of Big River accept the proposal submission and enter into agreement with North Cowan Electric for upgrading the LED lighting in the arenas and Community Centre. Carried

Gilbert: THAT the Town of Big River accept the proposal submission and enter into agreement with H & J Plumbing for upgrading the plumbing in the arenas and Community Centre. Carried

Meyers: THAT the Town of Big River enter into an agreement with the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires to provide for bylaw enforcement services for the Town of Big River; cost is

\$59.00 per hour plus tax which is all inclusive of all associated costs; schedule to be set at twice a week for the month of June 2023 and then evaluate. Carried

Meyers: In accordance with the Planning and Development Act Sec 207, the Council of the Town of Big River hereby directs THAT public notice be advertised, that Council will consider written submissions on June 12, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. for the proposed amendments to:

1. Bylaw No. 2015-01 Official Community Plan Figure 6 and Figure 7 Land Use Designation Maps in order to redesignate Lot 23, Block 9, Plan BS4857 from R1 - Low Density Residential District to C1 - Core Mixed Commercial District; and
2. Bylaw No. 2015-02 Zoning Bylaw Zoning District Map, to rezone Lot 23, Block 9, Plan BS4857 from R1 - Low Density Residential District to C1 - Core Mixed Commercial District by a posting in the Shellbrook Chronicle on May 25 and June 1, 2023, and by posting in the office of the Administrator.

Deputy Mayor Rick Croshaw adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

Canadians on PGA Tour continue to impress

When the PGA Tour revamped its 2023 playoff setup in the wake of the LIV-related disruption of the pro game, one of the major changes was the reduction of playoff berths from 125 to 70. Now, instead of having to be among the top .000005 per cent of the best golfers in the world, the PGA was now telling you that .000004 would be required to cut the FedEx Cup playoff mustard.

That's why, when the playoffs start this week at the FedEx St. Jude Championship in Memphis, it's incredibly impressive that five Canadians will be in the field. Americans dominate the top 70, of course, but the five Canadians represent the third-highest number of qualifiers when countries are ranked, tied with South Korea.

It's been a productive season for Canadians on the PGA Tour. The highlight, of course, was Nick Taylor's triumph at the Canadian Open when

he sank a 72-foot putt on the fourth playoff hole to beat England's Tommy Fleetwood (who is among seven Brits to qualify for the playoffs, No. 2 in country rankings behind the Americans' 40-plus).

Taylor winning in Toronto snapped a 69-year drought for Canadians winning their national open, but Corey Connors, Adam Svensson and Mackenzie Hughes also won trophies (and huge cheques) in the 2023 season. Adam Hadwin was without a win, but he piled up enough top finishes to win \$3.4 million in prize money and gain a berth in the playoffs.

It gets tougher after this week. The field of 70 will be pared to only 50, and those 50 will take part in the BMW Championship near Chicago before the field is further reduced to the top 30. That elite group will take part in the Tour Championship in Atlanta Aug. 24-27.



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Kevin Blue of Golf Canada is hesitant to call this a 'golden era' for Canadian golf, because he said that indicates it has a beginning and an end. The governing body of golf in Canada thinks this is just the beginning of a long run.

"Around six million Canadians will play 18 holes this year and we have the highest per-capita participation rate (of golf) in the world," Blue said in a *pgatour.com* story. "The quality of play on the PGA Tour shows that Canada is increasingly represented on world-

class stages as well."

More Canadians could soon be joining Taylor, Connors and Co. on the best golf tour in the world. Manitoban Aaron Cockerill has enjoyed some solid success on the DP World Tour (career earnings of around \$1.5 million CAD so far this season) and has played three or four PGA Tour events this year. And Ben Silverman has had an outstanding season on the developmental Korn Ferry Tour and has already earned his PGA Tour card for 2024.

Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "The International Olympic Committee has reinstated Jim Thorpe's gold medals in the 1912 Olympic Decathlon and Pentathlon. (They were stripped when he got paid \$20 to play minor league baseball.) In an equally timely move, the IOC strongly feels women should be allowed to vote."

Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "I just saw where Georgia's

football players have racked up 11 speeding tickets since January. I don't know if the Bulldogs will win a third straight national title this season, but I'm definitely picking Kirby Smart Racing to win the Daytona 500."

RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "Russian Olympic high-jumper Anna Chicherova said she's shocked at her most recent failed doping test. Not as shocked as the stadium crowd after she cleared the left-field bleachers."

Vancouver comedian Torben Rolfsen, on the free-spending Saudi Arabians: "Wait til the Saudis find out about cornhole."

Comedian Gary Bachman: "I just heard about Joe Burrow's calf injury. I didn't even know he had a farm."

RJ Currie again: "Appleton, Wisconsin, home of the Timber Rattlers baseball team, was recently named 'drunkiest city in America' by 24/7

Wall Street. At home games, fans are more likely to be corked than the baseball bats."

Headline at theonion.com: "Zealous American Patriot Draws Line At Women Playing Soccer"

fark.com headline: "Angels state that they won't trade. He rewards their faith by throwing a one-hitter and hitting two HRs."

Another one from fark.com: "Mbappe to Mslappe down Saudi offer"

One more from fark.com: "Concussion spotters are at the Women's World Cup. Tua Tagovailoa last seen pleading with them to attend every Dolphins' game this season"

Sign displayed by a Mariners' fan at a Blue Jays' game in Seattle, aimed at all the Canadian fans in attendance: "Stanley Cup champions since '94: USA 29, Canada 0"

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

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, June 13, 2023.

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

Absent were, Reeve Shirley Dauvin, and Division 2 Dale Wasden.

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Deputy Reeve, Bevra Fee.

Laventure: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried

Councillor, Bevra Fee acknowledged a conflict of interest in the matter of agenda item 11.11 - SaskPower Line Install.

Councillor, Larry Vaagen acknowledged a conflict of interest in agenda item 13 - Correspondence.

Vaagen: That the minutes of the May 9, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented. Carried

Laventure: That the Foreman's report having been read now be filed. Carried
Foreman Darcy Laventure left the council meeting at 9:27 a.m.

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

Wingerter: That the CSO reports having been read now be filed.

Warkentin: That the bank reconciliation for the month ending May 31, 2023, be accepted as presented. Carried

Vaagen: That the "List of Accounts" as listed on the attached Schedule "A" forming part of these minutes be passed for payment: Cheque No. 14201-14260 (\$156,070.46), Payroll File No. 412, 414 & 415 (\$49,142.05), EFT 2023-0028-0035 (\$54,161.94). Carried

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

Laventure: That the temporary placement of a recreational vehicle where a special occasion permit has been granted be included in the list of developments not requiring a permit, and that second reading of Bylaw No. 2023-1 be tabled to July 11, 2023. Carried

Wingerter: That Bylaw No. 2023-2, being a Bylaw of the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 to enter into a road maintenance agreement be tabled to the next council meeting. Carried

Vaagen: That we accept the proposal from Prairie Centre Credit Union for the provision of financial services as follows: 0.50% increase in interest earned with a \$50 per month service fee applied to the general operating account. Carried

Vaagen: That Joel Nueman be appointed to the Shell Lake Regional Fire Dept. Carried

Warkentin: That we accept the offer to purchase the grader weights as advertised. Carried

Laventure: That the tax loss compensation percentage factor applied to the uniform mill rate be reduced to 37.5 per cent in an effort to sustain the TLE trust fund. Carried

Wingerter: That we consent to the

placement of fill within Lot 2 Blk 1 in South Shore, in accordance with the Water Security Agency's (WSA) regulations & the Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit, and that the placement of fill having a depth greater than 1 metre to meet the Safe Building Elevation shall be approved by a qualified engineer. Carried

Laventure: That the current year balance on Roll 3227 000 be abated. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve of the issuance of a Special Event Permit (liquor permit) to the Trailriders Rodeo Association to host rodeo events & dance on land described as the Timberland Rodeo Grounds & located on PT SW 15-54-10-W3 as follows:

- Aug. 5 - Team Roping Events & Dance
 - 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. - South Beer Gardens
 - 8:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. - North Beer Gardens
- Aug. 6 - Rodeo Events & Dance
 - 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. - South Beer Gardens
 - 8:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. - North Beer Gardens. Carried

Vaagen: That the Council for the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 has no objections to the SaskPower Line Install to service SW 08-50-08-W3. Carried

Warkentin: That the council meeting be closed to the public at 11:06 a.m. under the authority of Part III of The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, to go in camera to discuss Human Resources. Carried

CAO Colette Bussiere left the council chambers at 11:06 a.m.

CAO Colette Bussiere returned to the council chambers at 11:11 a.m.

The regular meeting of council was out of camera and resumed at 11:11 a.m.

Councillor Larry Vaagen declared a conflict of interest and left council chambers.

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

Councillor Larry Vaagen returned to the council meeting.

Vaagen: That the meeting be adjourned.

Special Meeting June 27

The Special Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 was held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, via Zoom.

In attendance were, Reeve Shirley Dauvin, Division 1 Larry Vaagen, Division 4 Dennis Laventure, Division 6 Bevra Fee, and Administrator Colette Bussiere.

Absent were, Division 2 Dale Wasden, Division 3 Terry Wingerter, and Division 5 Heather Warkentin.

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 8:42 a.m. by Reeve Shirley Dauvin.

Fee: That we, the Council of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 hereby approve the audited consolidated financial statements and take full responsibility for the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended Dec. 31, 2022. Carried

Laventure: That we continue with CSO services for the months of July, August & September of 2023. Carried

Vaagen: That the meeting be adjourned.

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MIXING AND MATCHING

By **RANDALL MCLEOD**
Immanuel Lutheran, Parkside

Why on earth would God put these provisions in "The Law of Moses?" "A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman's garment, for all who do so are an abomination to the Lord your God," and, "You shall not sow your vineyard with different kinds of seed, lest the yield of the seed which you have sown and the fruit of your vineyard be defiled," and, "You shall not plow with an ox and a donkey together," and also, "You shall not wear a garment of different sorts, such as wool and linen mixed together."

What is the common thread in all these? Syncretism, or mixing and matching. These seem like small things, but they become a slippery slope.

God is clear: "I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other Gods before me." He warned King Solomon not to have many wives, and in particular, not foreign wives, because they would lead him astray. But Solomon did not follow that guidance. He had 700 wives and 300 concubines, and as he aged, he built them temples and then he followed them in worshipping other gods, foreign gods. Solomon started oh so well, but the little compromises became big compromises, and his mixing and matching led him completely astray.

These small compromises, these little synchronistic additions, then become a witch's brew of beliefs through which we begin to think that we can add to our salvation or justify our-

selves before God. We absolutely cannot do either.

There is only one creator God! There is only one atonement that is sufficient to cover our sin, that is the Blood of Jesus. There is only one name under heaven by which we can be saved, and that is the name of the crucified and resurrected Jesus of Nazareth. No mixing or matching allowed.

The move we see afoot these days is to try to unite Christianity with Islam, they call it Chrislam. Not Allowed! You cannot blend Christianity with Islam, or Buddhism, or Hinduism, or Gaia worship, or Naturalism, or Pantheism, or the worship of demi-gods.

The God who made heaven and earth will not share His Glory with anyone or anything.

He made us. He loves us. He delivers us. He makes all things new. But - and there is a but - Jesus Himself told us, "You must be born again, you must be born of the spirit..."

Israel, despite their best intentions, could not stay true. You and I, despite our best intentions, can not stay true. Only God's Holy Spirit can cause us to be born anew and to stay true to our God.

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Kai Andersen



Kai Andersen
1933 – 2023

Kai Andersen of Canwood, Saskatchewan passed away peacefully on July 29, 2023, at Whispering Pine Place Care Home in Canwood,

Saskatchewan at the age of 89 years.

Kai was born on December 7, 1933, and was the eldest of four children to Jens and Sigrid (Christiansen) Andersen. He attended school in Blue Heron. In 1961, Kai married Joan Edith Lovberg where they built a house on the family farm in Blue Heron and raised their children Gay, Roger, and the Twins Shelley and Sherry. Kai was a farmer and would do carpentry jobs in the Canwood area when time permitted. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, curling, cards, solitaire, puzzles, watch-

ing movies, hockey, and Toronto Blue Jays on TV. He served on many local boards throughout the years. His grandchildren held a very special place in his heart. He was a kind and quiet man with very few words and could fix or build almost anything his family or friends would ask of him.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the staff at Whispering Pine Place for the compassion and care Kai received there since October of 2022.

Kai leaves his family with a lifetime of beautiful memories to join the love of his life, Joanie.

He will be missed but never forgotten.

Kai is survived by his children; Gay (Glen) Erickson and daughter Ashley; Roger Andersen (Jennifer McLennan); Shelley Andersen (Valray Wideen) and children Chelsea, Rachelle, Shane; Sherry (Al) Felix and children Brian and Amber; his brother Gary (Norma-Jean) Andersen, his sisters Jane Hildebrand and Grethe Voigt; his brother-in-law Marvin (Mona) Lovberg; his sisters-in-law Donna Lovberg and Evelyn Baertl; numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, and

friends.

He was predeceased by his wife Joan (Lovberg) Andersen; his parents Jens and Sigrid Andersen; his wife's parents Harold and Victoria Lovberg; his brothers-in-law Bill Voigt, Lorne Lovberg, Ken Gaines, Ray McAvay, Walter Baertl; his sisters-in-law Doris Gaines, Edna McAvay; his niece Jennifer Heiberg.

There was a Celebration of Life service held for Kai on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. in the Zion Lutheran Church with Reverend Emmanuel Aristide

officiating. Lunch to follow immediately after. Interment took place after the luncheon at the Blue Heron Cemetery.

Memorial donations in memory of Kai may be directed to the Blue Heron Cemetery or to Whispering Pine Place Recreation Department.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home & Crematorium, Donna Lovberg, Funeral Director, Canwood, Sk. 306-468-2244.

Florence Estelle Joannette



JOANNETTE – Florence Estelle

It is with the greatest appreciation for a long life that we announce her passing at Wheatland Lodge in Leask with family at her side.

Florence grew up in the

Woodhill District near Iroquois Lake. She had one older brother and five younger sisters. They were a close-knit family and loved celebrating many special occasions over the years.

She was a very hard-working farmwife for 75 years. She ran a large household, raised her three children, cared for her mother, mother-in-law, and sister-in-law, milked cows, fed pigs, and tended her chickens, turkeys, and geese. She also had a very large garden every year and preserved more than enough food to last every year.

Florence was loved by everyone for her kind, gen-

tle demeanor, no one ever had an unkind word to say about her.

She married Leo Joannette in 1946. They lived on the Joannette family farm all their lives. They celebrated 75 years of marriage before Leo passed away in March of 2022.

Florence (McCarron) Joannette was born on October 22, 1926, in the Woodhill District. On July 30, 2023, at the of 96, she passed away at Wheatland Lodge in Leask.

She is lovingly remembered by:

Her children:

Jim (Linda) Joannette and family: Sherry Joannette, James, and Eric Dodge. Tom (Amber)

Joannette, Ava, and Liam.

Philip (Sherry) Joannette and family: Chris (Alysha) Joannette, Noah, Mae, Maddi, and Evie. Steven (Rachel) Joannette. Amber Joannette, Ashlyn.

Lorraine Joannette and family: Nathan (Laura) Hudson, Terrance, Micah, Keagan, Jayden.

Sister: Hazel Carter; and Brother-in-Law: Fred Ross. Also lovingly remembered by numerous nieces and nephews.

Florence is predeceased by:

Her husband of 75 years, Leo Joannette; Her parents Edward (Dora) McCarron; Brother: James (Mary)(Marion) McCarron; Sisters: Annie

(George) Armitage, Helen (John) Dobrowolski, Bridget (Jim) Lalonde, Nellie Ross; brother-in-law, Leon Carter; Her in-laws: Napoleon and Dorilla (Corbeil) Joannette; Her in-laws Albert (Adeline) Joannette, Mary (Pat) Joannette, Ludger (Lucy) Joannette, Paul (Sadie) Joannette, Cordelia (Lloyd) Cournoyer, Arther (Augustine) Joannette, Leona (Roger) Beaugard and Jim Lyons, Louis (Effie) Joannette, Wilfrid (Phyllis) (Petrina) Joannette, Eva (Mike) Schreiber, Lillian (Gerry) Foster, Giselle (Alphonse) Provencher, Theresa (Peter) DiPalma, Oscar (Rose) Joannette; and great-grandson: Hunter

Hudson.

A Celebration of Life will be held for both Florence and Leo on Friday, August 11, 2023, at 1:00 pm from St. Joseph's RC Parish in Marcelin Sask.

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Anna Kiedrowski



KIEDROWSKI – Anna Anna passed away peacefully at Parkland Integrated Health center in Shellbrook on Friday August 4, 2023, at the age of 105.

She was born in Mone-son, Pennsylvania, USA, November 16, 1917, to John and Katherine Kozowy. In about 1923 the family moved back to Poland where they resided for 3 years, then moved to Canada in 1926, bringing 4 children with them. One

child passed away in Poland and her sister came later to Canada.

They eventually homesteaded in Cookson, SK where Anna attended school. As a teenager she worked as a hired girl.

She met Vince at a dance in Foxdale and they were married in 1949. She became a farm wife. In 1942, Fred and Marlene were born.

In 1972, they moved to Shellbrook where they built a house. She did all the interior and exterior painting of the house. She later used this experience to paint for many others in the area. She made many friends along the way.

Her excellent health and energy enabled her to enjoy curling, golfing, bowling, gardening, and berry picking. She loved to drive and drove until she was 100 years old.

She lived on her own until she was 103 and

then became a resident of Whispering Pine Place in Canwood. Later, she moved to PIHC Long Term Care.

Anna is lovingly remembered by her daughter Marlene (Larry), her grandson Russel Walters (Shelley). Her former daughter-in-law Carla Katz and her granddaughter Laurie (Neil) and grandson Jonas.

She is predeceased by her son Fred in 2012, her parents, her 9 siblings and her husband Vince.

In honoring Anna's wishes there will be a private family interment at a later date. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences may 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.

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