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Spiritwood Horticulture Show keeps growing



Grand Aggregate of the show was won by Glen Caffet (right) and presented by Lion Gilles Ouellette.

By BEVRA FEE
Spiritwood Herald Reporter

The Spiritwood Horticulture Society hosted its annual show on Tuesday, Aug. 15, with entries up significantly over last year. Roberta Wasden, president of the local horticulture society, noted that the increase was largely due to the increase in junior category participants.

"Last year, we had two junior entrants. This year, we have nine entrants with

multiple entries," she said.

The traditional categories of floral, vegetable, craft, baking, and more were on full display with many entries filling the tables at the Spiritwood Civic Centre. The show opened to the public during the afternoon, with ribbons and show placings attached to the entries.

Interested onlookers enjoyed browsing the displays and were also very appreciative of the coffee and pie sales out of the kitchen. Raffle tickets and door priz-

es rounded out the afternoon fun, and helped to raise funds for the horticulture society's activities.

The Spiritwood Horticulture Society got its start in 1955 and has undergone several governance structures during the decades. In the 1970s it was operated under the Ag Society, but has now come back to its own committee, gaining strength and new members in recent years.

Judging for this year's entries was han-

dled by Glen Caffet (yard and garden), Leisjea Horseman (flowers and vegetables), and Peggy Grandberg and Faye Brewer (crafts and baking).

With no rural grounds entries, judge Caffet's job was relegated to urban entries only. As for the cut flowers, Mrs. Wasden noted in her evening award comments that entries were affected by the recent rain, with water spots and mud-splash limiting selection for entrants.

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WWHS hosts 60th Horticulture Show

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Veteran green thumbs, bakers, crafters, and hobbyists packed into the Shellbrook Community Hall on Aug. 17, when the Walter Willoughby Horticultural Society hosted its 60th annual Horticulture Show.

Compared to last year's outing, the show saw a strong rebound to 373 exhibits, compared to just 225. WWHS member Judy Harley says this brought the show closer to a normal year — a feat which is all the more impressive when one considers the less than ideal growing season the area has had due to a lack of adequate rain, an early summer hail, and challenges with pests.

However, the true testament to the hard work that goes into putting on the horticulture show is the fact that this year's 373 exhibits were submitted by just 19 exhibitors, including 17 adults and two junior entrants.

"We're usually around 400 exhibits, but quite often we have 20 to 25, or even up to 30, exhibitors," Harley said.

"It's a lot of work; you're getting ready for this not just in one day. Some are getting ready for it for 10 days ahead of time or more," she added, noting that crafters and photographers often spend the whole year working on their entries.

Regardless of the number of days they dedicated to preparing, most of this year's exhibitors saw their efforts bear fruit and receive much admiration.

The winners of this year's show are as follows:

Grand Aggregate (Honeywood (Dr. A.J. Porter) Heritage Nursery): Toni Sommerfeld (251 points)

Reserve Aggregate (Back to your Roots Soil Solutions): Laurie Trithardt (115 points)

Best Craft in Show (donated in memory of Myrtle Naslund by Beryl Peake): Jesse Dion

Best Photo in Show (donated by Gloria Cameron): Darlene Otet

Best Potted Plant in Show (donated in memory of Gerda Hansen by the Sven Hansen family): Joan Sommerfeld

Best Dahlia in Show (donated by Thelma Bazley): Barb Person

Best Gladioli in Show (donated in memory of Irene Bischler by Judy Bischler): Doris Thiessen

Handicrafts Aggregate (donated by Shellbrook Flowers 'n More): Jesse Dion (20 points)

Junior Aggregate (donated by Thelma Bazley in memory of Sharon Cymerys): Layne Cobb (41 points)

Junior Reserve Aggregate (Mumm's Sprouting Seeds): Londyn Bodnarchuk (37 points)

Beginner Aggregate (donated by Tait insurance): Shayla Cobb (53 points)

Fruit Aggregate (donated in memory of Dr. A.J. Porter by Judy Harley): Roseanne Boyle and Louise Person (8 points)

Vegetable Aggregate (donated in memory of Jake Jacobs by Joan Sommerfeld): Toni Sommerfeld (128 points)

Potted Plant Aggregate (donated by the Dobson family): Joan Sommerfeld and Laurie Trithardt (21 points)

Cut Flower Aggregate (Irene Kustiak): Muriel Robin (60 points)

Flower Arrangement Aggregate (Beau Lac Funeral Home): Laurie Trithardt (21 points)

The Walter Willoughby Horticulture Society also actively encourages new entrants (both young and old) by donating \$30 as prize money for the top three new entrants. As the only new exhibitor this year, Darlene Otet took home a \$15 prize.

With the Walter Willoughby Horticultural Society now in its 64th year, and the horticulture show in its 60th, Harley credits the longevity of both not only to the group's love of gardening and plants, but also to their enjoyment of spending time with each other.

In the earliest days of the Saskatchewan Horticultural Society (the parent organization of horticultural societies across the province), she says shows were serious business.

"They were breeding their own plants and taking them to the shows seriously to see if they got a better plant or apple. That's where a lot of fruits, flowers, trees, and shrubs got introduced," Harley says.

Though the Walter Willoughby Horticultural Society still has serious business to take care of at meetings and in preparing for the annual show, the group's 30 or so members (not all active) also have a lot of fun together.

And fortunately, members of the public still seem to have just as much fun coming out to the horticultural show to admire what's been grown — just like they did back when the society hosted an annual pumpkin day (the largest ever recorded at the show was just about 500 pounds).

Still, Harley says there certainly are some things that have changed. For instance, the Saskatchewan Horticultural Society used to boast as many as 45 organizations. Now, it's down to about 20, and other clubs are no longer putting on shows because they lack the members to do the work.

"We're lucky," Harley said. "We've got a few new members, and younger members who are interested in doing it. Hopefully it will keep going on."

Another change, brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent inflation that has driven up food prices, is that people seem to be relearning the value of growing their own food.

Perhaps, Harley says, this is a good omen for the future of horticultural societies.

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Toni Sommerfeld (right) accepts the grand aggregate award from Beryl Peake.



Laurie Trithardt (left) accepts the reserve grand aggregate award from Beryl Peake.



Shayla Cobb (left) was this year's beginner aggregate winner.

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Police nab attempted murder suspect

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

A man wanted for attempted murder in relation to an incident on the Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation has been apprehended by police.

According to an RCMP press release, officers from the Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook RCMP Detachment, with the assistance of the Battlefords RCMP Crime Reduction Team (CRT) and the Saskatchewan RCMP Emergency Response Team (ERT), executed a search warrant at a residence on the Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation at approximately 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 13.

The warrant was executed in connection to an Aug. 8 incident, in which a firearm was discharged outside of a residence on the Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation. The incident resulted in the serious injury of an adult male, who was transported to hospital by STARS air ambulance. Police have not provided an update on

the condition of the victim.

Following their investigation, police identified 31-year-old Dominic Ahenakew as the suspect in the incident.

As a result of their search of the residence on Aug. 13, police arrested two adult males without incident, and seized six firearms following a thorough search of the premises.

Among the arrested was Ahenakew, who had outstanding warrants for attempted murder, pointing a firearm, careless use of a firearm, and two counts of possession of a prohibited firearm while being prohibited from possessing a firearm.

Ahenakew was remanded and appeared in Prince Albert Provincial Court on Aug. 15.

Also arrested on outstanding warrants unrelated to the attempted murder investigation was 32-year-old Lanny Joseph. He faces a plethora of charges, including assault causing bodily harm, assault with a weapon, possession of a weapon for a dangerous

purpose, carrying a concealed weapon, flight from police, possession of property obtained by crime, two counts of pointing a firearm, breaking and entering, and operating a vehicle while prohibited.

Joseph was remanded and appeared in Prince Albert Provincial Court on Aug. 15.

Car stolen from Shellbrook C-store

The RCMP's Saskatchewan Crime Watch Advisory is asking the public to be on the lookout for a vehicle that was stolen from the Lake Country Co-op C-Store in Shellbrook at about 6:40 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 14.

According to a description provided to police by the victim, who is an employee of the C-store, the vehicle is a dark grey/black 2005 Chevrolet Silverado, with Saskatchewan license plate 228mta. The vehicle has a two-inch by five-inch white and blue "Trump 2020" sticker in lower driver's side rear window, an inoperable passenger-side driving light, black rims, a light bar in the front grille, and a loud exhaust.

Police say the owner had the keys for the vehicle when the vehicle was stolen, and the vehicle took off eastbound on Highway 3 towards Prince Albert. At 7:54 p.m. the same day, it was spotted travelling at excessive speed northbound on Highway 240 (north of Shellbrook).

While police are asking for the public's assistance to locate the vehicle, they urge anyone who spots it not to intervene and instead advise police of its location.

Anyone with information is asked to call 310-RCMP for immediate response. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

Community night spotlights local groups

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Residents of Shellbrook had an opportunity to learn just how much is going on in their community, when the Town of Shellbrook's recreation department hosted a community information and registration night on Monday, Aug. 14.

First held in the fall of 2021, and run twice annually since then, this marked the fifth time the informative event has been put on, all with an aim of bringing community organizations together to provide information to the public and collaborate with each other.

"The collaboration and idea generating between organizations is what I consider to be the most valuable benefit from this event," said Jessica Kernohan, the Town of Shellbrook's manager of recreation and community development, noting that the unstructured nature of the information and registration night allows for organizations to brainstorm with each other in a no-pressure environment.

"Instead of fighting over participants, I watched two organizations that have similar programming discuss how they should get together to offer a joint class, or have an introduction incorporated into their program to showcase the other program," she added.

Throughout the four-hour information and registration night last Monday, the Shellbrook Martial Arts Club, the Shellbrook Junshin Judo Club, the Shellbrook Public Library,

the Shellbrook Senior's Association, Studio 747, the Shellbrook Skating Club, the Shellbrook Royal Purple, and of course, the town of Shellbrook's recreation department were in attendance.

All of these organizations had the opportunity to share information about their group's programming and events, register new members, enlist volunteers, and sell merchandise, free of charge.

For Kernohan, this platform is not just beneficial to the organiza-

tions that take part, but also to the members of the public who attend because it provides individuals or families that are new to Shellbrook with education on opportunities, provides additional information for those that have never been involved in the activity, event, or organization, allows them to ask questions, and lets them know about volunteer opportunities within the community.

Elaine Perkins, who attended the night on behalf of the Shellbrook Royal Purple, agrees

that there's great value in the information and registration night. For her, regardless of whether or not the group registers any new members, it's just as important to take any opportunity to make the public aware of what the organization stands for and what it's up to in the community.

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Feds, provinces keep playing climate politics

Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe says they're "unachievable."

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In other words, it was business as usual when Energy Minister Jonathan Wilkinson and Environment Minister Steven Guilbeault dropped the federal government's draft clean energy regulations earlier this month.

The regulations, which are now in a 75-day public comment period to allow for feedback from the provinces, aim to make Canada's electrical grid net-zero by 2035, by all but prohibiting the use of natural gas, oil, and coal as power sources.

Uncharacteristically for the current federal government, the clean energy regulations do include some exemptions and flexibility, including for northern communities that aren't connected to larger power grids and therefore rely heavily on diesel generators.

The regulations also don't mean that fossil fuel power sources will simply be switched off in 2035. Rather, any plants built before the regulations are finalized (likely in 2025) will be permitted to operate for 20 years, so long as they adhere to certain emissions standards, meaning they can continue to operate into the 2040s.

What's more, Mr. Guilbeault says the regulations allow for the continued use of fossil fuels, including natural gas, to generate power at peak demand times or as a backup to non-emitting power sources.

"What we're talking about is not a fossil fuel-free grid by 2035. It's a net zero grid by 2035," he said.

"We understand there will be some fossil fuels remaining... but we're working to minimize those, and the fossil fuels that will be used post-2035 will have to comply with rigorous environmental and emission standards."

According to the regulations, the "rigorous environmental and emission standards" Mr. Guilbeault references mean fossil fuel-generated power sources will need to emit the equivalent of 30 tonnes of carbon dioxide per gigawatt hour or less annually.

Per the federal government's calcu-



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lations, natural gas power plants could conceivably meet this standard with the help of carbon capture and storage systems, so long as said systems can capture 95 per cent of emissions.

Based on Saskatchewan's home-grown experiment with carbon capture at Boundary Dam Unit #3, we know carbon capture technology is nowhere near capable of this. Indeed, in 2021, the system managed to capture just 44 per cent of its total emissions.

Though SaskPower touts the \$1.1 billion project as being a first-of-its-kind success, it has cost taxpayers millions of dollars in penalties for missed targets and underperformance, as well as unanticipated maintenance, since it went online in 2014.

This was enough, apparently, for SaskPower and the Sask. Party government to rule out further experiments with carbon capture at Boundary Dam Units #4 and #5 (though, the incentives for carbon capture and storage projects offered up in the federal government's spring budget could conceivably change their minds).

Questions about the viability of carbon capture as a tool to meet the 2035 net-zero target aside, Mr. Guilbeault concedes the clean energy regulations will increase power bills slightly.

According to Environment and Climate Change Canada estimates, the average household energy bill will increase by anywhere from \$35 to \$61 per year if the regulations are adopted.

However, by 2050, it's expected that the transition to a net-zero grid will result in Canadians paying 12 per cent less for energy.

Apart from the cost to consumers, there's also the costs of the transition itself to consider.

Though Canada's grid is already nearly 85 per cent clean, demand is expected to double by 2050 as things like cars, buses and trains become electric. The current projected cost to meet this demand, and maintain the grid, is \$400 billion.

But Ottawa believes the economic edge it will gain by being a global leader in transitioning the energy economy, namely by allowing Canada to attract investments like those made by VW and Stellantis in EV battery plants, will pay dividends in the future – though, these



projects were subsidized by the federal government and the government of Ontario to the tune of nearly \$30 billion.

What's more, for the massive expenditure, the government expects Canada's greenhouse gas emissions would drop by 342 million tonnes between 2024 and 2050 (interestingly, this still isn't enough for it to meet its goal of reducing the country's greenhouse gas emissions by 40 to 45 per cent below 2005 levels by 2030).

In Saskatchewan, where natural gas and coal still make up 81 per cent of the power grid, Mr. Moe has not only called the plan to reach net-zero by 2035 "unachievable," he's also said the federal government is disregarding provincial jurisdiction over power generation.

Worse, he says Ottawa's regulations will imperil the province's power grid and be far too costly.

Though they have yet to release modelling numbers to support their assertions, both Mr. Moe and SaskPower have suggested that meeting the 2035 net-zero target would "at least double" power rates. To make the transition more technically, logistically, and financially feasible, they're setting 2050 as the date for a non-emitting grid.

For Alberta, which draws just under 70 per cent of its power from natural gas and coal according to the Alberta Electric System Operator, the tune coming from Ms. Smith is much the same, if not a little more assertive: the transition to a net-zero power grid by 2035 can't happen and won't happen in Alberta.

Like Saskatchewan, Alberta views 2050 as the more realistic target. And Ms. Smith seems committed to standing her ground on this.

Where coal once dominated Alberta's power grid alongside natural gas, the past few years have seen it drop to a distant third place thanks to a huge surge in wind power generation (up to 20 per cent of the grid).

Because of this, Alberta was projected to lead Canada in total installed utility-scale wind and solar power by the middle of the decade. That may have come to pass, if Ms. Smith's government hadn't ground the industry to a screeching halt by announcing a seven-month moratorium on new wind and solar projects earlier this month.

The sudden pause was greeted with shock by industry, and sent a chill of uncertainty through potential investors.

Weeks later, Ms. Smith has yet to provide a convincing rationale for the moratorium, aside from a vague statement about the need for natural gas to back-up renewables (which it can still do if more are built), and a concern about what will be done with decommissioned solar panels and wind turbines (valid, given the mess of orphaned wells left behind by oil and gas companies).

In the end, it comes as no shock that Ottawa finds itself on a different page with Saskatchewan and Alberta.

It's business as usual. Just the latest example of all parties playing the high-stakes game of climate politics.

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Podcast tells story of Shell Lake murders victims

By **JORDAN TWISS**
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Brittany Caffet remembers being in Grade 4 or 5 when she first learned about the incident now known as the “Shell Lake murders”.

“I was in the library at the Leoville School, and I remember finding this book about Saskatchewan ghost stories,” she said. “Flipping through that book, I found a story about the Shell Lake massacre. I remember going home to my mom that night and asking, ‘Is this true? Was there really this mass murder so close to where we live?’”

As she soon learned, it was all too true.

In the early morning on Aug. 15, 1967, James and Evelyn Peterson, along with seven of their children, were shot and killed in their farmhouse located near Shell Lake in what became Canada’s worst random mass murder incident.

Only James and Evelyn’s youngest daughter, four-year-old Phyllis, survived the incident, while their eldest daughter, Kathy Hill, was newly wed and living in B.C. with her husband at the time of the murders.

Growing up in a small town just 45 minutes away from where the murders occurred,

Caffet heard all sorts of whispers and rumours about them through the years.

But now, as Kathy’s great niece by marriage, she’s hoping to put an end to more than five decades of speculation with her new podcast, *The Shell Lake Massacre*.

Produced by Rawlco Radio, the six-part podcast dives deep into the murder of the Petersons, while also attempting to retrain the spotlight on who they were as people, rather than just focusing

on what happened to them.

“Often, with a big a tragedy, a lot of the good memories are overshadowed by the tragedy,” she said. “I felt this was a really good opportunity to speak to some of the people who have memories about the Petersons that have more than just to do with their death, to kind of give them a chance to bring those good memories about the family to the forefront.”

Noting that Kathy has never had an opportunity to share

her story in its entirety up until now, Caffet said she felt it was important to provide a platform to her, and others who were impacted by the murders, to get the full truth out there before no one is left to tell it.

To this end, she spent the past eight months researching, gathering documentation, conducting interviews, and sorting fact from fiction. Along the way, she encountered more than a few persistent rumours.

“One of the main rumours that has gone around is that [Victor] Hoffman, the murderer, did know the family. To this day, there are some people who think he was dating one of the Peterson girls, or had some connection or vendetta against the family,” she said.

“That is completely untrue. This crime was completely random.”

As surprised as she was by some of the rumours, Caffet was just as shocked by some of the things that turned out to be fact.

“One of the things that really highlighted how random this crime was, is that Victor Hoffman initially tried to stop at the Simonar farm (neighbours to the Petersons), but he was going too fast and he missed the approach, so he took the next driveway,” she

said.

“To hear Marjorie Simonar, who is now 94 years old, recount what it was like to learn how close her family was to death was quite remarkable.”

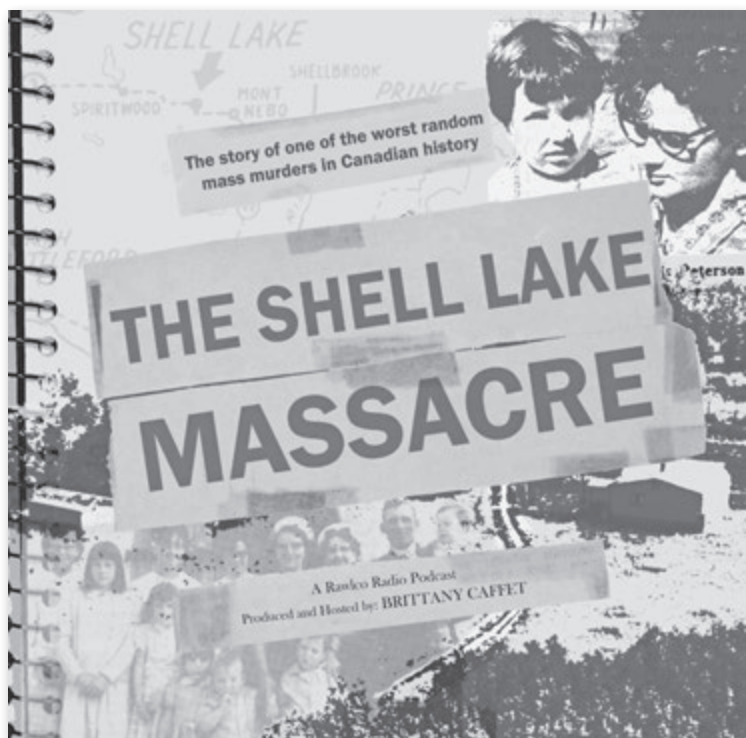
With two of six episodes now released, and the remaining four set to come out over the next four weeks, Caffet hopes *The Shell Lake Massacre* podcast will help people remember James and Evelyn Peterson, and their seven children, for more than just what happened to them on Aug. 15, 1967.

She also hopes it will allow the voices of those who were impacted by the murders to be truly heard for the first time, and serve as a singular resource for the truth about what happened and the effect it had on all involved.

Looking forward, however, she says the remaining episodes still have a lot of the story to tell, including interviews with the Simonar family, a reporter who covered the case from day one, and an expert on schizophrenia.

Caffet will also offer background on Hoffman, and details about what has transpired in the years since he was found not guilty by reason of insanity in 1968.

To listen to the podcast, visit: <https://podcasts.apple.com/ca/podcast/the-shell-lake-massacre/id1702739931>



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MX Games provide plenty of thrills

By **JORDAN TWISS**

Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

When spectators started rolling into the 14th annual MX Games, which were organized and hosted by the Marcelin Events Committee on Saturday, Aug. 12, committee member Jade Bowering was pleasantly surprised when she didn't recognize anyone.

The diverse audience, coming from both near and far to take in the show, mirrored this year's participants, who came right from Marcelin, but also from as far away as Prince Albert, Saskatoon, Lloydminster, and Naicam to compete.

"It's a very proud moment when you see that many people in your tiny little town, and you see the streets start to fill up," Bowering said of the turn out on what became a very successful day.

All in all, despite several downpours throughout the day, this turned the 14th MX Games into a record-setting event in two ways.

First, at 650 people strong (nearly four times the population of Marcelin), the audience was by far the largest Bowering has seen in her many years of involvement with the games.

And second, the 30 dirt bikes registered to compete in the games was eas-



Elbert Bueckert (middle) accepts the tuff truck plaque from Craig Verbonac (left) and Craig Bowering.

ily the most in the history of the event, thanks in part to a dirt bike club that ran in the community in the spring, Bowering says. Combined with the 10 tuff truck entrants, this more than made up for the lack of quads, side-by-sides, and lawnmowers this year.

With such a large pool of competitors, spectators were in for a full day of high-octane racing. And when the dust settled on the final lap, Elbert Bueckert was crowned the tuff truck

champion, followed by Valerie Burgess in second and local Craig Verbonac in third.

On the dirt bike side, the 50cc class saw Kasey Beskal and Hunter Brown claim the top two spots, while Talon Van Veen and Jaimen Stewart finished first and second in the 60-120cc class, and Nathan Yanz and Brennan Hunter won in the 250cc and up category.

On top of setting a couple records, this year's MX Games also featured a few small but significant changes, including the addition of vendors. Bowering says there were three vendors on site Saturday, one offering baked goods, another serving ice cream, and the other selling automotive lighting.

Elsewhere, rather than hosting a dance in the evening, the Marcelin Events Committee opted to put on

what it called the Great Saskatchewan Bush Party, offering everyone an opportunity to stay on the MX Games grounds into the evening, socialize, and enjoy food provided by Betty's Diner, which ran the concession throughout the day.

Finally, thanks to Shane Sydoruk of Blaine Lake's Lakeside RV Services, a new \$500 prize was presented to the tuff truck driver who managed to do the most damage to their vehicle during the races. That prize was split by Lance McCormick and Marcelin Events Committee board president Craig Bowering.

For Jade Bowering, Saturday's 14th annual MX Games were evidence of how far the event has come since it started as a small-scale fundraiser for the local fire department. And it's an evolution she credits to the local businesses and individuals who continue to donate to the games and support them each year (including Blaine Lake Ambulance's donation of its time and services).

Looking at keeping this evolution going, Jade says the Marcelin Events Committee is hoping to add mud to the MX Games track again, looking to purchase some land a local farmer permits it to use for the games to build a larger building and a kitchen, and still working on its main goal of building a new Marcelin Hall.

In the meantime, she says the committee will also continue to donate some of the proceeds from the MX Games to local causes. No specific causes have been chosen yet, but past beneficiaries have included school snack programs and the Marcelin Seniors Association.



Kasey Beskal accepts the 50cc dirt bike prize from Craig Verbonac.



Mrs. Yanz accepts the 250cc and up dirt bike prize from Craig Verbonac, on behalf of winner Nathan Yanz.



Lance McCormick (middle) and Craig Bowering (right) split the most messed up truck prize.

RESORT VILLAGE OF BIG SHELL NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of Resort Village of Big Shell intends to adopt bylaws under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw 2-85 The Basic Planning Statement Bylaw.

Intent: The proposed bylaw will rezone the affected area from Community Center District to Storage Uses future land use, the land described below:

Affected Area: The affected area of land is legally described as Parcel B, Plan No. 102024638 and Part of PR3, Plan No. 89B15672 and part of SW ¼ Sec. 5-TWP 49-RGE8-W3rdM, Big Shell, Saskatchewan, which is shown in the shaded area of the map which appears as part of this notice.

Reason: The reason of the proposed alteration is to allow for the development of Storage Lots to be titled.

Public Inspection: Any person may inspect the bylaw(s) by contacting Tara Bueckert at (306) 427-2188 or by email at villagebigshell@gmail.com Monday to Friday. Copies are available at cost.

Public Hearing: A public meeting will be held on August 25th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall, 229 Loon Drive, Resort Village of Big Shell, Saskatchewan to discuss the proposal.

Any person(s) who wish to object to the proposed restructuring may file a written objection, stating clearly their reason for their opposition, with the administrator of the Resort Village of Big Shell at the address below. A written notice of objection must be received by the administrator by 3:30 p.m. on Thursday August 24th, 2023.

Resort Village of Big Shell
Box 130
Shell Lake, SK S0J 2G0

Issued at Shell Lake, Saskatchewan, this 17th day of August, 2023

Tara Bueckert, Administrator



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Manitoba pork sector shows longevity

While the contents were not particularly surprising, it was interesting to see that the pork industry can still be an economic driver.

A recent Brandon Sun story noted that a Manitoba Pork report stated that more than half of all agriculture and food processing jobs in Manitoba are tied to the hog sector (at 55 per cent).

The story went on to note, "The report, undertaken by an independent economic impact analysis, was released on Aug. 3, with numbers compiled by Serecon, a

group of valuation and appraisal, management consulting and farm asset management professionals who specialize in the agricultural industry.

"The provincial hog sector contributes 22,000 jobs across Manitoba in both urban and rural communities, as well as over \$2.3 billion to the provincial GDP annually. Each year, Manitoba's hog sector directly contributes \$139 million to the provincial government in tax revenue, and another \$87 million in municipal tax revenue, the report found."



CALVIN DANIELS

Those are impressive economic indicators, but as I noted to start, are not particularly surprising.

There was a time Saskatchewan was on a pork sector development trajectory that would like-

ly have mirrored such numbers, but growth here got bogged down.

At the time, pigs were seen as an ideal fit to create a rural economy, and that vision was based on several factors.

To start with, barn construction creates jobs. Once barns open, they create more jobs, and those jobs are in rural areas, which is a positive for smaller towns and villages where job creation can be difficult.

Of course, finding workers in rural areas became a barrier too.

The barns become a

local market option from farmer wheat and barley, and lots of it.

The need for the alternative market waned as commodity prices jumped, and canola evolved to be the key crop grown.

And of course, there is always the opposition to hog barns, often based on odour. Although, there is a smell associated with many economic drivers, canola crush and oil facilities included.

So, what made the sector so attractive at one time, hasn't exactly remained as drivers.

But once established, the hog sector does generate economy in terms of jobs, market for grain and a product market-able to the world.

Livestock is a huge part of a vibrant rural economy that we should not lose sight of.

Certainly prices, as a commodity, are cyclical, but that is a part of farming.

The key is creating the best frameworks possible to help facilitate long term viability – something they seem to be achieving for pork in Manitoba.

Drought support for Sask. livestock producers on the way

Support is coming for Saskatchewan livestock producers affected by drought.

The Government of Saskatchewan has announced the province is making up to \$70 million available to help offset extraordinary costs of feeding livestock to maintain the breeding herd in Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan continues to work quickly with the federal government to jointly examine how AgriRecovery could help respond. Provincial funding will be available based on receipts or appropriate documentation for extraordinary expenses for the purchase of feed or transportation of feed or livestock, to provide cash flow to eligible producers impacted by significant drought.

"Immediate measures are needed as farmers and ranchers deal with significant challenges due to drought," Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit said in a statement. "Our government is committed to ensuring livestock producers have the support they need, as they continue to provide the high-quality food Saskatchewan families rely on."

The program will be administered by Saskatchewan

Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC).

"We appreciate the province stepping up and providing their portion of the AgriRecovery payment," said Keith Day, Board Chair of the Saskatchewan Cattlemen's Association in a statement. "We look forward to a similar announcement from the federal government to provide their funding to ensure our producers get the help they need through these challenging times."

"This support is promising, and the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) is thankful for how quickly the province stepped up to assist those livestock producers most in need, it will certainly help," said Ray Orb, president of SARM, in a statement. "We are confident that the federal government is working together with the province to assess how they can provide additional support through AgriRecovery and look forward to seeing what that much-needed assistance will be."

Saskatchewan's funding will provide eligible producers with up to \$80 per head to maintain breeding stock for beef cattle, bison, horse,

elk, deer, sheep and goats. The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to providing assistance as soon as possible to producers.

Other supports have been implemented to help mitigate the situation. The Governments of Saskatchewan and Canada have agreed to increase the 2023 AgriStability interim benefit payment percentage from 50 per cent to 75 per cent, so producers can access a larger portion of their final AgriStability benefit early. The AgriStability compensation rate also recently increased from 70 to 80 per cent.

In July, the federal and provincial governments announced SCIC was doubling the low yield appraisal threshold values to allow additional acres of cereal, pulse, canola and flax crops to be diverted to feed. Saskatchewan has also frozen the 2023 rate charged to producers who lease Crown grazing land.

Additionally, through the 2023 Crown Grazing Lease Rental Reduction Program, lessees may be eligible for a rent reduction due to the impact of drought.

Producers in some areas of the province are dealing with

drought, particularly in western Saskatchewan. Precipitation has remained well below normal, contributing to a substantial moisture deficit and hindering recovery of pasture

and forage ranges.

Additional information, including application forms, will be available in the coming days at www.scic.ca or call toll-free at 1-844-723-1211.

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



Hidden Hills hosts senior golf tourney

By **BRUCE CLEMENTS**

Shellbrook Seniors Golf Club

The Shellbrook Seniors Golf Club hosted its annual golf tournament on Wednesday, Aug. 9, at the Hidden Hills of Shellbrook Golf Course, which was in

excellent condition.

A total of 54 golfers took part in the four-person scramble format, with teams selected by drawing a card upon registration. Golfers attended from the surrounding towns, as well as from Prince Albert, Wakaw, and St. Louis.



Third flight winners, from left to right: George Tomporowski, Glen Person, Randall Slater, and Clarence Bowes.



Bogey flight winners, from left to right: Ernie Magiera, Wayne Bazley, Sharon Daniels, and Bob Hryniuk.

An enjoyable day was had by all participants, as new friendships were made and all were treated to a delicious lunch of beef on a bun, three salads, and dessert. All teams in each flight went home with a little extra cash in their pockets.

At the end of the day, the threesome of Wayne Connolly, Robert Bonneau, and Robert Svendsen emerged victorious in the first flight, while the trio of Jim McComas, Robert Morin, and Carol Svendsen won the second flight (unfortunately, this team took off before photos were

taken).

As for the third flight, the quartet of George Tomporowski, Glen Person, Randall Slater, and Clarence Bowes were the winners. And finally, in the bogey flight, the winners were Ernie Magiera, Wayne Bazley, Sharon Daniels, and Bob Hryniuk.

In the men's novelty prizes, the winners were: closest to the pin on hole #3 – Lynn Regnier, longest putt on hole #9 – Mark Mintenko, and closest to the line on Hole #1 – Lyle Bannerman.

In the women's division, the winners were:

closest to the pin on hole #3 – Lorraine Thi-beault, longest putt on

hole #9 – Jean Ritchie, and closest to the line on Hole #1 – Jesse Dion.



First flight winners in the senior's golf tournament, from left to right: Wayne Connolly, Robert Bonneau, and Robert Svendsen.

Crop Report: Aug. 8 to 14

Scattered showers across the province paused harvest for a short time, but producers welcomed the moisture. Saskatchewan crops are nine per cent harvested this week, ahead of the five-year average of eight per cent and the 10-year average of five per cent.

The southwest is leading the province in harvest progress, with 20 per cent of this year's crop harvested for the year. Producers in the northwest were delayed this week due to rain showers and have harvested only one per cent of this year's crop. Producers have made progress harvesting all crops this week, excluding flax. Fall cereals are still the most harvested crop this week, with 61 per cent of fall rye and 56 per cent of winter wheat taken off for the year. Field peas and lentils are the most harvested spring seeded crops; 36 per cent of both field peas and lentils have been harvested provincially. Oilseeds, in general, have been harvested the least so far.

All crop districts received some moisture with the showers that moved across the province this week. The most significant moisture received was 67 mm in Esterhazy, followed closely by 63 mm in Lipton. An increase in soil moisture was recorded this week. In cropland, 26 per cent of topsoil has adequate moisture, 45 per cent is short and 29 per cent is very short. Twenty-one per cent of hay and pasture land has adequate topsoil moisture, 45 per cent is short and 34 per cent is

very short.

Crop reporters were asked to report on water supply and quality this week. Provincially, moderate water supply shortages are occurring for livestock producers, with many anticipating more significant shortages soon while some are already reporting severe water shortages. Producers can visit their local regional office to have the quality of their livestock water sources tested.

Crop damage this past week was due to drought, wind damage, gophers, grasshoppers and flea beetles. Producers are busy combining and desiccating crops this week, while others are marketing cattle and hauling water for livestock.

Harvest is a busy time for producers. The public is reminded to give machinery extra space and time when travelling on roadways. The risk of fire this harvest is exacerbated by the dry conditions seen throughout the growing season and producers are encouraged to have fire mitigation resources at the ready. 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. Additional resources related to dry conditions 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>

PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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

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

Leask Gospel Tabernacle
Sunday 11 a.m.
1-780-690-2100

PRESBYTERIAN

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

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

Parkside
11 a.m. - Worship

ANGLICAN CHURCH

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

MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCH

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

EVANGELICAL FREE

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

UNITED CHURCH

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

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

PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

PARTNERS IN FAITH

Lutheran/United/
Christchurch Anglican,
137-2nd St. W.
Spiritwood
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Rev. Sarah Urano

UNITED /ANGLICAN

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

CATHOLIC SUNDAY

Spiritwood - 9:00 a.m.
Leoville - 11:00 a.m.
Chitek Lake - 1:00 p.m.
SATURDAY
Medstead - 6 p.m.
Shell Lake - 8:00 p.m.
Everyone Welcome
Fr. Ramel Macapala

COWBOY CHURCH

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

LAKELAND COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

FIELDS OF HOPE (HOFFNUNGSFELDER)

MENNONITE CHURCH
Glenbush
Worship - 10:00 am
1st Sun. (June, July, Aug.)
Worship - 10:00 am
at Rabbit Lake
Mennonite Church

BETHEL

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

MENNONITE BRETHREN

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

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Sat., 11:00 am - Worship
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11 am Worship Service

PARTNERS IN WORSHIP

Shell Lake
Worship Services
Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Pastor Sarah Urano
306-841-7333

WWHS hosts 60th Horticulture Show



New entrant Darlene Otet (right) accepts her prize from Beryl Peake.



Layne Cobb (right) accepts the junior aggregate award from Beryl Peake



Londyn Bodnarchuk (right) accepts the junior reserve aggregate award from Beryl Peake



Laurie Trithardt's nature-inspired flower arrangement was a winning entry.



Gladioli, including the award-winning pink ones entered by Doris Thiessen, put on a colourful show.

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, July 11, 2023.

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

Absent was, Division 3 Terry Wingarter.

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Reeve Shirley Dauvin.

Delegation: 11:30 a.m. - Sgt. Andrews (Spiritwood RCMP Detachment)

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

Foreman Darcy Laventure left the council meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Warkentin: That we send Travis Henri to for his commercial spraying license. Carried

Warkentin: That the minutes of the June 13, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented. Carried

Vaagen: That the minutes of the June 27, 2023, Special Meeting of Council be approved as presented. Carried

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

Wasden: That the CSO reports, having been read, now be filed. Carried

Vaagen: That the bank reconciliation for the month ending June 30, 2023, be accepted as presented. Carried

Laventure: That the "List of Accounts" as listed on the attached Schedule "A" forming part of these minutes be approved as follows: Cheque No. 14261-14309 (\$151,119.63), Payroll File No. 416, 418, 419 & 420 (\$58,493.57), EFT No. 2023 0036-0042 (\$48,058.22). Carried

Council: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month ending June 30, 2023, be approved as presented. Carried

Fee: That we accept the audit engagement letter from Sensus, CPA for the period ending Dec. 31, 2023. Carried

Warkentin: That Bylaw No. 2023-1, being a bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 to Amend Bylaw No. 2015-4 known as the Zoning Bylaw, be read a second time. Carried

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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.

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Warkentin: That Bylaw No. 2023-1, being a bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 to Amend Bylaw No. 2015-4 known as the Zoning Bylaw, be read a third time. Carried

Vaagen: That Bylaw No. 2023-2, being a Bylaw of the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 to Enter into a Road Maintenance Agreement, be read a first time. Carried

Fee: That Lacey Gallinger be appointed to the Spiritwood Fire Department #1. Carried

Wasden: That we consent to the request for the removal of tree stumps within the Municipal Reserve (MR) adjacent to Lot 11 Blk 4 in Spruce Bay. The applicant is solely responsible for all design, safety, and workmanship aspects associated with this approval and all work must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the Water Security Agency's Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit. Carried

Vaagen: That we approve of the

placement of geotextile cloth and rip rap rock on the Environmental Reserve (ER1) in front of Lot 16/Blk 4 in Aspen Ridge Estates for shoreline stabilization. The maximum allowable encroachment into the ER1 beyond the property boundary shall be no more than 3 metres. The applicant is solely responsible for all design, safety, and workmanship aspects associated with this approval and all work must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the Water Security Agency's Environmental Protection Plan. Carried

Warkentin: That we accept the quote from Munitraxx to setup asset management software, should the licensing fee be for the period of one year (that being August 2023 to August 2024). Should the licensing fee be applicable to the calendar year, that we defer the acceptance of the quote until January 2024. Carried

Laventure: That the Council for the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 has no

objections to the SaskPower Service Order No. 20388906 to service SE 20-50-08-W3. Carried

Laventure: That the Council for the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 has no objections to the SaskPower Service Order No. 20392495 to service NE 21-54-12-W3. Carried

Fee: That the Weed Management Plan for the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 be approved as revised and presented. Carried

Sgt. Andrews joined the council meeting at 11:25 a.m. to present the quarterly report for the Spiritwood RCMP Detachment.

Sgt. Andrews left the council meeting at 11:44 a.m.

Fee: That we proceed with the process to close Twp Rd. 525 located between SW 34-52-12-W3 & NW 27-52-12-W3. Carried

Laventure: That we consent to the tying of Parcel No. 163777775, being PT NW 03-49-12-W3 with Parcel No. 128943445, being NE 03-49-12-W3 to

accommodate physical access under common ownership. Carried

Fee: That the request for an abatement to invoice #18305 be declined. However, council will enter into an agreement for the payment of invoice 18305. Carried

Warkentin: That the council meeting be closed to the public at 12:02 p.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 12:02 p.m.

CAO Colette Bussiere returned to council chambers at 12:36 p.m.

The regular meeting of council was out of camera and resumed at 12:36 p.m.

Warkentin: That the correspondence, having been read, now be filed. Carried

Dauvin: That the meeting be adjourned.

Minutes of a Shell Lake council meeting

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Shell Lake in the Province of Saskatchewan held on Monday, June 19, 2023, at 7 p.m. in the Village Council Chambers.

Present: Mayor Anita Weiers, Councillor Greg Ardagh, Councillor Joe Delisle, Councillor Al Sulymka, Councillor Dillan Simonar, and Tara Bueckert, Administrator.

A quorum was present and Mayor Anita Weiers called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Delisle: That the agenda be accepted. Carried

Ardagh: That the minutes of the May 17, 2023, meeting be adopted as presented. Carried

Maintenance Report:

- GL – trailer on vacant lot, send letter
- MH – send rules on camper
- Send letters to Cannabis

and bar to clean up.

Sulymka: That we pay Asphalt Paving \$116,268.94 for paving streets. Carried

Simonar: That we renew two terms that are up for renewal for another one (1) year at a rate of 4.85% with the Innovation Credit Union. Carried

Sulymka: That Council approve the presented Bank Statement for the month of May as presented. Carried

Ardagh: That Council approve the presented Financial Statement Summary for month of May as presented. Carried

Sulymka: That Council approve the list of accounts presented cheque number 6541-6566 and the manual online payment in the amount of \$24,862.36. Carried

Alderman Report: Send letter to CE to clean up slabs of wood, fire hazard, has till July 31, 2023.

Mayor Weiers left at 7:44 p.m.

Mayor Weiers returned at 7:47 p.m.

Sulymka: That we hire Brailly Lehman to work for the village. Carried

Ardagh: That the verbal Maintenance, Administrator, Mayor and Water report be filed as presented. Carried

Sulymka: That the correspondence be filed. Carried

Tabled items: Culverts, Shell Lake Curling Rink Rebuild, lease agreement with MLRP, lagoon blowers (would like breakdown of costs).

Sulymka: That Bylaw 2-2023 for the Village of Shell Lake of Saskatchewan to give the Operation of Golf Carts on the Public Streets Within the Limits of the Village of Shell Lake be given its first reading. Carried (Editor's note: council voted unanimously to give the bylaw three readings at the meeting.)

Delisle: That Bylaw 2-2023 for the Village of Shell Lake of Saskatchewan to give the

Operation of Golf Carts on the Public Streets Within the Limits of the Village of Shell Lake be given its third and final reading and be adopted this day. Carried

Sulymka: That Bylaw 3-2023 for the Village of Shell Lake of Saskatchewan to give Extension of Time – Financial Statement be given its first reading. Carried (Editor's note: council voted unanimously to give the bylaw three readings at the meeting.)

Weiers: That Bylaw 3-2023 for the Village of Shell Lake of Saskatchewan to give Extension of Time – Financial Statement be given its third and final reading and be adopted this day. Carried

Ardagh: That the building application to build a new dwelling located on Lot 3, Block 11, Plan 102386112 at 228 1st Avenue East, Shell Lake, SK be approved as per the recommendations of MA Inspections and meets the

Zoning Bylaw requirements Carried

Ardagh: That the building application to build a garage located on Lot 20, Block 13, Plan 88B04720 at 8 Morrow Place, Shell Lake, SK be approved as per the recommendations of MA Inspections and meets the Zoning Bylaw requirements. Carried

Delisle: That the building application to build a new garage on Lot 2, Block 12, Plan BM5784 at 303 1st Street West, Shell Lake, SK be approved as per the recommendations of MA Inspections and meets the Zoning Bylaw requirements. Carried

Sulymka: That the Village of Shell Lake make offer to purchase Lot 6 Block 8 Plan #00B01075 of the amount of \$30,000 to Heather Sarrazin, Lake Country's Local Realtor, RE/MAX North Country. Carried

Weiers: That the meeting be adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

GOOD NEWS

HARDSHIP IS PART OF GOD'S WORK FOR GOOD

By RANDALL MCLEOD
Immanuel Lutheran, Parkside

Today we look at a person in the Bible named Job (Jobe). The book of the same name is generally accepted to be the oldest book in the Bible, older than the books of Moses, the first five books in the Bible.

At the beginning of this saga, we see God declaring the righteousness of Job and then Satan challenging God saying (liberal paraphrase), "The only reason Job is good is because he has everything; wealth, family, social position and respect, just let me take a round out of him and he will turn on you, you'll see."

God's reply (liberal paraphrase), "Game on dude, do what you want but you have to leave his personal self alone, I trust this guy implicitly."

Round one - Satan did just that, in one day all of Job's children died, all his livestock were stolen and nearly all of his servants killed. (Just an aside here, nothing happened to Job's wife, probably because the two are one flesh, so she, like Job, was exempt.)

Still, Job kept the faith, he said this: "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Round two - Now Satan was allowed to afflict but not kill Job himself, so Job was now covered with painful sores, and we find him sitting in sackcloth and ashes, scraping his boils with broken pottery and his "loving wife" says to him: "You are still as faithful as ever, aren't you? Why don't you curse God and die?" He answers her with

this: "You speak as a foolish woman speaks," he told her. "Should we accept only good from God and not adversity?"

Round three - Job's friends come to console him, and they do well for about a week and say nothing, they just grieve with him. Then they also turn on him and try to convince him that all this has come upon him because of some grievous sin or another. At this he breaks and begins to say: "Why me, Lord!?"

Now we hear God speak. Does He offer comfort or explanations, no He does not. He says this (liberal paraphrase), "Excuse me Job, where were you when I laid the foundations of the world? Did I ask your advice? I think not. Remember you are just a man and I am the God who created heaven and earth, I do not have to justify myself to

you!"

Wow, ouch! So, what is to be our take-away? I would say this: troubles of all kinds come to all of us (1 Corinthians 10:13). But nothing comes, no evil befalls us, that God has not permitted (remember, Satan had to ask permission to afflict Job), and it is God's express desire to use the hardships of this sin-sick world for our good.

No, you are not being punished. And our response ought to be, "How should I react to this Lord? let me see your will and your purpose in this." But, when it comes to death and dying, we also need to remember that we all have an expiry date, and none of us know when that date is. So, it behooves us to prepare for that eventuality.

Our salvation is to be found only in Jesus, and in Him we say: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Jays in playoff mix down the stretch

It has been a season of ups and downs for the Toronto Blue Jays, who are poised to earn one of three American League wildcard berths, so fans in Canada will (likely) be enjoying October baseball again this year.

The bad news, though, is that recent history is not on the Blue Jays' side, as wildcard playoff appearances in 2022 and 2020 resulted in no wins in back-to-back 2-0 series defeats.

Optimistically, this year could be different. The Jays' pitching seems more reliable than in the recent past, and injuries that have created some anxious moments for manager John Schneider are expected to be in the past once the post-season begins.

But back to the ups and downs. Bo Bichette qualifies in both categories. The shortstop led the American League in batting average through two-thirds of the season (.321), but was sent to the sidelines with an injured knee in early August.

Vladimir Guerrero, Jr., was on top of the hitting world in July, swatting homer after homer while winning the Home Run Derby. But in regular-season play, the fifth-year first-baseman has been a disappointment. Through the first two weeks of August, Guerrero, Jr., who slugged 80 home runs in his previous two seasons, had hit only 18, tops on the team, but far below fans' expectations.

The Jays spent \$3 million on a one-year contract for free agent outfielder Daulton Varsho, with his 27 home runs for Arizona last year being the big attraction. But Varsho's bat has been relatively quiet this year, with only a .214 batting average and 13 home runs though 116 games.

Toronto's other free-agent acquisition, Brandon Belt, has been equally mediocre — a .254 batting average and 11 home runs. And outfielder George Springer, who had 39- and 34-home-run seasons for the Hous-



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ton Astros, has only 14 round-trippers this year.

But the pitching has been solid. The Jays will probably wind up with four starters with 10 or more victories — Kevin Gausman, Chris Bassitt, Jose Berrios and Yusei Kikuchi. Last year's breakout pitching star, Alek Manoah, got off to a horrible start to the 2023 season, and is now in the minors, and Hyun-jin Ryu, who missed a full year due to Tommy John surgery, was a pleasant surprise upon his return before getting hit in the knee by a line

drive in his second outing. Still, Schneider is counting on him to play a major role in the post-season. With Gausman, Bassitt, Kikuchi, Berrios and a rejuvenated Ryu available to start in the post-season, the Jays won't be a pushover.

Seattle, Boston and the Yankees are in the mix with the Jays in the wildcard race, but with five weeks left in the regular season, fingers are crossed north of the 49th parallel that the Blue Jays will prevail.

• Steve Simmons of Sunmedia, on Vladimir Guerrero's contributions to the Blue Jays' offence: "Sure, he can bash home runs when he's hitting them off his manager John Schneider, as he was at the Home Run Derby, but he doesn't get to face Schneider night after night in the American League."

• A groaner from RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: "Two Tennessee high school girls basketball teams once got banned from the playoffs

for intentionally losing a game to avoid facing the top seed. The first thing that gave them away was they came out in tank tops."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com, on San Francisco Giants' offensive troubles: "SF Giants scored just twice (on five hits total) in their last two games. And won one. Is this what being a soccer fan is like?"

• Jon Greenberg of The Athletic, on the baseball fight between Cleveland's Jose Ramirez and Tim Anderson of the White Sox, the latter being a one-punch loser: "(Anderson) should get seven games for starting it and another seven for losing. That'll teach him to square up like he's Sonny Liston."

• Not exactly a confidence booster for Leafs fans was a headline at yahoo.com after the Maple Leafs signed goalie Martin Jones: "Leafs sign NHL's worst goalie of past five years"

• Vancouver comedy guy

and avid Jays' fan Steve Burgess: "There is no yawning abyss of despair to equal the sight of the Blue Jays with the bases loaded."

• Scott Ostler of the San Francisco Chronicle, after Golden State star Steph Curry went on stage to sing with Paramore: "Great, but if Curry pulls a hammy doing this stuff, don't say I didn't warn you."

• RJ Currie again: "A 61-year old Brit planned to televise himself getting buried alive on British TV. Here in Canada, we simply watch the Edmonton Elks."

• Headline at the onion.com: "(Bears quarterback) Justin Fields Praises Receivers For Running Routes Despite No Intention To Ever Throw Ball"

• Headline at fark.com, after a Billy Walters' book detailed excessive gambling habits of Phil Mickelson: "Found out why Lefty wanted that LIV money"

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

50+ golf tourney enjoyed at Spiritwood Golf Course

By **JIM BEDI**
Spiritwood Golf Club
General Manager

On Wednesday, Aug. 16, approximately 60 golfers travelled from far and wide to participate in the annual 50+ tournament hosted by the Spiritwood Golf Course. Participants enjoyed a fabulous day of golf on the beautiful course in the second of two such events hosted by the course this summer.

The day was, by all accounts, an enjoyable and successful event. Coffee and muffins were served in the clubhouse while golfers gathered for registration and awaited their randomly assigned team groupings.

A shotgun start at 10 a.m. sent all teams to their designated starting hole, and the morning round com-

menced.

Lunch back in the Clubhouse provided a break in the action and the opportunity for camaraderie and visiting new and old friends before the afternoon round kicked off. Back in the clubhouse, once all teams were finished, cash prizes were paid out to two randomly-drawn teams.

Also recognized were the most honest team, the three teams with the lowest score, as well as a number of specialty hole winners.

The first place winners, following a chip-off were Rick Bailey, Don Turgeon, Dona Bedi, and Eugene Little, while Darryl Rabbitskin, Joyce Willick, Connie Tope, and Robert Morin finished second.

In third place, was the team of Ron Craswell, Randy Empey, Burton Holcomb, and Derry Thomas.



The winners after a chip-off, from left to right: Rick Bailey, Don Turgeon, Dona Bedi, and Eugene Little, with Lloyd Fisher presenting the prize.



Second place winners, from left to right: Darryl Rabbitskin, Joyce Willick, Connie Tope, and Robert Morin, with Lloyd Fisher presenting the prize.



Third place winners, from left to right: Ron Craswell, Randy Empey, Burton Holcomb, and Derry Thomas, with Lloyd Fisher presenting the prize.

OBITUARIES

Eldon (Red) Price Ashworth

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR "DAD": Eldon (Red) Price Ashworth

Eldon Ashworth was born on July 17, 1934, in Gull Lake, SK. Red passed away on July 15, 2023, at Wheatland Lodge in Leask, SK. We will honor Dad's request; he will be laid to rest beside mom during a private gathering of family in the near future.

Red is lovingly survived by his loving family; His Sister, Gayle Trofimenkoff (Fred) and their children and their grandson, Margo Doherty and her family; His Daughter: Laurie Somerville and her family; Sarah Madsen (Tyler); Emmett, Oliver, Milo: Lisa

Tavener; Ashley, Caitlin Pettifer (Mathew) and Baby Rowan; His Son: Gary Ashworth and his family: Chelsea Pretty (Adam); Harlie, MacKenzie and Kora; Tayler Ashworth, Brooklynn Ashworth and Liberty Franiel; His Daughter: Nancy Aymont (Brian) and their family: Amy Aymont; Jade Aymont and Jordan Jaschinsky; Joel Aymont (Joanne) and Baby Julia Aymont; His Daughter: Susan Ashworth and her family: Ryan Ashworth; daughter Danika; His Granddaughter and her family: Alison Morrison (Myles); Tucker and Brady; His Daughter: Andrea Ganchar (Blaine) and their family: Emily (Emma), Rylee, Madison (Anthony) and Jesse; His Son: Jason Ashworth (Vanessa) and their family: Megan Ashworth and Carlee Ashworth; Cousins who he remembered fondly: Gwen and her family.

Red was predeceased by; His loving mother and father: William and Aileen Ashworth of Loreburn SK; the love of his life: (Irene Francis Porter); His two young sons: Timothy Ashworth and Jeffery

Ashworth; as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and many special friends.

It is with heavy hearts and profound sadness that we announce the passing of our "DAD". He leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and cherished memories that will forever hold a special place in our hearts.

To his children he had an extraordinary life filled with remarkable achievements and contributions. He believed in continuing to learn and to develop his own skills, setting an example for his children to live up to. He was an avid reader, always wanting to share a new joke or two just to see you smile. Dad valued history and the lessons one could learn from the past. Antiques and old tractors were favourites. He enjoyed raising animals: cows and buffalo were enjoyed as much as the many dogs and cats that were always welcome. Together Dad and Mom raised 8 children. Both Mom and Dad had careers outside of the home and so they were "true" partners when it came to us. Dad could rustle up breakfast or supper and find the

missing sock as well as farming. Beyond his many accomplishments it was his unwavering love and pride for his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren that truly defined him. Dad was never too busy to acknowledge the achievements of all of them. Celebrating their successes with pride. His happiest times were when opportunities arose for a visit or a call with one or all of them! Dad celebrated those times with love and warmth. As we prepare to say good-bye to Dad, let us carry forward the lessons he taught us. The value of family, remembering your past, the significance of putting your best foot forward, demonstrating gratitude for what you have been able to do and experience in life, making the best out of a difficult situation and learning the importance of relying on each other! Dad will fondly be remembered as a devoted husband, a loving father, a caring grandfather and a good friend to many! His spirit will live on through the laughter of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, the love shared among family members, and the millions of memories that will forever be held close to our hearts! Rest in eternal peace Dad your spirit will remain a

guiding light in our lives forever! Till we meet again! Your loving Family!

REMEMBER

When I come to the end of my journey
And I travel my last weary mile
Just forget if you can that I ever frowned
And remember only my smile
Forget unkind words I have spoken
Remember some good I have done
Forget that I ever had heartache
And remember I enjoyed life with mom
And all of my kids!
Then forget to grieve for my passing
I would not have you sad for a day
And when the shade of the evening comes
When the sun paints the sky in the west
Stand for a few moments beside me
And remember
I'll see you again!

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneral-home.com Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home & Crematorium, Tammy Smart, Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK. 306-747-2828.

Erwin Lukan

LUKAN, Erwin
July 12, 1932 – August 6, 2023

Erwin was the fifth of six children born to Mary and Henry Lukan in Humboldt. In 1945, the Lukan family moved from Fulda to Mattes, a small hamlet near Debden, where they farmed. Erwin met his future wife, Marguerite Gaudreault, who was working in the general store in Mattes. They married August 9, 1955, and continued to live on the Lukan family farm. They later purchased the Mattes township which became their home. Erwin's carpentry skills were used building schools in Kindersley, Kerrobert, Tramping Lake and Debden. Er-

win and Marguerite were unable to have children and were fortunate to adopt two boys, Simon and Michael. When the boys were ready to attend school, they returned to their farm in Mattes. A few years later, they welcomed their daughters, Colleen and Donna-May. Erwin kept busy with farming and working for the Parkland School district building and repairing. The church was always an integral part of his life. He helped build the Debden church and was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus as a 4th degree knight. Erwin's life was filled with children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who loved visiting the farm. They always planted a beautiful garden and generously shared the harvest with loved ones. There was always lots to do and memories to be made. They remained on the farm until 2017 and then moved to Saskatoon until the present day.

Erwin is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 68 years, Marguerite, his four chil-

dren, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Simon (Bev) Lukan (Stanley and Ian); Michael (Jenny) Lukan, grandchildren Alexandra (Kirah, Kowin and Kristjan), Rebecca (Hannah), Anthony (Melissa) and son, Michael and Samantha (Ben); Colleen (Randy Schlichemeyer), grandchildren Janine (Amelia and Charlotte), Michelle, Tyler and Rachele. Donna-May (Dwayne Fiddler), granddaughter, Emerson.

The Memorial service for Erwin will take place on Saturday, September 16, 2023, at 1:00 pm at Saint John the Baptist Church in Debden. Interment to follow in the Debden cemetery. Erwin was a special man and will be greatly missed. 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.

Shirley Osarchuk

OSARCHUK – Shirley

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Shirley Mae Doris Osarchuk announces her peaceful passing on August 1, 2023, at the age of 67 years with family by her side.

Shirley is survived by her loving husband Ron of 45 years; her sister Sandra (John) Stochmanski, nephew Jonathan Stochmanski, niece Joylynn Stochmanski (Jamie Brockwell) and great niece Shawna; her sister Shelley Crawford (Louis Perrin) and niece Shari Crawford (Herb Meiklejohn), great niece Brooke and great nephew Dayton, and nephew Evan Crawford (Jayne Kenny); her mother-in-law Lena Osarchuk; sister-in-law Shelly (Ron) Procyk; brother-in-law Jeff

Osarchuk (Katherine) and niece Mickaela; numerous cousins and close friends.

Shirley was predeceased by her parents Thomas and Lillian Potts, grandparents William and Doris Stephens and Thomas and Mary Potts, and father-in-law William Osarchuk.

Shirley was born on September 28, 1955, in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. She was raised and resided most of her life in Shellbrook, Saskatchewan. In Shirley's younger years, she was active in the Anglican Church where she participated in and taught Sunday school and sang in the church choir. She was an active member of the 4-H Club with her horse Misty, where she enjoyed sports days and trail rides.

After high school, Shirley obtained her certificate from Robertson Secretarial School and worked with the Churchill River Study, then CFQC TV in Saskatoon. She then returned to Shellbrook to work at the Ag Rep Office and then the Sask. Ag and Food office in Prince Albert until she retired in 2010. Shirley also volunteered for the very first TeleMiracle and at the Shellbrook Rec Board as secretary for over 10 years. After retirement,

she was very involved with the family farm and lending a helping hand at her sisters' local Home Hardware Store.

Shirley had many interests and was passionate about them all. These included visiting the Hawaiian Islands, spending time at the cabin in Waskesiu, baking amazing Christmas treats and desserts, cruising in the Mach 1 Mustang, snowmobiling, gardening, crafting, everything related to Star Trek, and spending time with family and friends.

There will be a private Celebration of Life held for Shirley at a future date.

Memorial donations for Shirley may be directed to the Cancer Foundation of Saskatchewan – www.cancerfoundationsask.ca or the Shellbrook and Districts Health Services Foundation <https://saskatooncommunityfoundation.ca/funds/shellbrook-and-district-health-service-foundation-fund/>

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Trees and the environment – Part 2

By PATRICIA HANBIDGE

Trees and other green spaces are extremely valuable for our quality of life. Not only is a nice walk through a forested area a balm for our souls, but living in harmony with nature will improve your health and increase your longevity of life. Good landscaping will save your money on your heating and cooling bills and will also increase the value of your property.

Trees have many other benefits which we often do not think about. They contribute to the health of our planet and help to fight against climate change. Trees have the ability to capture and store carbon in their biomass - their roots, branches and even their stumps. Even more exciting is that the older a tree is, the better it can absorb carbon from the atmosphere. Research has shown that almost 70% of the carbon stored in trees is accumulated in the last half of their lives.

It is only a theory, but it is thought that older trees will store more carbon because they are at the top of the tree canopy and thus have consistent access to the sun. However, it is not just the height of a tree that is important, as trees will store more carbon in proportion to their size. This happens through the process of photosynthesis, where the trees will take the energy from the sun, and along with carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, will convert it into carbon-based sugars that is then stored in the tree and allows the tree to do its daily work.

It is especially important as we are now well aware of the importance of reducing emissions and reversing the effects of climate change. If you think about it, every time we use energy we are responsible for producing greenhouse gases. Driving our cars, heating

and cooling our homes, turning on a light, operating farm machinery are just a few of the ways we contribute to climate change every day of our lives.

With this thought in mind, the Shand Greenhouse was built in 1991 adjacent to the Shand Power Station. The goal of building this greenhouse was to aid in offsetting the environmental impacts of generating electricity for Saskatchewan communities. There are many other benefits of this greenhouse, including the improvement of land conservation, reclamation, phytoremediation, shelterbelts and to provide new habitat for wildlife. Also, this program provides afforestation of portions of Saskatchewan in order to assist in the mitigation of carbon dioxide emissions.

Shand Greenhouse is investing in our environment by producing native plants and then distributing these tree

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Spiritwood Horticulture Show keeps growing

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Winners during the evening awards ceremony were as follows:

- Best Potato Collection (Suteau Shield) – Adele Wasden
 - Best Gladioli – Glen Caffet
 - Best Cut Flower – Glen Caffet
 - Best Flower Arrangement – Eleanor Pallo
 - Best Urban Grounds – Cheryl Turgeon
 - Best Garden – Armand & Roseanne Smith
 - Best Novice Grounds – Joan Martodam
 - Best Frontage – Marion's Burger Bar
 - Best Condo Pots – Dot Gaboury
 - Best Commercial Pots – Hujber's Market on Main
 - Best Adult Vegetable Display – Claude and Adele Wasden
 - Best Snapdragon – Cheryl Turgeon
 - Rose in Wine Glass – Roberta Wasden
 - Grand Aggregate of the Show – Glen Caffet
- Baking:**
- Best Fruit Pie – Alma Latus

- Best Muffins – Barb Hepp
- Best Brownies – Adele Wasden
- Best Butter Tarts – Alma Latus
- Best Home-made Bread – Shirley Dauvin
- Best Honey Cookies – Alma Latus

- Crafts:**
- Best Junior Craft – Sawyer Henderson
 - Junior Grand Aggregate – Emma Egeland
 - Best Craft of Show – Cheryl Smith
 - Grand Aggregate Craft – Roberta Wasden
 - Novice Trophy – Adele Wasden

Winners of the door prizes were also presented after the awards ceremony, with Devin Ledinski taking home the quilt made by Pearl Baynes, and second prize of a wheelbarrow and gardening supplies going to James Ironbow.

The door prize was won by Denise Henderson, and craft prizes for the juniors (donated by Marion Smolinski) were won by Sara Douzich, Ariel Smolinski, and Boe Henderson.



Junior Grand Aggregate winner Emma Egeland (left) receives her plaque from Sue Kahl.



Grand Aggregate Craft winner Roberta Wasden (left) accepts the prize from Adele Wasden.



Best Flower Arrangement was won by Eleanor Pallo (right) and presented by Adele Wasden.



Adele Wasden (middle), accompanied by Claude Wasden (right) accepts the Novice Trophy from Savanna Stevenson (on behalf of sponsor Prairie Centre Credit Union).



Horticulture Society volunteers Sue Kahl (left) and Adele Wasden organize displays at the public show.



Best Urban Grounds was won by Cheryl Turgeon (right) and presented by Irene Roth in memory of Steve Lendvay.



Winners in the baking category, from left to right: Adele Wasden, Alma Latus, Shirley Dauvin, and Barb Hepp.



Best Vegetable Display (Adult Category) was presented to Claude Wasden (right) by Grant Cadieu on behalf of the Cadieu Family (sponsor).



Best Urban Garden was won by Armand and Roseanne Smith (right) and presented by Barb Hepp.



Best Craft of Show was won by Cheryl Smith (right) and presented by Roberta Wasden.