



Shellbrook senior curlers wrap up season



Winners of the A Event in the Shellbrook Seniors' bonspiel, from left to right: Ron Helm, Bruce Harper, Randy Martin, and Bruce Anderson.

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

All four sheets were kept busy at the Shellbrook Curling Club on the afternoon of March 20, when Shellbrook's senior curlers took to the ice for their season-ending bonspiel.

With 32 curlers split across eight teams, prizes and trophies were up for grabs in the A, B, C, and D Events. The mood on the sheets was friendly and competitive, with three of four games ending in close scores, and the A Event final coming down to a measurement on the final rock.

In said A Event final, where Ron Helm's quartet of Bruce Harper, Randy Martin, and Bruce Anderson were facing off against Ron Osarchuk's rink of Dennis Hamilton, Brenda Smith, and Bruce

Clements, it was Helm's team that held on to win with the rock closest to the centre of the house.

Over in the B Event, Wes Ledding led Robert Svendsen, Garry Thiel, and Lori Moss to victory over skip Ben Duret's rink, while the C Event saw Mitch Beaulac, George Tomporowski, Wayne Pringle, and Cliff Skauge best Larry Ritchie's foursome.

Last but not least, Ralph Harris, Paul Beaulieu, Meg Ritchie, and Stephanie Baun swept their way to victory over Clarence Bowes' rink in the D event.

"It was great. Everybody had a lot of fun, and we'll have some more fun upstairs [in the lounge]," Bruce Harper, the senior curling group's president, said after the day was finished.

The senior curling group's season works on a monthly rotation, with teams

being switched up each month through draws from a hat and players being asked to play whichever position they feel most comfortable (skip, third, second, or lead).

Harper says this format works well for the group, which boasts members from the Town and R.M. of Shellbrook, as well as Canwood, Leask, and Parkside. However, as the group's members are aging, it's growing hard to maintain a roster of the 32 curlers needed to fill the ice, as well as the long list of alternates the group used to have.

"We're getting an older generation out there on the ice. It's really tough to keep replacing everybody," Harper said. "Basically, whoever shows up, we make sure everybody curls."

Though the group's numbers aren't as strong as they once were, Harper says he's happy to see a lot of new people com-

ing to try out curling, as well as curlers who are coming back to the game for the first time in many years.

He credits this change, in part, to the advent of push sticks, which allow less mobile players to still throw their rocks (and Harper says some now play better with the stick).

Hailing from the Canwood area himself, Harper says he's always liked curling, and continues to make the trip to curl in Shellbrook twice a week to enjoy the exercise and the company of good friends. And he encourages anyone who may be apprehensive about trying curling to do the same.

"Everybody's there to support you and make you part of our group," he said. "It's something we really need in this community for the seniors."

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B Event winners, from left to right: Wes Ledding, Robert Svendsen, Garry Thiel, and Lori Moss.



C Event winners, from left to right: George Tomporowski, Wayne Pringle, and Cliff Skauge. Missing: Mitch Beaulac.



D Event winners, from left to right: Ralph Harris, Paul Beaulieu, Meg Ritchie, and Stephanie Baun.

Debden hosts closed bonspiel, annual meeting

By EMILE TETREAULT

With the sponsorship of the Debden Knights of Columbus #3456 and the generosity of local merchants and individuals, the Debden Curling Club held a very successful 2024 Closed Bonspiel. Emerging as champions of the event were: Raymond Brad (Skip), Corrine Smith, Casey Christensen, and Liz Sanderson.

The Bonspiel was followed by a delicious supper served by Lamplight Cuisine, the Curling Club's annual meeting, and an evening of socializing. During the meeting, Leroy Fiddler, on behalf of the Curling Club, presented Med Demers with an Honorary Life Membership. The meeting was chaired by Penny Brad.

On behalf of the Curling Club, Penny thanked outgoing board members: Cole



From left to right: Guy Cyr and Med Demers present the closed bonspiel trophy on behalf of the Debden Knights of Columbus to winners Raymond Brad (Skip), Corrine Smith, Casey Christensen, and Liz Sanderson.

Aarrestad, Leroy Fiddler, and Tracy Beaulieu. She then welcomed Roland Svendsen, Nil Cyr, Sam Stephensen, and Brad and Carrie Wensley to the board. They will be joining Liz Sanderson, Penny Brad, and Richard De Bruijn to complete the Board of Directors. Raymond Brad will continue to be the Village of Debden Representative on the Curling Executive.



Leroy Fiddler (left) presents an Honorary Debden Curling Club Life Membership to Med Demers.

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Dated at Leask, Saskatchewan this 21st day of March, 2024.

Yvette Hamel,
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Dated at Leville, Saskatchewan this 20th day of March, 2024.

Monique Hare, Assessor
Village of Leville

Sask. budget projects \$273 million deficit

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle
Reporter

The Sask. Party government tabled what Premier Scott Moe has called a “steady as she goes” 2024-2025 provincial budget on Wednesday, March 20. Putting the focus on the tagline of “Classrooms, Care, and Communities,” the fiscal roadmap projects a \$273.2 million deficit, while offering Saskatchewan residents no new taxes and no cost-of-living relief.

“Saskatchewan is growing at its fastest pace in more than a century and will reach 1.25 million people sometime this year,” Finance Minister Donna Harpauer said while delivering her final budget. “This budget addresses the challenges of a growing province by reinvesting the benefits of growth in the areas that matter most to Saskatchewan people – education, health and our communities.”

With a growing population, labour force, and economy driving more revenue into its coffers, the Sask. Party government expects the budget will return to balance for 2025-2026, with a modest surplus of \$18 million. The projected surpluses will grow in each of the next two years, reaching \$225 million in

2026-2027, and \$340 million in 2027-2028.

The Sask. Party government’s surplus projection for 2024-2025 and beyond is based on anticipated revenues of \$19.9 billion (up \$184.2 million from last year). The higher revenue forecast is largely due to \$9.7 billion in taxation revenue, \$3.78 billion in federal transfers, and \$3 billion in “other own source revenue” (down slightly due to a decline in potash prices).

Meanwhile, expenditures are pegged at \$20.1 billion, due to what the Sask. Party government is touting as record spending in healthcare, education, and social services.

“The 2024-25 Provincial Budget makes these important investments without introducing any new taxes or increasing existing ones,” Harpauer said. “Our government continues to keep Saskatchewan an affordable place to live by delivering more than \$2 billion in previously announced tax reductions and other affordability measures, as well as by removing the federal carbon tax on home heating.”

As always, Healthcare takes the lion’s share of the budget, with expenditures totalling \$7.6 billion (up from \$6.9 billion last year). The

government’s Health Human Resources Action Plan will continue to be a key priority, receiving a \$39.4 million funding increase, including \$11.6 million to fully deliver the commitment to add 250 new or enhanced permanent positions in rural and remote locations.

This is being bolstered by a \$560 million health transfer from the federal government, which is to be spent in areas like recruitment, retention, and training.

On the capital side, the budget earmarks \$516.8 million for the ongoing Prince Albert and Weyburn Hospital projects, a new long-term care home in La Ronge, the completion of the Regina General Hospital parkade and long-term care beds in Regina.

The government has also dedicated \$30 million to addressing capacity pressures in Regina and Saskatoon, and \$10 million to the Regina Urgent Care Centre.

The Saskatchewan Cancer Agency will receive an increase of \$26.1 million, bringing its budget to \$249 million. This will include \$3.5 million, announced prior to budget day, to establish Regina’s new breast assessment centre.

Finally, the mental health and addictions budget is \$574 million, including \$4.7 mil-

lion to targeted mental health initiatives with a strong emphasis on youth, and a \$29.2 million boost for initiatives targeting addictions and vulnerable populations.

Announced in detail prior to budget day, the education portion of the budget totals \$4.4 billion, up from \$4 billion last year. The increased expenditures are largely in Prekindergarten to Grade 12 education, with \$356.6 million earmarked for classroom supports (up \$45.6 million over last year), and school divisions receiving a \$180 million boost to operational funding.

This additional funding was committed to by the Sask. Party government in an agreement with the Saskatchewan School Boards’ Association, as the government remains at a standstill with the province’s educators over their collective bargaining agreement.

“We are investing in what teachers and students have told us matter the most,” Harpauer said.

Under the Communities pillar of its budget, the Sask. Party government is pledging record funding of \$340.2 million for the province’s municipalities through the municipal revenue sharing program.

Provincial funding for the

municipal revenue sharing program is based on three quarters of one point of PST revenue collected from two years prior. For the 2024-2025 budget, this means the municipal revenue sharing dollars are coming from 2022-2023 — a year in which the Sask. Party expanded the PST to cover more goods and services.

The budget also earmarks \$719.4 million for the Ministry of Corrections, Policing and Public Safety, which includes more than \$228 million to fund RCMP operations, \$21.6 million for the RCMP’s First Nations Policing Program, and \$7 million for the Saskatchewan Marshals Service in anticipation of its operations beginning in 2026.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Social Services will have a budget of \$1.5 billion, with \$16.7 million dedicated to the province’s homelessness response, \$83 million being spent to maintain and repair provincially-owned housing units, and Saskatchewan Income Support and Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability benefits increasing by 3 per cent.

“Today, Saskatchewan is one of the most affordable places in Canada to live, work and raise a family,” Harpauer said.

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Information on how to register and join this virtual meeting will be available by April 15, 2024, on our website at www.innovationcu.ca.

Meeting agenda items include:

- Report on 2023 Operations and Presentation of Financial Statements
- Appointment of Auditors
- Announcement of Elected Directors
- Vote on Proposed Bylaw Changes
- Appeal of Membership Closure of Mr. D. Richardson
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Sask. budget fails to meet province's challenges

If you blinked at all last Wednesday (March 20), you may have missed all the excitement of the Sask. Party government's delivery of Budget 2024-2025. Or what little excitement there was, at any rate.

Similarly, if you were an eagle-eyed budget watcher waiting with bated breath to learn just how Budget 2024-2025 would make your life a little easier, rest assured that there were no Jedi mind tricks played by the Sask. Party government.

Put simply, this was not the budget you were looking for.

Though budget day came with fears of a large deficit, after the Sask. Party government quietly authorized \$750 million in non-budgeted spending in February, the government somehow wrangled the red ink down to a more modest \$273.2 million deficit (lower than the \$482.5 million deficit it's now projecting for the 2023-2024 fiscal year).

The good news is that the Sask. Party government managed to get there without introducing new taxes or expanding existing taxes, as it did with the PST in both 2017 and 2022. It even found room to freeze the small business tax rate at one per cent for another year.

The bad news is that the budget also contains no new tax reductions or affordability measures of any significant substance, save for a token 3 per cent boost to Saskatchewan Income Support and Saskatchewan Assured Income for Disability benefits.

In some ways, all of this should come as no surprise – even for those who were optimistic for an election year budget filled with all sorts of goodies.

In an interview with the *Regina Leader Post* the day prior to the tabling of her final budget, Finance Minister Donna Harpauer alluded to the challenges the province is facing.

"The challenge we are having is growth without the benefits of growth," Ms. Harpauer said. "We have more people, so we need more schools. We need more health-care facilities, but we don't have the tax base yet to pay for it."

This tacit admission that the growth is, in fact, not working for everyone, was tempered by Ms. Harpauer adding, "When we get there, the potential will



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be absolutely enormous."

So, growth that may work for some people at some as yet undetermined point in the future.

Not exactly the makings of a rousing political slogan.

Ms. Harpauer's pre-budget expectation setting was echoed by Premier Scott Moe, who noted that the province's growth brings both benefits and challenges.

"In this new budget, you will see our government respond to the challenges of a

growing province by reinvesting the very benefits from that growing province in classrooms, in care, and in communities," Mr. Moe said.

The last bit of Mr. Moe's statement was clearly well rehearsed. The next day, when his government's budget was tabled, it bore the government's newest tagline, "Classrooms, Care, and Communities," highlighting the three main pillars on which the document is focused.

The Classrooms pillar we're all too familiar with, seeing as Mr. Moe unveiled it early prior to the budget in an attempt to appease the province's educators and restart collective bargaining agreement negotiations.

As was promised, the education budget is growing to \$4.4 billion from \$4 billion. The increased expenditures are largely in Prekindergarten to Grade 12 education, with \$356.6 million earmarked for classroom supports (up \$45.6 million over last year), and school divisions receiving a \$180 million boost to operational funding.

The additional funding, committed to by the Sask. Party government in an agreement with the Saskatchewan School Boards' Association, was certainly welcome. However, what was lacking, and what the province's educators want to see as much as dollar signs, is a clear plan to address classroom-related challenges and clear benchmarks to measure the success or failure of said plan.

Moving to the Care pillar, we see more significant funding increases. Always the largest expenditure in the budget, this year's spending on health-care totals \$7.6 billion, up from \$6.9 billion in 2023-2024.

Unlike education, however, these additional expenditures aren't all targeted at one shiny new budget item.



Rather, the spending increases run the gamut, from the Health Human Resources Action Plan to fill frontline healthcare positions, to mental health and addictions services, to expanding advanced education and career training opportunities, to capital projects, and much more.

None of these could necessarily be called bad expenditures. These are all areas in which there are needs and challenges. But again, what's missing is a clear plan, or even a rough outline of where the Sask. Party government wants to get to and the route to its destination.

Finally, for the Communities pillar, the big bragging point for the Sask. Party government seems to be the "record funding" of \$340.2 million for the municipal revenue sharing program.

Is it a record? Absolutely.

Is it a net positive for municipalities, which have limited sources of funds to draw from? You bet.

But there's much more to the story than the Sask. Party government is sharing.

Provincial funding for the municipal revenue sharing program is based on three quarters of one point of PST revenue collected from two years prior.

For the 2024-2025 budget, the municipal revenue sharing dollars are coming from 2022-2023, a year marked by the tail end of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, sky-rocketing inflation, and the Sask. Party's expansion of the PST.

Municipal revenue sharing, then, is less emblematic of any sound economic stewardship on the Sask. Party's part, and more the result of everything being more expensive (partially due to this government).

If you've read this far, and you're still confused about what's in this government's big-on-spending budget for you, rest assured you're not alone.

To call this government's fiscal road map confusing would be an understatement.

Remember, last year, when the government was anticipating a \$1 billion surplus, Ms. Harpauer balked at the notion the extra funds could be used to address well-known challenges in healthcare and education or affordability measures because the funds might disappear next year.

Instead, the government chose to pay down the province's debt, which is projected to increase by at least \$3 billion this year.

Why, then, was a deficit year the right time to embark on a government spending spree?

Why wait a full year, allowing existing problems in healthcare and education to get even worse, before taking action?

In its desperation, it seems the Sask. Party government has resorted to simply throwing stacks of money at its problems, absent any clear plan, guiding logic, or end goal.

As always, it's the taxpayers who will pay the price.

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Report from the Legislature

Saskatchewan's 2024-25 Budget makes record new investments in classrooms, care, and communities. The budget includes the largest-ever increase in school operating funding, the largest-ever increase in health funding and the largest-ever increase in municipal revenue sharing for Saskatchewan communities.

The budget is designed to ensure growth continues in our great province. Saskatchewan's population continues to grow faster than it has in more than a century and will reach 1.25 million people this year. In addition to more people, the labour market continues to grow, with more jobs and a low unemployment rate that combine to help fuel the provincial economy.

Revenue is forecast at \$19.9 billion, up \$184.2 million from last year's budget. There are no new taxes and no tax increases in this year's budget, helping keep life affordable for Sas-



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The budget includes \$2.0 billion in previously announced tax reductions and other affordability measures. When taxes, utilities and housing costs are combined, our province is the most affordable place to live in Canada for a family of four.

Our government will invest in what matters most to Saskatchewan people – classrooms, care, and communities.

The 2024-25 Budget supports students and teachers through a record-level total education budget of \$4.4 billion. This includes \$3.3

billion for the Ministry of Education, up 8.1 per cent over last year's budget. This is an increase of \$247.8 million to support Prekindergarten to Grade 12 students, early learning, child care and libraries.

Saskatchewan's 27 school divisions will receive \$2.2 billion in school operating funding for the 2024-25 school year, a record increase of \$180 million, or 8.8 per cent, over the previous year.

The budget includes a record \$7.6 billion investment into the Ministry of Health and includes funding to expand patient care and increase access to services to meet the needs of our growing population.

For cities, towns, villages and municipalities throughout Saskatchewan, this budget provides a record increase of \$42.4 million in municipal revenue sharing. This is an increase of 14.2 per cent from the year before, and a total of \$340.2 million in uncondition-

al support for municipalities in the province.

Capital investment is expected to reach \$14.2 billion this year, making Saskatchewan a leading contributor to economic growth in Canada. The budget helps further strengthen our strong and growing economy, focusing on expanding our presence in international markets while building a stronger Saskatchewan.

The budget invests a record \$4.4 billion into the Saskatchewan Capital Plan to build schools, hospitals, highways, municipal and Crown infrastructure.

The 2024-25 Budget addresses many priorities for the people of Saskatchewan, with a clear focus on classrooms, care and communities. These areas impact everyone in our province – from the seniors who helped build our province into the great place it is today to our future leaders who are just making their way into the world, as well as everyone in be-



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Cordwood Bonspiel another big hit

By **BEVRA FEE**
Spiritwood Herald
Reporter

For some 21 years in Spiritwood, the Cordwood Bonspiel has been giving youth their first taste of a sport that has, for many, become a favourite sport pursued throughout their high school years and beyond.

This year's Cordwood Bonspiel, hosted at the Spiritwood Rec Centre on Saturday, March 23, ensured the event's legacy will live on.

Hosted by the Spiritwood Lions Club and played with lighter rocks formed from cordwood, the typical game is four ends and plays out on a half-sheet of ice, making it more manageable for the young curlers to deliver the "rock" to the rings.

Under the tutelage of older students and parents, the beginner curlers were randomly divided into teams of four, comprised of children in Grades 1 to 6. Team members pre-registered at their schools from Spiritwood, Leoville, and

Medstead for a nominal fee of \$5.

Registration came with a free pancake breakfast for curlers (and student volunteers), this year sponsored by Scotiabank.

With an added crowd of parents and grandparents, the pancake breakfast ran from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and served 171 people, keeping the Lions hopping under the expert guidance of veteran pancake boss, Lion Torben Nielsen.

This year's turnout of curlers was 81, and each had their eye on the daily draw of scheduled games. Games were usually completed within 45 minutes, a timeframe that shortened as the day went on and the curlers developed their skills and understanding of the game. The on-ice volunteers tallied all teams' scores, and at the end of the day there were prizes for every curler to choose from and trophies for the

top scoring team.

Each year, the final curling event of the season is planned for the Saturday after the last "regular" curling event, so that the ice is under no threat of damage from the alternate-style game and the many children who are growing their skills and learning the sport and its etiquette.

Martodam Motors once again paid for the rental of the ice for the bonspiel, and Hujbers Market on Main

sponsored the trophies.

Considered by many Lions to be among the most rewarding of their yearly activities, the high-energy event was overseen by Lion Bryan Ferguson, relying on his past history managing large groups of students. When Lion Bryan addressed the curlers in his final comments at the awards ceremony, he asked the curlers if they had a good time... to which he received a resounding "YES!"



A novice curler looks like a pro, lining up a shot under the watch of a student volunteer.



Tanis Franson (right) presents the Hujbers Market Trophy to the team with the most points. From left to right: Junor Laclare, Payton Boyd, and Liv Slater. Missing: Sean Bamba



Pancake breakfast enjoyed by Curtis Donohue and his curlers, Thalia and Jake.



Spiritwood Lions prepare the pancake breakfast for the hungry curling crowd.

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GOOD NEWS

WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO KEEP GOING?

By **DAVE BODVARSON**
Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly

A number of years ago, we spent some 12 years in Southern Saskatchewan pastoring. At the time I learned how to shingle. In Rocanville, I spent a lot of time "tent making" (that is a way of saying I took the opportunity to work outside the ministry). If you read the Bible carefully, Paul would patch tents to support himself in the ministry. I appreciated the salary the Rocanville church provided, but as we were raising three boys at the time, the extra income was welcomed.

The church was good about me working, so in turn I wanted to help the church practically. An opportunity came when we had to shingle the old Rocanville church. Because there was hail damage, the insurance company was willing to cover it. I had a roofer come from Moosomin and look at the job. He looked at the church and walked away, and that is the last I saw of him.

I worked for a roofer, and he put in a bid. The insurance company accepted it. However, he decided that he would give the church the opportunity to do it themselves. It was fairly steep, so I had to arrange that we use planks with anchors to slowly climb.

When we started out, we ran into some snags. Some who started out couldn't continue. We had a fairly large youth group. I told Marlene we needed to recruit them. With their help, we got one side done. Gratefully, for the other side, some men freed up their schedules and the project was completed.

I must say this project wasn't a walk in the park.

But I read Scriptures and I get inspired. Steady wins the race.

As Ecclesiastes 9:11 teaches us, "...the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong."

Hebrews 12:1 says, "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

The race is to those who endure. I read stories like the one of a well-

known musician and I get inspired. A favourite of concert audiences throughout the world, Ignacy Paderewski played the piano exceptionally well. He was also Poland's Prime Minister for a short season.

Just before a concert, a little boy from the audience slipped away from his mom. She only noticed the boy at the piano as the concert was about to start. The boy, to the delight of the audience was playing, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."

Once the mom discovered the whereabouts of her boy, she was beside herself. It didn't phase the well-known concert musician. He sat down with the boy and the master whispered in the boy's ear. "Don't quit. Keep playing" as he placed his hands on the piano and filled in the parts.

The master and the novice made wonderful music together.

Maybe you can see a spiritual application? Jesus comes to us and whispers in our ears, "Don't quit. Keep playing."

Door reopening for Port of Churchill

When you farm in east central Saskatchewan, any news regarding the Port of Churchill has to be of interest.

While the port has long been overlooked as a port from which to export grain, proponents of the facility will point out for a chunk of the Canadian grain growing land base, Churchill is the shortest overland access to water.

The problem, however, is that Hudson Bay on which the port sits is covered by ice for months each year, and that of course shortens the possible export season.

As a result, the port has had a very up and down history.

It was built in the late 1920s by the federal government of the day and began exporting grain shipments in 1931, following a six-year project to build the railway to connect Hudson Bay to other points in the country. The first ship to import cargo through the port was the British freighter Pennyworth in 1932, according to Wikipedia.

Through the following decades, the port has been at times promoted extensively, in par-



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ticular by the Hudson Bay Route Association — Willis Richford of Norquay, Sask. was an impassioned proponent for years — and at other times the port has been basically moth-balled and forgotten.

For years now, the port has been basically ignored, well at least until very recently.

Suddenly, there has been an announced injection of cash which has re-ignited optimism the port might finally achieve the success some like Richford have always felt was possible.

Recently, Manitoba premier Wab Kinew announced \$60 million in provincial and federal funds to get the Hudson Bay Railway between The Pas and Churchill back up and running reliably, as well as upgrade the

port.

That brings combined federal and provincial investment in the port up to \$293 million since 2018, according to a Glacier FarmMedia at www.producer.com.

The new dollars, however, do not appear driven by a vision of Canadian grain flowing north to the port, even if it is the shortest overland route for producers like those in east central Saskatchewan or neighbours across the Manitoba border.

There is obviously limited interest from grain companies to use the

port, since the major players own facilities on the West Coast or in Thunder Bay. So, the push to divert grain northward will be slow in coming, if it ever happens.

The current funding is more about northern economic opportunities — mining and forestry opportunities, which are seen as essential to development of the north.

But the new money, and the upgrades it will fund, at least crack the door open once more in terms of the port as an export option for Canadians grains.

Authors share book to support PA women's shelter

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle
Reporter

A small group of authors recently made stops at the Canwood and Shell Lake Public Libraries to present *Patchwork*, a collaborative book of short stories written by women to raise funds in support of the Prince Albert Safe Shelter for Women.

Patchwork was an initiative undertaken by Prince Albert-based Women of Wonder, a small group of women that formed in August of 2014 with the sole purpose of raising funds for the shelter. Over the course of a decade, and through four gala events, the organization has raised more than \$40,000 for its cause.

Facing challenges in organizing a gala in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, Women of Wonder was forced to brainstorm new fundraising ideas to continue its mission of supporting the women's shelter. Fortunately, says group member Lorna Boryski, a meeting with shelter director Sherry Bates in August of 2022 yielded the idea that would eventually become *Patchwork*.

In Boryski's original imag-

ining, the book was to contain 30 or more stories, all written by women about their own life experiences. The hope was that the writing process would be a journey of healing for the authors, and offer inspiration and hope, a sense of solidarity, and an opportunity for self-reflection and understanding to those who read the book.

But like all things in life, the road to publication was filled with no shortage of speed bumps and challenges.

"I know all kinds of women with all kinds of stories that they could share. Stories of accomplishment, inspiration, trauma, survival, overcoming adversity. I felt everyone would jump at the chance to tell their story," Boryski said, noting she expected to have all 30-plus stories for *Patchwork* in just a few months.

Instead, the stories trickled in slowly. Some prospective authors had never written a book before, much less shared such deep and personal stories, while others were hesitant to revisit old traumas or share stories that could hurt families and relationships.

Through perseverance, and a year long process that Boryski feels helped all who were involved, *Patchwork*

was patched together with 22 women's stories and published via Kindle Direct Publishing.

With *Patchwork* out in the world, Boryski believes it can and will be a force for good.

Guests at the Canwood and Shell Lake Libraries evidently agreed, as the Canwood library stop raised \$139 through book sales and another \$170 from strawberry shortcake sales,

and the Shell Lake visit raised \$92 through book sales and \$55.60 from a silver collection for dainties and coffee. This makes a two-day fundraising total of \$456.60 for the shelter.

"However this looks to each individual — whether through thought, writing, or reading — I hope that in some way, through the sharing of this book, they will find that they

are in a safe, shared space of awareness, hope, peace, acceptance, and joy."

Nearly a decade after Women of Wonder was founded, Boryski says the Prince Albert Safe Shelter for Women remains as important as it's always been, because it receives minimal core funding to cover basic needs (food, lodging, power, water, etc.), but not other simple personal care items like clothing, pyjamas, shampoo, soap, and tampons for the 7,000 women and children who temporarily call it home every year.

More importantly, Boryski says that domestic violence affects more than just the women who are predominantly its victims. It also impacts all aspects of a community, including physical and mental health, crime rates, the workforce, child development, and family dynamics.

"Our community works better when each citizen feels safe, secure, and free from the threat and fear of violence. We all have a vested interest in working toward eliminating violence in all forms," Boryski said. "For me, this looks like building awareness, and sometimes funds, for The Prince Albert Safe Shelter for Women."



Cathy Coles, Lorna Boryski, and Sandra Hainstock visited Canwood Public Library on March 7 to present the book, *Patchwork*, a fundraiser initiative for the Prince Albert Safe Shelter for Women.

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No easy games at men's world curling

Based on historic results that show Canada has won 36 world titles, 25 more than the next-best country, Canada's Brad Gushue, who defeated Saskatchewan's Mike McEwen for the 2024 Brier title, should win this year's men's world curling championship in Schaffhausen, Switzerland.

Based on recent history, however, the odds-on favourite to win the event that starts this weekend would be Niklas Edin of Sweden, who has won four of the past five titles.

But based on current excellence, the favourite should be Italy's Joel Retornaz, who skips the No. 1-ranked team in the world.

And if recent play in the Grand Slam of Curling events should be considered, watch out for Bruce Mouat's Scottish entry.

Then, there's the U.S., which won the Olympic gold medal in men's curling in 2018 and will send veteran John Shuster to this year's worlds. And if

home-ice advantage is at all a factor, then watch out for the Swiss entry skipped by Yannick Schwaller.

In other words, it's wide open. The oddsmakers in Vegas would be perplexed about setting gambling lines, but one thing is for sure: The curling talent gathering in Schaffhausen should guarantee a great event.

Gushue will wear Canada's colours for the sixth time, and third straight. The game hasn't been kind to him at the worlds, however, with only one championship to his credit.

But he is the most experienced Canadian skip and with rink-mates Mark Nichols, E.J. Harnden and Geoff Walker, a podium finish is almost guaranteed.

Besides his lone world championship, Gushue also has three runners-up finishes — all to Edin, which is the foundation for one of the sport's great all-time rivalries.

Retornaz won four bon-



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spiels this season, three on the Grand Slam circuit in Canada and one in Europe, the Baden Masters.

Winning the world title this year would be an astounding accomplishment, considering Italy is one of five countries to have never won at the world level (Germany, Denmark, Finland and France are the others).

As well, the next Winter Olympic Games will be held in February, 2026, in Milan, Italy, and what a special treat it would be for Retornaz to represent his country knowing he has a

world title on his resume.

Scotland and Sweden can never be counted out at the world championship. Edin has won six world championships and Mouat, the Scottish rep, is the defending world champ. (Strange how Scotland picks its representative: Mouat lost in the semi-finals of the Scottish championship, eventually won by Ross Whyte, but Scottish Curling decided that Mouat should represent the country at the world event.)

And if the Swedish, Italian, Scottish, Swiss, and American competitors weren't enough to give Gushue sleepless nights, rinks representing South Korea and Japan have been showing great improvement in recent years.

It's a wide-open competition, and Gushue is 43 years old and nearing the end of his dominant days, so Canadian curling fans will be rooting for him to add one more title to his resume.

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "Sabres No. 1 goalie Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen was listed as day to day with a lower body injury. I haven't seen that may Ks connected to one name since Roger Clemens was pitching for the Red Sox."

• Comedy writer Gary Bachman: "Watching hockey makes me hungry. Every time icing is called I crave cake."

• Comedy writer Brad Dickson of Omaha: "Mike Tyson is going to fight Jake Paul. And I thought Biden vs. Trump was depressing."

• Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: "Linebacker Eric Kendricks turned down the SF 49ers to join the Dallas Cowboys as a free agent. Money? Or does Kendricks just like to have his Februaries off?"

• Janice Hough again: "Rob Manfred almost makes me do the impossible — miss Bud Selig."

• Political insider George Conway, on reports that Jets' quarterback Aaron

Rodgers may be the VP choice for third-party candidate Robert Kennedy, Jr: "Are you suggesting that RFK Jr.'s campaign could end with a bad pick?"

• Super 70s Sports, quoting record-breaking punter Dave Jennings of the New York Jets: "I'd like to thank my quarterbacks for (playing awful) on third down pretty much my whole career, I couldn't have done it without them."

• Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun, in honour of St Patrick's Day: "My all-time list of Patricks: Patrick Mahomes, Patrick Roy, Patrick Kane. Dan Patrick. Patrick Ewing. Patrick Chan. Pat Riley. Craig Patrick. Lester Patrick."

• Another one from Super 70s Sports: "On this day in 1994, the Penguins score a big win on 'Davy Crockett Coonskin Cap Night' — hang on, being told that's just Jaromir Jagr's hair."

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Shellbrook curling season ends on strong note

By **JORDAN TWISS**

Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

The Shellbrook Curling Club wrapped up its season on March 15 and 16, channeling the luck of the Irish for a St. Patrick's Day-themed year-end bonspiel.

Though the two-day event is billed more as a funspiel than a traditional competitive tournament, the 14 teams that entered brought plenty of friendly competition to the sheets, vying not only for bragging rights but also for a chance to win prizes donated by local businesses.

After two days of curling, a hard-fought A Event final saw the rink of skip Ron Osarchuk, Wes Ledding, Bob Ernst, and Chad Fisher top the Ralph Harris foursome.

Over in the B Event, James Reddekopp's quartet of Austen Kalyn, Jaira Kissick, and "Quincy McDuffy" won against Karen Kvinlaug's team.

And finally, in the C Event, Jalisa Jensen's rink of Kristen Sommerfeld, Chloe Laczko, and Jamie Skarpinsky emerged victorious in a showdown against the Sarah McComas team.

Meanwhile, off the ice, the generosity of the local business community also allowed for a table filled with raffle

items and enough large items for the Shellbrook Curling Club to hold a silent auction as an addition fundraiser.

"All in all, we had a very successful spiel, a wonderful way to end the year and reflect on all the hard work that went into another curling season," said Curling Club board member Gayle Draper.

Looking back on the season, Draper says she's proud of the many things that went well, starting with the club's introduction of once-a-month sponsored nights. Local businesses jumped at the opportunity to support the rink and also enjoy a fun night of curling.

"These nights were definitely focused around the aspect of 'fun', with four novelty ends and then free appetizers provided by the club afterwards," Draper said. "It was great to see new faces and a full lounge for each one of these events."

Though not a new initiative for the Shellbrook Curling Club, Draper was also happy to see the surge in popularity of the club's Learn to Curl Rockstars program, which is targeted at kids aged 4 to 12. The eight-week program was revamped this year to bring it in line with national standards, and the uptake was strong, with 30 kids registered for the first session and 24 registered for the second.

In addition to learning all the basics of curling in a fun

and friendly environment, the Learn to Curl Rockstars program also allows kids to showcase their skills in mini games at the end of each session.

"This entire program was run by volunteer coaches and helpers and also gave parents an opportunity to come out on the ice with their kids for some quality family bonding time," Draper said. "It was amazing to see how quickly their skills developed over this season."

On a final positive note, the curling club's new afternoon curling offerings on Mondays and Wednesdays were well received and ran smoothly throughout the curling season, thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers.

But while it was a largely positive season for the club, Draper notes there were a few road bumps along the way. Hurting the club financially, the Thursday evening league never got off the ground, and the Monday and Wednesday evening leagues fizzled out to just Monday evenings.

Meanwhile, Draper says an 8 per cent facility fee increase that was recently decided upon by the Town of Shellbrook is creating some uncertainty.

"Our board will be getting together in the near future to put our thinking caps on and try to come up with some fresh ideas in regards to what next season may look like for our club," Draper said.



Winners of the A Event in the Shellbrook Curling Club's year-end funspiel, from left to right: Wes Ledding, Ron Osarchuk, Bob Ernst, and Chad Fisher.



B Event winners, from left to right: Austen Kalyn, Jaira Kissick, James Reddekopp, and "Quincy McDuffy".



C Event winners, from left to right: Jalisa Jensen, Kristen Sommerfeld, Chloe Laczko, and Jamie Skarpinsky.

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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 March 18.)

Shellbrook's Town Council met for its regular meeting in person and via teleconference on Monday, March 4.

In attendance were Mayor Amund Otterson, Councillors Bruce Anderson, Larry Batten, Peter Halayka, Cheryl Ledding, Brent Miller, and Kathleen Northing, and the town's CAO, Kelly Hoare.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Otterson, and council began with its customary Treaty 6 land acknowledgement in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation. Then, it approved the meeting's agenda, adopted the minutes of its March 4 meeting, and moved on to reports, where the only highlight was the Community Safety Officer's monthly activity report for February.

Throughout the month, CSO Jon Bohmann received 28 complaints, including five traffic stops and three incidences each of suspicious vehicles or suspicious persons trespassing. Of special note

in Bohmann's report, however, were a number of calls received about people trespassing on properties and possibly looking inside the windows of residences, and three instances in which he was called to the rink about potential fights or threats to referees.

With nothing further to report, council promptly shifted its focus to new business, which almost exclusively focused on updates to existing municipal bylaws.

Up first, council unanimously gave three readings to, and passed, Bylaw 2024-02, The Cemetery Bylaw. Next, council gave only first and second readings to Bylaw 2024-03, the Garbage and Recycle Bylaw, which aims to "protect the health and welfare of people and the environment by regulating the collection, handling and disposal of waste within the Town."

Following this, council unanimously gave three readings to, and passed Bylaw 2024-04, the Fines and Fees Bylaw, which adds fines connected to the Garbage and Recycle Bylaw and establishes rental fees for town-owned facilities, and Bylaw 2024-05, the Assessment Exemption Bylaw.

With the bylaw business han-

dled, council focused its discussion on the 11 resolutions that are being brought forward at the upcoming Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association Convention. The aim of the discussion was to reach a consensus on how the town's delegates will vote.

Council decided it should vote in favour of resolutions related to anti-harassment supports, infrastructure funding for fire departments and increased financial support for fire services, greater supports for animal control, crop spray drift notifications (for when crops are being sprayed within a certain proximity to a municipality), and increasing support to grow the province's public library system.

Council opposed a resolution calling for unpaid fines to be added to tax rolls, determining the issue to be too complex for the resolution to pass, and decided it would abstain on a resolution to increase funding for urban parks, which doesn't apply to Shellbrook.

Finally, council decided its delegates should listen to the discussion before deciding how to vote on a resolution to grant municipalities greater bylaw enforcement powers.

Spiritwood Library hosts egg-citing crafts



On Wednesday, March 20, Spiritwood Public Library hosted some egg-citing Easter Crafts. The kids were given a branch, a base, and play dough to hold the branch. This became the Egg Tree. Then, they were given 12 foam eggs and markers, stickers, pompoms, and ribbon, and used their creativity to decorate it. Some branches of pussy willows were also used, to make it really feel like spring and Easter. Everyone was thrilled with their Egg Tree. By **HEATHER GATZKE**, Librarian

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OBITUARY

Ernest Paul Person



PERSON – Ernest Paul March 2, 1926 – February 26, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Ernest Paul Person announce his passing on February 26, 2024, at the age of 97 years. Ernest was born in Valbrand, Saskatchewan on March 2, 1926. He was the only child of Peter and Karin Person. He loved the farm, animals, and spending time in the outdoors. Ernest married Louise Isaachsen on August 11, 1954. They lived in Valbrand on the farm where they raised their two children, Murray Paul, and Debra Laurel. Ernest was a kind, gentle loving man. After losing his sight in his 40's he attended the CNIB where he learned

blind craft handiwork. He made many beautiful hampers, magazine racks, waste baskets and many more crafts. He also learned braille, so he was able to play crib with family and friends. He loved music, he spent many hours playing accordion, jamming with cousins and friends. Ernest and Louise moved to Canwood in 1997 where they spent many hours visiting, playing cards and old-time dancing. He belonged to the Canwood Seniors Club and was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church. In August 2019 Ernest moved into Whispering Pine Place in Canwood. He readily adjusted to his new surroundings, this becoming his new home. The staff and residents became his second family. It was a source of comfort to his family to see the excellent care and love given to him. The family would at this time like to express their gratitude for the love and care he received.

Ernest is survived by his wife Louise Person of 69 years, daughter Debbie Sten and children, Tyler, Justin

(Jamie), Olivia, Kevin (Shelby) Lena and Arnie, daughter in-law Barb Person and children, Melanie (Gerald) Duret, Amanda (Cody), Keegan (Brooklyn) and Morgan (Josh) Lafond, Tabettha (Mike Bodnarchuk) Ethan, Zander, Londyn and Lachlan, Afton (Kyle) Danberg, Tucker and Dawson, Jordan (Kendall) Person, Sawyer and Cash and numerous other relatives.

Ernest was predeceased by his parents Peter and Karin Person; his mother and father in-law Nannie and Erling Isaachsen; his son Murray Person; son in-law Erland Sten; his sisters in-law, Betty Larsen and Shirley Bondy; his brothers in-law, Joe Bondy, Danny Isaachsen and Sylvan Skarsgard. Ernest will be deeply missed.

There was a Memorial Service for Ernest that was held at 1:00 PM on Friday March 1, 2024 at the Canwood Community Hall. Ernest was laid to rest in the Dry Creek Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made in memory of Ernest to either the

Zion Lutheran Church (Box 358 Canwood, SK SoJ oKo) or to the Whispering Pine Place Recreation Debt. (Box 418 Canwood, SK SoJ oKo).

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beu-lacfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been

entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, Tammy Smart, Funeral Director, Canwood, SK 306-468-2244.

Spiritwood senior curlers wind up season

By BEVRA FEE
Spiritwood Herald reporter

Winding down the curling season at the Spiritwood Rec Centre, the Seniors' Bonspiel was held on Tuesday, March 19.

A total of 24 curlers sorted into eight teams for an afternoon of competition

and socializing, while the matches unfolded to determine the A, B and C Event challengers.

The Dave Janzen rink held strong all day and emerged as the A Event winners, while the B Event was won by the Lloyd Fisher rink, and the C Event champ was the Ken Grandberg team.



Spiritwood Seniors' Bonspiel A Event winners, from left to right: Connie Heisler, Joe Delisle, Edna Koetse, and Dave Jensen, with Louis Marion presenting.



Winners of the B Event, from left to right: Lloyd Fisher, Armand Smith, Wayne Reddekopp, and Gilles Ouellette.



C Event winners, from left to right: Al Sulymka, Bruce Mansell, Gary Nicolet, and Sherry Garand.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPIRITWOOD: Wapiti Regional Library - Tuesday 9am - 5pm; Wednesday 9am - 5pm; Friday 9am - 5pm

LEOVILLE: Wapiti Regional Library - Wednesday 10am - 4pm; Thursday 10am - 4pm

SHELL LAKE: Wapiti Regional Library - Tuesday 11am - 4pm; Wednesday 12 pm - 5 pm

BLAINE LAKE: Wapiti Library - Wednesday 1pm - 6pm; Thursday 1pm - 6pm; Friday 1pm - 6pm; Saturday 10am - 3pm. Contact us for more info 306-497-3130, www.wapitilibrary.ca.

BIG RIVER: Wapiti Library - Tuesday 11:30am - 4:30pm; Wednesday 11:30am - 4:30pm; Thursday 11:30am - 4:30pm. Phone # 306-469-2152

CANWOOD: Canwood Branch of Wapiti Regional Library. Tuesday 10am - 3:30pm; Thursday 2pm - 6pm; Friday 1:30pm - 5pm. Kids Club is Fridays 3:30pm - 4:30pm. Crafter's Choice is the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

DEBDEN: Wapiti Library hours: Tuesday 10am - 4pm; Wednesday 1pm - 7pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon

LEASK: Wapiti Library & Legacy Gallery Hours - Tuesday 9am - 2pm; Wednesday 3pm - 6pm; Friday 11am - 5pm

MARCELIN: Wapiti Library - Thursday 2pm - 7pm; Saturday 9am - 2pm. 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.

CANWOOD: Canwood & District Health Services Co-operative Annual Meeting – Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 6:30pm, Seniors Room - Elks Hall. Coffee & dainties will be served *Door Prizes*. For more information, contact Sandi @ 306-961-5217.

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