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At long last, a jacket returns home

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

After nearly 80 years, a well-travelled jacket has finally made its way back home to the Mistawasis First Nation where it rightfully belongs.

Hand-sewn, and featuring intricate Cree bead work patterns, the leather jacket was crafted from scratch by Suzette Pechawis. Though he was young at the time the jacket was made, Suzette's grandson, Leslie Pechawis, is all too familiar with the kind of work that went into creating such a garment.

"I used to watch her handcraft moccasins," he recalled. "The jacket itself must have taken hours and hours, probably days and days, to make. Every bead was put on there with her crafty hands back in the day."

If the story of Suzette's jacket had been like that told by any other article of clothing, it might have ended up forgotten in someone's closet or littering a landfill.

But this jacket had a different story to tell.

Some time around 1945, Suzette presented the jacket as a gift to her good friend, Barbara Thompson of Mont Nebo, who was rumoured to have worn it every morning while she was busy milking cows.

For many years, custodianship of the jacket fell to Barbara and her family. This is how Cami Ryan, her grand daughter, first learned of it.

"I came along in the 60s, or 25+ years after this beautiful jacket was gifted to my grandmother," Cami recalled, noting that all she knew of the jacket as a child was that it was a gift from someone on the Mistawasis First Nation.

"By then, she couldn't fit it anymore, so it occupied a place in her closet. I would sometimes sneak up to her room, put it on, stare in wonder at those beads, and run my fingers through the fringe."

The jacket remained in Barbara's care until the late 1970s, at which time Barbara was moving into senior's housing in Prince Albert. Needing to declutter, she held a garage sale and included the jacket among the items up for grabs.

If destiny had held other plans, the jacket could have been lost to history on that day.

But once again, the jacket had a different story to tell.

Recognizing it as the treasure it was, Mervin and Bonnie Robillard (Cami's uncle and aunt) snatched the jacket up before anyone else could and took over custodianship of it for the next couple decades. Eventually, in the early 2000s, they handed it over to Cami and her family, sending it on a long journey to Missouri.

"We welcomed that beautiful jacket into our home. We showed it to others, and shared the stories we knew about it. My daughter even wore it a couple of times while she performed," Cami said.

"We cherished this piece of craftsmanship, valued it as a part of our family history, but it just never really felt like it belonged with us. We were its caretakers. Nothing more."

Carrying on her family's legacy of caring for the jacket, Cami and her own family held on to it for a number of years. Eventually, when she reached out to her uncle, who is originally from Mistawasis, to ask what should be done with it, he told her what she knew deep down: it belonged to the people of Mistawasis.

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After 80 years, Suzette Pechawis' jacket has a story to tell.

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Though she didn't know at the time who the jacket belonged to or where it should be returned to, Cami and her family continued to care for it in hopes that an opportunity would present itself.

Then, in late 2021, opportunity came knocking when she joined the Mont Nebo Store/Customers/Community past and present Facebook group hoping to reconnect with old friends and family members.

Having recently commissioned professional photos of the jacket, Cami shared them in the group. Within a day of posting, she received a comment from Leslie Pechawis, explaining that the jacket had been crafted by his Kokum Suzette Pechawis.

"All of a sudden, I got a phone call from Missouri a couple months later from Cami," Leslie said. "That was the best phone call I ever received."

Using Mont Nebo community member Sherry Mezzo as a liaison, Cami and Leslie arranged for the jacket to be delivered to The Mont Nebo General Store and sent home to the Pechawis family.

Where the jacket was once a reminder of her grandmother and her home in Mont Nebo, Cami says her fondest memory of it now is having been able to return it to where it rightfully belonged.

"My heart was full. And I am delighted to see the Pechawis family members – from multiple generations – wearing it in photos," she said. "The jacket reached the end of its amazing journey. If only those threads could talk!"

Since his Kokum Suzette's jacket was returned, Leslie says he's been happily showing it off to family members. However, the hope is to one day put it in a museum, where it can be safely preserved and its story can be shared with

the world.

Until then, Leslie says it's just an honour to have the jacket back.

"It's a conversation piece wherever I take it. A lot of people remember my granny on the reserve, and they're amazed by the shape the jacket is in," he said. "There's a few little scuffs on it, but [Cami's] family sure looked after it."



Katie Pechawis wears a jacket made by her mother, Suzette Pechawis, about 80 years ago. The jacket was recently returned home to the Pechawis family.



Suzette Pechawis' jacket features intricate Cree beadwork, all of it hand stitched.



Cami Ryan's mother, Shirley Thompson, and grandmother, Barbara Thompson, with the jacket in about 1950.

Liquor Survivor boosts SARCS' fundraising

By BEVRA FEE
Spiritwood Herald
Reporter

The annual Liquor Survivor elimination draw has become a solid fundraiser for Spiritwood Area Recreation, Culture & Sport (SARCS).

Held at the Rec Centre Mezzanine on Oct. 14, the pot was comprised of 39 teams (according to Les Walker) of six people each. Raising \$4,700 – earmarked for the Spiritwood ball diamonds restoration project – and conducted by staff and volunteers, the atmosphere was one of fun when host Ali Sullivan continually withdrew

team names until predetermined groupings of booze were won.

First team out, winning six bottles of spiced rum, was "Alcoholic Intervention." From there it was a melee of heckling, Dad jokes from the host, boos from the crowd in attendance for the Dad jokes, laughter from Edna Koetse, and more teams winning allotments of booze.

Following are the other teams and their mickey winnings:

- Lucky Bustards – 18 bottles
- Rocky Ranchers – 18 bottles
- Shots Fired – 18 bottles

- Six Sheets to the Wind – 18 bottles
- Hotshots – 24 bottles
- Neighbours Make the Best Drinking Partners – 48 bottles
- 5 Kuffs and a Uke – 84 bottles.



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[Section 66 of the Act]

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SHELLBROOK NO. 493

Will be received by the undersigned on the 3rd day of October, 2023.

From: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
At RM OFFICE – 71 Main Street, Shellbrook, Saskatchewan, To October 26th, 2023,
At RM – 71 Main Street, Shellbrook, Saskatchewan.

NOMINATION FORMS may be obtained at the following location(s):
RM of Shellbrook No. 493
71 Main Street
Shellbrook, Saskatchewan OR on the RM Website
www.rmofshellbrook.com under "Elections" tab.

Completed Nominations Forms MUST be returned to the RM Office in person for a Nomination Receipt.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2023.
Duane Storey
Returning Officer

Bull riding draws big crowd in Spiritwood

By **BEVRA FEE**
Spiritwood Herald
Reporter

The sixth edition of the annual bull riding event hosted by SARCS (Spiritwood Area Recreation, Culture & Sport) and the event committee took place on Saturday, Oct. 7. Held indoors at the Spiritwood Rec Centre, the competition is a final stop on the Bull Riders Canada slate, as the cow-

boys strive to make good on the last chance to gain points that would qualify them for the year-end finals.

The committee, led by volunteer Ed Sazsz, works throughout the year to lay the groundwork for the SARCS Silver Buckle Bull Riding Competition. Soliciting sponsors, booking live-stock, enlisting volunteers, setting up, and then seeing the event

through on the day is a significant undertaking that requires many hands.

It is deemed worth it, with a consistent crowd for the 2023 show numbering over 800 for the bull riding and 400 for the cabaret afterward. Harvest in the bin and ex-pats coming home for Thanksgiving are acknowledged to be key factors determining crowd size, and this year was one of those optimal times.

The VIP tables – 20 of them – were auctioned off in June, providing preferred floor seating and table service for those lucky enough to secure them. Among the VIP tables are two that come with a catered meal. For the early birds this year, the event doors opened at 5 p.m. to allow

for beer gardens and food service from the arena kitchen prior to the main event.

Held in conjunction with the bull riding event, the SARCS Mega 50/50 Jackpot made its way up to \$12,935, and paid out \$6,467.50 to winner Pam Mudrak of Spiritwood.

The winning bull rider for 2023's event in Spiritwood was Cody Koverchuk of Meadow Lake. Edging out cowboys from across western Canada, Montana, and Australia, Koverchuk posted an impressive 87 in his final ride.

R & L Feeds sponsored this year's silver buckle, presented to the first-place cowboy. Following the bull riding event, revellers enjoyed a cabaret with music by Saskatchewan country artist Lisa Moen.



The bull riding brought thrills at this year's event in Spiritwood.

Lestage wins October dessert



The winner of the Spiritwood Public Library's Dessert of the Month for October was Augustine Lestage. She will be enjoying chocolate cupcakes made by Librarian Heather Gatzke.

SUBMITTED BY HEATHER GATZKE, Librarian



Saskatchewan country artist Lisa Moen kept the cabaret crowd dancing with a night of great music.

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INTENT
The proposed bylaw will rezone the affected land from A - Agricultural Resource District to LD - Lakeshore Development District.

AFFECTED LAND
The affected land is legally described as part of the SW ¼ Section 04-49-12-W3M as shown on the plan of proposed subdivision dated August 31, 2023 and signed by Regan Rayner S.L.S.

REASON
The amendment is being proposed at the request of the landowner for the development of residential lots.

PUBLIC INSPECTION
Any person may inspect the bylaw at the municipal office located at 218 Main Street in Spiritwood, SK between 9:00 am & 4:30 pm on Monday - Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Copies are available at cost.

PUBLIC HEARING
Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 11:00 am in Council Chambers to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments submitted to the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 municipal office at Box 340, 218 Main Street, Spiritwood, SK, S0J 2M0 or emailed to rm496@sasktel.net by **Thursday, November 9, 2023**.

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Sask. pronoun policy: a failure of policy making

When it comes to crafting public policy, governments should keep two things in mind above all else before anything is brought to the table.

First, as public servants, lawmakers should be drafting policy with the express purpose of addressing a specific need – be it wait time reductions in healthcare or affordability measures.

Second, and just as important, lawmakers should take time and care to craft good and effective policy.

Very few policies are urgent enough to require immediate implementation with limited (or no) debate. Governments that are sincerely interested in passing good policy will consult with affected parties and listen to differing perspectives before turning policy into law.

On these two metrics alone, the Sask. Party government's so-called Parents' Bill of Rights – also referred to as its pronoun policy – is an abject failure when it comes to sound policymaking.

For those who may have missed it, the Sask. Party government's pronoun policy requires schools to seek parental consent to use the preferred name and pronouns of students who are under the age of 16.

The policy also mandates that parents or guardians be informed about the sexual health education curriculum and have the option to decline their children's participation, and bans third-party organizations from presenting sex education materials in classrooms.

Since the policy was introduced by former Education Minister Dustin Duncan on Aug. 22 – just two months after representatives of Planned Parenthood set off a firestorm in a classroom in Lumsden – the Sask. Party has defended it as a reflection of the will of the people of Saskatchewan.

Yet, documents made public during Court of King's Bench proceedings, at which judge Michael Megaw granted an injunction to pause the policy's implementation until the courts can determine its legality, call this claim into question.

Between June and August, the government received just 18 letters about the pronoun policy issue, specifically relating to the Government of New Brunswick's own gender identity policy. Of those, only seven were from individuals who identified themselves as parents.

The Sask. Party government has also pointed to an Angus Reid poll conducted in August as proof of public support for the



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News Editor

policy. However, a poll of only 255 people, no matter how decisive, must be taken with a grain of salt, and it's telling that new Minister of Education, Jeremy Cockrill, has been dismissive of a second poll, which suggests the province is more divided on the issue.

What's more, although Premier Scott Moe has said that the policy evolved from conversations over the past couple years, there was never any indication the issue was on the government's radar. Indeed, the sudden urgency to implement the policy seemed to stem almost entirely from the pressure it was facing in the wake of the Lumsden Planned Parenthood incident.

As court documents show, instruction to develop the pronoun policy was issued to the Ministry of Education on Aug. 9. The ministry then spent the next two days reviewing the existing policies of school divisions.

By Aug. 14 the ministry had prepared a draft policy. Then, following four days of tweaking other policies to align with the new one, the final draft of the policy was sent to the minister of education on Aug. 18.

The policy was finalized Aug. 21, and announced the next day, meaning the process was completed in just 13 days – hardly enough time for consultations, no matter how often the government says it consults parents.

Apart from hastily rushing through the policy crafting process, the Sask. Party government has been disingenuous in its defence of the pronoun policy, claiming it safeguards "parental rights" for the benefit of both parents and students.

"It is in the best interest of children to ensure parents are included in their children's education, in their classrooms, and in all important decisions involving their children," Premier Moe has said previously.

Mr. Moe, and former education minister Dustin Duncan, have also said the default position of schools shouldn't be to exclude parents from their children's education.

Sounds reasonable, right? So reasonable, in fact, that no one on any side of the pronoun policy debate is arguing for the "default position" to be the exclusion of parents.

There's no evidence to suggest the status quo prior to the pronoun policy's implementation was to exclude parents. Parents have always been welcome to



engage with their children's education if they choose to, and there are many ways to be involved. And, if parents have concerns about what their children are learning, the province's full curriculum is readily available to the public and can be found online at: <https://curriculum.gov.sk.ca>.

In the end, the main difference between the status quo and the Sask. Party's policy, is that the status quo provided a degree of protection for students who don't live in environments where they feel safe to explore questions about their gender identity.

The Sask. Party says its policy provides this protection by allowing schools to work with kids to get them to a place where they're comfortable opening up to their parents.

All well and good in practice, but the reality is that schools are already ill-equipped to address the current needs of their students without making them responsible for creating plans to forcibly out kids to their parents.

As the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation (STF) pointed out in its criticism of the government's policy, the province currently has one counsellor for every 3,000 students, meaning potentially long wait times for students who are affected by the policy.

In their ongoing contract negotiations with the government, teachers have repeatedly called for increased supports in schools. The government has refused to discuss these issues, and has instead focused on publicly smearing teachers as being in it only for the money, to the point that the STF declared this week that the bargaining process had reached an im-

passee.

In short, there was never any justification to take such a heavy-handed approach to the pronoun policy.

And there was even less justification for Mr. Moe to recall MLAs early to invoke the nuclear option that is the notwithstanding clause before the courts have decided on the legality of the policy – effectively an admission that the policy violates children's charter rights and the Sask. Party doesn't care.

Regrettably, it's full steam ahead for the Sask. Party government, regardless of what anyone has to say about the matter.

This brings us to two final considerations for good policy making.

First, good policy is adaptable. When faced with criticism or questions, a government that is interested in crafting effective policy will pause, listen, and adjust as necessary.

Secondly, good policy pertaining to rights should concern itself first and foremost with how it will affect the rights of minority groups (in the case of the Sask. Party's policy, this is children who may be questioning their gender identity and who may not feel comfortable doing so in their home).

On both of these important considerations, the Sask. Party government has once again failed to follow principles of good policy making, choosing instead to cynically pander to those who believe schools are indoctrinating and corrupting their children.

For children and parents, the Sask. Party must do better.

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Report from the Legislature

It was with shock and sadness that the world watched violence unfold in Israel. That is why our government announced \$100,000 of immediate emergency aid to the humanitarian organization Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel (CDMA). Based in Montreal, the CDMA is the sole authorized fund-raising organization within Canada dedicated to supplying ambulances, medical equipment, supplies and blood testing kits to support the lifesaving efforts in Israel. This donation demonstrates Saskatchewan's unwavering support for Israel, and condemnation of the horrific terrorist attacks waged against civilians at the hands of Hamas and Hezbollah. We stand with the people of Israel during this tragic time and pray for all of those affected by this terrorist attack.

Our government recently announced an investment



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of \$40.2 million over the next two years to fund a new Provincial Approach to Homelessness program. In Regina and Saskatoon, 155 new supportive housing units will be developed for individuals who need more than a home to remain connected to housing. Supportive housing provides on-site and visiting support and connection to wrap-around services to help individuals find stability. In

urban centres across the province, 120 new emergency shelter spaces will be created, bringing the provincial total to 500 for this winter.

In addition, two complex needs emergency shelters will be established in Regina and Saskatoon, which will provide secure and medically supervised places for individuals to go for up to 24 hours. Our government is committed to working with Indigenous partners, municipalities, and community-based organizations to build and enhance our housing and addictions programs, while protecting all of our communities.

Our government also recently announced a new Action Plan for Mental Health and Addictions with an investment of \$49.4 million over 5 years. A total of 500 new addictions treatment spaces will be created, more than doubling the

number currently funded across the province. Work will begin immediately on a central intake system that patients can contact directly to refer themselves for mental health and addictions services.

The plan also includes expanding the Mental Health Capacity Building in Schools initiative to five more school divisions, with plans for more in future years; providing wrap-around mental health and addiction supports for residents of the new supportive housing units; and creating a Provincial Opioid Agonist Therapy (POAT) program to make addictions medicines more accessible across the province. This new plan will build a seamless continuum of care that includes detox, inpatient treatment, and supportive living.

Our government is able to make these investments thanks to our province's strong and growing economy. Saskatchewan ranked first in growth in building permits among provinces



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with a 59 per cent increase from August 2022 to August 2023, while nationally, permits were down 5.9 per cent. The total value of Saskatchewan's building permits for the month of August 2023 was \$262 million.

Saskatchewan's labour force remains strong as well, with 13,700 new jobs from September 2022 to September 2023. The province's unemployment rate is 4.9 per cent, below the national average of 5.5 per cent. Employment increased 6,000 from last

month at a rate of one per cent, the third-highest increase among provinces. Our growing economy, combined with significant private sector investments, are creating jobs, building opportunities for citizens and protecting communities across the province.

Our government recalled the Legislature early this fall and will use the notwithstanding clause of the Canadian constitution to pass legislation to protect parental rights.

You have likely been hearing a lot of commentary about the constitution, the court judgement, and the proper use of the notwithstanding clause. But the question really comes down to this: should parents be included in important decisions regarding their kids? Who do you trust to raise your kids? Your Saskatchewan Party government trusts parents.

As we move through the fall sitting, we look forward to hearing from you regarding your questions, comments, or concerns.

YOUR TWO CENTS

Our shared ecosystem credit card

Dear editor,

Are you familiar with layaway plans? Layaway plans are payment by installments and you take possession of the merchandise after you have paid in full. An advantage of layaway over buying on credit is you don't pay interest (not paying interest is good, because making only minimum payments, I would pay \$38,000 in interest on my latest bill).

Are fossil fuel-based industries on a layaway plan or are they using a credit card? While their extraction is payment by installments — infrastructure, equipment, and labour — they are charging gigantic sums on our shared ecosystem credit card.

Ecosystems are circular. Withdrawing elements like water unbalances the cycle. One example is the Alberta tar sands tailing ponds' water. Recycling the 1.2 trillion litres of toxic water to rebalance the ecosystem will absorb 50 per cent of the estimated \$130 billion total clean up. Less than \$2 billion has been secured from industry.

Government issues industry our shared ecosystem credit card. It sets environmental limits and charges interest. Sadly, our first-past-the-post electoral system does not support diversity. Our representatives are mostly wealthy lawyers and executives who prioritize the economy over the environment. Their wealth insulates against environmental devastation.

To keep Earth habitable for humans,

we need diverse representatives, some who comprehend we depend on balanced circular ecosystems and prioritize the environment over the economy. We need electoral reform with proportional representation (PR). Support FairVote.ca, NationalCitizensAssembly.ca, and/or CharterChallenge.ca.

Also, mention to your elected representatives that countries that have evolved to PR get better environmental report cards.

Nancy Carswell,
Shellbrook, Sask.

Canada should be a peacemaker

Dear editor,

It is time for Canada to become a peacemaker rather than an accomplice to genocide.

Aside from crisis actors or false flags, the loss of life in Israel and the Gaza Strip is sad, and I believe preventable. Just like the United States needed the Pearl Harbour attack from the Japanese as an excuse to enter the Second World War, so also Israel and probably many other interests needed this present incident.

The escape route for the 2 million Palestinians who live in Gaza has been blocked. The situation is similar to how a wild boar trap gate drops and a herd of wild boar is trapped and can be completely done away with.

These people have been receiving evil treatment for decades out of the scrutiny of the media. Please Canada, let us try to stop WW3.

Laverne Isaac,
Saskatoon, Sask.

RM OF BIG RIVER NO. 555 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR

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Hours: Monday to Friday - 8:30 am to 4:30 pm - closed between noon and 1:00 pm
Wage: Dependant on experience and qualifications.
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The RM of Big River No. 555 invites applications for an Assistant Administrator. The position reports to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and provides support to the CAO, Ass't CAO, Foreman and Council. The RM offers a comprehensive benefits package including health and dental benefits, vision and an employer matched pension plan.

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The RM of Big River No. 555 wishes to thank all applicants for their interest, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. For further information contact the RM office at 306-469-2323. The successful candidate must be bondable and pass a criminal check.

Canwood Library hosts fall Crafter's Choice

By **GERDA BRUNER**
Library Board Member

Canwood's Wapiti Library Branch held its first fall Crafter's Choice session on Tuesday, Oct. 10. Crafters brought sketch pads and shared inspirational drawings they had done over the

years.

Also included in the show and tell was library board member Gerda Bruner's opening of a mystery letter, which she received the morning of the gathering. In addition to a brief note, the letter from the mystery sender contained a

hand-crafted bookmark for Bruner to use in her books.

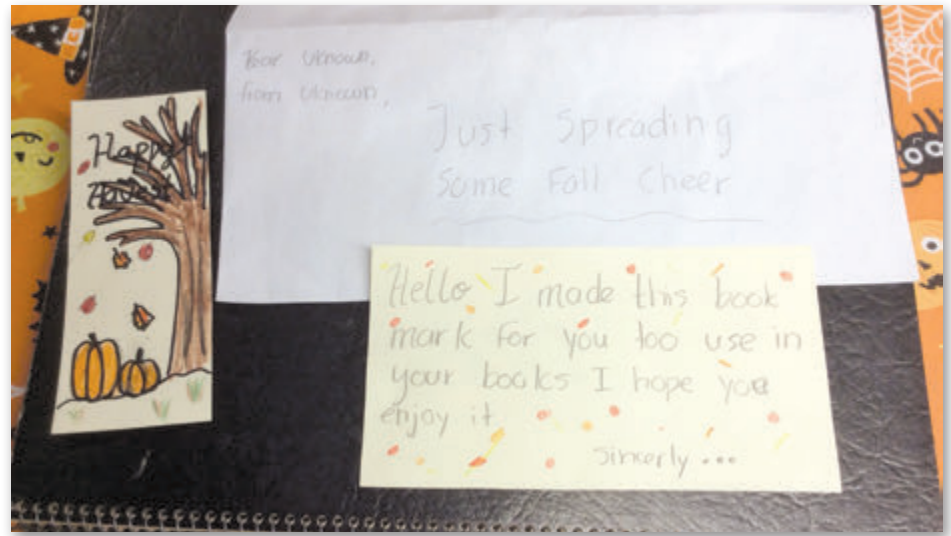
Bruner chose to share the message with everyone at the gathering, bringing smiles to all in attendance.

Elsewhere, Lorean Nichol showcased her completed Diamond Dotz art piece, based on a photo of her calico cat Macey.

First, Nichol's sister sent the photo to Diamond Dotz's central office in China, where it was turned into a Diamond Dotz project.

Then, using a detailed design chart, tweezers, stylus, dry glue pad, craft trays, and pre-sorted acrylic diamonds, Nichol was able to put together the perfect picture of Macey after many hours over the course of months. There were 173,377 acrylic diamonds used to create the 70cm x 50cm picture that is an exact replica of Macey seated at her favourite place to view the outside world.

Coffee, snacks, crafting ideas, crocheting, and socializing wrapped up the interesting morning.



Gerda Bruner shared a mystery letter and bookmark she received.



Attendees showcased their artwork created over the years.



Lorean Nichol shows off her Diamond Dotz project of her cat Macey.

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"Through our sponsorship, we're ensuring that vital services and support like those provided by 211 Saskatchewan & Food Banks of Saskatchewan can help the people of the province" said Kelly Wilson, President and CEO of Saskatchewan Blue Cross. "These organizations are helping to build communities that are stronger and more resilient, and ensure that no one is left behind."

Support from Saskatchewan Blue Cross contributes to many SK residents receiving help and connection to local services and will support 211 Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Food Bank as they work to make a tangible difference in the lives of individuals and families in across the province.

WHAT IS 211 SASKATCHEWAN?

Finding the right resources and support when you need them most can feel overwhelming. 211 Saskatchewan is a free, confidential, 24/7 service that connects individuals and families with vital resources in their community and offers a database of over 6,000 community, social, non-clinical health, and government services across our province.

211 is on a mission to strengthen communities by effectively connecting people with appropriate information and services. Need help navigating support for an aging parent? Access to childcare? Assistance with basic needs such as food and shelter? Call or text 211 to be connected with Service Navigators ready to help 24/7/365, or search independently at sk.211.ca. Help is available over the phone in over 175 languages, including 17 Indigenous languages.

"211 acts as the front door to support, helping people navigate an often complex network of services and programs to find what they need for their unique situation. A key role for 211 is helping alleviate the challenge of determining which services are available and appropriate to meet various needs," says Kristin Nelson, Director of 211 Saskatchewan, United Way Regina, and United Way of Saskatoon and Area.

In addition to connecting people to services and information, 211 collects valuable data on resources, needs and unmet needs that can assist in determining the most common needs in our province, as well as where needs are unmet because gaps in services may exist.

PROVINCE WIDE SUPPORT THROUGH FOOD BANKS OF SASKATCHEWAN

One of the vital and basic needs across our province is access to food. Food insecurity has a significant impact on maintaining a healthy and fulfilling life. Food-Insecure adults and children are likely to have poorer health and adults are more vulnerable to chronic conditions. Food insecurity also makes it difficult for individuals managing existing chronic health condition, such as diabetes. Food insecure individuals may need to forego other critical expenses such as medication due to scarce resources. Enter Food Banks of Saskatchewan, an organization that fights hunger across our province by working to build, support and strengthen relationships in the community to better serve and advocate on behalf of hungry and food insecure people.

Donations received are distributed to the 36 registered food banks across the province. Funds are used to purchase and distribute the most urgently needed items quickly with bulk purchasing power, alongside the delivery of education programs. Advocating on behalf of food banks reaching every corner of our province, Food Banks of Saskatchewan creates partnerships with local food distributors to secure long term donations, encourages local connections with businesses and community for support and initiates fundraising opportunities.

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Canada-India spat leaves producers powerless

In the world of independent business there is a belief that if you work hard you can succeed.

But there are always outside forces which buffer business efforts.

In agriculture, that starts with the whims of Mother Nature. But, too often, it's also the whims of politicians.

Trade has long been seen as a hammer used to get the upper hand in international disputes, which generally have little to do with trade.

Russia invades Ukraine, countries move to restrict trade to send a message –

although in the case of the invasion of Ukraine, trade sanctions have had little visible impact, other than allowing pro-Ukraine countries to believe they at least did something.

Now we have a situation where Canadian pulse growers – in particular lentil growers – have to be watching the news to see if the growing rift between Canada and India might limit their access to the massive Indian market.

As was recently reported by *www.producer.com*, India's Chamber of Trade and Industry (CTI) sent a letter to



India's minister of commerce and industry, Shri Piyush Goyal, urging him to ban the import of lentils from Canada.

The letter was sent in response to Canadian Prime

Minister Justin Trudeau revealing in the House of Commons that Canada is investigating "credible allegations" that India's Hindu nationalist government was involved in the shooting death of Sikh separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in a Vancouver suburb.

While we shouldn't downplay the seriousness of the situation, should the 'credible allegations' prove accurate, proving such a thing will no doubt be a protracted procedure.

In the meantime, there is a high likelihood that the two countries will be tossing

sanctions back-and-forth to prove a point.

If those actions are to recall some embassy staff, or cancel a cricket friendly, it can make a headline without huge impact.

But trade sanctions hurt two groups, both well-removed from the wranglings of national governments. In the case of any sanctions limiting Canadian lentil access to India you have Canadian farmers on this end, and Indian food consumers on the other who could feel the impact.

That trade becomes a hot

potato whenever two countries have a tiff, it is disruptive to normal supply/demand trade, and typically is more an annoyance than an effective bargaining chip.

The losers, again, are primary agriculture producers and consumers, and neither has the political power to prevent themselves from being caught in the middle of such international disputes.

It's another example of farmers doing their best to produce food efficiently, but having far less ability to manage markets against outside forces.

Supreme Court strikes down federal IAA reference case

Saskatchewan welcomes the Supreme Court of Canada's (SCC) 5-2 ruling against the federal government's environmental Impact Assessment Act (IAA), formerly Bill C-69.

"This decision is nothing short of a constitutional tipping point and reasserts provinces' rights and primary jurisdiction over natural resources, the environment, and power generation," Justice Minister and Attorney General Bronwyn Eyre said in a statement.

"It should also force the federal govern-

ment to reassess other areas of overreach, including capping oil and gas production and electrical generation. The IAA has stalled everything from Canadian highway and mine projects to LNG facilities and pipelines. It has thwarted investment, competitiveness, and productivity across the country. This major decision will correct course."

The IAA received royal assent in 2019. In 2022, the Alberta Court of Appeal (in a 4-1 majority) held that the IAA was unconstitutional, violated the division of powers be-

tween Ottawa and the provinces, and took a "wrecking ball" to exclusive provincial jurisdiction under Section 92 and 92A of the Constitution Act, 1867. The federal government appealed the decision to the SCC.

Last March, Saskatchewan was part of the constitutional intervention, along with seven other provinces, before Canada's top court, arguing that the IAA had exceeded federal jurisdiction.

The majority recognized that the IAA is a clear example of federal overreach. Specifically, the Supreme Court majority held that

the IAA's designated projects scheme, by which federal authorities could permanently put a project on hold, was an "unconstitutional arrogation of power by Parliament" and "clearly overstepped the mark." The majority also found that the Act "grants the decision-maker a practically untrammelled power to regulate projects qua projects."

In 2023, Saskatchewan passed The Saskatchewan First Act to counter the federal government's attempts to interfere in matters of provincial jurisdiction. The Act came into force on Sept. 15, 2023.

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Shellbrook Library activity highlights

By **LORRAINE THIBEAULT**
Assistant Librarian

VR Session

On Sept. 18, 2023, Shellbrook Library hosted a virtual reality session. Lindsay Baker, Community Services Librarian from the Wapiti Regional Library in Prince Albert, travelled to Shellbrook and guided five participants through the halls and rooms of museums and castles as well as leading them as they toured shorelines using special virtual reality viewers.

The viewers were loaned to Shellbrook Library from Wapiti Regional Headquarters. Participants could turn from side to side to see a wide view of sites throughout Europe. The colours were vivid, especially when viewing shorelines and coastal waters. The views were so realistic that participants forgot that they were looking through glasses and pointed out different views with their hands as if they

were right in the buildings or on the shore.

The Virtual Reality session is one of many activities available to Shellbrook citizens through the Wapiti Regional Library. It allows us to visit many sites throughout the world without actually travelling to them.

Fall-themed Lego Club

On Sept. 26, 2023, members of the Shellbrook Library Lego Club gathered to officially welcome the season of fall. Participants made Lego apples, sunflowers, rakes, and mushrooms. Some raced to build an apple out of Lego blocks. Others worked to make exact replicas of a rake and a sunflower. Trees with fall colours were also an option.

All participants were successful in their endeavours. Following the challenge section of the Lego Club afternoon, participants had fun making Lego creations of

their choice or playing with some of the other toys available at the library such as Magformers and K'nex.

Lego Club challenges allow for friendly competitions while encouraging creativity in those participating.

Dessert of the Month

On Sept. 30, Joop van Melle's name was drawn from amongst the many ballots deposited in the draw box for the Shellbrook Library's inaugural Dessert of the Month draw for 2023. On October 5, Mr. van Melle dropped into the library for his appetizing dessert — a wild blueberry cheesecake generously donated by Isabelle Dalpe of Shellbrook.

To obtain a ballot to participate in the draw, adult patrons

must check out a book or participate in one of the many programs the library has to offer. Patrons are allowed one ballot per day. The Dessert of the Month was adopted to encourage patrons to drop into the library, to get to know the librarians and to check out the many services offered by the library.

The October Dessert of the Month is two pumpkin pies baked by Isabelle. We will have two winners (one pie each) drawn on Oct. 31.

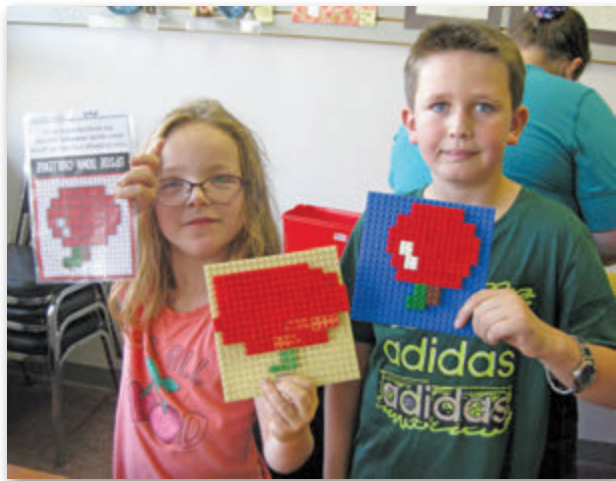
Thanksgiving-themed Lego Club

On Tuesday, Oct. 3, ten youngsters at the Shellbrook Library challenged themselves to building Lego creations related to the theme of

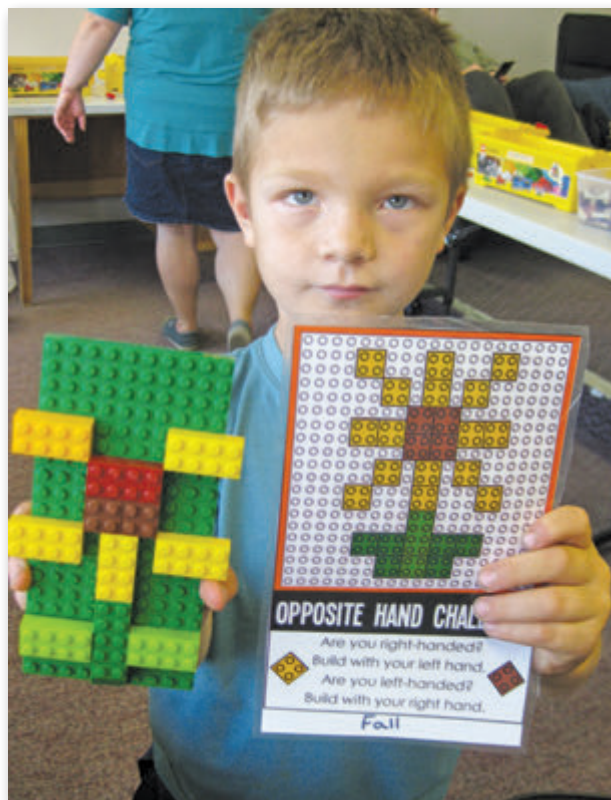
Thanksgiving. Their first challenge was to figure out what they were being challenged to make.

It took some time to determine what the following looked like when made with Lego pieces: drumstick, turkey, wish bone, and pumpkin pie with whipped cream. A lot of fun was had as participants ran out of the right colour of blocks and had to adapt with the nearest colour replacement.

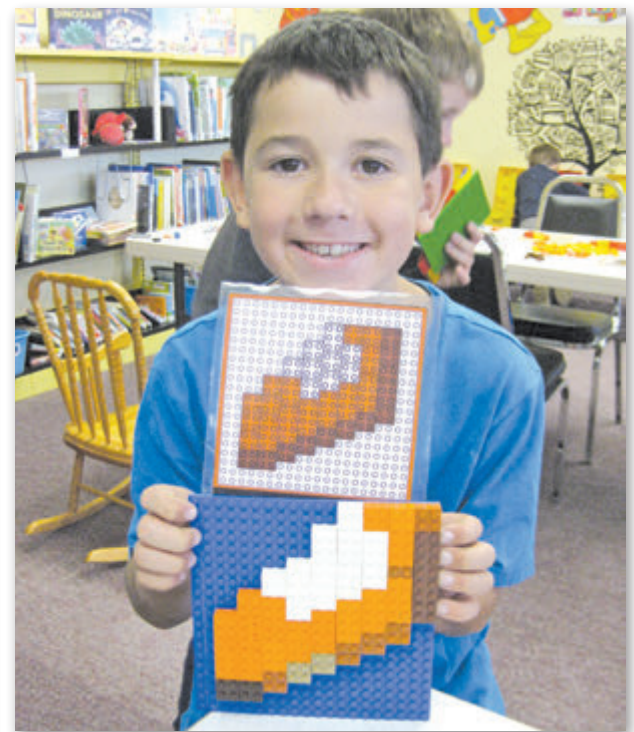
This Lego activity challenged the creative ability of each child and taught them to follow a pattern. An older participant was challenged to create a wish bone using symmetry to complete the opposite side of the bone.



Lego Club members Raelynn and Liam show off their upside down apples.



Elijah displays his Lego sunflower.



Gabriel created a slice of pie out of Lego at the Shellbrook Library's Thanksgiving-themed Lego Club.



Lindsay, Deb, and Maryanne take a visit Europe in VR at the Shellbrook Library.



Joop van Melle was the winner of the Shellbrook Library's first Dessert of the Month draw.



Tomas shows off his turkey drumstick.

New Funding for Homelessness and Mental Health and Addictions Services

\$49.9 million will be invested into a new Action Plan for Mental Health and Addictions that will create 500 new addictions treatment spaces and a central intake system that makes care more accessible and responsive. Another \$40.2 million will help those struggling with homelessness to create 155 new supportive housing spaces, 120 new permanent emergency shelter spaces, and 30 new complex needs emergency shelter spaces.

[Learn more at Saskatchewan.ca](https://www.saskatchewan.ca)

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Hon. Scott Moe, Premier
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Fun Run/Walk raises funds for practitioner housing

By **BEVRA FEE**
Spiritwood Herald Reporter

The third annual Fall Fun Run/Walk saw approximately 50 participants enjoy the scenic route traversing Spiritwood Golf Course on Saturday, Oct. 7. Billed as a fundraiser for the Northern Lakes Health Committee Inc., the dollars raised were earmarked for future renovations to develop a basement suite in the practitioner house.

The walk is organized by Northern

Lakes Economic Development Corp board members Heather Beauchesne and Alison Sullivan, and is well-attended each year on Thanksgiving weekend.

As with the winter version – the Fun Ski/Snowshoe event – participants enjoy treats and camaraderie afterward, and this year they were treated to photo sessions at the golf course's Lost Pinnacle Lake.

Through entry fees and donations, this year's fall event raised a total of \$516.



Lucinda Smolinski's family stopped for a photo during the event.



Northern Lakes Health Committee member Laura Beauchesne (left) accepts a \$516 cheque from event organizer Alison Sullivan.

Parents' Bill of Rights introduced in legislature

Education Minister Jeremy Cockrill introduced the "Parents' Bill of Rights" in the Saskatchewan Legislature on Thursday, Oct. 12.

The bill outlines a number of rights that parents have to be involved in their children's education and invokes the notwithstanding clause of the Canadian constitution to ensure parents must provide consent if a child wants to change their gender identification in school.

"Parents should always be involved in important decisions involving their children," Cockrill said in a statement. "The Parental Inclusion and Consent policy introduced in August and now this new legislation we are introducing today will ensure that continues to be the case."

The legislation introduced today invokes section 33 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms to entrench in law key elements of the parental inclusion and consent policies announced on August 22, 2023. This legislation is in response to the recent Court of King's Bench approval of an injunction that calls for a pause of the policy.

"This legislation provides clarity that the policy will remain in place," Cockrill said.

The Parents' Bill of Rights outlines a number of different rights that parents have regarding their children's education, including:

- act as the primary decision-maker with respect to the pupil's education;
- be informed on a regular basis of the pupil's attendance, behaviour and academic achievement in school;
- consult with the pupil's teachers and other employees of the school with respect to the pupil's courses of study and academic achievement;
- have access to the pupil's school file;
- receive information respecting the courses of study available to the pupil, including online learning, and to make decisions as to which courses of study

the pupil enrolls in;

- be informed of the code of conduct and administrative policies, including discipline and behaviour management policies, of the school;
- be informed of any disciplinary action or investigation taken by the school in relation to the pupil's conduct;
- if the pupil has been expelled from school, request a review and reconsideration of the expulsion after the expiration of one year;
- be informed and consulted in relation to the pupil's school attendance problems;
- be consulted in or request a review in relation to the pupil's capacity to learn;
- excuse the pupil from participating in the opening exercises;
- be consulted before any medical or dental examination or treatment is provided to the pupil;
- if sexual health content is to be presented to pupils in the school:
 - at least two weeks before the sexual health content is presented to the pupils, be informed by the principal of:
 - the subject matter of the sexual health content;
 - the dates on which the sexual health content is to be presented to the pupils; and
 - if the parent or guardian so chooses, withdraw the pupil from the presentation of the sexual health content by giving written notice to the principal;
- if the pupil is under 16 years of age, provide consent before the pupil's teachers and other employees of the school use the pupil's new gender-related preferred name or gender identity at school; and
- be a member of the school community council or the conseil d'école, as the case may be, of the school.

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 12 pm - 5 pm

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 2pm - 8pm; Wednesday 2pm - 8pm; Thursday 12pm - 6pm; Friday 10 am - 5pm (Story Time 10:30am - 11:30am); Saturday 10am - 4pm.

CANWOOD: Canwood Fall Supper @ Canwood Elks Community Hall – Sunday, October 29, 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Roast Beef & Ham with all the fixins!!! For in town delivery on pre-orders, please call 306-468-7616. Adults \$20; 12 & Under \$15; Preschool Free. Proceeds to maintenance & expenses of Canwood Elks Community Hall. Sponsored by the Canwood Hall Committee.

MONT NEBO: Classic Country and Rock performed by Philip Miller, popular entertainer for over 60 years, originally from Shellbrook. Friday, October 20 - 7:30 pm, Mont Nebo Hall. \$15 Refreshments included. A fundraiser for Mont Nebo Hall. Funding provided by Sask Lotteries.

CANWOOD: Canwood Royal Canadian Legion Branch #132 – Annual Craft & Home-Based Business Sale – Saturday, November 4 @ Canwood Elks Community Centre, 10am to 3pm. \$25/table – For table bookings call: Margie 306-468-7021 or Penny 306-468-7127. Lunch will be sold. Everyone welcome!

CANWOOD: Canwood Public Library, Branch of Wapiti Regional Library – Celebrating 65 Years! Thursday, October 19 – Come & Go – 1:30 to 4:30 pm. There will be cake, ice cream and a program beginning at 2 pm with music & a video presentation. Everyone welcome!

LEOVILLE: St. Therese Parish, Leoville - FALL SUPPER. Sunday, October 22, Leoville Community Hall, 5 - 6:30 pm. Adults \$15; Children \$8; Preschool Free. Raffle and Bingo to Follow Supper.

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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 Aug. 22, 2023, at 8 a.m.

Present: Mayor David Krawetz, Councillors Rick Croshaw, Sandra Gilbert, and Lana Meyers, and Administrator Noreen Olsen.

Absent: Councillor Chad Dunn.

A quorum being present, Mayor David Krawetz called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

Gilbert: That the Aug. 22, 2023, Agenda be adopted with the power to add. Carried

Croshaw: That the Administrator's Report be accepted as presented. Carried

Maintenance Foreman Terry Olsen attended the meeting from 9:30a.m. to 10:17 a.m.

Meyers: That the regular written Sewer and Water and Maintenance reports to July 31, 2023, be accepted. Carried

Gilbert: That the site report/cleaning report for Membrane Treatment Unit (MTU 2) Cleaning, from Delco Water's site visit (July 18 to 20, 2023) be acknowledged. Carried

Croshaw: That the Post-Service Engineering Report dated August 2023 from the Cleaning Performed on MTU 2 (July 18 to 20, 2023) be acknowledged. Carried

Gilbert: That the Lagoon Compliance Inspection dated July 19, 2023, from the Government of Saskatchewan, Water Security Agency Environmental Project Officer, Morgan Gutek, be acknowledged. Carried

Croshaw: Upon confirmation that references are pleased with service and support, that the Town accept the "Maintenance Service Agreement Proposal" provided by Drop Water Service. Carried

Meyers: That it be acknowledged

that the Town of Big River Equipment Use Policy was reviewed and updated. Carried

Gilbert: That Chad Gunderson be paid \$50.00/week for fuel for using his personal vehicle for Town business, until such time other arrangements are made for another Town vehicle. Carried

Croshaw: That the Town purchase a 370 Piece Advanced Master Set Bundle Part No. DO96001-FO quote No. 8219504-00 for a total of \$6,224.95. Carried

Delegations: Sgt. Heath Robinson, RCMP Detachment attended the meeting from 10:24 a.m. to 10:52 a.m.

Croshaw: That the minutes of the July 10, 2023, Regular Meeting be adopted as presented. Carried

Meyers: That the minutes of the July 20, 2023, Kick-off meeting with Catterall & Wright be adopted as presented. Carried

Meyers: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of July 2023 be acknowledged. Carried

Meyers: That the Bank Reconciliation for the month of July 2023 be acknowledged. Carried

Meyers: That the Journal Entries for the month of July 2023 be acknowledged. Carried

Gilbert: That accounts for approval to include cheque nos. 20360 through 20463 for a total of \$774,441.82 be approved for payment. Carried

Meyers: That it be acknowledged that Water and Sewer budget is over budget. Carried

Gilbert: That Correspondence be filed as presented. Carried

Croshaw: As recommended by the Big River and District Fire Department Committee, that the Council of the Town of Big River approves the False Alarm Policy. Carried

Gilbert: That we advise the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494, the Town of Big River agrees to proceed with the "Develop, Deliver and Evaluate Emergency Planning with the

Community Partners project". Carried
Gilbert: That the Board/Committee Reports be filed as presented. Carried

Croshaw: That the Town of Big River approve the Anticipated Discount Quote from Trane of \$14,000.00, based on a pre-payment of \$300,000.00. Carried

Meyers: Pursuant to subsection 25(1),(2),(3),(4) or (5) of The Construction Codes Act, The Building Code Regulations, The Energy Code Regulations, The National Building Code of Canada and the Town of Big River Building Bylaw, that it be acknowledged that BuildTECH Consulting and Inspections issued an Order to Remedy to Big River Métis Local No. 59 Inc. dated August 8, 2023; such order instructing submission of a letter of engagement or contract between the building owner and building remedy contractor not later than Aug. 23, 2023 and to complete all work set out in the approved building permit and designed by the structural engineer, and shall include all design recommendations set out by the roadway civil engineer regarding drainage, weeping tile install, and backfill material and compaction design to allow for proper reconstruction of the sidewalk, road and any other Town property and that all work is to be completed by Sept. 22, 2023. Carried

Croshaw: That the Council of the Town of Big River has no objection to the request from property owner of Roll 655 and 470 to amalgamate lots at: 601 Hoehn Road - Lot 17, Block 1, Plan 102106886 - Parcel No. 166248692; and Lot 18, Block 1, Plan 102106886 - Parcel No. 166248681. Carried

Croshaw: That Resolution No. 106/23 (regarding application to municipal board to request permission to borrow byway of debentures) be repealed. Carried

Gilbert: That the Council of the Town of Big River write off the portion of 2023 Municipal tax above the minimum land tax on Roll 8 as it is bare land, which is a minimum land tax of \$600.00. Carried

Gilbert: That we research how to

have a geofence through town limits. Carried

Gilbert: That Notice of Violations No. 014 through 026 have been issued for parking violations in the no-parking zones. Carried

Croshaw: That the Town of Big River support the Saskatchewan Command Legion by purchasing an advertisement space in the Military Service Recognition Book, with an advertising price of \$260.00 for a 1/10-page full colour ad. Carried

Gilbert: That the Council of the Town of Big River has no objection to the issuance of a Special Occasion Permit from SLGA to be issued to Big River Métis Local No. 59 for a "Voyageur Days Cultural Event" to take place at the Big River Regional Park at Cowan Lake within a 60' x 40' tent with a 40' x 40' fenced off area outside of the tent north of the washrooms, on Saturday, September 23rd, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00p.m. Carried

Gilbert: That the Public Notice from the R.M. of Big River No.555 regarding a submission to the Ministry of Environment from Ahtakakoop First Nation to request to purchase 19,487 acres of land within the R.M. of Big River No.555 be acknowledged. Carried

Mayor David Krawetz adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

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

LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

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

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

Mistawasis
Sunday worship
11:00 a.m.
Rev. Stewart Foster

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.
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306-468-2525

UNITED CHURCH

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

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Debden
Sun. Mass - 9:30 a.m.
Fr. Mariusz Zajac
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
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Pastor Liviu Tilihoi
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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

Leoville - 9:30 a.m.
Spiritwood - 11:15 a.m.
SATURDAY
Medstead - 6:00 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
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No surprise: Bedard should top rookie class

Some weird, wild, wacky, surprising, expected, happy, annoying and sad things are bound to happen during the 2023-24 National Hockey League season and now that the campaign is nicely underway, here's a guide to what we can expect in the next six months or so:

— Unless a serious injury occurs causing him to miss some games, Connor Bedard will be the league's rookie-of-the-year, but Logan Cooley of Arizona, Matt Coronato of Calgary, and Matthew Knies of the Leafs will earn their share of rookie votes.

— The Leafs will not, repeat not, end their nightmarish streak of not winning the Stanley Cup; 1967 seems like yesterday, right?

— It's just about time for Bruce Boudreau to get hired again as an NHL coach. Mike Babcock won't be.

— Edmonton fans will be praying for a Stanley Cup victory for their Oilers, concerned that the prime years of Connor

McDavid and Leon Draisaitl are being wasted.

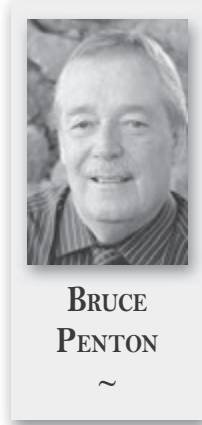
— Ottawa will be the surprise team among the Canadian entries, but that theory was presented in this space last year and it didn't pan out, so don't take that info to the bank, or your local bookie.

— Boston Bruins will have a different look, with the retirement of Patrice Bergeron and David Krejci and the trading of Taylor Hall. Another 135-point season is unlikely.

— Besides McDavid, Bedard, and Colorado's Nathan McKinnon, the league's most exciting player will be Kirill Kaprizov of the Minnesota Wild.

— They'll want to, but brothers Brady of Ottawa and Matthew Tkachuk of Florida will not drop the mitts and start swinging at each other because their mother has outlawed it, and mom's edict rules.

— The Penguins powerplay, spearheaded by Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin, has been bolstered by the explosive



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Erik Karlsson and will be dynamite.

— Alex Ovechkin, 38, starts the season 72 goals behind Wayne Gretzky for the NHL's all-time goal-scoring lead and while he won't get there this year, he's almost guaranteed to be No. 1 sometime in 2024-25. And just like Gordie Howe was on hand to congratulate Gretzky when Howe was surpassed, the Great One will be on hand to put the crown on the Great 8's head when the inevitable happens.

— T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas will remain the most rambunctious, boisterous and raucous arena in the league and

it may play a role in a Stanley Cup repeat for the Golden Knights.

— Auston Matthews' name will be the one most frequently mentioned on Sportsnet and TSN this winter, followed by Mitch Marner, John Tavares, Sheldon Keefe, and Brad Treliving.

— Arizona owner Alex Meruelo will tell Coyotes' fans and the league that a new 20,000-seat arena is in the planning stages. Next year, he'll say the same thing. The year after, ditto. Meanwhile, the 5,000-seat Mullet Arena, one of the NHL's biggest embarrassments, will remain the cozy little home of the 'Yotes.

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com, after San Francisco Giants fired manager Gabe Kapler with three games to go: "Not always fan of Gabe Kapler's decisions and not sure how much he was told to make those decisions. But this 2023 SF Giants season feels a bit like putting a bus together with cheap spare parts and then fir-

ing bus driver when bus breaks down."

• Super 70s Sports, on Twitter: "It's going to be interesting explaining to someone why Pete Rose isn't in the Hall of Fame when we inevitably end up at the 2040 DraftKings Hall of Fame Induction Weekend Presented by FanDuel."

• Headline at the on-ion.com: "Stephen A. Smith Recalls Rough Childhood Having To Debate Gang Members."

• Writer Tom Kershaw of The Times of London: "(American golfer Brooks) Koepka . . . seems to pride himself on bearing all the charm of a bush of thorns."

• NBC late night host Jimmy Fallon, on getting back to work following a five-month writers' strike: "I'm more excited than a Jets fan during the first three plays of the season."

• Vancouver comedy guy Steve Burgess, on X: "Jays' season is over. Once again it's time to transition to getting punched in the face by the Canucks instead."

• Headline on the Ca-

nadian parody website The Beaverton: "Blue Jays admit the only reason they made play-offs was so bigger audience could experience frustration of watching them."

• Former Florida State coach Bobby Bowden about one of his players: "He doesn't know the meaning of the word 'fear'. In fact, I just saw his grades and he doesn't know the meaning of a lot of words."

• Headline at the on-ion.com: "Ben Simmons Posts Video Of Himself Prepping For Season By Sitting On Bench In A Suit"

• Steve Simmons of SunMedia, on Blue Jays' GM Ross Atkins telling the media that management had nothing to do with the decision to pull starter Jose Berrios in the fourth inning of a 0-0 playoff game with the Twins: "He would also like you to believe in Santa Claus, the tooth fairy, weather reports and the Easter Bunny."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

U18 AA Elks start season at 1-2

By JORDAN TWISS

Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Elks (2) vs Crunch (6)

The Parkland U18 AA Elks kicked off their first week of the 2023-2024 regular season with a pair of home games against the Saskatoon Crunch and the Prince Albert Timberwolves and a road match with the North West Stars, amassing a 1-2 record after their first three games.

Playing their season and home opener on Friday, Oct. 6, the Elks welcomed the Crunch into the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre and got bitten early on by the penalty bug, allowing Ryder McKinnon to draw first blood for Saskatoon on assists from Elias Flory and Kale Spencer.

The Crunch went on to end the period up 2-0, with a late goal by Maverick Rowlett, assisted Flory and McKinnon.

The Elks eventually got their skates underneath them, when Kaiden Couture struck four minutes into the second period to close the gap to 2-1. Colton Sommerfeld and Kendon Skalicky assisted on the goal, which kicked off a flurry of four goals in just four-and-a-half minutes.

Kole Kicia was next to tally, putting the Crunch up 3-1 on an assist from Hunter Thomas. Then, James Hirschfeld put Saskatoon up by three with helpers from Easton Kozak and Alex Blocka. Couture bookended the second period's goal count with his second goal of the night, assisted by

Brendan Aug and Brody Anderson.

In a comparatively quiet third period, it was the Crunch who dominated the action with another two goals, securing a 6-2 win over the Elks. Kozak netted the first goal on an assist from Blocka, and Kicia rounded out the scorecard with an unassisted goal.

Elks (7) vs Wolves (3)

With a week of rest and recalibration between their first and second games, the Elks came out looking like a different team when they hosted the Prince Albert Timberwolves on Friday, Oct. 13, taking an early lead on a goal from Nathan Probert. Aiden Tait and Peyton Ahenakew assisted on the play.

The Timberwolves fought back with a goal from Nate Jensen, assisted by Kaden Petit, but the Elks wasted little time reclaiming their lead, scoring three goals in less than 90 seconds to take a commanding 4-1 lead.

Cohen Tait netted the first, with assists from Brendan Aug and Ashton Tanchuk, and Kamden Shewchuk tallied a minute later on helpers from Kendon Skalicky and Colton Sommerfeld. Aiden Tait capped off the goals, earning Skalicky a second assist on the evening.

As the action moved to the second period, the Elks kept their foot on the gas, as Shewchuk scored his second of the game with assists from Kaiden Ross and Skalicky. But the Timberwolves rallied through the middle of the period, as Ryan Pidborochynski scored on a helper from Seth Otterson, and Sa-

sha Zarichnyy tallied with assists from Gareg Painter and Cruz Stacey, closing the gap to 5-3.

The Timberwolves' comeback hopes were dashed by the Elks in the opening minutes of the third period, however, when Aiden Tait scored on the power play with assists from Jesse Nyberg and Shewchuk.

A late goal from Tyson Gagnon, assisted by Aug, cemented a 7-3 win for the Elks.

Elks (3) vs Stars (4)

Less than 24 hours after their win over the Timberwolves, the Elks travelled to North Battleford for a showdown against the North West Stars. Through 60-minutes of back-and-forth action, they traded goals with the Stars, ultimately coming out on the losing side of a 4-3 score.

In a quiet first period, Jaymisun Pelchat opened the scoring for the Stars with an unassisted goal. The Stars' goal would stand as the only tally until 10 seconds into the second period, when

Tyson Gagnon knotted the game at 1-1 on the power play, with helpers from Brody Anderson and Kendon Skalicky.

The Stars fired back 49 seconds later, reclaiming the lead on a goal from Kade Lehman, assisted by Jared Nichol and Ashton Hardy, but the Elks had an answer, in the form of a goal from Anderson, assisted by Kamden Shewchuk.

The Elks took their first lead of the night just minutes later, when Anderson netted his second goal of the game on helpers from Brendan Aug and Shewchuk. This wouldn't last, however, thanks to a goal from Nichol, assisted by Jase Borschneck and Nate Poole.

With a 3-3 tie on the scoreboard going into the third period, the Elks failed to find the back of the net, and the game's scoring ended as it began: with an unassisted goal for the Stars. Kobi Weber netted the game winner.

Up next, the Elks will face off against the Humboldt Broncos in Shellbrook on Friday, Oct. 20.

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OBITUARIES

Mae Atkinson



ATKINSON, Mae
May 23, 1928 – October 4, 2023

We announce with deep sorrow the passing of Mae, our beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, at the Parkland Integrated Health Center.

Mae, originally Mae Muriel Magnuson, was born in Asquith, Saskatchewan as the cherished first child of Ernest and Ethel Magnuson. Her schooling spanned Asquith, Kilwinning, Melfort, and Shipman, with her graduation in Hagen.

1946 saw Mae embarking on her career at the Co-op in Melfort. However, her path led her to Young, SK a year later where she met and married James Atkinson in 1948. The pair made Shellbrook their home in 1951, and it was there they welcomed their first child, Patricia. In 1952, Mae bravely faced and overcame the challenges of polio. Her resili-

ence shone through, as she learned to walk on crutches, emphasizing her determination.

Rodney joined the family in 1955, and by 1966, Sherry-Lynn completed the Atkinson household. Throughout the years, Mae and James established businesses, built homes with provisions for renters, and continually provided for their family.

Mae's passions were diverse; from knitting and crocheting to baking and sewing. An active member of the Knox United Church Women, Mae, alongside James, enjoyed memorable travels to places like Hawaii and the Canary Islands, and cherished their trips

in their motorhome, visits to Danceland in Watrous, and their time during harvest in Young.

Later challenges led Mae to the Victoria Hospital in Prince Albert in 2015, followed by stays at the Leoville Nursing home and finally the Parkland Integrated Health Centre Long Term Care Home.

Mae leaves behind:

- Daughter, Patricia (Jim) Wasylkowski of Marcelin, SK, their children Michael (with sons Adam and Owen), Jason (Mio) and their children Ionna and Ellena, and Brandan.
- Son Rodney (Cathy) of Shellbrook, their

children Rebecca (Chris Dobson) with daughter Elka Dobson, and Blake (Carla Garvie) with children Dash and Lexi Atkinson.

• Daughter Sherry-Lynn (Rick) Jensen of Canwood and their children Jalisa (Cassandra Olson) and Derek (Agatha). She was predeceased by her husband James, parents Ernest and Ethel, brother Ken, and step-mother Marjorie.

A Celebration of Life for Mae was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the Shellbrook Seniors Centre, Shellbrook, SK with Murray Hannigan as officiant.

For those unable to attend Mae's Celebration of Life service, the family wishes to share a video link of Mae's service that can be found following the service on Beau "Lac" Funeral Home's website.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, consider supporting the Shellbrook and Districts Health Services Foundation.

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

GOOD NEWS

THE LONG WAY AROUND

By DAVE BODVARSON

Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly

I likely have taken the long way around at times in my life. Perhaps more than I care to admit.

After leaving High School in 1977, I entered Red Deer College. Red Deer is over 773 miles, or 1,244 kilometres, from my home town Hay River, N.W.T., so it is a fair distance.

My thinking was since I was from a small town of 2,500 or so, I should settle into a small city and attend a small college. I was taking a political science degree. During the summer, I headed home to Hay River. I got a job this time on the Nahidik, a Canadian Coast guard ship that left Hay River, went up the Mackenzie River, all the way to the Beaufort Sea.

We were a buoy tender. We dropped buoys or navigational markers in channels to mark out the waters for other boats. We also put up towers in the High Arctic with radar reflectors so other boats could navigate.

After the summer I went back to Red Deer College to start my second year. It wasn't too long into my second year I decided that pursuing a pre-law degree wasn't for me. I left Red Deer. I went home briefly, not knowing where I was going to land.

I was only maybe 19 years old at the time. I do remember being asked what I was going to do. I recall mentioning to my mom I may study to be a pastor. She was quick to remind me that pastoring is a calling. I couldn't agree

with her more.

I went back to Alberta. I got an offer from my brother Tim to work with him. He and a few of his friends had started a construction business building basements. I was with Tim a few months learning how to crib. It came in handy, because it wasn't too long I was off to Calgary (a little bit bigger place than Red Deer).

This was in 1978. Reflecting on it, I see the Lord's leading. I got to Calgary, looked in the Calgary Herald, and found a basement suite for rent. I got up the next day and met Brian Davis. Brian asked where I went to church. I explained I had just arrived in Calgary. He invited me to First Assembly.

That is where I met Pastor Ken Bombay, who became a lifelong friend. I needed work. So, I looked in the paper. I noticed Cal Rock Construction was looking for cribbers and cribber helpers. I went to apply, and was hired the same day. It was a booming time in Calgary.

We worked through most of the winter. By May, I was heading back to work on the Coast Guard ship in the High Arctic as a seaman. I had applied to the University of Calgary, hoping to transfer credits and be accepted into the Social Work program. I was, and went to study towards a Social Work degree. I spent a year and half at the University. With my previous credits, I got two and half towards a Social Work degree.

One Sunday night, while in church in Calgary, the pastor leading the ser-



Eleanor Mabel Nelson passed away on October 1, 2023, at Wheatland Lodge in Leask.

Auntie Eleanor was born on April 28, 1936, on the Nelson family farm. She was the 5th child in a family of 8 children.

Very early on she decided she wanted to be doing farm work. By 6 years old she was milking cows and helping with other chores. She loved the animals. Farm life was her calling. After her parents were gone, she farmed with her brother Elmer

Eleanor Nelson

who came from BC in early spring and left in late fall. She milked cows for almost 60 years.

Auntie Eleanor was strong physically and mentally. She took on all the work that needed to be done whether in the house, outside or in the fields. She cared for her parents, sister, and brother. They all worked together, but the bulk of the work had to be done by Auntie. She always said she worked hard, but there were no regrets.

Her hands were always busy. She made many quilts and knitted many pairs of mitts and socks. Her passion in later years was knitting, which she did up until this past year.

She is predeceased by her parents, Eden and Mabel Nelson; her siblings, Martin, Edna, Myrtle, Elmer, Tena, Melvin, Esther; sister-

in-law, Lillian Nelson; brothers-in-law, Neil Van de Veen, Henry Derr, Henry Lavigne and Knud Sandvad.

She is lovingly remembered by her nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at Mont Nebo Evangelical Free Church, Mont Nebo, SK. Memorial Donations in Eleanor's memory may be directed to, Mont Nebo Evangelical Free Church, Box 7, Mont Nebo, SK SoJ 1X0 or Wheatland Lodge, Box 130, Leask, SK, SoJ 1M0.

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vice, Ken Bombay, said he didn't think he should preach that evening. He said he prepared, but sensed the Holy Spirit leading another direction.

What the church did was set up microphones. I was a little surprised when Pastor Bombay asked me to come to the mic. He made it a little easier, when he asked me what I would like to thank Jesus for the most. Without hesitation, I said I would like to thank Jesus for a mom that prayed for me in the teens when I didn't walk as close to Jesus as I should have.

I went and sat down.

Later, as I mentioned the events of that Sunday, a gentleman grabbed my hand and said God has shown me something about you. Even though I was about 21 years old at the time, I knew enough that I should call Pastor Bombay about this. As I talked to Pas-

tor Ken, I was assured this man had a valid ministry.

Marlene and I met with this fellow along with others over, I think, a Thanksgiving supper. He said to me that God had given me one of the offices or gifts in Ephesians 4:11 where it says, "And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers."

For me this, was confirmation what I said to my mom a couple years earlier.

I continued at the University for a while but grew restless. In 1981, I entered Central Pentecostal College in Saskatoon, studied, and graduated with a Bachelor of Theology.

The restlessness disappeared, and I found joy in studying.

I took the longer way than maybe most, but God was leading.

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CORRECTION

In the Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald's October 5th edition, a name was left out of the Card of Thanks from Marvin & Sylvia Coleman. We apologize for this error.

We would like to thank all our family and friends for gifts, cards and coming out to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. Also would love to thank Faye, Derek, Garry, Cheryl, and Peyton for planning it. It was a wonderful evening.

Love you all,
Marvin and Sylvia Coleman

Protecting your cedars from browning

By PATRICIA HANBIDGE

As we are enjoying a nice autumn, it is a good idea to think ahead about what chores will need to be done prior to the big freeze up. As our trees and shrubs are an important aspect of the landscape it is a good idea to think about how to ensure they not only go into winter in good shape but also remain green and lush right into the growing season next year. This article is mostly focused on evergreens but can also be applied to sunscald on the trunks of deciduous trees.

Evergreens in the landscape provide shelter for our feathered friends and also help to control snow and wind. They are aesthetically important as their evergreen foliage is so appreciated while the rest of the landscape exhibits so many shades of grey. Of the many evergreens we can grow, cedars seem to be the evergreen that is most susceptible to winter damage. Read on to help

ensure your evergreen cedar does not turn into shades of brown.

The most common cedar of our landscapes is the eastern white cedar (*Thuja occidentalis*). It is found naturally throughout North Eastern North America. Traditionally, the eastern white cedar was used by aboriginals to prevent scurvy as it contains Vitamin C. This practice was passed onto French settlers which gave rise to the name arborvitae or "tree of life". The wood is valuable as it is resistant to rot and insects. Traditionally it was used for the framework of canoes but today it has many uses including posts, poles, shingles and even shelter for alternative livestock operations.

Although the eastern white cedar is not found naturally in Saskatchewan, they can tolerate our extremely dry and cold winters with a little extra care. Over winter, these cedars need to have adequate shelter from the

desiccating effects of our winter sun and wind to maintain their evergreen colour. The browning that can occur is a result of the desiccation or drying of the leaf tissues. As these leaves are still living, when the warm early spring sunshine heats them up and actually causes respiration within the plants to increase. The by-product of this process is that water is given off by the plant which in turn causes drying and browning of the leaf tissue as the ground is still frozen and the plant cannot bring up water to offset this water loss as it would during the summer months.

Choosing the right cultivar will help to ensure you are successful in incorporating cedars you're your landscape. 'Brandon' (4 m tall by 1.5 m wide) is likely the most common cedar grown and has good hardiness. 'Holmstrup' (2 m tall and 1 m wide) has a nice green colour only topped by 'Smaragd' (4m tall by 1.5 m wide) which exhib-

its the most intense green. For good sized globe cedars try 'Woodwardii', 'Globosa' or 'Little Giant' (all about 2 m tall and wide). If you are looking for smaller selections try 'Hetz Midget' (1 m tall by 1 m wide) or 'Little Gem' which will be of similar height but slightly wider than 'Hetz Midget'.

Proper care is essential to keep your cedar green. Throughout the growing season, it is important to ensure that these evergreens receive enough moisture. This past summer was very dry and all trees and shrubs should have received supplemental irrigation in order to thrive. It is also important to water all trees and shrubs deeply and thoroughly in a dry year just prior to freeze up. Throughout the winter, they need to receive shelter from the wind and shade from the sun. Planting them on an east or north exposure is a good choice. If you have the misfortune of your cedars living in a location that is not sheltered, it is best to provide some protection. You need to minimize their exposure to the late-afternoon sun. Even in winter,

the sun has a lot of power and will result in a daily freeze/thaw cycle that is extremely damaging to the tissues of the cedar.

It used to be recommended to wrap your cedars in burlap for the winter - but this is really not the best choice. The absolute best way to protect your cedars from winter browning is to tap some poles into the ground close to the cedars. (It is recommended that you do this prior to the ground freezing solid!) Create a screen using burlap (or other suitable material) that will serve as a shield for wind and sun. As a bonus - you can still enjoy the great green that your cedars provide to the landscape.

It is not recommended that you use anti-desiccant sprays. They work by coating the leaves with a very thin layer of wax. These "miracle" products never quite deliver as promised and are definitely not a substitute for proper care.

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Shellbrook Seniors' Club

On Thursday, Oct. 12, Stephanie Gosselin and Crystal Schmitz, representing Affinity Credit Union – North West Division, presented a ceremonial cheque for \$1,520 to Brian Hagel, Shellbrook Seniors' Club president.

The grant money is being used to help defray the cost of the live band, which performs for the Old-time Dance, and to help with the purchase of exercise videos and equipment to enhance the health of the citizens of Shellbrook and surrounding areas.

Attending the presentation was Amund Otterson, Mayor of Shellbrook, who supported the grant application. Parkland Integrated Health Centre also supported the application, but was unable to attend.

Also on Oct. 12, Randy Hoback, MP for the Prince Albert constituency, representing the Government of Canada and United Way Centraide Canada, presented a ceremonial

cheque for \$10,000 to Brian Hagel, Shellbrook Seniors' Club President. The grant money, from the Community Services Recovery Fund, is

being used to update information technology to better serve the members of the club and the citizens of Shellbrook and surrounding areas.

The Community Services Recovery Fund is a \$400 million investment from the Government of Canada to support community service organi-

zations, including charities, non-profits and Indigenous governing bodies, as they adapt and modernize their organizations.



From left to right: Crystal Schmitz and Stephanie Gosselin present a cheque to Shellbrook Seniors' Club president Brian Hagel on behalf of Affinity Credit Union – North West Division.



Prince Albert MP Randy Hoback (left) presents a \$10,000 cheque to Shellbrook Seniors' Club president Brian Hagel on behalf of the Government of Canada and United Way Centraide Canada.

Minutes of an R.M. of Leask meeting

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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 held in the Leask Community Hall on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2023.

Council Meeting was called to order by Reeve Craig Hamilton at 8:56 a.m.

Present were Reeve Craig Hamilton, Administrator Donna Goertzen and the following Council members: Real Diehl - Division No. 2, Gordon Stieb - Division No. 3, Joan Sanftleben - Division 4, Ron Haworth - Division 5, and Clarke Gossen - Division No. 6.

Vacant - Division 1

Delegations: Guy Cadrain – 10:15 a.m.

Gossen: That minutes of the July 12, 2023, Regular Meeting of Council be approved as amended. Carried

Diehl: That minutes of the July 20, 2023, Special HR Committee Meeting be approved. Carried

Stieb: That minutes of the July 24, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes of Council be approved as amended. Carried

Haworth: That we approve the payments as listed on the attached List of Accounts for Approval for a total of \$813,328.00 and Payroll/Indemnity for a total of \$55,461.60. Carried

Gossen: That we approve the Statement of Financial Activities for July 31, 2023. Carried

Diehl: That Council Indemnity be approved for payment as presented. Carried

Superintendent of Public Works Jayson Smith arrived at 9:50 a.m.

Stieb: That Superintendent of Public Works Report be accepted as presented. Carried

Sanftleben: That R.M. of Leask hire Lynden Butler for 2023 contract mowing of \$20,000.00 with the option for future considerations. Carried

Haworth: That R.M. of Leask contract Johnson Enterprise Ltd. to do a road lift at Range Rd. 3035 & Twp. 472 to 472.25; cost of \$6,600.00 plus applicable taxes. Carried

Superintendent of Public Works left the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Gossen: That Administrator's Report be accepted as presented. Carried

Stieb: That Correspondence be accepted as presented. Carried

Sanftleben: That Council instruct Administrator to proceed with registered 30-day notice by way of registered mail to owners whose land is adjacent to East 1/2 of 33-48-08-W3. Carried

Haworth: That Bylaw 12-2023, Bylaw to License the Excavation of Gravel from Gravel Pits be read a third time and passed at this meeting. Carried

12:21 p.m. Councillor Sanftleben exited Council Chambers.

Gossen: That Bylaw 17-2023, Bylaw to Provide for Permitting the Operation of Overweight Vehicles be introduced and read a first time. Carried

Diehl: That Bylaw 18-2023, Bylaw to Establish Municipal Fees be introduced and read a first time. Carried

Stieb: That By-Election for Division 1 be set for Oct. 18, 2023. Carried

Sanftleben: That we designate Leask Happy Homesteaders Hall at 231 A 1st Ave South, Leask, Sask., as the polling place for the Oct. 18, 2023, By-Election; and furthermore, that Advance Polls will be held at same location on Oct. 13, 2023, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Carried

1:04 p.m. Councillor Stieb left the meeting.

Diehl: That Tax Enforcement List be published as per Section 4 of the Tax Enforcement Act. Carried

Sanftleben: That Council agree to proceed with the EMO Initiative through the Targeted Sector Support (TSS) Initiative Cost-Shared Grant. Carried

Haworth: That Council acknowledge Transportation & Use of Explosives certification for Jayson Smith, Josh Mock, and Justin Nagy; and further, that Jayson Smith be acknowledged for obtaining his PME Evaluator certificate. Carried

Diehl: That Council approve transfer of \$100,00.00 from Flex GIC to General Operating Account. Carried

Sanftleben: That Council acknowledge Road Maintenance Agreement with Celtic Contracting Ltd. and authorize Administrator and Assistant Administrator to sign on behalf of Council. Carried

Haworth: That Council acknowledge Road Maintenance Agreement with Johnson Enterprise Ltd. and authorize Councillor Stieb and Administrator to sign on behalf of Council. Carried

Gossen: That Council acknowledge correspondence received. Carried

Diehl: That Council agree to abate the following Tax Rolls (list omitted due to length). Carried

Sanftleben: That Council approve Development Permit for Summer Kitchen; SE-33-48-04-W3. Carried

Haworth: That Council approve Development Permit for AG shop; SE-33-48-04-W3. Carried

Gossen: That Council approve Development Permit for Ground Preparation; Lot 1 Plan 102173453, Lac La Peche. Carried

Diehl: That Council approve Development Permit for Detached Garage; Lot 3 Blk 2 Plan 84B13551, Martin's Lake. Carried

Sanftleben: That Council approve Development Permit for RTM home and deck; Lot 4A Blk 3 Plan 84B134418 Ext 0. Carried

Haworth: That we move in-camera session citing The Local Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Section 14 (1) (b) (iii) and Section 16(1) (b); time being 2:17 p.m. Carried

Assistant Administrator Robertson entered the room at 2:17 p.m.

Present: Reeve Hamilton, Division 2 Councillor Diehl, Division 3 Councillor Stieb, Division 4 Councillor Sanftleben, Division 5 Councillor Haworth, Division 6 Councillor Gossen, Administrator Goertzen and Asst. Administrator Robertson.

Gossen: That we move out of camera session at 3:17 p.m. Carried

Assistant Administrator Robertson left the room at 3:17 p.m.

Diehl: That we adjourn this meeting at 3:18 p.m.



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