

Gilbert earns SUMA Honorary Service Award

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle
Reporter

Prior to running for Big River's town council in 2000, Sandra Gilbert didn't have any particular interest in politics.

Despite being a community-oriented person, involved in everything from the local school board (when Big River had one), to Big River Minor Sports, the Big River Legion Branch, the Curling Club executive, and just about every organization in the community, running for office had never been a priority for Gilbert.

That all changed after a conversation with her brother-in-law, Digger Pond, who was running for mayor in the 2000 municipal election.

"I was complaining to him about how people in the town weren't getting involved, and why they should be running for council and stuff like that," Gilbert recalled.

"He said to me, 'And where's your name?' I said, 'Fine. Put my name in.' And that's how I got in."

Calling running for council a "natural step" after years of being involved in the community, Gilbert easily took on the mantle of town councillor. Indeed, by the time the 2005 municipal elections rolled around, it was so natural to her that she ended up running for mayor herself.

Gilbert served as mayor from 2005 to 2009, and says being in the mayor's seat didn't differ too much from being a councillor — aside from being more of a town spokesperson and having the power to break ties on votes.

"I thought [being mayor] was something I could do. After being on council for four years, I felt I had enough knowledge that I could do the job," Gilbert said.

"I had some ideas. I wanted to see if we could accomplish them and continue on the path we were on, which was to bring the town ahead instead of just staying where we were."

Following her four-year term as mayor, Gilbert took



Big River Town Councillor Sandra Gilbert (middle) accepts her SUMA Honorary Service Award from SUMA president Randy Goulden and Minister of Government Relations Don McMorris.

a break from politics. Inevitably, though, her desire to serve her community led her back to town council, where she's served as a councillor since 2013.

With 22 years of service as an elected official under her belt, Gilbert says she's made many memories along the way. Her fondest, however, is of the completion of the Big River Community Centre in 2005, a project made possible by grant funding and a serious fundraising effort by the Big River & District Improvement Association.

"Along with the R.M. of Big River, we put in money,

as well as the donations that were raised, and got it finished enough to be in use in 2005," she said. "It's a beautiful building, and something that the whole community is quite proud of."

Over the course of 22 years, Gilbert has also been involved with some other significant projects, including fundraising for x-ray and laboratory equipment for the Big River Medical Clinic, and the project to replace the municipal water treatment plant in 2007.

At the time of the water treatment plant project, the old facility was so out of date

the town was struggling to find parts for it. Since the completion of the project, the Town of Big River has upgraded the new facility further, switching to a reverse osmosis system in 2020.

Through decades of community service, both on and off council, Gilbert says it's never been about recognition. Recently, however, recognition was exactly what she received, in the form of an Honorary Service Award from the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association.

Gilbert was nominated for the award by her mayor and council, and says she was sur-

prised when she learned she'd received the award.

Always a proponent of community involvement, Gilbert says she hopes her legacy will be to serve as an example of the importance of community service.

"If people want their communities to progress and move forward, they need to be active participants in them. That's not just for here, it's for every community," she said.

"Not all people can be leaders, but everybody can get involved in one way or another, and it takes a whole community to keep things rolling."

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Town-wide garage sale not dampened by weather

By **BEVRA FEE**
Spiritwood Herald Reporter

The revival of Spiritwood's town-wide garage sale added activity to an otherwise predictably dreary May long weekend on May 17. The Friday event carried over into Saturday for many of the participants that hosted garage sales, drawing both local and visiting browsers.

From multi-family offerings

at the Legion Hall, to small back alley garage sales, some of everything could be found for those looking for thrifted finds.

Mapped earlier in the week by Sue Kahl, Northern Lakes Economic Development Corporation (NLEDC) officer, the town-wide garage sale was a coordinated effort to stage garage sales on a designated day and re-ignite what was once a popular tourism draw.

Dormant for several years, the community event originated as a Spiritwood Chamber of Commerce project that saw local businesses host sidewalk sales in addition to the garage sales, drawing shoppers from a greater area due to radio advertising and print advertising.

With the advent of online and social media selling, the garage sales that were typically held in June dwindled. However, with a goal of hosting the event on the May long weekend, NLEDC kicked off "garage sale season" and provided a spring cleaning channel by offering a sign-up system for hosts and a subsequent map for shoppers.

Of the 15 participating garage sales, the majority went into day two on Saturday. Dave Hyndman reported good traffic on Friday and the midday traffic by Saturday looked to be following suit.

One of the businesses taking advantage of the event was a local hardware store, with clear-out deals on select building supplies and hardware,

hosted in their outdoor storage shed. NLEDC was another business that opened to the public for the garage sale, with bargains on "Spiritwood" gear.

"It was surely worth it for us, as we saw a good number of customers and cleared out a lot of stock," shared Kahl.

Given the cold and rainy weather, there wasn't much else to do for the many who chose not to give camping an early season try.

"I decided to close one of my garage doors because it was too windy and cold - maybe I should be selling my Christmas decorations," offered seller Hyndman.

From a tourism perspective, it was an ideal weekend for travellers that were visiting for the long weekend to browse around town and for the lake traffic to slow down and spend time in Spiritwood before moving on.



Shoppers hunt for deals at the multi-family garage sale in the Legion Hall.



Bargain hunters look over tables at Dave Hyndman's garage sale.

Wilson steps down as Sask United Party leader

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Though she still intends to seek re-election in the upcoming provincial election, Saskatchewan Rivers MLA Nadine Wilson is stepping down as leader of the Saskatchewan United Party.

Wilson made the announcement on Thursday, May 16, after the spring sitting of the legislature came to a close.

Wilson also announced that the party's new leader will be Jon Hromek. Hromek previously ran under the Sask United Party banner in the Lumsden-Morse by-election of 2023 - where the party came in second place with 23 per cent of the vote - and plans to run in the same constituency in the upcoming election.

"I am thrilled to announce that our party will be ushering in a new era of leadership under the capable guidance of our new Leader Jon Hromek," said Wilson in a statement. "In working with Jon since the by-election,

I have been impressed with his natural abilities as a leader and problem solver. His vision for the future of Saskatchewan has inspired me to make the decision to pass the torch of leadership to Jon."

Hromek bills himself as a passionate advocate for financial accountability and energy security, and brings a fresh perspective to the party's leadership, says Wilson.

In his first address as Leader, Hromek outlined his vision for the future of the Sask United Party.

"I am all in," Hromek said in a statement. "I am committed to steering our party towards a brighter future for Saskatchewan. Our province desperately needs leadership. We need to be focused on eliminating unnecessary regulations, developing and properly managing our natural resources, providing affordability measures and tax cuts, and securing our provincial sovereignty."

Wasting no time in firing his first shots at Premier Scott Moe, Hromek criticized his government's handling of the province's finances, its lack of transparency and responsible budgeting, and its following of federal net-zero policies.

"Our government must prioritize fiscal responsibility to ensure the prosperity of all Saskatchewan residents. The current financial mismanagement is unacceptable, and I am determined to implement policies that will restore economic stability," he said.

"The government's approach to net zero is impractical and destructive to our province. We need to ensure

we provide reliable and affordable power for generations to come."

Looking forward, Hromek said his aim will be to grow and unify the party, and build a robust platform that addresses the concerns of Saskatchewan's citizens.



Jon Hromek (right) is the new leader of the Saskatchewan United Party, replacing former leader and Saskatchewan Rivers MLA Nadine Wilson.

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For more information, please contact the Village Office at (306)-747-2235 (Tuesdays Only)

VILLAGE OF SHELL LAKE NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Village of Shell Lake for the year 2024 has been prepared and is open for inspection at the Office of the Administrator from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the following days: Monday to Thursday, May 24, 2024, until June 25, 2024.

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

Any person wishing to discuss the Notice of Assessment or potential appeal may contact the Assessor at (306)427-2272 (Village) or 1-800-824-2570 (SAMA).

Any person who wishes to appeal an assessment is required to file a "Notice of Appeal to the Board of Revision," by June 25, 2024, with Kristen Tokaryk, Secretary to the Board of Revision, Box 149, Meota, SK, S0M 1X0, along with the applicable fees, made payable to the Village of Shell Lake, which will be returned if the appeal is successful.

Dated at Shell Lake, Saskatchewan, this 23rd day of May, 2024
Tara Bueckert, Assessor

Shellbrook Legion presents Remembrance Day awards

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle
Reporter

The Shellbrook Legion's Henri and Helen Dagenais, Alanna Carswell, and Brett Ethier stopped by Shellbrook Elementary School, WP Sandin High School, and Wild Rose School on Thursday, May 16, to hand out the belated prizes for the 2023 Remembrance Day Poster and Literary Contest.

Held each school year, the contest offers awards in the form of certificates and cash prizes to successful entrants across four age groups: primary for students from Kindergarten to Grade 3, junior for students from Grade 4 to Grade 6, intermediate for students from Grade 7 to Grade 9, and senior for students from Grade 10 to Grade 12.

The entries are also part of a broader Canada-wide competition. Winners at the branch level move on to larger zone, district, and provincial contests, and, if successful, they then have the opportunity to go all the way to the national level. While no entries made it all the way to the nationals this year, a few local entrants did see some success at the zone and district levels.

Starting at the primary level, Wild Rose School student Kelsea Haduik was well rewarded in the colour poster competition, finishing first at the branch level, first at the zone level, and second in the district contest.

Shellbrook Elementary School students Tali Robertson and Barrett Senger finished second and third in the branch colour poster contest, respectively.

Closing out the primary winners, Tiago Cruz won first place for his black and white poster, and went on to place third at the zone level.

Moving up to the junior level, Wild Rose students Adriana Lambiris and Kaydence McIvor placed first and second in the branch colour poster contest, followed by Shellbrook Elementary's Cody Keyowski in third place.

As for black and white posters, Raya Wiebe from Shellbrook Elementary won first prize at the branch level, followed by Wild Rose's Dax Anderson in second, and Shellbrook EL-

ementary's Kenislee Nahorniak in third.

At the intermediate level, WP Sandin High School's Kayla Klaassen won at the branch level with her essay. She then went on to place first in the zone level and third at districts.

Klaassen also finished third in the branch poem contest, placing behind winner Abby Piprell and runner up Julia Shindle, both from WP Sandin. Piprell's poem advanced to win at the zone level.

On the artistic side, WP Sandin's Abigail McNiece won the branch level colour poster contest, then went on to place second at the zone level. Rounding out the top three were Julia Shindle and Vayda Kreese, both from WP Sandin as well.

Belle Wetmore from

Wild Rose won at the branch level on the black and white poster side, and then placed third at the zone level with her entry. WP Sandin's Brooklyn Anderson and Abby Piprell rounded out the branch finalists.

Finally, in the senior contests, Marcail Philp won at the branch level with her essay, which went on to place third at the zone level, and finished second in the branch level poem contest. Meanwhile, Adison Kyliuk won the branch poem contest, then went on to place first at the zone level and second at the district level.

Philp's name also appeared in the colour poster category, as she won at the branch and zone levels, and then placed second at the district.



Shellbrook Elementary award winners: Back row, left to right: Shellbrook Legion members Alanna Carswell, Brett Ethier, and Henri and Helen Dagenais. Middle: Raya Wiebe, Cody Keyowski, and Kenislee Nahorniak. Front: Barrett Senger and Tali Robertson. Missing: Tiago Cruz



WP Sandin award winners. Back row, left to right: Shellbrook Legion members Alanna Carswell, Brett Ethier, and Henri and Helen Dagenais. Middle: Kayla Klaassen, Marcail Philp, Adison Kyliuk, Abby Piprell, and Abigail McNiece. Front: Julia Shindle, Vayda Kreese, and Brooklyn Anderson.



Wild Rose award winners: Back row, left to right: Shellbrook Legion members Brett Ethier and Henri and Helen Dagenais, students Adriana Lambiris and Belle Wetmore, and Legion member Alanna Carswell. Front: Dax Anderson, Kelsea Haduik, and Kaydence McIvor.

TOWN OF BIG RIVER PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Big River intends to adopt a bylaw pursuant to Section 207 of The Planning and Development Act, 2007 to amend Bylaw No. 2015-01, known as the Official Community Plan and Bylaw No. 2015-02, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT

The proposed bylaws will amend: Bylaw No. 2015-01, the Official Community Plan and Bylaw No. 2015-02, the Zoning Bylaw Zoning District Map, to rezone Block 14, Plan BB1645 Ext 2, as shown within the bold dashed line on the map below, from R1 - Low Density Residential District to C2 - Arterial Commercial District.

AFFECTED LAND

The affected land is legally described as Block 14, Plan BB1645 Ext 2, which is located at 319 Ausland Street as shown within the bold dashed line on the following map.



REASON

The reason for the amendment is to regulate and encourage development in the commercial highway district.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaws at the Town Office in Big River on any judicial day from Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Copies are available to people at a cost of \$1.00 each.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on June 18, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Big River Community Centre, 606 1st Street North, in Big River, Saskatchewan to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaws. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing (or delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office before the hearing).

Issued at Big River this 23rd day of May, 2024.
Noreen Olsen, Administrator



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Sask. Party must renew transparency commitment

When former Premier Brad Wall ushered his Saskatchewan Party government into office in 2007, he boasted that his would be “the most open and transparent government in the history of the province.”

Openness and transparency remained key themes for Mr. Wall throughout his tenure as premier.

In 2011, just days after his government was returned to power with a larger majority than it won in 2007, Mr. Wall mused about bringing his government’s trademark “openness and transparency” to the province’s unions. Namely, he suggested he’d make them more accountable to members by tightening rules around disclosure about how union dues were spent.

Then, as he headed into what would be his final provincial election campaign in 2016, Mr. Wall said he was proud to run on his government’s record of “transparency and kept promises.”

Eight years later, with the Sask. Party government now under the leadership of Premier Scott Moe, openness and transparency continue to be frequent refrains in Saskatchewan’s political sphere.

The key difference is, it’s now the Saskatchewan NDP that’s singing the tune – a catchy little ditty about how a 17-year-old Sask. Party government has abandoned any pretense of accountability or transparency.

Last week, as the spring sitting of the Legislature came to a heated close, the Opposition’s song reached its crescendo with the introduction of five private members’ bills themed around accountability, ethics, and transparency.

The first, The Members’ Conflict of Interest Amendment Act, would tighten conflict of interest rules and require politicians to disclose the business interests of spouses and relatives that are held in private companies and/or holding companies.

The second, The Lobbyists Transparency Amendment Act, would close lobbying loopholes and require lobbyists to file monthly activity reports.

The third, The Election (Fairness and Accountability) Amendment Act, would ban out-of-province, corporate, and union donations to Saskatchewan political parties and set a yearly total donation limit of \$1,275 for Saskatchewan residents.



JORDAN TWISS
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News Editor

The fourth, The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Amendment Act, would make the Saskatchewan government more transparent by speeding up and making FOI requests financially accessible, and strengthening the powers of the Privacy Commissioner to force public bodies to release documents.

And finally, The Child and Family Services (Betty’s Law) Amendment Act, would require the Minister responsible to preserve all records relating to Indigenous children in residential schools, and make those records more accessible for public inquiries.

Though one would hope the Sask. NDP was being genuine when it introduced these commonsense items, there’s no denying that they were intended as obvious jabs at the Sask. Party government’s record over the past number of months.

Needless to say, the bills got a frosty reception.

“It’s a stunt,” said Minister of Justice and Attorney General Bronwyn Eyre, noting that the opposition has had four years to introduce the bills.

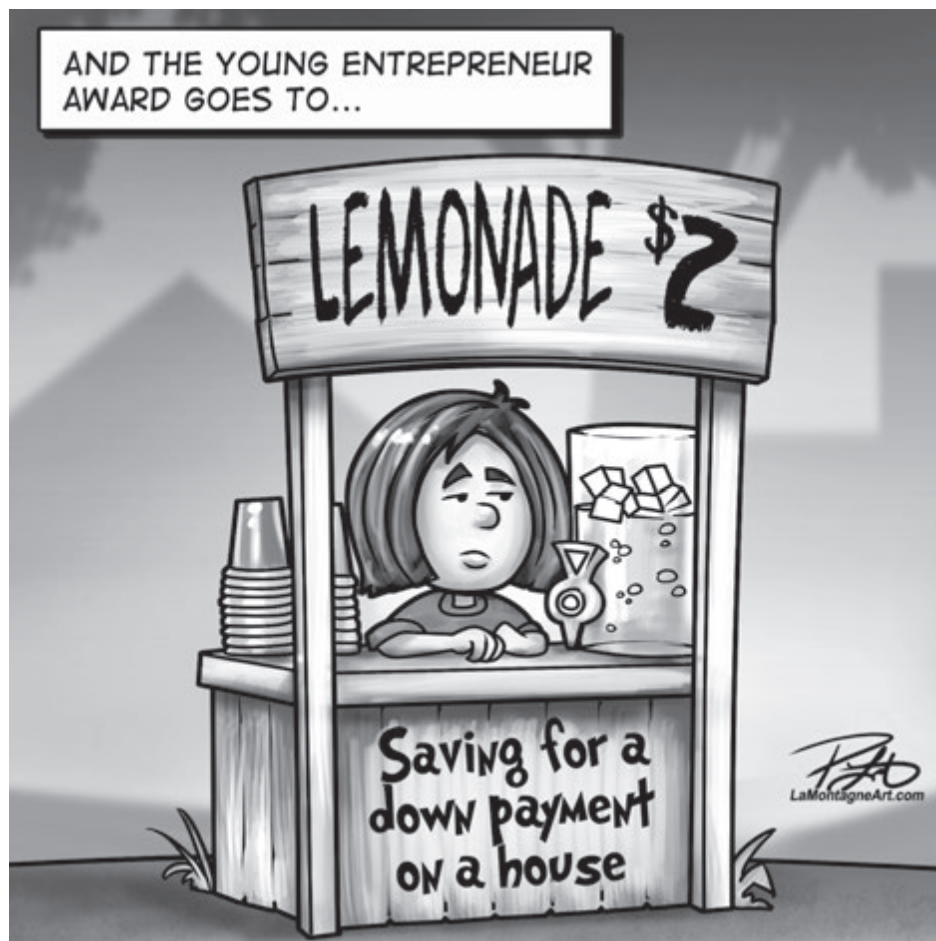
“We don’t have to stunt. Our commitment to transparency is serious, it’s deep, and it is long-standing, Mr. Speaker.”

Drawing the short straw of having to face reporters following Question Period, Energy, Mines, and Resources Minister Jim Reiter effectively tried to paint the opposition as schoolyard bullies, and said his government won’t tolerate it anymore.

“Over the last number of weeks we’ve all seen the Opposition raise insinuations and allegations against former members of the House, against private citizens, the province, and today, members of a Crown board of directors – yet with no evidence of anything other than allegations and attempts at smearing private citizens, bullying them against voting for a specific party.”

Barring an astonishing about-face from the Sask. Party government, the five private members’ bills introduced by the Sask. NDP last week are almost guaranteed to die when the election writ is dropped.

However, Sask. NDP Ethics and Democracy Critic Meara Conway says her party intends to make ethics and trans-



parency a key piece of its election platform.

And, as much as it would like to downplay or dismiss any suggestions of wrongdoing, this Sask. Party government owes the people of this province a lot of answers to a lot of questions that have been raised since last fall.

For instance, why did a pair of motels owned by Regina-Northeast MLA Gary Grewal suddenly begin to receive hundreds of thousands of dollars in Ministry of Social Services business after he was elected in 2020?

Additionally, why did it take Minister of Social Services Gene Makowsky months to answer simple questions posed by the Opposition about the matter? And why did 13 government ministries reject a recent recommendation from Information Commissioner Ron Kruzeniski to release documents in the format requested by journalists?

Why does the Sask. Party government seem to keep awarding contracts to out-of-province companies that employ a former Sask. Party finance minister as a lobbyist?

One of those contracts, as we well know, was a \$6 million sole-source contract to Calgary-based Clearpoint Health Network to perform 250 hip and knee surgeries. But in the year since it received the contract – as well as another to perform up to 1,000 mammograms at well above the average cost – the company has completed just 90 procedures.

With both contracts awarded to

Clearpoint Health Network, the Opposition sought copies of the documents signed by the government. In both cases, vital details pertaining to the costs of the procedures was redacted under the guise that it’s “commercially sensitive information.”

Why does the Sask. Party government think taxpayers don’t deserve to know how much they’re paying for these out-of-province procedures?

Last, but certainly not least, why was Fortress Windows and Doors, a company that employed current Education Minister Jeremy Cockrill, conveniently awarded \$179,137.46 in contracts from the Battleford Housing Authority and \$9,000 contracts from SaskTel after he was elected in 2020?

Granted, the Sask. Party government is correct to say the issues raised in recent months by the Opposition are only allegations. But the optics are ugly as sin, and if it has nothing to hide, it needs to do more than attempt to downplay these scenarios by accusing the Sask. NDP of bullying and smearing people it has legitimate reasons to question.

As the Opposition’s formal requests for conflict of interest investigations into Messrs. Grewal and Cockrill play out, the Sask. Party government should use this time to reflect on its so-called commitment to transparency.

After 17 years of nearly unchecked power, this government needs to recall Mr. Wall’s promise to be “the most open and transparent government in the history of the province.”

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Report from the Legislature

Affordability for Saskatchewan families remains a top priority in the 2024-25 provincial budget. Our government continues to introduce and enhance programs to make life more affordable for residents of the province.

Saskatchewan has among the lowest personal taxes in the country. Since 2007, Personal Income Tax (PIT) exemptions have removed 112,000 residents from the income tax roll. In total, PIT reductions during that time have provided over \$830 million in annual income tax savings to Saskatchewan people. In 2024, Saskatchewan residents will save \$70 million on their income taxes from indexation of the provincial income tax system.

A family of four pays no Provincial Income Tax on their first \$59,475 of income. This is the highest tax-free threshold in Canada – and more than twice as much as in 2007, when a family of four began paying provincial income tax once their com-



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bined income reached just \$26,150.

When combined with utilities and housing costs, Saskatchewan also comes out on top; the province is the most affordable place to live in Canada for a family of four when taxes, housing, and utilities are considered.

In this year's budget, Saskatchewan families will benefit from programs and services designed to make life more affordable, including the Active Families Benefit, Children's Drug Plan, and \$10/day child care for children under the age of

six, as well as programs to help fund insulin pumps and glucose monitors. The budget also includes a \$4-million increase to continue to meet the needs of children and their families through the Autism Spectrum Disorder Individualized Funding Program.

For those looking to put down more permanent roots in their communities, the budget funds the PST Rebate on New Home Construction Program, which is helping make new home ownership more affordable. The Saskatchewan First-Time Homebuyers' Tax Credit provides a non-refundable income tax credit of up to \$1,050 to eligible taxpayers on qualified homes. Homeowners can benefit from the Saskatchewan Secondary Suite Incentive (SSI) Grant Program, which was developed to increase housing and rental availability in the province.

Further contributing to affordability in Saskatchewan is our government's decision to stop SaskEnergy and SaskPower from

collecting the carbon tax on natural gas and electric residential home heating. This is in addition to a SaskEnergy rate decrease that lowered bills for the average residential customer by nearly eight per cent beginning in October 2023.

Our government is providing additional funding support for people with disabilities in the budget. This includes \$10.4 million in additional funding to support the changing service needs of current adult clients with intellectual disabilities, as well as the delivery of residential and day programs for new clients.

Saskatchewan students will benefit from \$46.5 million in financial supports, including a new grant for low-income students with dependents. This program will help reduce financial barriers to completing their post-secondary education. The budget includes \$34.4 million for the Student Aid Fund, which



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provides financial assistance to over 22,000 students every year, and \$12.2 million in scholarships and bursaries.

The budget continues to deliver the Graduate Retention Program. It provides up to \$20,00 in tax credits to post-secondary graduates who live and work in Saskatchewan, benefitting more than 81,600 graduates to date.

Saskatchewan seniors will also benefit from this year's budget. The Seniors Income Plan offers eligible seniors up to \$360 per

month, while the monthly income threshold for the Personal Care Home Benefit will increase by \$100 to \$2,500 to help make the cost of living in a licensed personal care home more affordable. Other health care benefits for seniors include funding for the Senior Citizens Ambulatory Assistance Program, Seniors' Drug Plan and Home Care services.

The budget provides support for the most vulnerable residents, helping low-income individuals and families meet their basic needs as they work to become more self-sufficient. The Saskatchewan Income Support Basic Shelter Benefit and Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability have both increased by three per cent.

As our government continues working to keep life in Saskatchewan affordable, we look forward to hearing from you. Please feel free to reach out to my constituency office.

Mont Nebo: keeping community alive

By DEB JENSEN

Mont Nebo Co-operative Ltd.

Nowadays the news is dominated by stories of disaster and despair. But there are a lot of positive things going on around us. Mont Nebo Hall's events and community activities show that people still enjoy getting together and volunteering to make their community a better place.

The recent AGM of the Mont Nebo Co-operative Ltd. highlighted some of the activities in the past year. Barbecues were hosted and well attended in the summer. In fall, the potluck and jam nights started again on the last

Sunday of every month, except December, and were made possible by lots of volunteer musicians, community members, and supporters.

Attendees' donations helped pay hall expenses, and everyone enjoyed sharing good food, music, dancing, and visiting. In October, there was a concert featuring an amazing performer, Philip Miller. Regular activities at the hall included line dancing, informal jamming by local musicians, and games nights. Throughout the seasons, the hall was rented for private functions.

Volunteers also stepped up to hold a hall clean-up bee and paint walls inside the hall. After a break-in, security measures were upgraded by volunteers. Applying for grants and completing reports on their use were important for funding the hall and events.

When everyone is busy with their own lives, it is wonderful to see that many still value connecting in person and helping build community. By joining, volunteering, or attending events, people bring a little light into the lives of all involved.





Volunteers take part in a painting bee to touch up the Mont Nebo Hall.

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Northern Lights camp, festival return to Big River

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

For music lovers of all ages, Big River's Ness Creek site will once again be the place to be this August, when The Northern Lights Bluegrass and Old Time Music Society returns with its annual Northern Lights Bluegrass and Old Time Music Festival and Music Camp.

In keeping with a tradition as old as the festival itself, this year's music festival, running from Aug. 16 to 18, will spotlight bluegrass and old time music played by top-notch headliner acts from across North America, as well as plenty of homegrown talent.

Among those headliners are Tennessee-based acts Seth Mulder & Midnight Run and Golden Shoals, Métis fiddler Tristen Durocher from Buffalo Narrows, and Treaty 4 Territory (southern Saskatchewan) band Soil N Grass. Also representing a strong Saskatchewan contingent are Lost Highway Navigators, Gil & Wil, Mary Liv (who will also host a Saturday Square Dance), Clayton Linthicum, and the Saskatchewan-Alberta duo Tubbsman Junction.

Finally, the last day of the festival will feature Sunday Morning Gospel with Ken Olson & Esther Bregg, yet another Saskatchewan duo.

While the festival stage is sure to produce no shortage of fantastic bluegrass and old time music, it won't be the only source of music. Prior to the festival, from Aug. 12 to 16, the focus will be on education at the music camp.

As always, the camp will offer a diverse range of classes and workshops for musicians of all skill lev-

els, teaching banjo, guitar, mandolin, fiddle, upright bass, solo and harmony singing, and a youth jam class for kids aged 6 to 10. To make for a cozier atmosphere, the classes are all taught by the artists who will be performing throughout the festival.

Music camp director Tracy Lalonde says the Northern Lights Bluegrass and Old Time Music Society has seen increased interest from younger musicians in recent years. Recognizing this, the organization is striving to meet camp attendees where they're at ability-wise by offering more beginner level classes. As an added bonus, she adds, this has created more opportunities for home-grown musicians to serve as instructors.

In a first for the music camp, the organization has partnered with Wild Sky Adventure to offer the Wild Sky Forest Kids Camp for children aged 3 to 12. This immersive, outdoor experience will see kids learn to utilize wood tools and fishing nets, relax in hammocks, build fairy houses, go pond dipping, build forts, do some cloud gazing, and much more.

Apart from offering kids an invaluable opportunity to learn about nature, Lalonde says this new endeavour is about meeting prospective camp attendees where they're at in life as well.

"We wanted to have the opportunity for a parent, who is wanting to take our music classes, to participate in our camp," she said. "It gives them the freedom to be able to take these music classes and have their children participating in something at the

same time."

The Northern Lights Bluegrass and Old Time Music Society says camp and festival attendees can expect incredible music, dance floors alive with energy, cozy midnight jams around the campfire, workshops, and more — all of it set against the picturesque backdrop of the northern Boreal Forest.

Early bird tickets for the music festival are on sale until May 31, and early bird music camp registration is open until June 30.

For more information, visit: <https://northern-lightsbluegrass.com/>



Music, camping, and time with family are all on offer at this year's Northern Lights Bluegrass and Old Time Music Festival and Music Camp.

Photo courtesy of Samaya Katzman

Turner receives Lucky 7 cheque



The festival prides itself on its warm, inviting, musical atmosphere.

Photo courtesy of Little Jack Films



Debden's Braidon Turner is officially \$103,125 richer, after winning the Shellbrook Curling Club and Shellbrook Kinettes' Chase the Lucky 7 jackpot on Friday, May 10. Here, he accepts the big cheque from Gayle Draper (left) and Tasha Cyr.

By JORDAN TWISS, Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

R.M. OF SHELLBROOK NO. 493

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493 is seeking Request for Proposals on 2 Properties:

The first is a Rental/ Lease Agreement for a Partial Portion of NE-14-52-03-W3. For more information contact the Office at 306-747-2178.

The Second is the Sale of a 3.13 Acre Parcel NW-21-50-03-W3 Blk/Par A-Plan 101587710 Ext 12, ISC Parcel # 150026835.

Proposals will be accepted until **June 28, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.** The highest of all proposals will not necessarily be accepted.

Dated at Shellbrook, Saskatchewan, this 10th day of May, 2024.

Duane Storey
Administrator

Classrooms, Care & Communities

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jharrisonmla@sasktel.net

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

Proposed Bunge-Viterra merger is business as usual

The proposed acquisition of Viterra by Bunge has generated a ton of discussion – much of it generated by fear – in the agriculture sector.

For example, the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS), Alberta Grains, SaskBarley and Sask Wheat are raising serious concerns about the proposed merger between Bunge and Viterra and the resulting economic losses for producers.

“A recent study on the potential effects of the proposed merger on the grain

sector in Western Canada by Dr. Richard Gray, Dr. James Nolan, and Dr. Peter Slade, from the University of Saskatchewan (U of S), with research support from APAS, Alberta Grains, SaskBarley and Sask Wheat, found the merger is likely to cause substantial economic harm to grain producers,” noted a recent Saskatchewan Barley Development Commission release.

“The results support the findings of the Competition Bureau’s review that the merger is likely to result in substantial an-



CALVIN DANIELS

ti-competitive effects and harm competition in markets for grain purchasing.

“The results of both of these studies validate concerns producers have been raising about the impact of the proposed merger on

competition in the grain handling industry and ultimately returns to farmers” said Jake Leguee, Sask Wheat Chair, in the same release.

There is a natural concern of losing a market option – two essentially becoming one – but is now the time to draw a line and say no more to mergers?

It’s not like this is exactly new. A rather long list of grain handling companies existed at one time, with a line of elevators in many rural communities each vying to handle a farmer’s grain.

Over the years, mergers or just closure saw the numbers dwindle.

It has been a long-term trend of rationalization by amalgamation.

The move by Bunge really just continues that trend.

And it should not be overlooked that producers have been on the same path themselves, with farms growing ever larger basically since the end of the First World War.

If it’s good business for farmers to buy out neighbour after neighbour, expanding their land base and increasing efficiency,

is it not logical farm sector business would be doing the same?

Granted one does not want to see virtual market monopolies because one wants competition to create a level of price fairness, but what is reasonable as we move forward is far more difficult to define.

Would farmers be happy if they were suddenly limited in the acres they could own?

Certainly, the Bunge plan has brought such questions into tighter focus, but answers are still very hazy.

Sask., Feds invest in Prairie Ag Machinery Institute

On Wednesday, May 15, federal Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Lawrence MacAulay and Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit announced \$5 million over five years for the Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute (PAMI).

This funding, delivered over the five years of the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP) agreement, will be used for project development, delivery, knowledge transfer, and training, ensuring PAMI has the stability to continue to deliver its valuable services to the sector.

“The Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute has a proud history of helping farmers adopt new technologies and practices,” MacAulay said in a statement. “This funding will help them continue their great work, and ensure farmers remain on the cutting edge, so they can keep producing top-quality food for Canadians and folks around the world.”

“PAMI provides a key service to the agricultural sector, as well as the transpor-

tation and mining sectors,” Marit added in a separate statement. “Thanks to the work of organizations like PAMI, Saskatchewan is recognized internationally not only as a source of safe, reliable and sustainably produced food, but also for some of the best tools in the world to grow it.”

PAMI provides engineering solutions for the agricultural sector, working with large manufacturers, producers and the broader industry. Their work helps to further innovative research that supports Saskatchewan’s strong agricultural industry and beyond.

“This increased funding will allow PAMI to keep doing what it does best, support the innovation and excellence of agriculture in Saskatchewan and beyond,” PAMI President and CEO Paul Buczkowski said in a statement. “We are proud the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan have recognized the value of the work we do, and are grateful for this increased and extended funding, which helps ensure PA-

MI’s continued success.”

The Sustainable CAP is a five-year, \$3.5 billion investment by Canada’s federal, provincial and territorial governments that supports Canada’s agri-food and agri-products sectors. This includes \$1

billion in federal programs and activities and a \$2.5 billion commitment that is cost-shared 60 per cent federally and 40 per cent provincially/territorially for programs that are designed and delivered by provinces and territories.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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.

BIG RIVER: The Northern Lights Bluegrass and Old Time Music Camp and Festival, running from August 12-16 and 16-18, 2024, at The Ness Creek Site near Big River, SK, features a dynamic lineup of music, workshops, dances and outdoor activities for all ages. At the music camp (Aug 12 - 16) there will be classes of all skill levels by renowned artists and the introduction of the Wild Sky Forest Kids Camp for children ages 3 - 12. Learn more at northernlightsbluegrass.com

BIG RIVER, DEBDEN, PRINCE ALBERT: Ark of God Canada Good News Festival 2024 – Friday, June 14, Big River Bible Camp @ 6:30 pm; Saturday, June 15, Kinsmen Park, Prince Albert @ 2:30 pm; Sunday, June 16, at The Ranch, Highway 55 Debden @ 2:30 pm. For more information please contact: connect@aogc.ca or arkofgodcanada@gmail.com | www.aogc.ca • facebook.com/ArkofGodCanada

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Canwood Legion welcomes nine new members



On May 7, the Canwood Legion Branch organized a meal with barbecued hamburgers, buns, and many assorted desserts. Legion members and others supplied potluck items to round out a great supper. Branch president, Comrade Bob Thompson, welcomed nine new members and presented each one with a Legion membership pin. Pictured from left to right: Janet Richter, Bob Thompson, Derek Bedard, Ute Teufel, Michael Cotts, Riley Rude and Luc Demers. Missing: Erik Carey, Uwe Teufel and Alvin Richter.

By PENNY BRAD, Canwood Legion

Royal Purple names Brain Love contest winners

By **ELAINE PERKINS**
Shellbrook Royal Purple

Each year Royal Purple lodges across Canada hold a Brain Love poster contest. The organization's hope is to have students in the schools take part by drawing/colouring/painting a picture on the importance of prevention and awareness in protecting their brain. This contest is for Grades 1 to 8.

The posters are judged at the local, provincial, and national levels. The posters are now being displayed at the Shellbrook Library.

Winners receive money for plac-

ing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd at each level.

This year, the Shellbrook Royal Purple had entries from Shellbrook, Debden and Wild Rose, which were judged by volunteer judges Pat Grayston, Jessie Dion, and Fern Letendre. Their job was not easy, as there were so many great artists who showcased their knowledge of how to prevent brain injuries.

Winners that moved to the national level do not get their posters back as they are kept for advertising. Last year, a collage of poster winners was made into placemats that were given to restaurants to use across Canada.

Local level winners were:

- Grade 3/4 level
- 1st place: Keirce Gobert, Debden, \$40
- 2nd place: Sophia Reiter, Debden, \$30
- 3rd place: Claire Lauder, Shellbrook, \$25
- Grade 5/6 level
- 1st place: Avery Wallin, Shellbrook, \$40
- 2nd place: Camerin Smart, Shellbrook, \$30
- 3rd place: Harrison Shindle, Shellbrook, \$25
- Grade 7/8 level
- 1st place: Kally Bick, Debden, \$40
- Provincial Level
- 2nd place: Kally Bick, \$30



Shellbrook Royal Purple members Pat Radchuk (left) and Rhonda Lennard present poster contest prizes to Avery Wallin.



Shellbrook Royal Purple members Pat Radchuk (left) and Rhonda Lennard present poster contest prizes to Camerin Smart.



Shellbrook Royal Purple members Pat Radchuk (left) and Rhonda Lennard present poster contest prizes to Sophia Reiter.



Shellbrook Royal Purple members Pat Radchuk (left) and Rhonda Lennard present poster contest prizes to Kally Bick.



Shellbrook Royal Purple members Pat Radchuk (left) and Rhonda Lennard present poster contest prizes to Keirce Gobert.

TOPS Canwood holds Walkathon fundraiser

By **LINDA LUNDY**
TOPS Canwood

In spite of the dreary weather on Thursday, May 16, nine members of the Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Canwood chapter met for weigh ins and then embarked on a planned Walkathon.

Members left from Zion Lutheran Church and walked out of Canwood to

the old highway, then to Eddie Strelau's beautiful backyard where they got to gather around the fire pit and enjoy a wiener roast — the first of the season. After enjoying hot dogs and watermelon and great companionship, four members also walked back to Canwood.

Pledges received for the Walkathon exceeded expectation. Altogether, the event raised \$950, which will help to keep the chapter viable.



TOPS Canwood members gathered around the fire pit for a wiener roast. From left to right: Barb Sten, Anita Stagg, Darlene Friesen, Lorraine Benson, Theresa Burgmaier, Carol Svendsen, Elaine Tuttroen, Linda Lundy, and Eileen Hamborg.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Zion - Canwood
Sunday School,
Worship Sunday, 9 a.m.
(in-person only)
St. John's - Shellbrook
Sunday School,
Worship Sunday, 11 a.m.
(in-person and online
via Facebook live)
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

UNITED CHURCH

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

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

EVANGELICAL FREE

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

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

Parkside
11 a.m. - Worship

PRESBYTERIAN

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

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 11 a.m.
St. Henry's - Leask
Mass - Sunday 9 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
Pastor Myshan Irving
306-747-3398

PRAISE & WORSHIP

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

PARTNERS IN FAITH

Lutheran/United/
Christchurch Anglican,
137-2nd St. W.
Spiritwood
Worship 11:00 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.
Shell Lake - 2:00 p.m.
SATURDAY
Medstead - 6:00 p.m.
Everyone Welcome
Fr. Ramel Macapala

COWBOY CHURCH

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

FIELDS OF HOPE (HOFFNUNGSFELDER) MENNONITE CHURCH

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

BETHEL

Medstead
2nd Sunday, 10 am -
Worship
Pastor David Jensen
4th Sunday, 10 am -
Worship
Pastor David Jensen

BELBUTTE FULL GOSPEL

11 am Worship Service

MENNONITE BRETHREN

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

Gideons International of Canada

Battlefords Camp
Phone Art Martynes
(306) 389-4633

PARTNERS IN WORSHIP

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

LAKELAND COMMUNITY CHURCH

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

Shellbrook Legion April Meat Draw winners



The Shellbrook Legion held its penultimate meat draw of the season on Saturday, April 6, with Legion president Helen Dagenais presenting the prizes. Johanne Burant (far left) won roast beef, Alanna Carswell (middle left) won steaks, Cathy Moss (middle right) won pork chops, and Stan Waterhouse won pork loin. Bruce Clements won the 50/50 and donated the proceeds back to the Legion.

By HENRI DAGENAIS, Shellbrook Legion

Minutes of an RM of Leask Council meeting

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 held in the Leask Municipal Office on Wednesday, April 10, 2024. Council Meeting was called to order by Reeve Craig Hamilton at 9:05 a.m.

Present were Reeve Craig Hamilton, Administrator Goertzen and the following Council members: Brian Watier – Division No. 1, Gord Stieb – Division No. 3, Joan Sanftleben – Division No. 4, Ron Haworth – Division No. 5, and Clarke Gossen – Division No. 6. Division No. 2 is vacant.

SPW Jayson Smith arrived at 9 a.m.

Gossen: That minutes of March 13, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council be approved as amended. Carried

Stieb: That Minutes of April 3, 2024, Special Meeting of Council be approved as amended. Carried

Sanftleben: That we approve the payments as listed on the attached List of Accounts for Approval for a total of \$160,629.29 and Payroll/Indemnity for a total of \$28,929.29. Carried

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

Stieb: That we recess the Regular Meeting of Council for Public Hearing regarding Discretionary Application Lot 10 Blk 1 Plan 78B17991, OHPC (the proposed discretionary use of a C-Can) at 10:07 a.m. Carried

That regular meeting be convened at 10:26 a.m.

Haworth: That Bylaw 03-2024 be introduced and read a first time; That application be made to Local Government Committee for permission to borrow by way of debentures, the sum of \$212,949.00, in year 2024 repayable over a period of 3 years, for the purpose of purchase of financing the cost of a 2015 Tri-axel Clam

Dump Trailer, 2023 Bush Hog Mower, 2023 V-Style Mulcher Drum, 2021 Degelman Side Arm, 2024 Bush Hog Mulcher; and Furthermore; Debentures to be repayable in equal semi-annual installments during the term of the securities interest rate of 4.25 per cent, per annum. Carried (Editor's note: The bylaw was unanimously given three readings and adopted at the meeting.)

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

Haworth: That Council approve filter order from Brandt for a total of \$3,750.06 plus applicable taxes. Carried

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

Sanftleben: That resolution 118/24 be amended to reflect purchase of Cat mulcher for \$62,800.00 plus to attend applicable taxes. Carried

Haworth: That Council instruct Administrator to respond to ratepayer Roll # 2496 in regards to his request. Carried

Gossen: That Council accept correspondence as presented. Carried

Watier: That Policy 2024-01; Dust Suppression Policy be accepted as presented. Carried

Haworth: That Policy 2024-03; Gravel Policy be accepted as amended. Carried

Gossen: That Policy 2024-04; OHPC/RM Operating Policy be accepted as amended. Carried

Watier: That Council accept OHC Minutes as presented. Carried

Stieb: That Council abate MOA outstanding 2023 Taxes of Roll # 1560 (.41), Roll # 2865 (\$639.70) and Roll # 2876 (\$14.48). Carried

Sanftleben: That Council accept 2024 Weed Management Plan as provided by Alana Gunsch. Carried

Haworth: THAT TAXservice be authorized under s22(1) of the Tax Enforcement Act on or after April 15/2024 to commence proceedings to request title with Respect to the following described lands:

- Roll 748 BLK/PAR A- Plan 101475288 Ext. 30
- Roll 1646 NW-04-48-04-W3 Ext. 0
- Roll 1806 BLK/PAR L-Plan 101613776 Ext. 11 BLK/PAR M-Plan 101613776 Ext 12
- Roll 1832.1 SE-10-48-05-W3 Ext 3
- Roll 1833 NE-10-48-05-W3 Ext. 76
- Roll 2411 Lot 23-BLK/PAR 1-Plan 87B11948 Ext. 0. Carried

Gossen: That Council commit to providing Regional EMO Coordinator funding in the amount of \$2,700. Carried

Watier: That Council acknowledge 2024 Education Property Tax Mill Rates;

- Agricultural Property: 1.42 mills
- Residential Property: 4.54 mills
- Commercial & Industrial Property: 6.86 mills
- Resource Property: 9.88 mills. Carried

Stieb: That Council acknowledge Canada Community Building Fund statement as presented. Carried

Sanftleben: That Council acknowledge tax interest request from ELRP Ratepayer; and instruct Administrator to contact ELRP Authority. Carried

Haworth: That Council acknowledge request from Roll # 576 400; and Further that request be granted for sand aggregate; MR at Lac La Peche. Carried

Gossen: That Council acknowledge Affinity Agreement as presented and authorize Reeve and Administrator to sign on behalf of Council. Carried

Watier: That Council provide Reeve and Administrator au-

thority to sign 2024 CTP declaration on behalf of Council. Carried

Stieb: That Council acknowledge request for subdivision of 19-acre parcel; SW-19-48-07-W3. Carried

Sanftleben: That Council acknowledge and extend Development permit for Lot 2 Blk 3 Plan 78B17791, OHPC. Carried

Haworth: That Council acknowledge and extend Development permit for Lot 1 Blk F Plan PA-23479 Ext. 0. Carried

Gossen: That Council acknowledge and extend Development permit for Lot 5 Plan 102173453, Martens Lake. Carried

Watier: That Council acknowledge relocation of Mobile home; NW-28-47-03-W3. Carried

Stieb: That we move in-camera session citing The Local

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Section 16 (b); time being 2:19 p.m. Carried

Sanftleben: That we move out of camera session at 3:55 p.m. Carried

Councillors Gossen and Haworth declared a conflict and exited the room at 3:56 p.m.

Council: That Council of the RM of Leask No. 464, being unable to acquire the land by agreement with the landowner, proceed under the provisions of The Municipal Expropriation Act to acquire the land to the property described as Como Road; SW-27-48-07-W3 Ext 5, Parcel #147689342. Carried

Councilors Gossen and Haworth entered the room at 3:59 p.m.

Stieb: That we adjourn this meeting at 4 p.m.

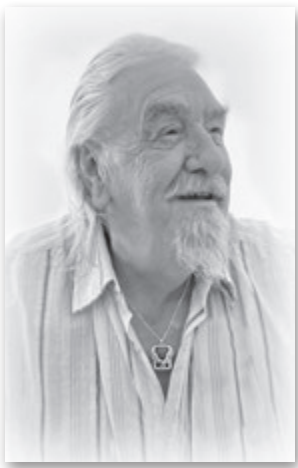
Spiritwood Library hosts bracelet making



The Spiritwood Public Library was a whirlwind of jewelry creations on Wednesday, May 15, as six excited young ladies were on hand to create two bracelets each using the variety of beads provided. Each bracelet was unique in colour choices and patterns, and everyone was happy with their designs.

By HEATHER GATZKE, Librarian

OBITUARIES

Roland Arthur Joseph Beauchesne

Roland Arthur Joseph Beauchesne, who many may know as “Rocky”, was born on the crisp spring day of April 5, 1952, in Prince Albert, to his proud parents Fern and Madeleine Beauchesne. He was the second of 4 children, an older sister, Jeanine, and two younger sisters, Henrietta, and Dolores. The four children spent their early years growing

up in Leoville and later in Spiritwood, SK. To accompany his gusto for music, Roland learned to play piano through lessons provided at the convent until achieving his Grade 8. These acquired skills would later fulfill the soundtrack to all family gatherings to come. Rocky’s teenage years and early twenties were very much enjoyed, as many stories will inform you. In 1976 Roland and Laura, his “California Blonde”, were married. And over the next few years they raised 4 children on the homestead in the Laventure area.

Roland grew up farming with his father, Fern Beachesne. One of his earliest memories was of when he was about 8 years old and solo on an open cab tractor. His focus and

enthusiasm in farming continued throughout his life. The Beauchesne family farm saw its third generation when his son, Alexander, joined the team. All three of the girls continue to return annually to eagerly help with harvest. Roland took a great deal of pride in and passion for his farm and family. He instilled in his children working hard but not without enjoying the process; that as long as you have the ones you love around you, and you were working together, the elixir for a good life is complete.

Roland lived his life with enthusiasm, laughter, song and dance, and a proficiency in socializing, storytelling and the provision of long-standing nicknames. He lived large and he loved hard. Roland passed away April

27, 2024, at the homestead, RM of Spiritwood, SK, at the age of 72. The celebration of Roland’s life will not go silently into the night - we will miss you Rocky.

Roland is lovingly remembered by: his wife: Laura, his children and grandchildren: Natalie (Tom) Jesney of North Battleford, SK and children: Brielle & Isabelle, Heather Beauchesne (Michael Schapansky) of Shell Lake, SK, Roland Alexander Beauchesne (Lindsey Lovely) of Spiritwood, SK and children: Norie & Rocky, Lucinda Beauchesne (Michael Kachur) of Spiritwood, SK and children: Ariel & Aidan Smolinski, Samantha & Johny Kachur, his siblings: Jeannine (Garnet) Bird of Courtenay, BC, Henrietta

Beauchesne (Donald Steer) of Saskatoon, SK, Dolores (Lloyd) Rey of Saskatoon, SK, his siblings-in-law: Tim Stevenson of Lake Osoego, Oregon, Beth (Ken) Nichols of Lebanon, Oregon, Donell (James) Wingerter of Spiritwood, SK also numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and countless friends.

He was predeceased by his parents: Fernand and Madeleine Beauchesne, his parents-in-law: Donald and Helen Stevenson and his sister-in-law: Karen Stevenson.

A celebration of life was held Thursday, May 2, 2024, at 11:00 am at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, Spiritwood, SK with Father Travis Myrheim as celebrant. The cross bearers and candle bearers were Rocky’s grandchildren. The urn bearers

were his children. Natalie Jesney, Heather Beauchesne, Roland Alexander Beauchesne and Lucinda Beauchesne. The eulogy was given by Jamell Hepner and Shirley Dauvin, music ministry was provided by Alan Steinhilber. Honorary pallbearers were considered “All relatives and friends who shared in Rocky’s life.”

Memorial donations may be made to a Charity of Choice in memory of Roland Beauchesne as tokens of remembrance.

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Eva Fernande Crossland

In loving memory of Eva Fernande Crossland, born December 3, 1929, St. Denis, SK and passed away April 25, 2024, Leoville,

SK at 94 years of age.

Eva is lovingly remembered by: her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren: Sylvia Orioux and her children: Claudelle Orioux (Donnie) - Dustyn, Brandon (Ashleigh), and Ryan, V i n c e (Wendy) Orioux - Dillon and Jake, Rod (Karla) Orioux - Colton, Alyx, Carter, and Riley, Pauline Thiel and her children: Nadine (Tim) Bryant - Anna and Ashton, Cindy (Treana Tuchscherer) Thiel - Stephen (Asja) Markser, Kevin (Randie) Thiel and

children: Ethan, Taylor and Nikolas, her siblings: Raymonde Bouchard, Rolande Poulin, Simone Chase, Liliane Gerard, Anne Marie Compagna, Paul (Lorraine) Denis, Ernest (Doris) Denis, Claude (Sue) Denis, Celine Doucette, Cecile (Sid) Klics, and Charles (Deanna) Denis, her sisters-in-law: Alison Denis and Yvette Denis also numerous other nieces, nephews cousins, and friends.

She was predeceased by her parents: Louis and Laurette Denis, her husbands: Lucien Bruneau

and Albert Crossland, her great-grandson: Samuel Thiel, her sons in-law: Gerry Orioux and Robert Thiel, her brothers: Gilbert Denis and Armand Denis, her sister in-law: Glenda Denis, her brothers in-law: Albert Bouchard, Leo Poulin, Murray Chase, Roland Gerard, Real Compagna, and Wilfred Doucette.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated Monday, May 6, 2024 - 11:00 am St. Therese Roman Catholic Church, Leoville, SK with Father Ramel Macapala as celebrant. Candle bearers

were Brandon Prkusic and Stephen Marsker, the cross bearer was Kevin Thiel, altar servers were Tenley Vandale and Chloe Coriveau, gift bearers were Carter Orioux and Jake Orioux. The Eulogy was given by Adele Craswell, music ministry was provided by Gilles Francoeur, Shanda Laventure and Courtney Cochet.

Honorary pallbearers were considered “All of the Great-Grandchildren”, urn bearers were Vince Orioux, Claudelle Orioux, Nadine Bryant, and Cindy Thiel.

Eva’s final resting place is in the Peaceful Pines Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made Residents and Family Council, c/o Evergreen Health Centre in memory of Eva Crossland as tokens of remembrance.

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George Henry Diehl

DIEHL – George

It is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of George Henry Diehl on May 13, 2024, at Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon at the age of 85.

George was born September 25, 1938, at the homestead in the Aldina District of the Thickwood Hills, Saskatchewan.

He attended the one-room Aldina School and

then finished his education in Marcelin where he was taught by the nuns. After completing Grade 8 he ventured out into the work world.

He worked on the oil rigs in southern Saskatchewan for about a year, and after that, building the Hansen Lake Road operating the cat. It was during that time that he met his future bride, Grace Lehner, of Prince Albert. George then found work in Calgary, Alberta, as a grader operator for the city. After his full workday, he would then drive taxi at night.

George and Grace were married on October 10, 1961, and settled in Calgary. Shortly after, they moved to Crossfield, Alberta where George worked on a cattle ranch. They moved back to Calgary where he worked for Pioneer Paving driving the

oil truck. Four of their children were born in Calgary.

George always wanted to move back to Saskatchewan, which they did, in 1971, when he got a job working for the RM of Leask. Their fifth child was born in Shellbrook during this time. They lived in town until 1972 when they moved a mobile home on to the land they had purchased 12 miles west of Leask. He raised some cattle, pigs, and sheep as well as chickens, ducks, and geese (George always had a particular fondness for his chickens). George also worked for the Village of Leask for a short time but then returned to the RM, where he operated the grader. He eventually became the foreman. George retired from the RM at the age of 55. His interest in the RM didn’t end there, as he was a Council-

lor for the RM of Leask for many years.

He was an active board member of Martin’s Lake Regional Park and served as president of that organization for a period of time. George has been a member of the Royal Canadian Legion since 1999 and has served in various positions. He really enjoyed the Legion and was very dedicated.

George loved fishing in summer and ice fishing in winter. He was an avid big game hunter, which provided meat for his family. George and Grace moved to Parkside in 2014.

George is lovingly survived by His wife: Grace Diehl; His children: Valorie (Mervin) Magnuson and family: Andrea and Jeslin; David Diehl and family: Ryan (Amanda) – Mason, & Faith; Jordan (Heather)

- Sadie-Grace, Anakin-James, Jax-Jude, Rory-Jorge; Megan (Adrian) – Lily; Wayne (Gail) Diehl and family: Marcus (Kristin); Matthew (Shelby) - Henry, Remi; Charmaine (Jonathan) - Timothy, Emmalynn, Benjamin; Rachel; Luke; Sandra (Shawn) Panio and family: Aaron, Brandon, Christine (Kai); Mavia (Craig) Stochmanski and family: Devin (Kimberlee), Shynelle (Mark), Alexis (Robert), Brennan; His brothers: Ron Diehl, Bert (Yvonne) Diehl; His siblings-in-law: Marie Robin, Carolyn Feir, Linda Schuler (Jerry), Deanna Lehner; Numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends

George is predeceased by His parents: Henry and Lea Diehl; His parents-in-law: Jensen and Doralis Lehner; His sister-in-

law: Eleanor Diehl; His brothers-in-law: Roy and John Lehner, and Emil Robin.

The Mass of Christian Burial for George was held on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. from St. Agatha’s Roman Catholic Church in Shellbrook. George was laid to rest in the Shellbrook Cemetery. In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of George to either STARS (Hanger 21-2475 Airport Rd. Saskatoon, SK S7L 1M4) or Mass Intentions.

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

OBITUARIES

Trevor Latus



(Eileen) also more than 100 first, second, and third cousins and their spouses.

He was predeceased by his father: Warren Latus, his uncles, and aunts: Doug Anderson, Ernie Latus, Joyce & Al McLeod, Aadne & Gladys Aarrestad, Asbjorn & Mary Aarrestad, Gertrude & Lester Gear, Thoralf Aarrestad, Ragnar & Violet Aarrestad, and Cecil Paul.

A graveside service was held Friday, May 10, 2024, at 1:30 pm in the Bapaume Cemetery with Brian Hannigan officiating. The eulogy was given by Trina Latus and Taylor Conacher was the urn bearer. Honorary pallbearers were considered "Everyone who shared in Trevor's life".

Memorial donations may be made to a Charity of Choice in memory of Trevor Latus as tokens of remembrance.

Trevor's Eulogy as prepared and read by his sister, Trina, hey big bother this one is for you.

Trevor Tolleif Latus or as he preferred Trevor T Latus. I am guessing that when he was in the younger grades someone teased him about his middle

name calling him Trevor toilet. So, Trevor T it is.

Trevor was for the most part a quiet man who enjoyed being outdoors. Rarely could you find him in the house helping with dishes but be sure to find him in the yard or pasture with the cattle.

Just after the accident when we were all at the hospital, the stories started to flow, and we decided that he was the "cow whisperer". Livestock made sense to him. Ciarra even asked Ryan "Dad, who is going to help me with my 4-H steer now?" He could walk into a herd and know more about them than some of the owners. He could tell you how many there were, which ones were cow/calf pairs, which ones that needed treatment and which ones that had an attitude and would be aggressive or a bit more of a challenge.

I remember going out to parties with Trevor and he knew when we would need to be home to check cows. I am pretty sure dad enjoyed getting a few more hours of sleep during calving season.

At the stockyards if there was a mix up, they would go straight to Trevor to find out the correct

answer.

Trevor saw stuff in his lifetime that many of us will never see and don't want to see. Can only imagine that these visions in his mind would pay a toll on his emotions.

Trevor also never ceased to surprise us even as recent as just after the accident.

Trevor was born on November 12 in Shellbrook. Had he been born in Spiritwood he would have November 11 as his birthday. The time zone was between Shellbrook and Spiritwood. Shortly after it was changed to the Saskatchewan border.

The scar on his eye was from him using the towel bar for monkey bars. His kneecap was titanium because in 1998 he was in a car accident with a street sweeper.

Oh, and what about the time he was struck by lightning? The only confirmation that he had was the smell of burnt hair..... his own.

He wasn't a scholar, but Trevor was the first of us kids to get an education and certification after high school. He was a journeyman autobody technician. With this trade he lived and worked

in Watson for 6-8 years. But his heart and soul was still in Spiritwood where he did continue in the trade until he made a career change to work at the stockyards until their closure a few years ago.

Trevor's most recent job was with Ryan and Taylor on the Conacher farm. He enjoyed this so much that he had even wanted to rent land to put a crop in this year.

Trevor was a giver. Even if he didn't have a pot to piss in or a window to throw it out of. Knowing this about him made our choice as a family to make him an organ donor an easy decision. On May 1, he gave 2 families hope that their loved ones could begin to live a fuller life. After giving these precious gifts, the medical team removed him from life support and at 9:30 am he received his wings.

I can picture him up there with dad, sitting on a couple square bales or a tailgate of a truck watching the cattlemen and laughing that they aren't doing it right.

The night that dad entered heaven there was beautiful northern lights. But the night Trevor en-

tered he thought he would play one last joke on us and send snow in May. Typical Trevor.

Trevor was the middle child and middle son to Warren & Alma Latus.

Trevor is survived by mom, Alma Latus. Siblings Kevin, Melanie (Delroy), Ragnar (Teri) and myself Trina. 2 biological nieces Brigitte and Kallie, 1 biological nephew Riley, 1 biological great nephew Chase and step nieces and nephews Amanda, Daniel, Arianna, Favian and James. Also, numerous great nieces and nephews.

And not to forget Trevor was also survived by his family of the heart Ryan, Larissa, Taylor, Avarie & Ciara Conacher.

Trevor, thank you for teaching me selflessness, acceptance, and forgiveness. Missing you now and always.

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Robert "Bob" Dick Woychyshyn



2008), and Margaret (October 2022); and his sister Hazel (June 2023).

Left to mourn his passing are his sister, Joylene (George) Slade of Windsor, ON; and his brother, Don (Janice) of Barrie, ON. Loving uncle to Kerry and Karen (Christopher), Alissa (Brett), Lana, Tyler (Chiara), Jonathan (Taya) and Maria. Great-Uncle to Dresden, Hannah, Caleb, Maykala and Marcus; as well as special extended families, the Oleksyns and Stochmanskis.

At Bob's request a private graveside service will be held at a later date.

Special thanks to Dr. Alana Surkan and the

wonderful, caring Staff at Rose Garden Hospice.

As an expression of sympathy, donations in Bob's memory may be directed to Rose Garden Hospice, Box 2092, Prince Albert, SK, S6W 0A3, or the Cancer Foundation of Saskatchewan, 200 - 4545 Parliament Avenue, Regina, SK, S4W 0G3.

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Spiritwood seniors host Strawberry Tea



The Spiritwood seniors hosted their annual Strawberry Tea on May 10 at the Pioneer Centre in Spiritwood. Many take-out and delivery orders made up the total count of 377 served, with proceeds helping to fund operations at the Pioneer Centre. Pictured: Helen Mack serves strawberry shortcake while Louis Marion loads up for delivery orders.

By BEVRA FEE, Spiritwood Herald Reporter

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Personnel moves rampant in curling

As the in-turn turns... Well, it might not be as intriguing and dramatic as the television soap opera *As The World Turns*, but the Canadian curling scene continues to draw gasps of surprise from the thousands of diehard fans across the country.

The latest: Brendan Bottcher of Edmonton, who skipped his team to the Brier title in 2021, appears to have been fired by the other three members of his team — Marc Kennedy, Brett Gallant, and Ben Hebert — and been replaced at skip by Brad Jacobs, who has become Canada's most prominent member of the 'Have Broom, Will Travel' club.

Jacobs, from Sault Ste. Marie, has a spectacular curling resume, having won one Brier (2013) and an Olympic gold medal (2014). He was a perennial participant in the Brier out of Northern Ontario but his rink split up when he took a sabbatical after the 2022 Brier.

Last year, he hooked up with Reid Carruthers

of Winnipeg and by the latter stages of the season, was skipping the team. After his sabbatical — reportedly so he could devote more time to family and business interests — Jacobs is now back in the full grind of competitive curling.

The Bottcher move was intriguing because only three years ago, the team's third, Darren Moulding, was essentially fired by the team. To have the same thing happen to Bottcher must have brought a wry smile to the face of Moulding, who wasn't happy with the move and didn't mind saying so.

What kind of supporting cast Bottcher will wind up with for next season remains to be seen, but publicly, he took the high road, posting on X that he wished his former teammates all the best "on and off the ice." He said he would have "more news" in the near future.

The Jacobs-to-Alberta move left the Carruthers rink with a big hole, but Saskatchewan native Catlin Schneider, who



BRUCE PENTON

has thrown third stones for Matt Dunstone and Colton Flasch, among others, filled it by joining the Winnipeg-based rink at third.

There were other headline-inspiring moves during curling's unofficial 'free agency' period. One of the bigger ones concerned Jennifer Jones, perhaps the best female curler in Canada's history. She retired and her youthful rink went looking for a replacement, finding Calgary's Chelsea Carey, an original Winnipegger who has two Scotties' Tournament of Hearts titles to her credit.

Other personnel moves involving top

curlers include Scott Howard, Glenn's son, taking over as skip after his dad's retirement; John Epping moving on from his Toronto-based rink and joining forces with Jacob and Tanner Horgan out of Northern Ontario (the Horgans are brothers of Tracy Fleury, the third on Rachel Homan's world championship rink); and Lisa Weagle, who has played with Homan and Jones, has joined the Laurie St-Georges rink from Quebec.

Intrigue remains. Where will Bottcher land? Are there more changes to come? Will Moulding pop up on someone's team? Stay tuned. Curling news is a 12-month-a-year deal these days.

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "Husband and wife Michael and Jasmine Snell each bowled 300 on the same night in Omaha, Neb. Can't say if their marriage is solid, but there were no signs of a split."

• Headline at fark.com.: "Ahh, the signs of late spring. Flowers

blooming, birds singing, and St. Louis Cardinals' fans panicking."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "Bally Sports channels removed from Comcast after bankruptcy of Bally operator Diamond Sports. Comcast fans of MLB's Tigers, Brewers, Reds, Cardinals, Rays, Rangers, Braves, Angels, Royals, Twins and Marlins can no longer see games. Sadly White Sox fans can still watch their team."

• Vindictive guy Steve Burgess of Vancouver: "The Leafs are out. The Jays are losing. Drake's beef is not going well. Sucks to be you, Toronto."

• Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "Did you see where LIV Golf just made a major announcement that there will now be a trading window to allow its teams to swap players. Philosophical question: If a sports league makes a major announcement and nobody cares, is it still a major announcement?"

• Canada's satirical

website, the Beaverton, after coach Sheldon Keefe was fired: "Maple Leafs begin search for new scapegoat."

• From fark.com: "NFL strength of schedule for all 32 teams: Browns face most difficult slate as they don't get to play against the Browns."

• Another one from fark.com: "He's MVP for the third time, and that's no Jokic."

• Steve Simmons of Sunmedia, lamenting some of the high salaries paid to Maple Leafs compared to Oilers' Leon Draisaitl: "Draisaitl is paid \$8.5 million a year by the Oilers, \$2.5 million less than the Maple Leafs pay John Tavares, \$2.4 million less than they pay Mitch Marner, \$3 million less than the Leafs will pay William Nylander next season."

• Another one from Simmons: "Vladimir Guerrero Jr. is fifth in all of baseball in hitting the ball the hardest. When that translates to runs scored, call me."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Minutes of Spiritwood Town Council meetings

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

The regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Spiritwood was held in the Council Chambers at the Spiritwood Town Office, 212 Main Street, on April 9, 2024, at 7 p.m.

In attendance were, Mayor Gary von Holwede, Councillor Jim Bedi, Councillor George Pretli, Councillor Bryan Wingerter, Councillor Mark Corfield, Councillor Ragnar Latus, Councillor Shane Colley, and CAO Rhonda Saam.

A quorum being present, Mayor Von Holwede called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m.

Latus: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried

Wingerter: That the minutes of the regular meeting on March 26, 2024, be approved as presented. Carried

Delegation: Spiritwood RCMP - Sgt. Andrews

Sgt. Andrews entered the council meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Sgt. Andrews discussed 2024/2025 annual performance plan priorities for the Town of Spiritwood, as well as reviewed the fourth quarter progress report.

Sgt. Andrews left the council meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Bedi: That the correspondence be filed as presented. Carried

Wingerter: That the Accounts for Ratification, Payments #1637 to 1660 in the amount of \$53,595.80 be approved as presented. Carried

Bedi: That the Accounts for Approval, Cheque No. 33095 to 33116 & payment #1661 in the amount of \$23,072.05 be approved as presented. Carried

Wingerter: That the reports be filed as presented. Carried

Bedi: That we accept the withdrawal of the offer to purchase Lot 21 Block 33 Plan 101855077, with the condition that the legal fees incurred for this agreement be paid in full by the purchaser Louis Marion. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve the quote from Peppermint Signs in the amount of \$1,525 plus taxes, to build a Town of Spiritwood sign with 3D lettering and trim for the east entrance of town. Carried

Wingerter: That we accept the proposal from Associated Engineering (Sask.) Ltd. to develop a new Asset Management Plan for the Town of Spiritwood. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve forwarding the attached outstanding utility accounts past 90 days as of April 8, 2024, to the Tax Roll. Carried

Colley: That we request Northern Lakes Economic Development Corporation to use Quick Books accounting software going forward into their new fiscal year starting April 1, 2024. Carried

Corfield: That this meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

April 23

The regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Spiritwood was held in

the Council Chambers at the Spiritwood Town Office, 212 Main Street, on April 23, 2024, at 7 p.m.

In attendance were, Mayor Gary von Holwede, Councillor Jim Bedi, Councillor George Pretli, Councillor Bryan Wingerter, Councillor Mark Corfield, Councillor Ragnar Latus, Councillor Shane Colley, and CAO Rhonda Saam.

A quorum being present, Mayor Von Holwede called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Latus: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried

Wingerter: That the minutes of the regular meeting on April 9, 2024, be approved as presented. Carried

Bedi: That the correspondence be filed as presented. Carried

Latus: That the Accounts for Ratification, Payments #1662 to 1670 in the amount of \$9,500.00 be approved as presented. Carried

Wingerter: That the Accounts for Approval, Cheque No. 33117 to 33126, Payments #1671 to 1673 in the amount of \$45,011.32 be approved as presented. Carried

Wingerter: That the Bank Reconciliation for the month of March 2024 be approved as presented. Carried

Wingerter: That the Financial Statement for the month of March 2024 be approved as presented. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve the audited draft financial statements for the year ended Dec. 31, 2023, that were completed by Sensus Chartered Professional Accountants Ltd., and

recognize that no subsequent events have occurred since Jan. 1, 2024, that could have a significant impact on the municipality's operations or on these financial statements as approved. Carried

Latus: That the reports be filed as presented. Carried

Bedi: That we approve the quote from P Construction Ltd. and order 400 yards of gravel and 60 yards of crushed rock. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve Building & Development Permit #03-2024SW to construct a new deck on Lot 12 Block 16 Plan BK4385, with the condition of approval of compliance to the Town of Spiritwood Zoning Bylaw, and the building permit pending authorization from the Building Inspector. Carried

Wingerter: That we approve the Events & Recreation Coordinator's request to adjust summer work hours to a flexible three-day work week from May to August. Carried

Latus: That this meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



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**AUGUST
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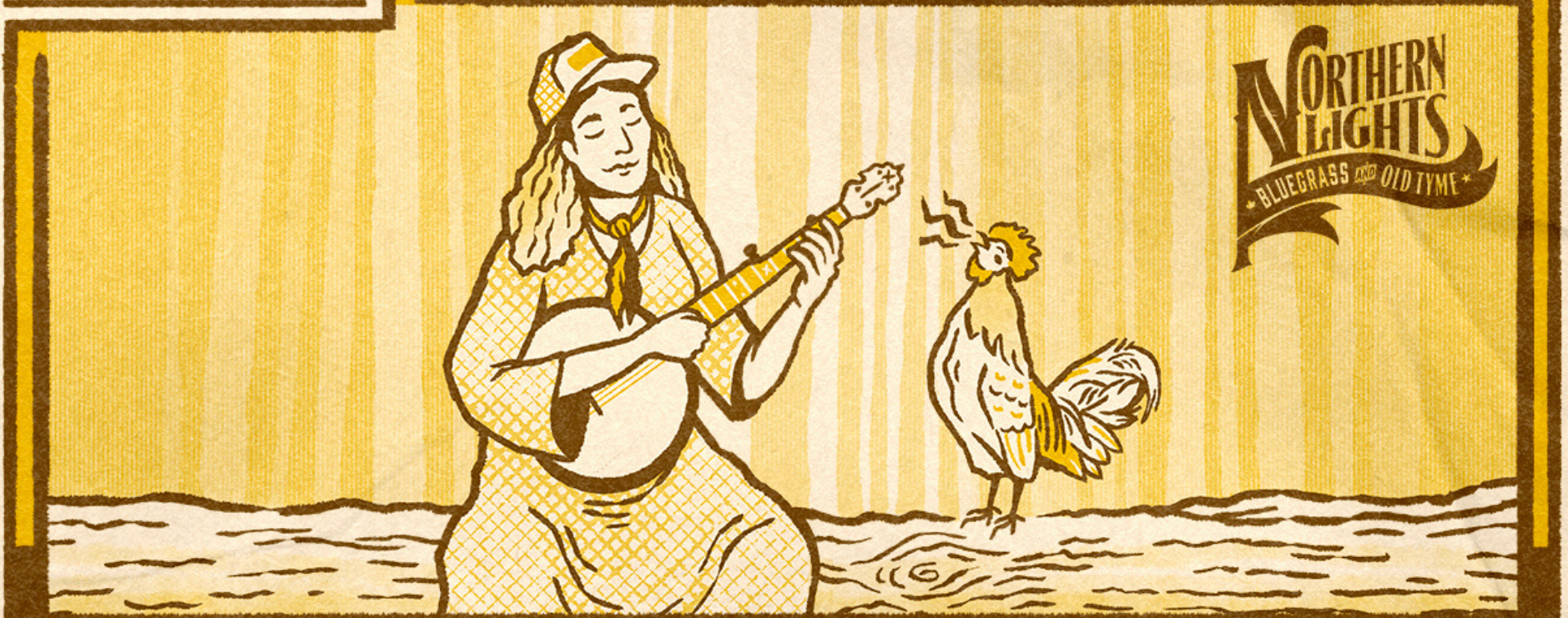
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