



WWHS continues to grow with 63rd show



From left to right: Layne Cobb, Mindy Cobb, Shayla Cobb, and Hilda Gaboury look at and discuss some of the show's entries.

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

It may have been a summer of bizarre weather, but the Walter Willoughby Horticulture Society (WWHS) still showcased plenty of growth when it hosted its 63rd annual Horticulture Show at the Parkside Heritage Centre on Thursday, Aug. 13.

Once again, this year's show was made possible by the dedication of its exhibitors, who work throughout the year to ensure their handicrafts, baking, photography, fruits and vegetables, and flowers and plants are in show-worthy shape.

This year, there were 23 exhibitors, with three youth exhibitors and three first-time exhibitors among them. All told, these 23 exhibitors submitted 253 exhibits to be judged — a little lower compared to last year's 293 ex-

hibits, but still an impressive testament to the amount of work that goes into the show.

Each entry earns points for its exhibitor based on how it's judged. And these points are tallied up to decide the winners in a range of categories.

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

Grand Aggregate (donated by Honeywood (Dr. A.J. Porter) Heritage Nursery): Beryl Peake (132 points)

Reserve Aggregate (donated by Back to your Roots Soil Solutions): Donna Yew (83 points)

Best Craft in Show (donated in memory of Myrtle Naslund by Beryl Peake): Parkland Integrated Health Centre Long-term Care Home

Best Photograph in Show (donated by Muriel Lanes): Darlene Otet

Best Plant in Show (donated in memory of Gerda Hansen by the Sven Hansen family): Joanne Lapierre

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

Best Gladioli in Show (donated in memory of Irene Bischler by Judy Bischler): Hilda Gaboury

Handicrafts Aggregate (donated by Shellbrook Flowers 'n More): Jessie Dion

Baking Aggregate (donated by Barb Person): Muriel Lanes

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

Junior Reserve Aggregate (donated by Mumm's Sprouting Seeds): Shayla Cobb

Beginner Aggregate (donated by Tait insurance): Shayla Cobb

Beginner Reserve Aggregate (donated by Allan Daku): Trystan Cobb

Fruit Aggregate (donated in memory of Dr. A.J. Porter by Judy Harley): Darlene Otet

Vegetable Aggregate (donated in

memory of Jake Jacobs by Joan Sommerfeld): Donna Yew & Joanne Lapierre

Potted Plant Aggregate (donated by the Dobson family): Barb Person

Cut Flower Aggregate (donated by Irene Kustiak): Beryl Peake

Flower Arrangement Aggregate (donated by Beau Lac Funeral Home): Beryl Peake

The Walter Willoughby Horticulture Society also actively encourages new entrants (both young and old) by donating up to \$30 as prize money for the top three new entrants. This year, Donna Yew was the top newcomer, earning \$15, while Lois Mannix was awarded \$10.

In addition to the awards presentation, the afternoon included door prizes, a first-ever silent auction fundraiser, and coffee and dessert.

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WESK connects rural business builders

By **BEVRA FEE**
Spiritwood Herald Reporter

Women Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan (WESK) hosted a rural outreach networking event in Spiritwood on the evening of Aug. 12. Local entrepreneur and WESK Rural Ambassador, Lara Schroeder, led the informal session with support from a four-person panel of local female business owners and managers. Roughly two dozen women took in the in-

formative evening that featured appetizers and desserts along with the networking opportunity. The panel was introduced by Schroeder and consisted of herself, Louise Stuart (Owner of Lake & Country Realty), Regan Buckingham (Co-owner of Buck Contracting Inc.) and Daniela Varela (Manager of Merchants Cafe). Responding to an array of questions, the ladies each shared their story of how they got started — from the spark of an idea

through the lessons learned and onto the things they might do differently. Each one shared a message of encouragement to, “Just start, you will never really feel ready”. Questions were fielded by the panel at the end of their interactive presentations, followed by socializing and further networking. WESK recently began its rural outreach program in order to deliver their message of support to rural business owners through local ambassadors.



From left to right: Daniela Varela, Louise Stuart, and Regan Buckingham share their insights during a Women Entrepreneurs of Saskatchewan networking event in Spiritwood.



Lara Schroeder leads the presentation at the event.

“The Rural Ambassador Program is a testament to our ongoing commitment to women entrepreneurs throughout the entire province,” said Miriam Johnson, CEO of WESK. “Providing support to women-owned businesses in the regions where they live will ensure they have access to

everything they need to start or grow their businesses. This easily accessible support in rural regions will help build stronger communities and sustainable economic development.” The program aligns with WESK’s broader mission of empowering women entrepreneurs and creating an inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystem.

With a “no-wrong-door” approach, the Rural Ambassador Program complements existing programs and services to ensure rural women have access to a comprehensive support network. The goal is to help rural businesses thrive, which contributes to a strong and diversified Canadian economy.

The WESK rural connect event was sponsored by Northern Lakes Economic Development Corporation, a very active non-profit regional business support based out of Spiritwood. NLEDC provides ongoing programs to help enhance tourism, business development and recreation growth in Spiritwood and the surrounding area.

Big River FN assault suspect arrested

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

A Lloydminster man suspected of being involved in an assault and the discharge of a firearm on the Big River First Nation has been arrested by the Saskatchewan RCMP’s Prince Albert Warrant Enforcement and Suppression Team and Meadow Lake Crime Reduction Team. According to the Big River RCMP, the incident occurred the evening of Wednesday, Aug. 5. Police investigation determined a group of individuals in a vehicle stopped at a residence on the Big River First Nation. An adult male from the vehicle assaulted an individual in the residence and threatened them with a firearm. The firearm was discharged, but did not strike anyone. The suspect with



Kerry Lewis.

the firearm fled on foot, while the other individuals in the vehicle drove away. A male victim from the residence was transported to hospital by EMS with injuries described as non-life threatening in nature. A short time later, officers located the suspect’s vehicle. The vehicle’s occupants were arrested and later released without charge. The adult male with the firearm was not located in the vehicle. As a result of continued investigation, 27-year-old Kerry Lewis was charged with: three counts of possession of a weapon contrary to order, and one count each of breaking and entering with intent, possessing a weapon while knowing its possession is unauthorized, assault, failure to comply, careless use of a firearm, and pointing a firearm. A warrant was issued for Lewis’ arrest, and the Big River RCMP put out a call to the public for assistance in locating him as the investigation continued with the assistance of the Meadow Lake RCMP’s Police Dog Services. Lewis was subsequently arrested on the Big River First Nation on Monday, Aug. 10. He was scheduled to make his first court appearance in Prince Albert Provincial Court on Thursday, Aug. 13.

New text scam circulating

In a summer seemingly rife with scammers, the Saskatchewan RCMP is warning the public of a new text scam now making the rounds in the Prince Albert area. The text messages claim that recipients have an outstanding traffic citation, and direct individuals to click a link and submit payment online, falsely identifying the sender as the Provincial Court of Saskatchewan. Officers have noted the messages originated from a phone number using a “+44” area code. Please note that these messages are not legitimate. Saskatchewan RCMP advise the public not to click on any links provided in these messages and not to send payment or personal information. Police encourage the public to take the following steps if they receive text messages from a scammer:

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- Don’t send them any money or gift cards.
- Keep records of the texts.

Police continue to investigate. If you are unsure of the legitimacy of a text message or believe you are the victim of a fraud, please contact your local RCMP detachment at 310-RCMP (7267). If you receive a text message that you believe to be a scam or fraudulent, you can report it to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. You can report by phone (Toll free: 1-888-495-8501) or online here: <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-sig-nalez-eng.htm>.

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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 Aug. 10.)

Shellbrook’s Town Council held its regular meeting in person and via teleconference on Monday, Aug. 10.

In attendance were Mayor Amund Otterson, Councillors Rod Atkinson, Pam Boettcher, Cheryl Ledding, Brent Miller, Kathleen Nording, and Arlette Segberg, the town’s CAO Sigourney O’Halligan, and consultant Jim Puffalt.

Prior to the regular meeting, during its governance and priorities session which is typically reserved for high-level, longer-term municipal strategic planning, council spent much of its time reflecting on the need to continue its practice of setting aside money for future municipal projects.

Pointing to the purchase of a dehumidifier at the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre to resolve an issue there, Councillor Miller suggested that recreation fundraising should also be directed toward future capital projects or renovations, so that when a facility like the rink, swimming pool, or theatre needs an upgrade (or even to be rebuilt) reserves are already built up.

Councillors Segberg and Ledding added that this is why it’s so important for the town to continue to foster strong relationships with local recreation and community groups and work with them to ensure improvements can be made.

With council having nothing further to discuss, Mayor Otterson called council’s regular meeting to order around 10 a.m., beginning with the customary Treaty 6 land acknowledgement in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation. Council then approved the morning’s agenda, adopted the minutes from its July 13 meeting, and promptly moved on to the reports of administration and committees.

CAO O’Halligan’s report was up first, beginning with news that the town’s CSOs are now authorized to enforce applicable provincial legislation and are working out their schedule to improve coverage and service in all participating commu-

nities. Welcoming the news, Councillor Miller said he’d like to see the CSOs handing out more fines in Shellbrook, and pick up where the past CSOs left off in terms of warnings rather than starting fresh.

This segued into a discussion about the need to update local bylaws to factor motorized scooters, with council expressing concerns about kids flying around town without helmets on.

Other updates in CAO O’Halligan’s report included news that Paradise Pools will be performing a complete assessment of the swimming pool after the Labour Day weekend, and that local grounds and maintenance crews are transitioning to focus on the upcoming rink season.

In the Prairie Rising Municipal Consulting report, council reviewed a volunteer liability waiver form created for the town. Council also discussed proposals for a Commercial/Industrial Expansion & Improvement Tax Incentive program and a Rental Housing Development Incentive program and later passed a motion to adopt the programs.

In public works news, CAO O’Halligan provided a mostly good news update on ongoing work to fix a sinkhole and sewer line issue in the area of 1st Street & 1st Ave East. Contractors have determined that conditions are favourable for the pipe to be lined, which would mitigate the need to excavate. O’Halligan also noted that the town will be applying for PDAP funding to cover the costs.

Elsewhere, the public works committee and administration are in the process of reviewing the town’s garbage disposal tender, as the existing contract with Greenland Waste ends this year. The committee has also been tasked with creating a plan/priority list for paving and curb and gutter projects in the town.

Finally, in the Hospitals, Clinics, Dr. Recruitment, Foundation & Ambulance Services update, Mayor Otterson said the healthcare worker house being built by the Shellbrook & District Health Foundation is on schedule to be completed by the end of September. Some landscaping and fencing will need to be finished after.

Moving on to new business, council began by

giving third reading to, and adopting, Bylaw 2026-008 Extension of Time, a standard bylaw that affords the town more time for the completion of certain financial and audit procedures for the 2025 fiscal year.

Council then passed a resolution to consolidate two existing reserves into a single reserve dedicated to emergency management, and agreed to transfer reserve funds, totalling \$67,273.63, to the Parkland Pool Project Committee (this includes Field of Dreams proceeds for 2024 and 2025, and proceeds from the \$5 fee for swimming lessons).

Carrying on, council gave second and third reading to OCP Amendment Bylaw 2026-009, which will allow the former Shellbrook Funeral Home property to be converted to residential from commercial.

Concluding the meeting, council had a lengthy discussion about renewing the town’s contract with Prairie Rising Consulting for another year. The monthly cost of the contract is \$8,000, plus travel and accommodation for consultant Jim Puffalt.

CAO O’Halligan said she felt there were clear advantages and benefits to retaining the firm’s services and mentorship.

Following an in-camera session, council agreed to extend the contract.

Thank you...

My heartfelt *thank you* to all who attended Porky's Celebration of Life. Also a big thank you for all the lovely floral tributes and memorial donations for both the Shellbrook Hospital & Spruce Manor, Dalmeny. All your messages of condolence and kind words were deeply appreciated.

A *special thank you* to Tammy & staff of Beau Lac Funeral Home for the very professional arrangements, and to the Royal Purple for serving the lunch. Thank you to Pastor Emmanuel for his meaningful service.

Thank you to all who visited Porky at Spruce Manor. He so appreciated your company and always said good-bye with a hearty handshake, just to show you he could still make you wince!

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~ Ann Porter

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Lakeshore cornhole tourney crowns repeat winners

By MAISIE KRIENKE
Submitted

The second annual Lakeshore Community Cornhole tournament was a massive success, drawing 48 competing teams and a great crowd of spectators.

The event was blessed with fantastic weather, wonderful people and fierce competition, followed by excellent live music from “The Bush Pies” members

John Germs and Danny Earl, who kept the vibes alive into the evening, which was topped off with a flaring fireworks show. A group of volunteers operated a full-scale canteen keeping everyone fed and hydrated.

Congratulations goes out to the reigning champions, Sam Harty and Matt Hartman, who claimed 1st place for the second year in a row. Following closely behind were Beth Harty and

Nick Hamilton in 2nd place, and Lance and Bently Arcand in 3rd place. The Consolation-side winners were Tammy Rabut and Adam Glarvin.

An event like this wouldn’t be possible without the players, the volunteers behind the scenes and the incredible generosity of our local sponsors.

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The 48 cornhole teams kept the field busy.

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Trump's 'joke' threats are no laughing matter

When someone says something offensive – and let's be real, it's impossible not to offend people these days – a common deflection tactic is to play it off as a joke.

Based on how often his handlers and cabinet members have to say "he was just joking" or "he has such a sense of humour," you could be forgiven for wondering whether U.S. President Donald Trump gave up his true calling in life as a stand-up comedian to become a humble servant of the people.

Like earlier this year, when he hilariously joked with a Reuters reporter about skipping the midterm elections because his administration is doing such a good job.

Or the many times he's joked about upending the constitution by running for a third term as president (or a fourth term, rather, when you factor in that the 2020 election was "stolen").

Or his innumerable late-night AI posts depicting his political opponents as animals, or himself as a fighter pilot dropping S-bombs on protesters.

Truly, hilarity and Mr. Trump go hand-in-hand.

Even then-Public Safety Minister Dominic LeBlanc thought so when Mr. Trump started joking about annexing Canada shortly after being re-elected as president in 2024.

"In a three-hour social evening at the president's residence in Florida on a long weekend of American Thanksgiving, the conversation was going to be light-hearted. The president was telling jokes, the president was teasing us, it was, of course, in no way a serious comment," Mr. LeBlanc said after meeting with Trump alongside then-Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

"The fact that there's a warm, cordial relationship between the two leaders and the president is able to joke like that, we think, is a positive thing."

The thing about jokes – well, good



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News Editor

jokes at any rate – is that they're supposed to make us laugh and forget our troubles for a while.

This, more than anything, is the real problem of dealing with someone like Mr. Trump.

On the one hand, everyone knows exactly the kind of person Mr. Trump is: a bully, a blowhard, and a braggart.

On the other hand, he's nearly impossible to read, and it's difficult to know when to laugh him off like the crazy uncle at a family reunion and when to take him seriously.

Was he joking the first time he talked about making Canada the 51st state? Maybe.

Can we confidently say he's still joking when he constantly brings it up, unprompted, and continues to hold the threat of tariffs over Canadians' heads? Not so much.

And of course, Canada isn't the only country Mr. Trump has his eager eyes on.

Just think about how swiftly he acted to overthrow Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro, or his ongoing economic pressure campaign against Cuba, or the Hormuz Hokey Pokey he's been playing with Iran since the end of February.

Similar to his treatment of Canada, Mr. Trump is also leaving much up in the air when it comes to his ambitions for Greenland – most recently stating that it will be under U.S. control by the time he leaves office.

Greenland is an autonomous territory in the kingdom of Denmark, which is a U.S. ally through NATO.

Despite this, and despite the fact that the U.S. already operates the only military base on Greenland, Mr. Trump hasn't ruled out using military force to seize it for "national security" purposes (with its natural resources being an added bonus which Mr. Trump believes the U.S. is owed).

If Mr. Trump is joking about his plans for Greenland, it seems he hasn't let American businesses in on



the punchline.

Fueled by Mr. Trump's rhetoric and outsized sense of entitlement, a Texas-based company named Greenland Energy made headlines last week for setting up oil drilling equipment in Greenland without permission.

Greenland Energy conveniently has ties to Mr. Trump through TV personality and supporter Dr. Phil, who has partnered with the company to produce a docuseries about the dangers of oil drilling in Greenland's wild, inhospitable landscape.

Additionally, a U.S. navy veteran who's working on the Golden Dome, the missile defence plan for which Mr. Trump says controlling Greenland is "vital," sits on the company's board. And Kenneth Griffin, a Wall Street billionaire who shelled out \$1 million for Trump's second inauguration, bought 9 per cent of the company's shares in April.

While Greenland Energy doesn't have a license to drill in Greenland, its hope is to piggyback off an existing license granted to a British company.

After a stern warning from Greenland's government, the company said that while the "permitting process continues to move forward through constructive engagement," it cannot wait to start logistical preparations.

"Waiting until permits are issued before initiating logistical prepara-

tions would unnecessarily delay operations and risk losing valuable time within Greenland's limited operating season," the company said.

In the end, however, the company saw reason and agreed to delay operations until it receives approval from the government.

This all points to the inherent danger of Mr. Trump's incessant "jokes."

If he says something ridiculous or offensive enough times, how long will it be before someone takes him seriously or uses him as inspiration, like Greenland Energy clearly attempted to do?

As Mr. Trump's Aug. 19 deadline for imposing new 50 per cent tariffs on a wide range of Canadian goods loomed over this week, there was much pressure on Prime Minister Mark Carney's government to reach some sort of trade deal with him without conceding anything further in the process.

But how do you negotiate a deal with a person, when you have to do so from the opposing philosophical perspectives that he is both totally joking and being entirely serious?

And how can you trust any deal with a person who changes his mind with the hour?

It's a mystery, to be certain. And one we can't afford to interpret as a joke any longer.

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Community efforts bring healthcare home

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle
Reporter

It takes a community to care for a community.

This is especially true in small Saskatchewan towns like Shellbrook, which is fortunate enough to have a hospital but has often struggled, like other communities, to attract and retain enough healthcare professionals.

To address these staffing shortfalls, which resulted in years of rolling bed closures at Parkland Integrated Health Centre (PIHC) in the late 2010s, the Parkland Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee developed a suite of supports and incentives to help bring doctors and nurses to the community and keep them here.

Recognizing that healthcare is as much a regional necessity as a local one, the committee represents the contributions of not

just Shellbrook, but also Canwood, Leask, and the Rural Municipalities of Shellbrook, Canwood, Leask, and Blaine Lake.

Through its ongoing Nurse and Physician Recruitment and Retention Incentive Program, the committee has provided \$21,000 in supports this year to local physicians, licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, and continuing care aides.

Sigourney O'Halligan, CAO for the Town of Shellbrook, says she's encouraged by the up-tick in applications to the program so far this year, and notes that there are still more incoming.

"As a participating municipality, we recognize the importance of working collaboratively with our neighbouring municipalities and the Parkland Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee to support the long-term strength and sustain-

ability of healthcare services in our region," she said.

"The program is an important part of the committee's continued commitment to helping attract and retain healthcare professionals in our rural communities."

The Parkland Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee isn't alone in its efforts to attract healthcare workers to the community.

PIHC often serves as a training hospital, where local nurses and physicians share their expertise with the upcoming generation of frontline healthcare workers and help put Shellbrook and the surrounding area on the map as career and lifestyle destinations.

And if Shellbrook is going to become a home for the healthcare professionals, they need a place to live in what is generally a tight housing and rental market.

This is where the Shellbrook and District



The Shellbrook and District Health Foundation is currently building housing for healthcare professionals in Shellbrook.

Health Foundation has stepped in, working with the town to acquire one of the condos built close to PIHC in 2018.

The foundation is also currently oversee-

ing the construction of a detached home, with living space on the main floor and a suite in the basement, to provide further housing options to local healthcare

workers.

Construction of the home is expected to be completed by the end of September, with landscaping and fencing to come after.



Shellbrook Mayor Amund Otterson (middle) presents cheques to local healthcare workers Raymond Fernandez (left) and Cindy Benolirao on behalf of the Parkland Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee.



Shellbrook CAO Sigourney O'Halligan (back) and Councillor Pam Boettcher (left) present settling assistance support to Rylee Harris on behalf of the Parkland Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee.



Shellbrook Mayor Amund Otterson (right) presents a cheque to local healthcare professional Rau Paul.



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Shellbrook Library July activities

By **EDDIE HOEHN**
Branch Librarian

July was an action-packed month for the Shellbrook Library. The kids enjoyed participating in the TD Summer Reading Club

library programs. Volunteer and local library board member Samuel Schafer presented Outdoor Storytime on Tuesday, July 21. He read Are We There Yet?, The Rainbow Fish, and The Big

Blue Whale to participants outside on the library lawn. On Saturday, July 25, the kids participated in July's final TD Summer Reading Club programs. They drew pictures of a blue whale

on the library sidewalk with sidewalk chalk at the Blue Whale Chalk Drawing Program. Samuel drew a line in the parking lot to show the kids what the actual size of a blue whale would look like.

The next activity that day was the Oil Spill Cleanup Program. Participants used plastic spoons to clean up cooking oil and food colouring that was dumped into a container of water with plastic sea creatures. This was to simulate what an oil spill would look like in the ocean.

The last program



Raelynn and Elijah with their Blue Whales at the Blue Whale Chalk Drawing Program.

that day was Floating Grapes. Participants added grapes to a cup of water, witnessing them sink to the bottom. They added table salt to the

water and stirred with a spoon or fork, which made the grapes float to the top of the water.

The library held weekly TD Summer Reading Club draws in July to pick a winner. Drohnen Schafer won on Tuesday, July 7, and picked a sticker mosaic book for a prize. Benjamin Hoehne won on Wednesday, July 15, and picked a mini lab-pirates and treasure science kit for a prize. Torny Strube won on July 21 and 28. He picked a container of playdough and bouncy rubber balls for his prizes.

In July, the kids enjoyed participating in weekly scavenger hunts to find pictures of items hidden in the library at Butterfly, Kangaroo, Pig, and Shark Storytimes. Participants made a butterfly sun-catcher with self-adhesive laminating paper, pre-cut tissue paper, googly eyes, markers, and string at Butterfly Storytime.

Marj Bradley presented Illustrator Isabelle Arsenault Storytime on Friday, July 3. She read Colette's Lost Pet and Albert's Quiet Quest. Participants were excited to make a book by gluing paper onto card-stock. They drew pictures in the book or dictated a story for an adult to write in the book.

The kids were excited to exercise their creativity at Lego Club in July. They created a tree house, ocean or sea creatures, and something fire safety related for the weekly challenges.

Volunteer and local library board member Samuel Schafer ran Lego Club on Tuesday, July 14. Participants used their imagination to create an item of choice.



Elijah, Raelynn, Emery, and Drohnen at the Oil Spill Cleanup Program.



Drohnen with his treehouse at Lego Club.

R.M. OF SPIRITWOOD NO. 496 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 intends to alter the Zoning Bylaw, referred to as Bylaw. No. 4/2015.

INTENT OF ZONING BYLAW ALTERATIONS

The changes are summarized below.

1. Section 11 Lakeshore Development District Subsection 11.4 Subdivision and Site Regulations

Subsection 11.4 is amended by adding the following clause to the Minimum Front Yard

"Where a front building line in a Lakeshore Development District has been established by existing buildings in a block, and is less the 6.0 metres from the front yard (roadside), new construction may conform to the previous established building line, provided that the required front yard is not reduced to less than 3.0 metres from the roadside. Existing buildings where legally built are conforming with respect to the established building."

2. Section 3 Administration and Interpretation Development Not Requiring a Permit

Clause 3.4.2 is removed and replaced with following:
"3.2 The erection of any fence or retaining wall."

AFFECTED LANDS

All lands within the corporate limits of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 may hereby be affected by the revisions. Please check the full version of the updated documents available for viewing at the RM municipal office.

REASON FOR ZONING BYLAW ALTERATIONS

The reason for the Zoning Bylaw amendments is to clarify regulations throughout the Zoning Bylaw to improve interpretation and implementation.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 office between 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. excluding statutory holidays. Copies are available at a cost.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 11:00 am in the RM office located at 218 Main Street in the Town of Spiritwood to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw amendment. Council will also consider written comments received by the undersigned by Thursday, September 3rd, 2026.

Issued this 17th day of August, 2026
Colette Bussiere, CAO

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPIRITWOOD: Wapiti Regional Library - Tuesday 10am - 5pm; Wednesday 10am - 5pm; Thursday 1pm to 5pm; Friday 10am - 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 - 5:30pm; Wednesday 11:30am - 4:30pm; Thursday 11:30am - 4:30pm. Phone # 306-469-2152
CANWOOD: Canwood Branch of Wapiti Regional Library Hours: Tuesday 9:30am - 4pm; Wednesday 10:30am - 5pm; Phone: 306-468-2501
DEBDEN: Wapiti Library hours: Tuesday 10am - 4pm; Wednesday 12pm - 6pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon
LEASK: Wapiti Library & Legacy Gallery Hours - Tuesday 9am - 2pm; Wednesday 2pm - 8pm; Friday 9am - 12pm
MARCELIN: Wapiti Library - Saturday 10am - 2pm; Thursday 2pm - 8pm. 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: Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting – Every Wednesday, 7:30 pm @ Train Station in Big River (Railway Avenue)

CANWOOD: The Canadian Grand Masters "Sendoff" Fiddle Show and Dry Dance – Monday, August 24, 2026, 7p.m. – 11p.m., Canwood Elks Community Centre. Come enjoy an evening of lively music featuring Saskatchewan fiddlers & participants heading to the 2026 Canadian Grand Masters Fiddling Competition. Admission: Adults: \$20.00; Children (6–15): \$5.00; Preschoolers: Free. Tickets available at the door. Coffee & dainties, Canteen, Raffle tickets, CDs, music books & fiddle wares for purchase. Made possible with the help from Canwood Public Library Board.

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Weather, politics create harvest uncertainty

It was interesting to see a recent headline in the ag press suggesting that world geopolitics and weather remain unpredictable.

Now, this is not something particularly new.

Crop prices have always been influenced by both forces.

On the weather side, weather issues in key crop production areas have long sent shudders through crop markets, as concerns are raised regarding possible production shortages if crops deteriorate from some weather-induced stress.

Widespread drought, or excess rains in a key crop growing region, put pressure on supplies, which ripple into markets reacting based on supply worries.

Of course, it does seem weather is dealing us all more extreme conditions, whether that is unusual flooding based on rains, or extreme periods of heat.

And certainly, at a recent crop tour there was talk about what an early frost might do to crops this year, which were generally seeded later than normal in many areas. An open



CALVIN DANIELS

fall with extended good weather will be a must in many regions, if all the crop is to reach maturity and end up safely in the bin.

It is a situation one worries may only get worse.

While I will give nay-

sayers some credit in questioning whether climate change is man-made or just long-term weather patterns, it is in either case clear that weather patterns are changing. And those changes are manifesting in more extreme weather. That change will make growing crops more challenging, if not a pure gamble in some regions.

As for politics, the short-sighted view of politicians looking to score some political points has also long been an issue in terms of selling crops.

In some cases, politicians erect trade barriers to protect domestic producers. Those, one can at least appreciate. Losing domestic food production, and leaving access to that food to other countries is a path probably best avoided, as even trusted neighbours can change their perspective in a heartbeat.

Anyone doubting that only needs to look at the North American reality today, where Canada's most-trusted trade partner, the United States, has come under control of a president

whose vision of trade is to bludgeon and bully trade partners with zero concern for what it does to domestic consumers or long-term international relationships.

With U.S. president Donald Trump waking with daily tantrums pointed at almost everyone, trade with the huge American market is a minefield at best.

So, while weather and politics have always been ag trade influences, the combo of climate change and Trump do make things more volatile in 2026.

Crop Report: Aug. 4 to 10

By MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
Submitted

Crops continue to mature across the province. Cooler weather slowed harvest progress, which remains at two per cent complete, and crop development in some areas; however, it also helped maintain crop condition and reduce stress in areas that experienced hot, dry conditions over the past few weeks. Scattered showers provided much-needed moisture, but overall conditions remain dry. Additional precipitation would be beneficial, particularly for later-seeded crops as they continue to progress through the grain-filling stage.

Variable rainfall was received across the province. While a few areas received significant precipitation, most regions recorded little to no rainfall. The highest amount was reported in the Chesterfield and Milton areas, where 20 millimetres (mm) of rain fell, followed by the Mildred area with 16 mm and the Harris, Arborfield, Nipawin, Round Hill and Hillsdale areas at 15 mm.

The localized showers improved topsoil moisture conditions in some areas; however, a significant proportion of regions across the province rated topsoil moisture levels as short.

Cool weather conditions slowed harvest operations in areas where harvest has begun. In most regions, however, crops continue to develop and are not yet ready for harvest. Provincial harvest progress remains at two per cent complete, largely limited to cereal and early-seeded pulse crops. This is below both the five-year average of six per cent and ten-year average of five per cent. However, harvest progress is ahead of last year, when only one per cent of the crop had been harvested. Desiccation operations are underway in pulse crops, while many crops across the province

continue to mature.

Most producers have either completed or are wrapping up final haying and silage operations. Provincially, dryland alfalfa yields are averaging 1.90 tonnes (t) per acre, while greenfeed yields are averaging 2.79 t per acre. Under irrigated conditions, alfalfa yields are averaging 3.90 t per acre and greenfeed yields are averaging 6.85 t per acre. Provincial silage yields are currently estimated at 7.00 t per acre.

Crop damage was reported in areas experiencing hot, dry conditions, with some regions indicating minor to moderate crop stress. There were also reports of bertha armyworms, wind, gophers and sclerotinia disease causing minor crop damage in certain areas.

Harvest is a busy time across Saskatchewan and safety should remain a top priority for everyone. Producers are reminded to be aware of potential hazards, including fire risks and overhead powerlines, and to take appropriate preventative measures to reduce the likelihood of incidents. As harvest activity continues to increase, there will be more farm machinery travelling on public roadways. Motorists are encouraged to exercise extra patience and caution when approaching or passing large agricultural equipment.

For any crop or livestock questions, producers are encouraged to call the Agriculture Knowledge Centre, toll free at 1-866-457-2377.

This can also be a stressful time of year for producers, particularly as weather conditions remain unpredictable and harvest progress is impacted. Support is available through the Farm Stress Line at 1-800-667-4442, which provides confidential assistance to producers and their families.

A complete, printable version of the Crop Report is available online.

Spiritwood Library news highlights



The Thompson Agencies Office Staff were the lucky recipients of the Spiritwood Library's Dessert of the Month prize for July. The dessert was a key lime pie, made by Board Member Ferryn Slater.



The Spiritwood Public Library welcomed Lindsay Baker from the Wapiti Regional Library to present the Google Virtual Reality program on July 31. Everyone had lots of fun exploring 360-degree views of different countries, outer space, underwater ocean life, animals, and other exotic places. By HEATHER GATZKE, Branch Librarian

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WWHS continues to grow with 63rd show



Shayla Cobb was the beginner aggregate winner.



Beryl Peake (right) accepts the grand aggregate prize from Walter Wiloughby Horticulture member Joan Sommerfeld.



Trystan Cobb was the beginner reserve aggregate winner.



A Lego craft built by Trystan Cobb was a point of discussion among some younger visitors.



A table of gladioli put on a colourful display at this year's show.



Layne Cobb was the junior aggregate winner.



Donna Yew (middle) and Joanne Lapierre (right) scored a rare tie for the vegetable aggregate prize.



Newcomer Donna Yew was the reserve grand aggregate winner.

NDP questions family's ambulance bill

By SASK NDP
Submitted

Carla Beck's team is calling on the provincial government to explain how their ongoing neglect of Saskatchewan's healthcare system has caused a Biggar family to pick up an ambulance bill of more than \$1,300 after their child required emergency care hours away in Prince Albert.

After receiving care in

Biggar, Amy Haynes' child needed to be transported by ambulance for further treatment. The family was told there was no room or appropriate care available in Saskatoon, North Battleford or even as far away as Swift Current.

As a result, an ambulance was required to transport the child all the way from Biggar to Prince Albert. Now, Amy and her spouse Dylan Haynes

have received a bill of more than \$1,300 for that ambulance trip — a cost they never could have anticipated when seeking emergency medical care for their child.

"Imagine being a parent, watching your child need urgent medical attention, and being told the care they need isn't available anywhere close to home," said Keith Jorgenson, Associate Shadow Minister of Health, in a statement.

"Amy did what any parent would do—she took her child elsewhere to receive the care they needed. This family should not be punished with a \$1,300 bill because this Sask. Party government has left patients with no reasonable access to the care they need."

Jorgenson says this case raises serious questions about the impact of hospital capacity pressures on pa-

tients and families across the province.

"The Haynes' story is about more than one bill. It is about what happens when families cannot access care close to home," Jorgenson said. "Saskatchewan families deserve a healthcare system that is there when they need it, without leaving them to pay the price for Scott Moe's failures."

"It's time for change."

Big River LTC celebrates mural

By COURTNEY MICHEL
Big River LTC

On July 31, the Big River Long Term Care Centre held an afternoon gathering to celebrate the completion of a mural commissioned from local artist Shannon McLean.

The BRLTC resident council applied for a grant through SK Arts' "Artists in Communities" grant program. The mural was primarily funded through this grant, as well as other initiatives. The residents are thankful for the grant funding received, as well as for the donation on the mural provided by Shannon.

The afternoon gathering consisted of a short talk about the mural, by Big River LTC recreation/ADL worker Courtney Michel. This highlighted the benefit of having a local interest specific artwork in the facility.

The mural highlights several aspects of local arts and culture, including wildlife, fishing, logging and historical methods of working in the area.

Courtney emphasized how much of a 'boost' to the residents' spirit it was to have had Shannon come in one afternoon and paint part of the mural. The residents really benefited from being involved in its production. Many were able to watch, and talk about the subjects depicted as the afternoon went on.

With the bright colours and local interest subjects, the mural is sure to be a benefit for years to come.

The local senior's group was invited to attend the gathering and stay for coffee and doughnuts afterwards. Having the seniors present gave more opportunity to have people enjoy the mural, as well as create discussion on the local history



Local artist Shannon McLean painted the mural.

represented in the mural. Hearing people chatting about these subjects at the gathering, and in the future is the ongoing goal of the project.

The mural panels are set to be hung in the main dining room of Big River Long Term Care in the near future.



The two-piece mural depicts subjects of local interest.

Aster yellows: a common garden disease

By JILL THOMSON
Sask. Perennial Society

If you find a plant with strange growth in your garden, it may well have aster yellows disease. This disease was first identified on aster flowers many years ago. The responsible organism is a minute piece of virus-like genetic material called a phytoplasma, primarily transmitted by leafhoppers. When a leafhopper feeds on an infected plant, it sucks up phytoplasma particles and its salivary glands become "infected". When feeding on healthy plants, 10-14 days after initial infection of the insect, the leafhopper injects phytoplasma into the phloem and disease symptoms will appear in the plant 10-40 days later. There is no cure for aster yellows and infected plants should be removed as they become reservoirs of infection, capable of increasing the amount of disease present.

The disease has an extremely wide host range including many ornamentals such as aster, delphinium, coneflower, calendula, zinnia, chrysanthemum, petunia and snapdragon. Vegetables and herbs such as lettuce, carrot, pumpkin, tomato, celery and coriander can also become infected.

Disease symptoms can be very variable depending on the host plant. In many cases plants become stunt-

ed and very yellow looking (chlorotic), but occasionally the plants are taller than normal and stand out from the rest of a crop of healthy plants as is the case in canola and coriander fields. Another obvious symptom is flowers do not develop normal petals. Instead, the flowers typically look like a cluster of abnormal, yellowish-green, bladder-like leaves. This can be seen in delphin-



Infected carrot — note the bronzed leaves, bushy stems and fine, bushy side roots.
Photo courtesy of Jill Thomson

ium, echinacea, calendula, aster, and even dandelion.

Carrots are a common host if the leafhopper population is high. The first sign of carrot infection is bronzing of the leaves followed by a dense growth of small, chlorotic leaves at the top of the carrot. When the carrots are pulled up, a mass of small roots has usually developed on the main carrot root, and the carrot will have a bitter flavour. Disease symptoms may differ depending upon what host species is infected. For example, while carrot roots may be bitter and hairy, lettuce may show pink or tan spots and have twisted inner leaves. Several years ago, there was a very high population of leafhoppers, and a pumpkin patch at the University of Saskatchewan was affected. The infected pumpkin plants were very obvious as they were extremely chlorotic, the leaves were abnormally shaped and no flowers developed. Obviously this had a severe impact on yield as none of the infected plants could produce pumpkins.

Occasionally, similar symptoms can be caused by infection with other viruses, or accidental exposure to herbicide. In the latter case, plants sometimes recover and symptoms disappear. This does not happen with aster yellows infection.

Management strategies to help control the disease:

1. Remove isolated specimens of infected plants. Early diagnosis and prompt removal of infected specimens help reduce the spread of the disease. Also, infected vegetables can be harvested early which is helpful in reducing the reservoir of infection.
 2. Reduce leafhopper numbers. This can be difficult, however. Susceptible crops, or individual plants, can be covered with fine mesh cloth to keep leafhoppers away from the plants.
 3. Remove weeds that may provide an early source of infection for feeding leafhoppers. Dandelions can survive our winters even when infected, and leafhoppers feeding in the spring can pick up the phytoplasma and transmit it to healthy garden plants.
 4. Plant less susceptible species such as geranium, impatiens, nicotiana, salvia and verbena. This is helpful if you are having difficulty with aster yellows infection in the flower bed.
- Jill Thomson is a plant disease specialist (retired) who enjoys gardening in Saskatoon with her family, including the grandchildren and dogs.*
- This column is provided courtesy of the Saskatchewan Perennial Society (SPS; saskperennial@hotmail.com).*

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Canadian actor disrupts Jays' season

Ever since Canadian actor Michael Cera started hanging around the Toronto Blue Jays' clubhouse, and inviting players and management over to his house to see his man cave shrine to the Blue Jays, Canada's only Major League Baseball team has stunk.

Toronto went all the way to Game 7 of the World Series last year and was a pre-season favourite to repeat as American League champions, but then Cera, a Blue Jays' superfan, started interfering.

Why can't Cera just sit in the stands at Rogers Stadium, sip his Labatt Blue or a \$23 latte and leave the Jays alone?

But no, he has to interrupt the Blue Jays mojo by hanging around the clubhouse, having rookie third baseman Kazuma Okamoto say hello to Cera's mother on a telephone FaceTime chat when the Japanese free-agent signee should be out in the batting cage working on his swing.

Okamoto is closing in on 25 home runs, but his

batting average in the .230 range would probably be .250 or better if he wasn't being bothered by Cera.

Then there's George Springer, one of the team's biggest disappointments this year. Last year, Springer belted 32 home runs and averaged .309 and, alongside Vladimir Guerrero, Jr., led the offence for the A.L. champs.

This year, with Cera bragging to Springer about setting a viewership record on the livestream (11, when the old record was two. ... hahahaha!), Springer is batting around .230 and won't come close to even half of last year's home run total.

That's Cera's fault, because he took valuable time away from Springer's workout program and batting practice regimen.

Later, manager John Schneider, Ernie Clement and Davis Schneider spend some time in Cera's (fake) apartment and are impressed with his array of Blue Jays memorabilia.

Cera also has a special corner of the apartment



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featuring the successes of manager Schneider, but it must have gone to his head because in mid-August, with the Blue Jays 15 games out of first place, Schneider's status should read: FIRED!

The whole point of Cera's work with the Blue Jays is to attract customers to purchase Rogers 5G+, satellite, and Xfinity internet connectivity.

But if his marketing talents for Rogers are as effective as the Blue Jays' results on the field, it might go down as one of the biggest duds in Canadian commerce.

The most annoying aspect of this whole Michael Cera-Blue Jays partnership is the infernal frequency of the ads during Blue Jays' telecasts.

Rogers owns the team, owns the stadium, owns the TV network and the house ads cost the company nothing.

Presumably, manager Schneider and the Blue Jays players involved in the promotional work were paid handsomely for their advertising efforts. But what's a couple of extra thousand dollars when you're already making millions?

Cera is a prominent Canadian actor and musician who gained his early fame by portraying George Michael Bluth in the Fox sitcom Arrested Development.

Come to think of it, perhaps Cera should be arrested for interfering in the Blue Jays' development.

• Jack Finarelli of sports curmudgeon.com, on Alabama coach Kalen DeBoer's two straight four-loss seasons: "Should that happen

again, I suspect that the money-boys in and around Tuscaloosa will find a way to cough up the estimated \$50M it will take to buy out Coach DeBoer."

• Eamon Lynch, of Golfweek.com., on an upcoming reassessment of LIV's eligibility for world ranking points: "(By December), debating LIV's fitness for ranking recognition could be as futile as testing the language skills of a corpse."

• Greg Cote of the Miami Herald, on the upcoming season for the Miami Dolphins, who are preseason favourites in only one of their 17 games: "The sign for this year reads: 'Caution: Weird Season Ahead.'"

• Cleveland writer Paul Haynes in his induction speech at the Baseball Hall of Fame: "I've never been to the ballet, but I have seen Omar Vizquel and Roberto Alomar perform their magic in the middle of the infield."

• Lynch again, on LIV personnel: "(The tour) is built around players who are (in some cases, though

not all) unmotivated, unlikeable, untrustworthy or unknown."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com, an avid SF Giants' fan and Dodger hater: "LA Dodgers lost their seventh in a row, 4-3 on a walkoff home run by the Arizona Diamondbacks. No punchline, I just like writing that."

• Headline at fark.com: "Woman sues Yankees for turning her into a Mets fan."

• Golf Channel analyst Brandel Chambee: "LIV golfers remind me of actors offered lead roles in a bad movie and think their performance can turn Ishtar into The Godfather."

• Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "Considering the little it took for the Dodgers to acquire ace pitcher Tarik Skubal, do you blame the Dodgers for apparently ruining baseball, or blame just about every other team for not making a more credible offer for Skubal?"

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Minutes of a Village of Canwood meeting

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the Village of Canwood, held at the Village Office at 571 Main Street on June 16.

Mayor Lorne Benson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., with a quorum being present.

Present: Mayor Lorne Benson, Councillors Kaytlyn Mitchell, Ryan Demers, and Greg Edeen, and Administrator Heather Sten.

Edeen: That the agenda be accepted as presented. Carried

Mitchell: That the minutes of the May 19 Regular Meeting be approved as presented. Carried

Demers: That the minutes of the June 9 Regular Meeting be approved as presented. Carried

Moar: That the Bank Reconciliations for the month of May 2026 be accepted as presented. Carried

Edeen: That the financial statements for the month of May 2026 be accepted as presented. Carried

Mitchell: That the employee attendance sheets for May 2026 be accepted as presented. Carried

Demers: That the council Indemnity for May 2026 be accepted as presented. Carried

Moar: That the Employee Payroll for the month of May 2026, including Pay Periods 10 and 11 totaling \$8,264.11 and the Council Renumeration of \$650, be ac-

cepted as presented. Carried

Demers: That the list of accounts payable from Batch 2026-00039 to Batch 2026-00041, which includes all cheques, online payments and EFTs for a total of \$32,911.52 be accepted as presented. Carried

Edeen: That the Water Treatment Plant reports for the month of May 2026 and ALS Lab Water reports from May 27 and June 10. Carried

Moar: That we accept the Lagoon Compliance Inspection report as presented, being fully compliant. Carried

Demers: That the verbal report by Councillor Edeen and Mayor Benson regarding Highway 55 Waste Management be accepted as presented. Carried

Edeen: That we hire Infinity Core as the Regional Coordinator for the Parkland Emergency Measures Organization. Further to this, each municipality type will pay as follows: RM: \$5,108.76, Town: \$2,430.87, Village: \$632.72

Benson: That we approve the Building Permit Application of Darren Mock to construct a deck, with approval pursuant to Sections 4.6-4.9 of the Municipal Zoning Bylaw 2023-02. Carried

Edeen: That the Bylaw 2026-04, being a bylaw to establish Mill Rate Factors for the Village of Canwood, be introduced and read a first time. Carried (*Editor's note: the bylaw was read three times and adopted at the meeting.*)

Edeen: That the Bylaw 2026-05, being a bylaw to establish a Base Tax for the Village of Canwood, be introduced and read

a first time. Carried (*Editor's note: the bylaw was read three times and adopted at the meeting.*)

Edeen: That the correspondence be filed. Carried

Mitchell: That the Council hereby declares the land located on the following lots:

- Roll 14 – Lot 17-18 Block 1 – 580 Railway
 - Roll 15 – Lot 19, Block 01, Plan Y3516 – 570 Railway
 - Roll 19 – Lot 1-4, Block 02, Plan Y3516 – 510 Main Street
 - Roll 20 – Lot OS, Block 2 – 550 Main Street
 - Roll 31 – Lot 17, Block 02, Plan Y3516 – 600 Railway Avenue
 - Roll 122 – Lot 1, Block 11, Plan CW2416 – 600 3rd Ave
 - Roll 134 – Lot 2, Block 13, Plan 75PA20396 – 381 1st Street West
 - Roll 136 – Lot 1, Block 14, Plan 75PA20396 – 341 1st Street West
- to be a nuisance under Sections 8, 11, 12 & 20 of Bylaw No. 2025-03 The Nuisance Abatement Bylaw, for the following reasons: overgrown grass and weeds; Untidy and Unsightly Property; Junked Vehicles; Fences

That the Designated Officer is hereby authorized to issue an order to the owner of the said property requiring them to undertake the following work:

- Mow all grass/weeds and whipper snip around buildings and fixtures;
- Remove or clean up any unsightly items; Remove Junked Vehicles;

- Move fence to within property boundaries;

with said work to be completed on or before the 2nd day of July, 2026; and that if the work noted above is not completed by the date noted above, the municipality is authorized to take whatever steps are necessary to complete the work and recover the costs. Carried

Benson: That we move to in-camera at 7:50 p.m. citing The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, section 15(1)(b)(ii) and section 23(1)(b) "personal information." Carried

Benson: That we move out of in-camera at 8 p.m. and note that all members of Council and Administration are in attendance. Carried

Edeen: That the Village of Canwood Abate the property taxes for Roll 215, PT NW 36-50-05 W3rd from Agricultural/Residential to Agricultural. Carried

Benson: That we accept the tender from Ed Vanderfluer in the amount of \$2,500 for Tax Title property Roll 21 - Lot 6, Block 2, Plan Y3516, Civic Address 560 Main Street. Carried

Moar: That we proceed with 30 day "Final Notice" in Form G for Lot 6-7, Block 3, Plan Y3516 at civic address 671 Main Street. Carried

Demers: That we proceed with 30 day "Final Notice" in Form G for Lot 4, Block 1, Plan Y3516 at civic address 531 Main Street. Carried

Mitchell: That the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Gerald “Gerry” Patrick Clark



Gerald passed away peacefully at Parkland Integrated Health Centre Long Term Care in Shellbrook, on August 9, 2026.

Gerald was born on March 23, 1933, to his parents Willis and Lily Clark in Maxville, ON.

He lived in a number of communities in eastern Ontario before settling in Jellyby. In 1953, he moved to Smiths Falls, where he worked for Rideau Motors and other local businesses. He married Della Hazelwood in 1955 and raised 5 boys.

In 1980, Gerald and Della moved to a farm in the Ordale area, west of Shellbrook, SK, where some of his children and grandchildren live. He delivered flowers and worked the Sears counter in the flower shop for several years before retiring. After Della’s passing, he moved to Shellbrook. Since having a stroke in August 2024, Gerald has

been hospitalized and in long-term care.

Lasting memories remain with his children: Albert Clark of Shellbrook, SK; Ian (Barbie) Clark of Shellbrook, SK; Alvin (Lisa) Clark of Edmonton, AB; Stephen (Anna) Clark of Parkside, SK; David (Dawn) Clark of Entwistle, AB. Gerald’s grandchildren are Mindy (Phil) Cobb, Chad (Mardell) Clark, Blaize Clark, Tineille (Grant) Lavoie, Shanae Clark, Meghan (Aaron) Bryant, Alyssa (Graham) MacDonald, Breanna (Christian) Johnston, Kelsey (Zachary) Goodsman, Ashleigh (Jeff) McNary, Brittany

(James) Atkins, Cheyenne Clark (Iain), Denver Clark (Ryan), and great grandchildren: Blythe, Layne, Shayla, Trystan, Crick, Chayton, Tariq, Taneeka, Kotéja, Katrinka, Brogan, Keiten, Quiran, Caiden, Kiteara, Quianna, Cailynn, Kuriyah, Twila, Heidi, Logan, Autumn, Isla, Annie, Marley, Knox, Elianna, Cohen, Rory, Della, Hazel, Evelyn, Kameron, Amelie, and Gabriel. Gerald was predeceased by his loving wife of 57 years, Della, his parents Willis and Lily, his brother Bryce, sister-in-law Irene, two loving grandchildren Kyla & Heidi and two granddaughters in Law

Lindsey & Nathanaelle.

Gerald made his choice to serve God in his teens. His life revolved around this choice, and he put forth great effort to be in fellowship with those who had the same desire. He had a good singing voice and loved to sing hymns together.

Gerald’s family wish to express our gratefulness for the quality of care and compassion that he received in “House C” Long Term Care, Parkland Integrated Health Centre.

A Funeral Service was held for Gerry on Saturday, August 15, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. from the Canwood Community Elks Hall in Canwood, SK.

Refreshments and fellowship followed the service.

Gerry was laid to rest in the Parkside Cemetery after the luncheon.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made to the Shellbrook & Districts Health Services Foundation – Long Term Care (Box 33 Shellbrook, SK. SoJ 2E0).

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

Bertha Amy Ernst



Bertha was born on November 23, 1936, in Yankee Valley, south of Shellbrook, SK.

Bertha was the youngest daughter of Henry and Alice Miller. Bertha

started her schooling in Rich Valley and completed grade 8 at Foxdale School. She then boarded in Shellbrook to finish her high school as there were no buses at that time.

Bertha and Howard were married on October 17, 1953, at the Holy Trinity Church in Sturgeon Valley. They resided on the farm in Sturgeon Valley and moved to Prince Albert for their retirement years. In her last years Bertha enjoyed the companionship of Duane Jewitt.

Her main career was being wife, mom and

homemaker, but she did hold a few jobs outside the home as the children got older. When the kids were old enough, she helped in the fields doing whatever jobs needed doing. Bertha was a very talented woman, if there was a way she had the will to figure it out. Her sewing talents were clothing, upholstery, suit making, bridesmaids and wedding dresses.

Bertha was a competitive sports player and played on various ball teams, golfed and she loved curling most of all. Bertha and Howard

loved to camp and fish. They had many trips up to the northern lakes and also did a fly in fish camp. They took a few trips to the U.S. and even to the Bahamas to visit with friends.

Bertha was a member of the Sturgeon Valley Church Group (ACW) as well as a Legion member. She held the title of President of Tops for a few years. She volunteered working the concession in between games at the Sturgeon Valley picnics and volunteered at the Rawlinson Center where she enjoyed many free con-

certs. In recent years reading books became a passion and continued until shortly before her passing.

Bertha is survived by her daughters, Valerie (Ron), Judy (Don), Janet, and daughter-in-law, Phyllis; her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Bertha was predeceased by her husband, Howard Ernst; eldest son, Stanley Ernst, son, Clarence Ernst; son in-law, John Sawatzky; brothers, Archie, Maurice, Elmer; and sister, Elsie.

In lieu of other tributes donations in memory of Bertha may be directed to The Heart and Stroke Foundation www.heartandstroke.ca/donate.com.

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Anthony “Tony” Rekve



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