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Shellbrook observes solemn Remembrance Day

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter



The cenotaph and Shellbrook's Veterans' Memorial Park was adorned with wreaths following the Remembrance Day ceremony.

As the Royal Canadian Legion continues to celebrate 100 years of supporting Canadian veterans, the community of Shellbrook played its part in ensuring veterans are honoured by coming together for three days filled with the spirit of remembrance at Parkland Integrated Health Centre, W.P. Sandin High School, and the Shellbrook Theatre.

Maintaining a new tradition that started in 2022, the staff and students of Shellbrook Elementary School and W.P. Sandin High School united for a joint Remembrance Day ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 10.

The high school's ceremony opened with younger students being piped into the gym by bagpiper Kim Bradley, who then marched and piped the Shellbrook Legion members and attending RCMP officers to their seats of honour at the front.

Following the singing of O Canada and a prayer by Padre Dave Bodvarson, the school's choir sang a rendition of The Chicks' "Travelin' Soldier" for the special guests.

Then, a handful of students read their Remembrance Day poetry, and Shellbrook Legion member Nancy Carswell took the stage to share the story of Shellbrook Legion member Homer Bator, who recounted for her the dangers he faced while serving as a United Nations (UN) Peacekeeper in Cyprus and Jordan.

Bator joined Canadian armed forces on Sept. 16, 1963, when he was only 18 years old, and enlisted with the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery. His basic training took him to Shiloh, Man., and then to Petawawa, Ont., where his battery was selected for training to become UN Peacekeepers.

On Nov. 4, 1965, Bator deployed to Cyprus on a UN peacekeeping mission to quell conflict between the island nation's Greek and Turkish populations.

A few months later, he was redeployed to Jordan, where he was tasked with easing tensions between Israel and its neighbours.

During these deployments, Bator says he was "four times lucky" in escaping death.

"We often think of peacekeeping as safer than war, but Homer's story proves how dangerous it is," Carswell said. "Whether Canadian soldiers and RCMP members are deployed inside or outside our country, whether they are doing active duty or support, they and their families make profound sacrifices, and some make the ultimate sacrifice of their life."

Carswell added that this is why Remembrance Day is so important, and urged students to thank service members whenever they meet them.

"Lest we forget means that we must never forget the people who serve, the sacrifices they made, and the lessons their experiences teach us. By listening to their stories and passing them on, we honour their service and help keep the hope for peace alive."

Continuing the ceremony, students recited Lt.-Col. John McCrae's *In Flanders Fields*, which served as the lead-in to the playing of the last post and the observation of a moment of silence.

Next, attendees were invited to pin poppies and lay wreaths in honour of family members who have served, and W.P. Sandin Principal Tyler Kuzma closed out the ceremony with some final remarks.

"Personally, I've never had to make any sacrifices for the freedoms I enjoy today. But like many of us here, I've had family members who have made the sacrifice," he said.

"I'm truly thankfully for their service, which has given us the freedoms we're privileged to have here today."

Community Ceremony

The spirit of remembrance remained strong on Wednesday, Nov. 11, when veterans, legion members, RCMP officers, community members, and dignitaries filed into the Shellbrook Theatre to pay tribute to those who have died for, served, and continue to serve Canada.

The Remembrance Day service began with the presentation of the colours, called for by Shellbrook Legion president Alan Carswell. This was followed by the singing of "O Canada," the invocational prayer by Padre Dave Bodvarson, and the singing of the hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy."

Maintaining the connection between faith and remembrance, a pair of scripture readings were offered by St. Agatha's Church and St. Andrew's Church, and Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly youth pastor John Slemming delivered the morning's sermon.

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Spiritwood Legion hosts large Remembrance Day ceremony

By BEVRA FEE
Spiritwood Herald Reporter

The Legion Hall was filled to capacity on Nov. 11 for the service to commemorate the soldiers who died serving in war-time, conflict and peace-keeping. Poppy arrangements adorned the tables, interspersed with photographs of many of the soldiers local to the Spiritwood area.

Delores Beaulac, who led the service on behalf of the Spiritwood Legion, began the program with the singing of "O Canada."

Beaulac spoke of the 11th month, the 11th day, the 11th hour, when the guns went silent, as the armistice ending World War 1 went into effect on Nov. 11, 1918.

Beaulac reflected on the fact that areas of the world are currently war-torn and peace remains elusive in some countries today.

About the Canadian soldiers, Beaulac pointed out that, "So many have died to give us the freedoms that we enjoy today — and many returned to us injured, broken and never to be the same person they were when they left. We owe these special people so much. Let us also remember CFB Wainright, and those who died — let us keep in our prayers the injured service men."

As the Royal Canadian Legion celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, many celebrations have been hosted to signify the milestone.

The Legion began with a clear mission: to support veterans, advocate for their rights, and ensure the act of Remembrance continues.

The honour guard lowered the flags to the somber melancholy of the Last Post while the two-minute silence was observed by the packed audience, and then raised the flags again to the Rouse.

The service's finale entailed each guest approaching the large cross at the front of the hall to affix their poppy to the mounting, led by the Legion members and followed by the RCMP and general public.

Upon the end of the service of Remembrance, all were invited to stay on for lunch provided by the Legion members.

While the tables were added to the seating area, many observers stayed on to visit and strengthen the commitment to remember.



Spiritwood Legion member Betty Hall places veterans' photos among the poppies.



Kaitlyn Pawliw helps her son pin his poppy.



Spiritwood Legion member George Pretli pins his poppy to the commemorative display.



Canwood Seniors serve up Halloween hot dogs

By SANDRA WILLNER
Canwood Seniors

The Canwood Seniors hosted the third annual Hot dogs for Halloween this year.

The idea for this project started with a casual conversation with a parent, who said it would be nice to have a place where the families could grab a quick meal on Halloween.

It seemed a perfect opportunity for the Seniors Club to provide a service to the Community, so the club decided to serve hot dogs, juice boxes, and coffee, free of charge, out of the Seniors Center.

This also offers a place for families to warm up and access to washrooms, as well as an opportunity for people from all generations to gather.

The volunteers brought their treats to the centre to hand them out. Many of the Seniors brought their treats to share with the kids, and then enjoyed a hot dog and a visit with friends. The club looks forward to continuing this tradition for years to come.

It was so much fun seeing all the kids in their costumes, and families really appreciated the effort.

The Seniors Club is very active in many ways, with coffee mornings, chair yoga, bingos, bus trips, and potluck dinners.

The club also tries to offer service to the community by volunteering at Whispering Pine Place, serving pie and coffee during Seniors Month, helping out with activities at the school, and supporting other organizations.



Kids enjoyed hotdogs and treats served up by the Canwood Seniors Club on Halloween.

VILLAGE OF MEDSTEAD

NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

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

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Number to be Elected: 1

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Nomination forms may be obtained at the following location: Village of Medstead Municipal Office, 209 2nd Street, Medstead, SK

Dated this 6th day of November, 2026

Nicole Seidle
Returning Officer

Spiritwood Bowling Alley converted to archery range

By BEVRA FEE
Spiritwood Herald Reporter

With the recent announcement of the closing of the Spiritwood Bowling Alley, attention has turned to the new use of the facility within the Spiritwood Recreation Centre.

Constructed in 2002, the bowling alley had become costly to repair and maintain. With replacement of the computer scoring system and the upgrading of the ball return system (purchased in 2002 in used condition), the SARCS Board of volunteer members was faced with a decision.

The options weighed included tackling the expense of the bowling alley rehabilitation, converting the space into a gym, a party rental space, a bowling simulator space and other ideas.

However, while exploring these ideas the Board had to face the reality that each option would require an additional financial investment that SARCS is not currently prepared to undertake.

Bowling hit its peak in the mid-1960s, when bowling leagues were a popular social outing and the sound of the ball dropping and pins falling was the backdrop of an era.



The former Spiritwood Bowling Alley has now been converted into an archery range for the Spiritwood Spirited Arrows archery club.

The change from bowling alleys as the social hub for adults and the hangout spot for teens, to being the more modern venue of today, shifted somewhere around the time that more women joined the workforce and youth shifted from in-person socialization to technology-based activity.

Today's bowling leagues have declined, while the drop-in bowling for entertainment — think parties and family celebrations with techno programs incorporated into bowling — has grown in popularity. Finding a path to preserving Spiritwood's bowling alley would have required a full operational upgrade and a major fundraising campaign running alongside the continual mortgage fundraising.

Thus, the decision to convert the bowling alley was made — although, not lightly.

The Spiritwood Spirited Arrows archery club approached SARCS to discuss the possibility of converting the space for its program.

The archery club saw the alley as an ideal alternative to their long-time practice range in the local Ag Barn, which is unheated, has no seating or washroom amenities, and is located a short drive out of town. Heading indoors at the Rec Centre allows the archery club to have access to a warm space with washrooms, food service and generally more accessible amenities.

With a user rental agreement in place, the archery club offered to provide volunteer labour to remove the bowling lanes and carousels to allow flooring to be installed for use in the archery range. Plans are to use the space one day per week for a one-year term.

"This arrangement provides an opportunity to put a space that was otherwise sitting unused back into service and offer another recreational opportunity within the community, without requiring SARCS to take on the financial burden of developing an entirely new facility," commented Town CAO, Rhonda Saam.

As the Spirited Arrows continue to grow their club, the pleasant new space will undoubtedly add to the draw.

RCMP seek abducted woman

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Police are asking for the public's assistance in locating a woman who was abducted along Highway 788, north of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation.

The Prince Albert RCMP Detachment received a report about the possible abduction and a vehicle theft on the morning of Nov. 11 and responded immediately. Initial investigation determined the woman, since identified as 29-year-old Shaylynn Ermine, was abducted in a red Dodge Caravan.

Police are actively working to locate Ermine, and note she was last seen in the red Dodge Caravan traveling towards the community of Little Red River. The licence plate of the van is unknown.

Ermine is described as 5'4" and 130 lbs, with brown eyes and black, shoulder length hair, and a tattoo on her outer right hand. She was last seen wearing a black hoodie and black jeans

Police are also looking for a second vehicle of interest, described as a black 2005 Chrysler 300 with a spare tire on the back passenger-side door and Saskatchewan licence plate 001 PNG.



Police are asking for help to locate Shaylynn Ermine, who was abducted north of Sturgeon Lake First Nation.

The suspects are described as four males with face coverings.

Anyone who has seen Ermine or the two vehicles should contact their local police at 310-RCMP (7267) immediately, or call 911 in case of an emergency.

This investigation is unfolding and police say further updates will be provided when available.

SLFN woman arrested

A woman from the Sturgeon Lake First Nation is facing a slew of theft and weapons-related charges, following a police investigation into a report of a suspicious vehicle.

According to police, the Prince Albert RCMP Detachment received a report about the vehicle in the R.M. of Buckland on the morning of Nov. 7.

When officers responded and approached the vehicle, the driver attempted to flee and struck a police vehicle before ending up in the ditch.

The driver was arrested and no physical injuries were reported as a result of the collision.

Upon a subsequent search of the vehicle, officers located a sawed-off firearm, an axe and a switchblade.

They also determined the truck had been reported as stolen in Prince Albert.

As a result of continued investigation, 24-year-old Elizabeth Sanderson from Sturgeon Lake First Nation is charged with one count each of: unlicensed possession of a firearm; occupying a motor vehicle knowing there is a firearm inside; possession of a firearm with readily-available ammunition; possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose; possession of a firearm while prohibited; dangerous operation of a motor vehicle; failing to stop for a peace officer; resisting a peace officer possession of property obtained by crime over $5,000; mischief over $5,000; and fail to comply with release order.

Sanderson made her first appearance in Prince Albert Provincial Court on Monday, Nov. 9.

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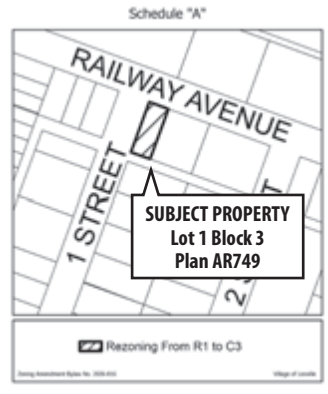
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VILLAGE OF LEOVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 207 of *Planning and Development Act*, a Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, December 8th at 6:30 PM at the Village Office located at 22 Main Street, Leoville, SK** concerning the proposed Zoning Amendment application for the property legally described as: Lot 1 Block 3 Plan AR749. The street address for this property is **110 1st Street, Leoville, SK S0J 1N0**. See location map below:

The applicant proposes to rezone the property from Residential District – R1 to Commercial District (Custom Zone) – C3. If adopted, this amendment bylaw will correct the error made in Zoning Bylaw No. 2015-01 when it was improperly zoned Residential.



A copy of the proposed bylaw and relevant documents may be inspected at the Public Hearing or prior to the hearing until December 8th, 2026 at 4:00 PM at the Village of Leoville Office located at 22 Main Street. Please contact the Development Officer during office hours Tuesday to Friday (excluding public holidays) 8:30 AM-4:30 PM, closed during lunch hours 12:00-1:00 PM.

The Public Hearing for this bylaw will be chaired by Mayor Craswell or his alternate. All persons who consider their interest in their property to be affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in person or by written submission at the Public Hearing. Written submissions can also be prepared in advance of the Public Hearing and must be received at the Village of Leoville Office by 4:00 PM Tuesday, December 8th to ensure they are included in the public record.

Development Officer:
22 Main Street, Leoville, SK S0J 1N0
Phone: 306-984-2140
Email: *leoville@sasktel.net*

Cost of doing business shouldn't fall on taxpayers



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News Editor

On the surface, free market capitalism is a simple enough concept, governed by a fairly straightforward philosophy of individual freedom and limited government intervention.

But of course, what seems simple in principle is seldom so clear cut in practice.

In a world with nearly 200 countries, each with their own competing interests, it's impossible to remove politics from economics.

So, while the idea of "supply and demand" sounds great in a bubble, the reality becomes considerably more complex when governments get involved and seek to manipulate global markets in their favour.

The best example of this is oil, which is primarily controlled by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

In a truly free market, production and prices would remain consistent because global demand tends to be relatively steady. But anyone who drives knows how volatile prices at the pumps can be.

Though it often seems arbitrary, much of it can be attributed to OPEC's stranglehold on the global oil market, which it exerts by throttling or ramping up production to manipulate global prices.

Oil, of course, is just one example. Nearly every country on the planet has something it specializes in – an industry so integral to its economy that it will do nearly anything to protect it.

The end result of all this politicizing of economics is about as far from the principles of free market capitalism as it gets, and it seldom works to the benefit of the average consumer.

And consumers don't just feel the pain at the pumps and checkout counters. Often, it's their tax dollars that empower the very same companies that then turn around and gouge them.

Indeed, according to a 2026 study conducted by the Fraser Institute, Canada's taxpayer-funded corporate welfare – subsidies and tax breaks doled out to corporations – nearly quadrupled between 2007 and 2024, skyrocketing from $23.3 billion to $87.7 billion.

And the corporate welfare bill is almost sure to keep growing, as we become increasingly conditioned to the notion that the only way to attract investment is to fund it ourselves and remove every possible layer of red tape.

We see evidence of this in the latest federal budget from Prime Minister Mark Carney's government.

At a time when Canadians are deeply concerned about affordability, measures to make life easier didn't earn top billing in the budget.

Instead, Mr. Carney's government is spotlighting its new Mega Productivity Deduction, which allows businesses to immediately write off 100 per cent of the cost of eligible capital assets and is expected to cost Canadians $36 billion over the next five years.

At the same time, Mr. Carney's government couldn't find room in the budget to boost healthcare funding, and it plans to revert the annual Canada Health Transfer funding increase back to 3 per cent from the current rate of 5 per cent.

We're told this is just the cost of doing business – that all our lives will become infinitely better if we just secure the next investment, or the next one after that.

While investment is essential for any economy to thrive, the benefits to everyday people are routinely overstated – just like the long-debunked theory of trickle-down economics, which posits that benefits for the wealthy will eventually benefit everyone.

Corporations, after all, care little for people beyond the transactional relationships they have with consumers, and are beholden to shareholders and the bottom line.

And as the old saying goes, "Privatize the profits. Socialize the losses."

We're currently bearing witness to this in real time, as the federal government remains embroiled in highly public disputes with a pair of corporations, Cleveland Cliffs and Stellantis.

Cleveland Cliffs took ownership of Canadian steel company Stelco in 2024. To get the takeover greenlit, it had to agree to five-year binding commitments to maintain unionized employment, keep salaried staff, and uphold pension and collective agreements.

Fast forward just two years, and the company idled some Stelco operations and temporarily laid off 175 workers, with plans to layoff as many as 500.



The layoffs were attributed to the 50 per cent tariffs imposed on Canadian steel imports by U.S. President Donald Trump.

But in public statements made in recent weeks, Cleveland Cliffs CEO Lourenco Goncalves celebrated these job-killing tariffs and confessed to buying Stelco to keep it from exporting to the U.S.

In response, federal Industry Minister Mélanie Joly called for the purchase of Stelco to be investigated and is mulling potential legal action.

Ms. Joly's threat seems to have worked. On Friday, Nov. 13, Stelco announced it would be recalling all 175 laid off workers on Dec. 1, after seeing a surge in customer demand.

Meanwhile, the federal government's simultaneous dispute with automaker Stellantis highlights the consequences when corporate welfare doesn't pay off as expected.

Unlike Stelco/Cleveland Cliffs, Stellantis received $220 million in federal funding starting in 2022 so it could retool its Brampton facility for production of the Jeep Compass.

The automaker began the process in 2023 and laid off 2,200 workers, only to change course two years later and relocate production of the Jeep Compass to Illinois.

Last week, the company announced that it was selling the Brampton plan to Canadian armoured vehicle manufacturer Roshel, which has said it will give priority to the laid off workers.

While Stellantis has offered to repay about $24 million in federal subsidies, the federal government has called the move a betrayal and said the company owes it far more.

Stellantis has been given 30 days to take "corrective action" before the government pursues legal action to recoup its money.

This isn't even the federal government's first dispute with Stellantis. In 2023, it promised the automaker up to $15 billion in production-linked incentives for a planned EV battery plant in Windsor.

Stellantis eventually paused construction of the plant, accusing the federal government of not living up to its funding commitments, before selling its stake in the project at the start of the year.

Should the federal government succeed in getting its money back from Stellantis, it can be written off as a mistake that at least worked out in the favour of a Canadian company.

However, it will remain an example of how often the cost of doing business unfairly falls on taxpayers.

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Highlights of a Shellbrook Town Council meeting

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

(The following council highlights are not the approved minutes of council for Nov. 9.)

Shellbrook's Town Council held its regular meeting in person and via teleconference on Monday, Nov. 9.

In attendance were mayor Jason Good, Councillors Rod Atkinson, Pam Boettcher, Cheryl Ledding, Brent Miller, Kathleen Nording, and Arlette Segberg, CAO Sigourney O'Halligan, Deputy CAO Jarett Taylor, and consultant Jim Puffalt.

Mayor Good called council's regular meeting to order around 5 p.m., beginning with the customary Treaty 6 land acknowledgement in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation, the approval of the evening's agenda, and the adoption of the minutes from council's Oct. 26 regular meeting.

Next, Council welcomed delegate Jamie Capner, who was in attendance to provide information on a plan for a group of volunteers to build a new sound/announcer booth at the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre.

Capner and the group of volunteers say the current set up of what's referred to as the "sound closet" is inadequate and unsafe, and that having announcers at games crammed into the penalty boxes also isn't working well.

The group's plan is to construct a brand-new sound booth on the south side of the rink in the area immediately above/behind the players' benches, so that it won't disrupt the flow of any foot traffic and will also provide the announcers with a good view of the games.

The booth will measure 12 feet wide x 6.5 feet deep x 8 feet high, and funds for the project will come entirely from sponsors and donors, meaning the town won't be expected to chip in any funds.

There are also some discussions being had about building spectator booths, similar to the skyboxes at the Parkside Demolition Derby grounds.

The group behind the project would like to get the new sound booth built as soon as possible.

Council would go on to discuss the project under new business. So long as proper permits are acquired and inspections are completed, council saw no reason to oppose the project, and agreed that it's a positive thing to have groups that are invested in making improvements within the community.

Council agreed, however, that it needed more information about any plans for spectator boxes and how they would be managed. It was suggested that the upcoming recreation roundtable meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 24, would be an ideal opportunity to discuss the matter.

Following Capner's departure, council moved in to the reports of administration and committees, starting with CAO O'Halligan's report.

Infrastructure was a main feature of the report, as O'Halligan highlighted an issue with a water leak on Railway Avenue and another leak that was discovered at the campground bathroom while it was being winterized. O'Halligan said both repairs had been completed.

Elsewhere, O'Halligan noted that a group of volunteers had completed the reinstallation of the championship banners at the rink, and that the town and the Parkland Pool Project Steering Committee are coordinating to get quotes on potential liner replacements for the pool.

Under the Public Works Committee report, Council reviewed the minutes from the most recent committee meeting, at which the committee discussed developing a paving program for the town and how to pay for it.

Options mentioned included a dedicated levy, base tax increase, or mill rate change. The Committee suggested looking at the operational budget, staffing shortages, as well as a comprehensive review of budgeting.

In an unrelated note, Councillor Atkinson raised new questions about the sidewalk in front of ZB Chiro and whether anything had been done to address the issue since it was brought up over the summer.

CAO O'Halligan explained that the front of the sidewalk has sunk while the back of the sidewalk has heaved and risen. This means foam jacking won't work like it did at the Post Office, and a different solution, such as grinding the sidewalk down, needs to be explored.

Councillor Miller said the handling of the matter points to a systemic issue within the town of complaints and issues being brought forward but nothing being done to resolve them. He added that this reflects poorly on the town and on council.

Consultant Jim Puffalt agreed, saying there needs to be more urgency and recommending that the issue be referred to Public Works and a plan of action be made as soon as possible.

Closing out the reports with Recreation Committee report, council was informed that a company would be coming to town to patch the roof at the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre.

Moving on to new business, council began by reviewing a document from Associated Engineering (AE) calling for a scope change for the water treatment plant project. The scope change calls for a hydrogeological study to be completed to confirm the water capacity of the two existing wells, and comes with a price tag of $10,800.

Councillor Miller spoke out against the idea, questioning how AE didn't know the study needed to be done before now. He said it's important for council to challenge things like this each time they come up, to ensure the town avoids unnecessary cost increases for the project.

Council shared Miller's concerns, and agreed to defer the issue to Public Works and have AE attend a meeting to answer questions.

Continuing with new business, council gave first reading to Property Standards Bylaw 2026-011, which outlines the minimum standards and maintenance of a property and provides the town with tools to address properties that fails to meet those standards.

Council concluded the meeting by discussing a proposal from Prince Albert's Tru North Homes to market homes on two lots located on Brook Crescent, then pay the town for the lots once the homes are sold.

While there was initial confusion and concern about placing modular homes near lots on which standard homes or RTMs have been built, council was assured that the lots in question are located where there are already existing modular homes.

Puffalt noted that the agreement will provide cheaper housing options for young families and first-time homebuyers, while Councillor Miller said the proposal was a no-brainer because there's no risk for either the town or for Tru North.

In the end, council agreed to greenlight the proposal.

Spiritwood couple celebrates 70 years of marriage

By BEVRA FEE
Spiritwood Herald Reporter

"Do you know how hard it is to find a 70th Anniversary card?" quipped Ron Hickox, son-in-law of Spiritwood couple Leo and Dot Gaboury. Hopefully at least one of the 100 or so guests at the Oct. 25 celebration was able to locate the Hallmark gem, as the Gaboury couple most certainly deserves it!

The gathering of family and friends provided the occasion to share stories and good wishes for Leo and Dot, who are longtime residents of the Spiritwood area. Their farm at Bapaume is now carrying on through their sons and grandchildren (and great-grandchildren), but the patriarch and matriarch of the clan still make the trip west on Highway #3 to keep an eye on the operations. In fact, the farm provided the ideal backdrop for some anniversary photos once harvest was wrapped up.

In the words of Canada's Governor General, Louise Arbour, "Your enduring commitment to one another reflects the strength, mutual respect and companionship that have guided you throughout your life together."

The message was spot-on, according to Dot, as she reinforced that the secret to a lasting union is to not run away at the first problem that arises. The letter from the Governor General was accompanied by a note from the King as well, with best wishes from His Majesty and Queen Camilla.

The Gabourys have proudly grown their family to include their seven children, 21 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren (almost 36, according to Dot). Briefly, ahead of farming, Leo tried his hand at the local John Deere dealership and was able to travel to Texas on a work trip before being drawn back to the farm.

His reflection on achieving 70 years with a wife is, "if you love her, stay with her!"



The happy couple, Leo and Dot Gaboury, back at the farm for a harvest photo with their wedding picture.



The Gaboury family, Leo and Dot with all seven kids at the 70th anniversary party. Back row, left to right: Kim, Dona, Roxene, Loraine, and Jeanette. Front: Bryan, Jim, Dot, and Leo.

Senior Elks score two big weekend wins

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Another busy weekend for the Shellbrook Elks Senior Hockey Club delivered two more high-scoring wins for the team, when it hosted the Waldheim Warriors on Friday, Nov. 13, and hit the road to face off against the Hanley Huskies on Nov. 14.

In front of a boisterous crowd at the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre, the Elks got to work against the Warriors almost immediately, taking a 1-0 lead within the first minute of play on a goal from Brendon Beaulac, assisted by Matthew Flodell.

Though the Elks kept firing pucks on net at every opportunity, the Warriors were next to score, when they caught the Elks flatfooted on a rush shortly after their first power play of the game.

The Elks found the mark soon after this, however, reclaiming their lead on a sniper shot through traffic by Dallas Galloway, assisted by Jody Blais and Rylan Moe.

The Elks dominated the scoreboard for the remainder of the period, finishing with a 4-1 lead thanks to goals from Chase Friedt-Mohr, assisted by Levi Logan and Kaleb Willoughby, and Aaron Campbell, assisted by Friedt-Mohr and Flodell.

The Elks maintained their momentum as the action resumed in the second period, eventually surging ahead 6-1 on back-to-back goals by Cole Duperreault less than a minute apart. Blais earned the lone assist on the first goal, with Nick Martin and Campbell assisting on the second.

The Elks kept the pressure on as the period wore on, claiming a 7-1 lead on a goal from Martin, assisted by Campbell and Flodell.

Moving over to the third period, the Warriors got on the board with help from a power play, cutting the Elks' lead to 7-2.

This was the closest they'd get for the remainder of the game, though, as the Elks poured on the offence and scored five unanswered goals to clinch as 12-2.

Duperreault kicked off the scoring with an unassisted hat trick goal, then earned himself an assist just seven seconds later on a goal from Flodell.

Later in the period, Peyton Kachur got on the board, with assists from Brendon Beaulac and Kaiden Couture, and Jody Blais rounded out the score sheet with two goals in the last minute of the game. Braidon Turner assisted on both goals, with Rylan Moe and Chase Firedt-Mohr also picking up assists.

Elks (10) vs Huskies (4)

If the Elks were tired after Friday night's blow-out win, they showed no signs of it as Saturday night's road game against the Hanley Huskie got under way. The team took a 1-0 lead on a goal from Cole Duperreault, assisted by Matthew Flodell, just 33 seconds into the first period.

Despite the hot start, the Elks wouldn't score again until late in the period, when Chase Friedt-Mohr and Flodell scored goals just 12 seconds apart to put the Elks up 3-0. Ashton Miller earned the solo assist of Friedt-Mohr's goal, while Aaron Campbell and Friedt-Mohr assisted on Flodell's.

With time winding down in the period, Campbell netted an unassisted goal to put the Elks up 4-0. But the Huskies fired back with a goal of their own to take a 4-1 deficit into the second period.

Like the first period, the second started off with an early goal, as the Huskies got on the board just 22 seconds into the action.

Looking to shut down the Huskies' comeback hopes, the Elks responded by scoring three goals in less than three minutes to go ahead 7-2, starting with Duperreault's second of the game, assisted by Flodell. Levi Logan was up next with an unassisted goal, and Ashton Miller rounded out the scoring, with assists from Braidon Turner and Shayden Smith.

Though the Elks continued to control the pace of the game, the Huskies dominated the scoreboard through the middle of the period by scoring two goals. But the Elks had the last word, ending the period up 8-4 on Aaron Campbell's second goal of the game, assisted by Duperreault and Flodell.

In a comparatively quiet third period, the Elks tacked on two more insurance goals — unassisted goals by Kaiden Couture and Campbell — to secure a 10-4 victory.

With the weekend wins, the Elks climb to 5-1 on the season.

This weekend, the team has only one game on its schedule: a home-ice tilt against the Clavet Cougars on Friday, Nov. 20. Puck drop for the game is set for 8:30 p.m.



Elks forward Dallas Galloway throws a haymaker at Waldheim's Cooper Linton during second period action.



Saskatchewan's ag heritage should be honoured



Calvin Daniels
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It is interesting how events sometimes overlap in ways that bring ideas forward in one's mind.

That is the situation for this writer with a trio of assignments last week that brought into tighter focus an idea that has percolated in my mind for some time.

The first event was the 2026 edition of the long-running Harvest Showdown in Yorkton. It is an event that is very much agriculture focused, from ag education tours for students, to grain and cattle shows.

Next was Eastern Junction bringing the companies participating in their Ag Innovation Startup Program to Yorkton for a week of learning, relationship-building, and connecting with the regional agricultural community.

It was a reminder of how agriculture development has always been a big part of the area. Companies such as Morris Industries, Leon-Ram, Harvest Meats, and others have been instrumental to Yorkton's economy.

And finally, there was the official announcement that the Yorkton Brick Mill's recently opened Interpretive Centre will carry the Anuik Family name.

The brick mill and the newly named centre are something of a blank slate in terms of what they might become, and that brought me to a thought — why not a Yorkton Agricultural Hall of Fame.

There is even something of a template locally with the Sports Hall of Fame, and if it is important to mark our local sport successes, well our farm heritage is at least as important.

Today, with a fresh interpretive centre to house such a hall, and online possibilities to broaden access, it seems a perfect fit.

Certainly, filling such a 'hall' would not be difficult, once one looks outside the city limits but within Yorkton's rather large service area.

Names pop to mind rather quickly — Morris, Malinowsky, Propp, and Popowich, to name a few — when one thinks about agricultural innovation and industry.

The grain sector offers up names such as oat grower Bob Elmy at Saltcoats – a long time promoter of the crop.

The Banga and Szmutku families are well-respected in the draft horse sector.

And then there are agrologists such as Pete Petersen and Thom Weir.

The list could easily go on across almost any area of farming one looks into, and each would have contributed to the region and the city.

The idea is also one that feels like it is easily transferable. If it would work in Yorkton — and there is little to suggest it would not be a success — then why not in Humboldt, or North Battleford, or Swift Current, or Kindersley?

The province exists largely because of agriculture, and marking those locally who have impacted the sector in a significant way is an idea I feel worth a very serious look.

Aardvarks lose in bronze medal nail-biter

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Everything was on the line for the W.P. Sandin High School Aardvarks on Saturday, Nov. 14, when they hosted the Wynyard Bears for the Provincial bronze medal football game.

Both teams were fresh off their first losses of the season in Provincial semi-finals — the Aardvarks fell 70-32 to the Watrous Wildcats, and the Bears were mauled 68-37 by the Clavet Cougars — and both were hungry to end the year with a medal.

But out of the gate, Saturday's bronze medal game was a hard-fought defensive battle, with both teams failing to get anything going offensively on their first couple of drives.

When the bears finally broke the stalemate with a touchdown late in the first quarter to go up 6-0, the Aardvarks' offence also found its rhythm, clawing its way to an 8-6 lead on a run by Taiden Wrench.

With another big stop by the Aardvarks' defence and a strong punt return by Reagan Collins at the start of the second quarter, the Aardvarks were in prime position to build upon their lead. But the Bears' defence tightened up to shut them down just a few yards from the endzone, allowing the offence to drive down the field for a touchdown and a 14-8 lead.

The Aardvarks' offence continued to struggle, coming up just short on the Bears' goal line in what seemed like the last drive of the half. However, the Bears' offence had one last trick up its sleeve and scored on a long touchdown pass to take a 20-8 lead into halftime.

As the action resumed in the third quarter, the Aardvarks' defence made a stand and kept creating opportunities for the offence. This time, the offence made the most of the opportunity, closing the gap to 20-16 on a pass from quarterback Dalen Thiel to Reagan Collins.

Thanks to another defensive stop, the Aardvarks soon got the ball back again, and were able to finish the third quarter up 22-20 on a short touchdown run by Thiel.

With the two-point lead heading into the final 12 minutes of play, the Aardvarks' defence kept setting up the offence for success, pouncing on a fumble to put the ball back in the offence's hands. The offence drove down the field, but was once more halted just a few yards away from the endzone.

Facing a long field, the Bears' offence easily traversed the distance on a long touchdown pass that gave them a 28-22 lead.

When the Aardvarks' offence stalled out once again in the final few minutes, it appeared the game was essentially over. But the defence dug deep and forced a fumble to give the Aardvarks one last chance at victory.

In a pulse-pounding final minute of play, the Bears' defence snatched the ball right back with an interception, seemingly ending the game once and for all (again). However, the Aardvarks' defence forced yet another fumble to keep the team's bronze medal hopes alive.

The hopes were soon dashed, though, as the Aardvarks' offence stalled to hand a 28-22 win, and the bronze medals, to the Bears.



Aardvarks running back Taiden Wrench shoves away a Wynyard defender on route to a touchdown.



Aardvarks defender Lukas Petten clings to a Wynyard runner and makes a big tackle.

Wheatland Lodge receives $20,000



Leask's Wheatland Lodge has received a $20,000 donation from the Shellbrook & District Health Services Foundation to assist with the purchase of a new mobility van for the long-term care home. Pictured: Marcie Kreese of the Foundation Board (left) presents the check to Wheatland Lodge Foundation representative Carol Murray.

By CAROL MURRAY, Submitted

Medstead wins girls' Regionals silver, boys' Conferences gold

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Fresh off claiming gold at the 1A Conference tournament, Medstead Central School's senior girls volleyball team travelled to Plenty on Saturday, Nov. 14, in hopes of repeating their golden performance at Regionals.

Joining them were teams from Debden, Kerrobert, Birch Narrows, Loon Lake, and the host team from Plenty.

Matched in a pool with Kerrobert and Birch Narrows for the preliminary round, the Medstead ladies started off with a win over the former in two sets with scores of 25-12 and 25-17.

Facing Birch Narrows in the afternoon, Medstead emerged victorious in two sets again, both with scores of 25-10.

The perfect round robin for Medstead gave it first place in its pool, allowing it to advance to the semi-finals against Loon Lake. There, the team continued to dominate, winning in two sets with scores of 25-19 and 25-10 to advance to the gold medal game against Plenty.

After losing a hard-fought first set by a score of 25-22, Medstead couldn't rally to steal the second set, falling by a score of 25-19 to bring home Regionals silver.

The team still advances to Provincials in Fillmore/Stoughton this weekend.

Meanwhile, in the 3A division, Shellbrook's senior girls volleyball team hosted its Regionals tournament, welcoming teams from Sturgeon Lake, Naicam, Langham, Wakaw, and Valley Christian Academy to their school on Saturday, Nov. 14.

Shellbrook began its tournament with a game against Naicam. Despite some good rallies, the team couldn't string enough plays together and lost in two sets with scores of 25-15 and 25-16.

The story was the same in the team's afternoon game against Langham, as the team lost in two sets with scores of 25-18 and 25-17 to end its season.

Langham would go on to beat Wakaw in the gold medal game.

Also competing at the 3A level was Spiritwood High School's senior girls volleyball team, which traveled to Unity for its Regionals tournament.

Like the Shellbrook team, Spiritwood couldn't get its game going, starting the tournament with a loss to Biggar in two sets with scores of 25-14 and 25-16.

The team's second game pit it against Maidstone. Though the Maidstone squad would go on to claim Regionals gold, the Spiritwood ladies put them through their paces, ultimately losing out in two close sets with scores of 25-21 and 25-23.

Boys Conferences

The weekend also saw senior boys volleyball playoffs get under way, and Medstead's team played host to its 1A tournament, welcoming teams from Leoville, Glaslyn, Loon Lake, Hillmond, and Piysew Awasis.

Medstead began its tournament with a dominant win over Loon Lake in two sets with scores of 25-15 and 25-11. It put in a similarly strong showing against Glaslyn in the afternoon, winning in two sets with scores of 25-9 and 25-17 to earn its spot in the semi-finals against Leoville.

Though Leoville put up a good fight in the first set, losing 25-20, Medstead refused to be denied and took the second set 25-11 to advance to the gold medal game.

Pitted against Hllmond, Medstead ended as strong as it started it, winning in two sets with scores of 25-18 and 25-9 to claim Conference gold.

The team plays host to its Regionals tournament this Saturday, Nov. 21.

At the 3A level, Spiritwood High School's senior boys team travelled to Unity for Conferences and started with a win over Makwa in two sets with scores of 25-9 and 25-23.

With only a short rest, the boys returned to the volleyball court to face off against Maidstone. The team came up just short in the first set, losing 25-21, before dropping the second set 25-16 to lose the game.

This loss meant it was do or die for Spiritwood in its final game of the tournament against Unity. The team played its heart out in the first set, ultimately losing by a score of 27-25. Shaking off this setback, the team rallied to steal the second set 25-23, forcing a third and deciding set.

The final set was another close one, but Spiritwood came up just short, losing 15-11 to end its season.



Medstead's senior boys volleyball team won Conference gold on their home court on Saturday, Nov. 14.

Community Calendar

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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 11 am - 4 pm

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BLAINE LAKE: Wapiti Library - Wednesday 1pm - 6pm; Thursday 1pm - 6pm; Friday 1pm - 6pm; Saturday 10am - 3pm. Contact us for more info 306-497-3130, www.wapitilibrary.ca.
BIG RIVER: Wapiti Library - Tuesday 11:30am - 5:30pm; Wednesday 11:30am - 4:30pm; Thursday 11:30am - 4:30pm. Phone # 306-469-2152
CANWOOD: Canwood Branch of Wapiti Regional Library Hours: Tuesday 9:30am - 4pm; Wednesday 10:30am - 5pm; Phone: 306-468-2501
DEBDEN: Wapiti Library hours: Tuesday 10am - 4pm; Wednesday 12pm - 6pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon
LEASK: Wapiti Library & Legacy Gallery Hours - Tuesday 9am - 2pm; Wednesday 2pm - 8pm; Friday 10am - 1pm
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.

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BIG RIVER: Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting – Every Wednesday, 7:30 pm @ Train Station in Big River (Railway Avenue)

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SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Arts Council presents Burnstick – November 25, Shellbrook Theatre, 7:30 pm. Tickets: Adults $40; Seniors $35; Students $25. Built on emotion-stirring storytelling and unmistakable vocal harmonies, Burnstick, a Juno nominated folk duo, is intent on creating music that inspires listeners to feel. www.burnstick.com
SHELLBROOK: Kinette Club of Shellbrook – Cookie Walk – Saturday, November 28, Shellbrook Community Hall, 1pm to 5pm. Cookies: $12 per pound. Premium Baking: $15 per pound. Bring a container to fill with goodies! Purchases priced by weight.
SHELLBROOK: Kinette Club of Shellbrook presents Community Christmas Party – Friday, December 4, Shellbrook Community Hall. Cocktails: 5:30pm; Dinner: 6:30pm. Special Guest Entertainment: Comedic Hypnotist Corrie J. Tickets: $50 ea. or $350/table of 8. $10 entry fee for dance, entrance after 10pm. Limited tickets available. For tickets contact shellbrook_kinettes@hotmail.com. All proceeds to Shellbrook Community Hall improvements.
SHELLBROOK: Kinette Club of Shellbrook – Santa Day! Sunday, December 6 – 11am to 3pm, Shellbrook Community Hall. Pictures with Santa, Santa Letter Writing, Gingerbread Houses, Reindeer Food, Hot Chocolate Bar, Taco in a Bag & Drinks, and more fun! Entry: Please bring non-perishable food item.
SHELLBROOK: Kinette Club of Shellbrook – Twinkle Tour – Change of Plans! This year, the Kinette Club of Shellbrook won't be hosting a formal Twinkle Tour, but that doesn't mean we can't still enjoy the Christmas lights around town! We're encouraging everyone to get decorating, turn on those lights, and take a drive around Shellbrook to enjoy the festive displays. Grab a hot chocolate, load up the family, and make your own little Twinkle Tour!
SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Arts Council presents Sounds of the Season – A Christmas Carol Festival – Sunday, December 6, 7pm, Shellbrook Theatre (Doors open at 6pm). Admission by donation.

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Shell Lake Legion honours veterans

By CAROLYN LALONDE
Shell Lake Legion

The Shell Lake Legion was a happening place for this year's Remembrance Day celebration on Nov. 11.

The members and guests began the day at Partners in Worship Church, where letters were read by provincial and federal leaders.

Padre David's address focused on the events that led to the creation of NATO, and encouraged the group to think of the fallen, as well as those current serving members who put their lives in danger every day.

In Flanders Fields and its response were nice to hear, and so were student essays.

Many businesses and individuals bought wreaths, but not all were laid.

The group then followed the colour party out to the cenotaph, where more wreaths were laid.

Lunch and visitations followed at the Legion Hall.



Comrade Don Weiers dips the flag in honour of veterans, while Bernard Lalonde (back left) Jack Klassen, and Christine Wollms look on and salute.

Shellbrook observes solemn Remembrance Day

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Slemming's sermon drew inspiration from *In Flanders Fields*, and in particular the line "Take up our quarrel with the foe," reflecting upon what it means to do so in the present day.

But first, he tackled the question of the "foe."

"Who is the foe? Let me be very clear here: the foe is not a person of another race, culture, or ethnic group," he said. "[Our fight] is not against flesh and blood, but against evil ideologies... that put people in darkness, fear, and bondage, and take away freedom of speech, movement, and choice."

As for standing against the "foe," Slemming drew wisdom from a poster he saw at W.P. Sandin High School, which reads, "Wrong is wrong, even if everyone is doing it. Right is right, even if no one is doing it."

"It has been stated, and history has proven it time and time again, that all it takes for evil to prevail, is for good men and women to stand by and do nothing," he concluded. "My challenge to us today is how are you taking a stand for the right things?"

As the service continued, pastor Emmanuel Aristide said the Lord's Prayer, padre Dave Bodvarson offered the benediction, and all in attendance observed a moment of silence before the reading of the honour roll by Shellbrook Legion member Nancy Carswell.

Following this, pastor Jordan Clark sang a song, guests were invited to lay wreaths at the portable cenotaph set up on the stage, and the ceremony concluded with the retiring of the colours and the singing of "God Save the King."

All were invited to enjoy lunch at the Shellbrook Legion Hall after the service.



Bagpiper Kim Bradley leads the colour party out of the school gymnasium.



Shellbrook Legion member Nancy Carswell shares the story of fellow Legion member Homer Bator.



Shellbrook Legion members and RCMP officers observe the proceedings during W.P. Sandin High School's Remembrance Day assembly.



Pastor Jordan Clark sings a song during Shellbrook's Remembrance Day ceremony.

Shellbrook craft sales draw big crowds

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Early Christmas shoppers had a plethora of unique, locally crafted items to peruse and purchase on Nov. 14, as the Shellbrook Arts Council's Christmas Craft Sale and the Shellbrook Kinettes' Winter Market came to the Community Hall and the Senior's Centre, respectively.

Over at the Hall, Arts Council member Lorraine Adamson says the group had one of its best shows ever, as an estimated 540 guests paid at the door to spend the day shopping or grab lunch served up by the Shellbrook Royal Purple. This total doesn't include children, who get in for free.

As they entered the Hall, guests had wares from 27 vendors — spread across 37 tables — to choose from. Though there were many familiar faces, Adamson says the Arts Council also brought in some new vendors and did its best to avoid duplication.

"In years prior, we sent letters out to people who had been there before, so we weren't really attracting new people unless they told someone else," Adamson said.

"We had a good mix this year. We were really happy," she added, noting that many of the vendors also had nothing but positive things to say about their experience.

Functioning as a fundraiser for the Arts Council, proceeds from this year's Christmas Craft Sale will go toward ongoing renovations at the Shellbrook Theatre.

Adamson says it's vital for the Arts Council to keep the theatre going, so that it can bring in entertainment for the community and surrounding area.

"The theatre has been inspected. We're awaiting some figures that are going to be needed to renovate it," she said.

Over at the Senior's Centre, shoppers had goods from another 20 vendors to choose from at the Kinettes' Winter Market, and Kinette Tara Lenz says attendance was strong throughout the day.

For Lenz, the Winter Market is all about bringing some Christmas spirit (and shopping) to the community, and encouraging people to support local.

"By doing this we build and strengthen our community, and possibly bring in people to Shellbrook to shop or stay and see what a great little community we have."



Guests take in the wares at the Kinettes' Winter Market.



A pair of young girls were quite taken with the wooden toys on display at the Arts Council's Craft Sale.

Obituaries

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Shirley Ann Kilmer



In Loving Memory of Shirley Ann Kilmer

It is with heavy hearts and deep sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother Shirley Ann Kilmer, on October 15, 2026, in Prince Albert, SK, at the age of 78.

Mom was more than a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was the rock of our family, the strong one everyone could count on, and the heart that held everyone together.

A strong and hardworking woman, mom faced life's challenges with courage and determination. As a widowed mother, she carried on with strength and love, always making sure her family knew how much they meant to her.

Mom enjoyed the simple pleasures in life. She loved sports whether watching on tv or cheering from the sidelines. She took pride in her yard and garden. You could always find her busy in the kitchen cooking, canning or making her famous delicious pies and desserts. Mom also enjoyed going for a side-by-side ride with family and friends. She was never afraid to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. These are the memories her family will hold close to their hearts.

The loss of mom leaves a space in our family that can never be filled. She was our strength, our foundation, and the person who helped keep us together. Her hard-working spirit and unconditional love will continue to live on through all of us.

We will think of her when we gather as a family, when we share a home-cooked meal, when flowers bloom in the garden, and whenever we remember the special times spent berry picking.

She leaves behind 3 children David Kilmer, Tammy (Gene) Roy and Donna Kilmer; 3 grandchildren Dwight (Brittany) Roy, Cameron (Stacey) Roy, and Erick Roy; 5 great-grandchildren Jaxson, Jake, Kassidy, Barrett, and Hayden Roy; siblings Alvin (Ursula) Schmalz, Lorna (Myros) Lakoduk, and Myles Schmalz; sisters-in-law Debbie Schmalz and Loretta Knaus; and all of whom will forever cherish the love, memories, and lessons she gave them.

Shirley was predeceased by her husband Charles Kilmer; parents Louis and Wanda Schmalz; siblings Wilfred Schamlz and Helen (Dan) Thompson; sisters-in-law Doreen Schmalz; nephews and niece Brad, Kayla, and Ashley Schamlz; parents-in-law Melvin and Jean Kilmer; siblings-in-law Ken and Joan Kilmer and Helmuth Knaus; nephew Leslie Knaus.

Mom, thank you for being our rock. Thank you for your strength, your love, and everything you did for our family. We will carry you in our hearts every single day.

A private family Graveside Service was held on Friday, October 23, 2026, at the Shellbrook Cemetery.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Shirley to the Shellbrook Minor Sports (Box 1114 Shellbrook, SK S0J 2E0).

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

Loretta Margaret Knaus



Loretta Margaret Knaus (née: Kilmer) passed away peacefully on November 8, 2026, at the age of 90. Loretta was born on November 29, 1935, in a small house near Shellbrook to Melvin and Jean Kilmer. She had 2 siblings, Charles and Ken, both of whom have predeceased her. Loretta grew up on the farm just north of Shellbrook. Her mother passed when Loretta was young and so she took on a lot of responsibility around the farm. Once she left the farm, she worked at the Bank of Nova Scotia in Shellbrook until Christine was born, after which she became a stay-at-home mom. She loved her time at home with her children.

On April 19th, 1958, Loretta married Helmuth Knaus and together they raised three children, Christine, Calvin, and Leslie. Loretta was a devoted mother and wife. Helmuth worked many days away from home in Northern Saskatchewan leaving Loretta to raise the children when he was away. Her youngest son, Leslie was severely disabled from birth. Loretta and Helmuth cared for Leslie in their home well into their 80s until it became impossible for them to properly care for him at home. Their love and dedication to Leslie was an example to her family and all that knew them. It would have been easier for them to put him into care but that was not their way.

Painting was Loretta's favourite pastime. She spent hours painting on anything she could find, including rocks. Her home in Shellbrook and the homes of the family are adorned with her artwork. Loretta, Helmuth, and family enjoyed their summers at their cottage in La Ronge, a cabin which they built together.

Loretta was pre-deceased by her husband, Helmuth and her youngest son, Leslie.

Loretta will be fondly remembered by her children, daughter Christine (Gordon Wyant) and son Calvin (Glenda) together with four grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

A public celebration of life will be held at a later date.

The family wish to express their sincere appreciation to the staff at the Shellbrook Hospital and Care Home for all the excellent care given to Loretta, Helmuth and Leslie during their time there. The care was exceptional.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Loretta and Helmuth to the Shellbrook and District Health Services Foundation (Box 33 Shellbrook, SK S0J 2E0).

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Emile Leonard Lamontagne



In Loving Memory Of Emile Leonard Lamontagne – Emile Leonard Lamontagne was born on May 11, 1932, in D'Amour, SK, to Leo and Claire Lamontagne. He was the third-born of eight children and grew up on the family farm with his parents and siblings.

In 1956, he married Lilly Bischler in Lake Cowichan, B.C. where he worked at different jobs that included logging, working at a power dam, building roads in the mountains and of course musician. As well, their three children, Judy, Allen and Dale were born there.

Farming was always a calling for Emile which is what brought him back to Saskatchewan where he and Lilly eventually settled on a farm at Shell Lake that became their "home" for 60+ years.

Family was a very important part of his life and he was always very supportive of their lives sharing his wisdom, patience and support. All his grandchildren and great-grandchildren held a very special place in his heart and was always interested in their chosen activities. Both him and Lilly travelled to numerous activities such as hockey, soccer, figure skating, and of course, music practices and competitions for which they were their biggest fans.

Music was a huge part of his life which began for him at the young age of 4. As he grew, his love for music grew where he learned to play numerous instruments. He played music with his brothers as well as a few bands with numerous fellow musicians with the main band being the "Happy Wanderers" where he was an integral band member. As well, he volunteered his musical talents by playing at funerals, birthday parties, nursing homes, PA Senior Centre, Belbutte jam sessions, and many other music gatherings,

Emile sadly passed away on October 23, 2026, in North Battleford, SK, at the age of 94 years. Emile indeed left his mark on his family and everyone he met and will be missed.

Emile is lovingly remembered by: His loving wife, Lilly; his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren:

Judy (Dave) Treppel of Cochin, SK, and family: Brennen (Tammy) – Nolan & Dylan; Kaila (Mike) – Jaxton & Myla; Cole (Caity) – Hadley & Ella.

Allen (Jeanne) Lamontagne of Saskatoon, SK, and family: Réanne (Mitch) – Baeden & Natalie; Meagan (Joe) – Hudson, Nixon, Lucas & Alex; Carlin (Jackie) – Kenna & Kallie.

Dale (Monique) Lamontagne of Shell Lake, SK, and family: Kelcie (Brendan) – Ayla & Maverick; Dustin; Jordie (Kara) – Josie.

His siblings: Beatrice (Emile) Brad of Saskatoon, SK, and Bernadette Hoffman of Leask, SK.

His sisters-in-law: Loretta Lamontagne of Saskatoon, SK, and Julia Lamontagne of Leask, SK.

Numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Emile was predeceased by: His parents, Leo and Claire Lamontagne; his parents-in-law, Edward & Emma Bischler; his brothers, Fernand, Maurice, and Raymond Lamontagne; his sisters, Adriane Lablanc and Jeannine de Kock; his brothers-in-law, Andrew Lablanc, Joe Watier/ Louis de Kock, and Arnold Hoffman; his sister-in-law, Emily Lamontagne; and numerous nieces and nephews of the Lamontagne family.

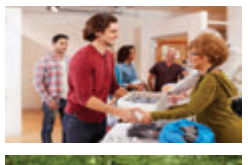
A Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. at the Lions Hall, Shell Lake, Saskatchewan. Emile's final resting place will be the Shell Lake Cemetery, Shell Lake, SK.

Memorial donations can be made in Emile's memory to the Shell Lake Cemetery.

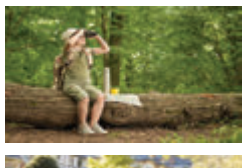
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Robert "Bob" Francis Marchildon



Robert (Bob) Francis Marchildon

September 20, 1940 – September 28, 2026

Robert Francis Marchildon (Bob) was born in the Ranger district on September 20, 1940, to Pamelia and Ralph Marchildon; older brother to Irving and Doris. Bob attended Ranger School. In 1960 Bob moved to Port Alberni, BC, where he was employed at the Somass Sawmill, where he worked until retirement.

Bob and his wife Edna (née Middlemist) raised four children: George (Roxan), Janice (Rob), Wanda (Jim), and Carolyn. They were delighted to welcome 10 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Bob and Edna enjoyed dancing, trips to Reno, visiting with their many friends, and camping as part of a Trailer Club. Bob was very involved with the sea cadets in Port Alberni.

In 2020 Bob remarried. He rekindled a friendship with an old friend, Autumn Fee, who had also been widowed. Bob and Autumn spent 6 years visiting family and friends and travelling back and forth between Saskatchewan and Port Alberni.

Bob was predeceased by his father and mother, his wife Edna after 57 years of marriage, his brother Irving, sister-in-law Beth, and niece Brenda.

Bob is survived by his wife, Autumn, his four children, sister Doris Brown, brother-in-law Ronald Middlemist, his grandchildren and great grandchildren, stepchildren Craig Fee (Kelley), Bevra Fee, and Erin Pincemin (Larry) and their families.

A graveside service will be held in Port Alberni at a later date.

Dennis Warkentin



Dad began writing his obituary in March 2016. There were updates in March 2018, October 2018 and October 2024.

I was born on October 6, 1932 to a young, homesteading couple who were trying to turn 160 acres of rocky bushland into a viable farm. That was Capasin country, the school district was Crescent Ridge. There, along with 4 sisters and 2 brothers (the 5th sister came after I was married) we went through all the tribulations of pioneer life. We walked uphill and against the wind every day, barefoot most of the time. Not in winter of course (I wouldn't want to exaggerate) or to church - we did have shoes for special occasions.

Some of the least memorable recollections of that time was farming very rocky land with horse drawn machinery. I still wince when I remember sitting on that cast iron seat on the double disc. Picking stones and stooking I could have done without. Making hay I always liked and working on a threshing crew was fine once all the blisters were healed!

Some of my best memories though are of being on homemade skis going down the river hills and riding horseback. I loved those 2 modes of transportation.

I spent most of the 1950s in Saskatoon. A short stint at Quaker Oats, sometime at Intercontinental Packers and then 5 years plus at Richardson Road Machinery. I made some very good friends in that place and enjoyed pretty much all the time spent at that job.

It was during that time that I met the love of my life. It was either July or August of 1956. By a strange quirk of fate and a false identity, I found myself at a dance at the U of S with a buddy, just because we didn't have anything better to do. It was pouring rain and there were 2 young ladies waiting to make a dash for the bus. We did not wish to see them get soaked, so we gallantly offered them a ride. The rest is history. One month later Adeline and I were engaged and a year later we began our long sojourn together.

Our first 2 years of married life were spent north of Saskatoon at Altona School. Adeline started her teaching career, 39 students, grades 1-9. Those were 2 great years. We got very involved in that country school community and I even sidelined as 4-H club leader. We still see some of those students occasionally except now they are all a bunch of old people just like us!

Our next move was back to the old stomping grounds of my childhood. There was an old saying that if you ever drank the slough water in Capasin, you were doomed to go back.

Adeline took over the one room school in Capasin and I worked in the bush. There had been a huge forest fire in the Chitek area and there was a lot of wood to salvage. A small sawmill could process 10,000 board feet a day, so there were several seasons worth of work available in the area.

In 1961 we started our family. First Heather, then Karen in 1962 and Jeff in 1964. Adeline took a bit of time off from teaching to have 3 kids and I contracted to transport the high school students from Capasin to Spiritwood.

We also purchased some land and embarked on a new venture. Something I had dreamed about for a long time. I became a Shepherd! There are good dreams and there are bad dreams and this one became more of the nightmare variety. I really liked sheep and I purchased a sizable flock. But I found that bears, coyotes, wolves and dogs also liked sheep. For several years the predators and I competed for ownership. Interesting, definitely a learning experience and in the end, I had to switch to cows.

I realized one day that the rocks my farm was liberally endowed with, could also be turned into fireplaces and other useful works of art. Stone masonry became a trade and a business that I really enjoyed.

Landscape painting, cartooning, and writing were 3 hobbies that led over the years to meeting many interesting people. It also made for a houseful of art objects that somebody gets to deal with eventually.

In 1965 Adeline began teaching in Leoville Elementary School and for the next 25 years she was part of that fantastic group of women affectionately known as "The hens on the hill".

During those years we became very immersed in the Leoville community. It was a great community to be a part of. All of the recreational facilities that we now take for granted are the result of the efforts of a generation that really worked together.

One project that I was most grateful to have been a part of was the multi-year quest to build a senior care home in Leoville. A core group of very dedicated and stubborn individuals backed by a very supportive and generous community caused Evergreen Health Centre to become a reality.

Those were also the years when our kids grew up. That period of time is a collage of events that took in minor hockey, figure skating, camping trips, birthday parties, winter carnivals, barbeques, graduations. Before we knew it, our kids were grown up and found their own paths in life.

There were weddings, first Karen, then Heather and then Jeff. This opened a whole new chapter. We embarked on that enjoyable time of life that I call "THE GRANDCHILDREN YEARS."

We have 7 grandchildren, 2 girls and 5 boys; Robyn, Bronwyn, Eric, Dominic, Cole, Sam and Jake. I had the distinct pleasure of being at sometime or other able to rock everyone of them to sleep. We did have to travel to Australia to rock Sam for the first time.

Our lives did a turn around with the arrival of grandkids. After a hiatus of a few years, we again found ourselves back at the ballpark, the skating rink and swimming lessons. And we needed a van because we were often the transportation. The summers of grandkids I think were some of our best times.

Time moved on and all of a sudden there were graduations again. The grandkids were adults and pairing off and bringing new faces into the family. We now have 13 great grandchildren. Lola and Elliot belong to Robyn and Paul. Patrick and Graeme belong to Eric and Kayla. Cecil and Astrid belong to Cole and Kelsey. Sybil and Tilly are twins and belong to Sam and Alisa. Nora and Gavin belong to Jake and Kassidy. Logan, Emma and Addison belong to Dominic and Jen.

We suddenly realize that we are getting old and not as limber as we used to be. We had to leave Rocky Acres and moved to Spiritwood. This last year we moved to Rose Gill Lodge. We talk more about what we used to do than what we plan to do. We have almost come full circle and that is only as it's meant to be. It's been a good life, with its ups and downs, happily the ups in the majority.

Sixty-nine years, at this point, with a wonderful partner and a great family. Some good travels and some overseas adventures. All in all I can happily say, for my part, it's been a blast!!

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Shellbrook Martial Arts hosts first local tournament

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Not everybody was Kungfu fighting, but there was plenty of martial arts action to take in on Saturday, Nov. 7, when Shellbrook Martial Arts hosted its inaugural Tiger Strike Championship tournament at the Shellbrook Community Hall.

Altogether, instructor Laura Lee Hatch says 22 of her roughly 40 students, who range in age from 5 to 73, took part in the tournament, competing alongside more than 60 other martial artists from near and far.

The tournament was open to many styles of martial arts, and there were four events that students could participate in: open hand kata, weapon kata, point sparring, and weapon sparring.

In addition to medals, the martial artists also vied for one of two grand championships. After a day filled with action, Prince Albert's Adrian Fisher was crowned colour belt grand champion, while Zenon Park's Tristan Rafael earned the title of black belt grand champion.

Hatch says she was very proud of how her students performed throughout the tournament.

"This was, for many of them, their first time ever competing. It was a great learning experience for them, and many of them will be open for other competitions," she said.

Of course, while she was pleased to see many of her students earn medals, Hatch says what's most important is that they had fun and took away some valuable lessons from the tournament.

"By competing, students build courage and confidence, and make new friends," she said. "The biggest thing is observing, learning from other athletes, and being able to apply that when they go back to another competition."

All proceeds — about $4,000 — from the inaugural Tiger Strike Championship go right back to Shellbrook Martial Arts.

Going forward, Hatch says the plan is to host another tournament next year, and hopefully many more tournaments in the future.



Shellbrook Martial Arts instructor Laura Lee Hatch (left) with students who participated in the inaugural Tiger Strike Championship in Shellbrook.

Baseball work stoppage appears imminent



BRUCE PENTON
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Thirty-two years ago, the world of baseball stopped revolving because of a labour dispute involving the owners' insistence that a salary cap was needed to ensure competitive balance.

The players won and the owners lost. No salary cap was instituted. But the public, the baseball loving fandom that ultimately pays for the game to go on, was the big loser; the labour dispute created a seven-month players' strike that resulted in the 1994 season being washed out. The World Series was cancelled for the first time in 90 years.

The pain was felt especially sharp in Canada, where the Montreal Expos were one of the game's top teams that year and a strong contender to give Canada its third straight World Series title, after the Blue Jays won in both 1992 and 1993. When play stopped, the Expos had a 74-40 record, No. 1 among all MLB teams, and a solid six-game lead in the NL East.

Unfortunately, 32 years later, baseball is almost certainly on the cusp of another work stoppage and the main reason is, for all you deja vu fans, a salary cap.

The executive director of the Players Association, Bruce Meyer, said the owners' proposal of a salary cap is a "nuclear bomb" that will perhaps prevent the 2027 season from happening if the owners don't relent.

The current union contract expires Dec. 1 and the owners are expected to immediately lock out the players. Spring training and, indeed, the regular season, are in jeopardy.

The players couldn't be happier about this year's World Series. Champion Milwaukee Brewers were ranked 19th in payroll this year and American League champion Tampa Bay was 25th. See, say the players, you don't have to have a big-money payroll to compete these days. To that, said commissioner Rob Manfred, it's rare for small market/low payroll teams to compete. "Once every 40 years is not enough," Manfred said in a *Yahoo.com* story.

If the owners get their way, monster contracts such as the ones signed by Juan Soto and Vladimir Guerrero, Jr., would be a thing of the past. Soto signed with the Mets for $765 million over 15 years; Guerrero, Jr., the Blue Jays' star who had a horrible year in 2026, signed a $500 million deal over 14 years that has 13 years to go.

The owners propose a $245.3 million cap per team and a rule that no player's contract could eat up more than 15 per cent of a team's payroll. Free agents would be limited to $265 million over six years, enough money to keep them away from the food banks, but jealous of the Sotos and Guerrero, Jr's who cashed in big prior to 2026.

Manfred said the owners are united. Other pro sports leagues have salary caps, which likely means that in the end, the owners will prevail. But not after a work stoppage that no one — players, owners, fans — desire.

• Cathal Kelly of the Globe and Mail on what he hopes will be a lengthy baseball strike: "I hope that by the time everyone has become too exhausted to keep fighting over their hundredth million, the stadiums are overrun by crawling vines, and the bleachers have caved in."

• Joseph Lamagna of Fried Egg Golf, listing some of the 900 domain names LIV purchased and 'squatted on' so no one else could: "The collection included TerroristGolfLeague.com, LIVGolfCorrupt.com, GolfMoneyGrab.com, and EvilLivGolf.com."

• Hockey tough guy Ryan Reaves, to NHLers in his retirement posting on Instagram: "You can rest easy knowing the corners are a little safer today."

• Cathal Kelly again, on the best thing about New Jersey, where he says all the good American hockey players seem to be congregating: "It's in the delivery catchment for an Italian sandwich joint in Lyndhurst that I think about at least once a week."

• From Greg Cote's Miami substack: "Natalie Nakase of the Valkyries became the fifth straight female head coach to raise the WNBA trophy. Hmm. Maybe WNBA teams should stop hiring men's coaches? Or how's this: At least until we see an NBA team hire a female head coach."

• Eamon Lynch of golfweek.com on the end of LIV golf: "There were plenty of seats around the trough during the good times, but not many pews filled at the funeral."

• Another one from Lynch on LIV: "The money ran out, so the players did too."

• Super 70s Sports: "I would've believed a reported sighting of Bigfoot and Tupac playing doubles badminton against D.B. Cooper and Jim Morrison before I believed an NFL team would win a game this century without completing a pass (Bucs 16; Falcons 0 Nov. 1)

• Headline at fark.com: "LSU women's basketball team makes history by scoring 109 points . . . check that, by winning by 109 points."

• Dieter Kurtenbach of the San Jose Mercury News, on the Shark' boring style of play: "Ryan Warsofsky's team is currently delivering all the zip and pep of a three-hour seminar on municipal bond interest rates."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Sask awards $285,000 to young entrepreneurs

By MINISTRY OF TRADE & EXPORT DEVELOPMENT
Submitted

Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding, along with Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Prabha Ramaswamy, announced recipients for the 2026 Saskatchewan's Young Entrepreneur Bursary.

"Young entrepreneurs are building businesses, creating jobs and investing in Saskatchewan communities," Kaeding said. "This bursary gives them the support they need to take the next step, whether that means buying new equipment, expanding their services or hiring their first employee. Small businesses are the backbone of our province and essential for a strong and steady economy."

This year, the program received 321 applications from over 70 communities, including Shellbrook's Jaira Kissick (Divine Accounting), Mildred's Megan Wasden (NW 28 Livestock Nutrition), and Medstead's Nicolas Anderson (Anderson Electrical).

"The strength of this program is its reach," Ramaswamy said. "Young entrepreneurs need the right support at the right time, wherever they are building their businesses. Through our network of local chambers, the program recognizes entrepreneurs in communities of every size across Saskatchewan. The Chamber thanks the province for its partnership, and we look forward to following the progress of this year's recipients."

The Government of Saskatchewan launched the program in 2025, providing nearly $1 million in funding over three years. The bursary is administered by the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, who works with its regional counterparts to ensure that communities from every corner of the province are represented.

Bursary recipients also benefit from mentorship opportunities within their local business community to help guide them on their entrepreneurial journey.

Saskatchewan's small business sector is among the strongest in Canada and most young entrepreneurs fall within this sector. In 2025, small businesses employed about 30 per cent of the provincial workforce and provided over $8.3 billion in wages and salaries. With 124 small businesses for every 1,000 people, the province has the second highest per capita rate in the country.

OBITUARY
~
Garry Welsh



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend who passed away on November 13th, 2026, in Shellbrook, Saskatchewan at the age of 82.

Born on September 12th, 1944, in Melfort, Saskatchewan, he spent part of his childhood life in the Lorenzo district, and Surrey, British Columbia. Dad moved to Hill View Farm in 1962 and spent much of his life doing what he knew and loved best: farming. He was a farmer through and through, a man who took great pride in his work, his land, and the life he built. He worked hard all his life, farming until 2001, when he began a new chapter in his career as a hail adjuster with Saskatchewan Municipal Hail. Garry continued in that role until the fall of 2021, retiring at the age of 76.

Dad was never one for fuss or fancy things. He believed in living simply and working hard. Of all the things he took pride in throughout his life, nothing meant more to him than his family. He was incredibly proud of his children and grandchildren. He loved farming, working the land, hunting, logging, cutting wood in the bush, driving the countryside, working with horses, reading history books, and playing and listening to music with his family.

Dad faced life's challenges with a strength and determination that many people may never have fully realized. He lived with cancer for 12 years and faced many other health challenges along the way. He never let his health define him or get in the way of living his life. Garry showed a quiet strength and resilience that was truly remarkable.

Garry leaves behind his wife of 44 years Ethel; his children Tara Welsh, Jenna (Logan) Cross and their children Cady and Wyatt, Penny (Murray) Watchel and their children Haley (Chad) Saworski and Brady (Spencer); his sisters Adgerine McNutt and Sharon (Jim) Drewlo; his sisters-in-law Esther Welsh, Debbie Welsh, and Muriel (Wayne) Birkett; his brothers-in-law Mel (Robin) Glencross, and Barry (Darcie) Glencross; as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was predeceased by his parents Cecil and Lillian Welsh (née Parenteau); his brothers Harvey and George Welsh; his parents-in-law Jack and Margery Glencross; and his brother-in-law Merle McNutt.

Special mention to his close neighbours, friends, and Green Leaf Colony as well as extending our sincere thank you to Shellbrook Hospital and their staff as well as Dr. Julie Stakiw at the Saskatoon Cancer Clinic for supporting him for the last 12 years of his health journey.

Memorial Service was held Tuesday, November 17, 2026, at 11:00AM, at the Leask Community Hall, Leask, SK. Interment followed at Mount Olive Cemetery, RM of Blaine Lake, SK.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Garry to Mount Olive Cemetery (Box 508, Blaine Lake, SK S0J 0J0).

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Praise & Worship

Regular services, Sunday school and special services will be listed.

LUTHERAN CHURCH
Zion - Canwood
Sunday School,
Worship Sunday, 9 a.m.
(in-person only)
St. John's - Shellbrook
Sunday School,
Worship Sunday, 11 a.m.
(in-person and online via Facebook live)
Rev. Emmanuel Aristide

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Parkside
10:30 a.m. Worship
Pastor Lorne Valuck
306-747-3572
Shellbrook
Adult Study 9:30 a.m.
Sun., 10:00 a.m. - Worship
Rev. Jordan Clark
306-850-0429
Canwood
10:30 a.m. - Worship
Pastor Lyndon Petten
587-973-2223
Leask Gospel Tabernacle
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Pastor Josh
1-780-690-2100

PRESBYTERIAN
Mistawasis
Sunday worship 11 a.m.
Rev. Stewart Folster

UNITED CHURCH
Big River
Sundays
11 a.m.. - Worship at Anglican Church
Rev. Dave Whalley
306-747-2804

ANGLICAN CHURCH
Leask - All Saint's
Sunday Service - 9 am MP
St. Andrew's - Shellbrook
Sunday Service - 11 am MP
June 21, 10:30 a.m. at St. Luke's Mont Nebo, H.C. & Deconsecration w/ Bishop Rick Reed
Potluck lunch to follow
Minister's Warden:
306-922-5159

EVANGELICAL FREE
Big River
10:00 a.m. - Worship
Bible Classes resume in the fall
306-469-2258
Youth Nite:
Fridays at 7 p.m.
Mont Nebo
Sun. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
(10:30 a.m. June – August)
306-468-2525

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
Parkside
11 a.m. - Worship
(in-person and online via Facebook Live)
10 a.m. - Sunday School

CATHOLIC CHURCH
Debden
Sun. Mass - 9:30 a.m.
Fr. Mariusz Zajac
Big River - Sacred Heart
Sun., 11:30 a.m. - Mass
Whitefish
Sun., 2:30 p.m. - Mass.
Victoire
Sat., 7:30 p.m. - Mass.
Fr. Mariusz Zajac
St. Agatha's - Shellbrook
Mass - Sunday 9 a.m.
St. Henry's - Leask
Mass - Sunday 11 a.m.
Mistawasis
1st & 3rd Sundays 1:30 p.m.
Fr. Roger Paponette

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST
407-2nd Ave E, Shellbrook
Sat., 9:45 a.m. - Sabbath School
Sat., 11:00 am - Worship
Pastor Myshan Irving
306-747-3398

EVENING LIGHT TABERNACLE
Ahtahkakoop FN
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Communion 1st Wed. of month
Pastor Burton Ahenakew
306-468-7537

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Spiritwood
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Rev. Sarah Urano

UNITED /ANGLICAN
Worship Services
Glaslyn
Time is on the sign
Rev. Kun Kim
Rev. Don Skinner

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SATURDAY
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SUNDAY
Spiritwood – 11:15 a.m.
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Spiritwood
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Pastor Rick Martin

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Glenbush
11:00 am Worship

BETHEL
Medstead
2nd Sunday, 1 pm - Worship
Rev. Sarah Urano
4th Sunday, 1 pm - Worship
Rev. Sarah Urano

MENNONITE BRETHREN
Glenbush
10:00 am - Sunday School
Worship 10:50 am

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Phone Art Martynes
(306) 389-4633

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Worship Services
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
306-883-8885

LAKELAND COMMUNITY CHURCH
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CHANGE OF PLANS

This year, the Kinette Club of Shellbrook won't be hosting a formal Twinkle Tour, ***but that doesn't mean we can't still enjoy the Christmas lights around town!***

We're encouraging everyone to get **decorating**, **turn on those lights**, and **take a drive** around Shellbrook to enjoy the festive displays.

Grab a hot chocolate, load up the family, and make your own little Twinkle Tour!