

Quarter Carnival provides tricks and treats



Pennywise the clown speeds ahead in the sack race.

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Ghouls and goblins, tricks and treats, and fun and games. All the hallmarks of some good Halloween fun were present in abundance, when the students of Shellbrook's W.P. Sandin High School invited the community in for their annual Quarter Carnival on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 30.

Organized by members of the high school's Student Leadership Council (SLC), the Quarter Carnival was initially conceived as a fundraiser for Happy Hearts Childcare Centre when the first edition was held back in 2014. Since then, it's become a

must-attend Halloween attraction in town and an integral part of the high school's attempts to create ties with broader community.

As always, this year's Quarter Carnival encouraged parents, children, and staff members to don their Halloween costumes and take part in a wide range of classic activities that were given a twist for Halloween. Meanwhile, those who wanted some tricks with their treats could brave the haunted house attraction, and those looking for a glimpse of the future could visit the fortune teller.

With the event spanning supper hours, they were also hot dogs and baked goods on offer for a low price, making the event an affordable way

for the school to invite the community in for an evening of fun.

"It's a good opportunity for the kids to see how to be a community member and to give back to the community," said Rhonda Berezowski, W.P. Sandin's inclusive education coach.

Berezowski says the Quarter Carnival is one of the first events that junior SLC members play a role in organizing. To ensure the night goes off without a hitch, planning meetings begin at the start of October and are held weekly up until the Quarter Carnival, with junior SLC members being responsible for planning and running the games, and senior SLC members tasked with brainstorming ideas for the haunted house — the

night's main attraction.

Following last Thursday's Quarter Carnival, Berezowski says it's clear that all the planning paid off, as the event brought 221 trick-or-treaters to the school. With strong attendance, and plenty of hungry guests taking advantage of the canteen and bake sale (thanks to food provided by the SLC and sugar cookies baked by staff member Mrs. Simpson), the evening raised in excess of \$1,500.

"We put the money raised back into the school, so we can do various activities during the school year," Berezowski said, noting that the SLC's next big event will be the Christmas banquet in December.

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Harley receives Hort Society send-off

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle
Reporter

When she went to work for Allan Daku at Honeywood Lilies and Nursery (now known as Honeywood Heritage Nursery) in 1998, Judy Harley had no idea how that season would shape the next phase of her life.

Just three years later, she was asked to permanently start at the nursery, clean it up, and “see what she could do with it” — no small task for someone who admits she was never a gardener beforehand.

“I planted because I had to,” Harley said. “I don’t know how I managed to make Honeywood look good. It was a lot of, ‘Whoops! Don’t do that again.’”

Noting that there had always been a “strong connection” between Honeywood and the Walter Willoughby Horticultural Society since it began in 1959 — Honeywood’s founder, Dr. Bert Porter, was also a founding member of the society, and Daku was very involved in it during his time at Honeywood — Harley

says she felt she had to carry on the tradition and become involved with the society herself.

A year after joining, she unexpectedly found herself sitting in the president’s chair, expecting it to be a “short-term thing.” Instead, she ended up holding the position for more than two decades.

“I really didn’t mean to step in and be a president of anything,” Harley said. “But it was good. I learned a lot of things through the society, because there are some really amazing gardeners, and that really helped me grow with what I was doing out at Honeywood. The two went hand in hand.”

Harley’s time as president of the Walter Willoughby Horticultural Society was characterized by changes, both big and small.

The group went from meeting in members’ homes in Shellbrook, Canwood, Parkside, or Leask, to establishing a permanent meeting and storage space in the old school in Parkside.

It also continued to celebrate its annual Pumpkin Day for a number of years, inviting people to grow the largest pumpkin they could and bring it in to be weighed (the largest ever recorded was around 500 lbs), before discontinuing the event due to lack of interest in 2009.

The lack of interest in horticulture, Harley says, was a problem province-wide.

“I was involved with the Saskatchewan Horticultural Association

for six years, and something that we saw happening all throughout Saskatchewan was societies closing down because they didn’t have enough interest,” she said.

“We really didn’t want that to happen to our society, so we opened up and changed things to try to keep more people interested,” she added, noting that the Walter Willoughby Horticulture Society decided to introduce fun days in addition to its monthly meetings, giving members a chance to get together without having to discuss business.

This year, the biggest change for the horticulture society was Harley’s departure as president, as she prepares to move out to B.C. to live with her son and his wife on Vancouver Island next year.

Recently, in recognition of her service to the group, and to horticulture in Saskatchewan, members gathered to present Harley with lifetime membership plaques for both the Walter Willoughby Horticultural Society and the Saskatchewan Horticultural Association before sending her off.

However, with her daughter making plans to move back to the area, Harley says the farewell will only be temporary.

“I told the ladies at the horticulture society that I would definitely come to meetings whenever I’m here, and help with whatever I can help with,” she said. “I needed to step back

from some stuff, but I still want to stay connected.”

While she’s out in B.C., living on five acres of farmland, Harley says she intends to keep on “not being a gardener” by growing and selling lilies and hanging flower baskets with her daughter-in-law.

Back at home, she says she’s confident the Walter Willoughby Horticultural Society will continue to thrive with its current member base, especially given horticulture’s resurgence in recent years.

“In gardening, there’s been a big change since COVID; more young

people are gardening than ever before, and I think it’s a good thing,” she said.

“If they need to have questions answered or want to know about what they can grow, [they should] join the society. For me, as a non-gardener, it really helped a lot.”



Judy Harley (third from right) was recently presented with lifetime membership plaques for both the Walter Willoughby Horticultural Society and the Saskatchewan Horticultural Association.

Shellbrook Pentecostal lights up Halloween



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January 2026

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

The Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly brought a little light and joy to Halloween by setting up a tent on Main Street and handing out free hot chocolate and chips to trick-or-treaters. Submitted by AIRIONNA MCQUILLAN

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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 Oct. 27.)

Shellbrook’s Town Council held its regular meeting in person and via teleconference on Monday, Oct. 27.

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Otterson, and council began with its customary Treaty 6 land acknowledgement in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation. Then, it approved the meeting’s agenda, adopted the minutes of its Oct. 14 regular meeting, and moved on to the reports of administration and committees.

In her CAO report, O’Halligan informed council that the broken camera system in the second CSO vehicle has been replaced. While the camera system

in the first vehicle is still functioning, O’Halligan said she got a quote for a second unit so she can begin budgeting for it, noting that it would be beneficial to have both cruisers using the same system for the sake of consistency.

During council’s review of the town’s financials, Councillor Miller raised concerns about the budget deficits for the town’s SCAPE summer recreation program (\$6,192) and the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre (\$78,000).

O’Halligan noted that changes are already being considered to find budget savings for the SCAPE program next summer. However, she also added that the rink ran into an unexpected expense that would change its budget numbers, after the gas compressor that supplies natural gas for the ice resurfacing machine broke down on the weekend of Oct. 25.

Mayor Otterson added that a temporary unit is being used until the machine can be fixed, possibly by acquiring the parts to convert it to propane. Councillor Miller suggested approaching the com-

pany that installed the rink’s ice plant, to see if it could come up with a simple, inexpensive fix.

Under the emergency services report, which includes fire & rescue, the CSOs, and policing, councillor Settee asked if the town could pursue grants through SGI for items like CSO equipment and scales for trucks. O’Halligan said yes, and also noted that the town could pursue Targeted Sector Support Initiative funding for CSO equipment, because its services are contracted out to multiple communities.

While discussing long-standing efforts to establish an ambulance bay in Shellbrook, Councillor Settee said he had spoken to Parkland Ambulance’s Trevor Dutchak and been told it would cost \$1 million per year for a contractor to establish a bay with two shifts to provide 24/7 service. Councillor Miller suggested a service provider could easily bring in double that in revenue.

Closing out the reports, Mayor Otterson told council that a new doctor would

be starting to practice on Nov. 4.

Moving to the mayor and council forum, Councillor Nording once again brought up the need to patrol Main Street for drivers illegally crossing the centre line or making u-turns, while Councillor Miller expressed his disappointment about the announced Scotiabank closure and suggested that council should speak to the company to explain the impact the closure will have on the community.

Elsewhere, Mayor Otterson informed council that the Field of Dreams harvest had been completed.

In a light new business agenda, council began by giving third readings to Snow Removal Bylaw 2025-014 and Fines Bylaw 2025-015, and carried a motion to use \$730,000 in reserve funds to pay for the repair of the wastewater lift station on 2nd Avenue East.

Closing out the meeting, council tabled discussion of the town’s revised strategic plan and also tabled a decision on a request it received from Happy Hearts Childcare Centre.

SHA updates service disruption notifications

By SHA
Submitted

The Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) is implementing an updated emergency service disruption process to provide accurate, reliable information about the availability of emergency services across the province. Starting in early November, all emergency service disruptions, regardless of their length, will be posted publicly on the SHA website, with updates occurring daily at 4 p.m., seven days a week.

“The SHA is committed to providing patients, families and communities with reliable and accurate information about the availability of emergency services, and we acknowledge frustrations from patients and communities about our current reporting process” said Derek Miller, Chief Operating Officer of the SHA. “These changes will ensure that accurate and reliable information about

service availability will be consistently available to the public while our teams work to restore emergency services impacted by temporary disruptions.”

The SHA makes every effort to maintain emergency services by securing staff and physician coverage wherever possible. Temporary disruptions are only implemented as a last resort and may be caused by staff or physician vacancies, unplanned absences, scheduled vacations, or facility and equipment upgrades.

Once activated in early November, the SHA’s new service disruption reporting process will provide patients with an alphabetical listing of all SHA facilities experiencing disruptions to emergency services, updated daily at 4 p.m. Currently, the SHA posts service disruptions of seven days or more.

Disruptions to emergency services will also be reflected on individual Facility & Location pages on

the SHA’s website. To support this updated process, the SHA has implemented several internal process improvements to improve accuracy of reported data and provide enhanced support to SHA team members who are reporting local service disruptions.

As changes to services availability can occur on short notice, not all disruptions may appear on the service disruption web page immediately. When this happens, signage is posted at the affected facility, and the information will be reflected in the next daily update.

Healthline 811, operated by the SHA, will have

real-time information regarding the availability of emergency services across the province. Patients and residents are able to call Healthline 811 at any time for advice regarding service availability, or for health guidance from Registered Nurses and other qualified health professionals.

Following implementation of this updated process, the SHA will be continuing system improvements with a goal of providing real-time, public updates regarding the status of emergency service disruptions.

The SHA remains committed to providing

patients, families, and communities with clear and timely information about emergency care. To strengthen emergency services in rural and remote areas, the SHA has implemented several initiatives, including the Virtual Physician Program, Point-of-

Care Testing, and ongoing health-care human resource strategies.

In any life-threatening emergency, always call 9-1-1. Paramedics will assess, treat, and transport patients to the nearest available site for further medical attention.

TOWN OF BIG RIVER PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Big River intends to adopt a bylaw pursuant to Section 207 of *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw No. 2015-01, known as the Official Community Plan and Bylaw No. 2015-02, known as the Zoning Bylaw.

- INTENT**
- The proposed bylaws will amend:
- Bylaw No. 2015-01, the Official Community Plan and
 - Bylaw No. 2015-02, the Zoning Bylaw Zoning District Map,
 - to rezone Lot 4 Block 25, Plan BZ2258, located at 121 Chamberland Street, as shown within the bold dashed line on the following map below, from R1 – Low Density Residential District to LS – Lakeshore District.

AFFECTED LAND

The affected land is legally described as Lot 4, Block 25, Plan BZ2258, located at 121 Chamberland Street, as shown within the bold dashed line on the following map.



- REASON**
- The reason for the amendment is to rezone the lot for the purpose of LS – Lakeshore Use.
- PUBLIC INSPECTION**
- Any person may inspect the bylaws at the Town Office in Big River on any judicial day from Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- PUBLIC HEARING**
- Council will hold a public hearing on November 18, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Big River Community Centre, 606 1st Street North, in Big River, Saskatchewan to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaws. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing (or delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office before the hearing).
- Issued at Big River this 6th day of November, 2025.
- Noreen Olsen, Administrator

TOWN OF SPIRITWOOD PUBLIC NOTICE

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

INTENT

The proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment will include veterinary clinics and animal hospitals as a permitted use in the FUD – Future Urban Development District.

REASONS

To facilitate the development of veterinary clinics and animal hospitals in the FUD – Future Urban Development District.

PUBLIC INSPECTION

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on November 25th, 2025, at 6:45 p.m. at the Town Office to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the Town Office before the hearing.

Issued at the Town of Spiritwood this 6th day of November, 2025.

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Political gamesmanship accomplishes nothing

Much like hockey, politics are highly adversarial in nature.

Politicians assemble teams based on their personal beliefs, choose a captain to lead them, then duke it out in arena of public opinion (with words, rather than fists) in hopes of getting enough support from the electorate to form government.

Given that politics are essentially a glorified popularity contest, it's easy to see why opposing political parties struggle to find common ground.

But somewhere along the way, you think they'd be able to find something they can agree on, or some common goal to work toward on behalf of the people they've been elected to represent.

Apparently, in Saskatchewan, this is far too much to ask.

Just take the events that unfolded in the legislature two weeks ago, and how the Sask Party government and the Saskatchewan NDP presented them to the public.

It all started in the daily sparring session on Thursday, Oct. 23, when NDP leader Carla Beck introduced the following motion: "That the Assembly calls upon the Premier to clearly and unequivocally call for the Government of Canada to immediately remove its tariffs on electric vehicles from China to restore market access for canola, pea, and pork producers in Saskatchewan."

As opposition motions go, this one seemed about as innocuous as it gets, given the hardships that Saskatchewan's producers are facing as a result of China's tariffs.

But in politics, even the simplest of motions must be debated down to the last word. And following the debate on this motion, Sask Party MLA Warren Kaeding introduced the following revision: "That the Assembly calls for the Government of Canada to immediately remove its tariffs on electric vehicles from China to restore market access for canola, pea, and pork pro-



JORDAN
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News Editor

ducers in Saskatchewan."

Your eyes aren't deceiving you; it's essentially the exact same motion (minus the onus being placed on Premier Scott Moe to convince Prime Minister Mark Carney to drop the EV tariffs).

So, what's the problem, you ask?

Well, Mr. Kaeding also added this extra part to the motion: "That this Assembly commends the Premier for the early and consistent leadership he has shown by

calling on the federal government to remove its EV tariffs, by being the first Canadian Premier in six years to lead a trade mission to China, and by raising this issue with the Prime Minister and federal government on numerous occasions including at a meeting with the Prime Minister and canola industry leaders immediately following the Premier's return from China."

As is the way in the legislature, Mr. Kaeding's amendment went through further debate before being put to a final vote. In the end, the revised motion passed, with all Sask Party MLAs in attendance voting in favour and Sask. NDP MLAs voting against it.

Eager to score political points, both parties rushed to put their spin on the way the vote unfolded.

Taking to Facebook, Mr. Moe suggested the motion was his government's idea, and said the "lost and reckless" NDP voted against it.

Meanwhile, in a press release issued on the afternoon of Oct. 23, the Sask. NDP accused the Sask Party of refusing to support its motion to call on the federal government to remove its EV tariffs.

Going into more detail, the Sask. NDP claimed that "the Sask. Party amended its original motion to falsely claim that Premier Scott Moe has been consistent on the issue of Chinese EV tariffs, revisionist history that the Saskatchewan NDP will not support."

If Mr. Moe was dishonest in claim-



ing the motion as the Sask Party's idea, the Sask. NDP is being equally dishonest in its own way.

Over the past few weeks, the Sask. NDP has accused Mr. Moe of flip flopping on the federal government's EV tariffs and even speaking in defence of them.

However, Mr. Moe's actual words about the tariffs aren't really anything of the sort.

In September, when asked if he hoped to see the EV tariffs removed, Mr. Moe said: "The EV tariffs are on because we aligned with the United States of America, and so lifting the EV tariffs would most certainly impact the negotiations we have with the United States of America, which is our largest trading partner, in Saskatchewan and across Canada. And so it's not as simple as lifting EV tariffs."

Could Mr. Moe have been clearer about his personal stance on the tariffs? Certainly.

But, in his defence, he's absolutely correct when he suggests that it's not as simple as removing the EV tariffs and immediately resuming regular trade relations with China.

Like Newton's Third Law of Motion states, every action has an equal and opposite reaction. This is true not just in physics, but also in international trade.

Sure, Canada could back down on its EV tariffs, but there's no guarantee the unpredictable Chinese government would remove its canola tariffs in return.

At the same time, as Mr. Moe suggested, breaking with our largest trading partner in the U.S. – whose president is looking for any reason to hammer his allies and enemies with tariffs – could have significant consequences for Canada and Saskatchewan.

However, all this talk about who said what about the EV tariffs is besides the point.

The point is that both the Sask Party government and the Sask. NDP took a motion they both clearly agreed with, and chose to turn it into a pointless squabble in an effort to score political points with their respective supporters.

At the end of the day, although the motion passed, both parties accomplished nothing by making a game of it. The EV tariffs are still in place, and Saskatchewan's producers are still being hurt by China's tariffs.

Instead of political gamesmanship and scoring points, both parties should be working together in the best interests of Saskatchewan – especially now that India has added to producers' pain by announcing a 30 per cent tariff on peas.

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Shellbrook, Medstead advance in volleyball playoffs

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle
Reporter

The Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association's volleyball playoffs are moving along quickly, with Conference tournaments being played in communities across Saskatchewan, including Shellbrook and Leoville, this past weekend.

In Shellbrook, W.P. Sandin High School's senior girls volleyball team hosted teams from Sturgeon Lake, Big River First Nation (Chief John Keenatch), Creighton, and Stanley Mission, and started out with a two-set win (25-9 and 25-8) against Sturgeon Lake.

The team remained undefeated through the tournament and never lost a set, topping Stanley Mission in sets of 25-13 and 25-16, Creighton in sets of 25-21 and 25-22, and Chief John Keenatch in sets of 25-10

and 25-11, to claim first place and advance to Regionals this coming weekend. They will be joined by Creighton, who finished second with a 3-1 record.

Meanwhile, over in Leoville, Leoville Central School's senior girls team hosted a stacked roster of local schools, including Medstead, Canwood, Debden, and Big River, with Edam rounding out the field of six teams.

Unfortunately, the host school failed to pick up a win throughout the day, while Big River also went winless and Canwood and Debden earned 1-1 records in the qualifying round. This left the undefeated Medstead and Edam teams to duke it out in the final game.

Following a hard-fought battle, Medstead emerged victorious in two sets with scores of 25-16 and 25-19 to earn its place in Regionals. Despite the loss, Edam will

also advance.

Though it didn't play host to its own tournament, Blaine Lake's senior girls team took part in the Conference tournament hosted

by Saskatoon's Valour Academy, ultimately earning a 1-1 record and finishing fourth in the tournament standings.

Finally, taking part in the

Conference tournament hosted by Rosthern Junior College, Spiritwood's senior girls team amassed a 2-2 record, good enough for a third place finish.



W.P. Sandin High School's senior girls volleyball team is bound for Regionals, after topping the field at the Conference tournament it hosted on Saturday, Nov. 1.

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Spiritwood Library receives SARCS grant

By **HEATHER GATZKE**
Branch Librarian

The Spiritwood Public Library was happy to receive a grant from Spiritwood Area Recreation Culture and Sport (SARCS) in the amount of \$550. The money was used to enhance programming opportunities in the library, mainly for kid's pro-

gramming.

The library purchased four S.T.E.M. kits of the National Geographic Motorized Marble runs and Magnetic Motorized Marble runs. It also purchased a large utility cart on wheels to help store and carry the items and use with other library programs.

On Wednesday, Oct. 22, the library had an early dismissal pro-

gram with the two Motorized Marble run sets and also used the cart.

Each group was able to get the marbles flowing through the run.



A new cart, purchased with grant funding, will help with storage and carrying of materials.



Participants work to figure out the motorized marble runs, which were purchased with grant funding.

Remembrance Day Service

Tuesday, November 11

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Locals among Young Entrepreneur Bursary recipients

By **MINISTRY OF TRADE & EXPORT DEVELOPMENT**
Submitted

Trade and Export Development Minister Warren Kaeding, along with Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce CEO Prabha Ramaswamy, has announced recipients of the 2025-26 Young Entrepreneur Bursary.

A total of 57 young entrepreneurs from 48 communities across the province will receive \$5,000 each to help their small businesses get off the ground. Included on the list are Shellbrook’s Robyn Borgmann, who operates Robyn’s Foot Care, and Blaine Lake’s Ashley Dyck, who operates the Flowing Well Café in Hepburn, Sask.

“It is encouraging to see Saskatchewan’s next generation of entrepreneurs contributing to the economic success of our province,” Kaeding said. “This government recognizes the role that young business owners play in creating jobs, driving innovation and growing our economy.” The Government of Saskatchewan is pro-

viding the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce with nearly \$1 million dollars over three years to deliver the program. Entrepreneurs eligible for the program are between the ages of 18 and 35 years of age and have been in operation for 10 years or less.

The program received 326 strong applications from young entrepreneurs in the areas of health care services, construction, recreation, agriculture and more. Applications came from all corners of the province, with 39 from the Northeast, 52 from the Northwest, 36 from Southeast, 41 from the Southwest and 158 from the province’s two largest urban centres.

“As a provincial chamber, it is important for us to ensure

that entrepreneurs in every corner of the province have the opportunity to thrive,” Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce CEO Prabha Ramaswamy said. “Through this program, we are proud to create opportunities for young leaders to grow, collaborate, and contribute to a stronger provincial economy.”

The bursaries encourage the next generation of entrepreneurship and support economic development across the province.

Saskatchewan supports small businesses through low tax rates, reduced red tape and streamlined regulations. This promotes growth and innovation, which ensures the province’s economy is the best in Canada.

In 2024, small businesses in the province

totaled 154,278. That gives Saskatchewan a per capita rate of 124 for every 1,000 people, the second highest rate in the country.

This year’s Saskatchewan Small Business Profile shows that small businesses in the province have grown 4.9 per cent from 2014 to 2024.

A small business is defined as one that has less than 50 employees. Small businesses are vital to Saskatchewan’s economy, making up 98.8 per cent of businesses in the province, employing over 30 per cent of its workforce, and paying out nearly \$7.8 billion in wages and salaries.

For a complete list of Young Entrepreneur Bursary recipients, visit: <https://saskchamber.com/initiatives/young-entrepreneur-bursary/>.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPIRITWOOD: Wapiti Regional Library - Tuesday 10am - 5pm; Wednesday 10am - 5pm; Thursday 1pm to 5pm; Friday 10am - 5pm
LEOVILLE: Wapiti Regional Library - Wednesday 10am - 4pm; Thursday 10am - 4pm
SHELL LAKE: Wapiti Regional Library - Tuesday 11am - 4pm; Wednesday 12 pm -5 pm

BLAINE LAKE: Wapiti Library - Wednesday 1pm - 6pm; Thursday 1pm - 6pm; Friday 1pm - 6pm; Saturday 10am - 3pm. Contact us for more info 306-497-3130, www.wapitilibrary.ca.
BIG RIVER: Wapiti Library - Tuesday 11:30am - 4:30pm; Wednesday 11:30am - 4:30pm; Thursday 11:30am - 4:30pm. Phone # 306-469-2152
CANWOOD: Canwood Branch of Wapiti Regional Library Hours: Tuesday 9:30am - 4pm; Wednesday 10:30am - 5pm; Phone: 306-468-2501
DEBDEN: Wapiti Library hours: Tuesday 10am - 4pm; Wednesday 12pm - 6pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon
LEASK: Wapiti Library & Legacy Gallery Hours - Tuesday 9am - 2pm; Wednesday 2pm - 8pm; Friday 9am - 12pm
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BIG RIVER: Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting – Every Wednesday, 7:30 pm @ Train Station in Big River (Railway Avenue)

SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook Royal Canadian Legion – Remembrance Day Service – Tuesday, November 11 @ Shellbrook Theatre. Doors Open 10am, Service Starts 10:30am.
CANWOOD: Little Red Hens Variety Show Fundraiser! An evening of talent, treats, & community. Wednesday, November 12, 7pm @ Canwood Elks Hall. Admission by donation. Enjoy performances from local stars of all ages and styles – plus a delicious bake sale full of homemade goodies!
SHELLBROOK: Shellbrook & District Arts Council – Christmas Craft Sale. Saturday, November 15, 10am to 4pm @ Shellbrook Community Hall. Home-made lunch available for purchase.
LEASK: Leask Recreation Board – Christmas Craft Sale – Sunday, November 16, 12pm to 5pm @ Leask Community Hall. No entrance fee for shoppers. Pasta Lunch available: \$12 (gluten-free version available).
SHELLBROOK: Kinetite Club of Shellbrook presents Small Business Christmas Party – Friday, December 12, Shellbrook Community Hall. 5pm Cocktails; 6:30pm Christmas Supper; 8pm Comedian Darryl “Junior” Koszman & friends with dance to follow. 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 or Shellbrook Kinettes facebook page. All proceeds to Shellbrook Community Hall improvements.
SHELLBROOK: Kinetite Club of Shellbrook – Twinkle Tour! Sunday, December 7. Meet & line up on Elevator Road at 5:30pm. Register your home prior to December 2 via email: shellbrooktwinkletour@gmail.com
SHELLBROOK: Kinetite Club of Shellbrook – Santa Fun Day! Saturday, November 22 – 11am to 3pm, Shellbrook Community Hall. Pictures with Santa, Santa Letter Writing, Gingerbread Houses, Reindeer Food, Hot Chocolate Bar, Chili & Hot Dog Sale, Mini Christmas Village. Entry: Please bring non-perishable food item.

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Two arrested after fleeing from police

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

On Oct. 15, 2025, around 11 a.m., the Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook RCMP Detachment received a report of a suspicious camper trailer on Mista-wasis Nêhiyawak (Mistawasis First Nation).

When officers approached, a vehicle parked by the trailer began driving around the area erratically, evading officers’ attempts to perform a traffic stop – at one point colliding with a police vehicle. No officers sustained physical injuries.

Officers determined the camper was stolen, and located and seized three rifles, a sawed-off shotgun and ammunition from it.

Officers continued efforts to locate and stop the vehicle, including with a tire deflation device. Saskatchewan RCMP then received a report of a robbery in the R.M. of Leask. Investigation determined the individuals who had previously fled from police assaulted an adult male and stole a truck. The victim reported non-life-threatening injuries to police.

Officers then used a tire deflation device, which the stolen truck drove over. The truck continued to drive into a nearby field, where both the driver and passenger attempted to flee on foot. With the help of RCMP Police Dog Services, both suspects were arrested.

As a result of continued investigation, 28-year-old Eldon Johnstone from Leask is charged with: three counts each of assault on police officer and mischief damage over \$5,000, two counts each of possession of prop-

erty obtained by crime over \$5,000, theft of a motor vehicle, possession of prohibited firearm, possession of a firearm, and possession of a firearm while prohibited, and one count each of theft under \$5,000, possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000, flight from police officer, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, resisting arrest, robbery, and unsafe storage of firearm.

A 25-year-old female from Blaine Lake was also charged in relation to this investigation, but has yet to be identified by police.

Johnstone made his first appearance in Prince Albert Provincial Court on Oct. 17.

The Saskatchewan RCMP’s Blaine Lake and Spiritwood Detachment, Prince Albert RCMP Traffic and Police Dog Services assisted in this investigation.

Police RCMP continue to investigate.

Two wanted offenders arrested

Days after publishing its updated most wanted list for October, the Saskatchewan RCMP announced that two offenders with connections to the area had been arrested.

Ian Beeds, who was wanted for sexual interference (six counts), and failure to attend court or surrender, was arrested by the Spiritwood RCMP Detachment on Oct. 20.

Joel McKenzie, who was wanted for sexual assault (2 counts), and sexual interference (2 counts), was arrested by the Ahtahkakoop-Shellbrook RCMP Detachment on Oct. 21.

Both Beeds and McKenzie have since made their first appearances in court.

Trump trade tantrums require tactful approach

Showing once again he has more in common with a petulant child than he does with someone with the mantle of world leader, U.S. president Donald Trump is again slapping more tariffs on Canada.

Trump intensified his criticism of Canada recently, after terminating trade talks over a Canadian political advertisement that used words spoken by former Republican President Ronald Reagan, adding another 10 per cent to what Canada already pays.

In the clip, Reagan is seen saying tariffs cause

trade wars and economic disaster.

Trump is in a tizzy, suggesting the ad is fraudulent in taking Reagan's broader presentation out of context — a position that seems a bit like crying wolf from a guy whose daily press conferences rarely pass the scrutiny of even a rudimentary fact check.

It's rather obvious Trump simply sees the Ontario-launched ad as a personal affront and he cannot deal with even the idea that someone might not simply kneel and agree with his every word.



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And so, he turns to his favoured hammer — at least in terms of international affronts to his leadership — with another tariff.

The move, of course, shows that Trump tariffs are not about serving the United States in a positive way, and

have instead simply become a tool of retribution for the president. If that hurts Americans, it matters not at all to him.

The situation also again shows that no deal made with Trump is seen as binding by the president. He is only too willing to change course on a whim, and is prone to lash out at all who oppose his vision — although defining that vision is impossible, as there seems not to be one regarding the future of the U.S., and its place in the world.

The situation for Canada, as a result, remains tenuous at best.

It is clear that no matter how much Canada concedes, it will only be enough until Trump has another mood swing regarding trade. Even if a deal is one day made, there is little to suggest it would survive for long amid Trump's ranting and raving.

That puts the onus back on Canada continuing to find other trade partners in the world. And that has to send Canadian officials back to the table to figure out some way to bridge the gap with China and its massive population.

Those talks clearly

hinge on Canada doing something about the 100 per cent tariff it imposed on EVs from China — a measure largely undertaken to protect American automakers as China upped EV exports.

That seems like a poor reason, given how Trump now treats Canada, but how you manage changes will take some tact to not send the U.S. into a major trade meltdown.

Where once free trade seemed a goal for all, a minefield exists that must be manoeuvred to achieve even the simplest deal.

Crop Report: Oct. 14 to 20

By **MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**
Submitted

Harvest is virtually complete in Saskatchewan except for some small acres of later seeded crops remaining in the field. Many producers have experienced occasional harvest delays since September caused by rainfall, frost and humid weather. Provincially, 99 per cent of crops have been harvested and most producers are busy with fall field work and preparing for winter.

Producers began harvest slightly later this year compared to recent years, largely due to plentiful rainfall throughout the growing season and uneven crop staging in many areas. Winter cereal and early seeded pulse crops in southern regions were the first to come off in mid-August, with most crops in central and northern regions not ready to harvest until later in August. Abundant moisture in late July and early August caused regrowth of crops and weeds, which resulted in uneven crop maturity and complicated harvest efforts. Currently, the crop types left in the field are oilseeds and chickpeas. For the oilseeds, harvest progress is 99 per cent for mustard, 98 per cent for canola, 94 per cent for flax, 87 per cent for soybeans and 91 per cent for chickpeas.

Growing conditions varied throughout the province this year. Some crops were seeded into dry soil and did not receive sufficient rainfall until June or July, causing uneven emergence and crop staging early in the season. Other areas had timely rainfall throughout the season, producing favourable conditions for much of the year. Preventative fungicides were used where early summer rain increased disease risk. Cool July temperatures slowed development, but crop staging evened out,

helping prevent harvest delays. Pests like bertha armyworm, cabbage seedpod weevil and Richardsons ground squirrel also posed challenges in some regions.

Crops were above-average this year in much of the province as all crop types yielded higher than the 10 year average. Winter wheat crops yielded 44.1 bushels per acre and fall rye yielded 52.6 bushels per acre. For spring cereal crops, oats yielded the highest at 94.4 bushels per acre, followed by barley with 70 bushels per acre. Hard spring wheat yielded 51.5 bushels per acre and other spring wheat yielded 55.5 bushels per acre. Durum yielded 39.4 bushels per acre and triticale yielded 25.3 bushels per acre. Additionally, canary seed yielded 1,354 pounds per acre. Pulse crops also yielded well in many areas, with field peas yielding 40.8 bushels per acre, lentils yielding 1,785.5 pounds per acre and chickpeas yielding 1,716.2 pounds per acre. Oilseed crops were the last to come off and they yielded 42.4 bushels per acre for canola, 39.6 bushels per acre for soybeans, 26.6 bushels per acre for flax and 880.1 pounds per acre for mustard.

Many crops graded in the top two quality categories, but some downgrading was reported in certain areas due to dry conditions, pest activity and late-season rain. Provincially, canola quality was higher than the 10-year average as crops graded 86 per cent 1 Canada (CAN), 13 per cent 2 CAN and one per cent 3 CAN. For pulses, field peas graded 41 per cent 1 CAN, 52 per cent 2 CAN and seven per cent 3 CAN while lentils graded 22 per cent 1 CAN, 59 per cent 2 CAN, 17 per cent 3 CAN and two per cent Sample. For higher acreage spring cereals, spring wheat was rated as 63 per cent 1 Canada Western (CW), 29 per cent 2 CW, six per cent 3 CW and two per cent

CW Feed, while barley was rated as 27 per cent malt, 60 per cent 1 CW and 13 per cent 2 CW and Sample. A full summary of crop grades can be found on the table attached to the report.

Producers seeded less winter cereal crops this fall as winter wheat and fall rye acres fell slightly in the province. Compared to last year, seeded acres of winter wheat decreased by eight per cent and fall rye decreased by four per cent. The highest drop in fall seeded acres was in the southeast region, while the southwest remains largely unchanged.

Average silage yields in the province this year are 5.82 tons per acre, which is lower than the 6.37 tons per acre reported last year. The southeast had the highest silage yields while the lowest yields were in the southwest and northeast regions. Similarly, average hay yields this year were lower than last year. Provincially, dryland hay yields were 1.39 tons per acre for alfalfa, 1.32 tons per acre for brome hay, 1.19 tons per acre for tame hay, 1.33 tons per acre for baled forage and 2.14 tons per acre for greenfeed. Quality of most hay crops was rated as good to fair, with some areas having excellent hay quality. The first cut hay crop was rated as 11 per cent excellent, 63 per cent good, 22 per cent fair and four per cent poor. Producers who were able to do a second hay cut reported that 24 per cent was excellent, 47 per cent was good, 19 per cent was fair and 10 per cent was poor quality. Hay prices vary throughout the province, but on average, alfalfa is \$144.72 per ton, brome is \$149.44 per ton, greenfeed is \$107.73 per ton, straw is \$50.83 per ton and standing hay is \$63.47 per ton.

Current topsoil moisture levels vary in the province but in general, the eastern half has sufficient soil moisture levels and the western half

has drier soil conditions. On average, cropland topsoil moisture is currently rated at four per cent surplus, 55 per cent adequate, 33 per cent short and eight per cent very short. For hayland areas, topsoil moisture is three per cent surplus, 51 per cent adequate, 36 per cent short and 10 per cent very short. For pastures, topsoil moisture is two per cent surplus, 38 per cent adequate, 45 per cent short and 15 per cent very short. Significant rainfall and snow are needed in the coming months to replenish soil moisture levels for next spring, especially in western regions.

Most pastures reflect the soil moisture ratings quite closely. In general, pastures in the best condition heading into the winter are in the eastern half of the province and pastures in lower conditions are located in the western half. Provincially, three per cent of pastures are in excellent condition, 29 per cent are good, 37 per cent are fair, 21 per cent are poor and 10 per cent are in very poor condition.

The few producers that still have crops in the field are wrapping up harvest, while most producers are continuing with fall field work prior to freeze-up. Following harvest, producers have been applying fertilizer and spraying for weeds, but most of these operations have wrapped up for this year. Currently, grain producers continue to harrow fields, pick rocks and service equipment. Livestock producers are currently marketing cattle, moving animals off the pasture and hauling bales. Producers will enjoy a break from field work this winter but will be busy planning for the 2026 season.

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Quarter Carnival provides tricks and treats



Scooby Doo tries a hole of Goblin Golf.



With excitement brewing over the World Series, one participant opted for a baseball at the face painting station.



The donut dangle made participants work for their treats.



The three-legged race was a new addition to this year's activities.



A fishing pond allowed participants to reel in some Halloween treats.



Participants learn their futures from the fortune teller.



A competitive game of musical chairs ends with a nasty trick.

Jacobson, Link win pickleball gold



Sally Jacobson (left) and Carol Link represented Shellbrook at the Saskatoon Open Pickleball Tournament on Oct. 25 and 26, competing in the 50+ women's doubles 3.0 division. The duo lost only one match throughout the tournament, eventually going on to claim gold medals in the finals. Submitted by SALLY JACOBSON



We Shall Not Forget

Every year on November 11th, we pause to remember and pay respect to the men and women who have courageously served our country in defense of our freedom. We show our gratitude to those who made the ultimate sacrifice when we attend a ceremony or lay a wreath.

This Remembrance Day, let's honour all veterans who have served and continue to serve our country.



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Minutes of an RM of Spiritwood meeting

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

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 was held on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025, in Council Chambers located at 218 Main Street in Spiritwood, Sask.

Present: Reeve — Shirley Dauvin, Division 4 — Steve Buban, Division 5 — Heather Warkentin, Division 6— Dennis Laventure, CAO — Colette Bussiere, and Foreman — Darcy Laventure.

Absent: Division 1— Vacant, Division 2 — Dale Wasden, and Division 3 — Terry Wingerter.

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by Reeve Shirley Dauvin.

Laventure: That the Foreman’s report having been read now be filed. Carried

Foreman Darcy Laventure left the council meeting at 9 a.m.

Laventure: That the minutes of the Aug. 12, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented. Carried

Warkentin: That the Administrator’s report having been read now be filed. Carried

Buban: That the verbal reports of council be accepted as presented. Carried

Buban: That the bank reconciliation for the month ending Aug. 31, 2025 be accepted as presented. Carried

Warkentin: That the “List of Accounts” as listed on the attached Schedule “A” forming part of these minutes be passed for payment.

- Cheque No. 15287-15328 (\$336,764.42)
- EFT No. 2025-0133 - 2025-0157 (\$559,075.49)
- Payroll File No. 0034 & 0036 (\$53,547.14). Carried

Warkentin: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month ending Aug. 31, 2025 be approved as presented. Carried

Warkentin: That Bylaw No. 2025-2, being a bylaw to Provide Fire Restrictions, Management and Control be read a second time. Carried

Laventure: That Bylaw No. 2025-2, being a bylaw to Provide Fire Restrictions, Management and Control be read a third time. Carried

Laventure: hat Bylaw No. 2025-7, being a bylaw to repeal a bylaw be read a first time. Carried (*Editor’s note: The bylaw was unanimously given three readings and adopted at the meeting*).

Warkentin: That the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 supports the application for funding to the Regional Recreation Practitioner Program for financial assistance to subsidize a recreation facility assistant for 2026 & 2027. Carried

Laventure: That Shannon Beaulac be appointed to the Meeting Lake Regional Park Authority as a representative of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496. The appointment expires Dec. 31, 2027. Carried

Warkentin: That we authorize the Administrator to proceed with the process of amending the Zoning Bylaw map relating to a subdivision application of Parcel A Plan 101796846 & located on SE 03-50-08-W3. Carried

Buban: That we submit an Infrastructure Investment Plan for Twp Rd 534 between Ranger & Rge Rd 3131 under the Canada Community Building Fund in accordance with the Municipal Funding Agreement. Carried

Laventure: That an abatement in the amount of \$832.62 be processed for Roll 5872 000 and that a request be forwarded to SAMA for the removal of the residential classification as the residence was destroyed by fire in December of 2024. Carried

Warkentin: That the discretionary use application for the placement of a second anhydrous ammonia tank on SE 36-50-11-W3 be approved. Carried

Buban: Council for the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 consents to the removal of the rocks that are situated across the access road of the boat launch, and located on Municipal Reserve (MR), in the Organized Hamlet of Spruce Bay. Council also consents to the placement of clay & topsoil on the top of the berm for the purpose of seeding grass. RM approval is only valid with the approval of WSA & the integrity of the berm is not compromised.

All work must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the Water Security Agency’s Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit and the applicant is solely responsible for all costs, design, safety, and workmanship aspects associated with this approval. Carried

Buban: That the Daycare Funding Request be tabled. Carried

Warkentin: That we consent to providing a letter of support for Folkfest 2026. Carried

Warkentin: That the council meeting be closed to the public at 11:03 am under the authority of Part III of The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, to go in camera to discuss Human Resources. Carried

CAO Colette Bussiere left the council meeting at 11:03 a.m.

CAO Colette Bussiere returned to the council meeting at 11:12 a.m. The regular meeting of council was out of camera and resumed at 11:12 a.m.

Laventure: That the following correspondence having been read now be filed: SARM Rural Sheaf, SARM Rural Dart, Spruce Bay Water Treatment Plant Compliance Report. Carried

Laventure: That the meeting be adjourned.

Physician Innovation Fund seeing success

By MINISTRY OF HEALTH
Submitted

In August 2024, the Government of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Medical Association (SMA) launched a \$10 million annual Physician Innovation Fund to support family physician-led, team-based health care clinics in communities across the province.

This agreement invests in innovative ideas from physicians themselves to improve patient access to high-quality, team-based primary care and strengthen collaboration between successful Innovation Fund recipients and resources within Saskatchewan’s public health care system.

“This funding represents a major step forward in building stronger, team-based care models that improve patient outcomes and support physicians in their practices,” Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. “Physicians are empowered to explore innovative ideas, enhance patient care through team-based approaches, and support their professional growth.”

To date, the Innovation Fund has been allocated to 28 approved projects in communities across the province. The funding has supported the creation of more than 56 full-time equivalent positions, including nurses, nurse practitioners, licensed practical nurses, social workers, pharmacists, psychologists, elders and other clinical staff. Funding also recognizes the leadership role of physicians within these primary care teams by supporting training and development opportunities, as well as time to collaborate with team members.

In addition to ongoing projects, funding has been allocated to cover one-time expenses, including medical equipment, clinic renovations, computer systems and training for team members.

“The Innovation Fund shows what can be achieved to improve patient care and access when physicians are involved in designing and implementing positive changes,” SMA president Dr. Pamela Arnold said. “The fund is unique in Canada and is something the SMA is quite proud of and grateful for. It provides family physicians with the opportunity to implement team-based care in a way that works for them, their colleagues, and ultimately their patients.”

The fund also aims to improve physician work-life balance, supporting the province’s ongoing efforts to retain and recruit doctors, as well as strengthening collaboration between the successful applicants and the Saskatchewan Health Authority, further integrating care and improving coordination within the health system.

An Implementation Support Team at the SMA, funded through the Innovation Fund, is working closely with clinics to advance their projects while learning and leadership development opportunities are ongoing for all Saskatchewan primary care clinics.

For further information on the Innovation Fund, visit: saskatchewan.ca/health-innovation-fund.

GOOD NEWS ~ REINVENTING ONESELF

By PADRE DAVE BODVARSON
Submitted

When I turned 65 years old, I felt it was time to pass on the torch. Marlene and I had pastored some 40 years.

Sometime ago, I preached a Celebration of Life message. As I was speaking to people afterwards, I was asked why did you give up preaching? I was quick to respond I actually hadn’t. I just don’t necessarily preach at one church.

Recently, God has opened doors that has given me opportunity to speak into lives of people that I wouldn’t have if I had remained pastoring. I have reinvented myself.

Not too long ago, I felt I should complete my air brakes ticket. I had passed the written test years before. I actually paid for the practical test years before as well! I finally figured out how it was possible. I enlisted in total training near Prince Albert, gave them some \$500, and took the air brakes course. They gave me some excellent instruction and had a semi tractor brought to the site which I used to be tested.

I have driven school bus a number of years but now here I am reinventing myself. I now have opportunities to drive a coach.

I like Luc Niebergall’s observation; he said, “1 Samuel 16 shares the famous story of the prophet Samuel anointing David as the king of Israel. David’s father, Jesse, didn’t see much in him, considering all of David’s brothers before him. Samuel, on the other hand, saw a king in David’s heart long before there was a crown on his head. As a spiritual father, Samuel saw significance in a son. As a father, Samuel anointed David as a king not in a castle, but in a home.

Are you allowing God to shape a father’s or mother’s heart in you towards uprising generations? Do you have eyes to see the significance of those around you?”

I read that, “Reinvention is not about changing who you are; it’s about becoming more of who you are.”

Canada's best ever, Brad Gushue, to retire

Curling in Canada through the years has been dominated by players from Manitoba, Alberta, Ontario, and Saskatchewan, but No. 1 on the all-time list of Canadian greats is from St. John's, NL.

Brad Gushue announced recently that the 2025-26 season would be his last, but he doesn't have to worry about his legacy in the roaring game. He's No. 1 all-time. Six Brier titles, a world championship, four silvers at the worlds, 15 Grand Slam titles and an Olympic gold medal will secure his spot as Canada's best all time.

Putting Gushue at the mountaintop of Canadian curling skips is easy, but how do the rest of Canada's ice kings rate?

Rankings are from 1980 through today, because the game has changed so much over the years. Today, the world's best play the game on a full-time basis. Ice conditions are perfect, sweeping techniques have been perfected, and the best curlers from around the world compete regularly against each other. (A

shoutout to the legendary Ernie Richardson of Regina, who should be included on any list ranking the country's best curlers, but he was from a bygone era. Other greats from that era were Hec Gervais and Matt Baldwin of Alberta, and Don Duguid and Ken Watson of Manitoba.)

The top 10:

1. Brad Gushue, St. John's — Six Brier titles highlight an incomparable career.

2. Kevin Martin, Edmonton — Won four Brier titles and 18 Grand Slam events and was a key figure in the turn toward professionalism in the sport.

3. Kevin Koe, Calgary — Four-time Brier winner and twice a world champion.

4. Jeff Stoughton, Winnipeg — Won the Brier three times and is a two-time world champ.

5. Randy Ferbey, Edmonton — A skip who threw third stones, the 'Ferbey Four' dominated the game while there was unrest in the Canadian curling world as some of the game's best boycotted major events



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due to prize money and sponsorship concerns. Ferbey's record is impressive: Six Brier titles; four world championships.

6. Russ Howard, Moncton — Howard won two Briers, a world championship and was a key figure on Gushue's rink that won Olympic gold in Italy in 2006.

7. Brad Jacobs, Sault Ste. Marie — A two-time Brier champion, including the most recent one with a team based out of Alberta, He won his first Brier in 2013 and also won Olympic gold at Sochi in 2014.

8. Kerry Burtnyk, Winnipeg — Won two Briers (14 years apart) — 1981 and 1995.

9. Ed Werenich —

Representing Ontario, the Wrench won Briers in 1983 and 1990 and went on to win the world championship both years.

10. Glenn Howard of Ontario — Won two Briers and 16 Grand Slam events.

Gushue announcing his retirement a full year before it actually takes place will give curling fans across the country an opportunity to properly salute Gushue for his decades of brilliance. The adulation he receives will also be good for his ego, which is fairly large to begin with, but the chance for fans to say goodbye to Canada's greatest ever curler will be appropriate.

• Columnist Norman Chad, on Twitter: "For 12 years, I have wondered if the Fox Sports honchos really expect us to listen to three hours of nonstop, pitch-by-pitch microanalysis from John Smoltz on their MLB telecasts. Apparently they do."

• Cathal Kelly of the Globe and Mail: "The one thing the Maple Leafs are top drawer at is generating players

who never say a single interesting word in public. John Tavares must teach a class."

• Kelly again, on Seattle's poor post-season baseball record: "The Mariners are the Leafs on grass."

• Muhammad Lila, on X: "This is the craziest stat of the World Series: Trey Yesavage, the Blue Jays starting pitcher who makes \$57K a year, started Game 1 by striking out Shohei Ohtani, who makes \$47M. That's 824x his salary."

• Eize Basa, on Bluesky: "Hockey would be better if the players had to write a short essay about what they did wrong before they could leave the penalty box."

• Comedy writer Torben Rolfson of Vancouver: "Blue Jays semi-legend Edwin Encarnacion threw out the first pitch before Game 1 of the ALCS. Looked pretty good, too. The Colorado Rockies immediately offered him a pitching contract."

• Janice Hough of lefrcoastsportsbabe.com: "Portland Trail Blazers coach Chauncey Billups and Miami Heat guard Terry Rozier were

among several people reportedly arrested by FBI as part of two separate illegal gambling-related cases. Waiting for ESPN's? This report brought to you by Draft Kings."

• Another one from Hough: "And not that the horse isn't already out of the barn and half way across the pasture, but will any two words turn out to be so damaging to the integrity of sports as 'prop bets?'"

• Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "Welcome to the NBA (National Betting Association), where the load management and tanking culture helped fuel this monumental gambling scandal."

• Jack Finarelli on his sportscurmudgeon.com site: "(Vikings) JJ McCarthy still on the shelf — he has spent more time there than any Christmas Elf."

• Headline at fark.com: "ESPN completely ignores the massive FBI gambling press conference. We'll have more after words from our sponsor, ESPN Bet."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

Senior, U18 Elks take weekend losses

By JORDAN TWISS

Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

After delaying their Nov. 1 season and home opener to avoid a potential conflict with game 7 of the World Series, the Shellbrook Elks Senior Hockey Club hit the road on Sunday, Nov. 2, to kick-off their 2025-2026 regular season with an afternoon game against the Dalmeny Sabres.

The showdown in Dalmeny was also a reunion, as the Sabres' roster features former Shellbrook Elks players Devin Dicus and Nathaniel Martin. And, very quickly into the match, Dicus and Martin's new team would draw first blood on a goal from Wyatt Wurtz, assisted by Terrin Belosowsky.

Though this first goal came just over a minute into the period, and the Elks and Sabres fired a combined 31 shots on net throughout the period, it stood as the only goal for the first 20 minutes of action.

Finally, after more than 15 minutes into the second period, the Elks pulled even at 1-1 on a goal from Cole Duperreault, assisted by Levi Logan.

In a second period that featured

eight penalties (four for each team), it was the Elks who would end up paying the price. After Payton Kachur earned a late interference penalty, the Sabres made the Elks pay, going up 2-1 on a power play goal from Graham Gove, assisted by Belosowsky and Sean Aschim.

Down by one as the action moved to the third period, the Elks gave it their all but couldn't find the back of the net, eventually surrendering an unassisted goal to Dawson Rowley to take a 3-1 loss.

The Elks now have a week off, but will be back in action on Sunday, Nov. 16, when they travel to Waldheim to meet the Waldheim Warriors.

U18 Elks drop two more

The U18 AA Parkland Elks played a home-road split over the weekend, starting with a Halloween night game against the visiting Humboldt Broncos.

Hoping the night would have plenty of treats in store for them, the Elks instead got a whole lot of tricks from the Broncos, who jumped out to a 1-0 lead just 30 seconds in the first period, then turned it into a 3-0 lead by the midway point of the frame.

Despite outshooting the Broncos in both the first and second periods, the Elks were unable to find the back of the net through the first 20 minutes. Then, in the early minutes of the second period, the Broncos surged ahead 4-0.

Moments later, in a flurry of offence, the Elks narrowed the gap to 4-2 on goals from Logan Fisher, assisted by Davin Hart, and Camden Olsen, assisted by Boston Gagnon and Owen Hansen.

Following a brief lull in the scoring, the Broncos stamped back to a four-goal lead, leaving the Elks with a 6-2 deficit heading into the third. There, in a quiet 20 minutes, the Elks' Aiden Tait had the only offensive highlight, scoring an unassisted goal to give the Elks a 6-3 loss.

Travelling to Saskatoon the following evening, the Elks had their second meeting of the season with the Saskatoon Riverkings. After suffering a 10-2 loss in that first meeting, the Elks were undoubtedly happy to escape the first period with only a 1-0 deficit to overcome.

But the Riverkings found their offence again in the second period, rattling off four unanswered goals to go up 5-0. And they added another two goals in the third period, while holding the Elks to just six shots on net, to claim a 7-0 shutout victory.

Now sitting at 0-9 on the season, the Elks have a week off. They'll return to action on Sunday, Nov. 16, when they welcome the Humboldt Broncos back to the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre.

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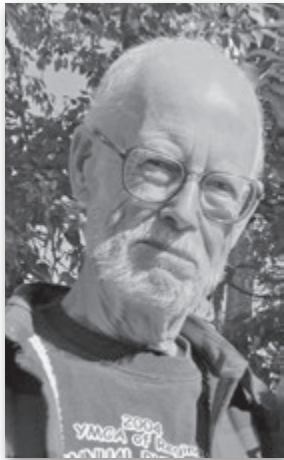
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Roger James Green



Roger James Green
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It is with heavy hearts

that we announce the passing of Roger James Green, who left us peacefully on October 29, 2025.

Born on January 1, 1953, Roger was Shellbrook's New Year's baby. He completed his early education in Shellbrook and went on to earn a degree in Environmental Studies from the University of Manitoba in 1977, followed by a Master's Degree in Landscape Architecture in 1983.

Roger's career and adventures took him across

Western Canada, but his heart was always at home in John Dunn Estates at Delaronde Lake—his beloved "Wild Kingdom." His life was marked by a deep love of nature, fishing, the outdoors, reading, and a creative spirit that inspired both his professional and personal pursuits. Roger was never in a hurry; he taught us all to slow down, enjoy a cup of coffee, and savour the beauty of the world around us—sunrises, sunsets, and the endless skies of

the beautiful north.

He was devoted to his family, friends, and the enjoyed the community of Delaronde Lake and Big River. Roger was always ready for a visit or to lend a helping hand. He touched the lives of many through his kindness, sense of humor, and quiet strength.

Roger is lovingly remembered by his sister Sheila (Brian) Jager; nieces and nephew Andrea (Tim) Hansen, Pamela (Chris) Soroka, and Damon (Beth)

Jager; great-nieces and nephews; great-great nephews; and his special friend Nancy Glover. He was predeceased by his parents, Christina and Jim Green, and his brother, Bryce Green.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to the care teams at the Saskatoon Cancer Centre and Shellbrook Hospital for their compassion and support.

A Celebration of Roger's life will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. from

the Big River Legion Hall. Interment will take place at a later date.

Though he may be gone from our sight, Roger will forever remain in our hearts.

Friends and family wishing to send messages of condolence are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, Tammy Smart, Funeral Director, Big River, SK - 306-469-2277.

Wendy Carole Magnus



Wendy Carole Magnus was born May 26, 1957, in Leoville to James and Phyllis McDaid. Wendy was the fourth child of James and Phyllis. When she was brought home, she joined brothers Larry and Mark and sister Linda. In the following years brothers

Ronnie and Kenny were born completing the McDaid family.

In her teenage years during high school, she discovered her passion for leatherwork. This passion would lead to her countless creations traveling around North America.

After graduating from high school in Leoville, Wendy moved in with her grandpa Blair to help keep him company. Here she found the love of her life Norman Magnus while working at the Penn Store. After a short courtship they were married in Grandpa Blair's backyard on July 26, 1980. They had 45 wonderful years making memories together.

Shortly after marrying, Wendy and Norman got involved with the Ranger Hall. Something that was near and dear to her heart. So near and dear that in her last few days she got everything lined up to make sure the fall supper still took place this year. Wendy cared deeply for community and the hall with countless New Years Eve dances, fall suppers, July 1st BBQ, Halloween parties, weddings, funerals and family reunions, Wendy would make sure these events took place.

Ranger hall wasn't the only thing keeping Wendy busy - she loved to prepare food, getting the community togeth-

er, visiting friends and neighbors, knitting, fishing auction sales and hunting. Wendy loved to play tricks keeping everyone laughing. She will be deeply missed by everyone who knew her.

Wendy is lovingly remembered by her husband Norman Magnus, her siblings Larry (Judy) McDaid, Linda McDaid, Mark (Mary Ann) McDaid, Ron (Leona) McDaid, Ken (Leona) McDaid, her mother-in-law

Audrey Magnus, her sisters-in-law Valerie Frantik (Raymond Ward), Cheryl Crossland (Claude), numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. Wendy was predeceased by her parents James and Phyllis McDaid (nee Blair), her father-in-law William Magnus "Wee Willy", her stepfather-in-law Bruce McInnis.

A memorial service was held for Wendy on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 2:00 pm at

Ranger Hall, Ranger, Saskatchewan. Wendy was laid to rest at the Ranger Cemetery.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit <http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com>. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, Delores Beaulac, Funeral Director, Spiritwood, SK (306) 883-3500.

Hedy Wing



Hedy Wing (Schulkowsky) of North Battleford passed away peacefully at the Battlefords Union Hospital on Wednesday, Oct 22 at the age of 91.

She was predeceased by her husband, Gerald; and her sister, Pauline. She is survived by her brothers: Ed and John; and her sister, Cecelia; as well as by many nieces and nephews.

In the 1950's she worked at the Union Hospital until she married Gerald in 1957 and

returned to becoming a farm girl, her joy.

Hedy and Gerald farmed for over 40 years in the Highworth district near Round Hill on the Wing homestead. Hedy was a gentle and kind person, hard working and a true farm girl. No one ever left her home without having a tea or coffee and food. She knew every aspect of farm life and especially loved her animals and her garden, which provided wholesome food for family and friends over the long winter months. She loved the country life but eventually moved to the city where she and Gerald purchased a home for their retirement from farming. After his passing in 2006 Hedy remained in the home until 2016 whereupon she then moved into a condo and then finally to Caleb Village.

The family would like

to extend their heartfelt thanks to the wonderful staff at Caleb Village and at the Battlefords Union Hospital.

A wonderful and kind woman, a gracious hostess, she will be missed by all of those who had the good fortune to know her.

As per Hedy's wishes, memorial donations can be directed to the Battlefords Humane Society, PO Box 645, North Battleford, SK S9A 2Y7.

A Mass of Christian Burial took place at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Calasactius Roman Catholic Church on Friday, October 31, 2025. Hedy was laid to rest in the Medstead RM Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Eternal Memories Funeral Service and Crematorium – Alyssa Kozinski Apprentice Funeral Director.

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Gardening in November – Part 1

By **PATRICIA HANBIDGE**
Orchid Horticulture

Although it is cold outside, and winter has hardly begun, I am sowing seeds! I guess that means I might have a bit of an addiction! However, growing useful crops helps the very long winter seem a little bit shorter...and keeps the blues away.

Gardeners get pleasure from gardening as well as the bonus of great home-grown food. We may be tired of gardening by fall and appreciate how nice it is once the frost comes and our outdoor gardening is complete, but we soon are missing the garden and what it gives to us. Thus, living in a climate that does not allow twelve months of growing outside means that for many months we need to either rely on what we have preserved, go to the grocery store to ensure we have a balanced diet or grow your own food indoors!

Remembering what plants need to grow will

help us to determine how difficult it might be to grow food in the winter indoors. Plants need light, water, warmth, oxygen and nutrients to grow. As we are in the Northern Hemisphere, the sun is a long way away from us in the winter months, so supplemental light is necessary in order to get good production. Thus, if we choose to grow anything other than sprouts, we need to invest in a grow light.

Light is one of the most important factors to consider when growing plants indoors. When choosing plants to grow this time of year to supplement your diet, think about the light that they need to thrive and ensure your plants are appropriately situated under your grow light. Follow the directions on the seed packet and remember that generally a seed is planted twice the depth of the diameter of the seed. It is important to keep the media moist to ensure even germination so covering the pot

with a plastic wrap until most of the seeds germinate is a good idea.

There are many options available to you if you wish to purchase lights to grow indoors. You can be completely low tech or go for the latest in LED lights but all this of course also has a price tag attached. Shop around and think outside of the box. You can easily purchase an economical fluorescent fixture that you can install on chains to enable you the ability to move that light close to the plants you are growing.

Once the seeds have mostly germinated, they will need to be put directly under the grow light to ensure the seedlings develop into strong, healthy plants. If you notice that your seedlings are tall and spindly, it is likely because they are not getting enough light. As the seedlings grow, gradually raise the light to coincide with their rate of growth while leaving the light close but not touching the top of the plants.

Although light is the

most important factor for success, the soil also has importance. Most plants like good drainage, so ensure your soil mixture will drain quite quickly. Do not use regular outdoor garden soil but instead invest in a soilless media like Pro-Mix. For good produc-

tion, you will also need to supply adequate nutrients through fertilizer once the seedlings have used up the nutrition provided by the seed itself. Water as needed to provide an environment that is evenly moist but not wet!

Keep reading the next

few articles for more on growing indoors!

Hanbidge is the Lead Horticulturist with Orchid Horticulture. Find us at www.orchidhort.com; by email at growyourfuture@gmail.com on facebook @orchidhort and on instagram at #orchidhort.



Herbs growing indoors.

NDP sounds alarm over affordability

By **SASK NDP**
Submitted

New data shows the number of Saskatchewan people being forced to turn to the food bank has increased nearly 50 per cent since Scott Moe became Premier — further evidence of the Sask. Party’s massive failure to help families with the skyrocketing cost of living.

The HungerCount 2025 report, released by Food Banks Canada Monday, shows a 48.6 per cent increase in food bank visits between 2019-2025 in Saskatchewan. One-in-five people using the food bank are employed and nearly three quarters are in the rental market.

“So many people are coming forward every day to tell us they’re being forced to choose between paying rent and putting food on the table, between buying gas for their cars or buying clothes for their kids — this isn’t right,” said Saskatchewan NDP Leader Carla Beck.

“After 18 years of Sask. Party failures the cost-of-living crisis here is worse than ever — financial anxiety is greater here than anywhere else.”

Perhaps the most heartbreaking statistic in the HungerCount 2025 report for Saskatchewan is that 37.8 per cent of people using the food bank are children, a higher percentage than anywhere else in Canada.

“These kids are our future and they deserve a government that supports them and their parents,” Beck said. “There are things this government could do today if they truly cared.

“They could cut the Sask. Party tax on groceries — that would save families \$25 million annually.

“They could cut the Sask. Party tax on children’s clothing — that would save families another \$20 million.

“They could commit to passing our legislation bringing much-needed rent control to Saskatchewan.”

In all, there were 55,310 total food bank visits recorded in Saskatchewan between March 2024 and March 2025

Social Services Shadow Minister Brent Blakley said the increase in food bank usage is a reflection of a government that hasn’t cared about making life affordable for so long.

“The Sask. Party has spent 18 years pandering to their friends and insiders and ignoring the very real concerns of everyday Saskatchewan people,” he said. “We have seen repeated cuts to social supports and taxes being piled onto household budgets already stretched to the limit.

“It’s time for change, for a government that’s focused on a future where every person can put a roof over their head and food on the kitchen table.”

Earlier this week, Saskatchewan NDP Housing Minister April ChiefCalf was joined at the Legislature by seniors joining her push for rent control.

“These people came to the Legislature and demanded the government listen to their very real concerns about the cost of living and take action to help,” she said. “This Government should act today to make life more affordable. Turning to a food bank should be a last resort, not an everyday reality for Saskatchewan families.”

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