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Evergreen Oasis earns BOB Award



The Evergreen Oasis team accepted the BOB Award for Best Mental Health Service Provider on Friday, Jan. 16. Back row, left to right: Nicole Erb, Crystal Barden, Tenessa Pelletier, Dynel Davidson, Kelsey Gerow, and Natalie Lanovas. Front row: Regan Buckingham, Morgan Choptuik, and Abigail Anderson. Missing: Nadine Peterson.

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Shellbrook's own Evergreen Oasis Counselling & Consulting recently joined esteemed company, receiving acknowledgement as one of the Prince Albert area's best of the best at the 2026 BOB Awards.

Founded by Nicole Erb and her sister, Regan Buckingham, in June of 2022, Evergreen Oasis Counselling & Consulting was nominated for the Best Mental Health Service Provider award in October.

Following a public vote throughout November, Evergreen Oasis won the award, and the team was on-hand to claim it at a gala held in Prince Albert on Friday, Jan. 16.

"It was a positive feeling, knowing that our community and area are rallying alongside us and supporting the services that we provide," Erb said, noting that the wide-ranging services offered by Evergreen Oasis are helping to fill critical mental healthcare service gaps in the region.

"We have increased access in rural and northern communities, we are

person-centred, community-centred care, and we are trying to reduce stigma around mental health, providing equity and inclusion, as well as being compassionate."

This mission to provide residents of Shellbrook and the surrounding communities with a safe, inclusive space where they can focus on "healing, growing, and thriving," has resonated with clients, allowing Evergreen Oasis to build connections and relationships beyond Shellbrook.

This, in turn, has allowed Evergreen Oasis to expand from just Erb

and Buckingham to a staff of 10, provide more services, and move to a new, larger location to better accommodate clients' needs.

After three and a half years of serving the community, Erb feels progress has been made in combatting the stigma around mental health.

"We hear people talking about mental health in the communities we serve," she said. "We have seen an increase of clientele throughout all demographics, and we have noticed a positive increase in supporting men and teenagers."

SPIRITWOOD
PHARMACY GROCERY

*Down on the corner...
First & Main*

SLFN receives funding for family services building

By JORDAN TWISS
*Shellbrook Chronicle
 Reporter*

The Sturgeon Lake First Nation says it has reached a key milestone in its efforts to strengthen services for children and families in the community.

On Monday, Jan. 19, the First Nation announced that it has received conditional approval for \$22.79 million in funding from the federal government to construct a new Sturgeon Lake Child and Family Services administrative building under Canadian Human Rights Tribunal Order 2021 CHRT 41.

Indigenous Services Canada confirmed the decision to grant the funding in a letter dated Dec. 22, 2025.

Per the terms of the funding agreement, the money will be released over three fiscal years: \$6.89 million in 2025–26, \$10.2 million in 2026–27 and \$5.7 million in 2027–28. The approval is based on pre-tender construction estimates and will be finalized once the tender process is complete and a contractor is selected.

The new Child and Family Services administrative building will improve equitable access to child and family services through a facility designed to support the full scope of pro-

gramming. The First Nation says the current administrative building lacks adequate office space, support areas and program-specific environments, limiting service delivery.

The proposed site is near Sturgeon Lake Central School, off White Buffalo Lane, across from a densely treed area that provides the privacy required for sensitive programming. The First Nation says the new facility will include varying levels of privacy and security for staff, visitors, and the public, while remaining welcoming for families accessing services.

Sturgeon Lake First Nation Chief Christine Longjohn said the project reflects both immediate needs and long-term priorities.

“This funding is an important step forward for Sturgeon Lake First Nation,” said Chief Longjohn. “Our Child and Family Services team does complex and demanding work. A purpose-built facility will allow them to provide care and support in a space that respects privacy, safety and the needs of our families.”

The facility is intended to support a healthy and resilient community by bringing programs, resources and supports together in one location. It is also designed with the future in mind, support-

ing the personal, educational and professional development of Indigenous youth.

Cultural elements and traditional practices will be incorporated into the design, reflecting Cree history, the present-day community and Sturgeon Lake’s long-term vision.

Once post-tender costs are confirmed, Indigenous Services Canada will amend the Nation’s funding agreement. Construction is expected to proceed following final approvals.

While work remains, the conditional approval places the project on solid footing, signalling progress after years of advocacy tied to tribunal orders on equitable funding for First Nations child welfare.

Band leadership says community members will be kept informed as the project moves from planning to construction.



Architectural renderings showcase what the Sturgeon Lake First Nation’s proposed Child and Family Services building will look like.



Band leadership for the Sturgeon Lake First Nation has announced that the community has been approved to receive \$22.79 million in funding from the federal government for a new child and family services building.

TOWN OF SPIRITWOOD PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Spiritwood intends to adopt a bylaw under the *Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 486/13, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

INTENT

The proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment will allow shipping containers to be used, placed or stored in the PR – Parks and Recreation District.

REASONS

Currently shipping containers are only allowed to be located in the Industrial and Highway Commercial zoning districts. This amendment will also allow shipping containers to be located in the Parks and Recreation District.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the Town Office, located at 212 Main Street, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM on Monday to Thursday, and 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Friday, excluding statutory holidays. Copies of the bylaw are available at the Town Office at a cost of \$5.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on February 10th, 2026, at 6:45 p.m. at the Town Office to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the Town Office before the hearing.

Issued at the Town of Spiritwood this 22nd day of January, 2026.

Rhonda Saam, Chief Administrative Officer

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In total, we packed and distributed 58 Christmas Hampers on Friday, December 19th, 2025.

Did you know that our Food Bank now has a website? You can find us here:

www.shellbrookfoodbank.ca

Food hamper request forms can be found on our website and also in all our local churches. We are still accepting cheques and/or cash donations, and we now have an e-transfer option: donations@shellbrookfoodbank.ca

Thank you for all your prayers, donations, and continual support. We appreciate you. To God be the Glory!

SHELLBROOK & DISTRICT MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

Raiders, Elks rack up two more wins

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

The Blaine Lake Raiders had a busy slate of hockey over the weekend, fitting in their first Provincials game against the Shellbrook Elks on Friday, Jan. 23, as well as two Saskatchewan Prairie Hockey League matches against the Turtleford Tigers and Neilburg Monarchs on Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

The Raiders kept their winning ways alive through both league matches, picking up two more wins.

Raiders (3) vs Tigers (1)

Goals weren't easy to come by in Saturday night's game against the Tigers in Blaine Lake. Nonetheless, the Raiders made sure to strike first thanks to a goal from Braiden Onishenko, assisted by Kyle Schmidt and Gage Helm.

Onishenko's first period goal stood as the only offensive highlight until the opening minutes of the second period, when the Tigers got on the power play and tied the score at 1-1. But later in the period, Onishenko gave the Raiders their lead back, on an assist from Helm, and Patrick Gauthier followed up with an unassisted goal to double the Raiders' lead.

This proved to be more than enough, as neither the Raiders, nor the Tigers, managed to get on the board for the remainder of the game, leaving the Raiders with a 3-1 win.

Raiders (7) vs Monarchs (4)

Hosting the Neilburg Monarchs the following night, the Raiders took nearly half the first period to find their rhythm but had no troubles scoring once they did.

Adam Horner opened the flood gates for the Raiders, scoring on assists from Braiden Onishenko and Anthony Jean. Then, Tysen Smith promptly made it 3-0 Raiders on back-to-back goals scored just 22 seconds apart. Joe Jean and Thomas Jean earned assists on Smith's first goal, while the second was unassisted.

The Raiders kept the momentum going through the opening minutes of the second period, surging ahead 4-0 on a goal from Onishenko, assisted by Horner and Anthony Jean. But, after this, the Monarchs finally found some rhythm on their own and quickly cut the Raiders' lead in half.

With a power play in the opening minutes of the third period, the Monarchs pulled to within one goal and the prospect of a comeback suddenly seemed quite possible.

But Kyle Schmidt did his best to dampen these hopes, putting the Raiders up 5-3 on assists from Anthony Jean and Onishenko. And, later on, Thomas Jean made it 5-3, with assists from Kelly Friesen and Lance Lamontagne.

The Monarchs tacked on one more late goal, but this was erased only 21

seconds later on a hat trick goal from Tysen Smith, assisted by Friesen, giving the Raiders a 7-4 win.

With the wins, the Raiders have climbed to 12-1-0-0 (the loss is a technicality due to a cancelled game). This Sunday, Feb. 1, the Raiders take a short trip down the road to play the Hafford Mustangs.

Elks (6) vs Hawks (3)

Over in the Twin Rivers Hockey League, the Shellbrook Elks Senior Hockey Club had a busy weekend on the road, travelling to meet the Birch Hills Blackhawks on Saturday, Jan. 24.

The Blackhawks have always been a tough opponent for the Elks, and Saturday night's game continued that tradition, as the teams traded off goals through the first 40 minutes of play.

The Elks got things started, with Matthew Flodell scoring on assists from Nick Martin and Cole Tanchuk. But the Blackhawks fired right back, taking advantage of a sloppy Elks power play to tie the game at 1-1.

The Elks had the last laugh in the first period, on a goal from Brendon Beaulac, assisted by Cole Duperreault and Kaiden Couture. This time, the Blackhawks' return salvo came late in the second period.

The game remained tied until the third period, when Matthew Flodell scored his second goal of the night on an assist from Duperreault. Then, Duperreault scored a goal of his own, assisted by Tanchuk and Nathan Flodell, to put the Elks up 4-2.

A quickfire response from the Blackhawks cut the Elks' lead in half, but this was as close as they'd get for the remain-

der of the game, as Duperreault and Levi Logan tacked on unassisted goals to clinch a 6-3 Elks win.

Following the game against the Blackhawks, the Elks travelled to Hanley cap off their regular season with a match against the Hanley Huskies on Sunday afternoon.

Though the team reported a 4-2 win, the game sheet hadn't been published prior to deadline.

With the wins, the Elks end the regular season with a record of 11-5-0-0, good enough for third place in the league. The team now awaits its playoff schedule.

Canwood Library hosts Valentines for Vets

By BEV WYATT
Canwood Library Board

Wapiti's Canwood Public Library was pleased to welcome Ms. Saam's Grade 3/4 class from Canwood Public School to a special afternoon of creating cards for "Valentines For Vets." This program is offered through Veterans Affairs and meant to be a recognition of the bravery and commitment of our Canadian veterans.

Students thoughtfully created cards and messages will shine a little light of appreciation their way. Lester Wyatt,

Canwood Legion Service Officer, joined the students to share stories of our local war heroes.

Some cards will stay in the community, and some will be sent to Veterans Affairs.

It was an afternoon well spent.



Canwood students created Valentines for veterans and visited with Canwood Legion member Lester Wyatt.

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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 the 31st day of March, 2026, the treasurer will proceed to register an interest based on a tax lien in the Land Titles Registry in accordance with Section 10 of the *The Tax Enforcement Act*.

Note: A sum for costs in an amount of \$17.75 is included in the amount shown against each parcel (Section 4(3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act*).

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

LOT	BLOCK	PLAN	TOTAL ARREARS
C & D	3	60B05457	\$5,061.59
8	3	AA4863	\$1,067.38
15	5	AA4863	\$1,067.42
16	5	AA4863	\$2,092.89
13	6	102340606	\$2,733.82
1	7	AA4863	\$354.20
13	8	101727132	\$591.20
26	9	101727211	\$2,180.61
3	1	83B08394	\$1,796.78
5	1	83B08394	\$18,181.45
J	15	101727312	\$2,014.63
1	19	BD1388	\$1,533.97
7	18	76B10394	\$3,591.67
3 & 4	22	BL3374	\$2,145.23
12	26	CA4537	\$1,971.43
1	27	BL3290	\$5,042.62
	42	59B0376	\$6,338.82
7	40	82B12418	\$2,718.99
	BB	84B07193	\$1,661.91
1	2	78B14651	\$3,071.59
13	1	85B11271	\$1,751.43
14	1	85B11271	\$1,751.43
1	CC	99B08110	\$611.15
3	CC	99B08110	\$605.62
9	45	81B11856	\$595.91

Dated this 29th day of January, 2026.
Noreen Olsen, Administrator

OPINION

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A new world order, whether we like it or not

When the term "New World Order" became part of the lexicon of international relations in the period spanning World War 1 and World War 2, its meaning was simple and straightforward.

Those who used it, including U.S. President Woodrow Wilson and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, had overseen the bloodiest years in human history, and, understandably, had no interest in overseeing another.

And so, the New World Order was simply a vision to create a global system to enable the resolution of conflicts between and within nations, while at the same time respecting their sovereignty.

This idea led to the foundation of the United Nations in 1945, followed by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in 1949. And, over time, it evolved beyond stabilizing global relations, becoming more about establishing baselines for human rights, health, poverty, and more.

Like most grand ideas, it didn't take too long for the notion of a New World Order to become a source of fear for some people.

As the world balance shifted in the postwar era, and the United States and Soviet Union emerged as the dominant global powers, fear of the scourge of communism became fear that some shady cabal – comprised of Freemasons, the Illuminati, or subterranean lizard people – was secretly controlling everything and working towards the establishment of an authoritarian global government.

So strong was the fear of a New World Order, that it outlived the fall of communism and the end of the Cold War.

So, when Prime Minister Mark Carney used the term after forging a new trade pact with China, the adherents of the many conspiracy theories surrounding a so-called New World Order predictably flew into a



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TWISS
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News Editor

panic and began frothing at the mouth.

However, rather than a Freudian slip or a breaking of the fourth wall on Mr. Carney's part, the usage of the term was merely a cold, hard truth about the current "ruptured" state of international relations.

Mr. Carney elaborated on this last week, when he spoke to world leaders at the World Economic Forum gathering in Davos, Switzerland.

"We knew the story of the international rules-based order was partially false, that the strongest would exempt themselves when convenient, that trade rules were enforced asymmetrically, and we knew that international law applied with varied rigour, depending on the identity of the accused or the victim," he said.

While noting that middle powers, such as Canada, have benefited from going along with this fiction, Carney suggested the benefits no longer outweigh the costs.

"You cannot live within the lie of mutual benefit through integration when integration becomes the source of your subordination. When the rules no longer protect you, you must protect yourself."

Though he called into question the current global order headed by the United States, China, and Russia, Mr. Carney rejected the idea of looking inward. Instead, he called on other middle powers to work together diplomatically and economically, to forge a new international rules-based order founded on truth.

And perhaps most importantly of all, Mr. Carney framed Canada as a stable, reliable partner that has everything the world wants and is ready to do business, positioning it in stark contrast to the United States under its protectionist president, Donald Trump.

Since Mr. Trump authorized the capture of illegitimate Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro at the start of the new year, the world has been stuck in a guessing game about



where he'd strike next.

To the world's surprise and outrage, Mr. Trump selected Greenland – a U.S. ally under NATO – as his target.

Though he was told the U.S. was more than welcome to expand its military presence in the autonomous Danish territory under an existing agreement, this wasn't enough for Mr. Trump.

A man accustomed to getting his way, and emboldened after receiving the equivalent of a Nobel Peace Prize participation medal, Mr. Trump's campaign to seize complete control of Greenland (and its ample mineral resources) became a weeks-long tantrum of begging, pleading, bargaining, and, eventually, threatening.

When his expectations that Greenland and Denmark would simply roll out the red carpet for him weren't met, Mr. Trump suggested the United States could purchase Greenland (for as much as \$700 billion, according to some reports).

And when the answer was still no, and the rest of NATO came to Greenland's defence, Mr. Trump predictably resorted to the idea of taking it by force, and threatened to slap tariffs on the European nations standing in his way.

The playbook was almost the same one Mr. Trump used at the start of his second term in 2025, when he

initially had his sights set on making Canada the 51st state.

So, the world watched with bated breath as he took the stage in Davos the day after Mr. Carney, wondering if he'd back down like he had with Canada (until last week, at least) or double down.

Following a long, rambling, self-educating introduction, Mr. Trump nixed the idea of using force to take Greenland. And soon after his speech, he also backpedaled on his tariff threats, stating that he and NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte had formed the "framework of a deal" on Greenland.

As of Friday, however, the details of this framework remained a mystery to everyone but Mr. Trump, and the leaders of Denmark and Greenland had made it clear that no deal would be reached without them.

What the next chapter in Mr. Trump's quest for Greenland entails is anyone's guess. But one thing is clear: so long as Mr. Trump remains in office, there's no going back to the world order that has maintained global stability for the past 80 years.

As Mr. Carney has suggested, it's time for a new world order, with Canada as one of its leaders.

But words, of course, are just words; Mr. Carney should be judged by his actions, and the tangible benefits they generate for Canadians.

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Tim Hortons brews up Shellbrook location

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle
Reporter

For local coffee enthusiasts, a daily Double Double will soon be only short a distance away.

After more than a year of speculation and anticipation about the new quick-serve food option coming to Lake Country Co-op's expanded gas station and C-store at the intersection of Highways 3 & 55, the donut is officially out of the oven.

Tim Hortons is coming to Shellbrook.

Owned by Trev Dieno, and with a management team that consists of Kamal Saini, Ben Wasmuth, and Rhyse Dieno, the new Tim Hortons location has been in the works for roughly two years. Along with the new Lake Country Co-op building, Trev Dieno believes it will be a great addition to the community — and to road trips for anyone who happens to be traveling through Shellbrook.

"Shellbrook is the 'gateway to the north,' and with the state of the art Drive Thru and latest restaurant design

and newest equipment available, we will be well positioned to serve the community and travellers great products quickly and professionally," Trev Dieno said.

"Being at the corner of two busy highways, we felt it was a great location for a new Tim Hortons."

Currently, finishing touches are being put on the restaurant, with signage being installed, equipment being tested and commissioned, and technical and operating systems being brought online. When the restaurant does open (on or around Feb. 10), Trev Dieno says it could employ as many as 40 full-time and part-time employees and will operate from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily.

Meanwhile, a grand opening celebration, offering a plethora of prizes, Tim cards, mugs, hockey cards and more, is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 7.

"We are extremely proud and excited to be opening a beautiful new Tim Hortons restaurant in the hometown of the Premier, Mr. Scott Moe, and very excited to get to know the community and

begin contributing to various local and national charitable causes through the Tim Hortons Children's Foundation, Smile Cookie, Tim Bits hockey, Camp Day, and other programs," Trev Dieno said.

For Lake Country Co-op's part, Director of Marketing and Community Relations Brittney Rosenberg says the expansion of the C-Store, liquor store, and gas station is progressing well and on

schedule, with interior finishes and the installation of the canopy being completed, and the relocation of the fuel tanks expected to occur over the next couple of months.

Rosenberg says the new, gas station, convenience, and liquor store portions of the new 10,000 square foot location should be open in early spring. Subway is expected to open sooner.

First announced in September of 2024, the expansion of the Shellbrook location will double the number of fuel pumps to eight from four. And specifically for cardlock customers, the location will boast 24/7 access to restrooms and showers, providing comfort and convenience for travellers.

Meanwhile, the wine, spirit, and beer portion of the convenience store is receiving a massive expansion to a full-scale 3,000 square foot retail outlet, complete with a walk-in cooler, and will offer a mix of local products, craft beer, and limited-edition products.

Lake Country Co-op has said it will also be expanding its team, but hasn't confirmed how many new positions will be added at the location.



Shellbrook's Tim Hortons location is well on the way to being ready to open in early February.

BRANDED CONTENT

WORKSAFE SASKATCHEWAN: Building psychologically safer workplaces in Saskatchewan

When we think of workplace safety, hard hats, steel-toed boots and harnesses often come to mind. But safety isn't only about preventing physical harm—it's also about protecting our psychological health.

Across Saskatchewan, more workers and employers are recognizing the importance of psychological health and safety. Yet many still ask: where do we start? How do we create workplaces where people feel safe, respected and supported, both physically and psychologically?

The's where the Psychological Health and Safety Resource Centre comes in.

A trusted hub for workers, employers and leaders

WorkSafe Saskatchewan, the injury prevention partnership between the WCB and the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety, developed a free, easy-to-use online hub with practical tools to help workplaces strengthen psychological health and safety.

The Resource Centre provides straightforward guidance for organizations at every stage, whether they're beginning to explore workplace psychological health or enhancing existing programs. Resources include:

- Guides and templates to help employers build psychological health and safety into their policies and practices.
- Webinars and workshops tailored to Saskatchewan workplaces.
- Worker resources to understand rights, build resources and find support.
- A directory of community supports to connect

individuals to services close to home.

"Our goal is to make sure workers and employers in Saskatchewan have access to credible, practical tools that support psychological health and safety," says Kevin Mooney, vice president of prevention and employer services at the WCB.

A growing challenge

Psychological injury claims have been steadily rising in Saskatchewan. From 2020 to 2024, the WCB accepted 1,209 psychological injury claims—numbers that continue to grow. While these claims still account for a small portion of all workplace injuries, their impact is significant with psychological injury claims durations higher than overall claim durations.

Behind every statistic is a worker, a family and a workplace affected by stress, trauma or burnout. Psychological health issues can impact focus and productivity but more importantly, they can affect people's quality of life.

"Over the past several years, we've seen Saskatchewan workplaces dealing with unique psychological health and safety challenges," said Mooney. "That reinforces the importance of providing Saskatchewan workers and employers with the tools they need to support psychological health and safety in their workplaces."

A trusted partner

WorkSafe Saskatchewan developed the Resource Centre with guidance of Dr. Joti Samra, a national leader in workplace psychological health and safety. Dr. Samra played a key role in developing the National Standard of Canada for Psychological Health and Safety in the Workplace, the first of its kind in the world.

"Research statistics don't lie," said Dr. Samra. "Conservatively, one out of five of us will experience a psychological or mental health issue or illness every single year. Now, more than ever, we have a critical imperative to take action."

Practical tools, real impact

The Resource Centre isn't just about awareness. The site provides resources that are simple, credible and easy to use, including:

- Step-by-step resources for leaders to begin developing a psychologically safe workplace.
- Self-assessment tools to help organizations identify strengths and gaps.
- Educational videos and toolkits designed to fit the realities of Saskatchewan workplaces.
- Links to provincial psychological health services, making it easy to find additional help when needed.

For example, an employer might use the templates to integrate psychological safety into their safety program, while a worker might download resources to manage stress or seek community support.

Why psychological health matters

Research shows that workplaces that prioritize psychological health and safety see fewer injuries, reduced absenteeism and higher productivity. In a province where nearly 90 per cent of workplaces report zero injuries and zero fatalities each year, addressing psychological health is the next frontier in prevention.

"Ultimately, healthy, resilient and thriving organizations and teams are comprised of healthy, resilient and thriving workers—both physically and psychologically," Dr. Samra noted.

Take the first step

Building psychologically healthy workplaces takes all of us—workers, employers, unions, industry associations and safety leaders. By starting conversations, reducing stigma and using the free tools available, we can create workplaces where people feel safe bringing their whole selves to work.

Visit worksafesask.ca/phsrc today to explore free tools, connect with community supports and begin building a stronger foundation for psychological health and safety in your workplace.

Psychological Health & Safety RESOURCE CENTRE

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worksafesask.ca/phsrc.



Highlights of a Shellbrook Town Council meeting

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle
Reporter

(The following council highlights are not the approved minutes of council for Jan. 19.)

Shellbrook's Town Council held its regular meeting in person and via teleconference on Monday, Jan. 19.

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

Mayor Otterson called council's regular meeting to order, beginning with the customary Treaty 6 land acknowledgement in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation. Then, it approved the meeting's agenda, adopted the

minutes of its Dec. 15 regular meeting and Jan. 5 special meeting, and moved on to the reports of administration and committees.

In her CAO report, O'Halligan informed council that the wait to hear back about the CHIF grant, which will hopefully provide funding for the water treatment plant project, will be longer than anticipated. Currently, it's expected that the federal government won't provide approvals until June or July.

O'Halligan also noted that new hockey stick holders had been installed at the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre in collaboration with Shellbrook Minor Hockey.

In its review of the town's financials, accounts for approval, and payroll, council was given a look at the

books for the SCAPE Program (formerly the playground program), the Shellbrook Swimming Pool, the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre, and the CSO Program.

In 2025, the SCAPE program recovered 81 per cent of its costs, ending with a modest deficit of \$4,927.12, while the swimming pool saw registrants increase to 699 from 654 and its deficit decline dramatically to \$19,925 from \$120,153, and the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre ran a much larger surplus of \$164,769 for the 2024-2025 season, compared to \$47,307 the season prior.

Finally, the CSO program ran an operational deficit of \$77,336.83 in 2025, as the town expanded the service and began contracting services out to other com-

munities. At the same time that it increased operational costs, the expansion of services also increased revenues by \$131,305, largely due to higher bylaw enforcement fees, recoverable CSO costs, and policing fines.

With two additional municipalities showing interest in contracting services, Councillor Miller suggested that the town's rates be reviewed, to ensure it's covering its costs and making a small profit.

In the Public Works Committee Report, council was informed that a survey had been sent out to residents of 1st Avenue East asking them whether they'd like the road to return to a similar condition prior to construction, or have new pavement with curb and gutter installed.

Meanwhile, in the

Recreation Committee Report, council was briefed on a request from Shellbrook Minor Ball to upgrade the kitchen at the Shellbrook Sports Grounds. Minor Ball and the town will need to collaborate on plans, to ensure they meet public health requirements, and obtain pricing for budgetary components.

Concluding the reports, council reviewed the financials for Shellbrook Fire and Rescue and the CSO report for December, then moved on to new business, where it started with a mix of housekeeping items, including annual committee appointments, charge reversals, and tax enforcement proceedings.

Carrying on, council once again discussed the Sask Recycles Program (formerly Multi-Material Stewardship

West) and made the decision to sign on to the program under its community-led model, which will allow the town to continue with its contractor of choice (currently Greenland Waste) until 2028.

Up next, council carried a motion to waive the theatre rental fee for the Shellbrook Theatre Committee's upcoming comedy night, approved an agreement that sets facility rental rates for Shellbrook Elementary School and W.P. Sandin High School, and approved the town's new Complaint Policy, which formalizes how it handles, documents, and follows up on ratepayer complaints.

Closing out the meeting, council agreed to waive a portion of the Senior Elks' ice rental fee on Dec. 2, and dealt with a few more housekeeping items.

TAX ENFORCEMENT LIST TOWN OF BLAINE LAKE 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 April 6, 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 1 Blk 2 H3043	149452825	\$ 3,438.57	\$ 16.74	\$ 3,455.31
Lot 1 Blk 3 H3043	156913555	\$ 1,907.95	\$ 16.74	\$ 1,924.69
Lot 12 Blk 3 Plan H3043	156593537	\$ 1,652.08	\$ 16.74	\$ 1,668.82
Lot 19 Blk 3 Plan H3043	147828426	\$ 3,758.10	\$ 16.74	\$ 3,774.84
Lot 16 Blk 4 Plan H3043	144528037	\$ 6,179.71	\$ 16.74	\$ 6,196.45
Lot 17 Blk 4 Plan H3043	142414332	\$ -	\$ 16.74	\$ 16.74
Lot 26 Blk 4 Plan H3043	142414354	\$ 848.24	\$ 16.74	\$ 864.98
Lot 12 Blk 5 Plan M4996	144090514	\$ -	\$ 16.74	\$ 16.74
Lot 24 Blk 5 Plan M4996	144090536	\$ 5,947.05	\$ 16.74	\$ 5,963.79
Lot 15 Blk 5 Plan M4996	155692929	\$ 1,648.77	\$ 16.74	\$ 1,665.51
Lot 16 Blk 5 Plan M4996	138180696	\$ 3,216.14	\$ 16.74	\$ 3,232.88
Lot 20 Blk 5 Plan M4996	139880054	\$ 4,386.13	\$ 16.74	\$ 4,402.87
Lot 22 Blk 5 Plan M4996	150363996	\$ 6,802.06	\$ 16.74	\$ 6,818.80
Lot 23 Blk 5 Plan M4996	129696801	\$ 1,667.15	\$ 16.74	\$ 1,683.89
Lot 11 Blk 6 Plan H3043	154874199	\$ 13,050.03	\$ 16.74	\$ 13,066.77
Lot 21 Blk 6 Plan H3043	118990413	\$ 1,406.70	\$ 16.74	\$ 1,423.44
Lot 22 Blk 6 Plan H3043	148137240	\$ 2,076.37	\$ 16.74	\$ 2,093.11
Lot 23 Blk 6 Plan H3043	148137251	\$ 797.25	\$ 16.74	\$ 813.99
Lot 19 Blk 9 Plan M4996	154803764	\$ 1,127.73	\$ 16.74	\$ 1,144.47
Lot 13 Blk 11 Plan 68B09837	117360008	\$ 2,577.82	\$ 16.74	\$ 2,594.56
Lot 20 Blk 18 Plan AV4398	143812650	\$ -	\$ 16.74	\$ 16.74
Lot 21 Blk 18 Plan AV4398	143859156	\$ 3,886.48	\$ 16.74	\$ 3,903.22
Lot 17 Blk 20 Plan AV4398	145576154	\$ 2,165.42	\$ 16.74	\$ 2,182.16
Lot 12 Blk 22 Plan BL5947	118436340	\$ 1,176.16	\$ 16.74	\$ 1,192.90
Lot 4 Blk 26 Plan B02796	152592194	\$ 3,319.56	\$ 16.74	\$ 3,336.30
Lot 8 Blk 26 Plan B02796	146915747	\$ 6,857.59	\$ 16.74	\$ 6,874.33
Lot 3 Blk 27 Plan 62B06978	118436328	\$ 6,413.92	\$ 16.74	\$ 6,430.66
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Lot 10 Blk F Plan BL1253	151316029	\$ 2,829.15	\$ 16.74	\$ 2,845.89
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* Penalty is calculated to the date of the Notice and will continue to accrue as applicable.

Dated this 26th day of January, 2026

Jim Puffalt, CAO

Satellite-based crop insurance now available

By MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE
Submitted

Federal Agriculture and Agri-Food Minister Heath MacDonald and Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister David Marit have announced enhanced business risk management support for the livestock sector.

For 2026, Satellite Forage Insurance is replacing the Forage Rainfall Insurance Program (FRIP). FRIP is no longer available and all existing FRIP customers will be automatically enrolled in Satellite Forage Insurance.

"We continue to look for innovative ways to support producers as they face ongoing unpredictable moisture conditions," MacDonald said. "This program is a great example of how governments are using new and more localized data in business risk management program decision making."

"Agriculture is essential to Saskatchewan," Marit said. "We are proud to stand behind our producers with further development of forage programs. Satellite Forage Insurance reflects our commitment to supporting Saskatchewan's producers with insurance that is relevant, responsive and accurate."

Satellite Forage Insurance provides coverage when there is a shortage of soil moisture. It uses satellite-based technology to measure soil moisture, an important factor in forage production. Claims and premiums are now localized at the township

level where the insured hay or pasture is located. High, medium and low coverage levels are available, varying by soil zone. There are two monthly weighting options available for producers to tailor their coverage.

Working in partnership with producers and industry helps to ensure risk management is available to producers when challenging growing conditions arise.

"Saskatchewan's producers face tremendous variability when it comes to weather and growing conditions," SARM President Bill Huber said. "The introduction of Satellite Forage Insurance is another important step in providing tools that better reflect what is happening on the ground. By expanding and modernizing forage coverage, we are strengthening risk management options that help producers remain resilient and sustainable in the face of change."

"We are pleased a new and improved forage insurance program is going to be available for the 2026 growing season, as a result of the collaborative work initiated through our AgriRisk Initiatives project," Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (SSGA) President Jeff Yorga said. "We are expecting this program to eliminate long standing issues with basis risk. By measuring conditions at the local level, payments will be more reflective of conditions on the ground and be more responsive when there is a production shortfall."

"SCA appreciates the gov-

ernments' risk mitigation programs," SCA Chair Chad Ross said. "While SCIC has made improvements to FRIP throughout the years, the reliance on weather stations was challenging for producers to ensure they selected the right one. Moving to a program that uses satellite provides a more localized focus for producers and may result in a more accurate and responsive program."

Today's announcement provides producers with timely information to plan for their upcoming year. Producer information packages will be available in mid to late February and will include coverage options and premiums. Producers with questions can contact their local SCIC office.

Crop Insurance is a federal-provincial-producer cost-shared program that helps producers manage production and quality losses. Support for the program is provided by the governments of Canada and Saskatchewan under the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP).

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Carney scores win for farmers in China

Talk about walking the razor's edge, that is exactly where Prime Minister Mark Carney found himself as he made another foray to China to talk trade.

If you can, for a moment, shed the political rhetoric of Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe having used the federal Liberals as his scapegoat for every provincial ill – even those that clearly lie at the feet of the Saskatchewan Party – you begin to realize in many ways that Carney is between the proverbial rock and a hard place in terms of trade.

To begin with, Carney currently heads a Canada whose long-time ally

and key trading partner

is being run by what might generously be called a wild card loose cannon, and more correctly might be the world leader most likely to light the fuse on another world war, President Donald Trump.

With Trump's oil-greed-initiated thrust into Venezuela, his covetous posturing of a forced annexation on NATO partner Greenland (held by Denmark), and verbiage that has to have Canada's military antsy, the U.S. is a more volatile trade partner than an active volcano.

So Canada, and PM Carney, have to look for options.

China, by its sheer population, makes obvious



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DANIELS

sense as an avenue to enhance trade. Among the three big global powers, China also, at present, seems less threatening than the Trump led USA and Putin led Russia.

However, China and Canada have not been particularly amiable in trade relations of late.

Canada balked at importation of lower cost Chinese electric vehicles,

seeing them as a threat to Ontario-based car makers, so imposed tariffs.

In what should not have come as a surprise, China retaliated with tariffs on Canadian canola.

Now if you are in Ontario, EV tariffs are likely generally seen as a good thing – protecting jobs. That said, opening the doors to lower cost EVs would probably entice a greater consumer uptake in the greener fuel vehicle option, which might be an environmental silver lining at least.

On the Prairies, EVs are not exactly popular among many, especially in oil pumping Alberta, and to a lesser extent in

Saskatchewan.

Meanwhile, in farm country, the desire is to ship canola to China unfettered.

This is one of those times Carney – or any leader – was not going to be able to please Ontario and the Prairies, no matter what came out of his trip.

All that said, Carney needed to stick handle to something better in terms of trade with China than what existed pre-trip, because until Americans draw a line in the sand that they won't let Trump cross, smooth trade south of the border seems lost.

And Carney and the Canadians delegation made inroads.

Under the agreement reached between Canada and China, tariffs on Canadian canola seed imports are expected to be reduced to 15 per cent as of March 1, 2026, and the current 100 per cent tariffs on canola meal are expected to be removed as of March 1, 2026, until at least the end of the calendar year.

Now, canola oil was not mentioned, but what did get done has to be something that is seen as a great first step, a foundation, if you will, for hopefully better deals to come.

It certainly comes off as a win for canola trade, and for Carney as he manoeuvres around the messes made by Trump.

Governments invest \$4.5 million in livestock, forage research

By MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
Submitted

Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Heath MacDonald and Saskatchewan Minister of Agriculture David Marit have announced \$4.5 million to support 25 new livestock and forage-related research projects in Saskatchewan through the Agriculture Development Fund (ADF).

Additionally, the ministers announced a renewed \$3.9 million, multi-year partnership with two world-class research organizations, the Prairie Swine Centre (PSC) and the Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization (VIDO).

"Investments in agricultural research drive innovation across the sector and strengthen one of Canada's most important economic engines," MacDonald said. "These investments will help ensure producers can operate more efficiently and sustainably, today and into the future."

"We are investing in research that will deliver innovation to livestock producers, helping them to adapt, stay competitive and thrive in an everchanging industry," Marit said.

Projects are selected through an annual competitive process to identify research with the potential

to help Saskatchewan's livestock producers remain innovative, profitable and competitive. This year's livestock and forage projects include a range of topics such as developing new types of hybrid bromegrass with more consistent yield and improved digestibility; exploring biomarkers to develop an earlier and more reliable test for Johne's disease; and enhancing sustainable bison production through improved grazing strategies and the preservation of prairie ecosystems in Saskatchewan.

The Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan work closely with industry partners to leverage funding to support research that aligns with industry priorities. This year's ADF projects were supported by an additional \$1.3 million from 13 industry partners, including:

- Alberta Beef Producers;
- Alfalfa Seed Commission of Alberta;
- Canadian Poultry Research Council;
- Manitoba Forage Seed Association;
- Results Driven Agricultural Research;
- Saskatchewan Alfalfa Seed Producers Development Commission;
- Saskatchewan Barley Development Commission;
- Saskatchewan Cattle Association;

- Saskatchewan Chicken Industry Development Fund;
- Saskatchewan Forage Seed Development Commission;
- Saskatchewan Pork Development Board;
- Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board; and
- Western Dairy Research Collaboration.

"Investment in research is critical for our industry," Saskatchewan Cattle Association Chair Chad Ross said. "We appreciate government investment in our research priorities, which focus on animal health, forage production and water quality this year."

The ADF is supported through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership - a five-year, \$3.5 billion investment by federal, provincial and territorial governments to strengthen competitiveness, innovation, and resiliency of Canada's agriculture, agri-food, and agri-based products sector. This includes \$1 billion in federal programs and activities and a \$2.5 billion commitment that is cost-shared 60 per cent federally and 40 per cent provincially for programs that are designed and delivered by provinces and territories.

For more information, including a full list of the above projects, please visit: saskatchewan.ca.

Men's Sheds: A growing idea for Sask. communities

By MEN'S SHEDS CANADA
Submitted

Across Saskatchewan, communities have long been built on simple ideas: pitching in, sharing skills, and taking care of one another. Those same values are at the heart of a growing movement known as Men's Sheds.

Men's Sheds are local, grassroots groups where men get together to work on projects, share knowledge, and enjoy good company. Often compared to a backyard workshop, they're places where conversation happens naturally – side by side, over a task, a tool, or a cup of coffee. There's no pressure, no

formal agenda, and no expectation beyond showing up.

For many men, retirement or other life changes can quietly reduce daily routines and opportunities to connect. Men's Sheds offer a practical, welcoming way to stay active and involved. Some Sheds focus on building or fixing things. Others garden, cook, walk together, explore music or technology, and most take on volunteer projects that support local organizations. Spending time side by side on projects helps men feel useful, engaged, and part of something bigger – while gently countering the loneliness and social isolation that many older men experience.

"Men's Sheds work because they're shaped by the community they're in," says Robert Goluch, President of Men's Sheds Canada. "There's no single model – it's about giving men a place to gather, share skills, and build something meaningful together."

What began as a grassroots idea in Australia in the 1990s has since grown into an international movement, active in more than 15 countries. In Canada, there are now more than 170 Men's Sheds, with new ones forming as communities discover the model and make it their own.

Men's Sheds Canada, established in 2022, exists to support both existing

Sheds and communities interested in starting new ones. The organization provides guidance, resources, practical and financial support to help local groups take shape – from the first conversation to opening the doors.

While Men's Sheds are well established in many parts of the country, there is significant opportunity for growth in Saskatchewan. With its strong tradition of volunteering, hands-on skills, and community spirit, the province is well suited to the Shed model.

To learn more about Men's Sheds in Saskatchewan, or how to join or start one, visit menssheds.ca/SK.

Spiritwood Lions host District Governor

By BEVRA FEE
*Spiritwood Herald
 Reporter*

The Spiritwood Lions Club was honoured to receive a visit from the District Governor of Lions District 5SKN on Jan. 15. Hosting the District Governor has become an annual event looked forward to for the club, and meeting DG Brian Starkell. Hailing from Nipawin, Starkell made the

trip to Spiritwood for an evening of supper at Marion's Burger Bar with the Lions and their guests.

As part of his District Governor duties, Starkell presented long-service awards to several of Spiritwood's club members. Lion Joe Horn, who passed away in 2025, was recognized posthumously for 45 years of service. Lion Joe's wife, Isabel, was in attendance

to accept the Chevron Award on his behalf.

"The Chevron Award is aptly named after the chevron symbol in reference to a badge indicating rank or length of service," noted the letter from Lions International President AP Singh.

Chevron Awards were also presented to Lion Marlene Walter and Lion Cheyenne Orange in recognition of their 10 years each with the

club, although Lion Marlene served for many years in the Spiritwood Lioness Club prior to joining the Lions.

Upon completion of the awards and a brief address, District Governor Starkell gave his personally designed pin — a stylized fire-fighter due to his background in fire protection — to many of the Lions in attendance.

Spiritwood Lions Club President Cheyenne Orange then addressed the club and thanked District Governor Starkell for his visit.

Lion Cheyenne also took the opportunity to present Lions Penny Holden and Dave Corneliuson with Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides Life Membership certificates. The presentation of certificates is an annual event for the Spiritwood Lions Club in order to commemorate the visit from their District Governor.



DG Brian Starkell delivers a message to Spiritwood Lions members during his annual visit.



DG Brian Starkell presents certificates to Lions Penny Holden and Dave Corneliuson.



Lions District Governor presents 10-year Chevrons to Lions Marlene Walter and Cheyenne Orange.

All America Selections 2026 winners: Part I

By PATRICIA HANBIDGE
Orchid Horticulture

When January rolls around, it is with great pleasure I bring to you the most recent AAS winners! All America Selections (AAS) is a non-profit trialing organization that tests new, never-before-sold varieties of plants for the home gardener. After a full season of anonymous trialing by volunteer horticultural professionals, only the top garden performers are given the AAS Winner award designation for their superior performance. The AAS Winner label is like a stamp of approval as their mission is to promote new garden varieties with superior garden performance. Their tagline "Tested Nationally and Proven Locally®" most definitely says it all!

AAS is therefore the place to go for the next best thing to guarantee success in your garden. Once or twice each

decade there is an AAS Gold Medal Award that honours a breeding breakthrough. Standard AAS National Winner designation recognizes an ornamental or edible that shows significant breeding achievements, and demonstrates superior garden performance compared to other varieties available. Judges also evaluate characteristics such as earliness, taste, disease-resistance, uniqueness and more depending on the species. AAS Regional Winner designation is given to varieties that do not perform exceptionally in all regions but in specific regions of North America. certain regions are named AAS Regional Winners. The AAS Winners offer gardeners reliable new varieties of plants to grow in your garden.

The 2025 winners will be available for purchase for the gardening season as supply becomes available. It is sometimes difficult to get the seed or the plants desired when the

winners are just announced but if you go to the All America Selections website, they list the seed houses that sell seed of the winning plants. The url is <https://all-americaselections.org/buy-winners/>

Basil Treviso is an outstanding basil to grow in any kitchen garden. It is a compact but highly branched plant that stays tender for a longer time, maintaining leaf quality late into the season. It is vigorous, has good heat tolerance and is slow to flower so is a high-performing selection to grow.

There is a pole bean that I plan to grow as Bean, pole Majesty is an outstanding purple pole bean with high yield and superior quality. The dark, dense foliage is resistant to insect damage and recovers quickly from summer heat stress. The beans are delicious and have a sweet, tender, non-bitter texture that can be harvested all season long.

Kale Rubybor F1 is a dual-purpose kale that is beau-

tiful and edible. With deep purple foliage and a compact habit, it works well in containers or beds. It is high yielding and exceptionally tender with no bitterness, so we can enjoy this plant that is suited for both landscape and dinner!

Squash, winter Butter Lamp F1 is a mini, pumpkin-shaped butternut squash that delivers both charm and performance. The strong plants are resistant to powdery mildew, heat and insect pressures and it matures early into uniform fruits with rich, yellow flesh.

The last edible winner is Tomato BadaBing! F1 which is a large cherry (almost cocktail-sized) tomato that produces early-season tomatoes with outstanding flavor and crack-resistant fruit. It grows only up to about 40 inches (about 1 metre) so fits well in containers or in your garden.

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Basil Treviso is one of this year's All America Selections winners.

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Shellbrook Library activity highlights

By EDDIE HOEHN
Branch Librarian

On Tuesday, Jan. 6, Tasje Sharron shared her experiences from her trip to Peru with attendees at the library. Tasje showed attendees pictures and videos of her hiking expedition. Her tour guides looked after her during the expedition by boiling water, cooking, providing meals and shelter, and cleaning.

In Cusco, Tasje saw colonial arcades, churches, the Plaza de Armas cathedral, and the Stone of Twelve Angles at Inca Roca Palace — a masterpiece of Inca stonework and Spanish influence. She learned how to make chocolate at a workshop at



Tasje Sharron gave a presentation on her trip to Peru.

Choco Museo.

She traveled into the Sacred Valley towards the town of Ollantaytambo. She saw the Urubamba River and watched a weaving demonstration in the Awamaki community. Participants have the opportunity to create their own small keepsake or purchase woven items from the local women.

Tasje saw Piscacucho, Huayllabamba, Llullcha Pampa, the Quenua woodlands, Pacaymayu, and Dead Woman's Pass, which is the highest point of the Inca Trail. She traveled to the Runcuraqay ruins, Runcuraqay Pass, the Sayaqmarka ruins, Chaquicocha, the Phuyupatamarka ruins, the Royal Highway, the Winayhuayna ruins, the Gate of the Sun, and Machu Picchu.

On Tuesday, Jan. 13, Nancy Carswell presented Adventures Down East at the library. She talked about her adventures during her trip to New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia.

Nancy visited Le Matelot Restaurant and Perce Rock, an enormous rock formation, on the Gaspe Peninsula.

In New Brunswick, Nancy enjoyed viewing Hopewell Rocks Provincial Park with its rock formations caused by tidal erosion and Parlee Beach Provincial Park.

In Prince Edward Island, she saw the Confederation Bridge, a two-lane toll bridge that connects the

Trans-Canada Highway to New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

She also visited the Anne of Green Gables Museum which is located in Prince Edward Island. In Charlottetown, Nancy watched *Come From Away*, which is a musical based on the true events of the airplane passengers and crew in Gander, Newfoundland after the Sept. 11 attacks.

Nancy drove to Peggy's Cove, a small rural community southwest of Halifax. She saw the Maud Lewis Exhibition.

Nancy baked Nova Scotia Oatcakes for attendees to sample and gave the

recipe to anyone who was interested.

Also on Tuesday, Jan. 13, volunteer and local library board member Samuel Schafer presented tropical getaway-themed Trivia Night at the library. There were five participants, who were split into two teams.

The participants guessed book titles based on descriptions of classic novels like *Robinson Crusoe*, *Swiss Family Robinson*, and *Lord of the Flies*. They also listed the top six most popular Caribbean islands for vacation destinations, identified some tropical fish, and participated in their usual name that tune and movie identification rounds.



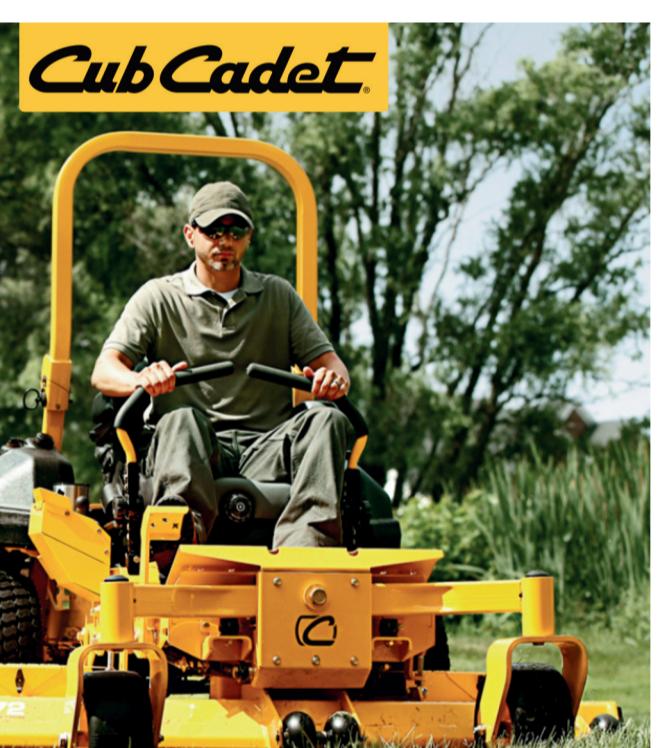
Nancy Carswell gave a presentation on her trip to New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia.



Participants take part in January's trivia night, led by library board member Samuel Schafer.

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NDP calls out healthcare worker 'snitch line'

By SASK NDP
Submitted

At a time when healthcare workers face increasing violence, unsafe patient loads and profound moral distress, Scott Moe's solution is to set up a snitch line to prevent employees from sharing anything that may make the Saskatchewan Health Authority look bad.

The SHA, which has numerous Sask. Party campaign workers and political insiders among its senior executives, is currently seeking proposals for an Anonymous Reporting Mechanism, described as "a service that can be used for anonymous reporting to the organization where employees and others are suspected of violating SHA policies, codes of conduct, or conflict of in-

terest rules."

"Unbelievable – instead of listening and addressing the very real safety and workplace concerns our frontline workers are dealing with every single day, Scott Moe and their loyal SHA leadership are more worried about muzzling workers to save face," said Meara Conway, Saskatchewan NDP Shadow Minister for Health. "This is a government focused on setting up snitch lines when they should be focused on fixing Saskatchewan healthcare, which is in worse shape than ever."

For months, healthcare workers have been bravely sharing stories of overcrowded emergency rooms, hallway medicine and risks to their personal safety. This tender for a snitch line was posted Jan. 13, just one day after 200 healthcare workers at

St Paul's broke rank and spoke out calling for an immediate response and safety plan at St. Paul's Hospital. Last fall 450 workers at Royal University Hospital did the same.

"Healthcare workers are speaking out because they're scared – for their patients, their coworkers, and for their own safety," said Nathaniel Teed, Saskatchewan NDP Labour Shadow Minister. "The government's response shouldn't be to slap them with a gag order – it should be to fix the dangerous conditions they're being forced to work in."

This proposal would also seem to fly in the face of legislation passed to give healthcare workers whistleblower protection, meaning they should be free speak out on conditions in their workplace, without fear of retribu-

tion.

The Sask. Party has driven healthcare into last place in Canada. Instead of retaining workers, Saskatchewan continues to lose doctors and nurses to other provinces. Scott Moe has talked openly in recent weeks about moving to two-tier American-style private

healthcare, where people who can afford to can pay to jump the queue for healthcare. His plan comes as everyday Saskatchewan people report higher financial anxiety than anywhere else in the country.

Conway said supporting public healthcare is key – and working col-

laboratively with frontline workers is the only path forward.

"You don't solve a staffing crisis by silencing the people who are still showing up every day," Conway said. "You solve it by making healthcare safer, properly staffed and worthy of the people who dedicate their lives to it."

GOOD NEWS

A MOMENT OF GRACE CAN ERASE A LIFETIME OF GUILT

**By PADRE
DAVE BODVARSON**

"A moment of grace can erase a lifetime of guilt."

I came across that wise saying and used it recently for a title of a message I preached.

The text I spoke on was the story of the woman at the well. She was a Samaritan who wondered why Jesus, being a Jew, would take time for her. We are reminded in John 4 that the Jews had no dealings with the Samaritans. Yet, Jesus did! Some think she was the least likely to be saved.

Years ago now, as I sat in my office in Rocanville, my curiosity was roused when I heard about a revival in Pond Inlet, way up in the High Arctic. Being born and raised in Hay River, N.W.T. I still have a fondness for the North. So what I did was call the Anglican Church in Pond Inlet.

I spoke to Pastor Joshua Arreak. God

was among the Charismatic Anglicans.

I asked Joshua three questions.

Do you have the signs?

Do you have the wonders?

Do you have the miracles?

He said to me, "We have them all."

I like what he said next: "The greatest miracle is the people we wrote off. The people we thought would never get saved are coming in. They are coming in like a flood."

I asked, "Joshua, how big is your community?" He said about 900 people.

I then asked, "How many in the church?" And he said about 500 people! Wow!

I love Jesus' approach to the woman at the well. He was patient, He allowed the Holy Spirit to work on her, and she did get saved. It has been suggested "She was the least likely prospect for salvation, yet God used her to win almost an entire village."

Do it again Lord!

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Jets' downward slide shocks 'Peg fans

Winnipeg Jets fans got quite a shock in January when an 11-game winless streak during the middle of what had been a mediocre National Hockey League season dumped the Jets into 32nd place overall in the 32-team NHL.

It was an unbelievable downturn for the Jets, who were coming off a season in 2024-25 when they won the prestigious President's Trophy as overall points leader in the NHL. Most teams which suffer declines do it gradually — a pennant one year might lead to a middle-of-the-pack finish the following season, with missing the playoffs next in line before a rebuild begins.

For the Jets this season, it was like they plummeted from the top of Mount Everest.

Thankfully for those who live and die with the Jets' prospects, however, there was hope on the horizon. The Jets ran off a four-game mini winning streak, which included three home-ice victories and then a solid 4-1 triumph in Min-

neapolis that may have signalled the worst was over.

But the 11-game winless streak was worrisome. The Jets lost only 22 games last season; they hit 22 defeats in the first 42 games this year. Their secondary scoring was dismal; the team was being carried by the top line of Mark Scheifele, Kyle Connor, and Gabriel Vilardi, which accounted for nearly 50 per cent of the Jets' goals through the first half of the season. (Vilardi has lately been moved to the second line, replaced by Alex Iafallo.)

Some of that scoring from secondary sources has recently shown signs of life. Off-season signee Jonathan Toews scored in four consecutive games to reach seven for the season, but offence from expected sources like Cole Perfetti (three this year) and Nino Niederreiter (seven, after 17 last season) was quiet.

Analysts are puzzled

about the Jets' troubles.

About the only key departure in the off-season was winger Nikolaj



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Ehlers, who signed as a free agent with Carolina. Ehlers was third in points and fourth in goals on the team last year, and played a key role on the powerplay. For the most part, however, the team is essentially the same.

Offensive output from almost everyone except the big three is way down, and the miraculous play of goalie Connor Hellebuyck, last year's Vezina Trophy winner and MVP, can only carry a team so far. One big gainer has been defenceman Logan Stanley, who scored one goal in each of the last four seasons, but was sitting at eight through 45 games this year. Fellow

blueliner Josh Morrissey was his usual brilliant self, quarterbacking the powerplay and putting up his normal point-per-game offensive numbers as he geared up to skate for Canada's Olympic team.

After that recent winless streak reached 11 games, Jets' coach Scott Arniel said, "I think we are all getting mental right now in the sense that it's in everybody's head."

Arniel and Jets' fans hope the team's rebound continues after the Olympic break. They've been to the top and they've experienced life at the bottom and there's no doubt the view is much better from the higher elevation.

• Comedy guy Torben Rolfsen of Vancouver: "Colorado Rockies hired Paul DePodesta as their president of baseball operations. DePodesta previously worked for the A's, Padres, Indians and Mets, so he brings a strong background in losing to the Mile High City."

• From fark.com: "Dak

Prescott dusts off the script, changes all the '2025s' to '2026', and vows that, yea, verily, next season will be different."

• Columnist Norman Chad, on Twitter: "New England Patriots DT

Christian Barmore is facing a misdemeanor charge of assault and battery on a household/family member. And Patriots WR Stefon Diggs is facing a felony charge of strangulation and a misdemeanor charge of assault. Is Urban Meyer coaching the Pats now?"

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "How long until Tom Brady gives Trump one of his many trophies and Donald declares himself a Super Bowl champion?"

• Another one from RJ Currie: "At the Grand Slam Of Curling event in Steinbach, Man., team John Shuster cut the sleeves off their outfits and played with exposed biceps. Or in typical U.S. fashion, they exercised their right to bare arms."

• Headline at fark.com: "The Dodgers have the biggest dump truck of money and it just made a stop at Kyle Tucker's house."

• Another fark.com headline: "John Harbaugh agrees to become the next coach fired by the New York Giants."

Care to comment?
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Elks top Raiders in Provincials opener

By JORDAN TWISS

Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

The Shellbrook Elks Senior Hockey Club and the Blaine Lake Raiders kicked off their Senior D Provincials runs in Shellbrook on Friday, Jan. 23, with a clash in front of a large crowd at the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre.

Though the teams compete in different leagues, despite the close proximity of Shellbrook and Blaine Lake, this marked the second time the Elks and Raiders have met this hockey season. In October, the teams played an exhibition game against each other, which the Elks won by a score of 5-2.

Since then, the Raiders have been on a tear in the Saskatchewan Prairie Hockey League, with their only loss coming on a technicality because they had to cancel a game. Meanwhile, the Elks got off to a shaky start, but haven't lost since Dec. 6.

With both teams riding hot streaks heading into Provincials, it was no surprise that they were evenly matched in the opening minutes of Friday night's game, trading off scoring opportunities at a breakneck pace.

Up first on the power play, the

Raiders exerted good pressure on the Elks, but were unable to get a puck past goalie Alex Bell.

When it had its first opportunity later in the period, the Elks power play looked just as strong. But although they didn't score before the Raiders' penalty was over, the Elks set themselves up for success, allowing Jody Blais to bury a loose puck from the Raiders doorstep. Ashton Miller assisted on the goal.

Striking while the iron was hot, the Elks rushed down the ice off the following face off and Rylan Moe

slipped a shot past Raiders goalie Landen Couture to put the Elks up 2-0 on an assist from Nathan Flodell.

The Raiders regrouped after this and rallied late in the first period, but still couldn't beat the Elks goalie. And this theme replayed throughout the second period, with both teams getting their share of scoring opportunities but failing to capitalize on them.

Finally, when the action moved to the third period, the typically high-octane Raiders offence found its rhythm. Keeping the Elks pinned

in their own end, the Raiders had a close call with a goal post before Adam Horner was able to bury a puck to close the gap to 2-1. Thomas Jean and Gage Helm assisted on the goal.

The Elks and the Raiders continued to duke it out in the trenches as the action (and tempers) heated up on the ice. After another long stretch of offensive pressure, the Raiders pulled even on a tipped floater from the point with just a few minutes left on the clock. Kyle Schmidt was credited with the goal, while assists went to Brandon Lesko and Thomas Jean.

But just when it seemed they'd breathed life into their hopes of scoring a comeback win, the Raiders coughed up the puck in the Elks end. This sprung the Elks for a breakaway, and allowed Jody Blais to score his second goal of the game on assists from Dallas Galloway and Brendon Beaulac.

Shortly after, Blais earned himself a hat trick on an almost identical play, securing a 4-2 game one win for the Elks. Beaulac earned the lone assist on the goal.

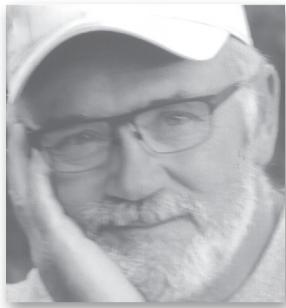
Game two is slated to be played in Blaine Lake at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31. If necessary, the teams will return to Shellbrook for game three on Monday, Feb. 2.



Elks forward Payton Kachur takes a hit from Blaine Lake's Dawson Horner while fighting for a puck in front of the Raiders goal.

OBITUARIES

James (Jim) Fredrick Lowes



James passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Friday, January 23, 2026, in Shellbrook, SK. Jim was born to Jeannette and Robert Lowes on January 30, 1956, in Meadow Lake, SK. They later moved to Prince Albert, SK where Jim attended various schools in PA, graduating from Riverside Collegiate.

After high school Jim followed his father's footsteps and worked

in the plumbing trade for three years, before starting a career at Corrections Canada where he worked for 32 years. Jim married the love of his life Bonnie Bird September 5, 1981, thereafter in 1990 Jim and Bonnie sold the acreage and house they built in Holbein, bought a section down the road and started "Buffalowes Farm". Not only did they expand their herd, but expanded the family with James Fredrick in 1983, Jessica Margaret in 1986 and Corey Robert in 1988.

Jim loved hockey, fishing, golfing, snowmobiling, hunting and pretty much everything outdoors. He could be seen in the rinks play-

ing, coaching or reffing hockey or watching soccer, swinging a club on the golf course or fishing many Saskatchewan lakes. Jim's love of laughter and his goofy sense of humor attracted many people to him.

Jim loved being a grandpa to his grandchildren and all their friends. He loved attending as many Christmas concerts, dance recitals, hockey games, archery shoots, baseball and volleyball games as he could. But most of all he loved interacting and teasing the grand kids. He often used the statement "NOPE, I hate you all equally."

Dad was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in June of 2024,

which changed his life, but it never changed who he was. Because this form of Parkinson's progressed so quickly, it became very important to him to help others facing the same battle. In that spirit, he made the brave and selfless decision to donate his brain to Parkinson's research, hoping his journey could contribute to a future cure. This was his final, generous gift and his lasting legacy.

Jim leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 44 years Bonnie (Bird) Lowes; children and grandchildren, Jamie & Valerie (Acorn) their children Layne, James and Bryce, Jessie & Chad Mauthe, their children Kaydence,

Hartlyn and Michael, Corey & Toni (Lavigne), their children Raydin, Sage & Ryker; sisters and brothers, Maureen (Glen) Wadham, Jody (Wayne) Woodman, Bobby (Shelly) Lowes, Trent (Terrilynn) Lowes and Kari (Earl) Kaye; brothers-in-law, Keith Bird (Kim MacLean), Brian (Dianne) Bird; sister-in-law Diane Bird (Michel Quirion), also numerous nieces, nephews, great nephews, great nieces and lifelong friends.

Jim was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Jeannette Lowes of Prince Albert, SK; mother-in-law and father-in-law Margaret & Garnet Bird of Paddockwood, SK; sister-in-law, Kathy Sass of Prince Albert, SK; brother-in-law Ken Bird of Grande Manam, NB. Jim will be deeply missed by all that knew him.

Funeral service at 11:00 AM January 31, 2026, at St. Joseph Church 260-25 Street East, Prince Albert, SK. Lunch following the Funeral Service and a private interment at a later date. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com.

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Joseph Edouard "Ed" Albert Samson



It is with deep sadness and heartfelt gratitude for a life well lived that we announce the passing of a truly wonderful man, whose presence was a pillar of strength, kindness, and integrity within our community.

Ed was born on March 30, 1940, on the home farm in Capasin, Saskatchewan. He attended school in Capasin, Beau Vallon, and then in Leoville. Ed had several jobs in his lifetime including washing dishes at the

hospital in North Battleford, working at Vimy Fire Tower, and working in Timmons, Ontario while staying with relatives. He also worked at the Credit Union in Leoville and eventually became the bank's manager. Ed also served as Leoville's mayor several times and was a volunteer firefighter. After retiring from the Credit Union, he continued to stay active by helping friends with farming on a part-time basis.

On July 4th, 1963, Ed married Diane Pelletier who was teaching in Leoville. Ed and Diane welcomed three daughters, Aimée, Michelle, and Mona. Ed and his family lived a busy life in the community of Leoville. Ed enjoyed family time, fishing, hunting, family vacations, making homemade wine, and volunteering with vari-

ous community groups. Music was a huge part of Ed's life, and he was the conductor of the church choir for many years. He was a true entertainer whether he was playing in bands or performing in countless community events. His greatest pride was to be Pépère/Papa to eight beautiful grandchildren of whom he was very proud.

Ed lived a life of service, to his family, his community, and his Parish. A devoted family man, he led by example, teaching the values of compassion, hard work, humility, and faith. His love for his family was evident in everything he did. Known for his quiet leadership, generous spirit, and unwavering sense of responsibility, he gave selflessly of his time and heart. His influence touched countless lives, and his legacy will live on.

Though we mourn his passing, we are grateful for the years we were blessed to have him in our lives. Ed's life was a testament to the power of love and service, and his memory will forever remain in the hearts of those who had the honor of knowing him. He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.

Ed is lovingly remembered by his children and grandchildren: Aimée (Mark) Schumacher and children, Justin and Renée; Michelle (Richard) Loiselle and children, Danielle, Josée, and Jocelyne; Mona (Kelly) Weaver and children, Milan,

A funeral service was

held on January 15, 2026, at St. Therese Catholic Church, Leoville, SK with both Father Phinh and Father Dong officiating.

Memorial donations maybe made in Ed's memory to Parkinson's Canada, <http://parkinson.ca>

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, Spiritwood, SK (306) 883-3500.

Lloyd John Roy Scragg



on Sunday, January 18, 2026, in the Shellbrook Hospital.

Lloyd was the eldest son born to John and Shirley Scragg of Claytonville, SK, on October 18, 1952. Lloyd is survived by his two sisters, Esther and Irene; and his two brothers, Alan and Kevin.

He was predeceased by his parents John and Shirley Scragg.

Cremation will take place and a private family service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of other tributes

donations in memory of Lloyd may be made to the St. Mary's Cemetery, c/o Anglican Diocese of Saskatchewan, 1410 Bishop McLean Crescent, Prince Albert, SK, S6V 4Z2.

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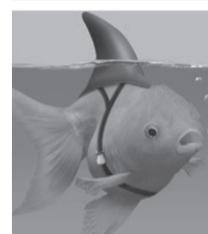
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