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Roadrunners win third straight Nationals title



The U20 Debden Roadrunners are three-time national broomball champions. Back row, left to right: Coach Rocky Gaudry, Coach Justin Duret, Hayden Peterson, Rhyan Amundson, Lucy Lockhart, Avery Cyr, Kara Thiessen, Presley Neufeldt, Mareika Thomas, Elizabeth Jean, Aidyn Duret, Peyton Turner, and Coach Dean Demers. Front row, left to right: Kassie Wagman, Grace Heisler, Emry Price, Jersey Lamotte, Brooklyn Amundson, Gracie Cyr, Ayla Peterson, Faith Lamotte, Marissa Skavlebo, and Sabrina Bussiere.

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

The U20 Debden Roadrunners added yet another chapter to their history-making legacy at the Juvenile Girls National broomball tournament, played in Portage La Prairie, Man., from April 3 to 6.

Having made history in 2022 by becoming the first women's team from Saskatchewan to win gold at Nationals, and having defended that title in 2023, the team staved off a stiff challenge from its competitors to make it three Nationals championships in a row.

For coach Dean Demers, who has been behind the bench for all three gold medals, this victory may just be the sweetest.

"We weren't a secret there anymore. Those other teams knew who we were, and they really stepped up their gameplay when they played against us," Demers said. "None of those last six games were decided by more than one goal. It was tight all the way."

For the U20 Roadrunners, winning

has become a way of life these past three years. Relying on its high-octane offence to breeze past its opponents, the team has gone undefeated in league and tournament play and at Provincials, and has only suffered two losses through three Nationals tournaments (one in 2023, and one at this year's tournament).

Crediting his players for being adaptable and putting in the hard work required to be successful on the ice, Demers said this year's tournament saw the team fall back on its defensive play.

"Our goalie was amazing, and our defence played great. But, when you add to that the way all the forwards made it a priority to get back and help in our zone, we never even had a game this year where we gave up more than one goal," he said, noting the team only gave up four goals over eight games at this year's tournament, with only one of them being at even strength.

Through the first four games of the tournament, the Roadrunners shutout their opponents to claim a 4-0 record and automatically punch their ticket to the playoff round. It was after this that

the team suffered its only setbacks of the tournament, losing 1-0 to Québec's T-Miss and playing Ontario's Eastern Thunder to a 1-1 draw.

With a shot at redemption against T-Miss in the semi-finals, the Roadrunners didn't get the start they'd hoped for, falling behind in the first half when their opponents scored a power play goal. Undeterred, the Roadrunners kept the pressure on, tying the game on a goal from Aidyn Duret, assisted by Gracie Cyr, with just 24 seconds left on the clock to force overtime.

"I think my heart stopped beating there for a few seconds," Demers said.

The team was able to secure the victory in overtime on a power play goal from Kassie Wagman, assisted by Marissa Skavlebo and Rhyan Amundson, to earn a rematch against the Eastern Thunder in the gold medal game (the teams' third consecutive meeting in the finals).

In this rematch, the team left nothing up to chance, taking a 2-0 lead on a first half goal from Faith Lamotte and a second half goal by Rhyan Amundson, assisted by Kassie Wagman.

The Roadrunners fell back on their defence for the remainder of the game, as the Eastern Thunder made a furious charge and closed the gap on a late power play goal, holding on to win 2-1.

In addition to the gold medals, Rhyan Amundson was named the overall tournament MVP and Gracie Cyr earned MVP honours for the gold medal game.

"This third one is one the girls are going to remember for a long time," Demers said. "These girls should really be commended. All these girls are from small-town Saskatchewan, and they're the best team in Canada three years in a row. That's incredible."

While the expectations for the team couldn't possibly be higher, Demers is looking forward to the next broomball season with confidence.

As defending champions, the Roadrunners have earned an automatic invite to Nationals in Québec, and will go into that tournament with this year's team mostly intact.

"We're going back with 16 [out of 20] players the same. Expectations should be high for next year."



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Community fights for Spiritwood Scotiabank

By **BEVRA FEE**
Spiritwood Herald Reporter

A stalwart group of advocates hoping to reverse the fortunes of Spiritwood's Scotiabank branch presented another 1,246 names on the petition to keep the bank open.

Presented to branch manager Ron Radke on Friday, April 12, by four of the proponents, Joyce Carriere noted that the first round of petition names had gone in earlier in the year.

Since the news of Scotiabank's closure was announced in the fall of 2023, an ad hoc group of supporters has been collecting names on the petition and had begun a letter-writing campaign at the same time. Carriere reported that around 400 support letters were sent to Scotiabank's head office, in addition to the petition signatures protesting the July 18 closure.

Radke met with the group to receive the petition, and reiterated to them that this was not a random decision but had been put into Scotiabank's long-term plans five to ten years ago. While the advocacy



Committee members present petition signatures to branch manager Ron Radke. Back row, left to right: Elaine Turgeon, Joyce Carriere, Dave Hyndman, Kathleen Gatzke, and Peggy Jenner. Seated: Ron Radke.

group holds out little hope that the decision will be reversed, they felt it important to impress upon Scotiabank the impact that will be felt by the community with the loss of the physical branch and the in-person banking option.

In November of 2023, citing changing customer preferences and more day-to-day banking being done online, Scotiabank announced that Spiritwood customers would have their accounts moved to the Prince Albert location.

As the petition states, "The decision to close the Spiritwood branch effectively removes the following services from our community: night deposit services, rolled coin supply for business or non-profit organizations, in-person services and assistance, cash withdrawals from the ATM, purchase of foreign currency, access to bank drafts and certified cheques."

As noted on a personal level by Carriere, "The closure means I have to move my banking to the Credit Union. It is not possible for me to have my account moved 1.5 hours away because I don't drive and have no vehicle. I have macular degeneration and don't trust my vision to do online banking. This is a similar situation to many of the seniors in Spiritwood."

Another important aspect that will be missed is the ease with which Scotiabank provides quick access to banking for those newcomers to Canada who are settling in Spiritwood for employment.

As for the remaining employees at the Spiritwood branch, Radke reports that while he is uncertain of plans of those in the positions spanning two tellers, one teller supervisor, and two financial advisors, his own plans are to work at the North Battleford branch of Scotiabank.

Sask. teachers, gov't resume bargaining

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Less than a week after the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation (STF) announced indefinite work-to-rule actions, amidst stalled contract negotiations with the provincial government, both parties are returning to the bargaining table for the first time in months.

The STF announced the news, as well as the suspension of work-to-rule actions, last Friday afternoon. Bargaining was expected to resume on Tuesday, April 16.

"Teachers have main-

tained that accountability measures must accompany government funding in order to ensure resources go to support students and improve their learning experience. We are optimistic that this understanding represents a significant step forward in negotiations and brings a tentative agreement within reach," STF president Samantha Becotte said in a statement, thanking Education Minister Jeremy Cockrill for his show of commitment to working with the province's teachers.

The province's teachers have been without a con-

tract since August, and since new contract negotiations with the province began in May, they have asked for issues like classroom size and complexity to be part of the negotiating process.

On March 8, after a months-long stalemate with teachers, the government and the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) announced a multi-year funding agreement aimed at addressing the issues of class size and complexity.

While the STF welcomed the funding commitment, it expressed concerns that the funds could be clawed back or used for other purposes without any sort of binding contract in place.

At the end of March, the government proposed a memorandum of understanding with teachers on an accountability framework that would ensure proposed education funding makes it into the classrooms and toward the supports it's intended for. However, after weeks of back and forth, it stopped short of agreeing to put this commitment in the collective bargain agreement,

leading the STF to enact work-to-rule actions, including the withdrawal of noon-hour supervision and extracurricular support.

Before negotiations resumed this week, Cockrill cautioned negotiations this week won't address class size and complexity.

"The latest piece on offer here is an accountability framework which really will offer teachers to have a voice in terms of feedback to local divisions on how dollars are allocated within local school divisions," said Cockrill.

Weighing in on the continuation of negotiations on social media, Premier Scott Moe called it "good news" and said the province's teachers have taken a "reasonable position" by asking the government and school divisions to be held accountable.

"Our government is prepared to see this language included in the contract," Moe said. "I'm very hopeful that it will form the very basis for bargaining a new agreement that works for all sides and ensures our kids receive the best possible education."

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- RM of Fertile Belt
- RM of Francis
- RM of Longlaketon (2)
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- RM of Moose Jaw
- RM of Saltcoats
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Big River Loggers hit the ice

By MAISIE KRIENKE

On March 30, the Big River Loggers enjoyed a fun day on the curling ice. With the winter season coming to a close, Monica and Gregg Buckingham organized this fun annual event at the Big River Curling Club.

The day started off with 14 teams registered for a fun day with the theme of "Curl, Drink, Eat, Win and Repeat!" The action began at 9 a.m., with teams hitting the ice for their first four-end game. It was "out of the bush, and onto the ice." There were lots of challenges, as many loggers had not been on the ice since last year's event.

While off the ice, everyone hung out in the lounge area where they took part in various draws, purchased raffle tickets, and viewed the more than 50 prizes, which had been donated by Len's Trucking, Gregg B's Ent., Co-op Grocery & Hardware, Red Head, DNCU, Walco Construction, and Ness Creek. And of course, everyone enjoyed a luncheon and a delicious supper, which had been prepared by Third & Main.

At the end of the day, the A-Side winners were Lee Holbrook, Mitko Nozhdelov, Leanne Holbrook, and Cheryl Swanson. Meanwhile, the B-Side winners were Ron Mayo, Clint Panter, Niki Panter, and Stephen Bickert.

Vinnie Arcand donated a \$500 cash prize, which was put up for "chance to win" to all those registered in the bonspiel. Monica Buckingham was the lucky winner. The raffle of a Yeti Cooler was won by Ryan Bergen, while April Johnson went home with the Milwaukee Cooler.

The proceeds of \$3,200 were donated to Lakewood Lodge Auxiliary. This group of volunteers hosts events and supplies the needs for many of the residents.

A great day of fun was enjoyed by all curlers, plus many guests who came to view the challenge. Now with spring here, it will soon be back to the bush for many of these people. Monica promised there will be a repeat performance next spring!



A-Side winners, from left to right: Cheryl Swanson, Leanne Holbrook, Mitko Nozhdelov, and Lee Holbrook.



B-Side winners, from left to right: Stephen Bickert, Niki Panter, Clint Panter, and Ron Mayo.

Celebrating 35 years of cultivating growth

By SUE KAHL
Spiritwood Horticulture Society

As the Spiritwood Horticulture Society's committee of volunteers marks a celebration of over 35 years, it's a momentous occasion to reflect on its journey of environmental stewardship within the community.

Since re-starting in 1977, the committee has undertaken numerous initiatives aimed at enhancing the beauty of their local surroundings. From organizing workshops and annual shows to community educational workshops, one of the hallmarks of the committee's work has been its annual Horticulture Show held every August.

As the committee celebrates this milestone anniversary, they not only commemorate the achievements of the past but also look ahead with renewed vigour and purpose. The challenges facing our environment are ever evolving, but with the same spirit of collaboration and innovation that has defined the Spiritwood Horticulture Society for 35 years plus, it can continue to sow the seeds of positive change and cultivate a greener, more sustainable future for all.

As current president Roberta Wasden, daughter of former president Mrs. Rose Smith (who restarted the club back in 1977), accepts the award recognizing the group's 35-year milestone with great honour, and reflects on all the years gone by and being president for the last eight years, she strives to keep the love of horticulture alive in and around the Spiritwood community.



Spiritwood Horticulture Society members, back row, left to right: Barb Help, Pearl Baynes, Lyla Ledinski, Dot Gaboury, Carol-Lynn Mcheleren, Adele Wasden, Fern Millar, and Michelle Anderson. Front row, left to right: Roberta Wasden, Marion Gatzke, and Sue Kahl. Not in photo: Megan Wasden.

TOWN OF BLAINE LAKE 2024 ASSESSMENT CHANGE NOTICES

Assessment Roll for the Town of Blaine Lake for the year 2024 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor, from Monday, April 15th, 2024 to Wednesday, May 15th, 2024. The office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm. As this is not a revaluation year, only assessment change notices were mailed out.

Appeals are to be mailed with the required fees to the Secretary of the Board of Revision, Western Municipal Consulting, PO Box 149, Meota, Sask. S0M 1X0. You have 30 days from this date of notice to appeal an assessment. Assessment Appeal fees are \$250.00.

If you have any questions regarding your assessment notice changes, please call SAMA at 1-800-667-7262.

Jim Puffalt
Assessor

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION

RM of Shellbrook No. 493 Public Notice - Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw Amendments

The RM is considering the adoption of two amendments to its planning bylaws. Principally among the amendments would be an intent to rezone significant portions of land within the RM to properly align planning policy and regulation with provincial legislation, and to minimize negative impacts on landowners and potential developers relating to restrictions development, re-development, and new subdivision.

Prior to proceeding with the legislated public notice process, public hearing, and potential adoption of the proposed bylaws, the RM is holding a public information session regarding the proposed amendments. The intent of this session would be to explain the reasons for the amendments, background and history for why they are being proposed, and to receive feedback from the community for consideration in finalized bylaw content.

Any person may inspect the bylaws at the RM office during regular office hours, excluding statutory holidays. Draft copies of the proposed bylaws are available from the RM office; hard copy at cost, digital copy free upon request or at the web address below. Copies of the proposed amendments (including associated maps), and a detailed land listing and illustrative map of properties affected by rezoning on the proposed new Zoning District map, will be posted on the RM's website at the following web address: rmofshellbrook.com.

The RM will hold a public information session on **April 24th, 2024, at 7:00p.m.** at the **Shellbrook Seniors Center** to present this information, answer questions, and to receive feedback from the public. For additional information, please contact (306) 747-2178 or admin.493@sasktel.net.

Issued at the Town of Shellbrook this 4th day of April, 2024.

Duane Storey - Administrator - RM of Shellbrook No. 493

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Cockrill shows dishonesty in school board letters

Last week, as Saskatchewan's educators undertook work-to-rule actions, indefinitely withdrawing noon hour supervision and support for extracurricular activities, the odds of them reaching any sort of contract agreement with the Sask. Party government were rather bleak.

It was a stunning reversal of circumstances, coming only a week after Education Minister Jeremy Cockrill had floated the idea of establishing an accountability framework that would hold government and school boards accountable for funding classroom supports.

The idea of an accountability framework was welcomed by the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation (STF) and educators, who from the beginning of contract negotiations had been seeking a commitment on class size and complexity and classroom violence.

At last, educators and the Sask. Party government seemed to be on the same page, or at least in the same book. And the stage, it appeared, was set for the parties to meet and hash out their differences.

But Tuesday turned to Wednesday, and Wednesday became Thursday, and Thursday bled into Friday, with no meetings and no deal being reached.

According to STF president Samantha Becotte, it all came down to the government's unwillingness to put any sort of binding language in its collective bargaining agreement.

The STF, she says, was asking for the agreement to include one simple sentence, which reads: "The parties agree that the Multi-Year Funding Agreement and the accountability framework will be followed and honoured."

For a government that had already proposed an accountability framework for classroom support funding, it wasn't much of an ask.

It would have turned the proposal into a formal agreement between the involved parties (educators, government, and school boards) rather than a glorified pinky promise.

Nothing more. Nothing less.

But this simple, binding commitment to something it claimed to be committed to doing was too much for the Sask. Party government. Apparently, it prefers its accountability frameworks to have little framework and even less accountability.



JORDAN TWISS
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News Editor

This all brings us to last week, where, despite the failure to reach an agreement and the beginning of work-to-rule actions, Ms. Becotte suggested educators and the government were closer than they ever had been to a deal.

Much of this optimism stemmed from a suggestion by Mr. Cockrill that his proposed accountability framework be passed as Legislation.

"When you put something in the Education Act, that becomes law. I think that was our effort to show that we're serious about the accountability framework, school divisions are serious about the accountability framework and that was an option that we wanted to put out there," Mr. Cockrill said.

In a seeming about face, Mr. Cockrill even suggested he'd be open to conversations about the accountability framework being included in a contract with educators "down the road." However, he remained adamant that the government's multi-year funding commitment would not be included in the contract with educators.

While putting the accountability framework into legislation may seem like a grand show of commitment on Mr. Cockrill's part, it's important to note that the government can unilaterally change legislation on a whim. And recent months have seen it act quickly and recklessly to pass bills, without adequate (or any) consultation with experts and stakeholders.

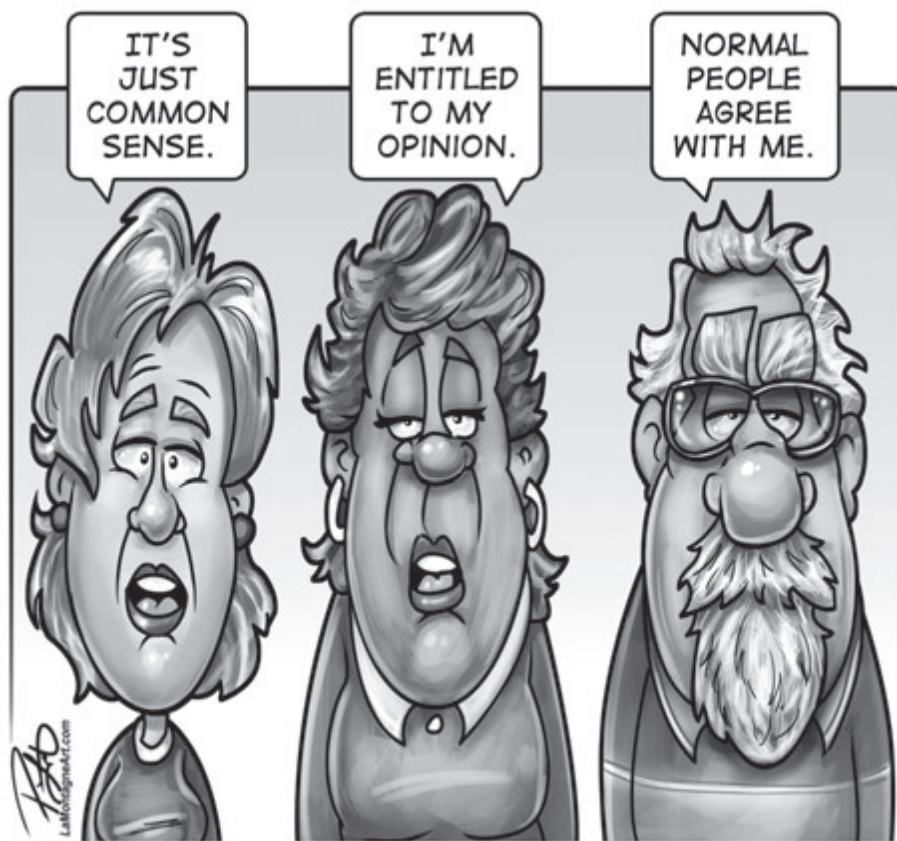
Even still, there was a sense that educators and the government were finally moving in the right direction, narrowing the chasm between their two bargaining positions.

This, it appears, wasn't good enough for Mr. Cockrill, who, throughout the negotiation process, has never passed up an opportunity to malign the province's educators with taxpayer-funded advertisements and social media posts.

With his latest attempt at a smear campaign, he sought to recruit school boards to his cause, asking them to communicate the government's messages to the public.

"I am counting on trustees to help make the case to the public that this round of bargaining has been about control and not our students," Mr. Cockrill wrote in a letter made public last week.

"This debate on whether to include



THINGS PEOPLE SAY WHEN FACTS GET IN THE WAY

class size and composition into the collective bargaining agreement, in any form, has significant implications for the role of local school boards going forward."

Mr. Cockrill also accused the STF of "moving the goal posts" after each new offer from the government, a statement that couldn't be further from the truth.

The STF's position has been clear from day one. It's not interested in controlling the government's purse strings; it wants a seat at the table, and reassurances (in the form of a binding commitment) that classroom conditions will improve for students and educators.

Indeed, if anyone could be accused of dishonesty and playing games during the bargaining process, it's Mr. Cockrill.

Mr. Cockrill has said he wants the best deal for students, educators, and the government. But at the same time, he's devoted a considerable amount of time and resources to convincing the public educators are only in it for the money.

Bullying educators into accepting whatever scraps the government is willing to throw their way is no way to negotiate, and certainly no way to arrive at the best outcome for students.

Mr. Cockrill has also said repeatedly that anything to do with class size and complexity doesn't belong in the collective bargaining agreement.

And yet, he leapt at the chance to make a side deal with the Saskatchewan School Boards' Association on those very issues, and claims he's willing to be

held accountable for his commitment to provide additional funding (just not in any meaningful, contractually binding way).

Mr. Cockrill's argument for excluding class size and complexity from contract negotiations has been predicated on the disingenuous notion of preserving the "local voice in education."

If this were Mr. Cockrill's true concern, he'd be listening to the educators who work in classrooms across the province every day.

If this were Mr. Cockrill's true concern, his government wouldn't have a legacy of silencing the local voice in education – first by taking away their ability to set education mill rates and cover operating costs, then by attempting to use legislation to concentrate authority in the Minister of Education's office.

And, finally, if this were Mr. Cockrill's true concern, he wouldn't be writing letters to school divisions asking them to serve as propaganda arms for the Sask. Party government (though, the government has already managed this, with Darlene Rowden serving both as chair of the Saskatchewan Rivers School Division Chair and the Sask. Party nominee for Batoche).

With all that said, this week is beginning on another positive note, as the STF and the government's negotiating teams are finally returning to the bargaining table.

Now, more than ever, Mr. Cockrill must show he cares for the province's students by bargaining in good faith.

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Report from the Legislature

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For cities, towns, villages, and municipalities throughout Saskatchewan, the budget provides a record increase of \$42.4 million in Municipal Revenue Sharing. This is an increase of 14.2 per cent from last year for a total of \$340.2 million in unconditional support for municipalities in the province.

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An additional \$350.1 million – an increase of \$2 million – will be directed to infrastructure programs in the province, including funding for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, Canada Community-Building Fund and

the New Building Canada Fund.

The budget also provides a \$900,000 increase to the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency for total funding of \$12.3 million to maintain its capacity for property inspections.

Investing in municipal and regional transportation infrastructure is a large priority in this year's budget. A \$29.5 million investment will support municipalities and industry partners in making investments in the provincial transportation system, supporting economic growth and safety on rural and municipal roads.

Funding from this year's budget will also support community airport improvements and help short line railways maintain and upgrade their networks. Transportation infrastructure is important in keeping our families safe while traveling, connecting communities, and getting our exports to market, helping to further grow Saskatchewan's communities.

Community safety remains a priority for our government and will receive significant investments in this year's budget. The budget for the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety is \$719.4 million. Together, they will work to maintain and promote public safety in Saskatchewan communities.

More than \$228 million will fund RCMP operations in the province, an increase of \$4.3 million, while the RCMP's First Nations Policing Program will receive \$21.6 million. The budget also provides \$23.1 million for 160 municipal police positions, including 17 Combined Traffic Services positions funded by SGI and other public safety initiatives.

The budget includes \$7 million for the Saskatchewan Marshals Service to continue implementation and hiring; the Marshals are expected to begin operations in 2026. The ministry will also receive \$200,000 to enhance and expand the Saskatchewan Police College.

An investment of more than \$250 million will be



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provided to the Ministry of Justice and Attorney General to support the province's justice services and community wellbeing, including \$31.7 million for programs and services to reduce interpersonal violence.

The Saskatchewan Firearms Office will receive \$12.4 million, which includes \$3.0 million to establish a ballistics laboratory in Saskatoon.

The budget continues investment in First Nations and Métis communities throughout Saskatchewan. More than \$255 million in targeted funding will be provided for First Nations and

Métis people and organizations, which is an increase of \$6.1 million over last year.

An investment of \$91.2 million from gaming payments will support Indigenous-led social and economic initiatives.

To support the wellbeing of Indigenous women, girls and Two-Spirit people, the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls+ Community Response Fund invests \$800,000 for grassroots organizations to develop and deliver projects that help prevent violence and promote safety.

In an effort to continually enhance consultations related to the duty to consult, the budget provides an increase of \$930,000 to support First Nations and Métis communities in participating in the consultation process.

Our government is committed to investing in community growth, contributing to a high quality of life in communities across Saskatchewan. As we continue this work, I look forward to hearing your feedback.

Leask Legion announces Zone contest winners

By **VALERIE PRIESTLEY**
Leask Legion Branch

The Leask Legion Branch had 57 very good entries in this year's Remembrance Day Poster and Literary Contest, with entries coming from Leask Community School, Blaine Lake Composite School, and the Leask Hutterite Colony.



Leask Legion president Valerie Priestley presents Zone level Remembrance Day Poster and Literary Contest prizes to Tanner Wollman and Marilyn Wollman.

Winners at the branch level were:
Junior Poem: 1st - Jasmyn Wollman; 2nd - Cole Wollman
Junior Colored Poster: 1st - Anhelina Kohziera; 2nd - Lila Wollman
Junior B&W Poster: 1st - Jack Johnson; 2nd - Keaton Dagenais
Intermediate Essay: 1st - Tanner Wollman
Intermediate Poem: 1st - Tanner Wollman
Intermediate Colored Poster: 1st - Iryna Vlolynets; 2nd - Thomas Thiesen
Intermediate B&W Poster: 1st - Blaire Verbonac; 2nd - Grady Dagenais
Senior Poem: 1st - Lorraine Wollman
Senior Colored Poster: 1st - Natanya Wollman
Senior B&W Poster: 1st - Marilyn Wollman
As always, winners at the Branch level advanced to the Zone level contest. At this level, Marilyn Wollman earned 1st place for her Senior Black and White Poster, and Tanner Wollman finished 3rd in the Intermediate Poem category.

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Two men arrested in Ahtahkakoop investigation

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Two men have been arrested by officers with the Saskatchewan RCMP's Prince Albert Warrant Enforcement and Suppression Team (WEST), following an investigation and a standoff on the Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation last week.

According to police, officers with WEST were in the community last Wednesday, April 10, seeking 42-year-old Prentice Bowman, who was wanted by the Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook RCMP Detachment on numerous warrants related to incidents that occurred over the past four months, including uttering threats, assault with a weapon, and other firearms related offences.

At approximately 11:50 a.m. on April 10, officers observed two adult males walking in a residential area on Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation. The one adult male was identified as Bowman.

Officers approached and attempted to arrest Bowman, when the second male discharged a firearm at them. One officer then returned fire. Neither the police officers nor the suspects reported physical injuries.

Bowman was arrested at the scene, while the second suspect fled. Officers from the Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook Detachment, WEST, the Critical Incident Response Team, Police Dog Services, the Crime Reduction Team, and Saskatoon Police Service Air Services assisted in locating the suspect.

Nearly three hours later, the second suspect was located still on the Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation. A firearm and ammunition were located and seized by officers, and the suspect, 24-year-old Sheldon Badger, was taken into custody.

Saskatchewan RCMP's Prince Albert General Investigation Section (GIS) have taken carriage of the investigation and continue to investigate with the as-

sistance of WEST and the Prince Albert Forensic Identification Section.

Upon further investigation, Badger has been charged with one count of attempted murder, two counts of possession of a firearm contrary to prohibition, and one count of possession of a firearm without a license.

Bowman remains in custody, but police say no additional charges are being considered in relation to this incident.

As the investigation is ongoing, anyone with information is urged to report it to their local police service or detachment RCMP (310-RCMP). Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

Police arrest wanted woman

On Friday, April 12, the Saskatchewan RCMP reported it had arrested 22-year-old Savannah Burns, who was wanted by the Big River, Prince Albert, and Melfort

RCMP Detachments for failing to appear in court and a slew of other charges.

Burns was located by police in the community of Little Red River and taken into custody without incident.

Burns' charges from the Big River RCMP Detachment stem from a 2021 incident in Debden where Burns was charged with resisting arrest and possessing property obtained by crime.

Meanwhile, the Prince Albert RCMP charged Burns with failing to comply with a release order and failure to attend court, in relation to a September 2023 incident on the Sturgeon Lake First Nation. Burns has been charged with aggravated assault and forcible confinement in connection with that case.

Finally, the Melfort RCMP have also charged Burns with failure to attend court. The Melfort court appearance is tied to an August 2023 investigation in Spalding, where Burns was charged with resisting a peace officer.

SaskTel unveils Phase 7 of Rural Fibre Initiative

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

SaskTel has added another 61 communities to the list of communities it plans to bring SaskTel infiNET service to as part of Phase 7 of its Rural Fibre Initiative, including the Villages of Canwood, Debden, Glaslyn, and Leask.

"When SaskTel completes this work, it will have invested more than \$1 billion to bring its fibre

optic broadband network to 225 communities and nearly 85 per cent of all homes and businesses across Saskatchewan," said Dustin Duncan, Minister Responsible for SaskTel, in a statement.

"The work being done at SaskTel, under the guidance of our government, will ensure that communities across the province have access to the communications infrastructure they need to grow and thrive for

many years to come."

Originally announced in 2020, the Rural Fibre Initiative is a multi-phase program that will see SaskTel invest \$280 million to expand its infiNET network to nearly 200 communities across the province. SaskTel anticipates all communities included in the Rural Fibre Initiative up to Phase 7 will be fibre-ready by the end of 2027.

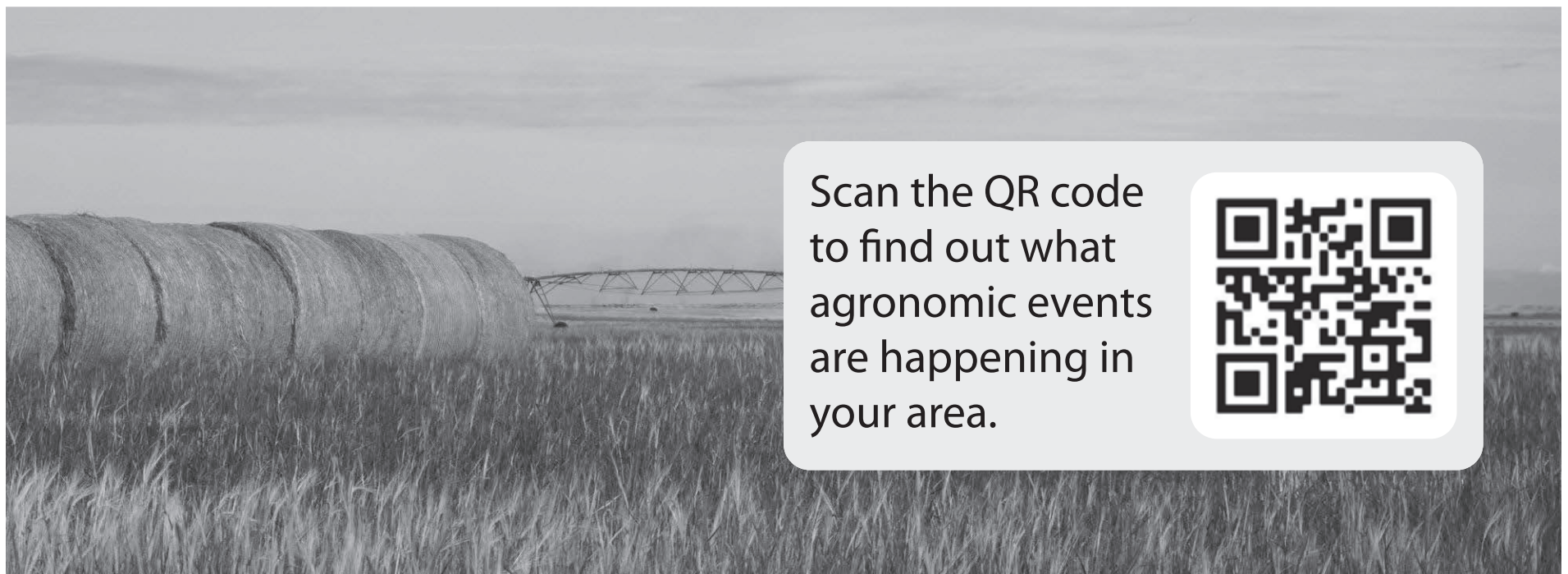
SaskTel says the continued expansion of its infiNET and

5G networks is a direct result of its commitment to invest more than \$1.5 billion of capital across Saskatchewan over the next five years. It also says these investments will help Saskatchewan accelerate its transition to becoming a smart province, and ensure it remains one of the most well-connected regions in the country.

Currently, work on Phase 3 of the initiative is 95 per cent complete, and work on Phase 4

is under way. SaskTel expects all communities included in Phases 4, 5, and 6 of the initiative to be fibre-ready by the end of 2025, while work on Phase 7 will be complete by the end of 2027.

Along with the inclusion of the Villages of Canwood, Debden, Glaslyn, and Leask in Phase 7, Phases 4, 5, and 6 of the Rural Fibre Initiative will bring SaskTel infiNET service to the Towns of Shellbrook, Big River, Spiritwood, and Blaine Lake.



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Social media misinformation harms ag sector

Sometimes when you are reading a news story you still find yourself practically laughing out loud.

That was the case when reading an article at *www.producer.com* and seeing a quote which stated “if you are on TikTok or Instagram, it’s quite possible that you may have come across something that is negative or misleading.” The statement is weirdly interesting for a number of reasons, all with at least some relevance to agriculture.

To start with, this is an understatement in the extreme. It doesn’t take

long for anyone with a modicum of common sense to recognize social media is a quagmire of information, some offered by credible sources, much a blend of fact and fiction, and much of it pure fiction presented as fact to promote a particular point of view.

I recall from my days in school many, many years ago, a history/social studies teacher reminding me that when doing reports it was important to have multiple sources to support a position because not every book written – the primary source of information at that time – was



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100 per cent factual.

Jump ahead several decades, and while the laptop and cellphone has put masses of information at our disposal by the punching of some keys, it is also far, far more difficult to determine the kernels of truth from the chaff of

rhetoric and misinformation.

For agriculture that is troubling.

It is too easy for false statements about things such as the safety of food, or the sustainability of farm practices to catch public attention, and once something starts being shared across social media contradicting the falsehoods it becomes near impossible.

What people choose to eat, as an example, might well be influenced by misinformation.

Even more concerning is governments may create legislation impact-

ing farmers and how they operate to appease their voters, who have lobbied for change because they have bought into one falsehood, or another, which has suggested what farmers do is wrong.

The question then becomes what can the industry as a whole, and producers individually, do to tip the narrative back toward good science and fact?

That’s the dicey question, because simply entering the conversation with factual information will only sway the few who are actively seeking multiple sources

of information before making an informed decision.

Many on social media are happily following the crowd of the moment like lemmings, with a willingness to jump to any conclusion given without considering the source of information, or the creditability of information given.

Somehow, we need to get people back to analytically thinking, to spend time investigating more broadly than “liking” random posts on social media, and in the end basing our views on the best information we can find.

Top up coming for livestock feed program

Canada’s Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Lawrence MacAulay and Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit have announced additional payments will be provided to eligible livestock producers already enrolled in the 2023 Canada-Saskatchewan Feed Program. The Program, introduced on Oct. 20, 2023, was put in place to help maintain the breeding herd in drought impacted regions of the province.

“Drought conditions are having a serious impact on livestock producers right across Saskatchewan,” MacAulay said in a statement. “We will continue working closely with the province to ensure affected producers have access to the financial tools they need to protect their operations.”

“These additional payments will assist livestock producers who have felt the impact of drought throughout the province,” Marit added in a statement. “The Program provides additional relief measures to offset extraordinary costs to secure feed for livestock. This is a government that will always stand up for the needs of producers and the industry as a whole.”

Initial payments were prorated to a maximum of 75 per cent of the total payment based on the application from producers. This prorated approach ensured that all eligible producers could receive support. The current outstanding total program budget allows for the remaining 25 per cent to complement the initial payments issued to producers who applied and were deemed eligible before the deadline. Producers within the designated regions, as originally guided by the Canadian Drought Monitor map will receive a top up of up to \$50 per head. Applicants that were in the provincial-only area will receive a

top up of up to \$20 per head.

“The last couple of years have been a struggle for cattle producers in the province,” Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association Vice-Chair Chad Ross said in a statement. “Minister Marit and the Saskatchewan government were quick to respond to the challenge through the Canada-Saskatchewan feed program. We appreciate the investment in our industry made by both levels of government and thank you for the additional support announced today.”

Applicants were required to submit receipts or appropriate documents for the extraordinary expenses. The deadline to submit applications to the Canada-Saskatchewan Feed Program ended March 15, 2024. Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation’s Feed Team will automatically reprocess all applications for producers who previously submitted applications before the deadline for funding through the Canada-Saskatchewan Feed Program. Producers should expect to receive funds in the coming weeks.

“SARM appreciates the top up funding to the Canada-Saskatchewan Feed program which will help livestock producers who are experiencing extra costs associated with drought,” Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities President Ray Orb said in a statement. “SARM values the ongoing commitment from both levels of senior government to Saskatchewan agriculture.”

The Canada-Saskatchewan Feed Program received 3,486 applications.

Saskatchewan’s AgriRecovery Program has been referred to as the Canada-Saskatchewan Feed Program since October 2023. AgriRecovery is a federal-provincial-territorial disaster relief framework to help agricultural producers with the extraordinary

costs associated with recovering from disaster situations. AgriRecovery initiatives are cost-shared on a 60:40 basis between the federal government and participating provinces or territories, as outlined under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP).

Producers also have access to a comprehensive suite of business risk management (BRM) programs that are the first line of defense for producers facing disasters, including AgriStability, AgriInsurance and AgriInvest. With joint funding from the federal government and provinces, these BRM programs provide protection against different types of income and production losses.

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Pursuant to subsection 214 of *The Municipalities Act*, Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Resort Village of Pebble Bay for the year 2024 has been prepared and is open to inspection by calling (306)468-3104 or emailing resortpebblebay@gmail.com for an appointment between April 19th and May 19th, 2024. Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal along with a fee of \$200.00, refundable upon a successful appeal, with: The Assessor, Resort Village of Pebble Bay, Box 449, Canwood, SK S0J 0K0. Contact for the Secretary for the Board of Revision is Nor Sask Board Services, 642 Agnew St., Prince Albert, SK S6V 2P1 Phone: 1-306-314-5418

Appeals to be submitted by the 19th day of May, 2024.

Dated at Canwood, Saskatchewan, this 15th day of April, 2024

Terry Lofstrom, Assessor
Resort Village of Pebble Bay

RM OF SPIRITWOOD NO. 496 NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 for the year 2024 has been prepared and is open for inspection at the Office of the Assessor from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, April 15th, 2024 to Wednesday, May 15th, 2024 excluding statutory holidays.

A bylaw pursuant to Section 214 of the *Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

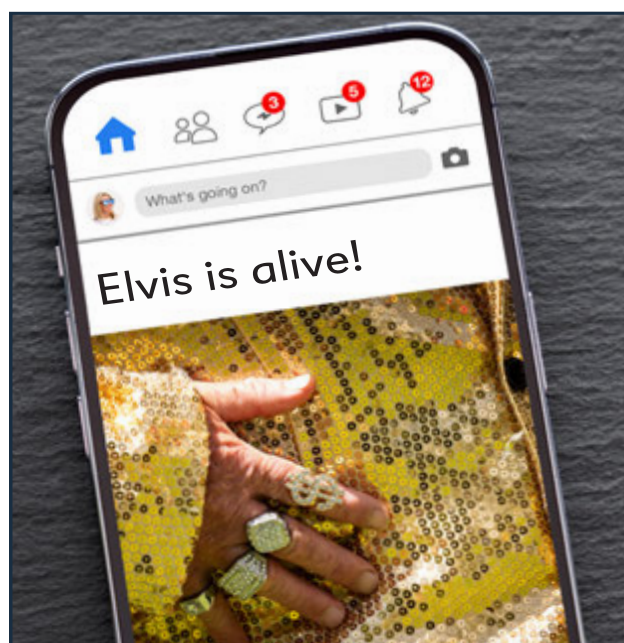
Any person who wishes to discuss the notice of assessment or potential appeal may contact the Assessor at 306-883-2034 (RM of Spiritwood) or 1-800-667-5203 (SAMA).

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her Notice of Appeal with the Secretary of the Board of Revision, Western Municipal Consulting at Box 149, Meota, SK, S0M 1X0.

An appeal fee of \$75.00 per property and payable to the RM of Spiritwood must accompany the appeal. The appeal fee will be returned if the appeal is successful.

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Blaine Lake hosts 26th Farmer's Spiel

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle
Reporter

The Blaine Lake Curling Rink played host to three busy days of curling action from March 8 to 10, when the community hosted its 26th annual Farmer's Bonspiel. This year's bonspiel saw 22 teams of four come out to compete for prizes while helping to raise vital funds to

keep the local skating and curling rinks operating (an increase over last year's turnout of 18 teams).

As in previous years, the teams were guaranteed to play three games and separated into pools to play against each other. Depending on their performance within their respective pools, teams were relegated to the A, B, C, or D Events for playoffs, where a loss

meant an end to their tournament.

After three days of fun and competition, only one team could bring home the A Event trophy, the bragging rights, and a prize from a large pool of goodies that was donated by local and area farmers, businesses, and community members. This year, the honour was claimed by Darwin Schlichemeyer, Eldon Rindero, Remi Martin, and Kenton Hunter.

Topping the B Event, meanwhile, were the foursome of Alan Lavoie, Jason Sherstobetoff, Chad Timm, and Rob Manley, while the rink of Brennan Stochmanski, Alexis Stochmanski, Burk Gosselin, and Matt Dagenais won the C Event.

Last but not least, the D Event saw Dennis Simonar, Trevor Simonar, Kyle Brewer, and Dave Garner win out in the end.

The origins of the Blaine Lake Farmer's Bonspiel date back to 27 years ago, when local crop input managers Ernie Neubauer (with Wendland Ag Services), Rodger Pederson (with



A Event winners in Blaine Lake's Farmer's Bonspiel, from left to right: Darwin Schlichemeyer, Eldon Rindero, Remi Martin, and Kenton Hunter.



B Event winners, from left to right: Alan Lavoie, Jason Sherstobetoff, Chad Timm, and Rob Manley

Sask Wheat Pool), and Andy Teslia (with Cargill) organized the event.

In the early years, each team had to have at least two farmers, and the action would begin on a Tuesday at 5 p.m. and wrap up on Sunday afternoon. Back then, the bonspiel typically ran with a full complement of 32 teams, as well as a waiting list, and curlers would be treated to a catered supper and entertainment at Blaine Lake Composite School on the Saturday night.



C Event winners, from left to right: Brennan Stochmanski, Alexis Stochmanski, Burk Gosselin, and Matt Dagenais.



D Event winners, from left to right: Dennis Simonar, Trevor Simonar, Kyle Brewer, and Dave Garner.

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Run for Stanley Cup is wide open

Now that the 1,312-game preliminaries are almost over, the 16 National Hockey League playoff teams get down to serious business. Last year's Vegas-vs.-Florida final didn't appear on many experts' radars and the likelihood of more upsets is always real.

So who can win the Stanley Cup this year? All 16 qualifiers, of course, but realistically, some of the playoff teams would need a truckload of four-leaf clovers, a few rabbits' feet, or Mafia-style bribery to win it all.

There are three levels of contenders: Those who can; those who might; those who can't.

Those who can (in no particular order):

Boston Bruins: The Bruins didn't miss a beat after the retirement of superstar centre Patrice Bergeron, and have been at the top, or close to it, all year. The President's Cup jinx got to the B's last year, so maybe they'll play so-so down the stretch to avoid finishing first overall.

Florida Panthers: Neck-and-neck with

Boston all season for first in the Eastern Conference, the Panthers are playoff-tested after last year's run to the final.

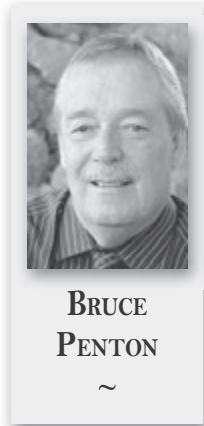
N.Y. Rangers: Igor Shesterkin in goal and an offence led by Artemi Panarin provide the ingredients for a long run.

Carolina Hurricanes: The Canes have a solid defence with Brent Burns, Brett Pesce and Jaccob Slavin and picked up solid playoff performer Jake Guentzel in a trade, adding to the scoring prowess of Sebastian Aho, Seth Jarvis and Andrei Svechnikov.

Colorado Avalanche: Nathan MacKinnon and Cale Makar can win games by themselves and make the Avs an always-dangerous team.

Dallas Stars: Solid in goal (Jake Oettinger) and up front with eight 20-plus goal scorers, the Stars have been battling Winnipeg and Colorado for top spot in the Central Division all year.

Vancouver Canucks: Coach-of-the-year candidate Rick Tocchet has guided the Canucks to one of their most suc-



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cessful seasons ever. No reason to think it's going to stop any time soon.

Edmonton Oilers: After a horrendous 5-12 start to the season, the McDavid-Draisaitl-led Oilers have compiled one of the best records in the entire league.

Those who might:

Toronto Maple Leafs: The 1967-to-present day Cup drought probably won't end this year, but goal-scoring machine Auston Matthews is in his prime, so there's a chance.

Winnipeg Jets: Among the top teams all season, the Jets have Connor Hellebuyck, the best goalie in the league, and the addition of Tyler Tofoli and Sean Monahan meshes nicely with the

Jets' core of Scheifele, Connor, Ehlers, and Morrissey.

Nashville Predators: Defenceman Roman Josi might be the best all-round player in the league and the Preds were red-hot down the stretch. Never ignore a team with a mountain of momentum.

Tampa Bay — Playoff experience can never be underestimated.

Those who won't

Anyone battling it out down the stretch for a wildcard position — Detroit, Washington, Pittsburgh Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Las Vegas.

(Keep in mind that this same pre-playoff column last year gave a no-chance outlook to the Florida Panthers, who made it all the way to the final.)

• Retired NFL great J.J. Watt, after the league deemed the hip-drop tackle illegal: "Just fast forward to the belts with flags on them..."

• And comedy writer Alex Kaseberg on the same subject: "In addition to helmet-to-helmet and around the knees, it is now illegal for NFL players to make hip-

drop tackles. At this rate the only option for NFL tacklers is to give ball carriers a stern talking to."

• Jack Finarelli, aka the sports curmudgeon, after discussing the Ohtani-interpreter gambling situation: "The surest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it in your pocket."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "In Texas, former NFL QB, Vince Young, was knocked out cold in a bar fight. Young was hit so hard, when he came to he said he wanted to make a comeback with the Washington Commanders."

• Super 70s Sports: "Tony Gwynn could've gone 0-for-1,199 at the end of his career and still retired as a .300 hitter. Think about that."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "The Oakland As are reportedly talking to Sacramento about relocating there for at least three years. But wait, doesn't Sacramento already have a minor league team?"

• Headline in The Beaverton, Canada's parody

website: "NHL player declared legally dead before trade deadline expects to be ready for playoffs."

• Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "Step aside, Messi, Mahomes and LeBron, and make room for America's biggest sports superstar — Caitlin Clark."

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "NBA star Russell Westbrook admitted to lying about his wife's birthday at a restaurant to score some free cake. Typical of today's over-paid athlete: getting their unjust deserts."

• From theonion.com, on 'Signs You May be Addicted to Sports Betting': "Every sports gambler has heard horror stories about someone who, at their lowest point, watched an entire baseball game from beginning to end."

• Another gambling addiction indicator, from theonion.com: "You Convinced The Gambling Addiction Hotline Operator To Put \$20 On The Knicks"

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Locals bring home hardware in U13 AA hockey

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Three local hockey players and one homegrown coach ended their 2023-2024 hockey season in the best way possible, bringing home both the U13 AA northern and provincial league titles with the Warman U13 AA Wildcats.

As Shellbrook has no U13 AA program, players from the area looking to play at the AA level have no choice but to try out for a team in one of the closest centers. Local players Caleb Philp, Ty Keyowski, and Will Kasner made the commitment to play for the Warman Wildcats this season, and played foundational roles in the team's success.

Meanwhile, Shellbrook's Gage Helm, who is also a Wildcats alumnus, provided guidance from behind the bench as an assistant coach.

In league play, the Wildcats were the clear team to beat, remaining undefeated from the start of the season in late October until the beginning of February, and amassing a league-leading regular season record of 18-4-2.

Heading into the postsea-

son, the Wildcats kept their momentum alive, losing only one game en route to the northern league finals against the Saskatoon Fury. There,

they swept their opponents in a best-of-three series to claim the well-earned championship, and punched their ticket to the provincial final against

the Swift Current Broncos.

That series also ended in a clean sweep for the Wildcats, earning them the title of provincial champions.

Philp finished second on the team in scoring after the 24-game regular season campaign, racking up 24 goals and 39 assists for a total of 63 points. He played just as well in the post season, tallying 8 goals and 7 assists over 7 games.

Starting between the pipes for the Wildcats, Ty Keyowski was a rock-solid backstop for the team, amassing a record of 8-3-1, a goals against average of 3.04, and a save percentage of .914. His post-season play was just as consistent, where his record was 6-1, with a goals against average of 3.05, and a save percentage of .923.

Finally, Will Kasner was a steady presence for the team on the blue line, scoring 2 goals and 4 assists during the regular season, and adding 1 goal and 2 assists to his season tally in the playoffs.

In addition to its league exploits, the team won the Regina Classic Tournament, besting teams from Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Alberta.

Based on their achievements this season, the Wildcats were ranked second overall in western Canada.



From left to right: Shellbrook's Caleb Philp, Will Kasner, Ty Keyowski, and Gage Helm (assistant coach) were key contributors to the U13 AA Warman Wildcats' success throughout the 2023-2024 hockey season.

OBITUARIES

*Patricia Aube*

(Karen), Laura (Steve); grandchildren, Joshua, Aidan, Pamela (Jay), Cal (Kearstin), Rowen, Kaitlyn, Ella, Riley (Keeley Shae), Brooklyn, Teigan (Nicolas), Bailey (Noah), and Tyson; great-grandchildren, Carter, Berkley, Lillian, Rhett, and Maya; brothers, Albert, Gary, and Tom (Janice); sisters, Marion, Kathleen, Edythe, Lois, Norma, Shirley (Ray), Peggy, and Susan; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

It is with great sadness that the family of Patricia Aube (née Murray) announce her passing on March 22, 2024. Patricia was born on March 24, 1943, in Macrorie, SK. She was the third of twelve children born to Carl and Doris Murray. In 1961 Patricia married Marvin Aube and the couple moved to Spiritwood, SK, where they farmed and raised four children. Marvin and Pat retired and moved to the town of Spiritwood in 2004. Marvin passed in July of 2017 and she remained in their home until 2021 when she moved to Prince Albert, SK, to be closer to medical facilities and her family.

Patricia leaves to mourn and cherish her memory her children, Deb (Darren), Ken (Bonnie), David

Services for Patricia were held on April 5, 2024. In lieu of other tributes, memorial donations can be made in Patricia's name to the Boreal Health Care Foundation, <https://boreal-healthcare.ca/>.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, Marianne Turcotte, Funeral Director, Prince Albert, SK 306-763-3322.

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NOTICE OF PASSING

*Mavis Loader*

Celebration of Mavis' Life will be held at 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at Wild Rose School, Wild Rose District, SK. In lieu of other tributes, donations in memory of Mavis may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation, 1200 - 2300 Yonge Street, Box 2414, Toronto, ON, M4P 1E4.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, Tracy-Lynn Lenchuk, Funeral Director, Prince Albert, SK 306-763-3322.

It is with deep sorrow that the family of Mavis Loader, (née McQuarrie) late of Shellbrook, SK, announce her passing on January 21, 2024, at Royal University Hospital at the age of 69 years. A



Gerald was born April 7, 1957 to his loving parents, Arnold Buck and Melva Horn (Sandy). He passed away December 7, 2023 in Shellbrook, Saskatchewan.

Gerald was the first-born son and second oldest of five children; Melvina, Patricia, Marlene and Ronald. After

Gerald was born, the Buck family moved to British Columbia but when Gerald was seven, they moved back to the Amiens homestead. This was where Gerald fell in love with the farm. Gerald left school at fifteen years old and began his lifelong dream of farming with his dad. He was determined and a hard worker where he took on many things like trucking, road construction, corral cleaning, welding, and mechanics but Gerald knew farming was his greatest passion. If you saw Gerald in the tractor, it usually was green, and he always had a huge smile on his face.

Gerald met his best friend and the love of his life, Lorie-Ann Lavoie, in

1979 then were later married in 1983. Both loved children. After many hardships, they decided to foster and were the parents to many wonderful children. It wasn't until they got the call their little girl was ready to be adopted. Gerald and Lorie were so ecstatic and knew their family was finally complete.

Gerald worked away for many years while Chelsey was little. Lorie-Ann managed the farm alongside many great neighbours, friends and family members. While working for great employers and making great friends, he knew he had to come home and be with his family.

After 34 years, Lorie-Ann passed and it was

not long after his first-born grandson, Cope-land, was born. Gerald's heart was full again. Then along came his second grandson, Bennett. Gerald's heart could not have got any bigger. His grandsons were his world and he would have done anything for them. They made many memories with grandpa; from riding in the tractor to eating ice cream before supper.

Gerald fought so hard for as long as he could. Now, he is with his loving wife and enjoying a good conversation with his dad over a bottle of Gibson's. Gerald will be greatly missed by many.

All donations can be made to Shellbrook Hospital - Emergency Department.

Ewald Miller

Mr. Ewald Miller of Rabbit Lake, SK passed away peacefully on Friday, April 5, 2024 at the Battlefords Union Hospital at the age of 94 years.

Ewald was born on the family farm near Glenbush, SK to Fred and Martha (Zimmer) Miller on October 15, 1929. He grew up on the farm east of Glenbush with his sister Elsie and they both attended school at Artichoke. Growing up he helped his dad on the

farm, was an avid outdoorsman, particularly loved hunting and trapping.

He had a passion for music and formed a five-piece orchestra, which performed at many functions in Rabbit Lake and district. As a very young man he bought his first business which eventually led to numerous business ventures which included Massey Harris (Ferguson) and Miller Motors.

On August 17, 1956 Ewald married Marian Ogburn. They had been friends for many years, and brought together by their love of music. In February of 1962, Gerry was born followed by Mark in November of 1974. The following years consisted of running to family business at Miller Motors, playing in the orchestra, farming and raising their boys. In 1977, the family

moved into North Battleford. Ewald continued to farm sharing the operation with his son, Gerry until he retired.

The winters were shortened with a 3 month stay in their home in Yuma, Arizona each year until 2020. Ewald's retirement included many hours of sharing stories and jokes with his family and friends. He was very good at making people laugh! He moved to River Heights Lodge in 2022, and resided there until being hospitalized in March 2024.

Ewald is survived by his loving wife, Marian of 67 years; his children: Gerry (Colleen) and Mark (Lori); his six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; as well as nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents: Fred & Martha Miller; in-laws:

Jim & Lisbeth Ogburn; sister, Elsie Fenner; brothers-in-law: Oscar Fenner, Jim and Roy Ogburn; sisters-in-law: Ann and JeanneArc Ogburn and nephew, Alan Fenner.

A Celebration of Life Service took place on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Rabbit Lake Community Hall with Pastor Sheldon Gattinger officiating. Luncheon and Fellowship followed the Service. Memorial donations in memory of Mr. Ewald Miller can be directed to the Rose Gill Lodge, PO Box 157, Rabbit Lake, SK S0M 2L0 or Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan 301-2550-12th Avenue Regina, SK S4P 3X1.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Eternal Memories Funeral Service & Crematorium - Elle Dell Funeral Director.

Verna Doreen (Crapley) Peterson

PETERSON - Verna September 28, 1934 - March 16, 2024

It is with deep sadness that the family of Verna Doreen (Crapley) Peterson announces her passing on March 16, 2024 at the Rose Garden Hospice in Prince Albert, SK.

Verna was born in Claire, SK on September 28, 1934 to Frank and Sadie Provo. She worked in restaurants, drove truck, bowled, played crib, and fished.

She is survived by her husband, Ray Peterson; children, Robert (Nancy)

and their children Jenna, Nick and Keaton; Barb Cozier (Doug) and their children; Bev William (George) and their children; Sharon (Craig); 5 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild; as well as many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband, Howard Crapley; parents, Frank and Sadie; brothers, Clifford and Ralph; sisters, Ivy, Hannah and Arleta.

As per Verna's wishes, there will be no funeral service. A private family gathering will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donation can be made to the Rose Garden Hospice in Prince Albert, SK.



OBITUARIES

Daniel "Dan" John Schira



Left to cherish his memory are his children: Brian (Kari), Chris, Marty, and Roxanne (Claude) Martine; grandchildren: Dalton, Kirsten, Denver, Elizabeth, Brielle, and Chanaya, and his siblings: Sylvia, Emilie, Dennis, Charles (Claire), Rosalie (Ed), Ron (Carol), and Giselle (Don), many nieces, nephews, cousins, and an abundance of friends.

He was predeceased by his father in 1988 and his mother in 2021.

Dan was born and raised on the family farm a few miles south of Spiritwood. He was always looking out for

the well-being of his younger siblings and was a wonderful big brother.

In 1969, he married Jean Bruneau and together they had four children. He was a loving father and did his best to teach and guide his children, with the goal to provide them with the best life possible.

Dan worked various jobs throughout his life, but mainly farmed and played music; farming and country music were in his blood. He was a committed musician and singer who led some of the best country bands wherever he lived.

In his downtime, he enjoyed flying his 4-seater taildragger airplane, fishing, hunting, and socializing. Family and friends meant the world to him, and he loved gatherings.

In the late 90s he started 'Danny Boy Music Services' in Prince Albert. It was a successful business for many years, providing the area with live music, DJ and karaoke services. After leaving the farm, his band and the business kept him busy. He often volunteered for charities or played for care homes to entertain the elderly. He was a professional driver who spent many years

driving taxi and semi; he had a compassionate heart and cared deeply for people, as shown by his last job which was driving bus for disabled persons.

He was a man of many talents, developed by life experiences and sheer determination. He accomplished a lot in life and those that were able to join him along his journey were blessed with his music, his kindness, and his humour.

We would like to thank the following for supporting Dan and his family over the past few years: Prince Albert Home Care; Saskatoon Home Care; St.

Ann's Home staff; Porteous Lodge staff; Royal University, City and St. Paul's Hospitals and staff; all other health-care professionals and volunteers, and Dan's caring friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at Sacred Heart Parish, Spiritwood, SK, with Rev. Fr. Doan presiding.

Memorial donations can be made to the *RUH Foundation* or the *Saskatchewan Country Music Association*.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Spiritwood.

It is with the heaviest of hearts that we announce the passing of Daniel ("Dan") John Schira on April 6, 2024, in Saskatoon, SK at the age of 76 years. Dan was the oldest child of John and Mary Schira.

Dale Schwehr



Hay River, NWT. Their son Richard was born in 1981, followed by their daughter Lindsey in 1984. Dale's children were very important to him. He was proud of Richard and Lindsey's accomplishments. Dale and Marsha lived at Sugar Hill until the fall of 2007 when they moved their house to town.

Dale had many interests. His team of horses meant so much to him - working with them, sleigh rides, Christmas carols, and just having a great time. Dale loved to visit and was never too busy for a cup of coffee or a drink. He loved old-time dancing. Camping was a big part of Dale's life. He especially enjoyed Emma Lake and Nesslin Lake. Dale loved to entertain, and he was a fabulous cook. Dale also loved to travel with Marsha. They took many trips to Hay River and to Alberta where he enjoyed spending time with Marsha's family. He always looked forward to their trips to Maui, he loved the sun!

Family meant everything to Dale. He loved Richard and Lindsey and quickly welcomed Corrine and Emery into the family. Dale's grandchildren Reese, Lincoln and Anders brought so much joy to his life, and he just lit up when they were around. He was never too busy where they were concerned!

Dale was so proud to be from Canwood and he was very involved in the community. He was a member of many groups over the years including

the Canwood Elks Club and the Zion Lutheran Church. He volunteered in many ways whether it was cooking, canvassing, helping to organize events or any other duties required to make a community event successful. Dale felt he had everything he needed in life living in the community he loved with his family close by.

Dale is lovingly remembered by his wife Marsha; children and grandchildren - Richard (Corrine) & Anders Schwehr, Lindsey (Emery) Reese & Lincoln Hamborg; siblings and families - Sandra (Ron) Willner, Russell (Colleen) Schwehr, Susan (Darcy) Coleman; siblings-in-law and families - Dick (Sharon) DeLancey, Bob DeLancey, Jim DeLancey, Reg (Debra) DeLancey, Don (Kim) DeLancey, Evelyn (Richard) Dewinetz; aunts: Ruth Gjerde and Carlene Anderson; numerous cousins and extended family.

Dale was predeceased by his parents Ernest and Doris Schwehr; parents-in-law Art and Marguerite DeLancey; grandparents Joe and Annie Schwehr, Andrew and Siri Anderson; sisters-in law, Violet and Ingrid DeLancey; brother-in-law, Harry Moir; special cousins, Janice (Ed) Sten and Howard Anderson; numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Dale to either the Sturgeon River Cemetery or to the

Whispering Pine Place Recreation Dept.

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ments have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home & Crematorium, Donna Lovberg, Funeral Director, Canwood, SK 306-468-2244.

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LEOVILLE: Wapiti Regional Library - Wednesday 10am - 4pm; Thursday 10am - 4pm
SHELL LAKE: Wapiti Regional Library - Tuesday 11am - 4pm; Wednesday 12 pm - 5 pm

BLAINE LAKE: Wapiti Library - Wednesday 1pm - 6pm; Thursday 1pm - 6pm; Friday 1pm - 6pm; Saturday 10am - 3pm. Contact us for more info 306-497-3130, www.wapitilibrary.ca.

BIG RIVER: Wapiti Library - Tuesday 11:30am - 4:30pm; 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 2pm - 6pm; Friday 1:30pm - 5pm. 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 11am - 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.

PARKSIDE: The Chuck Labrash & Darrel Martin Memorial Fish Fry - Friday, April 26, 2024, Parkside Immanuel Lutheran Church. Sittings at 4:30 pm, 5:45 pm & 7 pm. Limited takeout meals available. Cost: \$25/Adult; \$10 Kids 6-12 yrs; Kids 5 & under Free. Tickets: Shellbrook Pharmacy 306-747-3435 or Glenys Martin 306-747-7765.

SHELLBROOK: TOPS Club Inc - Interested in taking off pounds sensibly? Pop into our open house & see what we are all about! May 7th @ 5:30 pm, Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly - 61 2nd Street W

SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Royal Canadian Legion - Last Meat Draw & 50/50 (until fall). Saturday, May 4, 2-4 pm @ Shellbrook Legion. \$2/ticket or \$5/3 tickets. 50/50 tickets: \$5 each. Bar is open, games available to play!

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Minutes of an RM of Shellbrook meeting

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

Minutes of a regular meeting of Council of the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493 held on Wednesday Feb. 7, 2024, in the Municipal Office Council Chambers at Shellbrook, Sask.

Present: Reeve - Doug Oleksyn, Division 1 - Cliff Skauge, Division 3 - Christine Strube, Division 4 - Jay Ferster, Division 5 - Derwin Joelson, Division 6 - Ivan Ten Bos, and Administrator - Duane Storey.

Vacant: Division 2

Delegations:

10:30 a.m. Jared Stephenson, Northbound Planning Ltd.

11 a.m. Chelsea Neuberger AAg. Plant Health Technical Advisor, SARM Division 5

11:40 a.m. Foreman Bill Aug update on municipal activities

Reeve Oleksyn called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Skauge: That, the following items be added to the Agenda: 2024 Council Indemnity, Stene Land Lease Agreement, Correspondence: Evan and Angela Davis dated Feb. 6, 2024. Carried

Joelson: That, the Agenda be adopted as amended. Carried

Skauge: That, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Jan. 10, 2024, be approved as presented. Carried

Ferster: That, the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of January 2024 be approved, as presented. Carried

Skauge: That, the bank reconciliation for the month of January 2024 be approved as presented. Carried

Strube: That, the accounts payable dated February 2nd, 2024, as attached hereto and forming part of these Minutes, being regular cheque numbers 13893 to 13947 in the amount of \$506,470.70 and payroll cheque numbers 14695 to 14710 in the amount of \$39,986.54 be approved. Carried

Ferster: That, Rural Munic-

ipality of Shellbrook No. 493 employee mid-month advances be increased to \$2,000 for the remainder of 2024 and that, effective Jan. 1, 2025, employee payroll switch from monthly pay periods to bi-weekly. Carried

Lloyd Thomas and Kyle Wagner entered the Council Chambers joined the Public Gallery at 10:15 a.m.

Northbound Planning Delegation Jared Stephenson entered the Council Chambers at 10:15 a.m. to discuss Country Residential Zoning.

Lloyd Thomas and Kyle Wagner left the Council Chambers at 11:06 a.m.

Skauge: That, the time being 11:11 a.m., Council close a portion of this meeting to the public to go in camera under the authority of Part III of The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, to discuss strategic planning, the public gallery be vacated and those present for this closed session be Reeve Oleksyn, Deputy Reeve Joelson, and Councillors Skauge, Strube, Ferster and Ten Bos, Administrator Storey, and Jared Stephenson. Carried

Skauge: That, the regular Council meeting reconvene at 11:13 a.m. with all members of Council, public and Administration present. Carried

Northbound Planning Delegation Jared Stephenson left the Council Chambers at 11:30 a.m.

Delegation Chelsea Neuberger AAg. Plant Health Technical Advisor, SARM Division 5 entered the Council Chambers at 11:30 a.m. to update Council on SARM Programs.

Delegation Foreman Bill Aug and Todd Lande entered the Council Chambers at 11:45 a.m. to update Council on municipal operations.

Delegation Chelsea Neuberger AAg. Plant Health Technical Advisor, SARM Division 5 left the Council Chambers at 12 p.m.

Delegation Foreman Bill Aug and Todd Lande left the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

Strube: That the allocation of the 2024-2025 Sask Lotteries grant, totalling \$12,569, be amended as follows:

- Shellbrook Senior Curling Club \$600.00
- Shellbrook Elementary \$766.85
- Shellbrook Parks Board (playground) \$600.00
- Shellbrook Parks Board (swimming pool) \$766.85
- Shellbrook Public Library \$800.00
- Shellbrook Senior Association \$766.85
- Shellbrook Skating Club \$766.85
- Sturgeon Lake Regional Park \$766.85
- WP Sandin School Skating \$766.85
- WP Sandin School Outdoor Program \$766.85
- Wild Rose Public School \$766.85
- Wild Rose Before & After School Program \$600.00
- Lake Country Wildlife Federation \$766.85
- Lake Country Target Shooting Club \$766.85
- Shellbrook Silver Fins \$766.85
- Shellbrook Minor Softball \$766.85
- Crutwell Recreation \$766.85. Carried

Skauge: That, Foreman Aug and Todd Lande be sent to Grande Prairie Alberta to inspect Lowbed Trailer with the Authority to purchase up to \$35,000. Carried

Joelson: That, amendments to the 5-Year Capital Plan for 2024 and 2025 be approved. Carried

Skauge: That, Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493 Hourly Employees be given a \$.93/hr. wage increase for the 2024-year effective Jan. 1, 2024. Defeated

Ferster: That, Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493 Hourly Employees be given a

\$1.00/hr. wage increase for the 2024-year effective Jan. 1, 2024. Carried

Joelson: That, the Management Committee be responsible for employee issues and performance reviews effective Feb. 7, 2024. Carried

Ten Bos: That, the Driver Training Agreement 2024 for Torey Stewart be approved as presented and signed by the Reeve and Administrator. Carried

Deputy Reeve Joelson declared a conflict of interest and was excused from the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Ferster: That, with recommendation from the Machinery Committee that a 2024 John Deere 772G Grader be purchased at the quoted price of \$575,000 less \$235,000 trade value of 2019 John Deere 772G Grader with no additional warranty added, plus applicable taxes. Carried

Deputy Reeve Joelson re-entered the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Ten Bos: That, the quote provided by Naber Ford for a 2024 Ford F-250 in the amount of \$67,572.00 plus applicable taxes be approved for purchase. Carried

Skauge: That, a cost analysis be completed for the implementation of Range Road Signs in the Municipality and be referred to 2024 Budget sessions. Carried

Skauge: That, a one-year employment contract for Administrator Duane Storey effective Jan. 1, 2024, to Dec. 31, 2024, in the amount of \$91,000 be approved as presented. Carried

Joelson: That, The Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493 agree to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Shellbrook for the use of their Community Safety Officer, and that the matter be referred to 2024 Budget. Carried

Ten Bos: That, included in the land rental agreement for NE-14-52-03-W3 a clause be add-

ed to install a temporary fence which will be outlined in tender. Carried

Skauge: That, the 2024 Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency Statement in the amount of \$31,060 be approved. Carried

Deputy Reeve Joelson left the meeting at 4 p.m.

Ferster: That, the time being 4:05 p.m., Council close a portion of this meeting to the public to go in camera under the authority of Part III of The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, to Code of Conduct Bylaw complaint and strategic planning, the public gallery be vacated and those present for this closed session be Reeve Oleksyn and Councillors Skauge, Strube, Ferster, Ten Bos and Administrator Storey. Carried

Ferster: That, the regular Council meeting reconvene at 5:44 p.m. with all members of Council and Administration present. Carried

Joelson: That, the Code of Ethics complaint received Jan. 19, 2024, under section 3 of Bylaw 02-2018 Code of Ethics Bylaw be referred back to Councillor for a written apology to the impacted individual. Carried

Skauge: That, an Employee Office Hours Policy be developed that outlines Employee Office hours as either; 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. or 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. And that, an Absence from Office Form be developed for Administrative staff. Carried

Ferster: That, the 2024 Council Renumeration and Mileage rates be approved as follows:

1. Per Diem Mileage: \$0.70 per KM.
2. Per Diem Council Meetings: \$300 for Regular Meeting and \$35/hour for Special Meetings; and
3. Per Diem Committee Meetings: \$35 per hour. Carried

Skauge: That, the meeting be adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

GOOD NEWS



ON THE RESURRECTION

By **RANDALL MCLEOD**
Immanuel Lutheran, Parkside

Recently, we discussed what Lent was all about and how Lent was there to lead us up to Passover/Easter. Passover was so named because when Israel was held captive in Egypt, the blood of a sacrificial Lamb was used to identify the faithful and so caused the Angel of Death to "Pass over" their houses. That lamb was a prophetic symbol which pointed ahead to the death of Christ as the perfect Lamb of God, who causes death to pass over the faithful believers and ushers them into eternal life. That was accomplished on "Good Friday", the day Jesus was crucified. Now good Friday is only good when seen in the light of Easter Sunday, Resurrection Day.

So how can we believe that some 2,000 years ago, a guy from the town of Nazareth, lived, did miracles, was

crucified, died, and three days later came back from the dead? It all seems rather incredulous, does it not? Well, Dr. Gary Habermas has spent the best part of the last 50 years studying just that. And he has recently finished a 4 volume 5,000-page work on the evidence for the resurrection. This academic work is being published in 4 volumes with the first released this past January and volume 2 is due in September of 2024.

In volume 1 he details the evidence for the existence of Jesus, his reputation as a righteous man who worked miracles and who was crucified when Pontius Pilate was Procurator of Judea. He also details the evidence for the position and role that Pilate played in the whole affair.

Critics often say the only evidence for Jesus is from the gospels and that it is, therefore, necessarily tainted. Nothing could be further from the truth. First-

ly, the Gospel accounts themselves withstand critical examination and reveal themselves to be credible eyewitness accounts. Secondly, Dr. Luke, who penned the "Gospel of Luke" and "The Acts of the Apostles" is recognized as an excellent historian in his own right. Also, the writings of the Apostle Paul, who penned more books of the New Testament than anyone else, are also critically accepted as authoritative and very early in their origin. (Historians generally accept early documents as being the most accurate and both the Gospels and Paul's works fit there)

Beyond that, Habermas shows us evidence from early Roman historians, government authorities, Emperors, heretics and archaeologists that support the relevant biblical narratives.

Finally, he distills all of this down to 5 or 6 principle "minimal facts" that support the "Resurrection of Jesus". His minimal facts are determined as those

facts that are supported by virtually all (over 90%) of critical scholars, and that they be true facts on the grounds of probable historical research. Here are the most solid 6 of 12 minimal facts:

1. Jesus died due to roman crucifixion,
2. Jesus was buried, most likely in a borrowed tomb.
3. Afterward the disciples were discouraged, dejected and despondent.
4. The tomb was then discovered to be empty.
5. The invigorated disciples reported experiences they believed were actual appearance of the risen Jesus.
6. The teaching of all this began very early after the events themselves.

There you have it, the resurrection was the real deal! For more, you could always buy the books.

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In Memory of Gerald Arnold Buck – On behalf of the Buck Family, I would like to send a huge THANK YOU to everyone who supported us through Dad's passing. He was a great man, and with all the support from the phone calls, cards, funeral attendance and the on-farm visits it shows how much he made an impact on every person he met. There are so many people to be thankful for, but I must mention a few. Thank you to Beau Lac Funeral Home for making this process easier, Pastor Rick Martin for the wonderful funeral service, Dad's doctors who did so much for him and allowed him to enjoy his life, all the doctors and nurses at Shellbrook Hospital who did everything they could and always went beyond to help make dad comfortable, and of course, all our friends and family. – Chelsey Buck

The family of the late Dale Schwehr would like to express our most heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of support following our great loss. Your presence, kind words, and thoughtful gestures have brought comfort to our grieving hearts. We value each message, call, visit, card, and donation that has been received. We appreciate all the gifts of food. We are grateful to the Aiken and Gjerde/Johnson families for the large catered meals the night before the funeral and the evening after the funeral. This has been a very difficult time, but knowing we are surrounded by such caring friends and family has been a source of strength for us. – Marsha Schwehr; Richard, Corrine & Anders Schwehr; Lindsey, Emery, Reese & Lincoln Hamborg

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