

## Shellbrook council passes 2024 budget



Water plays a central role in the Town of Shellbrook's 2024 budget, as the mill rate and water and sewer rates have been hiked to cover the costs of an upcoming water treatment plant project.

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

After back-to-back days of discussion, debate, and questions, council for the Town of Shellbrook officially passed the 2024 municipal budget at a special meeting of council held on Wednesday, May 22.

The decision to pass the budget wasn't unanimous, as Councillors Larry Batten and Brent Miller voted against it. Miller, in particular, said the budget should return to committee and be scrutinized by all of council, both to find potential savings and to ensure councillors fully understand it and can explain it to ratepayers.

By law, municipalities are required to table balanced budgets. The Town of Shellbrook's budget manages that, and even projects a modest \$50,000 surplus, with revenues pegged at

\$5,221,030 and expenses estimated at \$5,170,570 for 2024.

The expenses column might raise a few eyebrows initially, as this marks a \$1 million increase over 2023's year-to-date expenses of \$4,160,041. But Town of Shellbrook CAO Kelly Hoare explains that the 2023 numbers have not been finalized, as the town is still waiting on the auditor (expenses for 2023 were initially pegged at \$4,698,698.)

Along with passing the budget, council also gave first reading to the mill rate bylaw, a key piece of the budget puzzle that sets out municipal property tax rates for the year. As proposed, the bylaw ups the mill rate to 5.64 from 4.42, an increase of 27.5 per cent, and raises the base property tax to \$1,300 from \$1,250.

The mill rate increase is being framed as a 5 per cent base increase, with 1 full mill being tacked on to the rate specifi-

cally to make up for the shortfall in water and wastewater rates and help pay for the upcoming water treatment plant project.

Hoare estimated that the mill rate increase would increase property taxes by about \$180 for a smaller home.

Alternatively, Hoare said council could opt for a lower mill rate of 5.39 and still maintain a \$12,000 budget surplus. Either way, she suggested the surplus should go right back into water.

While council didn't discuss the lower mill rate option, Councillor Miller suggested it would be unwise to continue to raise the mill rate to cover costs associated with water and wastewater when council hears complaints from ratepayers about the condition of streets and sidewalks at every town hall meeting.

Calling the state of the town's streets "embarrassing," foreman Mike Tan-

chuk said the town could have saved millions to improve streets and sidewalks over the years if water and sewer had been treated like utilities and rates had recovered 100 per cent of the costs.

Hoare agreed, saying that so long as the town has outstanding loans for the wastewater treatment plant and doesn't adjust rates so that water and wastewater pay for themselves, there will always be a shortfall for paving and sidewalk projects. Currently, the town's strategy is to try to set aside money for these projects each year to allow for a larger project to be undertaken.

Aside from raising the mill rate specifically for water and wastewater, council took steps to bring rates more in line with costs by officially adopting the new Water and Wastewater Rates and Fees Bylaw at last week's regular council meeting.

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# Music from the Heart gets big love

By **BEVRA FEE**  
*Spiritwood Herald Reporter*

A group of local musicians combined their efforts to host an evening of entertainment — billed as ‘Music from the Heart’ — in an effort to help one of their own.

Dennis Adams is a musician out of Prince Albert who has been a member of Misdeal, the band that backs up local musicians at events such as Spiritwood’s annual Grand Ole Opry. Adams is undergoing treatment in Winnipeg for a brain tumour

and will be gifted a sum that was generated through donations at the May 22 fundraiser in Spiritwood.

An evening of music featured Claire and Charles Schira, Patty Heisler, Jeff Hujber, Giselle Booth, Nancy Caffet, and Armand Cabase.

The evening was jam session style, as defined by Claire Schira during her introduction to the evening’s lineup. Held at the Spiritwood Pioneer Centre, there was standing room only as the music got underway at 7:30 p.m. and continued for a

good three hours.

“We threw 24 songs at Armand a week ago and he has been learning them, but we have only had one practice together as a group,” cautioned Schira.

The audience was appreciative of the classic country offerings and the standard soft rock songs dropped in for variety.

Many people travelled from outside the area to attend, and Schira was surprised at the regional support.

“I expected mostly local folks, but I noticed a good num-

ber of people that had travelled a good distance — that’s very heart-warming to see. And the local businesses have been so supportive as well, covering all our costs for the event. That allows us to donate all the money from this evening directly to Dennis for his medical expenses.”

In addition to the “entry by donation” fundraising and the business sponsorships, a raffle basket was donated to help generate extra funds, as were two tickets to Country at the Creek music festival. The raffles were cheerfully attended to by community volunteers Shelley and Megan Allard, their efforts supporting all the musicians who donated their time

and effort to plan, host, and entertain for the Music from the Heart event.

Schira reports that over and above the sponsorships for the expenses, a sum of just under \$3,500 will be presented to Mr. Adams.

Mr. Adams is also a mainstay in the music community in Shellbrook, appearing on the stage at the Shellbrook Theatre each year as a back up musician for Kerri English’s music students.

Mr. Adams was diagnosed with his brain tumour in the summer of 2023. A gofundme campaign set up in April by his sister-in-law, Laurie Johns, raised another \$10,225 to help cover his medical expenses.



Musicians who performed in the Music from the Heart fundraiser concert, from left to right: Giselle Booth, Charles Schira, Patty Heisler, Jeff Hujber, Claire Schira, Armand Cabase seated at keyboards in the back.



A full house enjoys Jeff Hujber’s rendition of “Brown Eyed Girl.”

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The new bylaw sets the combined water and wastewater consumption rate at \$2 per cubic metre (up from 57 cents), adds a monthly \$50 capital fee, replaces the existing infrastructure fee with a \$10 sewer infrastructure fee, and increases the consumption rate by 15 per cent each year.

Hoare acknowledged

that it’s a “hard hit” when these increases are imposed all at once. And this reality factored into council’s decision to split the increases between taxes and rates, with the belief being that spreading them through taxation would lessen the financial burden on lower income residents.

After crunching the numbers, Councillor

Miller began to question the savings those residents will see from this approach. However, most of his questions about the budget centered around finding potential savings within it.

In particular, Councillor Miller said the expenses column for employee wages and benefits wasn’t adding up for him, with those costs being pegged at \$1.62 million compared to 2023’s projected expenses of \$1.38 million (though, due to the addi-

tion of the Community Safety Officer and a severance payout for the former recreation director, the actual cost was more than \$1.5 million).

Hoare explained that the town employs 13 full-time equivalents, as well as 13 to 15 summer students. She also noted that the town was short employees in 2023 but is currently fully staffed and paying more wages at the rink, that a number of employees are moving up in the wage grid, and that

her practice is to budget for the maximum possible numbers.

Asked how much more she could shrink the budget, Hoare said it had already been through multiple rounds of cuts. But she and Tanchuk suggested there’s always room to reduce services, such as mowing and snow removal.

Unable to find support from the rest of council

to send the budget back to committee for a more in-depth review, Miller suggested the budgeting process needs to change going forward to ensure the budget committee meets more than once and finalizes and approves the budget earlier in the year.

Once the budget was formally passed, council agreed future budget deliberations should be done as a full council.

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# Harrison resigns as government house speaker

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

Meadow Lake MLA Jeremy Harrison has resigned as the Sask. Party government's house leader after admitting last Friday to bringing a hunting rifle into the Legislature Building "approximately a decade ago."

"I was going hunting on a weekend," Harrison said in a prepared statement. "I stopped at the Legislative Building for a short period of time and brought a properly cased long gun into the building with the knowledge of security officials so as to not leave it unattended in my vehicle in the parking lot."

"In retrospect, I should not have done this," he added.

Harrison's confession was the first public comment he's made since outgoing House Speaker Randy Weekes levelled accusations of threats, harassment, and intimidation against him on the final day of the spring sitting of the legislature on Thursday, May 16.

In his closing comments, Weekes alleged he's received "hundreds of

texts" from Harrison, and other Sask. Party government members, since he became speaker in 2020, and said Harrison "bragged that he could get the Speaker to rule in any way that he wanted."

This was the second dust up between Weekes and Harrison in the past month. In April, Harrison was reprimanded for comments he made after Weekes rebuked Finance Minister Donna Harpauer for sending him a text message calling the chamber's proceedings "an Opposition puppet show" while in session. When asked to apologize, Harrison refused and stormed out of the chamber.

Speaking to reporters in Meadow Lake following the release of his statement last Friday, Harrison said he "categorically and unequivocally" denies Weekes' accusations, except for those related to the hunting rifle incident.

Harrison noted that Premier Scott Moe has accepted his resignation as house leader and said he regretted not speaking up sooner.

"I apologize for this lapse in judgment and for not advising the Premier of this one occasion immediately following the speaker's statement," he said. "I have never had a firearm in the Legislative Chamber or anywhere in the Legislative Building during the period that MLA Weekes has been Speaker."

Last week, Premier Scott Moe said he had spoken with Harrison and that Weekes' claims were "unequivocally false." Moe suggested Weekes had "sour grapes" over losing his nomination bid, and said this was the first he was hearing of the accusations against Harrison.

Though he will no longer serve as government house leader, Harrison will continue to serve as the MLA for Meadow Lake and remain in cabinet as Minister of Trade Export Development, Immigration and Career Training, Innovation Saskatchewan, and Tourism Saskatchewan.



Meadow Lake MLA Jeremy Harrison.

## Spiritwood adult ball hockey league wraps up

By **BEVRA FEE**  
*Spiritwood Herald Reporter*

For the second year in a row the adult ball hockey league was a busy event at Spiritwood's Rec Centre.

Fierce competition among the three teams – the Stick Magnets, Hubie's Heroes, and the One Hit Wonders – started from the get-go, when the season opened

in mid April once the ice went out of the arena. Over the next six weeks of regular play, the three teams built toward the final playoff tournament.

The Stick Magnets dominated all season, but when the chips were down in the final game between them and the One Hit Wonders, the Wonders managed to prevail for the win and take home the champi-

onship. Hubie's Heroes – the young guns in the league – was a team comprised of high school students that played hard all season and did well in the adult league.

The One Hit Wonders, playing one person short due to not having a required female player in the playoffs, repeated last year's victory as champs.

Matt St. Onge, a mem-

ber of the Wonders, commented on the ball hockey league: "It is a fun league and hopefully we draw more teams and build the sport up for next year."



Championship winners of Spiritwood's adult ball hockey league: Back row left to right: Tyler Fisher, Sheridan Lehouillier, and Darcy Patoine. Front row: Tyson Turgeon, Jeff Hujber, and Matt St. Onge.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood Zoning District Map.

#### INTENT

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

#### AFFECTED LAND

The affected land is legally described as Blk/Par C Plan 102075038 and located on NW ¼ Section 02-50-08-W3M as shown on the plan of proposed subdivision adjacent to Memorial Lake.

#### REASON

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

#### PUBLIC INSPECTION

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

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at 11:00 am** in the Legion Hall located in the Village of Shell Lake to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments submitted to the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 at Box 340, 218 Main Street, Spiritwood, SK, S0J 2M0 or emailed to admin@rmofspiritwood.ca by **Thursday, June 27, 2024.**

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## Moe must investigate Harrison's misconduct

Watchers of the legislative assembly who tune in for the kind of verbal sparring one might expect to see on *Jerry Springer* reruns were given an exciting and unexpected season finale of the spring sitting.

Two weeks later, the dust kicked up by speaker Randy Weekes – an unexpected source of entertainment, if ever there was one – is still settling, and the very serious questions raised by his final comments have yet to be answered by the Sask. Party government.

Of course, this wasn't the first time in recent months that Mr. Weekes, generally considered one of the soft-spoken nice guys of the legislature, has been an outspoken critic of his own party.

Perhaps feeling he had nothing to lose after failing to secure a nomination to run in the upcoming provincial election, Mr. Weekes called out Finance Minister Donna Harpauer, government house leader Jeremy Harrison, and other Sask. Party MLAs, on April 15 for sending what he said were "hundreds of texts" critiquing his rulings.

"Randy, if you can blatantly lie, tarnish reputations of elected and unelected individuals with innuendoes, but no proof, we have no avenue to push back. Then, this assembly has become a joke and a stage for an Opposition puppet show. Disappointing," wrote Ms. Harpauer in one of the texts read out by Mr. Weekes.

Mr. Weekes reminded Ms. Harpauer that complaints should be raised as a point of order, rather than sent as off-the-record text messages, and asked her to rise and apologize.

Shortly after Ms. Harpauer did so, Mr. Harrison chimed in with comments that weren't picked up by microphones in the legislature but were heard by Mr. Weekes.

After another scolding from Mr. Weekes (his second in the span of a week), Mr. Harrison refused to apologize for his remarks and stormed out of the room with all the grace and dignity of a toddler throwing a temper tantrum.

The suggestion that Mr. Weekes had somehow tilted the playing field of the legislative assembly in favour of the Sask. NDP was patently absurd. Through his tenure as speaker, Mr.



JORDAN TWISS  
~  
News Editor

Weekes has been even-handed in removing MLAs who violate the rules.

Just last year, both Sask. NDP Leader Carla Beck and Ethics and Democracy critic Meara Conway were removed from the assembly for refusing to apologize for remarks made, interestingly enough, in response to comments from Mr. Harrison (comments he would later apologize for).

At the time, Mr. Weekes' April 15 scolding was little more than business as usual in the increasingly fractious arena of Saskatchewan politics. With the gift of hindsight, however, we can now see it was a sign of tensions beneath the surface beginning to boil over.

And boil over they did. The evening before the final day of the spring sitting, Mr. Weekes took to Twitter to emphatically express his displeasure with the Sask. Party government, posting a photo of his cut up party membership card with one simple sentence: "Enough is enough."

Delivering his final remarks in the legislative assembly the next day, Weekes alleged that, from the moment he was named speaker, Mr. Harrison had been texting him harassing and intimidating messages in an attempt to sway his rulings.

"That's an absolute bullshit ruling, completely wrong," said Weekes, quoting a text he claimed Harrison sent to him following a ruling he issued on March 22, 2023.

Mr. Weekes further alleged that Mr. Harrison had brought a hunting rifle into the legislative building, and suggested he had a "disturbing obsession with guns" and had sought permission to carry a handgun in the legislative assembly.

Speaking to reporters after his mic drop moment, Mr. Weekes said the Sask. Party has changed since he joined in 1997, taking a "dramatic lurch to the right" under Premier Moe.

Mr. Weekes pointed to the emergency debate and use of the notwithstanding clause on the government's pronoun policy as an example, calling it "unwarranted," an "unnecessary waste of time," and an attempt to counter the influence of Nadine Wilson's Saskatchewan United Party.

One might have expected Mr. Harri-



son to offer a quick rebuttal for these deeply disturbing allegations. Instead, he became a ghost, cancelling multiple appearances at public events.

Indeed, the only immediate defence of Mr. Harrison came from Premier Scott Moe, who accused Mr. Weekes of "sour grapes" over losing his nomination and said this was the first time he'd heard any of Mr. Weekes' concerns.

Later on, after speaking to Mr. Harrison, Mr. Moe deemed the allegations to be "unequivocally false," and said he had complete faith in Mr. Harrison as "one of the best house leaders in the country."

To be certain, the allegations levelled by Mr. Weekes need to be proven, and it's more than fair to ask why he didn't raise his concerns about the conduct of his fellow party members sooner.

But Mr. Moe's comments make it sound like he's already arrived at a conclusion and has no interest in investigating the matter any further – even though Mr. Harrison has a well-earned reputation as a rabble rouser, and former Sask. Party MLAs have stepped forward to defend Mr. Weekes' character.

Fortunately, Mr. Harrison finally decided to break his silence last Friday, putting an end to at least some of the speculation swirling around his behaviour.

Making an official statement, Mr. Harrison announced his decision to resign as government house leader. He

also admitted to bringing a hunting rifle into the legislative building, albeit not during Mr. Weekes' time as speaker, and said he remembered the incident after conversation with friends and family.

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"In retrospect, I should not have done this," he added, apologizing for his lapse in judgment and for not advising the premier of his actions.

Though he will no longer serve as government house leader, Mr. Harrison will remain in cabinet as minister of trade export development, immigration and career training, Innovation Saskatchewan, and Tourism Saskatchewan.

Only afterward, while speaking with reporters in Meadow Lake, did Mr. Harrison refute Mr. Weekes' allegations of harassment and intimidation, denying them unequivocally.

But, seeing as his statement proves that Mr. Weekes' allegations have some substance to them, Mr. Moe owes it to the people of Saskatchewan to call for an investigation into Mr. Harrison's conduct, and to hold him accountable for any further "lapses in judgment."

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### Mature governance requires mature politicians

Dear editor,  
Decades ago, one of my children visited Saskatchewan's Legislative Assembly. Expecting to learn about governance and democracy, they were instead appalled by chaos and incivility. Elected officials, who were supposed to represent us with dignity, behaved like squabbling children.

Recent sessions amplify the worst tantrums of past decades. MLA Ken Francis confessed he gets sucked into trash talk almost daily. Speaker Randy Weekes' final speech alleged threats and harassment from fellow Saskatchewan Party MLAs. He also alleged House Leader Jeremy Harrison brought a gun into the Assembly.

Premier Scott Moe's re-

sponse? Weekes is a "sorer loser," and Moe dismisses the alarming allegations against Harrison as false. No investigation necessary. He also categorizes the texts to Weekes as "ambitious" rather than "harassment." Ambitious? To what purpose? Partisan purposes as the sender attempts to have the non-partisan speaker favour a side?

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Nancy Carswell  
Shellbrook, SK

### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2024.  
Noreen Olsen, Administrator

### VILLAGE OF DEBDEN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Village of Debden is issuing a request for proposal from interested parties for site preparation on Village lots for the construction of a commercial building.

Interested parties may view the site at Lot 1 #400 Hwy 55 to determine the grade and quantity of suitable fill required. Work will include supplying, placing and compacting suitable material to establish subgrade elevations for the building and surrounding perimeter (apx 65'x70').

Material and Service provided must be in accordance with all governing regulatory authorities within the Province of Saskatchewan.

Interested parties should include the following with their Proposal:

Quantity and type of fill/aggregate they are supplying, anticipated start and end date, confirmation of WCB coverage and/or liability insurance and work/prices proposed which are inclusive of all labour, material, equipment, mileage and any other items required for provision of the services.

Proposals may be emailed to [villagedebden@sasktel.net](mailto:villagedebden@sasktel.net), mailed to Box 400, Debden, Saskatchewan S0J 0S0 or delivered to #204 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East, Debden and must be received by 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2024.

For information, contact Raymond Brad at (306)468-7117 or Village Office at (306)724-2040.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Canadian Navigable Waters Act

Big River First Nation hereby gives notice that an application has been made to the Minister of Transport, pursuant to the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act* for approval of the work described herein and its site and plans.

Pursuant to paragraph 7(2) of the said Act, Big River First Nation has deposited with the Minister of Transport, on the on-line Common Project Search Registry (<http://cps.canada.ca/>) and under registry number **10690**, or, under the NPP File Number **2024-612463**, a description of the following work, its site and plans:

- Bridge (Construct)
- Bridge (Place - Temporary)
- Causeway (Remove)

(nature and status of work - e.g. existing/proposed wharf, breakwater, booms, bridge, cable, dam, etc. - not merely "works" or such general terms)

in, or, over, under, through or across Big River at Lat. 53.533064; Long -107.066504 in front of lot number along the main southern Reserve access road from Victoire and Debden.

Comments regarding the effect of this work on marine navigation can be sent through the Common Project Search site mentioned above under the Comment section (search by the above referenced number) or if you do not have access to the internet, by sending your comments directly to:

**Navigation Protection Program - Transport Canada**  
344 Edmonton Street  
Winnipeg, MB  
R3C 0P6

Transport Canada (TC) will not make your comments on a project available to the public on the online public registry. However, any information related to a work is considered as unclassified public record and could be accessible upon legal request. As such, the information and records provided should not contain confidential or sensitive information. If you want to provide confidential or sensitive information that you think should not be made public, please contact TC before submitting it.

However, comments will be considered only if they are in writing (electronic means preferable) and are received not later than 30 days after the publication of the last notice. Although all comments conforming to the above will be considered, no individual response will be sent.

Posted at Big River First Nation #118, SK this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2024.

Derek Klein, on behalf of the Big River First Nation

## Anderson wins dessert of the month



Vi Anderson was the lucky recipient of Spiritwood Public Library's dessert of the Month for May. The dessert was a lovely Bundt Cake made by Board Member Mrs. Ruth French.

By HEATHER GATZKE, Librarian



# Spiritwood Lions host Walk for Dog Guides

By BEVRA FEE  
Spiritwood Herald Reporter

The weather turned sunny and mild for the annual Pet Valu Walk For Dog Guides, hosted by the Spiritwood and District Lions Club.

The fundraiser was held on Sunday, May 26, with a walk route laid out by Lions Bryan Ferguson and Gilles Ouellette. Registration took place at the Spiritwood Legion Hall, which was the starting point for the walk.

The Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides is a national charity that

was created by the Lions of Canada. Its mission is to empower Canadians with disabilities to navigate their world with confidence and independence by providing a Dog Guide at no cost and supporting them in their journey together.

All Dog Guides require training, including transportation and accommodation, and are provided at no cost to qualified applicants. Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides does not receive any government funding and relies on the support of fundraising events like the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides.

With a smaller crowd of dogs and

their walkers this year, the total of funds raised from the Spiritwood event was nevertheless impressive, with \$1,965 raised by the walkers' canvassing efforts.

The Spiritwood Lions Club handed out prize baskets — donated by Hujbers Market on Main — for several categories. Brantly was the youngest dog, Rango was the oldest dog and the smallest dog, and Charley and Hodi each won baskets as well for being honorary participants.

Marjie Fast, with Hodi, received a gift certificate for Marjion's Burger Bar for raising the most money.



Lion George Pretli presents baskets to Karen Booth for Charley and Hodi.



Lion George Pretli presents a gift basket to Bailey Hiebert and Brantley.



Rango's team accepts a gift basket from Lion George Pretli. Back row, left to right: Maigen Haichert, Delaney Lehouillier, and George Pretli. Front row: Piper Robertson, Rango, and Blair Robertson.



Lion Bryan Ferguson leads the walkers through the route during the annual Walk For Dog Guides.

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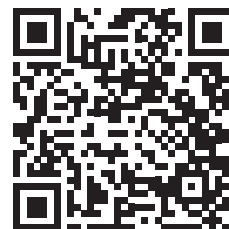


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## Livestock diseases highlight biosecurity's importance

The farm media headlines of late seem to oft be dominated by health concerns in the livestock sector.

You will recall the headlines regarding African Swine Fever.

In August 2018, China reported the first African swine fever outbreak in Liaoning province and by September the country had culled more than 38,000 hogs.

In less than a year the virus was reported to have spread to every region of China, as well as parts of Southeast

Asia, including Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam. The Chinese pig population was reported to have declined by almost 100 million compared with the previous year.

The disease has popped up in Europe and Russia, and is of huge concern in terms of what damage it could do in North America.

The Avian Bird Flu is making headlines now, not just for the damage it can cause in domestic bird flocks, but because it has jumped species



CALVIN DANIELS

and is appearing now in dairy cattle here in North America.

While not as deadly to cattle at this point, that the virus has jumped species has to be considered troubling in

terms of how one traces its movement, and just where it might pop up next.

In North America at least, much of the swine, dairy, and poultry production is in larger units, which is both good and bad I suppose when it comes to the movement of disease.

Certainly, large units tend to be more separated than in the days of my youth when every neighbour – and there were more then – had a few chickens and pigs and several with cattle too.

But when a disease hits a unit today, the losses can be significant in a hurry.

However, biosecurity is much tighter today.

It was a big change to have a boot bath installed, so visitors at least dipped their boots into a disinfectant for a brief second, in the pig barn of my youth.

Today, access is more akin to a university bio-lab. The threat of disease is understood by most producers who work at keeping flocks and herds safe.

Still, imagine a disease affecting birds, then think of sparrows, magpies, and mallards flying all over the continent. Controlling the spread becomes a huge task.

For the livestock sector, health has to be one of the biggest concerns they deal with, and it certainly brings into focus the need for diligence. But there also needs to be investment in health security systems and or course treatments and vaccines to protect the livestock sector.

## Op-ed: Bunge-Viterra merger may not benefit farmers

By IAN BOXALL  
APAS President

In a recent op-ed, Gregory Heckman, CEO of Bunge, defended the proposed merger between Bunge and Viterra, arguing that the combination would mean investment and growth for Canadian agriculture, particularly in Saskatchewan. While the optimism from a corporate standpoint is expected, given that they are working to maximize profitability for shareholders, there are many reasons to consider why this merger might not be in the best interest of farmers.

First, the promise of a “commitment to Canadian workers” and the guarantee against the closure of existing facilities do not directly address the central concern of farmers—market concentration and competitive pricing for their products. A fundamental aspect of a healthy commodity market is the ability of producers to get a fair price for their crops. The fear is that a super-sized entity will curb market competitiveness, leaving farmers with fewer options and lower prices.

While Mr. Heckman says G3 and Viterra will remain competitors post-merger, this suggestion underestimates the power dynamics in the ag industry. When two behemoths merge, the resulting entity naturally holds sway over the market and can influence pricing and terms. Just because they are competitors in name does not ensure a level playing field. The Canadian Competition Bureau also thinks G3 and

the new entity will have an incentive to reduce competition.

The dismissal of the University of Saskatchewan report based on “assumptions and incomplete data” also demands scrutiny. Economic modeling frequently requires assumptions. This, however, does not invalidate such studies. Rather, it prompts a deeper dive into potential market impacts. And as a multi-billion dollar company, Bunge should have the ability to replicate the study, draw its own conclusions, and add to this important debate.

Indeed, Mr. Heckman's remarks appear to corroborate the hypotheses presented in the University of Saskatchewan's report. He indicates that there will be no operational changes post-merger, implying that the pursuit of operational cost efficiencies is not on the agenda for the newly formed entity. This assertion strengthens the perception that higher profits are expected via increased margins, to the detriment of farmers.

Moreover, Mr. Heckman's argument suggests historical GDP growth in Saskatchewan is linked to previous mergers in the grain handling sector. Yet correlation does not imply causation. Rather, the increases in GDP and agricultural receipts are likely the result of other factors, such as commodity prices and technological advancements. Interestingly, Mr. Heckman does not mention the declines in agriculture's GDP in subsequent years following those mergers.

Mr. Heckman also neglects to address

the concerns raised over canola crushing and grain export capacity control. The merger could conceivably place over 40 per cent of Vancouver's export capacity and a significant portion of canola crushing capacity within the purview of one firm. This is an overpowering share that could negatively affect farmers' income, estimated by the U of S researchers at a loss of almost \$800 million annually. It's also important to note that Bunge still has not committed publicly to build the Regina crushing facility previously announced by Viterra.

Lastly, increased corporate consolidation often proves to be good for shareholders at the expense of the customers they serve. Farmers and Canadians only need to look at other industries like phone companies, banks, airlines, railways, and grocery stores to feel the effects of reduced competition. In agriculture, should supply chain disruptions occur, a singular, larger entity could prioritize its own interests, leaving producers with less recourse. Bunge's promised resilience to such disruptions needs a more detailed explanation and assessment backed by evidence.

To conclude, the potential for decreased competition, coupled with market dynamics that typically favour larger entities, could stack the deck against the very people responsible for the grains making their way to our tables. It is imperative that we scrutinize beyond the surface of corporate promises to ensure that this deal, should it go forward, includes safeguards for the interests and livelihoods of Canadian farmers.

## New flagpole raised at cenotaph



Last week the old flagpole that was at Shellbrook's Veteran's Memorial Park since the 1950s was taken down. During the long weekend, work was done to remove the base of the old flagpole and a new cement base was installed. Once the cement was dry and it stopped raining, the flagpole was installed with a new Canadian flag on May 22. Work was done by Lloyd O'Brodovich, Wayne Larson, TJ Disposals, Keith Ethier, Dianne Ethier, Brett Ethier, and Helen and Henri Dagenais.  
By HENRI DAGENAIS, Shellbrook Legion

## Saskatchewan Inflation Remains Low Due to Removal of Carbon Tax

Saskatchewan's Consumer Price Index rose by only 1 per cent in April 2024 over April 2023. This marks the second lowest increase among the provinces and sits far below the national average of 2.7 per cent. **Removing the Carbon Tax from home heating is helping our province tackle inflation.** Our government will always fight for the people of Saskatchewan and stand up against policies that hurt our province.

Hon. Jeremy Harrison  
MLA for Meadow Lake  
jharrisonmla@sasktel.net

Hon. Scott Moe, Premier  
MLA for Rosthern-Shellbrook  
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# Highlights of a Shellbrook Town Council meeting

BY JORDAN TWISS

Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

(The following council highlights are not the approved minutes of council for May 21)

Shellbrook's Town Council held its regular meeting in person and via teleconference on Tuesday, May 21.

In attendance were Mayor Amund Otterson, Councillors Bruce Anderson, Larry Batten, Peter Halayka, Cheryl Ledding, Brent Miller, and Kathleen Nording, and the town's CAO, Kelly Hoare.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Otterson, and council began with its customary Treaty 6 land acknowledgement in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation. Then, it approved the meeting's agenda, adopted the minutes of its May 6 meeting, and welcomed Jacqueline Thibeault from the Shellbrook Library, Trina Chamberlain from Parkland Integrated Health Centre long-term care, and Tasje Sharon from the Shellbrook Skating Club for presentations of Sask Lotteries cheques.

Beginning reports with the CAO report, Hoare noted all of 4th Avenue will now follow the north schedule for garbage and recycling pick-up. Previously, the north side of 4th Avenue followed the north schedule and the south side followed the south schedule. The change will help eliminate confusion about the schedule.

In a brief update on the Parkland Pool Project Steering Committee, Mayor Otterson said the committee has started to put together design specifications for a plan for the new pool to bring to ex-

ternal funders. The committee is also setting up a website to accept direct donations.

Noting in the hospital and clinics report that there are currently no doctors allocated to Shellbrook in the SIPPA program, Mayor Otterson shared positive news that two of the town's existing physicians recently purchased homes in town, suggesting they may be intending to stick around.

Shifting to the mayor and council forum, Councillor Miller asked why all of Main Street is zoned as downtown commercial, noting that the zoning designation is very restrictive for homeowners who live on the street. Councillor Miller suggested looking into the matter to determine if there's a good reason for the zoning, and undertaking the work to rezone the relevant sections of Main Street if there isn't one.

Up first in new business, council was asked to consider and approve the 2024 municipal budget, after having been given an overview of the document at a budget presentation meeting prior to the regular council meeting. In the end, council wasn't prepared to pass the budget and scheduled a special meeting to continue its discussion for Wednesday, May 22.

At that special meeting, following nearly two more hours of discussion, the 2024 municipal budget was passed

with Councillors Batten and Miller voting against it. The special meeting also saw first reading given to Bylaw 2024-10, the Mill Rate Bylaw, which ups the mill rate to 5.64 from 4.42 and raises the base property tax to \$1,300 from \$1,250.

The mill rate increase is being framed as a 5 per cent base increase, with 1 full mill being tacked on to the rate specifically to make up for the shortfall in water and wastewater rates and help pay for the upcoming water treatment plant project.

The mill rate bylaw is expected to pass in June, meaning property taxes will be levied at the end of June or in early July. The *Chronicle & Herald* will provide a more detailed breakdown of the 2024 municipal budget at that time.

Back to the events of Monday night's regular meeting, council passed and adopted Bylaw 2024-06, the Utility Bylaw, Bylaw 2024-07, the Water Management Bylaw, and Bylaw 2024-08, the Water and Wastewater Rates and Fees Bylaw.

As passed, the Water and Wastewater Rates and Fees Bylaw sets the joint consumption rate for water and sewer at \$2.00 per cubic metre (1,000 litres), an increase from the current combined rate of 57 cents per cubic metre. It also sees the introduction of a monthly \$50 capital fee, but changes the monthly

infrastructure fee to a \$10 sewer infrastructure fee.

Finally, the framework chosen by council calls for consumption rates to be increased by 15 per cent annually.

Combined with annual increases to water and sewer service fees, and garbage and recycling bin fees, ratepayers' monthly utility bills are set to climb substantially. Based on usage of 23 cubic metres per month (a highball figure for most households, Mayor Otterson says), a ratepayer's monthly utility bill would climb to \$188.38 from \$117.37, an increase of \$71.01.

Council says the rate increases are necessary, as the town has been undercharging for water for years, and now needs to save up for the water treatment plant project. Once the costs of this project are known, council hopes to revisit water and wastewater rates and adjust them to transition to more of a user pay model that covers 100 per cent of the costs.

Wrapping up the meeting, council approved the Sewer Works Emergency Response Plan, agreed to support an application for Targeted Sector Support (TSS) funding to further assist with the Parkland Emergency Measures Organization, and carried a motion to charge the Shellbrook Senior Elks hockey club a flat fee of \$500 rather than a \$25 per player membership fee.

## Details of new teacher contract unveiled

By JORDAN TWISS

Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Saskatchewan's teachers are currently casting ballots for a new provincial collective bargaining agreement, and the result of their vote is expected to be announced tonight (May 30).

The latest contract offering from the government comes after the province's teachers resoundingly rejected what was billed as its "final offer" earlier this month and voted to renew their mandate for further job actions.

The proposal, which has been endorsed by the Saskatchewan Teachers' Federation (STF), includes new language and commitments to address class size and complexity, the key sticking point for teachers through-

out the bargaining process over the past year.

"We've long acknowledged that the challenges in public education took a decade to create, and won't be all be solved in one agreement," said STF President Samantha Becotte in a statement. "The STF Executive believes this tentative agreement makes important steps forward on the most pressing issues facing Saskatchewan teachers, students and families – including class complexity."

The three-year agreement covers the term from Sept. 1, 2023, to Aug. 31, 2026, and promises that an accountability framework will be signed by the STF, the provincial government, and the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA) and attached to the Provincial Collective Bargaining

Agreement as a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This will provide the transparency teachers have demanded, giving them a voice in school divisions' decisions of how to allocate funding intended for classroom supports.

The deal also provides an additional \$18 million per year to address classroom complexity as part of the multi year funding agreement signed by the government and the SSBA, and includes the creation of a Minister's Task Force on Classroom Complexity, which will be attached to the PCBA as a Letter of Understanding (LOU).

The Task Force will be comprised of teachers, students, and parents, and will be responsible for drafting a final report, including solutions, that will be pre-

sented to the Minister and is intended to ensure direct input from those who deliver education and experience learning.

Finally, to address classroom violence, a policy table on violence-free classrooms will be established, with terms attached to the collective bargaining agreement as an LOU. The table will be chaired by the Ministry of Education and include representatives from the STF and SSBA. It will determine the scope of the issue, definitions, data collection, and a reporting schedule.

The new proposal from the province maintains the original salary increases of three per cent in the first two years and two per cent in the final year of the agreement, with retroactive pay to Sept. 2023 and enhancements to teachers' benefits packages.

## Spiritwood Library hosts Lego Club



The Spiritwood Public Library was once again a hive of industry. All ten spots were filled as Lego Club masters received their brick build challenge. In 50 minutes, they had their creations of a Fun Springtime Activity or Scene built. When the time was up, they showed off their creations. There were jungle gyms, a trampoline, flowers, gardens, swimming pools, a rainbow, sand pits, playgrounds, swings, elephants, bird feeders, birds in trees, catapults, snakes and ninjas. All were unique and very cleverly mastered.

By HEATHER GATZKE, Librarian

## RCMP warns of text message scam

The Saskatchewan RCMP is aware of reports of text scams where individuals falsely identify themselves as the Saskatchewan Traffic Safety Bureau. The text message states that the person contacted has been captured speeding in a designated school zone. It says the person must click a link in order for them to avoid attending court.

The Saskatchewan RCMP reminds the public to be vigilant when receiv-

ing unsolicited text messages or phone calls. The Saskatchewan RCMP does not send information about traffic-related tickets via text message.

Police encourage the public to take the following steps if they receive text messages from a scammer:

- Don't text the scammer back.
- Block their phone number immediately.
- Don't send them any money or gift

cards.

• Keep records of the texts. Anyone who suspects they've been the target of a potential scam is urged to call their local RCMP detachment by dialling 310-RCMP.

Incidents can also be reported to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalez-eng.htm>.



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## McDavid the worthiest Hart Trophy finalist

What criteria should be used to determine the winner of the Hart Memorial Trophy as Most Valuable Player in the National Hockey League?

The winner will be crowned on June 28, and the league has announced that Nikita Kucherov of Tampa Bay, Nathan MacKinnon of Colorado and Connor McDavid of Edmonton have been selected as the three finalists. Toronto Maple Leaf fans were more than slightly annoyed to learn their team's star, Auston Matthews, was not included among the final three after his spectacular 69-goal season, 12 more than runner-up Sam Reinhart in that category.

Are we talking about the league's best player? If so, then it's probably McDavid, hands down. No one can do the things he does with the puck, offering up far more 'wow' moments than anyone else in the league. But how can one say Kucherov and his league-leading 144

points don't represent the most value to his team, considering that the runner-up in scoring on the Lightning was Brayden Point, 54 points in arrears. Kucherov, however, was only able to pull his team to fourth place in the Atlantic Division. McDavid, on the other hand, racked up 132 points, but had team-mate Leon Draisaitl relatively close behind at 106. The Oilers' pair would run away with the Most Valuable Duo award, but it's a different story when talking solo play. And after a horrid start to the season, McDavid led the Oilers to a solid second-place finish in the Pacific Division.

Where would the Avalanche be without MacKinnon? He finished second in the scoring race with 140 points, sandwiched between Kucherov and McDavid, but he, too, had great support from team-mate Mikko Rantanen, who had 104 points, and high-scoring defenceman Cale Makar.

Try to envision the sea-



BRUCE PENTON

son results of the Lightning without Kucherov, the Oilers without McDavid and the Avalanche without MacKinnon. Which player would be missed the most? In my mind, the Oilers without McDavid would feel the most pain. His departure from the Oilers would render his team a middle-of-the-road club. Draisaitl would still be a star, but would Zach Hyman be a 54-goal scorer, 20 of them on the power play, without the play-making ability of McDavid? How far could Ryan Nugent-Hopkins and Evander Kane carry the McDavid-less Oilers? Perhaps the closest

definition of MVP in the NHL is Kirill Kaprizov of the Minnesota Wild, who finished 11th in league scoring with 96 points (46 goals, 50 assists). The Wild had only one other player with more than 65 points (Matt Boldy with 69). Remove Kaprizov from the Minnesota lineup and there wouldn't be enough offence to scare any team in the NHL.

McDavid has three Hart Trophies on his resume and if voters aren't swayed solely by goals and assists, he should be presented with his fourth on June 28. Most points? No. Best player? Yes. Most valuable to his team? Definitely yes.

Kendall Baker of Yahoo.com: "Astros' pitcher Ronel Blanco was ejected after umpires found a foreign substance in his glove. He now faces a 10-game suspension. The Astros cheating? They would never!"

Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "SI reports that on May 24 Joe Buck is set to call

his first MLB Game in three years, with Chip Caray. 'I've really missed hearing Joe Buck calling a baseball game,' said nobody."

At a recent World Cup of soccer, the English team visited an orphanage: "It was heart-breaking to see their sad little faces with no hope," said João, age 6."

Comedy writer Torben Rolfsen of Vancouver: "The NHL announced it will hold the 2024 Draft Lottery Tuesday, May 7. I believe that's a civic holiday in Chicago."

Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "The Jacksonville Jaguars will once again play back-to-back games in London this season. I'm not saying the Jags are spending too much time in England, but I'm hearing the they no longer take water breaks during practice and instead have opted for afternoon tea."

Headline at the Canadian satirical site, The Beaverton: "Kris Knoblauch flips big switch

in office from 'split up McDavid and Draisaitl' to 'play McDavid and Draisaitl together.'

Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va.): "The Lakers have had six head coaches in the past 13 years. To be fair to LeBron James, he didn't fire them all."

Comedy guy Steve Burgess of Vancouver, writing sarcastically about NHL officiating: "Nice to see the league bringing the legal two-handed slash back into the game."

RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "Not that long ago, Toronto columnist Steve Simmons said the Maple Leafs are 'closer to a Stanley Cup than many think.' Right. And I'm closer to dating Gal Gadot than many think."

Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun, expressing dissatisfaction with Blue Jays' GM Ross Atkins: "The next thing I want to hear Atkins say: 'Anybody know a good real estate agent?'"

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

## OBITUARIES

### Mamie Lucy Ernst



MAMIE ERNST  
1932 - 2024

Mamie Lucy Ernst passed away on May 20, 2024, in Prince Albert, SK at the age of 91 years.

Mamie was born on December 11, 1932, on the farm at Sturgeon River, SK. She went to school at Sturgeon River, where she completed her Grade 10.

In 1950, she worked at the Prince Albert Sanatorium and later the Holy Family and Victo-

ria Union Hospital.

On June 20, 1953, she married Lewis Ernst at the Holy Trinity Church in Sturgeon Valley. Mamie and Lewis had 5 children, Marilyn, Robert, Glenn, Shelley, and David.

She enjoyed reading, crocheting, gardening and thoroughly enjoyed her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her loving husband Lewis; and her children, Marilyn and her children, Corey (Shannon) and their daughter Austen, Christopher, and Brennen; Robert (Janelle) and their children, Janessa (Nick) and their children Ricky, Ella, & Piper, Kimberley (Brayden) Hart and their children Maverick & Avery; Glenn; Shelley (Terry) Kennedy and their children Rob (Alicia) and their

children Hudson and Jackson, Riley (Amelia) and their children Leighton and Orlan; David and his children, Stephanie (Michael), Stephen & Stuart (Amy) and their daughter Ruby; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Mamie was predeceased by her brothers Frank, Jack & Gordon; and son-in-law Ed Palko.

There will be a private family service held for Mamie at a later date.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home & Crematorium, Tammy Smart, Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK. 306-747-2828.

### Rita Denise Primeau



In loving memory of Rita Denise Primeau born January 31, 1968, Spiritwood, SK and passed away April 16, 2024, North Battleford, SK at 56 Years of age.

Denise is lovingly remembered by her partner: Ken Church, her step-children: Rochelle Billette of Edmonton, AB, Ryan Billette of Edmonton, AB, her

mother: Naomi Primeau of Richard, SK, her siblings: Julie (Ken) Rose of Richard, SK, Bonnie Primeau of Ruddell, SK, Jesse Primeau of Borden, SK, her nieces and nephews: Michelle (Bobby) Kwiatkowski of Glendon, AB, Amy (James) Wingert of Cold Lake, AB, Carla (Christian) Lobb of Ardmore, AB, Krista Pollard (Shaun Nelson) of North Battleford, SK, Cole (Madison) Pozdrowski of Cold Lake, AB, Harley Primeau of Ottawa, ON also numerous great-nieces/nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was predeceased by her father: Albert Primeau in 2022.

A funeral service was held Monday, April 22, 2024 - 2:00 pm at the

Lions Community Hall, Shell Lake, SK with Delores Beaulac officiating. The eulogy was given by Amy Wingert. Honorary pallbearers were considered "Everyone who shared in Denise's life", pallbearers were Bobby Kwiatkowski, James Wingert, Shaun Nelson, Kyle Lobb, Xzavier Lobb and Joshua Wingert.

Denise's final resting place is in the Shell Lake Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to a Charity of the Donor's Choice in memory of Denise Primeau as tokens of remembrance.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, Delores Beaulac Funeral Director, Spiritwood, SK (306) 883-3500.

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# Spring HOME & GARDEN

## Signs it's time to repair or replace your deck

Spring is a season of rejuvenation that compels millions across the globe to quit hibernating and get back to enjoying the great outdoors. Spring also marks a great time to assess a home's exterior, namely those areas like a deck where people will spend a lot of time in the warmer months to come.

Assessing a deck after winter can be eye-opening. Harsh winter weather can take its toll on a deck, and the following are some telltale signs that a deck could be in need of repair or replacement.

- **Wobbly underfoot and in hand:** Wobbly planks and railings are one sign of a deteriorating deck homeowners won't recognize as they hide from winter weather indoors. But these tend to reveal themselves rather quickly when examining a deck after winter. Wobbly planks in the middle of the deck can be inconvenient, but wobbly steps and railings can be dangerous. According to the home improvement resource Angi, wobbly railings can be a byproduct of rot. A local decking professional can assess the extent of the rot in railings and

elsewhere and determine the best course of action. If the rot is isolated to an area or two, a simple repair may be all that's necessary. Extensive rot may require a full replacement of the existing deck.

- **Faded paint:** Many homeowners paint their wood decks, and that paint will not last forever. Faded paint can turn an otherwise lovely deck into an eyesore, and paint can fade over the winter. Thankfully, a local painter can address a faded deck and may recommend some additional strategies to safeguard the deck against fading next winter and beyond.

- **Holes in the wood:** Many a homeowner has encountered curious-looking holes in their deck. This could be a sign of insect infestation. Termites, carpenter ants and carpenter bees are among the various types of insects that can bore holes through wood. Homeowners who notice holes throughout their deck are urged to call a deck professional and/or pest control firm to assess the holes and offer a solution. Though small issues may be addressed with repairs, a deck

littered with holes caused by insects may need a full replacement.

- **Rust:** Wood decks may be made of wood, but they can still exhibit signs of rust, namely in the nails and metal connectors that hold the deck together. If screws have rusted to the point where they are no longer holding the deck together, a full-scale replacement could be in the cards, as the

deck could have substantial structural damage. Like other issues that can reveal themselves during a spring-time inspection of the deck, rust necessitates a thorough examination by an experienced decking professional.

Many people do not use their decks during winter, which only underscores the significance of a full deck inspection in spring.



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## Turn your bedroom into a relaxing retreat

Bedrooms are more than places to lay our heads at the end of the day. Bedrooms serve different functions, and not all are conducive to

relaxation. People who use their bedrooms as a workspace may find they're compromising their well-being by introduc-

ing activities into the bedroom. The Sleep Foundation says having an office in the bedroom blurs the lines between work and personal life,

which can have serious effects on sleep. Rather, people should be looking to turn their bedrooms into relaxing retreats that offer a respite from the outside world.

· Remove blue-light emitting devices. Computers, tablets, smartphones, and other electronic devices emit blue light, which can compromise natural melatonin production in the body that contributes to sleep. Such devices should not be used at night in the bedroom.

· Use a neutral color palette. Neutral color palettes evoke a spa feeling. Walls can be painted white, beige or a light shade of gray. This can help the room feel calm-

ing and welcoming.

· Declutter the room. A sense of calm can be achieved simply by removing excess clutter. There is some evidence that the brain is more calm near an empty dresser, desk or clothes hamper. Therefore, removing excessive items from the room is a first step to making a nice retreat.

· Add soft lighting. Adjust the intensity and the color of the lighting in the bedroom. It should be subtle and warming. Dimmers enable homeowners to adjust lighting as needed.

· Install an electric fireplace. There is something to be said for the relaxing effects of gazing into the flames of a fire. A crackling (faux-wood) fire is an added layer of indulgence in a bedroom.

· Add an area rug. Even in rooms with carpeting, an area rug under the bed can further define the perimeter of the bed

and add extra plushness underfoot.

· Invest in aromatherapy diffusers. Certain smells can create a relaxing mood. These may be sandalwood, lavender or jasmine. Utilizing their preferred scents, homeowners can employ reed diffusers in their bedrooms to enjoy the aromas of natural oils.

· Used closed storage. Open shelves and visible closet interiors may not hide a mess. Exposure to clutter can contribute to feelings of anxiety. Store items that shouldn't be on display behind closed doors or drawers.

· Bring in luxury linens. Homeowners should not skimp on comforters, sheets, duvet covers, and pillows for their beds. A cozy bed to dive right into can serve as the centerpiece of a bedroom retreat.

Turning a bedroom into a relaxing space can help individuals sleep better and reduce anxiety.



## Tips to set up an ideal home study space

Study skills are integral to academic success. Such abilities help students learn more efficiently and effectively, which can lead to better grades on assignments and tests. Developing strong study habits can prepare students for future success in life, as dedication to studying can be mirrored in habits related to job performance.

The desire to study is one component of being involved in the task. However, setting up an environment conducive to studying is another part of this important equation. Students looking to study longer and better may want to re-evaluate study environments at home. Here are some ways to implement positive changes.

· Isolate from interruptions. The first step to setting up a study location is to pick a spot away from the hustle and bustle of the household. While a separate room or home office can be helpful, an out-of-the way nook or similar spot can be just as

effective. By dedicating a study spot, you can train your brain to recognize this is a study area and you may immediately become more focused.

· Keep only pertinent materials nearby. It may be tempting to check your phone or watch videos or television if those devices are close to the study area. Make it stark and outfitted with only what's necessary for the study session.

· Focus on good lighting. To avoid eye strain and avoid difficulty focusing, make sure the study area has adequate lighting. Lighting behind you will help illuminate the pages of textbooks and additional reading materials. Avoid using computers in dimly lit rooms, as that may aggravate eye strain.

· Aim for ergonomics and comfort. You'll want to be comfortable while studying, but not so much that you're falling asleep. Choose a chair that is supportive and keeps you seated in a neutral position.

· Store sup-

plies nearby. Having to constantly get up and grab supplies increases the risk of distractions adversely affecting your study time. A zippered pouch or a tote bag that contains all of your study materials can be kept within reach.

· Keep a clock in view. A clock should not deter you from studying. Setting deadlines and time constraints on study time can encourage focus. Break down study sessions into chunks of time that are manageable to you.

· Utilize noise effectively. Some people need absolute quiet to study. Others appreciate some white noise or music to sharpen their focus. Identify what works for you and incorporate that into your study area. A fan or a running air purifier can produce enough white noise to drown out distractions.

Establishing a study area at home can help students improve their academic performance.

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## Maintaining a lawn routinely roamed by pets

Vibrant, green lawns can draw attention to any landscape. Many homeowners toil for hours each week to ensure their lawns are pristine, or invest in lawn care services to help maintain a yard if they do not have the time to do so themselves.

While many treatments can be applied to lawns to help them thrive, animal waste is not among them. Pet owners who aspire to have beautiful lawns will have to take a few extra steps to ensure lawns can persevere despite the presence of furry companions.

**Reseed with a damage-resistant grass**  
There are many different types of grass, and some are more resilient than others. Tall fescue, Kentucky bluegrass, perennial ryegrass, and Bermuda grass are just some of the grass varieties that can capably handle pet traffic. If replacing the entire lawn is not possible, consider reseeding or addressing the areas that pets frequent.

**Strengthen the root system**  
It may be tempting to cut

the lawn short, particularly if dogs or cats like to nibble on longer blades of grass. But that approach could be doing the lawn a disservice. According to The Home Depot, letting the lawn grow to at least three inches will help keep moisture in the soil and prevent evaporation. That moisture will

strengthen the roots, creating a healthier lawn for pets and people.

**Create pet paths**  
Various materials can be used in these high-traffic areas to minimize the sights and signs of pet traffic. Mulch or crushed stone can establish these pet highways and look

like intended features.

**Set boundaries**  
Pet urine contains high levels of nitrogen, which can burn grass and turn it brown. It's not possible to water down urine or pick up solid waste immediately every time a pet goes outdoors, so designate a pet-friendly spot for potty

time. Use fencing or a dog run to separate this area and help mitigate "land mines" all over the lawn. Fencing also can keep pets out of vegetable gardens and away from potentially toxic plants.

**Avoid chemical lawn treatments**  
When pets use the yard and rest on the lawn, you'll need to eliminate products that can be harmful to them. Choose all-natural fertilizers and weed and pest preventatives.

**Look for alternatives**  
If maintaining a lawn with pets seems like an uphill battle, consider swapping out your landscape with a variety of materials. Scale back on grass, and incorporate groundcover, hardscape materials like pea gravel, or extend the patio. Artificial turf also is an option, as it won't brown and wither. Some turf products can even be quickly and thoroughly cleaned with water.

It can take some trial and error for pet parents to protect their lawns from the effects of having furry friends playing in the yard.



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## How to create an outdoor living retreat

Al fresco entertaining has taken off in recent years. It's much more common today to find homeowners who want to extend living spaces to the outdoors in meaningful ways that go beyond a few lawn chairs and a stand-alone grill. Dream backyard living rooms mirror similar spaces indoors and contain features like cozy corners, lush furniture and televisions or movie projectors. Plus, they often about additional outdoor luxuries like fully functional kitchens.

Homeowners have various options when designing outdoor living spaces. Above all else, spaces should be created with the goal of encouraging people to get together.

Here are some ideas.

### Fireside nook

Gathering around an outdoor fireplace or fire pit is a treat when the weather cools down. Mirror the look of the same setup indoors by arranging outdoor sofas so they flank the fireplace. Add some ottomans or side tables for stowing mulled cider or hot chocolate. A mantel above the fireplace can hold pots of greenery or candles that add to the ambiance.

### Consider a custom banquette

Unused corners on a patio or rooftop retreat can utilize a custom-made banquette that provides the functionality of a sofa sectional outdoors. Have a contractor design

it to the exact specifications of the area, and add a rug to ground the space.

### Vary the flooring

Depending on the entertaining space, a balance of soft grass, pavers or other hardscape will be necessary. Certain areas will need to be hard enough for chairs and oth-

er furniture, particularly for those who are including an outdoor dining table in the design.

### Create some privacy

Some homeowners are lucky enough to have natural barriers that offer privacy in their entertaining spaces. When there aren't enough, tall shrubs, inexpensive

bamboo fencing or trellis can provide a blind that makes an outdoor living area cozier and more private. Consider placing tall, potted plants on rolling casters to improve privacy as the need arises.

Outdoor living spaces are all the rage, and they can add value and functionality to most any home.



## Symptoms of plumbing problems

The drip of a faucet, the bang of pipes and the visible signs of a leak under the sink are some notable indicators of plumbing problems. Other, potentially serious issues may not be so evident. How can homeowners tell if they have potential plumbing problems? The following are some sights and sounds that indicate it is time to call in a plumber.

· Banging or clanking: Plumbers refer to these noises as water hammer. This is when a rush of water forces through the pipe and bumps into a closed valve, producing a metallic noise. Something is in the pipe that is restricting water flow. Over time, the flow of water meeting an obstacle could loosen pipe joints as the water tries to find an easier workaround.

· Pipe discoloration: If there is any sign of discoloration on pipes, particularly rust, it could be a symptom of a dripping sink or drain line that is slowly leaking. A slow leak can eventually turn into a big mess if left unattended.

· Sewer smells: Pipes need traps and vents. Traps are designed to prevent sewer gas from entering the

home, while vents channel sewer odor up to the roof. If there are sewer smells, it could mean a trap has dried out or a vent line is cracked, says Family Handyman.

· Low water pressure: If you turn on the faucet and the water pressure is poor, it could be the result of a clog or a leak somewhere in the system. Pipes that are improperly sized for a home also can affect pressure.

· Sluggish drains: Clearing drains is perhaps the only plumbing problem that homeowners should address themselves. More often than not, drains that fail to drain quickly have a blockage such as hair or other debris. If attempts to clear the drain do not work, it is best to bring in a professional plumber.

· Shaking sounds: Water can cause occasional noises, but if the sounds are frequent, the pipes are not secured firmly enough. A plumber will need to tighten the mounting straps or even completely replace them.

Plumbing issues are nothing to take lightly, as small problems can quickly escalate and cause thousands of dollars in damage.

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## Tips for hiring the right contractor

Contractors perform important work for millions of homeowners every day. Home improvement projects are complicated undertakings, and the experience of skilled contractors can ensure jobs are completed on time and within homeowners' budgets.

Homeowners have undoubtedly heard horror stories from neighbors

about projects that have gone awry. Projects can go sideways for a number of reasons, but a skilled contractor can help homeowners navigate such situations successfully. That underscores how important it can be to find the right professional for the job. The following are some tips homeowners can consider as they look to hire a contractor.

- Identify which professional you need. Some contractors are of the jack-of-all-trades variety, but many specialize in a particular line of work. It's important that homeowners identify which type of contractor they should work with prior to starting a project. This requires homeowners to define the goal of the project (i.e., new wood floor instal-

lation), which can serve as a springboard into finding the right type of contractor.

- Prioritize building safety. Safety should be the utmost priority for homeowners and contractors alike. Prior to hiring a contractor, homeowners should identify any safety restrictions that might be enforced by local governments and take note

of all the permits necessary to get a job done. Homeowners can then discuss those restrictions and permits as they interview contractors. Projects that do not adhere to code are illegal and can compromise homeowners' ability to sell their homes in the future. So it's vital to work with contractors who are familiar with local codes and aware of

which permits are necessary to ensure a project can go forward.

- Insist on written estimates. Handshake agreements offer no protection to homeowners or contractors, so estimates indicating what will be done and how much the project will cost should be provided. Homeowners should insist on receiving written estimates and interpret an unwillingness to provide one as a significant red flag.

- Know your rights. Laws vary by region, but in general homeowners have a right to a written contract and contractors are obligated to provide a copy of that contract signed by both parties. That contract must be provided prior to the start of the project. The contract should provide a detailed account of the work that will be done, as well as a timeline indicating important dates that components of the project will begin and be completed. The contract also should detail materials and who is providing them. Details regarding payments, guarantees and warranties also should be cited.

- Do not pay in cash. Some contractors may suggest that the project will cost less if they're paid in cash. However, home improvements should never be cash transactions. Cash does not indicate proof of payment, which can be problematic if a dispute arises.

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## Give your kitchen cabinets a facelift

New kitchen or fresh paint? With some simple preparation, a little paint and a free weekend, you can transform the look and feel of your kitchen in just a couple of days. Here's a step-by-step guide to get you started.

### Prep the area

Empty your cabinets and remove the doors by unscrewing the hinges and pulling the doors away from the units. Wipe the surfaces clean with a damp cloth.

### Clean and sand

If your cabinets have a glossy finish, you'll need

to sand that away before you start painting. Take a sanding sponge or high-grit sandpaper (100- to 150-grit), and sand until you have a matte finish. Once you've sanded, wipe the dust away with a damp cloth and allow the cabinets to completely dry.

### Pick the right paint

An on-trend gloss or semi-gloss paint is recommended for cabinets because it provides a harder, and therefore more durable, finish. If you choose latex paint, make sure it's completely acrylic. Oil-free

paints called alkyds are great for durability as well. When choosing your colours, you can't go wrong picking from a designer-endorsed palette like Behr's colours of the year, which is only available at The Home Depot.

### Prime the cabinets

If you're going lighter than the current colour or your cabinets are new, you will need to prime them. Apply your primer by painting the edges with a brush first, then rolling the middle for the fastest coverage. Allow them to dry completely.

### Paint doors and drawers

Once your frames are painted, you can let them dry and move on to the doors. Put boards on the ground and then lay your cabinet doors flat on top of them. This keeps them off the ground while painting. Start painting from the middle of the door and work your way out towards the edges. Let them dry completely. If you want a more vibrant colour, consider adding a second coat. Don't be worried if there are brush marks, they'll even out as the paint dries.

### Reassemble

Once your paint is dry, reassemble your cabinets by putting the hardware back on the doors if you removed it and then reattaching the

doors to the cabinets. Once everything is assembled, you can stand back and take in your brand-new kitchen look.

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## Four spring home maintenance musts

It's no secret that the harsh winter elements can take a toll on your home. Once the ice thaws and the flowers begin to bloom, consider some simple spring projects to help prepare your home for the warmer weather.

**Adjust your thermostat.** Review and adjust your thermostat for springtime. With fluctuating temperatures, check the morning forecast and set it accordingly so you use less energy for heating or cooling while you're away from home. If you have a programmable thermostat, take advantage of its features to create an efficient cooling schedule. If you don't already have one, upgrade to a smart thermostat, like the Honeywell Home T9, which allows you to adjust your home temperature from anywhere and set different temperature schedules for various times of the day. You

can also set the ideal temperature in the most-used rooms in the house.

**Prep your HVAC system.** Preparing your HVAC system for spring is crucial for optimal performance and energy efficiency. To help get your system ready for the warmer months, change your air filters, as they can accumulate dust and debris over time, and remember to inspect and clean your air vents and ducts for blockages. Consider scheduling a professional maintenance service to help identify and fix any potential problems before they happen.

**Upgrade to 2-in-1 protection.** Proper smoke and carbon monoxide alarm placement, maintenance and replacement are essential to keeping your home protected. Be sure to install alarms on every level, including the basement, and in every bedroom.

Replace the batteries at least every six months, or make maintenance easier with a two-in-one smoke and carbon monoxide alarm, such as the First Alert 10-Year Battery Combination Alarm, which eliminates the need for battery replacement and late-night battery chirps for a decade.

**Inspect for mould.** Mould loves to grow in hard-to-reach places, and often in moist, dark environments. Be on the lookout for any discoloured, fuzzy or stained spots throughout your home and any damp, musty smelling areas. If you find mould growing, clean the patch with a bleach solution or contact a professional to safely remove it.

With just a few simple steps, you can help prepare your home for the warm weather ahead.  
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## Tricks to make a yard less attractive to ticks

Backyards are ideal places to spend warm afternoons soaking up some sun. Lazy days in the yard are a big part of what makes warm weather seasons like spring and summer so appealing. But those afternoons can quickly go off the rails when an unwelcome visitor makes its presence known.

Ticks can be found throughout the world, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that only a select few types of ticks transmit bacteria, viruses and parasites, or pathogens, that cause diseases in people. But even if the number of tick species that transmit diseases to humans is relatively low, ticks that can infect humans are a notable threat. Such ticks carry pathogens that the CDC notes can cause a number of diseases, including Bourbon virus, Ehrlichiosis and, of course, Lyme disease, among others.

Human beings can come into contact with ticks in their own backyards. But humans can take various steps to make their lawns less welcoming to ticks.

- Cut your grass short and

keep it that way. Black-legged ticks are transmitters of Lyme disease, which the CDC notes is the most common vector-borne disease in the United States. Lyme disease also poses a growing threat in Canada, where data from the Public Health Agency indicates human-reported Lyme disease cases increased from 144 in

2009 to more than 2,100 in 2022. Black-legged ticks do not like environments that are dry and hot, so short grass makes lawns less attractive to this type of tick. Consumer Reports advises homeowners who have let their grass grow a little too high (around five or six inches) to bag their clippings when cutting the grass. Lots of clippings

on the grass can provide a respite from the heat for black-legged ticks.

- Create a tick barrier if your property abuts woods. Woods provide a cover from summer heat that black-legged ticks crave. So properties that abut the woods may be more vulnerable to these unwanted guests than yards that do not border

woodlands. A barrier of dry mulch made of wood chips between a property and a bordering wooded area can help repel ticks, who won't want to settle in often dry, hot mulch beds.

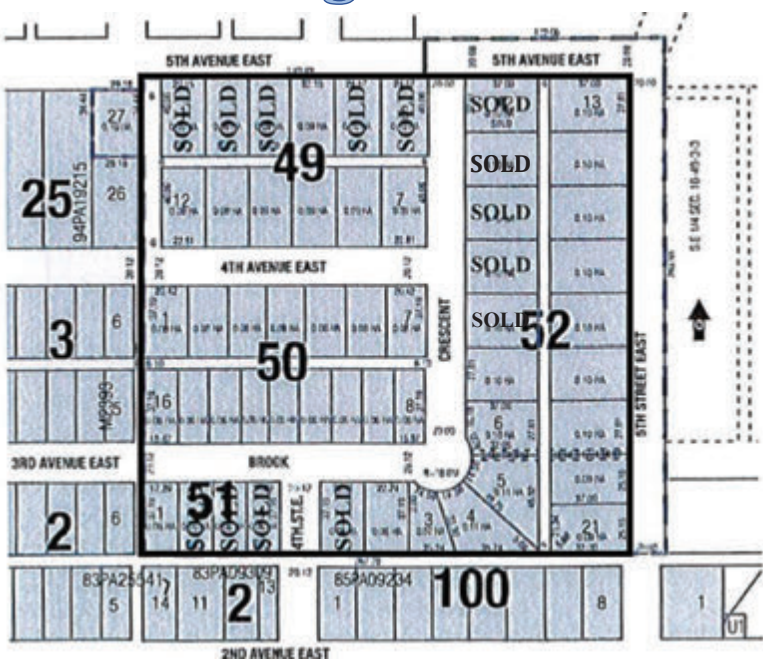
- Plant with infestation prevention in mind. Some plants can help to repel ticks because they boast certain characteristics that ticks cannot tolerate. The fragrances, textures and oils of plants like garlic, mint, lavender, marigolds, and others create less welcoming conditions for ticks. Homeowners can speak with local garden centers for advice on tick-repellant plants that can thrive in their particular climate and on their properties.

- Remove yard debris. Piles of wood, leaves and brush can make for good conditions for ticks that transmit disease. After raking leaves and gathering brush, discard the resulting piles immediately.

These measures will not necessarily prevent all ticks from establishing themselves on a property, so individuals are urged to inspect their bodies and the bodies of their pets after a day in the yard.



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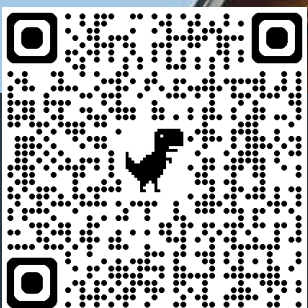
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