



## Shellbrook Skate show delivers Christmas cheer



**Pulled by a red-nosed ATV, Santa made a surprise appearance in his sleigh at the end of the show.**

**By JORDAN TWISS**  
*Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter*

Christmas spirit was on full display on Friday, Dec. 19, when Skate Shellbrook (formerly the Shellbrook Skating Club) held its first-ever Christmas Ice Show.

While a day-long wintry blast kept a number of families and skaters from coming out — including Eric Swalm, a competitive junior men's skater out of Regina who was intended to be the evening's special guest — there were still plenty of thrilling jumps, spins, and classic Christmas carols to take in over the hour-long showcase.

The evening kicked off with a solo performance from StarSkater Gwyn Phan to "Jingle Bell Rock," followed

by a demonstration from the Blue CanSkate group, which typically includes Ari Brad, Calder Provencher, Hannah Aristide, Kaedly Thorhaug, Layla Kjerstad, Nesrin Delapera, Renee Reiter, and Twara Jha.

StarSkater Becca McNiece was up next, performing to "Let it Snow," followed by the Red CanSkate group, which normally includes Benjamin Hoehne, Brody Hudy, Carson Wollman, Elena Heppner, Ella Butterfield, Emmerson Nelson, Finnley McVicker, Gavin Sagucio, Katrina Reiter, Lochlan Strube, Piper Senger, Rowan Boettcher, Sam McNeice, and Theodore Kjerstad.

StarSkater Kayley Draper closed out the first half of the show by performing to "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Rein-

deer."

Following a brief intermission, pre-StarSkaters Austen Chandler and Lainey Verbonac took the ice to skate to "Up on the Housetop," and the Green CanSkate demonstrated its skills. That group usually includes Anastasia Kernohan, Ashton Stene, Daycee Thorhaug, Derrick Aghedo, Fefe Akinrolie, Jordan Kjerstad, Lizzy Kjerstad, Maddox Strube, and Victoria Akinrolie.

The performances concluded with a solo from pre-novice StarSkater Julia Shindle to "Cozy Little Christmas."

But the show wasn't over just yet. To the delight of the crowd, Santa made a surprise appearance in his sleigh (pulled by an ATV with a big red nose), and left some candy canes on the ice

for the skaters to pick up when they came out for the show's grand finale.

This year's Christmas Ice Show was made possible by Skate Shellbrook Coach Tasje Sharron, long-time club volunteer Ev Hollowell, and CanSkate program assistants Emmalynn Lamotte, Dylan Lamotte, Jacey Keyowski, Will Kasner, Dallan Kasner, Camden Olsen, Kasen Helm, Julia Shindle, Gwyn Phan, and Becca McNeice.

"There are a lot of moving parts when planning any kind of show. Coordinating times, skaters, new programs, guest skaters, decorations, etc. takes a lot of time and communication behind the scenes," said Sharron, noting that she was very happy with how the show went overall.

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# Spiritwood's Jesse Tree receives donations

By BEVRA FEE  
Spiritwood Herald  
Reporter

The Jesse Tree initiative — Spiritwood's annual food and toy drive to ensure local families can enjoy a traditional Christmas — was well supported in 2025's effort. In addition to donations made during the door-to-door pickup, two local service groups each donated \$500 to help bolster the baskets.

The Spiritwood Legion presented the Jesse Tree Committee with a \$500 donation at the Lakeland Community Church, where the Christmas hampers were being assembled by a group of volunteers. Committee lead-

er Christine Tkachuk noted that donations were on par with previous years, but that hamper requests were slightly down from last year.

The Jesse Tree food and toy drive has been serving families in the community for three decades. It is made possible by the local RCMP and Spiritwood Volunteer Fire Department driving the streets on a designated afternoon to pickup donations from residents. In addition, local businesses designate collection boxes for easy drop-off.

The Spiritwood and District Lions Club also donated \$500 to the Committee in support of the Jesse Tree project.



Legion member and Spiritwood Lion, George Pretli, presented cheques on behalf of both organizations to Christine Tkachuk for the Jesse Tree Committee.

## W.P. Sandin students lend hands at Community Hall

By JORDAN TWISS  
Shellbrook Chronicle  
Reporter

Budding home improvement experts recently got some valuable hands-on experience, by participating in a project to replace toilets at the Shellbrook Community Hall.

As educational associate and Shellbrook Kinette Kelly Herndier explains, the Kinettes recently needed to replace the seven toilets in the men's and ladies' washrooms on a tight timeline to accommodate upcoming rentals of the hall.

With local businesses already booked up, she turned to W.P. Sandin High School's shop teacher, Mr. Gerstner, who is currently teaching a home improvement class, to see if his students might be willing and able to take on the job.

"He welcomed the opportunity to provide his students with valuable hands-on learning," Herndier said.

Under Mr. Gerstner's guidance, students in the class visited the Community Hall over the course of five class periods to complete the

installation of the seven toilets and replace a broken sink tap in the men's washroom. With each class period being about 50 minutes, that meant about 40 minutes of work per visit — or roughly three and a half hours to complete the project.

"Whenever community groups can support one another, everyone benefits," Herndier said. "In this case, the students not only learned practical home improvement skills but also gained meaningful experience through volunteering and contributing to their community."

With the Shellbrook Kinettes having taken over the Community

Hall from the Town of Shellbrook last year, Herndier says the club is focused on getting the building in tip-top shape for prospective user groups and renters.

Recently, all the light bulbs in the main hall and outdoor areas were replaced, with Buck Contracting generously donating its time to complete the work. Upcoming projects include replacing the posts at the main entrance and exploring options for roof repairs.

To raise funds for these and other projects, the Kinettes hosted a Small Business Christmas Party on Friday, Dec. 12. The event raised about \$5,000.



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From left to right: W.P. Sandin High School students Beau Armstrong, Lukas Petten, Kroft Stieb, Presley Tourand, Reagan Collins, Thora Lenz, and Rowdy Maynard recently replaced the toilets at the Shellbrook Community Hall.



# 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 Dec. 15.)

Shellbrook’s Town Council held its governance and priorities meeting and regular meeting in person and via teleconference on Monday, Dec. 15.

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

During its governance and priorities session, which is typically reserved for high-level longer-term municipal strategic planning, much of the discussion was devoted to finalizing the appointments of councillors to committees of council.

Fielding a question about the Youth Community Council, Councillor Ledding said the idea was to create an opportunity for local kids to gain a firsthand understanding of municipal governance, and maybe even participate in a mock council meeting. Though the group was started a few years ago and hasn’t gone anywhere yet, she felt it would be worthwhile to try to get it going.

Elsewhere, Councillor Miller asked if it would be worthwhile to form a steering committee for the water treatment plant project, given that the town will likely proceed with the project in either 2026 or 2027, regardless of whether or not it receives grant funding.

With the project still in a conceptual stage, CAO O’Halligan noted that 2026 will likely be a year of “heavy planning,” with work and construction beginning in 2027. Meanwhile, Mayor Otterson suggested that it would make more sense to have the Public Works Committee meet more frequently, rather than forming an entirely new entity (with most of the same people). Councillor Miller agreed with this recommendation.

In a last bit of dis-

cussion, O’Halligan informed council that she is finalizing process to have bylaw violations heard at Shellbrook Circuit Point Court, which will free up the CSOs to spend more time patrolling in communities.

Currently, the CSOs are required to travel to Prince Albert for court dates, which can sometimes mean spending a whole day in the city.

Officially wrapping up the governance and priorities meeting, Mayor Otterson called council’s regular meeting to order, beginning with the customary Treaty 6 land acknowledgement in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation. Then, it approved the meeting’s agenda, adopted the minutes of its Nov. 24 regular meeting, and moved on to the reports of administration and committees.

In her report, O’Halligan informed council of plans to have Prairie Rising and K2D2 Ltd. provide temporary assistance in office operations to support workload demands during short staffing and year-end. Council later passed a motion authorizing three months of assistance, with Councillor Miller expressing hopes that using such services won’t become the norm.

O’Halligan’s report also noted that all municipalities currently

receiving CSO services have expressed interest in renewing for 2026, and two additional municipalities have shown interest in joining the program.

In the recreation committee report, Mayor Otterson noted that the Field of Dreams is projecting a profit of \$26,000, and that Jay Ferster has agreed to assist with planning and organization of a fundraising committee for next year’s crop. While highlighting the importance of the initiative, he said it’s important to keep it going without “burning out” the volunteers who make it possible.

O’Halligan suggested that the town could host an agriculture or volunteer appreciation event, and work to bring more corporate sponsors back on board to ease the volunteers’ workload.

Moving to the Mayor and Council forum, Councillor Boettcher informed council she’d had questions from a couple residents about why the banners aren’t up at the rink.

Mayor Otterson noted that they no longer fit where they used to because of the taller glass, while O’Halligan explained that the banners were found to be full of mould, and there was no way to clean most of them without destroying them. O’Halligan added that

there is a service in Saskatoon that may be able to reprint the banners. However, this would cost between \$100 and \$150 per banner, and there are about 40 banners to repair.

During his window to speak, Mayor Otterson updated council on a recent meeting with the consulting firm contracted by the Ministry of Highways & Infrastructure to develop a pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Main Street, Highway 3, and Highway 55. The report presented at the meeting included three options, with the recommended option including a speed reduction to 60 km/h, a pedestrian-operated cross walk, a median along the highway, and an island for turning right from Highway 3 onto Highway 55.

Mayor Otterson said the town is expected to provide feedback to the consultant early in the new year, and that construction could happen as early as 2026, but would more likely be done in 2027. He added that the provincial government will be responsible for funding any work on Ministry of Highways property, while the town will be responsible for any work on municipal property.

Council largely agreed with the cross-walk proposal, with the only concern be-

ing about the ability of large trucks to turn right onto Highway 55 from Highway 3 if an island is added at the intersection.

Continuing into new business, council carried a motion to waive half the rental fee for the senior Shellbrook Elks game on Nov. 29, after an issue with the ice caused the game to be delayed for 90 minutes.

Council then passed a motion to tender the sports coordinator position, as well as a motion to appoint Western Municipal to manage the board of revision process.

Up next, council approved the formation of two volunteer advisory boards for the purpose of recreation, and another for the purpose of culture. The boards

will provide input on the services provided by community groups and the coordination of services from the Town of Shellbrook.

Closing out the meeting, council discussed property tax discounts for 2026, and voted to keep them the same as in previous years: 7 per cent for payment in the first month after levy, 5 per cent for payment in the second month, and 3 for payment in the third month.

Council noted that the program is important because it encourages residents to pay their property taxes early, which provides the town with needed operational funding throughout the year while resulting in only a small decline in overall property tax revenues.

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## Holidays overshadowed by global uncertainty

As we gather with family, friends, and loved ones for the Christmas season and look forward to another new year, it's hard to ignore the storm clouds looming over the holiday cheer.

This year has been a challenging one, requiring many Canadians to find ways to do more with less.

Food bank usage alone highlights this stark reality.

According to Food Banks Canada's 2025 Hunger-Count report, usage of Canada's 5,500 food banks has doubled since 2019, and rose 5.4 per cent just compared to last year. Indeed, in March alone, food banks recorded an unprecedented 2.2 million visits.

Along with the increased food bank usage, there has been a demographic shift in food bank users, with nearly 20 per cent being people who are employed (compared to 12.2 per cent in 2019). And there's also been an up-tick in usage by seniors (8.3 per cent versus 6.8 per cent) and two-parent households with children under 18 (23.1 per cent versus 18.8 per cent).

To make matters worse, there's no indication that the financial burden of buying groceries will ease any time soon. Even with inflation cooling off, Statistics Canada reported a 4.7 per cent jump in grocery prices in November compared to last year.

Though the factors driving up food costs are innumerable, there are easy explanations for some of the worst offenders.

Ground and roasted coffee, for instance, has soared in cost this year (up 36.4 per cent) due to major shortages in Brazil and Vietnam, and United States President Donald Trump's tariffs on Brazil, while the price of lettuce ballooned (up 26.8 per cent) because of crop challenges in southern California.

Beef is the other top offender, with prices for fresh or frozen beef increasing by 17.7 per cent year over year. This is because years of persistent drought have shrunk herds



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in western Canada and the United States to their lowest levels in decades, even as demand for beef remains as high as ever.

Couple this with Cargill Foods and JBS Canada's near-total control of the Canadian beef packing industry, and prices have nowhere to go but up.

While it's impossible to predict what commodities might encounter supply challenges or tariffs from Mr. Trump in the coming

year (Canadian fertilizer has been another recent target), the Food Price Report, which is produced by several Canadian universities, is projecting a food inflation rate of 4 to 6 per cent for 2026.

For an average family of four, this means a grocery bill of \$17,571.79 for the new year – up \$994.63 compared to 2025.

Small wonder, then, that a poll conducted by Abacus Data last week found 81 per cent of Canadians are worried about food costs.

Beyond the near-guarantee of prices increasing and the potential for specific commodities to see dramatic price jumps, there are a couple other factors that could shape food prices for better or worse in 2026 and beyond.

With the trilateral Canada-United States-Mexico trade agreement up for a mandatory review in 2026, and Mr. Trump looking to drive a hard bargain that exclusively benefits the U.S., there's no telling what trade will look like between Canada and the U.S. in 2026.

Last week, U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer outlined a number of trade irritants that will need to be addressed on Canada's end, including supply management, the Online Streaming Act, provincial bans on sales of U.S. alcohol, and Alberta's "unfair treatment" of electrical power distributors in Montana.

Also a question mark is the impact that Canada's grocery code of conduct will have on food prices.



Implemented by the federal government, the voluntary code of conduct takes effect on Jan. 1 and is meant to set standards for the relationship between grocery retailers and their suppliers. Though the code doesn't regulate prices, and will not result in immediate savings at the checkout counter, the hope is that it will bring stability to Canada's supply chain and lower costs over time.

In one bit of silver lining, prices at the pumps have dropped significantly (as low as \$1.10 per litre in Shellbrook last week), thanks to a glut in the global oil market.

In truth, this is more of a case of good news for consumers' wallets and bad news for producers' bottom lines (and potentially the Canadian economy). And what's more, the fact that oil prices are expected to remain low through 2026 does not bode well for the prospects of getting a pipeline built to the west coast.

It is, in short, a time of great uncertainty and upheaval for nearly all Canadians. And 2026 is bringing far more questions than answers.

Will Mr. Trump or any of the hundreds of sycophants who surround him come to their senses and realize the U.S. is stronger with Canada as a partner rather than a rival?

Or will they continue to be agents of political and economic chaos, to

the detriment of the rest of the world and even their own citizens?

Will Prime Minister Mark Carney see continued success in breaking Canada from its dependence on the U.S. through new trade agreements (like those with Indonesia, the United Arab Emirates and – hopefully – the United Kingdom and India) and security pacts (like the European Union's Security Action for Europe)?

Or will he make more concessions in the face of Mr. Trump's ever erratic whims and keep Canada under America's thumb?

Domestically, will separatist sentiments in western Canada continue to merely simmer through 2026?

Or will they boil over with the very real prospect of a referendum on separation being held in Alberta?

And lastly, if any of these questions end in the worst possible outcome, what will it mean for the cost of living for the average Canadian?

With all this and more set to play out in 2026, the year ahead is looking like it will be a high-speed roller coaster ride in the dark.

In the meantime, all we can do is sit back, try to enjoy this holiday season with our loved ones, do our best to start off the new year on a positive note, and hope – against all hope – that the cart doesn't jump off the track in 2026.

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# Senior Elks score comeback win to cap off 2025

By **JORDAN TWISS**  
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Reporter

The Shellbrook Elks Senior Hockey Club completed the 2025 portion of its 2025-2026 regular season on home ice on Saturday, Dec. 20, welcoming the Hague Royals to the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre for a grudge match.

The week prior, the Elks narrowly beat the Royals 4-3 in Hague, and were looking to put on a repeat performance to start climbing the Twin Rivers Hockey League standings.

The Royals had other ideas, jumping out to an early 1-0 lead on a power play goal from Owen Tallmadge, assisted by Christopher Sawatzky and Matthew Bueckert. The Royals then tacked on three more goals over the next three minutes to leap ahead 4-0.

Elijah Friesen struck first, with an assist from Matthew Ripplinger, then Christopher Sawatzky scored on an assist from Darius Sawatzky, and Spencer Krieger capped things off with assists from Bradyn Wadham and Ryder Bergen.

Battered from the early storm, the Elks ended the streak of unanswered goals with a goal from Nathan Flodell, assisted by Payton Kachur and Tavis Galloway. But Christopher Sawatzky struck again in the last minute of the first period, putting Hague up 5-1 on assists from Tallmadge and Nic Jensen.

The Elks tightened their defences considerably in the second period, keeping the Royals off the board. This allowed the team to chip away at the Royals' lead, starting with Nathan Flodell's second goal of the night, assisted by Kachur, and a goal from Rylan Moe, assisted by Kachur

and Cole Duperreault.

Only down by two goals as the action kicked over to the third period, the Elks kept the pressure on and closed the gap to 5-4 on a goal from Levi Logan, assisted by Matthew Flodell and Moe.

And just two minutes later, Nathan Flodell tied the game and earned a hat trick on assists from Logan and Nick Martin.

With the score effectively reset to 0-0, it was almost a matter of next goal wins. The winning goal came from the Elks, as Duperreault scored on an assist from Moe to secure the comeback victory.

Following the win, the Elks sit at 4-5 on the season. The Elks will kick off the new year with a home and road doubleheader, hosting the Rosthern Wheatkings on Saturday, Jan. 3, at 7:30 p.m., before traveling to face the Clavet Cougars on Sunday, Jan. 4.



Elks forwards Matthew (left) and Nathan Flodell earned player of the game honours for Saturday night's game.

## Local nurses' union provides bursaries to nurses

By **JORDAN TWISS**  
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Reporter

Members of the Saskatchewan Union of Nurses' (SUN) Local 89 chapter recently gave back by presenting \$500 bursaries to nursing students who are working to advance

their education in the field of health.

SUN Local 89 represents members that are Registered nurses, registered psychiatric nurses, and nurse practitioners in Shellbrook, Big River, Leask, Canwood, Birch Hills, and Candle Lake. With the funds the chapter had

available, it had originally planned to hand out two \$500 bursaries to prospective applicants.

However, after receiving six strong applications, SUN Local 89 secretary and treasurer Tanya Zimmerman says the chapter decided at its local annual meeting to award bursaries to all of them.

Recipients of the bursaries include:

Amber Joannette, who is currently completing her final preceptorship in her fourth year of obtaining her bachelor of science in nursing.

Scout Panko, who is in her first year of the Saskatchewan Collaborative bachelor of science in nursing in Regina and hopes to work as an ER nurse after graduation.

Courtney Reinhardt, who began her educational journey by obtaining a bachelor's degree in psychology, before finding her calling in nursing. Reinhardt's first role was in acute/emergency care at Shellbrook's Parkland Integrated Health Centre. She is now a student in the CNPP nurse practitioner program, with hopes to expand her scope of practice and deepen her clinical expertise.

Alysha Brown, who is currently in the third year of her nursing program, but has been learning to be nurse since she was nine years old, thanks to her mother, who is a registered nurse and instructor.

Erica Kennedy, who is in the third year of the Saskatchewan collaborative bachelor of science in nursing (SCBScN) program in Saskatoon.

Ava Ledding, who graduated from Shellbrook's W.P. Sandin High School in 2024 and is pursuing a career in nursing with particular interest in home care, patient-centered care, holistic nursing, and therapeutic communication.



Shellbrook Class of 2024 graduate and nursing student Ava Ledding was recently among six recipients of a \$500 bursary from SUN Local 89.

## Spiritwood Library activity highlights



It was a blustery day on Wednesday, Dec. 10, but kids still had fun creating their Christmas Trees. Craft kits were donated by Ivania Choma. Once their wooden trees were coloured and decorated, they were able to assemble the pieces to have a free standing Christmas tree of their very own. The kids were also given a craft kit to take home and make.

By **HEATHER GATZKE**, Branch Librarian



Courtney Reinhardt, who began her nursing career at Parkland Integrated Health Centre, was recently among six recipients of a \$500 bursary from SUN Local 89.

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They followed that star to find the light of Christ.

Lights continue to shine at Christmas.

The lights on our trees that illuminate our families gathering together.

We watch our children’s eyes light up on Christmas day as they wait to open gifts.

We see the light and hope that volunteers bring to others throughout the year but in particular during this

Christmas season.

In a world that - at times - feels dark, we all have the opportunity to be that light for others.

Gather friends and sing carols at a nursing home... light up the lives of those who might be alone this season.

Bring a meal to a neighbour.

Donate toys to children

who might not have gifts this year.

Drop off socks and mittens at a shelter.

We all know someone whose family can’t make it home for Christmas... invite them over for dinner.

Being a light doesn’t require large public displays.

The smallest light brightens the night.

If you are feeling blessed this holiday season, be a blessing - a light - to someone else.

My wife Krista and I - along with our family - wish you and your family a very merry Christmas.

May it be filled with light. We wish you a very merry Christmas... and bright, hopeful new year.

## Lt.-Gov. Bernadette Mcintyre’s 2025 Christmas message

Hello! Bonjour! Tansay! Happy holidays!

As our Monarch’s representative in Saskatchewan, it is my pleasure to extend season’s greetings on behalf of His Majesty, King Charles the Third, King of Canada. And I offer my own best wishes as well, to you and yours at this most wonderful time of the year.

Looking back over 2025 - it certainly has been a momentous year for me and my family!

I was installed as the 24th Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan on January 31st, in our province’s Legislative Building. It was an amazing experience.

Over the years, I had often said that being the Lieutenant Governor must be the best job ever. I am happy to report that I was right!

In my role, I am fortunate to play a part in recognizing the accomplishments of outstanding individuals. I present our province’s highest honours – the Saskatchewan Order of Merit, the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal, and the Saskatchewan Protective Services Medal - to people who have excelled in numerous ways to the benefit of our province and beyond. Hearing their stories is inspiring.

I also present exem-

plary service medals to police, fire fighters, paramedics and other emergency personnel. It is important to acknowledge the service and sacrifice of those who ensure our health and safety.

In addition, I was delighted to recognize numerous remarkable people in His Majesty’s name by bestowing King Charles the Third Coronation Medals.

In May, I had the incredible honour of visiting His Majesty in person. My husband Rich and I were thrilled to travel to London, England to visit with The King in the spectacular surroundings of Buckingham Palace! It

was an unbelievable experience. The King gave us a warm welcome, and we were struck by his interest in, and knowledge of, our province.

Rich and I met the King again less than two weeks later! During the Royal Couple’s visit to Ottawa, we chatted with them at their tree planting ceremony, and again at the reception for Viceregal representatives from across the country.

His Majesty was in our national capital to perform the highly significant and symbolic act of reading the Speech from the Throne. Usually, the speech is delivered by the Governor General. Last May was the first time our sovereign had read a Throne Speech in Canada in 48 years!

I was honoured to sit in the Chamber with other dignitaries to witness that momentous occasion. The highlight was the end of the Speech when King Charles said those memorable words: The True North is indeed Strong and Free.

On October 22nd, I read a throne speech for

the first time as a part of my constitutional duties. The speech outlined the provincial government’s plans for the coming session; the opening of the legislature and the throne speech are important to our parliamentary procedure. Serving as the Lieutenant Governor is an immense honour, which I take very seriously and also thoroughly enjoy!

The majority of my time is spent at community celebrations such as sports competitions, pow wows, exhibition openings, plays, concerts, festivals, teas and galas. I appreciate the opportunity to participate in local events, meet friendly people and learn more about our province.

I also have the pleasure of hosting events at Government House in Regina. By far the largest of those is the Lieutenant Governor’s Canada Day Celebration. On July first, my husband and I hosted thousands of guests, sporting red and white attire, and big smiles, as they had fun taking in the activities and the entertainment.

These community events would not be possible without hard-working volunteers. When you give from the heart, good things happen. In this season of giving, I am especially grateful to everyone who gives their time, energy and funds to worthy causes.

And, I am grateful for opportunities the holidays provide to gather with family and friends. However, the festive season is not joyous for everyone. Thank you for remembering those who are in need of care and attention.

I am eager to see what the new year has in store. I invite you to join me on January first to kick off 2026 at the annual Lieutenant Governor’s New Year’s Day Levee in Government House, all decked out in Yuletide splendor.

On behalf of my family and staff, I wish you health, happiness, and prosperity throughout the holidays and into the new year.

Joyeux Noël! Merry Christmas! Happy New Year!

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### Resort Village of Pebble Baye

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Resort Village of Pebble Baye will consider adopting a bylaw under *the Municipalities Act* to amend Bylaw No. 3-84 known as the Zoning Bylaw and Bylaw No. 2-84 known as the Basic Planning Statement.

**INTENT**

The proposed bylaw will redesignate a portion of Buffer Strip B4 Plan 78B10711 Ext 0 except for the northern most 3m running from Lots 1 through 9, Block 4, Plan 78B10711 from NA – Natural Area to R – Residential in the Basic Planning Statement. It will also rezone a portion of Buffer Strip B4 Plan 78B10711 Ext 0 except for the northern most 3m running from Lots 1 through 9, Block 4, Plan 78B10711 from P – Park and Community Facilities to R – Residential in the Zoning Bylaw.

**AFFECTED LAND**

The affected land is legally described as Buffer Strip B4, Plan 78B10711 Ext 0 as shown on the attached Plan of Proposed Subdivision dated March 14, 2025 and signed by Mathieu M. Bourgeois, S.L.S.

**MAP:**

**REASON**

The reason for the buffer strip rezoning and redesignation is to accommodate the proposed subdivision which provides for the portion of the buffer strip to be consolidated to the adjacent residential properties.

**PUBLIC INSPECTION**

Any person may receive a copy of the bylaw by emailing the Resort Village of Pebble Baye at [resortpebblebaye@gmail.com](mailto:resortpebblebaye@gmail.com).

**PUBLIC MEETING**

Council will hold a public hearing on January 23, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. at the Council Chambers located at the Pebble Baye Maint. Shop/Fire Hall, 197 Westhill Rd. Pebble Baye, Sask. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. The Council will also consider written comments received at the hearing or delivered to the undersigned at the municipal office before the hearing.

Issued at Resort Village of Pebble Baye, Dec 12, 2025.

Terry Lofstrom, Administrator  
Resort Village of Pebble Baye

## Carla Beck’s 2025 Christmas message

Hi, I am Carla Beck, leader of the official opposition. Author Nora Roberts once said, nothing ever seems too bad, too hard, or too sad when you’ve got a Christmas tree in the living room. And that pretty much sums up how I feel about Christmas.

It’s my favourite time of the year when families gather, when we’re able to slow down a bit and enjoy each other’s company for a little while, the troubles of the world fade and we celebrate what brings us together. It’s a time to take down those dusty boxes that we store away all year, the ones that are filled with our better angels. Angels of kindness, angels of compassion.

Christmas is a time that reminds us to think of others, about doing some-

thing extra special for your neighbour, or giving a little more generously to a local charity, maybe phoning an old friend who’s had a tough year. Because when we do these things, our hearts become fuller, our lives become richer, and we move closer to the true meaning of Christmas.

Whether this is your first Saskatchewan Christmas, or your hundredth, no matter how you celebrate or who you celebrate with, let’s all open our hearts and work together during this season to build a better province that brings peace and joy to everyone.

On behalf of myself, my family, and the entire Saskatchewan New Democrat official opposition, we wish you a Merry Christmas and all the best in 2026.



## Trump tariff tantrums torpedo ag trade

Trade tends to work best when left alone so that the realities of supply and demand can take over.

It makes sense that the lower the supply and the greater one's need, the more one is willing to pay. And of course, the opposite holds true too.

Unfortunately, there are always other forces impacting trade, and at present no outside force is more disruptive than U.S. president Donald Trump and his tariffs.

Trump, as we all know, tosses tariffs and threats of tariffs around like a petulant child tossing

building blocks when he doesn't get the cookie he wants.

There is little evidence the tariffs have made the cost of living of Americans go down. And while one supposes there is an opportunity for the U.S. to build infrastructure to offset some of the trade impact costs, those are longer term benefits, and the winds of change suggest the Trump administration will have a difficult time holding power when the next free elections are held.

That, however, is not stopping Trump from



CALVIN DANIELS

stomping on free trade, and that is certainly the case in terms of agriculture.

The tariffs of Trump, and the counter measures of other nations, have clearly hit U.S. farmers, with exports of commodities, such as

soybeans to China, significantly curtailed.

While the tariffs seem squarely the issue, Trump's response has been to offer a huge \$12 billion bailout for American farmers.

Politically, the move makes weird sense as the farming heart of America have tended to be staunch Trump supporters. But the bailout may mean less than farmers expect, as Trump has also been threatening to impose new tariffs on fertilizer from Canada, which will hike costs for the same farmers he's supposedly

helping.

It would be the old carnival trick of handing someone a dollar with one hand, while lifting two out of their pocket with the other. It seems simpler to just bring some tariff sanity back to trade and let American farmers make a dollar from export sales.

Of course, no one will ever accuse Trump of making decisions based on anything other than a very twisted version of common sense. Unfortunately, the dual situation of bailout and fertilizer tariff threats does illustrate that the

volatility of the 'Trump Effect' will not be going away anytime soon.

And though Trump's interference in trade may ultimately seem rather minor to some, he also seems set on stopping tourism by requiring tourists to share their social media history and other personal information. Then, there's his seeming desire to draw Venezuela into war.

If such things do happen, tariffs become less significant in the overall negative impact to the U.S. and the world Trump is proving to be.

## NDP calls for foreign farmland ownership inquiry

By SASK NDP  
Submitted

The Saskatchewan NDP is calling on Scott Moe's new Agriculture Minister to finally take the issue of foreign farmland ownership seriously and to act — starting with an immediate launch of a public inquiry.

"We need to support our world-class agricultural producers — they feed the world," said Carla Beck, Saskatchewan NDP Leader and Agriculture Shadow Minister.

"We have heard overwhelming support to crackdown on illegal foreign farmland ownership from producers, major stakeholders and municipal leaders — I have no idea who the last Agriculture Minister was listening to, but it certainly wasn't the producers of Saskatchewan."

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan wrote to ousted Agriculture Minister Daryl Harrison on Nov. 12 urging the need for "systematic changes" to farmland ownership. Harrison was bounced from cabinet last week and Dave Marit was named as his replacement.

Saskatchewan NDP Deputy Agriculture Shadow Minister Trent Wotherspoon wrote to Marit on Monday urging him to launch an immediate public inquiry into concerns about foreign entities buying up Saskatchewan farmland, including auditing past transactions and current farmland ownership to ensure compliance with the law.

Wotherspoon has repeatedly called for more resources, tools and teeth for the Farmland Security Board so it can investigate serious claims and concerns of foreign farmland ownership over the years. He's also demanded stiff penalties for violators, audit and review of farmland transactions and ownership, and action to force the divestiture of land acquired and owned illegally by foreign entities that breached the law and cause the forfeiture of any profit.

The Provincial Auditor has found that the board only asked for a statutory declaration of ownership in 50 per cent of land transactions that were reviewed on the very limited basis where they required.

"The Sask. Party has insisted

there's nothing to see here, that producers' concerns about illegal foreign farmland ownership are baseless. Well, let's get to the bottom of

it," Wotherspoon said.

"If Scott Moe and his new minister refuse this inquiry I have to ask — what exactly are they hiding?"

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

**BLAINE LAKE:** Wapiti Library - Wednesday 1pm - 6pm; Thursday 1pm - 6pm; Friday 1pm - 6pm; Saturday 10am - 3pm. Contact us for more info 306-497-3130, www.wapitilibrary.ca.  
**BIG RIVER:** Wapiti Library - Tuesday 11:30am - 4:30pm; Wednesday 11:30am - 4:30pm; Thursday 11:30am - 4:30pm. Phone # 306-469-2152  
**CANWOOD:** Canwood Branch of Wapiti Regional Library Hours: Tuesday 9:30am - 4pm; Wednesday 10:30am - 5pm; Phone: 306-468-2501  
**DEBDEN:** Wapiti Library hours: Tuesday 10am - 4pm; Wednesday 12pm - 6pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon  
**LEASK:** Wapiti Library & Legacy Gallery Hours - Tuesday 9am - 2pm; Wednesday 2pm - 8pm; Friday 9am - 12pm  
**MARCELIN:** Wapiti Library - Saturday 10am - 2pm; Thursday 2pm - 8pm. For information on all your library needs, please contact 306-226-2110.  
**SHELLBROOK:** Shellbrook Branch of the Wapiti Library located at 105 Railway Ave., West (Provincial building). Library Hours: Monday 2pm - 6pm; Tuesday 2pm - 8pm; Wednesday 2pm - 8pm; Thursday 12pm - 6pm; Friday 10 am - 5pm (Story Time 10:30am - 11:30am); Saturday 10am - 4pm.

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

**SHELLBROOK:** Shellbrook Boreas Pickleball (Formerly Prairie Pickleball Club) – Come out and try the fun & social sport of Recreational Pickleball in Shellbrook! New Players: Free Play and Beginner Lesson for the month of January! For more information or to register, phone/text: Rhonda Martin at (306)468-7770.

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# Shellbrook Skate show delivers Christmas cheer

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“And of course, you have to be able to pivot quickly when things don’t go quite the way you planned.”

Though figure skating season will truly ramp up for the club’s older skaters in the new year, there was still plenty going on with the club in the months before Christmas.

Sharron says Skate Shellbrook currently has 39 skaters across all levels, and may add more CanSkaters for the second half of the season, depending on registrations.

Extra busy so far is Julia Shindle. Skating competitively at the pre-novice level, 14-year-old Shindle qualified for Skate Saskatchewan’s High Performance Team and travelled to Ontario in October to compete alongside her fellow Team Saskatchewan members.

She also performed at Sask Skate in October, placing 4th with a personal best score of 78.77, and went on to place 5th

overall in the province at Sectionals.

As the season continues, she plans to complete her Gold assessments in Artistic and Dance, and begin coaching courses to become a certified coach.

Between Shindle’s accomplishments, and the progress all of Skate Shellbrook’s skaters have been making, Sharron says the figure skating season is off to a great start. A Christmas ice show, she adds, was a good way for them to continue to their growth.

“Practicing the same foundational skills all the time can get a little mundane (but we need those basics). So, when a skater has something else to work towards, it keeps the practice ‘newer’ and fun,” she said.

“Having a chance to skate in front of family and friends, no matter what level you’re at, creates a growth environment and mindset.”

Sharron says talks are already under way to potentially host a Christmas show again next year.



StarSkater Gwyn Phan performs a solo to kick off the Christmas Ice Show.



StarSkater Becca McNeice performs a solo routine.



(Above) The Red CanSkate group featured the club’s youngest skaters alongside their parents, skating to “O Christmas Tree”.



StarSkater Kayley Draper performs her solo number.



(Left) Pre-Novice StarSkater Julia Shindle closed out the show with her solo, skating to “Cozy Little Christmas”.



The Green CanSkate group demonstrates skills with guidance from assistant Emmalynn Lamotte.



Pre-StarSkaters Austen Chandler and Lainey Verbonac skate a duet.



CanSkaters from the Blue group demonstrate their skills with guidance from assistants Dylan Lamotte, Emmalynn Lamotte, and Jacey Keyowski.



# Big River celebrates Christmas season

**By MAISIE KRIENKE**  
*Submitted*

The festive season began in Big River with the beautiful light up at Settlement Square.

This year, a new team of volunteers gathered with Diana Darbyshire and Erin McKay, a pair of experienced creators, to set the stage. Nik and Brandice Fortier, along

with Cooper and Emily Davis, and Kris and Tanya Maddock, joined them to create the awesome Christmas setting.

Gatherings were held, food was served, and some jovial singing and stories were shared at Settlement Square, setting the mood for the season. The Town of Big River maintenance crew also shared in

lighting up the season by hanging the lights at each intersection on Main St.

Peter and Marilyn Lamothé were the original creators of this beautiful Christmas theme seven years ago, with Lorraine Selkirk, Erin McKay, Diana Darbyshire, and Eloise Kazmiruk always on hand to assist them.

On Friday, Dec. 12,

the Big River Long Term care home hosted its yearly Christmas party.

Excellent music was provided by Bruce and Terry Isbister, along with Tony Laroque on bass. Residents and families had fun jamming and dancing to the music after a Ukrainian inspired lunch buffet was enjoyed. Residents enjoyed the Christmas spirit.



The Christmas tree was lit up in Settlement Square to kick off the Christmas season in Big River.

Big River Lodge residents enjoyed their annual Christmas party on Friday, Dec. 12.

## Raiders stay perfect with win over Pirates

**By JORDAN TWISS**  
*Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter*

The Blaine Lake Raiders continued their undefeated run through the 2025-2026 hockey season, when they hosted the Perdue Pirates on Friday, Dec. 19.

The goals came early and often for the Raiders on Friday night, starting with a strike from Tysen Smith, assisted by Colin Buban and Kelly Friesen, less than two minutes into the action. Braiden Onishenko followed up a few minutes later, on assists from Gage Helm and Adam Horner.

The Raiders kept the pressure on throughout the period, finally going up 3-0 on a late goal from Brandon Lesko, assisted by Smith and Friesen. Then, the Raiders' penalty kill unit made the Pirates pay for sloppy execution on the power play, as Helm scored a short-handed goal on an assist from Clay Casavant.

As the action moved to the second period, the Raiders kept their skates on the gas, going up 5-0 on a goal from

Smith, assisted by Friesen and Matthew Flath, then up 6-0 on a goal from Buban, assisted by Onishenko and Anthony Jean.

More than halfway to a shutout, the Raiders had their first and only misstep of the game, allowing Perdue's Lyndon Lipinski to score on assists from Zack Kozinski and Jace Courchain. But Friesen fired right back for the Raiders, pushing the score to 7-1 on an assist from Lesko.

With the game pretty much won, the Raiders tacked on two more goals for good measure in the third period, starting with Helm's second of the game, assisted by Smith and Onishenko.

Kyle Schmidt tacked on a power play goal, assisted by Lesko and Friesen, late in the frame to cement a 9-1 Raiders victory.

Now at 5-0, the Raiders are hoping to ring in the new year with a perfect record, when they host the Radisson Wheatkings on Wednesday, Dec. 31. Puck drop is set for 7:30 p.m.

**By JORDAN TWISS**  
*Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter*

Police have arrested a 34-year-old suspect wanted in connection with a Dec. 10 vehicle-pedestrian collision in the community of Little Red River, Sask.

On that evening, at approximately 8:30 p.m., the Prince Albert RCMP Detachment received a report of a collision involving a pedestrian. RCMP officers and local EMS responded and located an injured adult female. The female was transported to hospital by EMS with injuries described as serious but non-life-threatening.

Initial police investigation determined an alter-

## Hit and run suspect arrested

cation occurred between the female victim and an adult male in a pickup truck. The female was injured by the truck when the driver fled the scene.

As a result of continued investigation, the driver was identified as 34-year-old Jack Sanderson from Sturgeon Lake First Nation.

On Tuesday, Dec. 16, at approximately 12:45 a.m., Prince Albert RCMP officers attempted a traffic stop on a truck near a business on Sturgeon Lake First Nation. The vehicle did not stop, fleeing into a ditch and colliding with a fence. The driver of the vehicle fled. Investigation determined the driver was Sanderson.

RCMP Police Dog Ser-

vices were engaged to assist and tracked the suspect to a residence on Sturgeon Lake First Nation, where he was arrested on his outstanding warrant.

Sanderson is charged with two counts of operation of a conveyance while prohibited, and one count each of aggravated assault, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing bodily harm, flight from a peace officer, possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000, resisting/obstructing a peace officer, and mischief under \$5,000.

Sanderson made his first appearance in Prince Albert Provincial Court on Wednesday, Dec. 17.

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# Looking back at the best from 2025: Part 1

The best quips, quotes and anecdotes from January through June, 2025 (Part 1):

- Stewart Mandel of The Athletic, on UNC hiring Bill Belichick as head football coach: “Unless Belichick can magically restore eligibility for Tom Brady, I fail to see how this will end well.”

- Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: “Spoiled Alabama fans whining about their three-loss team not getting an invitation to the College Football Playoff is like listening to Warren Buffett complain about not getting a senior discount.”

- Headline at the onion.com: “More Parents Say Allowing Child To Play Football Not Worth Risk Of Being Drafted By Jets”

- Lizzie F. in a Chicago Bears’ mailbag: “What legal action can I take against my parents for raising me as a Bears fan? When does this become cruel and unusual punishment?”

- RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: “Joe Polo, fifth on the U.S. gold-medal curling team, named his daughter Ailsa after a Scottish island that produces the stone for curling rocks. The kid already feels taken for granite.”

- Columnist Norman Chad, on Twitter: “ESPN’s Dan Orlovsky talks more in a three-man booth than the late Vin Scully talked in a one-man booth.”

- Scott Lincicome, a business trade scholar at the Cato Institute, on Donald Trump’s proposed tariffs: “I can’t imagine the president tariffing guacamole right before the Super Bowl.”

- From The Athletic’s story quoting the beloved baseball announcer/actor Bob Uecker, who died Jan. 16, on getting into baseball: “I signed with the Braves in 1954 for \$3,000. That bothered my dad at the time because he didn’t have that kind of dough to pay out. But eventually, he scraped it up.”

- Headline at fark.com: “Unlike a good neighbour, State Farm won’t be there. The insur-

ance company decides that maybe, just maybe, spending millions on a Super Bowl ad wasn’t a good look for them after cancelling all those homeowners’ policies in California.”

- Comedy guy Torben Rolfson of Vancouver: “I love watching Wild games on TV. They do the announcements in both English and Minnesotan.”

- Rolfson again: “Mark Davis of the Las Vegas Raiders fired his general manager. I thought if he was going to fire anyone, it would be his hairstylist.”

- Hall-of-Famer Ichiro Suzuki on his least favourite place to play baseball: “To tell the truth, I’m not excited to go to Cleveland, but we have to. If I ever saw myself saying I’m excited going to Cleveland, I’d punch myself in the face, because I’m lying.”

- Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com: “Max Scherzer, who turns 41 this summer, just signed a one-year contract valued at \$15.5 million with the Toronto Blue Jays. Well, the way the U.S.A. is going maybe Max wanted to play in a country that has Medicare.”

- RJ Currie again: “According to a recent study, getting extra sleep on Sundays can help prevent premature death. Finally, some good news for Cleveland Browns fans.”

- ABC late-night host Jimmy Kimmel, on the Super Bowl: “For me, the best part was listening to Tom Brady pretend he was not ecstatic about Patrick Mahomes not winning Super Bowl number four.”

- Luke Fox of Sportsnet.ca., on the aggressive style Sam Bennett brought to Canada’s team in the Four Nations Faceoff: “Sam Bennett, an even looser Panthers cannon all decked out in Red, White and Bruise.”

- Globe and Mail columnist Cathal Kelly, on the recent U.S. animosity toward Canada and its chumminess with Russia: “If Hollywood made Rocky IV again, Ivan Drago would be from



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Winnipeg.”

- Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: “Maybe Donald Trump wants to take over Canada just so his country can win a hockey tournament again.”

- Another one from RJ Currie: “Canucks starting goaltender Thatcher Demko is out week-to-week, and he’ll be replaced by backup Kevin Lankinen. Demko is hampered by a lower body injury and a lower save percentage.”

- Greg Cote of the Miami Herald, on Aaron Rodgers’ future: “If the Dolphins sign Rodgers to replace Tua Tagovailoa I’ll hitchhike from here to Winnipeg.”

- Headline at theonion.com: “Numerous teams express interest in Aaron Rodgers playing elsewhere”

- Jeremy Baker on bluesky.app, after Canada didn’t make the medals at the 2025 World Junior hockey championship: “Some people are complaining about the refs and bad calls. The game was in Ottawa. If Canada can’t find a corrupt ref in Ottawa of all places, we deserve to lose.”

- Columnist Norman Chad, on things overheard from the four-legged competitors at the Westminster Dog Show in New York: “Donald Trump stopped by and asked to see the American foxhound’s birth certificate.”

- Ontario columnist Keith Schell, reminiscing about a CFL transaction in the early 2000s when the Winnipeg Blue Bombers released Tom Europe and signed Tom Canada: “Don Cherry would be proud.”

- Jessica Hadwin, wife of PGA Tour player Adam

Hadwin, as the two were driving away from Sawgrass Saturday morning after Adam missed the cut at the Players on Friday: “Look at these losers, having to work on the weekend.”

- Another one from Rolfson: “Giannis Antetokounmpo just joined the 20,000 career point club and can now access the VIP lounge at the Milwaukee international airport.”

- Janice Hough again: “Arkansas blew a 16-point lead midway through the second half and a six-point lead with one minute and 15 seconds left and the ball, to lose to Texas Tech in OT 85-83. This is the most embarrassing thing to happen to Arkansas since they elected Sarah Huckabee Sanders governor.”

- A groaner from RJ Currie: “The Massachusetts golfer who bit off part of another player’s finger got out on bail in the amount of \$10,000. That doesn’t include the tip.”

- Reecey Pierce, on X, after the Masters’ Tuesday night Champions dinner: “Everyone just wants to know if Cabrera and Scottie swapped prison stories.”

- RJ Currie again “I recently drove in St. John’s, Newfoundland, on a

highway named after local skip Brad Gushue. It was great: No matter how many mistakes I made, it was someone else’s fault.”

- Retiring CBS reporter Dennis Dodd, reminiscing in his retirement column: “Fun fact: The antacid still hasn’t been invented to combat the effects of press box food.”

- Vancouver’s Torben Rolfson: “Tiger Woods’ design firm is going to build a nine-hole short course at Augusta National. Prediction: They’ll hold a tournament there called the Mistresses.”

- Sportswriter Ray Ratto of San Francisco, in a pre-Kentucky Derby story: “Kids just don’t go to the track anymore, which is a shame because it remains a great place for young people to learn to smoke cigarettes and leave the butts in someone else’s beer.”

- Headline at fark.com: “Bill Belichick’s girlfriend instructs him to deny that she’s too controlling.”

- Another fark.com headline: “The Royal and Ancient Golf Society warns players not to cheat on their handicaps. Trump immediately designates them as a terrorist organization.”

- Gary Van Sickle of golf website The First Call, on whether the PGA could create as much drama

as this year’s Masters: “A White Sox fan is now the Pope so, yes, anything is possible.”

- Retired sports columnist Rick Reilly, in a blast-from-the-past column after Tiger Woods obliterated the field with a 12-shot win in the 1997 Masters: “... Forty-seven-year-old Tom Kite... would finish second in the same sense that Germany finished second in World War II.”

- Greg Cote again: “(The Panthers) become only the fourth team since 1980 to reach the Stanley Cup Final a third season in a row -- a Cat trick.”

- The late Muhammad Ali, feeling confident about an upcoming fight: “I’ve seen George Foreman shadow boxing and the shadow won.”

- U.S. college basketball coach Billy Tubbs: “This year we plan to run and shoot. Next year we plan to run and score.”

- From the Canadian parody website The Beaverton on Florida’s Stanley Cup win over Edmonton: “The City of Calgary has announced a co-belligerents victory parade, where a photo of Connor McDavid looking sad will be paraded through the streets.”

Care to comment?  
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## U18 Elks end 2025 with win

By **JORDAN TWISS**  
*Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter*

The U18 AA Parkland Elks closed out the first half of their 2025-2026 hockey season at the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre, playing host to the Humboldt Broncos on Thursday, Dec. 18.

After a tough start to their campaign, the Elks were hoping to bid adieu to 2025 with a win, and the team got off to a good start thanks to an early power play goal from Gabe Wadham, assisted by Logan Fisher.

After a lengthy lull in the scoring, Brady Hujber made it 2-0 for the Elks on assists from Cohen Ball and Fisher. And the team almost made it out of the first period unscathed, until Humboldt’s Ryden Johnson scored with one second left on the clock. Jack Ellis and Carter Possberg assisted on the goal.

As the action moved to the second period, the game was knotted at 2-2

early on by Humboldt, thanks to a goal from Jacob Trann, assisted by Ellis and Dylan Davidson. But the Elks jumped ahead a short while later on a goal from Boston Gagnon, assisted by Davin Hart and Fisher.

With time winding down in the second period, Hart put the Elks back up by two goals, scoring with an assist from Hujber.

The Broncos tried to stampede back into the game near the midway point of the third period, closing the gap to 4-3 on a goal from Kade Baert, assisted by Corban Friesen.

However, one goal away was as close as the Elks would let them get, as Fisher pushed the score to 5-3 on assists from Gagnon and Hart, and then Baert narrowed the gap to 5-4 on assists from Liam Reeve and Trann.

With the win, the Elks climb to 3-13-0-1. The Elks’ first action of the new year comes on Sunday, Jan. 4, when the team travels to Martensville to face the Martensville Marauders.



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Melvin Clair Coleman



Melvin Clair Coleman, age 76, was born November 11, 1949, and passed December 13, 2025, peacefully at Victoria Hospital in Prince Albert, SK.

Melvin was the eldest son of Clair and Ruth (Dobson) Coleman. Other siblings are Marvin and Sylvia (Brad) Coleman; and a sister, Laura Simmonds (Tim Derr).

Melvin grew up in the Kilwinning district and attended Evergreen Country School. He finished his high school years attending the

Leask High School.

This is where Melvin would meet the love of his life, Lorraine (Pischke) Coleman. The two soon became a couple ready to tackle the adventures of life together. They were wed on June 16, 1973, in Leask, SK. Blessings of a baby boy, Donavon Coleman arrived in November of 1973. Three years later a daughter, Angela (Coleman) Ferster arrived on scene. Melvin was a proud and patient father and a dedicated family man.

In his spare time when not working, Mel enjoyed fishing, camping, snowmobiling, and anything outdoors puttering away at something. He was a naturally gifted mechanic who could fix, alter, fabricate something from scratch. Especially on projects for his family, he would be determined to find solutions to problems. We could always count on him.

Melvin also enjoyed travelling places with Lorraine; often meeting new friends along the way spending hours chatting.” Who was that?” we would ask. Oh -so and so - I just met them he would respond with a smile.

Melvin was a “people person.” He liked to make things easier and better for those around him if he could. He had a big, kind heart and took pride in being someone his family and community could count on.

One of Melvin’s favourite roles was to spend time with his grandchildren. Hours were spent playing, driving golf carts around their acreage, having pit fires or chauffeuring boys to hockey games. Mel and Lorraine were dedicated hockey fans. Driving many miles in all sorts of weather to show up for the kids.

As far as jobs went, Melvin had a good

hard-working attitude. He started employment in high school at Ted Ferster’s Blacksmith shop in Leask. Following that was mechanical work at Les Chinis’ Garage in Leask (which was more recently known as Banda’s Garage). Central Garage was fortunate to employ Mel for several years in Leask, where he worked on a variety of equipment.

Melvin partnered with Norman Mattock to open their own garage - “Leask Sales and Service” in the 1980’s. After some time, Mel went solo and ran a mobile mechanic business “Coleman Enterprises” for a number of years.

Before retirement, Mel spent many years in the agriculture field assisting John and Lillian Fabian, Thunder Ridge Farms, and Jay and Angela Ferster’s farm, put in and take off the crop.

Melvin enjoyed learning new things. He en-

rolled in the Sask Polytech Power Engineering Class 3 course for boiler maintenance a in his mid 60’s. The instructor thought he should stay on to teach the course as he understood it so well and often explained things to his classmates who needed help.

Melvin worked for the Saskatchewan Health Authority at the Shellbrook Hospital once completed in the maintenance department. Additionally, he took on the role of maintenance person for the Mista-wasis Church manse for many years.

Melvin was predeceased by his parents: Clair and Ruth (Dobson) Coleman.

He leaves to mourn his loving wife of 52 years, Lorraine (Pischke) Coleman; His children: Donavon (spouse Colleen) Coleman and their children Ryan Coleman, Eric Coleman (Darby), Robin Schade, Sarah Schade (Daniel)

and River, Tiffany (spouse Kyle) and Beau, Angela (spouse Jay Ferster) and their children, Nolan Ferster (fiancé Emily Lapierre), Austin Ferster (fiancé Mya Sommerfeld), Taylor Ferster, as well as numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

The family will have a private Celebration of Life at a later date.

Memorial donations may be directed to Heart and Stroke Foundation (1738 Quebec Ave. Unit 26, Saskatoon SK. S7K 1V9) and Prince Albert SPCA (Box 1832 Prince Albert SK. S6V 6J9).

Friends and family wishing to send messages of condolence are welcome to visit [www.beaulacfuneralhome.com](http://www.beaulacfuneralhome.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to Beau “Lac” Funeral Home and Crematorium, Lynn Anderson, Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK - 306-747-2828.

Gerald Shannely Davidson



Long Train Running

On May 8th, 1927 there was a big explosion in Regina, Saskatchewan and into the world for the first breath of fresh air appeared Gerald Shannely Davidson. Sired by Gerald Hazely Davidson and birthed by Phyllis Davidson. Knowing our dad it was not a quiet delivery. Fast forward 3.5 years and Dad was off to a farm 27 miles east

of Leask, Saskatchewan to be raised by his maternal grandmother until the age of 17. It was decided he was to receive some formal training at St. Peter’s College in Muenster, Saskatchewan. About a year later Dad decided that a secondary education was not for him.

In 1942 he answered an advertisement in the local paper for an errand boy for a dental mechanic in Saskatoon. He quickly worked his way up to be trained as a dental technician. At that time Dad met Almeda Bodrug who he courted until they married in 1947. Life hummed along until 1949 when they had their first child, a son, Terrance Boyd Davidson. Both parents doted on Terrance and in 1951 their daughter, Karen Linda Anne arrived to complete the family.

In 1952 they decided to relocate to Smithers, B.C. A year later they planned a move to Edmonton, AB, where Dad was to work at the university hospital. When they passed through Kamloops, Mom fell in love with Mount Peter and Mount Paul. She told Dad she would be happy to live in Kamloops for the rest of her life. Dad immediately agreed. Various moves around B.C. enabled Dad to further his career.

In 1965 the family relocated to Kamloops.

In 1972 our dear Mother passed.

Dad had various jobs throughout the Kamloops area which enabled him to put his people skills to good use.

In approximately 2007 it was suggested that Dad put his name in for an apartment in Le Jeune

Manor where he resided until his demise on October 25, 2025.

Dad leaves behind his son Terrance Boyd Davidson (Heather), his daughter Karen Linda Anne Thompson, his grandchildren Michelle Olson, Tanya Davidson, Shawn Davidson, Cindy Thompson, Darren Thompson, Rebecca Davidson, his great grandchildren Jayden Thompson, Danielle Thompson, Nicholas Thompson, Brandon Walker, Malea Davidson, Alyssa Davidson, Koen Trowbridge Davidson, Talia Trowbridge Davidson and Everett Hannaford.

Dad had a life well lived. He found enjoyment in the darndest things. His love of friends, music and whiskey will be remembered.

Terry Gunderson



Gunderson – Terry

It is with great sadness that we announce that Terry Gunderson passed away on December 12, 2025, in Edmonton, AB, at the age of 80 years. His passing leaves a void in our lives, but his love and memories will remain with us forever.

A Celebration of Life Ceremony in his honor was held on Monday,

December 22, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at Park Pentecostal Church (1 Brower Drive, Sherwood Park, AB). All those who wish to join us and pay their respects are cordially invited. There will be a website with a live stream available to those unable to come in person at the following: [www.terrygunderson.com](http://www.terrygunderson.com)

Terry will be laid to rest in the Aaseral Cemetery.

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