



Royal Purple delivers for PA women's shelter



Shellbrook and Prince Albert Royal Purple members deliver care bags to the PA Safe Shelter for Women. Standing, left to right: Karen Knutson, Brenda Ahenakew, Pat Radchuk, Liz Lissimore, Wendy Otterson, BrendaLee Pellerin (women's shelter), and Elaine Perkins. Kneeling: Dana Gratias and Cindy Wall.

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Decades ago, domestic violence was something that occurred in the dark, behind closed doors. But as societal attitudes have changed and the issue has been brought into the light, it's become increasingly evident how deep the problem runs.

In Canada, Statistics Canada has found that one in three women (and one in five men) will experience intimate partner violence at some point in their lives.

For many years now, Saskatchewan has led the provinces in rates of intimate partner violence, with more than one quarter of all violent crime in the prov-

ince being intimate partner violence. According to RCMP data from 2023, the most recent year for which statistics are available, the province recorded 813 cases of domestic violence per 100,000 inhabitants in Saskatchewan's north, central, and southern districts, while family violence rates were 890 per 100,000 inhabitants. When both domestic and family violence are combined, the RCMP says it dealt with an average of 718 victims per month in 2023, an increase of more than 30 per cent from 549 in 2018. Alarmingly, Saskatchewan's rates of domestic violence have increased every year since 2018, except for a slight dip in 2021. In its second-ever Domestic Violence Death Review Report, which was re-

leased at the beginning of 2025, the province's Ministry of Justice found that rates of domestic violence related homicide in rural areas were more than double the rates in urban areas. Analyzing 31 domestic homicide-related deaths, including an in-depth analysis of 11 cases, the report also highlighted how domestic violence deaths continued to occur along gendered lines, with 83 per cent of victims being female and 82 per cent of perpetrators being male. Recognizing Canada's problem with intimate partner violence, the Canadian Royal Purple has made the issue one of its central causes in recent years. Hoping to spur awareness and action, it's designated the third Thursday of Octo-

ber as Purple Thursday, a day on which Royal Purple Lodges deliver care bags to women's shelters across the country. This year, however, the organization realized that one day simply wasn't enough and opted to hold a week-long Purple Thursday x7 campaign. Elaine Perkins, who serves as president of the Shellbrook Royal Purple lodge and is also a member of the Prince Albert lodge, has been involved with Royal Purple for 55 years, and says it "runs deep" in her. So, too, does her passion for raising awareness about brain injuries, including the often overlooked intersection between those injuries and intimate partner violence.

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Rabbit Lake Trade Board donates to care home

By BEVRA FEE
Spiritwood Herald Reporter

Founded in the 1950s, the Rabbit Lake Board of Trade operated throughout the years as a business support group while the village was thriving. Under its purview was the provincial funding program called Small Business Loans Association, or SBLA. The province allotted funds — through the Ministry of Economy — to local SBLAs for the purpose of lending to entrepreneurs in order to help them start or expand a business. At the time of the program’s cancellation in 2015, there were 156 active SBLAs throughout Saskatchewan. Once the program ceased, the loans that were active were allowed to run their course until they were paid out by the small businesses, with the local SBLA sending the principal to the Ministry and retaining the interest. Thus, the Rabbit Lake Board of Trade continued to benefit from the program until its eventual expiry. With the former Village of Rabbit Lake now being a Special Service Area under the Rural Municipality of Round Hill, the Board of Trade has wound down and made the decision to close out its business account. With the roughly \$10,000 from its fund now liquidated, the decision was made to donate that money to Rose Gill Lodge, the assisted-living care home in Rabbit Lake, which offers 24-hour support from professional caregivers and is a vital senior care option in the community. At the Rabbit Lake Fall Supper on Oct. 24, Doug

Lamb and Gordon Sherman (whose late wife Norma was on the executive of the Board of Trade) presented the donation to Cliff Bennet on behalf of the Rose Gill Lodge. Mr. Bennet reported that the money will go di-

rectly toward the replacement of the tub and lift system that assists residents with bathing. “This donation is so greatly appreciated; the people of Rabbit Lake have always got our back in keeping Rose Gill going,” he said.



Rabbit Lake Board of Trade representatives Gordon Sherman (left) and Doug Lamb (middle) present a \$10,000 cheque to Rose Gill Lodge representative Cliff Bennet. Photo courtesy of Marlene Walter

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Calling this year’s Purple Thursday x7 campaign “awesome,” Perkins says Royal Purple lodges delivered 5,000 care bags to women’s shelters across Canada, with the Shellbrook and Prince Albert lodges personally delivering 70 bags to the PA Safe Shelter for Women (10 more bags than last year). These care bags contain essential items, such as shampoo, conditioner, body lotion and body wash, combs, brushes, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Each bag costs about \$100 to fill, with proceeds coming from the lodges’ own funds or community donations. “Lots of women come in with just the clothes on their backs, so they

have nothing,” Perkins said. “Those 70 bags will not do for the whole year — that’s how many [women] they get in there.” In addition to the care bag deliveries, the Shellbrook Royal Purple also hosted an intimate partner violence information session in Parkland Integrated Health Centre’s Great Room, with guest speakers Nicole Erb of Evergreen Oasis Counselling and Consulting, and BrendaLee Pellerin from the PA Safe Shelter for Women. Perkins says there were about 30 attendees at the session. With strong support from the community, Perkins says she’s pleased to see an “inch-

ing forward” of awareness and action. However, she knows there’s still a lot of work to be done to lower intimate partner violence rates. “How can we do it? One little thing at a time,” she said. “We just need to keep bringing attention to it and getting the public involved, so they can understand the importance of doing this.”



Shellbrook Royal Purple members pack up care bags ahead of Purple Thursday.

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Sask. Throne Speech focuses on economy, safety

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

The fall sitting of Saskatchewan’s Legislative Assembly began on Wednesday, Oct. 22, with Lieutenant Governor Bernadette McIntyre reading the Speech from the Throne, which outlines the Sask. Party government’s agenda for the current session.

That agenda, says Premier Scott Moe, will include a focus on keeping Saskatchewan’s economy strong, its future secure, and its communities safe.

“Saskatchewan has the strongest economy in Canada and one goal of the legislative session will be to ensure Saskatchewan’s economy remains strong and growing,” Premier Moe said.

“At the same time, we will be working to ensure Saskatchewan remains the most affordable place to live in Canada, that our families and communities are safe, that

our students are getting their best start and that our health care system is giving everyone the care they need. Those objectives and our plans to meet those goals are outlined in today’s Speech from the Throne.”

While recognizing the challenges facing the province due to American and Chinese tariffs, the Throne Speech highlighted the government’s work to expand its export markets in over 160 other countries around the world. Despite this, it said the government remains committed to working with the federal government to have all tariffs removed.

In terms of legislative priorities, the Throne Speech outlined the following:

- Amendments to The Saskatchewan Firearms Act, which will protect Saskatchewan gun owners from financial liability resulting from federal firearm prohibitions;
- The Building Schools Faster Act, which will require municipalities to acquire and service sufficient land for the construction of new schools;

- Amendments to The Animal Protection Act, which will strengthen the protection of animals by creating a new animal welfare inspector position and establishing a code of conduct for animal protection officers;
- The “From Many Peoples, Strength” Act, which will allow for the permanent recognition of special days, weeks and months to recognize the important contributions to Saskatchewan made by various cultural groups;
- The Tailgating Act, which will allow for tailgating events at Mosaic Stadium prior to Roughrider games; and
- The previously promised Compassionate Intervention Act, which would order those with addictions to receive treatment against their will. Premier Moe says this legislation would only apply in extreme circumstances when someone is facing arrest.

Focusing briefly on healthcare, the Throne Speech outlined the Saskatchewan Healthcare Recruitment Agency’s efforts to recruit healthcare workers from the United States, as well as a commitment to reduce surgical wait times by performing 450,000 surgeries over the next four years, and plans to continue reducing pressures on hospitals with more urgent care centres like those in Saskatoon and Regina.

Responding to the government’s Throne Speech, Saskatchewan NDP Leader Carla Beck criticized the Sask Party government for its failure to call for Canada to drop its tariffs on Chinese EVs so that the province’s canola producers can regain access to the Chinese market.

She also accused the government of having no new ideas to fix cost of living or healthcare.

“The Sask. Party wants people to believe that they’ve never had it so good,” Beck said. “If everything is so great, why are Saskatchewan people the most stressed about their finances? Why are hardworking people who are doing everything right choosing between heating their homes and putting food on the table?”

“After losing nearly half of his party’s seats on election night, the Premier promised the people of Saskatchewan that things would change and that he’d do better. The cost of everything continues to rise and the Sask. Party has no new ideas to make life more affordable after 18 years in power.”

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

(The following council highlights are not the approved minutes of council for Oct. 14.)

Shellbrook’s Town Council held its regular meeting in person and via teleconference on Tuesday, Oct. 14.

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Otterson, and council began with its customary Treaty 6 land acknowledgement in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation. Then, it approved the meeting’s agenda, adopted the minutes of its Sept. 22 regular meeting, and moved on to the reports of administration and committees.

In her report, CAO O’Halligan updated council on her review of the user agreement for town-owned facilities, such as the rink, the pool, the theatre, and the sports grounds.

The user agreement is meant to protect both the Town and users by setting safety standards and clarifying responsibilities. However, in response to concerns about volunteer liability and insurance, O’Halligan approached the town’s insurance provider and legal counsel for guidance.

During her review, O’Halligan’s key takeaways were that the town’s insurance covers “normal use” of facilities but is not a shield against potential lawsuits if an accident occurs. Sim-

ilarly, liability waivers do not always protect the town or individuals from being sued.

O’Halligan also said it’s strongly recommended that groups incorporate and get their own insurance to protect volunteers.

Moving forward, O’Halligan said the user agreement will be updated to be made clearer and more practical during the next annual review, and that the town will support user groups in exploring incorporation and insurance, possibly through pooled or shared options.

In the remainder of her report, O’Halligan noted that a water leak had been identified near the intersection of 2 Street West and Elevator Road, but that the public works crew located and resolved the issue with help from a local contractor.

With nothing further to discuss in reports, council moved on to new business, starting with the ap-

proval of the town’s Zero Tolerance Policy, which is intended to foster a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for all town employees, contractors, volunteers, clients, and visitors and sets out the consequences for abusive behaviour of any kind.

Up next, council approved the naming rights agreement for the curling rink lounge, and also agreed to cover the cost of a plaque, which will hang in the lounge in recognition of Roger Rask and his family for their years of support (the lounge was previously named Roger’s on the Rocks in his honour).

Continuing with its new business, council approved the town’s Waterworks Quality Policy, gave first and second readings to Snow Removal Bylaw 2025-014, and also approved the town’s Snow Removal Policy.

The snow removal bylaw sets out the rules for residents, businesses, and

contractors when it comes to snow removal, as well as the penalties for contravening the rules. Meanwhile, the town’s Snow Removal Policy sets out its priorities and timelines for snow removal.

Closing out the meeting, council gave first and second readings to Fines Bylaw 2025-015, which sets out the tiered financial penalties for violations of all Town of Shellbrook bylaws.



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Poilievre parrots Trump with dangerous remarks

It's been 45 days since Conservative Party leader Pierre Poilievre made his return to the House of Commons by way of a victory in the Battle River-Crowfoot by-election.

The by-election was a critical test for Mr. Poilievre; a less than dominating performance in one of the safest Conservative ridings in the country would have spelled doom for his political aspirations.

But, unsurprisingly, Mr. Poilievre won by a similar margin to Damien Kurek, the MP who stepped aside to trigger the by-election, and, in doing so, likely secured his position as Conservative Leader.

Though he will still face a mandatory leadership review in the new year, Mr. Poilievre's MPs seem to be standing steadfast behind him – unlike the way they were quick to turf his unsuccessful predecessors. This suggests that his review will be little more than a formality.

The Conservative Party's willingness to give Mr. Poilievre another kick at the proverbial can is interesting and somewhat understandable.

On the one hand, Mr. Poilievre led the party to its largest vote share since former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's Conservatives in 1988.

On the other hand, Mr. Poilievre lost to a Liberal Party that, until a couple months before April's federal election, was on the ropes and fighting blind with its hands tied behind its back, and failed to hold his own seat.

And so, the only major test facing Mr. Poilievre since his return to the House of Commons has been a question of how much he learned from his loss to Prime Minister Mark Carney's Liberal government.

Throughout the election campaign, Mr. Poilievre seemed to be doing his best to imitate U.S. President Donald Trump in both rhetoric and policy.

Like Mr. Trump, Mr. Poilievre promised to reduce the size of government, slash immigration (a point



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he re-iterated in September while blaming temporary foreign workers for stealing jobs from young Canadians), and go to war against "wokeness" and "cancel culture."

The similarities didn't end there. Mr. Poilievre's infamous "Axe the Tax" slogan, made irrelevant by Mr. Carney's decision to eliminate the consumer portion of the tax on his first day in office, was cut from the same cloth as Mr. Trump's

"Drill, baby, drill."

There were also legitimate questions about how Mr. Poilievre would handle a future pandemic, like the COVID-19 pandemic, after Conservatives were so quick to embrace the Freedom Convoy that held Ottawa hostage and treat its members like freedom loving patriots – at least until the more problematic MAGA-inspired elements of the "protest" came to the fore.

Had Mr. Trump failed to win the 2024 presidential election, or had he refrained from targeting Canada with his rhetoric and unjust tariffs, this approach might have worked for Mr. Poilievre.

Instead, it arguably cost him the election, and earned him a rebuke from longtime Conservative strategist Kory Teneycke, who worked on campaigns for former Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Ontario Premier Doug Ford.

With the election fast-approaching, Mr. Teneycke suggested Mr. Poilievre sounded "too Trump-y," and said he needed to change his tune and focus his messaging on how he would address Mr. Trump's threats to Canada's economy and sovereignty.

Maybe a change in tone would have salvaged the election for Mr. Poilievre.

Or maybe the outcome would have been the same.

Either way, Mr. Poilievre and his team were left with a few months to reflect on the election loss and adjust his strategy for when he made his re-



turn to the House of Commons.

So, what changes has Mr. Poilievre demonstrated in first 45 days back in Parliament?

Well, not a whole lot it turns out.

Last week, Mr. Poilievre was forced to backpedal and clarify comments he'd made about former Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the RCMP the week prior on the Northern Perspective YouTube channel.

During his interview with the channel, Mr. Poilievre called the leadership of the RCMP "despicable," and said many of the scandals of Mr. Trudeau's era – in particular the SNC-Lavalin affair and the Aga Khan vacation scandal – should have involved jail time.

"These would normally have led to criminal charges, but of course the RCMP covered it all up," he said. "If the RCMP had been doing its job and not covering up for him, then he would have been criminally charged."

Once again, Mr. Poilievre's rhetoric earned criticism from conservative corners – this time from Dmitri Soudas, a top aide to former Prime Minister Harper, who called his statements "reckless" and said he has "a leadership approach that remains rooted in grievance rather than governance."

"In a rule-of-law democracy, no opposition leader should ever call for a

prime minister or any political rival to be jailed," he wrote in a Toronto Star op-ed. "It undermines confidence in our justice system, our federal police and ultimately the Crown."

Thus far, Mr. Poilievre has refused to apologize for the remarks. Instead, he clarified that they weren't directed at the RCMP as a whole, but rather at former commissioner Brenda Lucki, who resigned in 2023.

This distinction hardly matters. Mr. Poilievre's words were still dangerous, irresponsible, and unbefitting of someone who aspires to be prime minister.

Throughout his first campaign to become president in 2016, Mr. Trump routinely called for his opponent, Hillary Clinton, to be locked up. He continued this throughout the subsequent campaign in 2020, adding Joe Biden and his family to the list.

And after years of normalizing this language, Mr. Trump has weaponized the Department of Justice in his second presidency, targeting former FBI director James Comey and New York Attorney General Letitia James.

Mr. Poilievre's remarks about Mr. Trudeau and the RCMP demonstrate that he's still drawing inspiration from Mr. Trump's playbook.

If Mr. Poilievre wants to change Canadians' minds in four years' time, he must first change his tone.

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W.P. Sandin students take part in Education Challenge

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle
Reporter

There were no big cash prizes or daily doubles, but students from W.P. Sandin High School demonstrated to teachers and their fellow students that they possess plenty of smarts during teacher Pam Boettcher’s Education Challenge on Friday, Oct. 24.

Once a long-standing rite of passage for Grade 5 students when Boettcher was a teacher at Shellbrook Elementary School, the Jeopardy/Are you Smarter than a 5th Grader-inspired trivia challenge was held in conjunction with W.P. Sandin’s celebration of Saskatchewan Education Week.

As in previous challenges, students form teams and compete in qualifying trivia rounds, with questions running the gamut of school subjects and also some pop culture-related questions thrown into the mix to keep the challenge interesting.

In past years, three to five teams have qualified for the final round to determine the overall Education Challenge winner. This year, with fierce competition between the teams, a whopping eight teams qualified for the 30-question final.

Whether they were quizzed in geography, history, science, or pop culture, the eight teams all demonstrated that they were up to the challenge. This made for a very dramatic race to the finish, featuring lead changes, comebacks, and more than a few laughs.

However, once all the questions had been answered and the points had been tallied, Gwynna the Winnas, comprised of Becca McNeice, Gwyn Phan, Alex Taylor, and Cody Keyowski, emerged as the winners of the Education Challenge trophy. Just behind them were the Navy Knuckle Head Knights in second place, and the Awesomes in third place.

Running from Oct. 19 to 25, with the theme “Seeds of

Learning, Roots to Success,” the focus of this year’s Saskatchewan Education Week was highlighting “the ways students continue to learn, grow and develop” and recognizing the role teachers, parents, and educational staff play in “providing students with the opportuni-

ties to discover their own passions and experiences through a wide variety of subjects, courses and learning environments.”



From left to right: Becca McNeice, Gwyn Phan, Alex Taylor, and Cody Keyowski were the winners of W.P. Sandin High School’s Education Challenge on Friday, Oct. 24.

Big River RIA donates to Ski Timber Ridge

By **MAISIE KRIENKE**
Submitted

The Big River & District Recreation Improvement Association made a donation of

\$96,000 for the purchase of new snowmaking machine at Ski Timber Ridge, which means skiers no longer have to wait until it’s -20° for snow to be made.

Marie Hutcheson and

Maisie Krienke, on behalf the association, presented the cheque in the amount of \$96 000 to Ski Timber Ridge for this machine. This, along with \$24,000 from the EK Golf Classic, will cover the cost of this new machine. The ski hill board is very excited to be able to get the machine on site within the next few weeks and have skiers hitting the slopes in early December this year.



The Big River & District Recreation Improvement Association made a \$96,000 donation to Ski Timber Ridge. Back row, left to right: Glen Honig, Ben Flath, Richard DeBruijn, and Levi Bradley. Front row: Mandy Hildebrand, Eugene Michel, Kelly Hyllestad, Arlene Gilbert, Maisie Krienke, and Marie Hutcheson.



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RCMP releases October offenders list

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle
Reporter

The Saskatchewan RCMP has updated its list of the province’s most wanted offenders, in hopes the public can assist it in tracking them down.

The updated list, released on Monday, Oct. 20, was accompanied by the news that Eldon Cone, who had been on the list for multiple months, had been arrested.

However, five of the offenders on the revised list are still known to travel in this area.

Police note that this list is not a complete list of all persons wanted by the Saskatchewan RCMP. Offenders appearing on this list are determined by a data-driven scoring system using the Crime Se-

verity Index, a Statistics Canada measurement that looks at both the number and the relative severity of crimes. Factors such as age, gender, race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, religion, sexuality or disability are not considered in the scoring process.

Up first, and new to the list, is 34-year-old Ian Beeds, who is wanted for sexual interference (six counts), and failure to attend court or surrender.



Ian Beeds.

Beeds is described as 5’7” and 132 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. It’s unknown if he has any identifiable tattoos or scars. Police believe he may be on the Pelican Lake First Nation.

Also new to the list is 25-year-old Wionna Keenatch, who is wanted for attempted murder, intimidation of a justice system participant, kidnapping, robbery with a firearm, and failure to comply with a release order (2 counts).



Wionna Keenatch.

Keenatch is described as 5’4” and 161 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. Police warn that she could be in Medstead, North Battleford, Moosomin First Nation, or Saulteaux First Nation.

The last new addition to this month’s most wanted list is 30-year-old Joel McKenzie, who is wanted for sexual assault (2 counts), and sexual Interference (2 counts).

Though police had no photo of him, McKenzie is described as 5’9’ and 186 pounds, with brown eyes and an unknown hair colour. He has a cross tattooed on the left side of his chest, as well as a scar on his left cheek and his right inner arm. Police believe he could be in Shellbrook or on the Mista-wasis First Nation.

Still on the list is

37-year-old Brennan Harold Sakebow, who’s wanted for: assault (two counts), mischief under \$5000, public mischief, failure to comply with undertaking (two counts), aggravated assault, breaking and entering, possession of prohibited weapon, pointing a firearm (two counts), careless use of firearm, disguise with intent, discharging firearm with intent, forcible confinement, and possession of prohibited



Brennan Harold Sakebow.

firearm.

Sakebow is described as 5’10” and 194 lbs., with black hair and brown eyes. Police believe he may be in Saskatoon, Meadow Lake, or Pelican Lake First Nation.

Last but not least, police are also still looking to locate 32-year-old Julian Jim, who’s wanted for pointing a firearm, possession of weapon for a dangerous purpose, theft over \$5,000, and theft under \$5,000.

Though a picture of him wasn’t available, Jim is described as 6’1” and 240 lbs, with black hair, brown eyes. He has tattoos of a clown face, a skeleton and two names on his right forearm, and the letters WS on his left hand.

Police believe Jim may be in Marcelin, Blaine Lake, or Beady’s & Okemasis Cree Nation.

Minutes of a Village of Canwood council meeting

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

The minutes of the regular council meeting of the Village of Canwood held on Sept. 16, 2025.

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

Present at the meeting were: Mayor Lorne Benson, Councillors Ken Moar, Kaitlyn Mitchell, Ryan Demers, and Greg Edeen, and Administrator Heather Sten.

Delegation: Lorri Matthewson — Matthewson & Co. re: CHIF Grant

Mitchell: That the agenda be accepted as presented. Carried

Edeen: That the minutes of Aug. 19, 2025, be approved as presented. Carried

Demers: That the Bank Reconciliations for the month of August 2025 be accepted as presented. Carried

Moar: That the financial statements for the month of August 2025 be accepted as presented. Carried

Benson: That the employee attendance sheets for August 2025 be accepted as presented. Carried

Mitchell: Mitchell: That the council Indemnity for September 2025 be accepted as presented. Carried

Demers: That the Employee Payroll for the month of August 2025, including Pay Periods 16 and 17 totalling \$19,815.45 and the Council Remuneration of \$570.00 be accepted as presented. Carried

Moar: That the list of accounts payable from Batch 2025-00065 to Batch 2025-00068, which includes all cheques, online payments and EFTs for a total of \$31,094.05 be accepted as presented. Carried

Demers: That the Water Treatment Plant reports for the months of August and September 2025, and ALS Lab Water reports from Aug. 27 and Sept. 10 be accepted as presented. Carried

Demers: That the verbal reports by Councillor Edeen regarding Highway 55 Waste Management,

and by Councillor Moar and Administrator Sten regarding The Cemetery Committee be accepted as presented. Carried

Edeen: That Council approve the Building Permit Application of Gary Thall to place a storage container on his Property, with approval pursuant to Section 4.9.8 of the Municipal Zoning Bylaw 2023-02. Carried

Moar: That Council agrees to sign the three year Planned Equipment Maintenance Proposal with Cummins to do the annual inspections and servicing of the generators at the Lift Station and the Water Treatment Plant. Carried

Benson: That Council agree to order Acti-Zyme for regular maintenance of the Lift Station and Lagoon going forward. Carried

Benson: That we move to in-camera at 8:57 p.m. citing The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, section 15(l)(b)(ii) and section 23(l)(b) “personal information.” Carried

Benson: That we move out of in-camera at 9:04 p.m. and note that all members of Council and Administration are in attendance. Carried

Mitchell: That the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

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Dated the 27th day of October, 2025.
Heather Sten,
Administrator, Village of Canwood

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* On January 1, 2026 the 2025 taxes will become arrears and be added to the amount required to remove the property from tax enforcement proceedings. Penalty is calculated to the date of the Notice and will continue to accrue as applicable.

Dated this 24th day of October, 2025
Terry Lofstrom, Administrator

AD DEADLINE IS FRIDAY 4PM

EMERALD LAKE REGIONAL PARK
Call for Letters of Interest
BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT
January 2026

The R.M. of Leask and the Village of Leask invite ratepayers and patrons of Emerald Lake Regional Park who are passionate about its future to submit a *Letter of Interest* for consideration as a Board Member. Letters of Interest should outline relevant experience & potential contributions to the board.

January 2026, both the R.M. and the Village will each appoint two members to the Emerald Lake Regional Park Board for a two-year term.

Submit your letter to either: R.M. of Leask Box 190, Leask, SK, S0J 1M0, Email: rmleask.464@sasktel.net, Fax: 306-466-2091 or Village of Leask Box 40, Leask, SK, S0J 1M0, Email: admin@leask.ca, Fax: 306-466-2239.

Deadline for submissions: **December 31, 2025.**

Rising food costs force tough choices

There are two trends among consumers which seem, at least on the surface, to be near opposites: organic food demand and meat replacements.

Now in no way am I a chemistry expert, but I do understand that getting plant protein to taste like, and even look like, the meat it replaces requires a mix of things, which will typically include a few unpronounceable chemicals.

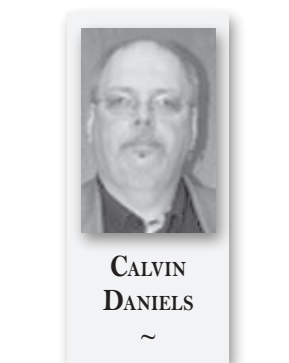
That does not mean the products are not good to eat for those who are so inclined,

as there are rules and regulations regarding food production designed to keep us all as safe as current science allows.

But if you are someone concerned about what is in processed real meats, the list of things in the mixing vat may not be that much shorter for a meat replacement.

So, it's hard to think of a proponent of organic food rushing to buy a veggie burger.

Organics is about no added chemicals — the fear being that such products stay in the



crop and ultimately in the consumer where they are a danger. They are a personal choice, which may or may not have merit depending on one's personal view and whose 'science' one trusts.

What both protein

meat substitutes and organic foods shows is how diverse — some might say fractured — the food marketplace is these days.

There are a number of significant consumer niche markets that a farmer's produce may end up being diverted to. That is good for farmers, in the sense that niche markets typically pay a premium price for product — and of course charge the end consumer more too.

That reality is likely to put pressure on consumption of things,

such as protein replacements for meat or organics, as we all know food prices are climbing.

As consumer dollars are squeezed, and the costs of everything from property taxes or rent, to gasoline, to food continue to inch higher with few wages keeping pace, people have to make different choices.

For some, it's opting for a weekend at the local lake rather than a trip to the coast, or maybe it's fewer restaurant meals or visits to the local the-

atre.

Or, one begins to make food purchases based on price.

We might desire a steak, but buy hamburger.

The kiwis may be passed over because apples are less expensive.

This may mean for some — perhaps a growing number as budgets are battered — worrying less about organic foods or, protein replacements and other niche food purchases, and simply looking for food they can afford to put on the table.

Sask. releases energy security plan

By **CROWN INVESTMENTS CORPORATION**
Submitted

The *Saskatchewan First Energy Security Strategy and Supply Plan* is the Government of Saskatchewan's path for a reliable and affordable power future placing Saskatchewan at the center of the North American energy grid.

"The Government of Saskatchewan is committed to a nuclear future utilizing our amazing Saskatchewan uranium resource to power our province and provide a secure energy future," Crown Investments Corporation Minister Jeremy Harrison said.

"We are going to get to that future by extending the life of our coal facilities and utilizing our Saskatchewan coal reserves that have kept the lights on in this province for generations. This plan is based in reality."

The strategy also lays out a new path going forward on grid reliability and transmission investments.

"The plan places a strategic focus on transmission — both for intra-provincial and external connections that will provide us the opportunity for export power and give us a great deal of flexibility in building new industries here in Saskatchewan," said Harrison.

SaskPower has partnered with GE-Hitachi on their BWRX-300 small modular reactor (SMR) as the Crown corporation's first SMRs. As work continues to build nuclear and strengthen energy security, in addition to pursuing the BWRX-300 technology, Saskatchewan will continue to consider large-scale reactors and advanced SMRs to meet growing industrial and regional demand for electricity.

"We are pleased to see the provincial government's ongoing commitment to introducing nuclear energy in Saskatchewan," Cameco CEO Tim Gitzel said.

"Jurisdictions around the world are turning to nuclear power to address the pressing issues of energy security, national security and climate security. Nuclear energy—fueled by Saskatchewan uranium—can provide reliable, carbon-free baseload power to help meet increasing electricity demands into the future."

As a part of the strategy and supply plan, people and partnerships are an essential component. The provincial government, through its Crown corporations, ministries and agencies, will prioritize Indigenous partnerships, procurement, and training and employment, in the development of electricity projects, while also utilizing building trades and education partners.

"The *Saskatchewan First Energy Security and Supply Plan* reflects a new era of partnership—one where First Nations are builders, owners, equity partners, and decision-makers in shaping Saskatchewan's energy future," Saskatchewan First Nations Natural Resource Centre of Excellence President and CEO Sheldon Wuttunee said.

"By advancing both provincial and First Nations energy security, it turns reconciliation into action—driving economic growth while protecting the lands and waters that sustain us all."

Saskatchewan's Crown corporations are focused on the government's four strategic priorities for the sector which are affordability, reliability, economic growth and strong fiscal management.

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 - 4:30pm; 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: Remembrance Day Wreath Sale – November 3 & 4, Shellbrook Legion Hall, 10:30am to 1:30pm. Large Wreath: \$50; Cross Wreath: \$45; Small Wreath: \$40. Soup available by donation @ noon.
SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Royal Canadian Legion – Remembrance Day Service – Tuesday, November 11 @ Shellbrook Theatre. Doors Open 10am, Service Starts 10:30am.
LEOVILLE: St. Therese Parish – Fall Supper – Sunday, November 2, Leoville Community Hall, 5 to 6:30 pm. Adults \$20; 6-12 yrs. \$10; Preschool Free. Raffle, Chinese Auction, Silent Auction, Children's White Elephant, BINGO, Quilt Raffle, 50/50
CANWOOD: Canwood Youth Travel Club – Annual Craft and Home-Based Business Sale – Saturday, November 2, Canwood Elks Community Centre, 10am to 3pm. \$25/table - For table bookings call: Dyan Nordquist 306.714.0000. Lunch will be sold. Everyone welcome!

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By BEVRA FEE, Spiritwood Herald Reporter

By HEATHER GATZKE, Branch Librarian



On Tuesday, Oct. 21, Parkland Integrated Healthcare Centre long-term care resident Margaret Jonasson celebrated her 100th birthday, surrounded by family, friends, and fellow residents. Reaching 100 years is an extraordinary milestone, worthy of admiration, joy, and sincere celebration.

Submitted by THE JONASSON FAMILY

PIHC elders take in Métis culture

**By LORRAINE
THIBEAULT**
*Shellbrook Seniors
Assoc.*

On Oct. 1, at Parkland Integrated Health Centre, Lorraine Thibeault shared a presentation on Métis culture as her way of celebrating the Day of Truth and Reconciliation (Sept. 30), during which people come together as a community to broaden our understanding and to speak about the Truth and work toward Reconciliation.

This was also her way of celebrating the National Day for Seniors (Oct. 1.) This day is an occasion for all Canadians to join in celebrating older adults across Canada — whether a parent, a co-worker, a neighbour or a friend.

More than 15 residents joined Lorraine in Roughrider Cres/

House C dining room to look at and discuss past and present culture of Canadian Métis. Lorraine introduced herself as having a generational background of Acadian and Micmac heritage from the Nova Scotia area. Most of the items that she shared with the residents were from collections through her husband and children who are Saulteaux heritage with roots in the Red River Valley of Manitoba.

Lorraine described a past Métis Christmas with horse races on frozen rivers and ribbons tied to the horses flying behind them, midnight mass on Christmas Eve, celebrations of food, singing and music.

She had displays of dream catchers, painted feathers by Lucille Scott of the Debden area, Métis artwork from Alberta, and children's books

featuring Métis culture. Display cards showed Michif (Métis language) words for colours and numbers.

Also on hand was a Michif dictionary, and photos of a Métis flag, Red River cart, and olden-day midnight mass celebration. Other display items included baby moccasins, leather pouches, leather mittens with intricate beadwork, a simulated birchbark miniature basket, a beaded bracelet, dreamcatchers of various designs, and native artwork in wood and leather.

Residents shared their knowledge of Métis culture and learned that if they knew how to speak a little in French that they could also speak some Michif, as many Michif words are pronounced the same in French but spelled differently.

Trina Chamberlain, recreation coordinator for continuing care, modeled a ribbon skirt made by her daughter, Alexis Chamberlain, who has Métis heritage. Meanwhile, Lorraine and Jerry Clark, a resident of Parkland Integrated Health Centre, proudly wore their Every Child Matters shirts and displayed some of the items that Lorraine had on hand.

Ronald Brad, a Parkland Integrated Health Centre resident, talked about and shared photos of items that he had collected on his property, like arrowheads, as well as photos of various native tools, pipes, and beaded clothing.

Everyone enjoyed a cup of tea/coffee with pieces of bannock freshly made by Trina. Margarine and jam made the bannock taste delicious — so much so that there were second and third helpings enjoyed by many.

Several elders of Parkland Integrated Health Centre have First Nations or Métis backgrounds, and much of the artwork done by residents, such as feather painting and Métis dot art, reflects this heritage and is proudly displayed in the halls of Parkland Integrated Health Centre.

Parkland Integrated Health Centre's residents have been work-

ing towards Truth and Reconciliation in other ways, including taking part in intergenerational-

al arts programming
with Grade 4/5 stu-
dents from Shellbrook
Elementary School.

and participating in a smudging ceremony led by Elder Liz Settee on Oct. 14.



Lorraine Thibeault and Jerry Clark proudly wear their Every Child Matters shirts.



Sharon Bruvold takes part in an Every Child Matters art session for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.



Bernie Prosak enjoys bannock with jam.



Frank Mamzak and Shellbrook Elementary School students work on Every Child Matters-inspired art.

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Sask NDP outlines fall priorities

By **SASK NDP**
Submitted

The Saskatchewan NDP will be laser focused during the fall sitting on the biggest issues the Sask. Party has screwed up after 18 years in power – the cost of living, healthcare and the job-killing tariffs from China and Trump. “After 18 years in power, the Sask. Party has run out of ideas and

failed time and time again to fix the issues keeping Saskatchewan people up at night,” said Saskatchewan NDP House Leader Nicole Sarauer. “Their unwillingness to fight for canola producers is just the latest in an ongoing series of failures. The people of Saskatchewan deserve better.”

In recent months, the Sask. Party flip flopped on its response to both

the U.S. and the Chinese tariffs – the most important issue facing our economy.

Saskatchewan people still report the highest levels of financial insecurity in Canada, according to Angus Reid.

Emergency rooms across the province are closing daily, and the hospitals in the province’s largest cities are understaffed and overwhelmed with patients.

Crime is out of control with Statistics Canada reporting that Saskatchewan has the worst crime severity index in the nation.

“These are the issues Saskatchewan people care about,” said Sarauer. “Our offices are being inundated with concerns from people across the province. Our province is going backwards after 18 years of the Sask. Party when we should

be focused on building a bright future.”

To help address the rising cost of living, the Saskatchewan NDP intends to introduce legislation to bring long-due rent control to Saskatchewan.

As well, the Saskatchewan NDP will introduce legislation to require public reporting of all emergency room closures and legislation and to break down

trade barriers between the provinces in order to kick start the economy.

“To the thousands and thousands of people who have reached out to us – I want you to know that we hear you, we know you deserve better and we’re fighting for you,” said Sarauer.

“We intend to provide you with the hope you’re looking for with a real plan to build a bright future for Saskatchewan.”

Sask. Rivers schools to update food facilities

By **MICHAEL OLEKSYN**
*LJI Reporter,
Prince Albert Daily Herald*

The Saskatchewan Rivers School Division is getting more funding from the National School Food Program to expand its offerings for the 2025-26 school year.

Education Director Neil Finch updated trustees on the funding as part of a report at Monday’s school board meeting.

The division has received \$301,914 from the Federal Government to expand current programming. Finch

said the funds will be spread amongst all Sask. Rivers schools.

“Some of that those funds will be out to the side for schools to apply for kitchen, bigger kitchen items like a fridge or stoves, things like that,” Finch said.

The division also received \$111,381 through the Child Nutrition Program for this year.

Finch also highlighted the funds awarded to eligible organizations across Saskatchewan to expand school food infrastructure as part of a project led by the Saskatchewan School Boards Association (SSBA).

Saskatchewan Rivers will receive

\$20,000 for their project. Christopher Lake School will increase the school’s capacity to grow, prepare, and serve meals and foster hands-on learning, community connection, and long-term food security in partnership with the Saskatchewan Lions Foundation.

During his report, Finch also highlighted the Feeding Our Futures Program. The program serves student in both the Saskatchewan Rivers Public School Division and Prince Albert Catholic School Division. It provides emergency lunches to all children in need, from Kindergarten through Grade 8.

According to the report, it has provided over one million lunches to children in Prince Albert.

The program partners include Lakeland Ford, Lakeland Hyundai, Broda Group, Lake Country Co-op, Conexus Credit Union and B&B Construction.

Together, these businesses have fulfilled an urgent need for the children of Prince Albert – providing nutrition and better allow children to learn.

Finch said that there were many nice parts to school food programming in the division occurring this year.

“Absolutely. It’s been enhanced quite a bit, for sure,” Finch said.

SGI urges drivers to get winter-ready

By **SGI**
Submitted

As temperatures begin to drop, we want to put something on your radar: winter may not officially be here yet, but slippery roads and snowy commutes are just around the corner. As part of the October Traffic Safety Spotlight, SGI is encouraging drivers to get a jumpstart on winter driving prep before the first flakes fall.

“You never know when the first snowstorm of the season will hit,” said JP Cullen, Chief

Operating Officer of the Auto Fund. “Whether you’re experienced or new to winter-season driving, a little planning can go a long way in keeping you safe during the blustery months ahead.”

Early preparation ensures a safe journey on the road during our winter months. Some examples of preparing yourself include:

- Install winter tires if you can – they are the safest for driving on snow and ice. If that’s not an option, consider using all-weather tires.

- Ensure you have a snow brush, ice scraper and shovel in your vehicle to help clear your windows and lights after a snowfall, and to dig your car out if you get stuck.
- Pack an emergency kit with warm clothes, a blanket, traction mats, booster cables, a flashlight, flares, candles, matches, a tow rope, nourishing food and a cell phone charger cable.
- Take the time to have your vehicle tuned up and make sure your block heater is in working order.

Once winter arrives, adjust your driving to match road conditions. Icy roads and blowing snow reduce traction and limit visibility, creating potentially dangerous driving conditions. Here are some tips to follow this winter:

- Clear snow from your vehicle and make sure your windows are completely defrosted before driving.
- Slow down and give yourself extra time to get to your destination. Adjust your speed accordingly when conditions are less than favourable.

- Increase your following distance.
- Don’t use cruise control on icy or slippery roads.
- Accelerate and brake gently.
- Be Alert and exercise caution around intersections.

Finally, check the Highway Hotline for road conditions in your area before you leave for your destination. If travel isn’t recommended, stay off the roads.

Winter can be unpredictable. Let’s do what we can to reduce collisions and keep everyone safe.

GOOD NEWS

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PUSHING BOUNDARIES

By **DAVE BODVARSON**
Submitted

I had an opportunity to speak on my favourite Bible character recently. His name is Samson.

I can identify with Samson, not in the vow that he took, but in his tendency to push the boundaries. He was called to defend his people. One of his weaknesses was he never rallied the troops. He was a loner. Samson was quite happy to go it alone — of course, with the help of the Holy Spirit. On a positive note, his desire to push the limits brought him some success. He slew a thousand Philistines with the jaw bone of a donkey. In Judges 15:15, God created Samson with an adventurous spirit, but He

wanted him to learn how to practice self discipline or control.

Pushing the limits led Samson into the arms of Delilah, where it seemed the more he lied, the closer he got to telling her the truth. Samson told her to paraphrase if you cut off my hair I shall be like any other man.

The Bible says Delilah, “lulled him to sleep on her knees, and called for a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head.”

After Judges 16:20, the champion of Israel loses his hair, his eyes, his freedom, and his purpose. He ends up grinding grain in a prison.

There are those who might have written Samson off, but God didn’t. One those wonderful verses in the Bible

says, “However, the hair of his head began to grow again after it was shaven” (Judges 16:22).

Samson’s hair symbolized his dedication to God. In that prison, Samson would have had plenty time to renew his commitment to God. Confession is good for the soul and Samson would have experienced that.

Near the end of Samson’s life, he ended up in a temple dedicated to a Philistine god. The enemy was there to taunt Samson and give praise to their god for his capture. The Bible says Samson asked a lad to position him between the pillars that held supported the temple. Then, Samson prayed.

God responds to prayer. God responds to faith. “O Lord God, remem-

ber me. I pray! Strengthen me. I pray, just this once, O God...”

God answered Samson’s prayer. In Judges 16:29, it says that Samson took hold of the two middle pillars which supported the temple, and he braced himself against them... And he pushed with all his might , and the temple fell ... So the dead that he killed at his death were more than he killed in his life.”

The writer of Hebrews says in Hebrews 11:32, “And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson.” There it is: He listed as one of the hero’s of faith.

Someone put it this way: “a moment of grace can erase a lifetime of guilt.”

That certainly was true for Samson.

New stats flood world of baseball

Baseball statistics are getting ridiculous. Every day, it seems, some analytical expert delivers a new statistical category that, ultimately, will probably result in fans learning that a batter produces more hits when his heart is in mid-beat.

Way back when, all a baseball fan knew of his favourite players were batting average, runs-batted-in, base hits, runs scored, and walks. If a statistician wanted to get cute, he or she might even break down the regular walks from those issued intentionally.

Today? It's out of control. A few new baseball-stat categories started showing up 10 or 15 years ago, such as WAR (wins above replacement, a category that determines a player's value to a team were he playing instead of a replacement player). Offensively, the stat used most often to determine a player's value is OPS, which is adding up the player's on-base percentage plus

his slugging average. Anyone over 1.000 is an all-star.

Here's a quiz: What is BABIP? It calculates a hitter's batting average only on balls in play. In other words, a strike-out or a home run aren't counted. Only those balls that stay in the field of play. There's a fairly new stat showing up as ISO, which is described as 'isolated power' — measuring a hitter's rate of extra-base hits per at-bat. Also measured these days are categories for exit velocity, launch angle, hard hit, and barrels.

Barrels? This is where stats start to get really haywire. If a batter hits a ball with an exit velocity of a minimum 98 miles per hour and a launch angle between 26 and 30 degrees, it is deemed that the ball must have hit the 'barrel' of the bat. Google says an elite hitter manages to 'barrel' a thrown pitch at least 15 per cent of the time.

Advanced computer software and radar

equipment figures all of this out. When the Blue Jays beat Seattle 13-4 in Game 3 of the American League Championship Series, post-game reports said the Jays socked 11 hits at 100 mph or more. Significant? Must have been, because it reportedly broke the record of 10 by the 2018 Red Sox and 2020 Dodgers. Every possible detail of a baseball game is stored in some computer and easily retrievable. Vladimir Guerrero, Jr., reported Sports Illustrated, was responsible for four of those 11 smashes. Only one other



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player has ever crushed four hits so hard in a post-season game and that happened this year (Detroit Tigers' Kerry Carpenter in Game 5 of the ALDS).

Wrote SI's Tom Verducci: "The tally of Guerrero's night of whistling baseballs throughout T-Mobile Park read like someone fiddling with the FM radio dial looking for a decent tune: 102.8 (single), 104.9 (double), 106.4 (home run), 108.0 (double)."

How did it happen? Guerrero apparently has the flattest swing in baseball (1 degree). He adjusted his elevation by a couple of degrees and ... boom!, a four-hit night and a 13-4 win.

Are all these stats important? Not really. Just the one that says 13-4.

• Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "How dumb are the Raptors and new president Bobby Webster? They charge good money for a pre-season home game against the Boston Celtics and don't

dress any of their starters. You do that kind of thing on the road in exhibition games. You don't treat or cheat your paying customers like that."

• Vancouver comedy guy Torben Rolfson: "J.T. Miller was named captain of the New York Rangers and congratulations poured in from around the league. Elias Pettersson sent him some dead flowers."

• Headline at fark.com: "Danica Patrick thinks Bad Bunny shouldn't perform at the Super Bowl if he's not gonna sing in English, a rule which would ban every note of country music ever performed at NASCAR events since its creation."

• Cathal Kelly of the Globe and Mail, on the difference between the Blue Jays recent opponents, the Yankees and Mariners: "Playing the Yankees gets you ready to go to war. The Mariners make you feel like lying down and just getting a few quick winks."

• Another one from

Kelly, on Mariners' fans booing Blue Jays' George Springer: "They hate him because he was a mezzo-soprano in the Houston Astros' garbage-can choir."

• Janice Hough of left-coastssportsbabe.com: "I know Phillies fans boo Santa Claus, but Mariners fans cheering when Blue Jays' George Springer is injured by Bryan Woo hitting him on the knee with a pitch is a new level of trashy."

• Another one from Torben Rolfson: "There's talk of a third 'Goon' movie. The producers said they'd need a budget of about \$20 million. Connor McDavid said he could do it for \$12.5 million."

• A groaner from RJ Currie: "I hear police in Canada doubled radar patrols from Thanksgiving Monday to Thursday. No surprise — many folks exceeded the feed limit."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Senior Elks top Blaine Lake, U18s lose two

By JORDAN TWISS

Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

With their respective regular season campaigns just around the corner, the Shellbrook Elks Senior Hockey Club and the Blaine Lake Raiders engaged in a friendly turf war, meeting for an exhibition game at the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre on Friday, Oct. 24.

The low-stakes game was the first meeting for the two teams, who play in separate senior hockey leagues — the Elks compete in the Twin Rivers Hockey League, while the Raiders play in the Saskatchewan Prairie Hockey League.

This meant that the early going of Friday night's exhibition match-up was one part working out the kinks and one part feeling out the other team, as both the Elks and Raiders traded off turnovers and missed shots.

A power play for the Raiders helped the team dial in and apply some good pressure on the Elks, but they were ultimately unable to score. The Elks, meanwhile, made the most of their first power play opportunity, drawing first blood on a goal from Cole Duperreault, assisted by Matthew Flodell.

Mere moments later, Flodell once again got the puck to Duperreault, who dove over Raiders goaltender Matthew Flath and tapped the puck past his outstretched glove to put the Elks up 2-0.

With the Raiders on the ropes, Elks

forward Ashton Miller kept the pressure on and was able to make the most of some sloppy defensive play to scoop up a turnover and score on a tricky backhand shot.

The Raiders were able to regroup on a later power play, but were still unable to close the gap before the buzzer sounded.

Picking up where they left off, the Elks extended their lead to 4-0 early in the second period, when Payton Kachur redirected a shot from the point by Ethan Skaug.

Facing a steep climb, the Raiders got to work and got on the board thanks to a rush that ended in a tip in from Andrew Galambos. Brandon Lesko earned the lone assist on the play.

Minutes later, Lesko closed the gap to 4-2, taking an offensive turnover from the Elks and racing down the ice to score.

The Raiders kept the pressure on, once again making good use of the power play. But again, they were unable to close the gap.

The early going of the third period was much the same for the Raiders, as they kept the Elks pinned in their own end on the penalty kill but just couldn't find the back of the net.

Soon, the period became a battle of the goalies, as both the Elks and Raiders traded off scoring opportunities but failed to cash in.

Finally, with time quickly winding down in the period, the Raiders pulled

their goalie for an extra skater. However, a neutral zone turnover allowed Jody Blais to fire a puck into the Raiders' empty goal, securing a 5-2 win for the Elks.

The Senior Elks kick off their regular season this weekend, with a home opener against the Bruno T-Birds on Saturday, Nov. 1, and an afternoon road game against the Dalmeny Sabres on Sunday.

Meanwhile, the Raiders will begin their campaign next weekend, with a road game against the Maidstone Jets on Friday, Nov. 7.

U18 Elks remain winless

The U18 AA Parkland Elks continued to struggle over the course of the last week, when they hosted Saskatoon Riverkings on Wednesday, Oct. 24, then travelled to Saskatoon on Sunday, Oct. 26, to meet the Saskatoon Crunch.

On Wednesday night, the Elks were outgunned 10-2 by the Riverkings. Brady Hujber scored the first goal for the Elks, with assists from Cohen Ball and Kyle Naytowhow, while Logan Fisher scored the second goal on assists from Boston Gagnon and Gabe Wadham.

On Sunday afternoon, the Elks were blanked 7-0 by the Crunch, falling to 0-7 on the season.

This Friday, Oct. 31, the Elks host the Humboldt Broncos. Then, on Saturday, they return to Saskatoon for a rematch against the Riverkings.



Elks forward Cole Duperreault rushes the Raiders goal and unleashes a shot.

OBITUARIES

Kenneth Stephen Forbes



Kenneth Stephen Forbes of Big River, SK, passed away peacefully on September 28th, 2025, at the age of 77. He was born in Prince Albert, SK, and spent a vibrant lifetime in the Big River, SK, area.

Ken survived polio as a child and a tumultuous early adulthood. These experiences had a profound effect on him and led him toward a life of helping others who were suffering. Ken helped people with addiction for over half his life. This was his primary purpose for many years. Through his experience, strength, and hope, Ken helped many people make better lives for themselves. He was also involved in cultivating a vibrant senior's club in Big River. He wanted to be a voice for senior citizens across the province, knowing the impor-

tance of advocating for seniors' needs and ensuring no one got left behind. Ken loved to fish and camp. He had the biggest potato patch you've seen and generously shared the bounty with friends and family. Ken was an avid reader until the day he died. He had an enduring desire to keep expanding his mind and believed you never stopped learning. He encouraged everyone to never stop asking questions. In his early years of recovery, Ken was searching for a higher power which took him to the church. He be-

came involved in the Big River United Church Board for 4 years and also sat on the United Church Interview Board in Saskatoon for 5 years. It gave him hope and strength. We will remember Ken for his enthusiastic stories, wholehearted commitment to his family and community, and the depth of his humanity, integrity, and wisdom. We have deep gratitude for the time he was with us and will hold his memory tight to our hearts. He was one of a kind. Ken will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Cindy McLean; his daughters and their spouses Loretta (Michael) Forbes and Wolf (Chris) Herdman; his grandchildren and spouses Joshua (Shealynn) Nelson and Jamie (Tessa) Nelson; his great-grandchildren Bexley, Bauer, and Braelyn; his sisters, Gladys Rudolph and Lorraine Forbes; and his stepchildren and their spouses, Ryder McLean and Michelle (Jakkapan) McLean. He was predeceased by his mother and father, Georgena and James Forbes; his siblings Bud Forbes, Doris Wreford, Grace Cromartie, and Donald Forbes.

In lieu of other tributes, and Ken's spirit of supporting his community, donations in memory of Ken can be made to the Big River Seniors Club #64 (cheques payable to Big Rivers Seniors Club #64 and mailed to Box 577 Big River, SK S0J 0E0). 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, R. Mark Muir Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK 306-747-2828.

Alicea (June) Rothwell



Alicea (June) Rothwell January 31, 1934 – September 21, 2025 June Rothwell of Shellbrook, SK passed away Sunday September 21, 2025 at the age of 91 years. June had a 3 month stay at "Rose Garden Hospice" where she faced the final stages of ALS with dignity and grace. Up until then she lived independently in her home at Mesa Way in Shellbrook, SK. June was born to Robert and Alicea Biggart in her grandparents' home in the Wardenville District northwest of Cut Knife, SK on January 31, 1934. She was the second child of four. She learned the value of a

strong work ethic early, growing up on the family farm and when her mother fell ill, taking over the responsibility of looking after family and the household in her mid-teens. As a result, she took her grades 9 through 12 by correspondence with the assistance of a neighbouring teacher. Following graduation, June took her Nurses Aid training as well as obtaining her Journeyman Beautician Certificate. June married Byrnnne Rothwell of Garrick, SK in September of 1959. Following their marriage they moved to Guelph, ON where Byrnnne was enrolled in the College of Veterinary Medicine. June managed several beauty salons and worked nights at the "Homewood Sanitorium" through the college years. Upon graduation they moved to Mission, BC, Wakaw, SK, Birch Hills, SK and eventually to Shellbrook in 1970, where June and Byrnnne established

"Deere Rose Veterinary Service". June and Byrnnne raised their family in Shellbrook and operated the clinic until 1985. June was always a busy person, assisting with the practice, growing a huge garden, sewing most of her and her children's clothes, operating as a short-order cook (no one was ever turned away at mealtime or coffee time, even when she'd been up all night, assisting Byrnnne in calving time!) Raising 4 busy children active in sports, music and 4-H, as well as being actively involved in church and community! After the Clinic was sold, June did various things including catering, sewing, home decorating and a little hair dressing, moving a number of times with Byrnnne's career with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. This included stints in Cloverdale, BC, Saskatoon, SK, and Moose Jaw, SK. Upon Byrnnne's retire-

ment from the CFIA in 2002, they moved back home and set up an acreage west of Shellbrook, residing there until Byrnnne's passing in 2014. June purchased a condo at Mesa Way in Shellbrook where, through incredible determination and great friendships, was able to stay until June of 2025 at which time she moved to Rose Garden Hospice. According to her well-kept records, a total of 48 moves in her lifetime! With all her accomplishments, her pride and joy was always her family! Activities of parents, grandparents, siblings, cousins, friends and of course her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were followed in detail! She always seemed to know what each person was up to and had the unique ability to touch on each person's life, always concerned for others above her own needs with no expectation of anything in return.

June enjoyed gardening, home decorating, sewing, Scrabble, Dominoes, reading, painting with oil and acrylic and cooking a big meal for her family right up until her health would not permit her to do so the last several months. June is lovingly remembered by her sons: Jeffrae (Wendy), Kevin (Darlene), her daughters Jocelyn (Georg) Hertz-Kleptow, Karen (Chris Clark); her grandchildren Chance (Carlie) - Caitlyn & Clay, Shyla (Bryan) Verbonac - Lainey, Brantley & Fletcher, Mikala (Ryan) - Raven, Connor, Kolton Korol, Shelby (Sebastian) - James & Emmalyn, Morgan (Maddi); her sister Joyce Hewson; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. June was predeceased by her husband Byrnnne; her children in infancy Alicea, Christopher & Kelsey; her parents Robert & Alicea Biggart; her siblings Lynn

Biggart (Mary) and Mae Bertrand (Leonard); her grandson Cooper Rothwell; as well as most other senior members of June & Byrnnne's family. A Memorial Service was held Friday, September 26, 2025, at Shellbrook Senior's Hall. Interment at a later date in Honeywood Cemetery. In lieu of tributes, donations may be made in memory of June to the Woodland Bus Association, (Box 629, Shellbrook, SK, S0J 2E0) or the Rose Garden Hospice (500-38th St W, Prince Albert, SK S6V 8E4). 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.



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Fall is one of my favourite times of the year. The air is crisp, you need to layer your clothing and in spite of winter being just around the corner, it is a beautiful season. It is always a toss up if we have snow for Hallowe'en and costumes for the little ones need to accommodate winter outerwear beneath them.

In spite of the length of autumn we have, it seems that there are always some chores left to be done when the ground has become white! I am not sure if anyone else follows a schedule like mine, but over the years I have come to accept that I will be outdoors doing some work in the garden while wearing heavyweight gloves.

On days when the sun shines and I have an inkling to get some fresh air, you will likely see me puttering around in the beds with secateurs in hand. I like to leave any perennials that might have winter appeal, but those that are not nice to look at, I will generally cut them back and add to the compost pile if time permits. Do remember that anything that is vertical will trap snow and benefit your garden with added moisture. Removing plant material is

an easy way to help control diseases. Plants exhibiting diseases should not be added to your home compost, as it likely does not get hot enough to kill the pathogens.

Autumn is the best time to add compost to your garden areas as over the late fall, winter and early spring it does break down. Also, the freeze-thaw processes will also help to break it down. Recycling your garden waste is creating healthy soil that has the capacity to grow more nutritious food and healthier ornamentals.

Any plants that were newly established would benefit from some extra protection for the winter. Prior to the mercury dipping lower, mulch around these plants to ensure their crowns are well insulated. If you have any tender bulbs or perennials that you wanted to lift and keep, it is likely a bit too late for that unfortunately. I tend to grow perennials that can easily survive our climate, but there are usually a number of plants that I grow that will usually not make it through our winter. The decision to keep or let freeze has most likely now been taken out of our hands.

If you have any tender summer bulbs that you have tucked away – keep a close eye on them while in storage. I tend to tier the storage for any tender

bulbs and plants that I store with their storage beginning in an insulated but unheated garage and then later into the basement in a cool corner until they start to grow. One day, it is my hope to have a root cellar!

As the season moves on, we may still have a day here or there that is warm enough to still enjoy some outdoor chores. I use this time to organize and put away any tools or other garden paraphernalia so I can easily access them in spring. Tools that were used could be cleaned up a bit more, sharpened

and oil the handles so we are ready for spring.

May the end of fall find you enjoying all the root crops from your garden while nibbling away at the tomatoes, squash and onions. As it gets cooler, enjoy a roaring fire inside and plan for what you will be growing next year.

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Shellbrook Chronicle & Spiritwood Herald

Buy Canadian should fund Canadian jobs and news, not U.S. Big Tech

A Message from Canada’s news publishers

To the Government of Canada,

We applaud the Government of Canada’s ambition to build Canada strong, and commitment in the forthcoming Budget to Buy Canadian.

Last year, the federal government including agencies and Crown corporations spent over \$100 million on advertising. Most of it went to U.S. Big Tech.¹

Why are we funding American tech monopolies that extract tens of billions a year out of Canada -- largely untaxed -- at the expense of local journalism and culture, and whose platforms have become vectors for division and disinformation?

Let’s reinvest our ad dollars in Canada. In Budget 2025, the Government of Canada should follow Ontario’s lead and set aside a minimum of 25% of its advertising budgets for Canadian news media.

At no additional cost to taxpayers, the government can support local jobs while getting its message out in a brand safe environment. Far fewer Canadians trust ads on Facebook and Instagram than those published by Canadian news media.²

Buying Canadian advertising in Canadian news media is both the right and smart thing to do.

Respectfully,
Canada’s news publishers



SOURCES
¹ Annual Report on Government of Canada Advertising Activities 2023-2024, combined with proprietary industry data.
² Totum Research Canada, January 2025. Canadians 18+, n=2418.; Pollara for the Dais. 2025 Survey of Online Harms, Canadians 16+, n=2502.