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Leoville first responders recognized for 25 years

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Two first responders from Leoville were among those recognized for their service to their community, during a presentation of Saskatchewan Protective Services Medals in Saskatoon on Thursday, Sept. 10.

The medal recognizes protective services personnel, including police officers, firefighters, armed forces members, and more, who have dedicated 25 years or more of exemplary service in Saskatchewan.

For Gladys Henri, who had no prior healthcare experience before receiving her first responder training, becoming a first responder in Leoville was about filling a need in the community.

"I figured, seeing as we're so far away from hospitals, it would be something that our community could use," she said. "And I like helping people."

For Kathy Sawatzky, who also had no prior experience in healthcare, the decision to become a first responder was tied to personal experience.

"There was a serious accident by our place," she said. "We did what we could. We called the ambulance and helped the ambulance... but there were things we didn't really know."

Encouraged by Spiritwood Ambulance Care's Gail and Garry St. Onge, who also believed there was a need in the community, Henri and Sawatzky obtained their basic first aid certification. Eventually, they pursued enhanced training that would allow them to respond to just about any incident that arose.

After more than two decades of serving their community, both Henri and Sawatzky decided to step away from the job in 2020, at the height of the COVID pandemic.

"We had got COVID, and my husband got terribly sick," Sawatzky said. "I didn't want to take the chance of him getting it again."

Despite the hardships of the pandemic, and the difficult calls that have stuck with them through the years, both Henri and Sawatzky look back fondly on their time as paramedics, knowing they made a difference in people's lives and brought them relief on their worst days.

"When we went to places, the peo-



Gladys Henri (left) and Kathy Sawatzky (right) accept Protective Services Medals from Saskatchewan Lt. Gov. Bernadette McIntyre.

ple we went to seemed so relieved when we walked in, like a weight was lifted from their shoulders when we walked through the door," Sawatzky said, calling this the most rewarding part of being a first responder.

Both Henri and Sawatzky are grateful to be recognized for the service, with Henri noting that the Saskatchewan Protective Services Medals highlight the importance of what first responders do.

"If I was younger, I'd still be there doing it," she said. "The first responder courses are very important for our little community. We're far enough away (from hospitals) and so many people need help."



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Special Care Home Spotlight: Canwood

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Special Care Home Week in Saskatchewan is an opportunity to celebrate the people who live, work, and volunteer at long-term care facilities across the province.

This year, with Special Care Home Week running from Sept. 21 to 25, Saskatchewan Health Authority recreation therapist Niki Kereluk hoped to shine a spotlight on these homes and the difference they make, including Canwood's Whispering Pine Place.

As one volunteer noted, Whispering Pine Place is a reflection of the village's community spirit. The facility was built through community fundraising efforts, and the very land it sits on was donated by a community member.

"The community takes pride in it," the volunteer said. "Community groups help to run activities and invite residents out to activities such as pie and coffee, teas, and senior bin-

gos."

For 81-year-old resident Ronald Berezowski, Whispering Pine Place is somewhere he's happy and proud to call home.

In particular, he treasures the com-



Resident Ronald Berezowski enjoys a visit with his wife, Donaldda.

munity and volunteer involvement, whether it be the people who come out to help him go on walks, visits from local students to play games and sing songs, or special gatherings like a recent Family Day, when the Arnie's Grill food truck came out to serve up a special meal.

This sentiment is shared by 96-year-old resident Stella Campbell, who says she's fortunate to be close to family, including her brother and fellow resident, Jim Adair.

"It is a good place to be," she said. "They take care of us and make sure we are happy. If people knew more about special care homes, everyone would be taken care of."

Like Berezowski, Campbell appreciates the many opportunities for outings and visiting. Music, in particular, is something that takes her back to her youth and makes her truly happy at Whispering Pine Place.

For one staff member, community involvement is very much at the core of providing quality of life care to the residents.

"Special care homes are very welcoming to family functions. It can be a place everyone can enjoy and easily access," they noted. "I love the gardens, the gazebo, and the outdoor space is a beautiful backdrop to many family gatherings, parties, and recreational games for residents."



Resident Stella Campbell celebrated her 96th birthday over the summer.

Shellbrook Legion delegates return from national convention

By **NANCY CARSWELL**
Shellbrook Legion

Shellbrook's Alan and Nancy Carswell recently represented Legion Branch 111 at the 50th Dominion Convention of the Royal Canadian Legion in Ottawa, where the organization celebrated 100 years of serving veterans — and looked ahead to the next century.

For the Carswells, the event was both inspiring and eye-opening, offering new ideas to bring back to their local Branch.

The Convention highlighted the Legion's evolving role in supporting a diverse veteran community. Nancy Carswell, a retired instructional designer, was particularly struck by the launch of the Legion's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) initiative.

"The program teaches a 'Purple Flag' approach to foster respectful conversations," she explained. "If someone says, 'the guys who served,' a gentle response like, 'Could we say veterans to include everyone?' helps ensure all veterans feel valued."



Alan and Nancy Carswell recently represented Shellbrook at the Royal Canadian Legion's 50th Dominion Convention.

The goal? To create a culture where language reflects the Legion's philosophy: "A veteran is a veteran," regardless of age, race, gender, or background.

Veterans' needs were

the central theme, whether they be former military or RCMP, and the Legion Veterans Services presentation emphasized the growing complexity of supporting veterans in an era of diverse backgrounds and evolving policies.

Brigadier General Serge Ménard of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) Transition Group, a partner of the Legion, reminded attendees that transitioning to civilian life is "a journey, not a single event."

Veterans' mental health and homelessness

were also in the spotlight, with it being noted that veterans account for 5 per cent of Canada's homeless population despite only making up just 1 per cent of the population.

Now back in Shellbrook, the Carswells are eager to share these and other insights with their Branch.

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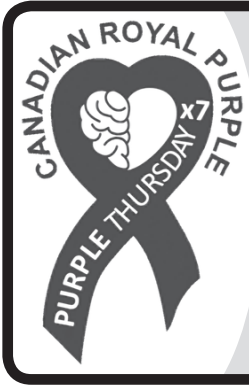
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- Councillor for Division No. 4
- Councillor for Division No. 6

will be received by the undersigned at the municipal office during regular business hours until Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. local time.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the municipal office located at 641 Main Street in Canwood or from the website at rmofcanwood.ca.

Dated this 17th day of September, 2026.

Lorna Benson
RETURNING OFFICER



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- Councillor: Rural Municipality of Medstead No. 497 – Division No. 6

(Even Numbered Divisions will be elected for a four-year term.)

will be received by the undersigned on the 7th day of October, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office, and during regular business hours on September 17th to October 6th, 2026 at the Municipal Office.

Nominations forms may be obtained at the following location:

Municipal Office

Dated this 11th day of September, 2026.

Christin Egeland
Returning Officer

Locals renew fight for Holbein, Crutwell forests

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle
Reporter

A year after the Saskatchewan government agreed to a two-year moratorium on clear cutting in the Holbein and Crutwell areas, locals are once again fighting to protect the forest and the millennia of history and culture it contains.

Despite the moratorium, the government has said it wants to log burned areas of the forest for salvage.

But locals say any logging activity will destroy heritage sites that are

still being studied near the areas the government wants to harvest.

Kiara Palmer, an indigenous archaeology student at the University of Saskatchewan, has been involved with efforts to save the Island Forest, which is comprised of the Canwood, Nisbet, Fort-a-la-Corne, and Torch River Provincial Forests, and its heritage sites for a number of years, both as a researcher and a volunteer excavator at Âsowanânihk, an 11,000-year-old settlement near Prince Albert.

From Duck Lake, and registered with the

Beardy's and Okemasis' Cree Nation, she's currently working on an archival research project around the history of this region, including the lakes, the forests, and the rivers.

When she learned at a Sept. 1 Âsowanânihk Council meeting that the government was renewing plans to log in the Holbein and Crutwell area forests, and expected responses to its public consultation by Sept. 4, she knew something had to be done.

While other council members organized a demonstration at the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada building in Prince Albert on Sept. 4, she consulted historical archives to gather proof that people are buried near where the logging will occur.

She also clearly outlined what's at stake.

"The Nisbet Forest is a unique island forest, and there are berries and medicines there that we want to protect, but there are also rare wild orchids, carnivorous bog plants, old-growth mosses, badgers, bears, wolves, lynx, and woodland birds," she said.

"And on top of all of that, we have the barren

lands. During the small pox epidemic, Indigenous people fled to these barren open lands hoping to get away from the stuffy, dense forest."

Indeed, the area slated for logging is near the Upper and Lower Hudson House settlements, which are said to be the last location of the Ubasquia, Beaver, and Pegogamow peoples who died in the smallpox epidemic in the late 1700s.

Palmer says the Indigenous people pitched tipis in the barren lands, but were ultimately unable to escape the epidemic. Because they died, their tipis and belongings were simply left behind and have been buried just below the surface level over the centuries.

Any heavy machinery could crush and destroy the remains.

"Under the Heritage Property Act, it's illegal to do work over human remains. The forestry department knows that there's human remains there, but they say they've done their duty to consult and there's not enough interest," Palmer said,

While the government has technically done its duty to consult, Palmer says the "lack of interest" is because the research is new and ongoing, and First Nations don't yet know the full extent of what's at risk.

That's why she believes more time is needed to gather evidence of the cultural history at the sites and present it to First Nations in the area.

"It's important because lots of our history was forgotten or lost," she said.

"We have the rare opportunity to look at this through an Indigenous archaeological perspective and learn what our people ate and how they lived, to see if we can



Indigenous archaeology student Kiara Palmer provided research for a Sept. 4 demonstration against logging in the area forests.

learn anything about their ceremonies. All the little pieces can tell us a bigger story, and that bigger story is part of our lost history and culture."

While the government has yet to respond to the Sept. 4 demonstration, Palmer hopes it will stop all logging in the area and collaborate with local First Nations to support their efforts to uncover the truth.

Joining Palmer in this hope is Candice Campbell, a lifelong Crutwell resident and member of the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation who has been involved in forestry consultations since 2020.

Campbell's father, Smokey Sr. Campbell, was a hunter, trapper, and gatherer, and her mother, Carol Friedhoff-Nelson, belongs to Crutwell's Métis Local 66.

"We have four generations of family born and raised here, and we all use the land for our subsistence way of life," she said.

"My dad has an old

trapline cabin out in the back. We also have a sundown here behind Crutwell towards the river. There is a sweat lodge there and we use it for cultural events and family events."

Calling the area that the government wants to harvest a "heritage corridor," Campbell says she and her husband, Elton, discovered arrowheads dating back 4,500 to 7,000 years at a site in 2025. Then, in June of this year, they discovered tipi tips.

With so much still left to uncover, she says the answer will always be "no" to logging in the area.

"We want to protect the forest not only for the heritage sites and possible burial sites, but for our subsistence way of life," she said.

"We use (the land for) hunting and gathering, a little trapping, and recreational activities. Families, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, share this area."



Crutwell resident Candice Campbell wants the Saskatchewan government to stop logging activity in the Holbein and Crutwell areas.



Locals gathered at Prince Albert's Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada building on Sept. 4 to protest logging in the area.

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In the age of Trump, democracy is for sale

For years, we've heard warnings that democracy – the seemingly unassailable bedrock of Canada and other advanced, industrialized nations – is in peril.

The threats are many. And though we may not always agree about what constitutes a legitimate danger to our democracy, Canadians are coming to understand that we are not immune to them.

In a report published at the beginning of the year, the United Nations' Human Rights Watch declared the world to be in a "democratic recession," with almost three-quarters of the global population living under autocratic rulers (a level not seen since the 1980s).

The report pointed to the United States, China, and Russia as the drivers of this democratic erosion.

"Under relentless pressure from U.S. President Donald Trump, and persistently undermined by China and Russia, the rules-based international order is being crushed, threatening to take with it the architecture human rights defenders have come to rely on to advance norms and protect freedoms," said Philippe Bolo, executive director of Human Rights Watch.

The United Nations isn't alone in this belief.

Freedom House, an American non-profit founded in 1941 to encourage the increasingly isolationist U.S. government to stand against Nazi Germany, found that global freedom continued to decline in 2025, with people around the world experiencing deterioration in their political rights and civil liberties.

While most democracies have remained resilient in the face of these challenges, Freedom House notes that the erosion of media freedom, freedom of personal expression, and the right to due process have diminished the most over the past two decades.

The most alarming part is how easy it will be for this trend to continue, as the proliferation of social media platforms and AI technology give global bad actors almost unlimited resources



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News Editor

to meddle in the affairs of other countries and destabilize their democratic institutions.

As the one-time closest ally of the United States, Canada has frequently been the target of election interference and other meddling by the Chinese and Russian governments.

In 2024, a public inquiry found that China ran concerted interference campaigns in both the 2019 and 2021 federal elections, but ultimately failed to influence the outcome of the vote.

The year prior, the RCMP launched an investigation into clandestine Chinese police stations, which were found to be operating in Canada and targeting Chinese Canadians.

Meanwhile, since its invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Russia has ramped up its misinformation and propaganda machine into overdrive, recruiting Canadian influencers to do its bidding.

While China and Russia are always cited as the top perpetrators when it comes to election interference and misinformation campaigns in Canada, they aren't the only threats, and it's not only our federal elections that are being targeted.

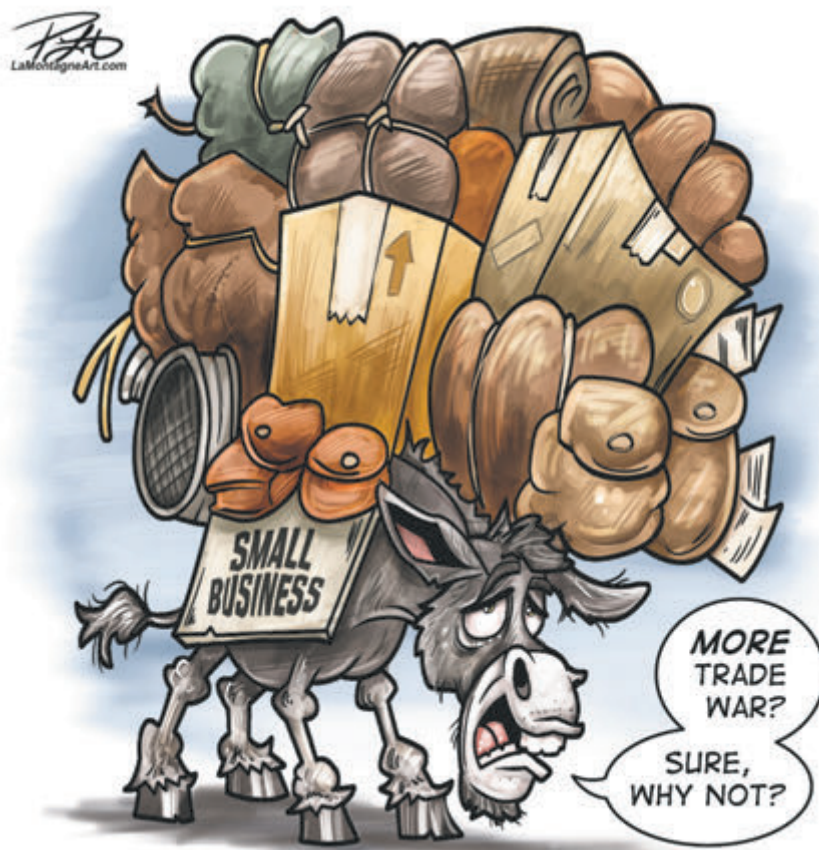
Earlier this year, a CBC investigative team did a deep dive into faceless YouTube channels promoting Alberta's separatist movement.

The digital trail they followed led them to three people in the Netherlands who hired actors to post pro-separatist content.

The CBC's findings were corroborated by research conducted by the Media Ecosystem Observatory (MEO), a joint project between the University of Toronto and McGill University.

The MEO's research found 20 YouTube channels that it believes are part of coordinated network focused on "separatism in western Canadian provinces, and other political issues."

According to Chris Ross, a senior analyst with the MEO, all these channels use near identical scripts, containing "frequent and obvious lies, drawing on



real news stories to reach exaggerated conclusions designed to exploit political divisions."

Though it didn't identify the individuals behind the network, the MEO found no ties to "real human organizations" or Alberta's separatist movement.

Meanwhile, the CBC traced one of the YouTube channels, The Canadian Politician, to Matt Berry, a Calgary-based media personality.

In an interview, Mr. Berry said he responded to a job posting on a gig work website and submitted an audition video.

Though he never signed a contract and was never paid, his audition video was posted on the channel without his permission. Subsequent videos on the now-deleted channel reportedly used an AI-generated voice.

Other trails led CBC to YouTube channels called CanadianHub and The Canadian Reporter, both of which used Americans to spread pro-separatist messages.

In all cases, the Dutch individuals that CBC linked the channels to denied any involvement with them, suggesting instead that their accounts had been hacked.

While it's easy to pin everything on foreign actors, threats to democracy and freedom don't always come from the outside.

As the second presidency of Donald Trump has proven, all it takes is one determined politician to throw a country's democratic institutions into disarray.

America's democracy is predicated on the balance of power between the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government. All three work independently of one another to keep the others in check.

Throughout the first 18 months of his second term, Mr. Trump has regularly circumvented congress (the legislative branch) to enact his major policies, and brazenly defied orders from the courts (the judicial branch).

He's also undermined Americans' confidence in their own electoral system with his incessant and unfounded claims about voter fraud and the outcome of the 2020 election, sought to suppress mail-in voting (while voting by mail himself), and attempted to influence state and local elections.

And most recently, at last week's Republican National Convention, Mr. Trump turned to outright bribery, promising every American adult \$5,000 if Republicans win November's midterm elections.

Mr. Trump and other anti-democratic actors show us just how fragile democracy is.

More than ever, we can't afford to take it for granted.

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Naber Ford celebrates 40 years

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle
Reporter

Naber Ford owners Tom and Tim Naber have always had an interest in cars.

So, when Shellbrook car dealer George Harrison approached the family about buying his dealership, Agnew Motors, they saw it as an opportunity to step into an established local business, keep it going, and make it even better.

“And that’s what we did,” Tom said, noting that they decided to become a Ford franchisee because they’d always liked the brand.

Forty years later, through thousands of vehicles, millions of miles driven, and too many friendships to count, Naber Ford has kept on driving in the constantly evolving vehicle indus-

try. But as a family-owned, small-town business, they've kept people at the heart of what they do.

"We care deeply about people and their concerns, and seeing them happy with what they're driving," Tom said, calling this the recipe to Naber Ford's longevity.

"Making people happy; that's the most rewarding thing."

On Friday, Sept. 11, Tom, Tim and the entire Naber Ford team celebrated 40 years of helping customers find their perfect vehicle. And in true Naber Ford fashion, they used the celebration as a vehicle to support a local cause: Shellbrook Minor Hockey.

"Going into fall and the hockey season, minor hockey's always looking for things to raise some money," Tom said. "We thought

A group of four people, three men and one woman, are standing in front of a white Ford car in what appears to be a dealership or office setting. The man on the far left has a grey beard and is wearing a dark jacket over a green shirt. The man next to him is wearing a black jacket and khaki pants. The man in the center is wearing a plaid shirt and blue jeans. The woman on the far right has red hair and glasses, wearing a grey jacket over a blue patterned shirt. The car behind them is white with a Ford logo on the front grille. The background shows office doors and windows.

Naber Ford's leadership team, from left to right: Tom Naber, Tim Naber, Ted Naber, and Tamara Johnson.

it was a good community thing to support.”

Put together in co-ordination with the community group's volunteers and a long list of sponsors, the 40th anniversary celebration included a BBQ, bake sale, raffle draws, and a bottle and can donation drive.

Through the support of donors and the community, Shellbrook Minor Hockey member Tiffany Aiken says the fundraiser hauled in \$2,300, not including the garbage bags full of bottles and cans that still need to be sorted.

Aiken adds that Shellbrook Minor Hockey has yet to discuss what the funds

will be earmarked for.

Calling the 40-year celebration a success, Tom says Naber couldn't have done any of it without the community's continued support and loyalty over the years.

"The community's support means everything," he said. "Your community supports you, and you try to give back and it makes the big wheel go around."

Looking to the next 40 years, Tom says the plan for Naber Ford is to just keep trucking on.



Shellbrook Minor Hockey members Jody Blais and Chad Price worked the grill at the fundraiser BBQ.



Shellbrook Minor Hockey members worked throughout the fundraiser. From left to right: Rachelle Wiebe, Bailey Johnson, Tiffany Aiken, Tiffany McAleese, Chad Price, and Jody Blais.



The food and raffle draw line was busy throughout the day.



Tom Naber (left) and Tim Naber hold the cake celebrating Naber Ford's 40th year in business.



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Minutes of a Spiritwood Town Council meeting

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

The regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Spiritwood was held in the Council Chambers at the Spiritwood Town Office, 212 Main Street, on July 21, 2026 at 7 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Gary von Holwede, Councillors Ragnar Latus, John Go, Shane Colley, Mark Corfield, and Jim Bedi, and CAO Rhonda Saam.

Absent was councillor Adam Gatzke.

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

Bedi: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried

Go: That the minutes of the regular meeting on June 23, 2026, be approved as presented. Carried

Latus: That the minutes of the special meeting on July 7, 2026, be approved as presented. Carried

Delegation: Town Foreman - Neil Gaboury - Public Works Report - 7:15 p.m.

Neil Gaboury entered the council meeting at 7:15 p.m. to discuss public works issues and projects completed over the last month.

Neil Gaboury left the council meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Go: That the correspondence be filed as presented. Carried

Bedi: That the Accounts for Ratification, Cheque No. 34555 to 34612 and Payments 2110 to 2117 in the amount of \$89,416.15, be approved as presented. Carried

Colley: That the Accounts for Approval, Cheque No. 34613 to 34653 and payment 2118 in the amount of \$120,847.05, be approved as presented. Carried

Latus: That the Bank Reconciliation for the month of June 2026 be approved as presented. Carried

Bedi: That the Financial Statement for the month of June 2026 be approved as presented. Carried

Bedi: That the reports be filed as presented. Carried

Colley: That the quotes be approved from L & L Construction to proceed with removal and construction of new sidewalk on the north side of First Avenue from First Street to Fourth Street over a term of two years. Carried

Latus: That we have P Construction demolish the dilapidated house located at Lot 7 Blk/Par I Plan CA5071. Carried

Corfield: That the request for replacement of windows at 237 Second Street East be denied;

Furthermore, based on the location and nature of the damage, the Municipality cannot accept responsibility for the cost of the repairs or any associated expenses, as there is no evidence to support that the damage was caused by municipal operations. Carried

tions. Carried

Colley: That we proceed with acquiring title in accordance to the Tax Enforcement Act, and serve the “Six Month” notice to the following assessed properties:

1. Lot 5, Block 29, Plan 82B12358
2. Lot 7, Block 5, Plan AP518
3. Lot 15, Block 26, Plan 74B06414
4. Lot 22, Block 21, Plan 61B02055. Carried

Corfield: That we ratify the decision to provide municipal approval to the Spiritwood Slo-Pitch Tournament Organizers to host a Slo-Pitch tournament with bar service/liquor permit at SAD SAAC Park in Spiritwood from Aug. 21 to 23. Carried

Colley: That we approve Lottery License #04-2026 for the Hoe Down Homies for a Local Authority Raffle under \$2,500. Carried

Bedi: That we approve the request to pay Brad Nordquist for 5 days holiday pay. Carried

Go: That we approve sending Dawson Beaulac for the Class 1 Water Treatment & Distribution Course in Saskatoon on Oct. 5 to 9, 2026, that is hosted by ATAP. Carried

Colley: That we ratify the decision to send Dawson Beaulac to the First Aid with CPR C and AED training with SharaLife First Aid Inc. on July 8, 2026 in Spiritwood. Carried

Corfield: That we acknowledge the resignation from Derreck Szabo as the Town of Spiritwood Animal Control Officer, effective July 31, 2026. Carried

Corfield: That we provide a letter in support of continued federal investment in the Deep Retrofit Accelerator Initiative (DRAI). Carried

Latus: That this meeting be adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Shellbrook teen killed in collision with impaired driver

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

A 16-year-old girl from Shellbrook is dead, following a two-vehicle collision near Hepburn, Sask., on the evening of Saturday, Sept. 12.

According to the Rosthern RCMP, the collision between a truck and SUV occurred on Highway #12, north of the Highway #312 intersection. The driver of the SUV was declared deceased at the scene, while a passenger in the SUV was taken to hospital with injuries described as non-life-threatening in nature.

The driver and sole occupant of the truck, 22-year-old Riley Farthing of Blaine Lake, was taken to hospital with injuries described as non-life-threatening in nature.

He was also arrested by Rosthern RCMP and charged with one count of impaired driving causing death.

Farthing made his first court appearance in Saskatoon Provincial Court on Monday, Sept. 14.

The Rosthern RCMP detachment continues to investigate with the assistance of a Saskatchewan RCMP collision reconstructionist.

Big River RIA donates to gun club



The Big River & District Recreation Improvement Association recently made a \$5,000 donation to the Big River Gun Club to support renovations of its existing shelter, and the creation of a new hand gun shelter. Pictured, left to right: Darren Osinchuk accepts the donation from Arlene Gilbert, Maisie Krienke, and Marie Hutchison.
By MAISIE KRIENKE, Submitted

NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF LEASK NO. 464

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the offices of:

Councillor for Division 2
Councillor for Division 4
Councillor for Division 6

will be received by the undersigned during regular business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. until Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at the R.M. of Leask No. 464 municipal office.

Nomination forms may be obtained at the following locations:

R.M. of Leask Municipal Office, 231 1st Avenue South, Leask; and Municipal webpage: www.rmleask.ca

Dated this 17th day of September, 2026.

Erin Robertson
Returning Officer

Appendix C
FORM H
[Section 66 of the Act]

Notice of Call for Nominations

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SHELLBROOK NO. 493

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that nominations of candidates for the office(s) of:

COUNCILLOR - DIVISION 2
COUNCILLOR - DIVISION 4
COUNCILLOR - DIVISION 6

will be received by the undersigned at the RM office Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:00pm until Wednesday, October 7, 2026.

Nomination forms may be obtained at the Municipal Office, 71 Main Street, Shellbrook, or by emailing admin.493@sasktel.net.

Dated this 10th day of September, 2026.

Alicia tenBos
Returning Officer

VILLAGE OF LEOVILLE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY OFFICE ASSISTANT

Want to work with a wonderful team?! The Village of Leoville is seeking to fill the position of **Office Assistant** due to an upcoming retirement. This is a part-time, permanent position of 3 days per week. The primary duties are handling customer inquiries in-person and on the phone, processing utility billings, filing, and processing payments. For a complete job description, please contact the Village of Leoville.

The ideal candidate shall have a good attitude and enjoy working with the public. They must be friendly, organized and detail orientated. Salary is negotiable depending on qualifications and experience.

Please send your resume with three (3) references via email to: leoville@sasktel.net or via mail to:

Village of Leoville
P.O. Box 280 – 22 Main Street
Leoville, SK S0J 1N0

Harvest season conjures fond memories

Bringing in the harvest is quite likely the most satisfying element of farming for many.

There is a certain level of pride, accomplishment and relief all rolled into one emotion when a crop you planted and tended and watched the skies for (in terms of weather) over the months has finally gone through the combine, and then into the bin.

The rare feeling is one maybe only completely shared by the gardener as they freeze their

peas, or dig their potatoes.

Certainly, for this writer, I recall fall growing up on the farm a little differently than the other seasons of the year.

Admittedly, I was never one who enjoyed time in the tractor seat. Going around a field all day was in no way a joy for me — probably a situation improved today by air conditioning in cabs, radios, and even Internet access.

In the early 1970s the distractions were sim-



pler — or rather, boring — with a cloud that might resemble a turtle, or a hawk circling the field hoping to find a mouse often being the day's highlight.

Fall was different.

I was the truck driver — and not the monster semis of today — so it was constant work, and that included shoveling often to finish unloading.

But when there was a break in the field awaiting the flashing lights that signalled the combine needed emptying, one could enjoy the hallmark seasonal scents of cereal grain dust being thrown into the air.

And at night, thanks to bouncing radio signals, you could often hear radio stations from

afar in the truck. In fact, the first NBA game that I can recall listening to was a Denver Nuggets game on the radio station from Denver one late fall.

Then, as the harvesting day came to a close with the dew ending the threshing, I recall clearly the crisp air as Dad and I drove the half ton out to the garden to collect bags of potatoes, carrots, turnips. We then took them to take back and unloaded them in the cellar, ensuring the table always

had hearty meals even in the depth of upcoming winter.

We might also get a small rain shower one evening, a signal we could maybe sneak away the next morning for some grouse hunting amid the trees laden with their fall foliage.

Certainly, today's harvest operations are no doubt different in many ways. But ultimately, that sense of a job done well finally being completed surely prevails.

It is a time unique in the memories it creates.

Crop Report: Sept. 1 to 7

By MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
Submitted

Harvest progress was made earlier in the week before widespread rainfall stalled field operations across much of the province. Currently, 27 per cent of the crop is in the bin, up from 18 per cent last week. This is behind the five-year average of 58 per cent harvested and the 10-year average of 50 per cent.

Large amounts of precipitation were recorded throughout the province and field work will be on hold until it is dry enough to continue. The RM of Longlaketon recorded 138 millimetres (mm), the RM of Eyebrow recorded 132 mm, the RM of Sarnia recorded 127 mm and the RM of McKillop recorded 121 mm. Fields are generally saturated in many regions and producers are hoping for warm, dry

weather going forward. Topsoil moisture increased in cropland, hayland and pastures this past week.

This week, winter cereals, pulses and early-seeded cereal crops accounted for most of the harvest progress.

Crop damage this week was largely due to excess moisture and high winds. There were also small pockets of hail damage. Many crops are now lodged and waterlogged due to very wet fields. Producers are concerned about grain quality, bleaching and sprouting.

Producers continue to swath and desiccate crops as conditions allow. Other activities like baling greenfeed and hauling bales continue as producers wait for things to dry so they can get back into the combines.

With the busy fall season, producers are reminded to follow safe operating practices and remain

vigilant while working in the field. The public is encouraged to exercise caution and provide ample space when approaching or passing farm machinery on roads.

The Farm Stress Line is available to provide confidential support to producers, toll-free at 1-800-667-4442.

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

Spiritwood Library activity highlights



The Spiritwood Library had another busy Lego day before summer break ended. The SARCS Summer Camp kids came back, and their challenge was to do a fun fall build, or they could add to their previous build, or make a free build. There was a little of everything, from an octopus, apple orchard, huge tower, and some backyards with animals. They also expanded their large city with more buildings and vehicles.

By HEATHER GATZKE, Branch Librarian

ADVERTISING DEADLINE IS
FRIDAY 4:00 P.M.

TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST
VILLAGE OF LEOVILLE
PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before November 16, 2026, an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

Note: A sum for costs in an amount required by subsection 4(3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act* is included in the amount shown against each parcel.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	Title No.	Total Arrears*	Costs	Total Arrears and Costs
LOT 10-BLK/PAR 2-PLAN AR749 EXT 0	153519655	\$833.55	\$566.00	\$1,399.55
LOT 7-BLK/PAR 25-PLAN 60B06225 EXT 0	141213945	\$3,107.61	\$566.00	\$3,673.61

* Penalty is calculated to the date of the Notice and will continue to accrue as applicable.

Dated this 10th day of September, 2026
Norma Stumborg, Administrator

TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST
VILLAGE OF MEDSTEAD
PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before November 16, 2026, an interest based on a tax lien will be registered against the land.

Note: A sum for costs in an amount required by subsection 4(3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act* is included in the amount shown against each parcel.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY	Title No.	Total Arrears*	Costs	Total Arrears and Costs
LOT 18-BLK/PAR 2-PLAN AM2577 EXT 0	154380663	\$1,939.46	\$422.00	\$2,361.46
LOT 19-BLK/PAR 2-PLAN AM2577 EXT 0	154380696	\$892.48	\$422.00	\$1,314.48
LOT 23-BLK/PAR 2-PLAN AM2577 EXT 0	144760248	\$1,223.76	\$417.00	\$1,640.76
LOT 24-BLK/PAR 2-PLAN AM2577 EXT 0	144760800	\$398.64	\$417.00	\$815.64
LOT 7-BLK/PAR 4-PLAN AM2577 EXT 0	155140994	\$713.34	\$422.00	\$1,135.34
LOT 10-BLK/PAR 7-PLAN AM2577 EXT 0	155141007	\$1,830.40	\$422.00	\$2,252.40
LOT 25-BLK/PAR 2-PLAN AM2577 EXT 0	144760811	\$207.67	\$417.00	\$624.67

* Penalty is calculated to the date of the Notice and will continue to accrue as applicable.

Dated this 11th day of September, 2026
Nicole Seidle, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Special Care Home Spotlight: Leask

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle
Reporter

Special Care Home Week in Saskatchewan is an opportunity to celebrate the people who live, work, and volunteer at long-term care facilities across the province.

This year, with Special Care Home Week running from Sept. 21 to 25, Saskatchewan Health Authority recreation therapist Niki Kereluk hoped to shine a spotlight on these homes and the difference they make, including Leask's Wheatland Lodge.

Like other special

care homes in the region, Wheatland Lodge is a thriving, bustling community of its own, with the residents at the heart of it.

For the residents, this makes it less of an institutionalized healthcare setting and more like a true home, where every day is brimming with opportunities for socialization, activity, and joy.

From music, to trivia games, to worship services, to monthly birthday celebrations, and annual Christmas gatherings, Wheatland Lodge offers something for every resident to enjoy, making them nearly unanimous in declaring



The residents and staff of Leask's Wheatland Lodge.

it a "great place to live." This is a feeling shared by the residents' loved ones.

"I developed a great deal of respect and appreciation for Wheatland Lodge when my mother was a resident during the pandemic," said one family member. "The staff went above and beyond to keep everyone safe and loved."

"We are so grateful for the care and compassion given to our mom

at Wheatland Lodge," added another family member. "It is very important for a facility like this to be here for the people who require care."

While much of the conversation around healthcare tends to focus on the care being provided to the residents, what becomes clear from the facility's staff and volunteer corps is that it's a two-way street: their own lives are every bit as

enriched by the time they spend with the residents.

Donna T., a nurse who has worked at Wheatland Lodge for 34 years, calls it a privilege to work with residents and visit with their families on a regular basis.

Meanwhile, staff member and volunteer Tina O. feels like the residents have become her family.

Wheatland Lodge's volunteers express similar sentiments.

"Whatever joy they gain by me is minuscule compared to the joy they bring me," said Carol M. "To sum it up it's a win-win situation and I'm the real winner."

"I come to be a blessing to the residents. However, they are often a blessing to me," added Hubert S., who has been volunteering at the home for 18 years.

"It's not always easy to get here but once here I am assured of the need that is being filled."



Family gatherings are a source of joy for many residents.

Before bats move in, take steps to keep them out

By **MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT**
Submitted

As cooler nights roll in across Saskatchewan, bats may begin looking for warmer homes to settle into for the winter.

September is an ideal time for home and cabin owners to prepare their properties for winter. As temperatures drop, a variety of animals such as bats, squirrels, or pigeons may seek shelter in warm, protected spaces. Taking steps to prevent bats and wildlife from entering buildings now can help property owners avoid dealing with unwanted house guests after they have already moved in.

"Bats are an important part of Saskatchewan's ecosystem and help protect crops, forests, parks and gardens by feeding on insect pests," Environment Minister Darlene Rowden said. "When

bats take shelter in buildings, it is important that property owners understand how and when they can be safely removed. September gives property owners an opportunity to safely encourage bats to move along to a new home before winter sets in."

For building owners who are dealing with bats, May and September are the ideal times to install one-way exits. Because bats can be difficult to locate within a building, one-way exits provide an effective option by allowing them to leave on their own. This approach works with the natural behaviour and biology of bats while helping reduce risks and costs for building owners. Installing one-way exits in September gives bats an opportunity to leave the roost and find another suitable location before beginning hibernation. Eviction at the wrong time of year can separate mothers from young bats that cannot yet fly.

Property owners carrying out bat eviction work can get their free, mandatory permit from the Ministry of Environment by contacting the Public Inquiry Centre. Building owners are responsible for costs associated with eviction efforts and are strongly encouraged to work with a wildlife control operator knowledgeable in bat evictions, as these professionals are experienced with the eviction process and often already have the required permit.

Remember: bats are protected wildlife and it is illegal to kill them. Bat eviction must be done safe-



ly and humanely. Bat populations across North America face many threats such as shrinking insect populations, collisions with wind turbines, habitat loss and a disease known as white-nose syndrome.

Saskatchewan residents can help support healthy ecosystems in Saskatchewan while helping protect crops, forests, parks and gardens by adopting home maintenance, landscaping and farming practices that benefit bats. These practices include:

- Maintaining healthy wetlands and native vegetation;
- Reducing or better targeting pesticide use; and
- Installing bat houses to provide safe roosting sites when bat roosts are destroyed.

For more information about bats, including eviction timing, permitting requirements and tips for bat-proofing your home, visit the Ministry of Environment's Bats in Saskatchewan page and the Environment Resource Library. You can also contact the Ministry of Environment Inquiry Centre at centre.inquiry@gov.sk.ca.

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the difference they make, including Shellbrook’s Parkland Integrated Health Centre (PIHC).

For one staff member, special care homes are more than just the day-to-day healthcare needs of the residents. They’re about the little moments, like making a resident “look spiffy” by brushing their hair or putting their earrings on, or reminiscing and joking with the residents and seeing the joy spark in their eyes.

“We become the [residents’] family and friend

in place of family and friends that can’t be here.”

In addition to these little moments, special care homes like PIHC also ensure residents’ lives are enriched through daily activities and frequent outings.

Resident Cindy Weinmeyer says she was happy to learn how much there was to do in the facility.

“It was an excellent place to meet new people and make friends, and a good opportunity to get

back into life activities,” she said. “I felt very welcomed when I moved here.”

Residents Dale Ahenakew and Sharon Bruvold credit their active lives to the hard work of staff and the dedication of volunteers who make things like outings and family gatherings possible.

They encourage anyone who may have apprehensions about moving into a special care home to come out for a visit and see it firsthand.

Meanwhile, the care and effort that go into making PIHC feel like a real home for the residents doesn’t go unnoticed or unappreciated.

“What I love about PIHC is that it looks and smells like a ‘home’ and not an ‘institution,’” said Darlene, a family member of one of the residents. “The recreation program is incredible, with lots of community involvement and support... and encourages residents and families to

participate [in] old and new life experiences.”

For Helen, a long-time volunteer at PIHC, creating meaningful moments and providing ways for residents to connect with the broader community through activities or simple visits is an invaluable part of healthcare, because it helps keep the residents healthy, active and engaged.

Though PIHC has a strong volunteer base, Helen says there’s always room for more members of the healthcare team.

“Volunteers are part of the healthcare team and they make a huge impact,” she said.

“There are many opportunities for people in the community to get involved and share some of their time and skills with residents. It is in giving that you receive.”



Residents Cindy Weinmeyer, Sharon Bruvold, and Carol Dawson-Young enjoy an outing at Dairy Queen.



Resident Dale Ahenakew pets a duckling with staff member Darrin Thompson.

Shellbrook Library August highlights

By **EDDIE HOEHN**
Branch Librarian

August was a busy month for the library. Participants enjoyed coming to the library for the TD Summer Reading Club programs.

Throughout the month, kids took part in the Salt Dough Ocean Models Pro-

gram, the Dissolving Shells Program, the Ocean Box Diorama Program, and the Alka-Seltzer Lava Lamps Program. Kids were excited to attend a pizza party for the TD Summer Reading Club Wind Down on Monday, Aug. 31. The local library board covered the cost of the pizzas.

The library held weekly draws to pick winners in August for the TD Summer Reading Club. Dronnen Schafer won on Tuesday, Aug. 4, and Monday, Aug. 31, Ava Naber won on Aug. 11 and 18, and Calista Good won on Aug. 25.

Meanwhile, Elijah Klumpenhower received a special prize from Wapiti Regional Office for winning the TD Summer Reading Club draw at the Regional Office level for the Shellbrook branch. He won some books, a pack of UNO cards, and a Lego Botanicals Kit for prizes.

Participants enjoyed doing Notice Nature at the library in August. The program started in June and ended at Wapiti library branches on Wednesday, Sept. 2. Participants picked up a No-

tice Nature passport booklet from the library and checked off items found in nature. They brought back the booklets to receive prizes after finding certain amounts of items.

Dronnen Schafer received a banner, certificate, and clipboard with paper sent by Wapiti Regional Office for completing over 300 activities for Notice Nature.

The kids had fun participating in programs with the Saskatchewan Science Centre on Friday, Aug. 7. The Science Centre members came to the Shellbrook Scout Building to run programs such as “Gills to Gulls,” “Water We Doing?,” and “Surf and Turf.” The library and the Town of Shellbrook partnered to host the Science Centre.

Participants had fun at Moon, Camping, and Swimming Storytimes. They did weekly scavenger hunts to find pictures of items hidden in the library and listened to songs related to each theme. Volunteer Marj Bradley presented Zoo Storytime on Friday, Aug. 14th. The kids enjoyed hearing Marj read Jack at the Zoo and Construction Zoo, and listening to a song called ‘Let’s Go to the Zoo’.

The kids got a chance to exercise their creativity at Lego Club in August. They created camping-related items, ice cream trucks with ice cream, and things outdoors or found in nature with Legos. They especially liked creating an item of choice and cutting out and attaching pieces of construction paper to the Legos to complete the item.



Dronnen Schafer with his Notice Nature banner.



TD Summer Reading Club participants enjoyed a pizza party to end the program.



Wyatt, Wesley, and Ava with their creations at the Salt Dough Ocean Models Program.

Minutes of an RM of Leask Council meeting

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 held in the Leask Municipal Office on Wednesday July 15, 2026.

The Council meeting was called to order by Reeve Gord Stieb 8:58 a.m.

Present at the meeting were Reeve Gord Stieb, Acting Adminis-

trator Erin Robertson, SPW Jayson Smith and the following Council members: Brian Watier (Division 1), Daniel Twa (Division 2), Lorraine Fajt (Division 3), Joan Sanftleben (Division 4), Ron Haworth (Division 5), and Dwayne Brad (Division 6).

Brad: That Council agree to the following additions to the agenda: Payment of Payroll Period 15; Transport Canada re: Vessel Operation Restriction; and Ministry

of Environment re: Environmental Compliance Audit. Carried

Watier: That the minutes of the June 10, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented. Carried

Twa: That the minutes of the June 26, 2026, Special Meeting of Council be approved as presented. Carried

Fajt: That Council approve payments as details on the attached List of Accounts for Approval as follows; Operating

cheques 16180 to 16223, Manual payments 23178 to 23203 for a total of \$233,489.06; and Payroll PP12 & PP13 and Council June Indemnity for a total of \$72,631.49. Carried

Sanftleben: That Council agree to void cheque 16162 and reissue on Cheque 16209 to alternate vendor name. Carried

Haworth: That Council agree to void Cheque 16106 as items were returned. Furthermore, let the minutes note that a payment was reissued on cheque 16197 for the purchase of correct items. Carried

Brad: That Council agree to void Cheque 15919 as issued to incorrect vendor. Furthermore, let the minutes note that payment was already reissued to correct vendor with Cheque 15959. Carried

Watier: That Council agree to void Cheque 16182, as issued in the incorrect amount. Furthermore, let the minutes note that payment was reissued on Cheque 16223. Carried

Twa: That Council agree to void Cheque 16134, and reissue payment with the purchase proceeds plus GST. Carried

Fajt: That Council July indemnity be approved for payment as presented. Carried

Sanftleben: That Council agree to table the approval of the Bank Reconciliation Statement for May and June 2026. Carried

Haworth: That Council approve the transfer from Flex Term 063 of \$544,032.50 to the Municipal Operating Account held at Affinity Credit Union. Carried

Brad: That Council agree to table the approval of the Statement of Financial Activities for May and June 2026. Carried

Watier: That the Acting Administrator's July report be accepted as presented. Carried

Twa: That the Superintendent of Public Works July report be accepted as presented. Carried

Fajt: That Council agree to purchase a set of tires for Unit 26 from KalTire at the quoted cost of \$1,616, plus taxes. Carried

Sanftleben: That Council has no commitments for 20/20 Geomatics Ltd., based on the review of preliminary survey plans for Township Roads in SW 14-48-07 W3 and SE 24-48-08 W3. Carried

Haworth: That Council acknowledge the verbal reports from Council Members at this meeting. Carried

Brad: That Council agree to support the proposed change in the Doctor Recruitment Committee budget by moving funds from the Doctor section to Settling assistance in the amount of \$20,000. Carried

Watier: That Council agree to Contract for Services with Casual Employee OHPC007, and as such, instruct the Acting Administrator to sign on behalf of the municipality. Carried

Twa: That Council acknowledge Motion 36/26 rescinding the Organized Hamlet of Pelican Cove Board motion 84/25, to construct a rock tier at the seasonal docks due to cost. Carried

Fajt: That Council acknowledge Motion 40/26 from the Organized Hamlet of Pelican Cove Board and accept quote from Jet Electric for installation of power from the pump house to the fish shack and public washroom for \$1,040 plus applicable taxes, mileage and Teck cable installation. Furthermore, mileage will be paid to Board Member Ketzmerick to pick up electrical supplies from Saskatoon. Carried

Sanftleben: That Council approve Motion 41/26 from the Organized Hamlet of Pelican Cove Board to purchase a deck box to be used as a lost and found bin for the beach area and place near the pump house for a cost of approved \$200 plus applicable taxes. Carried

Haworth: That Council approve Motion 43/26 from the Organized Hamlet of Pelican Cove Board to purchase 10 yards of gravel from Big Stone Crushed Rock & Gravel, to be used for the pathway to the public dock, for the quoted price of \$383.55, including taxes. Carried

Brad: That Council acknowledge that Lac La Pêche Resort purchased 3 sets of swimming buoys and agree to reimburse them from Municipal Reserve for the total cost of \$386.61, plus applicable taxes. Carried

Watier: That Council acknowledge the title transfer of Roll 748 to the municipality under the provisions of The Tax Enforcement Act and, as such, the property was added to the SARM municipal Property Self-Insurance Program for the cost of \$51.63, plus taxes. Furthermore, we instruct the Acting Administrator to research and recommend to Council the best method to offer this for public sale. Carried

Twa: That Council agree to appoint Acting Administrator Erin Robertson, as the municipal Development Officer. Carried

Fajt: That Council agree to retain the services of Michele Person as a casual office worker, at a wage of \$50 per hour plus mileage. Furthermore, we authorize the hours be set to a maximum of two days per week, to be reviewed at the August Regular Meeting of Council. Carried

Sanftleben: That Council agree to modify the Customer Automated Funds Transfer (CAFT) agreement with Affinity Credit Union, by removing Donna Goertzen as an authorized user and revoking all previous assigned permission. Furthermore, we instruct Reeve Stieb and Acting Administrator Robertson to sign applicable agreements. Carried

Haworth: That Council acknowledge Commercial Lawn Mower training certificates for casual employees. Carried

Brad: That Council agree to pay the monthly honorarium of \$250.00 to Deputy Fire Chief for his role as the municipal interim Fire Chief, effective June 2026. Carried

Watier: That Council agree to modify the authorized security administrator with MuniSoft by revoking all previous assigned permission by removing Donna Goertzen. Furthermore, we agree to assign Acting Administrator Robertson as the municipal Security Administrator and instruct Reeve Stieb and Deputy Reeve Sanftleben to sign Security Authorization Form. Carried

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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)

SHELLBROOK: Keith Alessi – Charitable Event – Tomatoes Tried To Kill Me But Banjos Saved My Life – September 30, 2026, Shellbrook Theatre, 7:30pm. Tickets: www.shellbrookartscouncil.ca Adult: \$40 | Senior (60+): \$35 | Student (6-25): \$15 | Children (5 & Under): Free. **All artist proceeds go to further renovations of the Shellbrook Theatre and connecting our community through arts and culture.*
SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Boreas Pickleball – Come out and try the fun & social sport of Recreational Pickleball in Shellbrook! New Players: Free Play and 30 min. Introductory Lesson for the month of October! For more information or to register, phone/text: Rhonda Martin at (306)468-7770.
SHELLBROOK: Skate Shellbrook Registration Open For: Parent & Tot - Starts Oct 18; CanSkate - Starts Oct 14; PowerSkate - Starts Oct 18; and StarSkate! Program info & registration: shellbrooksc.uplifterinc.com or email skateshellbrook@gmail.com
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Manitoba's Peters a breakout star with White Sox

The list of Major League Baseball players born and raised in Winkler, Man., is a short one.

In fact, it's one — Tristan Peters.

The 26-year-old Peters, who bounced around a number of minor professional league parks before finally seeing major-league duty last September, is having a breakout season with the Chicago White Sox. In fact, his play has been so outstanding that he played in this summer's all-star game at Atlanta.

Peters was drafted 207th overall in 2021 by the Milwaukee Brewers, traded to San Francisco Giants in 2022 and dealt to the Tampa Bay Rays a couple of months later. He played AA ball in 2023, moved up to AAA Durham in 2024 and was called up to Tampa last September when MLB rosters were expanded to 40 players.

Alas, in 12 late-season at-bats for the Rays, Peters had a .000 batting average, with seven strikeouts. Another trade? Yep, he was sent to the White Sox last

December in a transaction that attracted little attention (other than in the Winkler-Morden Voice, perhaps). How eager were the Whites Sox to acquire Peters? They got him from the Rays, who are now lamenting their decision to dump Peters, for cash and a player to be named later.

Suddenly, however, the talent that scouts saw in Peters when he led the Okotoks Dawgs to the Western Major Baseball League championship in 2019 by batting .396 with 12 home runs and 44 RBI and earning playoff MVP honours has erupted into a major-league star on the south side of Chicago.

Overnight success? Hardly.

Heading into the final few games of the season, Peters led the resurgent White Sox in batting average, was third in OPS (on-base percentage plus slugging) and during one August stretch, homered in five consecutive games. He also hit for the cycle in a game against the Athletics in July.



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"It's amazing. I don't know what words there are for what he's doing," White Sox manager Will Venable told MLB.com. "Really, really special. Really cool to watch."

Considering the previously sadsack White Sox have been leading the American League Central Division most of the season and are almost guaranteed a playoff spot, it's not too farfetched to say that Peters' performance has been one of the most important aspects of the White Sox turnaround. The Sox haven't made the playoffs since 2021 and in each of the past three seasons lost more than 100 games. In 2024, they went 41-

121.

Of Peters' 12 home runs through August, three of them immediately ended games in Chicago's favour. "Walk-offs mean good things happen, obviously," said Venable.

The online fan site 'South Side Sox' proclaims Peters as the team's Most Valuable Player this year. "The most important man on this roster was bought with the change between (owner) Jerry Reinsdorf's couch cushions: Centrefielder and bunting gremlin extraordinaire, Tristan Peters. Had it not been for Peters, there's no telling where the Sox would be in the standings."

Peters' bouncing around days appear to be over.

The late comedian Norm Macdonald: "My dad had this thing — everyone in Canada wants to play hockey; that's all they want to do. So when I was a kid, whenever we skated, my dad would not let us on the ice without hockey sticks, because of this insane fear we would

become figure skaters!"

• Headline at theonline.com: "Announcers Watch Angels-Royals Game In Total Silence"

• Greg Cote of the Miami Herald, on the upcoming labour negotiations between MLB players and owners: "Hey, baseball, feel free to dip a toe in the 21st Century. Managers no longer wear suits in the dugout like Connie Mack. Pitchers no longer throw 400 innings a year. Might be time to try a more modern business model, as well."

• fark.com headline: "Washington Commanders sell out of merchandise featuring the old logo that shall not be named."

• Prime Minister Mark Carney, while announcing the replacement of aging rail cars: "(The old ones) were built when the NHL had six teams, when goalies didn't wear masks, when the Leafs would win a Cup."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "Apparently Trump supporters are threatening to boycott the NFL after Al Michaels

mocked Trump's re-naming of Lake Ontario during a preseason broadcast. 'That is Lake Erie. We think it is still called Lake Erie. We're not quite sure at this point.'"

• Headline at theonline.com: "Jets Hope To Sell More Merchandise With New 'Philadelphia Eagles'-Themed Jerseys"

• fark.com headline: "Tony Romo's plea and playing career have a lot in common: No contest."

• Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "The Blue Jays have Jesus Sanchez wearing No. 12, Roberto Alomar's old number. That means that 12 has been worn by just about the greatest fielder in Jays history and the worst one."

• One more from Simmons: "How much does Vladimir Guerrero Jr. change what the Blue Jays do? Well consider this, Guerrero has had 33 games with two hits or more this season. In those games, the Jays are 29-4."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Sask. NDP calls out private school funding

By SASK NDP
Submitted

Saskatchewan teachers are speaking out against the Sask. Party government's decision to send a cheque for nearly \$2 million in public money to a private Saskatoon school that already charges families tens of thousands of dollars in tuition.

The unfathomable decision comes as public schools continue to suffer from a lack of resources, overcrowded classrooms and crumbling schools — all results of 20 years of Sask. Party mismanagement and disregard for public education.

"The Sask. Party government is focused only on serving their rich friends and insiders while everyday families struggle to make ends meet and students struggle in schools severely lacking necessary supports," said Matt Love, Education Shadow Minister.

"Teachers in public schools across this province are telling us the same thing — their classrooms are overcrowded and educators are constantly being asked to do more and more with less.

"Rather than trying to address that

crisis, Scott Moe and his Education Minister took \$2 million and sent it to a rich private school that charges tens of thousands of dollars in tuition every year, just for the right to walk through its doors."

The Sask. Party announced last week that Roadways Literacy Academy, an alternative independent school, will receive \$403,000 in funding this school year, an increase of \$175,000, as well as up to \$1.56 million in additional funding through March 2029 for educational programming and specialized literacy services.

On Monday, Love wrote to Education Minister Everett Hindley demanding answers about the decision, including a full public disclosure of the criteria used to award the additional funding.

Tom German, former principal said educators see the consequences of underfunding in Saskatchewan classrooms every day.

"Classrooms today are more complex than ever due to years of underfunding."

Saskatchewan literacy rates are getting worse, with one in three students not reading at grade level by Grade 3.

Saskatchewan also provides the lowest level of school nutrition funding in Canada at a time when educators are increasingly seeing students arrive at school hungry.

"Every child deserves the opportunity to learn and succeed, regardless of how much money their parents make or where they go to school," said Don McBean, MLA for Saskatoon Chief Mistawasis and a former school principal. "Every child deserves the kind of small classes and specialized supports that this government seems prepared to fund for families who can afford thousands of dollars in tuition. Those opportunities should exist in every public school in Saskatchewan."

Hugh Kurz the government's de-

cision is particularly frustrating for educators who have spent years asking for additional resources in public classrooms.

"All students in Saskatchewan should have access to the same level of education regardless of what their family is able to afford."

Love said he expects an answer from Hindley immediately.

"This is a government that makes callous decisions to support their political insiders and refuses to be accountable at every turn," Love said. "Public dollars should be focused on ensuring every Saskatchewan child has access to a quality education in properly funded public school.

"It's time for change."

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Fermenting veggies for storage

By **PATRICIA HANBIDGE**
Orchid Horticulture

If you have been good to your garden, by now, the garden will be providing you with multiple harvests of delectable homegrown products. My garden was so plentiful that I am processing and storing it in a multitude of ways. Fermenting is a type of storage that I seem to be using more and more.

Utilizing fermentation as a method of preservation does not require a ton of equipment but also follows some of the regular guidelines for storage. For example, using harvested vegetables that are of the utmost quality is essential for the best success. Vegetables that have just been picked will keep their texture longer

and are full of vitamins and minerals.

Fermentation is one of the oldest methods of food preservation. Bacteria, yeasts, molds or fungi break down carbs into acids, gas or alcohol resulting in a food product with a desirable flavour aroma or texture. This happens in an anaerobic non-oxygen environment. Some examples of common foods using this type of fermentation include fermented milks, yogurts, meats, sourdough bread, olives, sauerkraut, kimchi and many other pickled vegetables.

Fermentation does not use any processing methods using heat and thus fermentation does not end the life of the veggies. Therefore, the veggies are still living foods and will continue to evolve over time. Due to

life continuing under fermentation, some veggies are better to use for this process of preserving than others. All vegetables can be fermented but as their textures and tastes change over time, you want to think carefully about your choices prior to beginning this process. A hot sauce or spicy paste can use any veggie, even if they are soft. If you wish to consume crisp veggies months later, choose vegetables that keep their texture such as cabbage, garlic, carrots, beets, parsnips etc.

Contrary to canning where a lot of the nutrients in vegetables are destroyed by heat, fermentation preserves the vegetables’ nutrients and even enhances the assimilation of these vitamins and minerals that are already present in the vegetable by your body. Also, the work of the good bacteria can even create new vitamins and enzymes that are beneficial for digestion.

Vegetables that are fermented are stored in an oxygen-free and salty environment which encourages the growth of good bacteria. One of the most ancient methods of preserving vegetables uses Lacto-fermentation where lactic acid producing bacteria is created and prevents bad microorganisms from developing.

Vegetables are grated, shredded, chopped, sliced or left whole prior

to fermentation and will depend on the desired end product. Salt, whey or other starter culture is required to get this process going. Vegetables are placed into clean jars or vessels according to the recipe you choose to follow. Most will allow the product to ferment for a few days/weeks at room temperature and then the product is placed in a cooler location to slow down the fermentation rate and preserve the aroma and texture of the vegetables. As always if you are fortunate enough to have a cold room, this is the ideal spot for this storage. Once the fermentation process has begun – leave it alone. Avoid opening jars and leave the weights and lids in place to keep the vegetables submerged and limit contact with oxygen. Once the fermentation has gotten going, as long as the jar is closed well, the air in the small space above the product will be replaced by CO2, thus creating an inhospitable environment for moulds. Ensure that plastic or ceramic lids are used rather than metal lids which will rust.

Enjoy your harvest and putting food by for winter!

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Minutes of an RM of Leask Council meeting

Continued from 10

Let the minutes note that Councillor Watier left Council Chambers at 12 p.m. and was not present for voting on the below.

Twa: That Council agree to apply to Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency to be designated an eligible assistance area under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP), which provides financial assistance for restoring essential services and property as a result of substantial damages caused by Lobstick Fire commencing on May 28, 2026, ending June 29, 2026. Carried

Councillor Watier returned to chambers.

Councillor Brad declared a conflict of interest and left chambers at 12:04 p.m.

Sanftleben: That Council acknowledge Development Permit 14-2026 for placement of a seacan to be used for cold storage on NE 02-48-07 W3. Carried

Councillor Brad returned to chambers at 12:09 p.m.

Brad: That Council agree to not approve the Development Permit 16-2026 request for seadoo lift to be installed as the applicant does not meet the minimum requirements of the Municipal Dock Policy. Carried

Twa: That Council acknowledge the May 11, June 8, and June 11 Martins Lake Regional Park Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Carried

Sanftleben: That we move in-camera session to engage in discussions respecting strategic planning citing The Municipalities Act Section 120(2)(b) and Human Resources citing the Local Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, Section 16 (1)(a)(d) time being 1:17 p.m. Carried

SPW Smith exited chambers at 1:50 p.m.

Acting Administrator Robertson left chambers from 1:51 to 2:03 p.m.

Haworth: That we move out of in-camera session at 2:18 p.m. Carried

Stieb: That we now adjourn this meeting 2:45 p.m.

GOOD NEWS ~ LET THERE BE LIGHT

By **DEB ANDERSON**
Submitted

A little while ago, I was shopping at a local garage sale. I noticed a beautiful living room table lamp sitting by itself in a corner with a sticker on it reading “Not Working.”

I looked it over, and, knowing I had lamp parts at home from when I used to build tiffany lamps, I went to the person in charge and asked if I could try to get the lamp working.

“It probably needs a new socket” was the advice given.

“I’m sure I have several,” I replied as I exited with the lamp.

It was an easy fix. I looked on it as “downsizing.”

As I walked back to the sale with the

working lamp in hand, I wondered if there was a bit of the feeling of the Creator rolling around in my soul—a joy of seeing something broken, now fully functioning in its given destiny. Once returned to the garage sale, the lamp promptly sold and went home with its happy new owner.

I pondered that the Creator and all in heaven rejoice when someone turns from his wayward ways to become a child of God. Re-creation and restoration are definitely “God things,” initiated by His amazing grace.

Of the numerous healings documented in the Gospels, Jesus restoring sight to a blind man in Bethsaida is unique:

“He took the blind man by the hand

and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything. And he looked up and said, ‘I see men like trees, walking.’ Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly.” (Mark 8:23-25)

One may wonder at the details: Why did they have to leave Bethsaida? Why spit in his eyes? Why was the man not perfectly restored immediately? I like that “he was restored and saw everyone clearly!” The ultimate success delights all, never mind the things we can only speculate about.

I see parallels to fixing the lamp — the broken made to function, darkness now living in light, taking

the broken to a different location for repair, yes, even having to do more when first fixes were not perfect. (But truly there is no comparison to a blind man receiving sight!)

I like that “hands” are mentioned three times in the brief account of healing. What a wonder the man walked hand in hand with the Creator!

The Bible has much to say about blessing the work of our hands. As Jesus’ followers today, we are encouraged to lay our hands on any physical afflictions as we pray the prayer of faith in the name of Jesus.

Events of His life live on to encourage us, not only to believe, but also to pray again if the answer hasn’t fully materialized.

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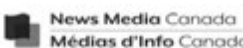
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