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Blaine Lake named Sask. Hockeyville winner



Blaine Lake is Saskatchewan's provincial winner for Kraft Hockeyville 2026, and will receive \$50,000 to upgrade the Blaine Lake Skating Rink.
Photo credit: Facebook/Blaine Lake Community Association

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Some may have thought it was a long shot, but as Wayne Gretzky once said, you miss 100 per cent of the shots you don't take.

In this spirit, a partnership between the Town of Blaine Lake, the Blaine Lake Community Association (BLCA), the Blaine Lake Raiders Senior Hockey Club, and the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation on a Kraft Hockeyville campaign to fund renovations at the Blaine Lake Skating Rink has reaped considerable rewards.

Now in its 20th year, Kraft Hock-

eyville sees communities across Canada enter their community rinks into the running for a chance to win \$250,000 and host an NHL game. Entries into Hockeyville are supported by their communities through submissions of photos and stories, which earn communities all-important points before the judging phase commences and provincial and territorial winners are announced.

Administration for the Town of Blaine says the town decided to enter Hockeyville in hopes of securing funds to retrofit the 71-year-old Blaine Lake Skating Rink so that artificial ice can be installed. The

retrofit is something the town is exploring in its 2025 to 2030 Strategic Plan, because the switch to artificial ice would allow for a longer season that isn't so dependent upon the weather.

Taking nothing for granted, the community of Blaine Lake rallied behind its Hockeyville campaign in a big way. And on Saturday, March 14, its efforts saw Blaine Lake named the provincial winner for Saskatchewan.

With this, the community will now receive \$50,000 for rink upgrades and \$10,000 of hockey equipment courtesy of the NHLPA Goals &

Dreams Fund and the NHL/NHLPA Industry Growth Fund.

However, the community could still win much more.

As a provincial winner, Blaine Lake remains in the running to be one of the two Hockeyville finalists, which would guarantee the community a prize of at least \$100,000.

The final two communities will be announced on Saturday, March 21. Should Blaine Lake be named one of the top two communities, Hockeyville then goes to a nationwide vote, which will be held from April 3 to 4. The winner will be announced April 4.



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Tim Hortons celebrates opening in Shellbrook

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Just a few short weeks after it served its first customer, Shellbrook's brand-new Tim Hortons restaurant celebrated its arrival in the community in style with a grand opening event.

Running from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, the grand opening served up no shortage of coffee and donuts, as well as prizes, giveaways, and free hot chocolate for kids.

Ben Wasmuth, a member of the restaurant's management team, noted that the support from the local community has been strong in the first few weeks. However, the grand opening blew all previous days out of the water, with roughly 1,500 customers coming through.

With the community fully on board, Wasmuth says the Tim Hortons recently shifted to its full-time operating hours of 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Soon, he adds, the restaurant will be bringing in a fountain pop machine serving Coke products, as well as all the limited-time offers Tim Hortons has throughout the year.

Owned by Trev Diemo, and with a management team that consists of Wasmuth, Kamal Saini, and Rhyse Diemo, the new Shellbrook Tim Hortons location had been in the works for roughly two years

before it opened its doors in Lake Country Co-op's new C-Store building.

With Shellbrook serving as a "gateway to the north," Trev Diemo believed the prime location

at the intersection of Highway 3 and Highway 55 would make Tim Hortons a great addition to the community, both for local residents and for travellers.



Shellbrook's Tim Hortons had its busiest day yet, when it held a grand opening celebration on Saturday, March 7.

Shellbrook Royal Purple news

By **ELAINE PERKINS**
Club President

The Shellbrook Royal Purple Lodge took part in the annual BrainLove Kickoff on Feb. 28 at the Days Inn in Prince Al-

bert.

In attendance were MLA Alana Ross, Prince Albert Mayor Bill Powalinsky, and Paul Tremblay from the Lloydminster and Area Brain Injury Society.

Royal Purple Director

and Chair of the Saskatchewan Royal Purple's Charity Partnership Committee, Sandi Lougheed, opened the kickoff by speaking about brain injury prevention and awareness.

By 2031, traumatic brain injuries are expected to be among the most common neurological condition affecting Canadians, with accidents and interpersonal violence being the leading causes of them.

On behalf of the City of Prince Albert, Mayor Powalinsky proclaimed March as BrainLove Month, and noted that interpersonal violence is something he is very troubled about in the community, as he sits on the board of police com-

missioners.

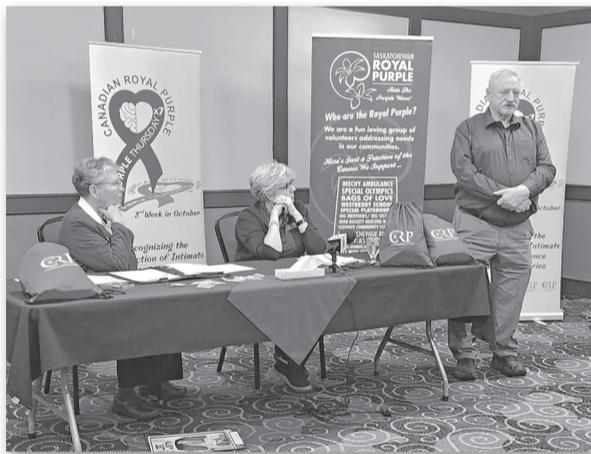
This year, donations to Saskatchewan shelters will total well over \$5,000, and more than 1,000 care bags will be distributed to the shelters. This will be made

possible, in part, by support from the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority.

Recently, in recognition of International Women's Day, the Shellbrook Royal Purple

Lodge presented Neoma Wellness with a cheque for \$1,000.

Founded by Kelsey Segberg, Neoma Wellness is a not-for-profit organization helping women with mental illness.



Prince Albert Mayor Bill Powalinsky took part in the Royal Purple's BrainLove Kickoff on Feb. 28.



TOWN OF SHELLBROOK



NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS MUNICIPAL BY-ELECTION

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

Councillor: Town of Shellbrook

Number to be elected: 1

will be received by the undersigned Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:00pm from the 16th day of March 2026 until the 8th day of April 2026 at the Shellbrook Municipal Office.

Nomination forms may be obtained in the following ways:

- From our website – www.townofshellbrook.ca
- In person @ 71 Main Street

A Criminal record check **must** accompany all nomination forms dated no earlier than March 16th, 2026.

Dated this 16th day of March, 2026

Sigourney O'Halligan, Returning Officer

FORM H

Notice of Call for Nominations (Municipal By-Election)

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

Councillor: Village of Marcelin (1)

will be received by the undersigned on the 8th day of April, 2026, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Marcelin Village Office, 105 Main Street,

and

during regular business hours on Wednesday, March 18th, 2026 to Tuesday, April 9th, 2026, at the Marcelin Village Office.

Nomination Forms must be accompanied by a completed version of the Village's Public Disclosure Statement, as required pursuant to *The Municipalities Act* and *The Local Government Election Act, 2015*.

Nomination forms along with the Village of Marcelin Public Disclosure Statements may be obtained at the Marcelin Village Office.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2026.

Leanne McCormick
Returning Officer

Neoma Wellness' Jory Segberg (left) and Kelsey Segberg (right) accept a \$1,000 cheque from Shellbrook Royal Purple member (from left to right) Elaine Perkins, Liz Lissimore, and Rhonda Lennard.

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Highlights of a Shellbrook Town Council meeting

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle
Reporter

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

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

In attendance were Mayor Amund Otterson, Councillors Pam Boettcher, Cheryl Leding, Brent Miller, Kathleen Nording, and Arlette Segberg, 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, council welcomed Yvonne Groenen and Randall Johnson from the Shellbrook Chamber of Commerce. The pair were in attendance to explore opportunities for council and the chamber to re-open doors of communication and collaboration, both by restarting the regular breakfast meetings they once held and by other means.

Groenen also laid out some of the Chambers plans over the short-term, which include talking to local businesses about their wants and needs (from the chamber and the town), and updating and expanding the signing corridor to the east, west, and north of town to make it more attractive.

Meanwhile, going forward, Councillor Miller suggested it would be helpful to hear from the chamber about how to create a better environment for existing businesses in the community and to attract new businesses to town.

With the initial discussion at a close, council wrapped up the governance and priorities meeting. Then, Mayor Otterson called council's regular meeting to order, beginning with the customary Treaty 6 land acknowledgement in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation, before council approved the meeting's agenda and adopted the minutes of its Feb. 23 regular meeting.

With no urgent busi-

ness arising from those minutes, council dove in to the reports of administration and committees, starting with O'Halligan's CAO report. Here, the only thing of note was that plans are in place to remove the ice at the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre at the end of March.

The rink was also a major point of discussion in the minutes of the Recreation Committee, with the committee noting that it would like to see a comparison from other rinks and a cost-benefit analysis for the canteen being leased or run by staff, prior to moving forward with advertising for a lease agreement.

The committee also discussed upgrades to the Centennial Building's kitchen at the Shellbrook Sports Grounds. Administration plans to reach out to Shellbrook Minor Ball to see if it has any plans or drawings done up.

In minutes from the Feb. 23 Fire Committee meeting, it was noted that the fire department plans to reach out to the St. Louis fire department to see if it will share a copy of the blueprint for its fire hall. The department hopes to have a plan in place by the end of April, and is also

working to identify five potential locations for a new fire hall.

Last but not least, the department is working on its 2026 budget and on updates to its five-year capital plan.

Closing out the reports with healthcare-related items, Mayor Otterson noted that a resident will be in town for the next couple of months.

Moving into new business, council began with some housekeeping items, including reviewing the list of lands in tax arrears and giving third reading to Bylaw 2026-001, the Assessment Exemption Bylaw, an annual bylaw update that applies to tax-free for three participants, crown properties, and other properties the town has agreements with.

Next, council adopted a recommendation from the Recreation Committee to change user fees at the rink. Rather than paying a \$25 fee for each sport, participants in sports and activities will now pay a single \$25 fee regardless of how many activities they take part in.

Revenues from the fee will be allocated directly toward facility operations rather than structured as membership,

simplifying administration and providing the town with a consistent and predictable revenue stream to support ongoing operating costs.

Closing out the meet-

ing, council discussed a request from the Shellbrook Seniors Association to support its plans for Canada Day.

Council agreed to fund the purchase of two large

cakes for the club's Canada Day Bingo, and also to close off Main Street from 1st Avenue to Beau "Lac" Funeral Home to allow for other activities to be held.

Local pianist still playing at 94

By **HILDA EBERLE**
Submitted

Clara Olson, a 94-year-old resident of Rose Gill Lodge in Rabbit Lake is our piano prodigy.

She has played the piano her whole life, and actually started playing as a young girl on an old pump organ. She would "chord" for her dad, who played the fiddle. Clara also plays the accordion.

Clara has been a resident at the Rose Gill Lodge since 2020. She readily shares her music at the piano for all the residents. Sometimes, other guests visit the lodge and Clara plays along with them as well.



At 94, Clara Olson still loves playing the piano.

Notice of Date of Record

Notice is hereby given that Innovation Federal Credit Union's ("Innovation") Board of Directors have selected March 30, 2026, as the date of record for determining Innovation's members who are entitled to vote at our 2026 Annual General Meeting.

Innovation will send formal notice and details of the Annual General Meeting to members in April 2026.

By Order of the Innovation Board,

Emma de Waal
Corporate Secretary



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- The R.M. of Canwood No. 494 offers for sale the following properties under the provisions of *The Tax Enforcement Act*:
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- Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and accompanied by a certified cheque payable to the Municipality for 10% of the tender amount. Tenders must include a description of the bidder's plans for the property. Highest, or any tender, not necessarily accepted.
- Tenders must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Property Tender" and postmarked by 4:00 p.m. on April 15, 2026, to:
Chief Administrative Officer
R.M. of Canwood No. 494
Box 10, Canwood, Sask. S0J 0K0
- Tenders will be opened by the Chief Administrative Officer to ensure tender requirements are met and presented to Council at their Regular Meeting in April.
- The successful bidder will have 30 days to provide the balance of cash to complete the purchase. All property sales are "as is" without warrant or guarantee by the R.M. of Canwood No. 494.
- Prospective bidders are advised that it is their responsibility to search the title of the property in advance. All legal costs, title transfer fees and applicable taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser and are in addition to the bid price.
- Tender packages can be obtained at the R.M. of Canwood No. 494 office or online at: www.rmofcanwood.ca.

Dated this 10th day of February, 2026.
Lorna Benson, Chief Administrative Officer

Governments failing on fiscal responsibility

As few of us have experienced it in our lifetimes, it's unlikely we'll ever arrive at anything resembling a consensus about what constitutes good governance.

To be certain, we can agree on some basics where governance is concerned. Few people, for instance, would ever say they long for the days when kings ruled by divine decree, or for any other form of authoritarian regime.

But beyond most people's general preference for democracy (even if it isn't perfect), the subject of governance gets more complicated and nuanced.

We all want our governments, whether they be municipal, provincial, or federal, to be prudent stewards of our hard-earned tax dollars. And yet, the definition of prudent stewardship looks very different to different people.

On the one hand, there are people that believe care and protection should be at the heart of what governments do, with policies and laws focused on supporting and uplifting the most vulnerable (children, the disabled, and seniors).

On the other hand, there are those who want a "blink and you'll miss it" government that enacts only the most basic laws and policies required for society to function.

These are just two opposing ends of the spectrum, and there are plenty of opinions that land somewhere in between them.

Despite this, I don't imagine many people would look at the governments in power today as exemplars of sound fiscal management.

Saskatchewan, with its abundant natural resources (oil, gas, potash, uranium, canola, wheat, critical minerals, and more), should easily be one of the wealthiest jurisdictions in the world.

And yet, over the nearly 19 years it's been in power the Sask. Party government has succeeded in delivering a balanced budget only seven times (last year's budget, which was balanced on faith, trust, and a little bit of pixie dust doesn't count).



JORDAN TWISS
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News Editor

Though the Sask. Party likes to scare us with the ghost of NDP governments past, it actually inherited a vastly improved ledger from the last NDP government.

When the Sask. Party came to power in 2007, the provincial debt was down to \$6.8 billion.

Though the Sask. Party has been blessed by the province's emergence as a global natural resources powerhouse, and has increased and expanded the PST, the provincial debt has skyrocketed and is expected to reach \$23.9 billion this year.

Meanwhile, it feels like the people of Saskatchewan have less and less to show for the government's largesse.

People continue to grapple with affordability challenges.

Schools still struggle to meet the increasingly complex needs of their growing student bodies.

Hospitals across the province lack frontline healthcare workers, resulting in frequent service disruptions, family doctors are as hard to find as ever, and long waits for diagnostics and surgeries persist.

The picture doesn't get any rosier when one examines Canada's federal government.

When he became prime minister in 2015, Justin Trudeau promised Canadians "sunny ways."

What followed was more than nine years of heavy-handed policy focused almost exclusively on "fixing" Canada's supposed social problems — almost always at the expense of fiscal prudence — while leaving economic policy to make Canada more competitive and prosperous on the backburner.

Despite this, Mr. Trudeau's government did manage to implement \$10 per day childcare and a national dental care plan, and begin work on a national pharmacare plan.

When Mr. Trudeau was replaced by Prime Minister Mark Carney, moving the Liberal party back towards the political centre, there was some hope that Mr. Carney's banking acumen



would get the country's finances back on the rails. But while Mr. Carney has rescinded some of his predecessor's economically damaging policies, fiscal prudence has yet to return to Ottawa.

Following the old business philosophy that one needs to spend money to make money, Mr. Carney has built his first year in office on a so-called "generational investment" in Canadian infrastructure and productivity.

The end result was a staggering \$78.3 billion deficit in the fall budget. And any benefits from the government's investments won't be realized any time soon, leaving Canadians to grapple with worsening affordability prospects.

However, if there's any silver lining, it's that the fiscal ineptitude on display in Canada pales in comparison to the raging dumpster fire that is the government of U.S. President Donald Trump.

Never, in the history of human civilization, has a government boasted so much while delivering so little.

When he returned to office for his second term, Mr. Trump promised his Department of Government Efficiency would end government waste.

Instead, according to an independent government watchdog, his government has been borrowing \$50 billion per week for the past five months, pushing the national debt up to \$38.9 trillion.

During this time, in September alone, Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth's

Pentagon blew through \$93.4 billion, including \$6.9 million on lobster tails; \$2 million on Alaskan king crab; \$15.1 million on ribeye steak; \$1 million on salmon; \$124,000 on ice cream machines; \$26,000 on sushi preparation tables; and \$139,224 on donuts.

At the same time, as many as 7 million Americans may lose health benefits this year due to Mr. Trump's lack of a healthcare plan, and 6 million Americans could lose Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits due to proposed changes to eligibility.

To make matters worse, Mr. Trump's tariffs — which have been deemed illegal and may have to be repaid — have made almost everything more expensive for Americans, and the ongoing war in Iran has sent gas prices through the roof.

But while Mr. Trump has seen his net worth increase by \$1.4 billion over the last year, he believes Americans should live with the "short term pain" by buying fewer dolls and pencils.

Seeing the way Mr. Trump governs, it's not so surprising that he found a way to bankrupt his casinos. But it also suggests that maybe Canadians don't have it so bad, after all.

Even so, whether it's Premier Scott Moe's Sask Party or Mr. Carney's Liberals, governments of all political stripes and sizes need to relearn the importance of fiscal responsibility.

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Teachers score comeback win in Sandin Classic

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle
Reporter

The students of W.P. Sandin High School took over the ice at the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre on Thursday, March 12, as they faced off against their teachers (as well as a handful of community members) in the annual Sandin Classic hockey game.

Initially introduced in 2003, the annual game became known as the Tremblay Classic after the sudden passing of teacher Brian Tremblay in 2013, and was one of the school's biggest annual fundraisers. In those initial years, the proceeds from admissions, raffle prizes, and on-ice games were donated to the Kinsmen Telemiracle, as well as to Hockey Day in Shellbrook to assist with efforts to upgrade the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre.

Though the annual hockey game took an extended hiatus during COVID-19, it made a thrilling comeback as the Sandin Classic last year, with the staff team getting some long-awaited revenge for the back-to-back losses to the students in 2018 and 2019.

The win was the staff team's 13th victory since the game was introduced. Meanwhile, the students have won five games.

In the early going of last Thursday's Sandin Classic, the students seemed poised to seize their sixth victory, jumping out to a 4-0 lead on four unanswered goals from Lane Keyowski (2), Aiden Tait, and Davin Schmitz. The early strikes were enough to chase the staff team's starting goalie, Kris Moe, from the net in favour of back-up Jon Nelson.

While the staff team eventually got on the board with a goal from Brad Rock, the students fired back with another three goals, including a hat trick goal for Lane Keyowski and second goals for Tait and Schmitz.

With the first of the two 30-minute period coming to a close, the staff team closed the gap to 7-3 on goals from Shaun Schmitz and Brad Rock, meaning it was

still anybody's game.

During the brief intermission, a puck toss was held and won by Grade 6 student Meadow Williams, who got to take home a candy basket for her accurate throw (which was assisted by a bump from another puck).

As the second period got under way, the student team picked up right where it left off, surging ahead 8-3 on a hat trick goal from Aiden Tait.

But, surprising the students like a pop quiz they didn't study for, the staff team rallied and rattled off four unanswered goals from Dallas Galloway, Cole Tanchuk, AJ Ahenakew, and Talon Sandry to bring the score to 8-7.

Though a goal from student Reese Galloway put the student team back up by two, the staff team wouldn't be denied and quickly tied the game at 9-9 on second goals for Talon Sandry and Dallas Galloway.

Once again, the students fired back with a goal from Jesse Kreese. But Cole Tanchuk scored late for the staff team to



The staff and student teams pose for a photo following the Sandin Classic.

make it 10-10 and force a sudden death, 3-on-3 overtime period.

Despite some stellar saves from Kris Moe, who filled in between the pipes for student goalie Matt Muller after he broke the blade off his skate, the staff team proved unstoppable, claiming its 14th Sandin Classic victory on a hat trick goal from Dallas Galloway.

Following the game, Matt Muller was named the student team's MVP for his skate-breaking performance.

Rhonda Berezowski, W.P. Sandin's inclusive education coach, says the

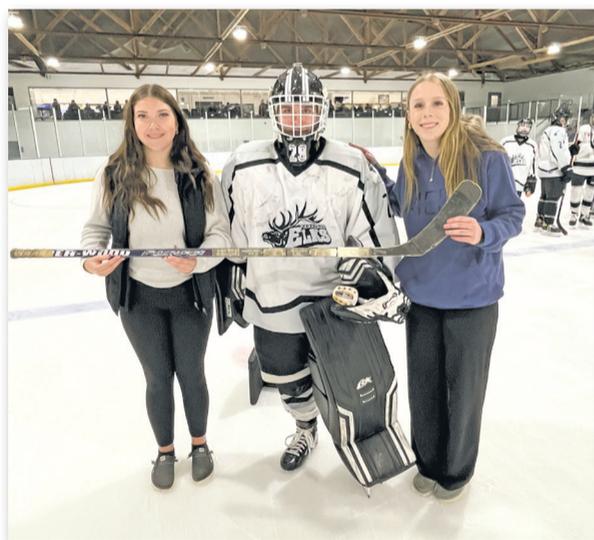
annual Sandin Classic is a great way to build a sense of community in the school.

"From a staff member's perspective, the Sandin Classic is a great way to interact with students that is not academically related," she said. "From a student's perspective, it is a great way to show off skills and endurance not always seen in the classroom."

Proceeds from the puck toss will be put back into the SLC, to allow it to plan more events for the students.



Puck toss winner Meadow Williams (middle) accepts her prize from SLC members Airionna McQuillan (left) and Kallie Ferster.



Student goalie Matt Muller accepts the MVP stick from SLC members Kallie Ferster (left) and Airionna McQuillan.

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Author honours childhood mentor in Debden

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Throughout her life, Shelley Fraser has called Debden home on three occasions. But the time that still resonates with her most — even more than four decades later — came at the start of the 1980s, when she was just entering her teenage years.

It was a difficult time for Fraser, whose parents had recently divorced, leaving her to choose between living with her mom in Calgary or remaining in Debden. After initially spending a year in Calgary, she chose to return to her hometown, still troubled by the upheaval of her life.

But then, when she entered Grade 7 in 1980, Fraser had a Catholic nun named Sister John as her homeroom

teacher, and her life changed in ways she never could have expected.

“[Sister John’s] optimism, gentleness, and non-judgemental presence carried me through some of my most difficult years. Even after I returned to Calgary, she remained a guiding force in my life,” Fraser recalled. “Through her mentorship, I achieved things I never imagined.”

Through the trauma of her early years, Fraser turned to writing as an outlet, beginning with short stories focused on healing and eventually becoming the author of four self-published titles.

With her latest book, *The Morning I Walked Her Home*, Fraser is hoping to honour Sister John’s legacy, while helping others to find healing of their own and understand the power of mentorship.

“For those who come from a broken home, being seen is even more important. When your world feels unstable, the simple act of someone noticing you, valuing you, and believing in you can become a lifeline,” she said.

“Sister John saw me at a time when I felt invisible. She recognized my strengths, even when I was surrounded by circumstances that made it hard to see them myself. That kind of recognition can transform a young person’s sense of worth and possibility.”

In 1981, Fraser moved back to Calgary, but remained connected with Sister John and continued to be guided by her mentorship.

Fraser returned to Debden as an adult, living and volunteering in the community from 2001 to 2014. During this time, she learned that Sister John was living in a care home. And though she wasn’t sure she was ready to re-open the doors of her childhood trauma, Fraser eventually gathered the courage to visit.

“She recognized me immediately and told another lady, ‘That is my favourite student. I want to see her,’” Fraser recalled.

Though the loss of Sister John was difficult, Fraser knew her story was one worth telling. And so, she began writing it last September.

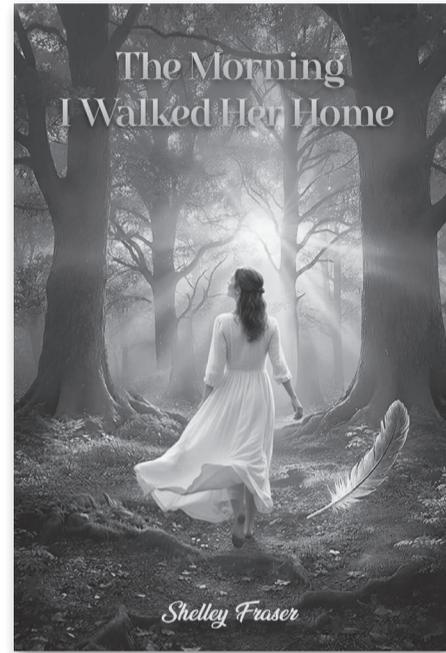
Persevering through her worst memories, Fraser took about five months to write the book, and spent countless hours afterwards editing, adding details, and proofreading to get the story just right, before releasing it through Amazon at the end of February.

“At first, I considered hiring a ghostwriter because my emotions were still raw. But when I saw how the story was being shaped, I realized it needed my own voice, my thoughts, my memories, and my emotions,” she said.

In addition to finding healing, Fra-

ser hopes readers will come away with a new appreciation for how short and precious life is, and how important it is to be kind to others.

“Life moves quickly, and as we age, time seems to move even faster,” she said. “You never know when you might become that special person who makes a difference. Sometimes all it takes is one moment of kindness to change the direction of someone’s life.”



The Morning I Walked Her Home is the latest book from former Debden resident Shelley Fraser.



Shelley Fraser.

Elks plagued by penalties in finals opener

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

After a nearly two-week break, the Shellbrook Elks Senior Hockey Club hit the road for Rosthern on Friday, March 13, to kick-off the Twin Rivers Hockey League finals against the Rosthern Wheatkings.

Though the Wheatkings finished atop the league standings, they were evenly matched with the Elks throughout their two meetings during regular season.

With the league championship on the line now, the rivalry only became more heated, leading to a game one that was defined by penalties and power play goals.

After the Elks and the Wheatkings played to a 0-0 draw in the first period, the Elks were the first team to turn a power play into an opportunity, when Dallas Galloway scored on assists from Matthew Kutnikoff and Payton Kachur.

The blade cut the other way in the dying

minutes of the second period, however, as Brett Blatz scored on the power play for the Wheatkings to tie the game at 1-1 and send the action to the third period. Brayden Anderson earned the only assist on the goal.

Penalties continued to plague the Elks in the third period, as the team racked up a total of seven infractions over the course of 20 minutes. This opened the door for Rosthern’s Aidan Arnold to give the Wheatkings a 2-1 lead early on, with an assist from Ben Zultok. The Wheatkings’

power play would strike two more times throughout the period, with Zultok scoring on an assist from Brett Blatz, and Marek Schneider scoring unassisted to put Rosthern up 4-1.

Hindered by their penalties, the Elks were unable to get back into the game, but did manage to close the gap to 4-2 on a last-minute power play goal from Payton Kachur, assisted by Cole Tanchuk and Matthew Flodell.

With the Elks’ game one loss, the best-of-five series returns to

Shellbrook for game two on Friday, March 20. Puck drop is scheduled for 8 p.m.

Game three of the series will be played in Rosthern the following night at 8:30 p.m.

Form P
[Sections 56 & 58 of the Act]

NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT OF POLL (Municipal By-Election)

Whereas a poll is not required pursuant to *The Local Government Election Act* for the offices of:

Mayor of the Village of Marcelin

I hereby give public notice that no voting for the said offices will take place and that the following person is elected by acclamation:

Mayor Lindsay Chmil

Dated at Marcelin, Saskatchewan, this 13th day of March, 2026

Leanne McCormick
Returning Officer

R. M. OF LEASK NO. 464 NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 for the year 2026 has been prepared and is open to inspection by contacting the Office of the Assessor from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the following days: Monday to Friday, March 13/2026 to May 13, 2026.

A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to appeal against his or her assessment is required to file his or her notice of appeal, accompanied by \$100.00 appeal fee per roll number with The Assessor, R.M. of Leask, Box 190, Leask, SK, S0J 1M0, by the 13th day of May, 2026.

Dated at Leask, Saskatchewan, this 13th day of March, 2026.

Donna Goertzen
Assessor

R.M. OF SHELLBROOK NO. 493 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SEASONAL CLASS 1A OPERATOR

The R.M. of Shellbrook No. 493 is accepting applications for a **Seasonal Class 1A Operator**.

Requirements:

- Valid Class 1A licence
- Experience operating heavy equipment is an asset
- Ability to work well with others and independently
- Strong safety awareness and reliability

This position will remain open until filled. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Submit Applications To:
R.M. of Shellbrook No. 493
71 Main Street, Shellbrook, SK
Email: admin.493@sasktel.net
Phone: **306-747-2158**

RESORT VILLAGE OF CHITEK LAKE NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Resort Village of Chitek Lake for the year 2026 has been prepared and is open to inspection at the office of the Administrator from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Tuesday thru Thursday and 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM on Friday.

Bylaw 159/2022 pursuant to section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to appeal against their assessment is required to file their notice of appeal along with a non-refundable fee of \$350 by the 13th day of April to: *The Western Municipal Consulting: Board of Appeals*; Phone: (306)441-2674; secretary@westernmunicipal.ca. A copy of the appeal should also be sent to *The Administrator of the Resort Village of Chitek Lake*, P.O. Box 70, Chitek Lake, SK S0J 0L0.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2026.

Ashley Hardy, Assessor

War in Iran will drive up farm costs

War might be ‘good business’ for some international corporations poised to grab profits amid the upheaval and fear that follows the deployment of troops, but rarely is conflict good news for the average citizen.

You can certainly point to wars that mattered — one photo of survivors from the liberation of a German concentration camp confirms the madness of Adolph Hitler had to be stopped — but too often the reasons for war are something only the instigator thinks

are valid enough to authorize people to die.

History will ultimately determine if there was a good reason for U.S. president Donald Trump to start a war with Iran, although his track record wouldn’t suggest it was a particularly well thought out decision. We must realize this is the man that threatened — veiled as it may have been — both Greenland’s and Canada’s sovereignty.

But whatever the reason for America’s war with Iran, the result has quickly rippled throughout the Middle



CALVIN DANIELS

East and beyond.

As with any war, there is a cost firstly in lives lost. Soldiers die — and worse, so do civilians. Imagine going to school and a missile from a foreign army dropping. Somewhere a military strategist has no doubt

termed such occurrences as “acceptable losses,” but they shouldn’t be in a humane world.

Then there are the tax dollars spent on bombs, missiles, tanks, and guns.

Imagine the homeless housed, the hungry fed, the sick treated from the money spent by the U.S. on a single missile.

Then the war splashes back on people as far away from the flying bullets as we in North America.

Farmers are likely to feel the impact rather directly, if the conflict lasts a few more weeks.

The Middle East region accounts for roughly 50 per cent of global sulphur exports and 34 per cent of urea shipments. War easily disrupts such exports, and even the threat of such delivery issues will drive up prices, hitting farmers in the pocketbook.

Likewise, one can’t drive to the gas station and not note that prices have edged up. To think that is not a result of the war in Iran would seem short-sighted.

You might ask why fuel prices inch up when Canada sits on huge re-

serves. But if world oil prices move up because of the expected impact of a war in the Middle East, the perceived value of Canadian oil moves up too, and corporations will gladly take the extra revenue.

Of course for farmers, fuel prices may well be up by seeding time, and that too will increase operating costs.

So we all will pay extra for a war initiated by the U.S. president, without a great deal of understanding about why the war was thought to be necessary.

Sask. NDP tables bill to address foreign land ownership

By SASK NDP
Submitted

The Saskatchewan NDP is introducing new legislation to crackdown on foreign land ownership and hike fines for illegal foreign farmland ownership.

“We owe it to our future generations to give them a bright future by protecting Saskatchewan and Canadian producers, and that’s exactly what this bill is designed to do,” said Carla Beck, Saskatchewan NDP Leader.

The bill, titled The Saskatchewan Farm Security (Foreign Farmland Ownership) Amendment Act, includes a clause that would allow for a court to order that the net proceeds of the forced divestiture of illegally held farmland be forfeited to the government.

In addition, it increases fines that are currently as low as \$1,000 and \$50,000 to a maximum of \$1 million for individuals and from a current maximum of \$500,000 to a maximum of

\$10 million for corporations involved in the illegal foreign ownership of Saskatchewan farmland.

“Our team is committed to working with producers, agricultural and producer organizations and people to ensure proper oversight of farmland transactions, and to putting an immediate stop to foreign land ownership in Saskatchewan,” said Beck.

The bill also removes the limitations that prevent the board from investigating older transactions.

“We expect that Scott Moe and the Sask. Party will do the right thing by getting tough on illegal foreign acquisition of farmland and support this bill,” said Trent Wotherspoon, Saskatchewan NDP Shadow Minister for Agriculture, who introduced the bill Tuesday.

In 2024, the Provincial Auditor identified glaring holes in the process for land transactions and ownership declarations — namely, that reviews typically occurred five months after sales had

closed and, in 50 per cent of cases, the Farmland Security Board didn’t request the legally required ownership declarations from corporations registered outside Saskatchewan.

“Farming is the backbone of Saskatchewan’s economy, and this government should be committed to ensuring fairness and opportunity for producers and that the money grown at home stays at home,” Wotherspoon said.

“Clearly, it’s time for change.”

Producers given new options to manage Elk

By MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT
Submitted

The Ministry of Environment and Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation (SCIC) are partnering to help producers address ongoing issues with gathering herds of elk where prevention methods have not been successful. For 2027, the Ministry of Environment will be offering eight depredation permits to producers who have a demonstrated history of significant damage from congregating elk.

“As a government, we are working to find the right balance for the people of our province,” Environment Minister Darlene Rowden said. “We are continuing to explore a variety of options to help reduce damage and the impact on producers’ livelihoods, while ensuring elk populations remain healthy.”

“We know wildlife damage is placing pressure on producers, particularly throughout the winter months,” Agriculture Minister David Marit said. “This additional measure supports Saskatchewan’s producers, ensuring they have the resources they need to protect their feed and operations.”

SCIC is working closely with the Ministry of Environment to support their elk depredation permits initiative. These elk depredation permits serve as an additional prevention option to help manage wildlife pressures. Depredation permits are species-specific and are offered outside of the regular hunting season. SCIC remains committed to directly working

with producers as they adopt prevention measures, ensuring the elk depredation permits and other options are used effectively to reduce wildlife losses. SCIC will administer the tags directly through its established wildlife damage claims and prevention processes.

“By giving producers another tool to protect the feed and forage they work so hard to grow, this policy helps safeguard farm income, supports animal welfare, and strengthens the long-term sustainability of our rural communities,” SARM President Bill Huber said. “It is an important step in ensuring our producers have the resources they need to stay resilient and continue contributing to Saskatchewan’s agricultural economy.”

Following 2027 implementation, the results of this option will be evaluated and considered in future planning of Saskatchewan’s wildlife management.

Key Facts:

- The permits can be used from January 15 to March 31, 2027.
- The permits can only be used on land where the problem is occurring.
- SCIC will confirm eligibility and provide data to Ministry of Environment for approval.
- There will be no cost to producers for the permits.
- This is not intended to be an open hunting opportunity. Permits are issued directly to the producer or a single resident designate to har-

vest the elk.

- The Ministry of Environment and SCIC will not be releasing producer information. Permits are not available through the HAL licensing system or at Government of Saskatchewan field offices.
- Reporting on harvest success of depredation permits is mandatory.

VILLAGE OF LEASK NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the Village of Leask for the year 2026 has been prepared and is open to inspection in the office of the assessor from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday from March 12, 2026 until April 14, 2026.

A bylaw pursuant to section 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required.

Any person who wishes to discuss the notice of assessment or potential appeal, may contact the assessor at the Village of Leask, Box 40, 15 Main Street, Leask, SK S0J 1M0, or SAMA 1-800-667-5203.

Any person wishing to appeal an assessment is required to file a ‘Notice of Appeal to the Board of Revision’ by April 14, 2026 with, Mike Ligtermoet, Secretary of Board of Revision, Nor-Sask Board Services, PO Box 459, Aberdeen, SK S0K 0A0, 306-314-5418, with the applicable fee of \$50 payable to the Village of Leask, which will be returned if the appeal is successful.

Dated at Leask, Saskatchewan this 12th day of March, 2026.
Yvette Hamel, Assessor

Big River supports local playwright

By **JADE BOLAND**
Submitted

I come from a really cool place. The people are literally the most supportive and colourful cast and crew of characters that you will ever meet. Whether it's a fundraiser for someone in need, a tragedy in a family, or a local success story, Big River shows up for their own. Small town! Big Heart!

Recently this town showed its support to one of its own. Todd Devonshire, born and raised in Big River, is an author and playwright who presently has his most recent production, *The Boat*, on stage.

This incredible play was presented at The Refinery in Saskatoon. Bravo! Acting was on point, technical exe-

cutation was perfect and the story was both moving and thought provoking.

And, once again, Big River showed up, with more than 50 people from the community coming out for the performance. They not only enjoyed the production but they took the opportunity to visit, laugh and tell stories of their past.

I had not been in the same room as some of these people in almost 20 years and oh boy, they do have personality. It was like a time warp in the very best way. We were wrapped up in Todd's production, then danced, laughed, and enjoyed every minute of the evening together.

Todd, sharpen up that pencil, we need another production to enjoy and to bring us small towners together again.



Big River residents made the trip to Saskatoon to watch *The Boat*, the latest stage production by Big River's own Todd Devonshire.

Spiritwood Library celebrates Indigenous history

By **HEATHER GATZKE**
Branch Librarian

As part of Saskatchewan Indigenous Storytelling Month, the Spiritwood Public Library was happy to have Lucille Scott, a self-taught painter come and share her talents with the Grade 2/3 students of Rivier and Hartley Clark Elementary Schools on Feb. 26.

The presentation brought 34 kids and 7 adults to the library.

The day was partially sponsored by Library Services for Saskatchewan Aboriginal Peoples, SK Arts, SK Lotteries, Sask Culture, SaskTel, Community Initiatives Fund, SLA, SIGA, and the Province of Saskatchewan.

Lucille lives in Canwood and has illustrated 4 children's books. *From*

This Window is about residential school life, while *Ride, Gabe, Ride* is about Gabriel Dumont and the Buffalo Hunt.

Her latest books are *Stinky Sock Jam*, about how the smell of stinky socks permeates the air when making highbush cranberry jam, and *No Ordinary Camping Trip*, which is about earning money to go to the North Battleford Fair.

Lucille described how she painted the artwork needed for the books, and the award she received for *Ride Gabe, Ride* (she was a finalist for the Next Generation Indie Book Awards).

Lucille also had a display of her artwork using different mediums; canvas, pennies, rocks and her most important one being feathers. Lucille was accompanied by Gerda Bruner, who was her school teacher.

Gerda mentioned that Lucille's notebooks were full of art in the margins when her work was handed in. Gerda held up the book showing the pictures while Lucille read.



Lucille Scott and Gerda Bruner share one of Lucille's books with students from Rivier and Hartley Clark Elementary Schools.

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Resort Village of Big Shell for the year 2026 has been prepared and is open to inspection by calling (306)883-8368 or emailing villagebigshell@gmail.com between March 20th, 2026 and April 20th, 2026.

A bylaw pursuant to subsection 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required. All fees must be submitted to the local assessor at the RESORT VILLAGE OF BIG SHELL, Box 130, Shell Lake, SK S0J 2G0, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Revision.

Any person wishing to discuss the notice of assessment or potential appeal may contact the assessor at the RESORT VILLAGE OF BIG SHELL, Box 130, Shell Lake, SK S0J 2G0.

A notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$20.00 appeal fee, which will be returned if the appeal is successful, must be submitted by April 20, 2026.

Dated at Shell Lake, Saskatchewan, this 20th day of March, 2026

Tara Bueckert, Assessor
Resort Village of Big Shell

NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Roll for the Resort Village of Echo Bay for the year 2026 has been prepared and is open to inspection by calling (306)883-8368 or emailing resortechobay@gmail.com between March 13th, 2026 and April 13th, 2026.

A bylaw pursuant to subsection 214 of *The Municipalities Act* has been passed and the assessment notices have been sent as required. All fees must be submitted to the local assessor at the RESORT VILLAGE OF ECHO BAY, Box 130, Shell Lake, SK S0J 2G0. All appeals must be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Revision, Nicole Hoskins, which can be sent electronically to: secretary@westernmunicipal.ca or via Post/mail to RESORT VILLAGE OF ECHO BAY, Box 130, Shell Lake, SK S0J 2G0 and forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Revision.

Any person wishing to discuss the notice of assessment or potential appeal may contact the assessor at the RESORT VILLAGE OF ECHO BAY, Box 130, Shell Lake, SK S0J 2G0.

A notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$20.00 appeal fee, which will be returned if the appeal is successful, must be submitted by April 13, 2026.

Dated at Shell Lake, Saskatchewan, this 13th day of March, 2026

Tara Bueckert, Assessor
Resort Village of Echo Bay



Lucille brought some of her art to display at her presentation.

Skate Shellbrook gives golden performance

By **JORDAN TWISS**
Shellbrook Chronicle
Reporter

The young skaters of Skate Shellbrook took over the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre on Sunday, March 15, and channelled the spirit of the Olympics to put on a medal-worthy year-end ice show for a supportive crowd.

The club's 42 skaters showcased their skills through 15 routines, including solo numbers, small group routines, and larger groups for the beginners and younger skaters. The

club's parent and tot group, a new addition to the club last season, also got its turn in the spotlight.

Regardless of their age or skill level, all skaters were met with cheers, applause, and praise from the audience and coach Tasje Sharron.

"It's wonderful for the skaters to showcase what they've learned, and more importantly, prove to themselves that they were capable of accomplishing their goals and doing it in front of an audience," Sharron said.

"Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, family members and friends all enjoy taking in the atmosphere and watching the skaters participate and improve from year to year."

Chiefly planned and organized by a dedicated group of Skate Shellbrook parents, who began working on the show in January, Sunday afternoon's year-end ice show kicked off with Julia Shindle performing her pre-novice freeskate program.

The green CanSkate group, featuring Maddox Strube, Brantley Verbonac, Fefe Akinrolie, Derrick Aghe-do, Victoria Akinrolie, Ashton Stene, Anastasia Kernohan, Lainey Verbonac, and Austen Chandler, showed off its skills next, followed by a solo from StarSkater Becca McNeice, and the Parent & Tot group, including Rowan Boettcher, Elena Heppner, Fletcher Verbonac, Brody Hudy, Nash Anderson, and their parents.

Closing out the first half of the show, StarSkater Kayley



Young skaters from the Parent & Tot group receive encouragement from their parents.



StarSkater Kayley Draper glides during her Star 2 solo.



A pre-Star/StarSkate group links up for a spin.



StarSkater Becca McNeice executes a sharp turn during her solo.



A skater from the green CanSkate shows agility and precision weaving through markers.

Draper performed her Star 2 solo, and Eric Swalm, a junior men's skater from Regina, dazzled the crowd with his junior short program.

After a brief intermission, StarSkater Gwyn Phan got the second act started with her Star 4 solo, and a pre-StarSkate/StarSkate group, featuring Becca McNeice, Kayley Draper, Austen Chandler, Lainey Verbonac, and Brantley Verbonac, performed.

Next, the red CanSkate group, including Benjamin Hoehne, Carson Wollman, Lochlan Strube, Finnley McVicker, Sam McNeice, and Emmer-son Nelson, took to the ice, followed by Julia Shindle with her gold artistic solo.

With the show nearing its end, the blue CanSkate group, featuring Calder Provencher, Gavin Sagucio, Hux-lee Ahenakew, Liam Burles, Twara Jha, Ella Butterfield, Nesrin De-

lapera, and Ari Brad, performed a hockey-themed routine, and Eric Swalm performed his show program.

To close out the afternoon, all skaters returned to the ice for the grand finale.

As always, the year-end ice show brings with it the end of Skate Shellbrook's season, which Sharron feels went well. "We have some eager skaters coming up through the CanSkate program who want to continue on," she said.

Though a slight drop in the number of enrolled skaters meant scaling back skating to two days a week, Sharron is hopeful to return to a normal three-day next fall.

That said, change isn't always a bad thing. This year, Skate Shellbrook decided to change its CanSkate programming and Parent and Tot sessions and offer an Oc-tober to December ses-sion and a January to March session, as well

as the full season.

Sharron says the re-sponse to this was posi-tive, and the change will remain in place for next season.

With a somewhat younger club than in previous years, this skating season was also different for Sharron in that competitions ended after sectionals in November, with no skaters registering for Regionals or the Winter Classic.

Instead, Sharron says this was a year of building skills and con-fidence, and working towards assessment goals.

Looking ahead to next fall, Sharron is eager to see how this work has paid off.

"It's always exciting to get the season under-way and see where the skaters are at," she said. "From there, it's fun to watch their confidence grow and see the direc-tion their skating takes throughout the season. I love that hope and ex-citement."



StarSkater Gwyn Phan opened the second act with her Star 4 Solo.

Minutes of an RM of Canwood meeting

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

A regular meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494 was held in the Municipal Council Chambers, at 641 Main Street, Canwood, Sask., on Jan. 20, 2026, commencing at 9:05 a.m.

Present were Reeve Levi Schutte, Chief Administrative Officer Lorna Benson, and the following Councillors for their respective divisions: #2 Gerald Muller, #3, Rick Jensen, #5 Kevin Olson, and #6 Cody Lockhart.

Absent were #1 Kenneth Stene and #4 Mario Boisvert.

Delegations:

9:15 a.m. Dwight Diehl, Public Works Supervisor, Municipal Operations Update

11 a.m. Council Indemnity

Olson: That the minutes of the Dec. 17, 2025, Regular Council Meeting be approved as presented. Carried

Schutte: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month of December 2025 for the R.M. General Account be approved as presented. Carried

Muller: That the regular meeting of Council be suspended at 9:10 a.m. for an in-camera session to discuss legal matters. Carried

Jensen: That the regular meeting of Council reconvene at 9:25 a.m. Carried

Muller: That we approve the payments as listed on the attached account listing for a total of \$647,966.14, Council Direct Deposits for January and Payroll Direct Deposits for 2025 Pay Period 26 & 2026 Pay Period 1. Carried

Public Works Supervisor Dwight Diehl attended the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Jensen: That we appoint Reeve Levi Schutte, and Councillors Cody Lockhart, Kevin Olson, and Gerald Muller to a new committee referred to as the Gravel Committee. Carried

Olson: That we acknowledge the Tender Package for the Larsen Bridge and authorize Prairie Road Solutions Inc. to post the tender as presented. Carried

Muller: That we acknowledge the Occupational Health Committee Meeting Minutes of Dec. 16, 2025. Carried

Jensen: That we purchase a new 2026 Arne's Cross Gate Hopper Gravel Trailer from Maxim Truck and Trailer, Prince Albert, Sask., at a cost of \$77,899 plus applicable taxes Carried

Jensen: That we purchase a used 2020 International LT625 Truck from Iron Nation Equipment Inc. Saskatoon, Sask., at a cost of \$83,400 plus applicable taxes. Additionally, we agree to the purchase of a wet kit to be installed on the truck at a cost of

\$9,600 plus applicable taxes. Further to this, we instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to make application to SGI as per the letter dated October 21, 2025, regarding a reimbursement of taxes because of the claim settlement for the 2019 International Heavy Vehicle. Carried

Jensen: That we purchase one additional hardware and software grader GPS system at a cost of \$1,500 plus applicable taxes from Conx Wireless. Additionally, the annual software licensing fee will be \$360 plus applicable taxes. Carried

Public Works Supervisor Dwight Diehl left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Muller: That in the matter of the Parkland Association of Rural Municipalities, we agree to have the R.M. of Paddockwood and the District of Lakeland added to the survey. Further to this, we agree to have "base tax" added to the survey and request that member municipalities be given the opportunity to vote on having "maintained miles of road" added to the survey. Carried

Olson: That in the matter of signing authority, we authorize the Reeve Levi Schutte and Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Lorna Benson to be appointed to do all such acts and sign all documents and agreements as may be reasonably required to enable the Municipality to conduct its usual business. Further to this, in the absence of the Reeve, the Deputy Reeve Cody Lockhart and in the absence of the CAO Development Assistant Jamie Skarpinsky are designated as secondary signing authorities. Carried

Schutte: That we acknowledge the total combined purchase of \$8 Million Commercial General Liability Insurance and Administrator's Errors and Omissions Coverage through S.A.R.M. at the premium rate of \$1,981 plus applicable tax (PST). Carried

Muller: That we instruct the Chief Administrative Officer to complete the required form(s) requesting cancellation of the respective leases and payment of taxes on provincial Crown land which is in arrears of taxes in accordance with the Provincial Lands Policy of the Ministry of Agri-

culture. Carried

Jensen: That for the year 2026, the Reeve and each Councillor be insured under The Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Act at the rate of \$43,726 per Council member. Carried

Schutte: That it be recorded in these minutes that the following Election Officials have been appointed by the Returning Officer: Jamie Skarpinsky (Deputy Returning Officer) and Tammy Molzan (Poll Clerk).

Nomination Officers (in the absence of the Returning Officer): Jamie Skarpinsky, Tammy Molzan and Michele Person. Carried

Schutte: That the following rates of remuneration be set for 2026 Municipal Elections:

- Returning Officer \$350 plus \$0.70/km
- Deputy Returning Officer \$300 plus \$0.70/km
- Poll Clerk(s) \$250 plus \$0.70/km. Carried

Lockhart: That we designate the following polling place for 2026 Municipal Elections: R.M. Office, 641 Main Street, Canwood, Sask. Carried

Olson: That we forward the files to Veritas Law for further proceedings under The Tax Enforcement Act. Carried

Jensen: That we purchase a membership with the Hudson Bay Route Association at a cost of \$500 for the year 2026. Carried

Olson: That we approve the Council's Indemnity as presented. Carried

Olson: That we acknowledge receipt of the 2025 Canwood and District Bus Association Financial Statement. Carried

Muller: That we acknowledge the Permit Extension Application of Robin and Deanna Pease. Carried

Jensen: That in the matter of the Campground Development on the SE 01-50-07 W3, Council instructs the Chief Administrative Officer to commence the road registration. Carried

Muller: That we deny the request of Rose-Ann Tisserand and Greg Huculak to purchase the walkway south of Lot 11, Blk 4, Plan 77B09994 Ext 0, Parcel No. 131195640 at Morin Lake. Carried

Muller: That we now adjourn at 1:30 p.m.

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)

BIG RIVER: Ice Fishing Derby on Cowan Lake in Big River, SK - Saturday, March 21. \$18,000 in prizes! Entry fee: \$50/Hole; 2nd Hole \$20. Tickets available by phone 306-469-7990 or @ Timberlost Outfitters in Big River and @ The Fishin' Hole in Saskatoon.

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Op-ed: Sask. must deal with massive debt

By **GAGE HAUBRICH**
CTF Prairie Director

When your car breaks down, you dip into your emergency fund to cover the repair bill.

It's a tough choice, but it's one you must make when faced with a difficult situation.

Instead of putting that car repair on your credit card and having to pay interest charges, it makes sense to find other savings in your budget to cover the unexpected expense.

The same logic should apply to the provincial government.

Premier Scott Moe recently said

"you'll see a deficit in a couple weeks in this province," referring to the upcoming provincial budget. Moe says the province's revenue is taking a hit this year.

Like an unexpected car breakdown, the government can't control everything that affects its bottom line. Catastrophic events like pandemics and tariffs are largely out of the provincial government's control.

But the government can control how much it spends.

And after years of overspending, Saskatchewan doesn't have an emergency fund to rely on when times get tough.

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Crosby's absence left a huge void in Milan

For Canadian hockey fans, sad was the 2-1 overtime loss to the U.S. in the gold medal game at the Milan/Cortina Olympic Games. Sad, too, was that future Hall of Famer and Canadian captain Sidney Crosby had to watch the game from the press box, nursing a lower-body injury.

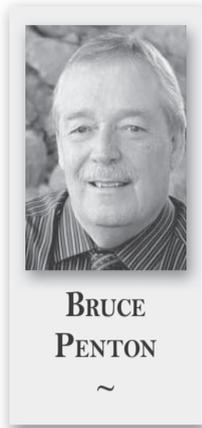
Crosby, of course, will one day go into the Hockey Hall of Fame with the phrase 'Golden Goal' front and centre, thanks to his overtime heroics in the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, where he put Canada on top of the hockey world. How much his absence affected the final outcome of this year's gold medal game will never be known, but if you consider that Canada's team significantly outplayed the Americans for about 45 of the 60 minutes, and did it without Crosby, it's not too absurd to suggest Canada might have won by a comfortable margin had Crosby played a regular shift.

At 38 years of age, Crosby is still a world-class player performing at a high level. At the Olympic break, he stood 20th in points in the youth-dominated NHL scoring race. His 59 points in 56 games had sparked a resurgence in Pittsburgh, where the Penguins were in a solid playoff position after last year losing 14 more games than they won and not coming close to a playoff spot.

When Crosby went down with an injury in Milan, not only were Canada's gold-medal chances dampened, but the dark mood quickly crossed the ocean to Pennsylvania, where Penguin fans feared the worst.

The good news is that Crosby's injury is not believed to be season-ending. Doctors suggested the injury was to the MCL in his knee and that he could return around April 1, two weeks before the playoffs begin.

The continuing excel-



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lent play of Crosby and the bounceback by the Penguins has been one of the NHL's best stories this year. Crosby, the No. 1 overall draft pick in 2005 (Alex Ovechkin was No. 2) immediately assumed superstar status, living up to his pre-draft hype. He has won two Hart trophies (MVP), led the Penguins to three Stanley Cups and will likely wind up third or fourth in overall career points when he retires.

To see him limping around Milan and being unable to lead Canada on the ice was a sad day for Canadian hock-

ey fans. He tried his best to be in Canada's lineup, participating in a team skate the day before the gold medal game but eventually deciding to sit out.

"It was a tough decision," Crosby said. "Obviously, in your head, you always want to be out there and find every way possible but not at the expense of what needs to be done," he told reporters.

He didn't wear No. 87 for Canada in that final game and the 'C' was worn by team-mate Connor McDavid, but to Canadian hockey fans of this era, Sidney Crosby will always be Captain Canada.

• Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "Coach of a winning hockey team: 'Our players are buying in.' Coach of a losing hockey team: 'Our players aren't buying in.' The secret to life: Finding those who will buy in."

• Comedy writer Torben Rolfsen of Vancouver: "Norway won the Olympics. Just one

letter away from 'No way.'"

• Rolfsen again: "Connor Hellebuyck won the President's Trophy last year. He was given the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In Winnipeg, he has a President's Choice Optimum card. One more thing and he'll be a one-man Mount Rushmore."

• Super 70s Sports: "Just got passed by a car with a drink holder on the fender. Didn't see the driver, so I'm just going to assume it was John Daly."

• Brad Dickson of Omaha: "My plans for the weekend appear to have fallen through. I was supposed to go bowling with the Supreme Leader of Iran but he's not responding to my texts."

• Jack Finarelli on his sportscurmudgeon.com site: "The World Baseball Classic final game will be in Miami on St. Patrick's Day. Before you bother to go and look, Ireland is not one of the teams in the field so that sort

of serendipity cannot happen."

• A quote from the late basketball coach Lou Holtz, snipped from sportscurmudgeon.com: "Don't tell your problems to people: 80 percent don't care; and the other 20 percent are glad you have them."

• Headline at fark.com: "Maxx Crosby tradedd to the Ravenss for two firstt-roundd pixx."

• Another fark.com headline: "(Golden State coach) Steve Kerr explains his wholesome reason for quitting social media. 'I'm really able to avoid reading what a terrible human being and coach I am. That's healthy for me.'"

• Cathal Kelly of the Globe and Mail, on the Leafs overvaluing their players on the trading block: "Dealing with the Leafs must be like going to a yard sale and finding out it's being run by Christie's."

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Op-ed: Sask. must deal with massive debt

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And that's when fiscal discipline matters most. That's because when the government balloons spending during times of economic turmoil and low government revenue, taxpayers suffer the long-term consequences of increased government debt and higher debt interest charges.

The government has been overspending its own budget plans for years. It spent \$970 million more than budgeted in 2024. In 2023, the government went over budget by \$2.2 billion. In 2022, it was \$1.4 billion. And in 2021, it was \$2.5 billion.

And Moe is continuing to overspend this year.

The government was already spending about \$521 million over its budget this year, according to the mid-year

financial report. Now its also spending \$650 million more through special warrants.

The government says these special warrants are for important priorities like health care. It's important to spend on priorities, but just like the car repair, putting these charges on the taxpayer credit card doesn't solve the problem. It makes the problem worse in the future because all that borrowing must be paid back, plus interest.

All this extra spending means more debt and higher interest charges paid by taxpayers. Since becoming premier, Moe has more than doubled Saskatchewan's provincial debt, which is expected to reach \$23.9 billion by the end of this year.

And because of all that debt the government is wasting record amounts on

debt interest charges. The government is spending about \$878 million on debt interest charges this year. The Saskatchewan government has spent more than \$5 billion debt interest charges since 2017. That's money that can't be used to hire a nurse, pave a road or build a school. Instead, it goes to bondholders collecting interest

The longer the government keeps ballooning the debt without a plan to pay it back, the more likely tax hikes on Saskatchewanians become. When the government starts to run out of money to spend, it starts to look for more in the pockets of Saskatchewan taxpayers.

Smart Saskatchewanians have an emergency fund and pay down debt because they have a plan. The government hasn't had a plan for years. Budget 2026 is another opportunity for the

government to finally present that plan and get the province back on track before the debt becomes too big to handle.

Moe's plan can start with a comprehensive spending review. The government can't find savings if it isn't looking.

Former prime minister Jean Chrétien's government conducted a spending review in the 1990s and found \$9.8 billion in spending reductions. The Newfoundland and Labrador government embarked on a similar spending review and found more than \$860 million in savings in 2021.

Moe needs to present a plan to fix Saskatchewan's finances and pay down debt in Budget 2026 so Saskatchewanians aren't stuck wasting hundreds of millions of dollars every year on debt interest payments.

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Shellbrook Library hosts Ecuador presentation

By **EDDIE HOEHN**
Branch Librarian

On Saturday, March 7, Deb Jensen gave a presentation at the library about her trip to Ecuador. She showed attendees pictures of her trip on a screen with a projector. Deb travelled to Ecuador in 2018. Deb went to Las Tolas, Quito, Tonsupa, Atacames, the Playa Escondida hotel, and Sua. She bought

an alpaca blanket at an artisans' market.

Deb and her husband Jim explored the Yumba museum in Tulipe with their host. The Yumbas were traders between the mountains and the coast. They left the area when a volcano erupted and the Incas took over. The Yumbas' descendants live near Quito. The Yumbas' trails are visible as grooves in the land. There are rock

structures outside the museum which people believe are ceremonial pools. They were discovered around 2000 when a road was built.

Deb saw wildlife such as an armadillo, green parakeets, squirrel cuckoo, swallow tailed

kites, vultures, forest falcons, hummingbirds, tanagers, sickle-winged guans, banded tailed pigeons, masked trogons, golden-headed quetzals, creepers, woodpeckers, ant birds, flycatchers, wrens, pelicans, osprey, carpenter bees, tree

snails, a heron, crabs, a bat, a kingfisher, iguanas, and a gecko. Toucans also live in Ecuador.

There are lots of plants in Ecuador which Deb saw, including tree tomatoes, coffee plants, orchids, and

sugar cane. Sugar cane is grown by local farmers. It is squished, filtered, boiled down, and skimmed into tanks. The farmers shovel the sugar cane until it cools and crystallizes into a golden sugar. Then it is bagged for sale.



Deb Jensen displays her alpaca blanket from Ecuador.

How to start seeds - Part II

By **PATRICIA HANBIDGE**
Orchid Horticulture

Last week our column focused on some of the basics surrounding starting your own seeds. We talked about plants needing light, water, warmth, oxygen and food to grow and a little bit about the seed itself. Growing your own plants from seed is magical.

Most gardeners derive great satisfaction from growing plants. They grow just for ornamental value but also for growing food that graces our tables when we cook for both friends and family. Starting seeds allows a greater degree of satisfaction and enables the gardener and the chef

to know exactly what products were used on the plants from the beginning of life. Growing your own is also a more sustainable alternative to purchasing food that has been grown many miles away and had to undergo an unbelievable amount of transportation in order to get to our local grocer.

You might be wondering why it is a good idea to start seeds. After all it is a bit of work and you do need to purchase some gear in order to do it right. First and foremost, starting seeds will allow you to extend the growing season. This is a good thing as our frost-free days range from around 90 to 120 on the prairies. Many of the desirable crops you might like to grow need more than that amount of time to mature. Also, if you are a gardener, you already know that what you wish to grow that cannot be seeded into the garden in spring might not be available for you to purchase as bedding plants. We all like to be individual and grow in our gardens whatever we choose, so starting your own seeds will give you much more variability in your garden.

Another consideration to think about

is the importance of maintaining diversity in our seed sources. Growing heritage or heirloom plants allows a refurbishment of seeds that otherwise might be lost forever. In the age of genetically modified seeds and the ease of travel may make us more aware of the importance of ensuring our roots, our history, heritage and ultimately our seeds are maintained appropriately for future generations.

Other than the generalization that germination begins with the uptake of water, there are a host of conditions that are necessary for successful germination. To simplify things for you, let's think of what you are growing as being either warm or cool-season crops. Warm season crops like sweet corn, lima beans, tomatoes, peppers, melons, okra, eggplant will generally need a warmer season of growth and typically a slightly warmer germination temperature. Cool season crops will generally need the opposite. The other common variable you may encounter is the need to either have light conditions or dark conditions for that magical process to begin.

Once that life has be-

gun then it is important for you to provide every little thing that will be needed in order to grow healthy plants that are ready to be transplanted out into the garden. Many times, people do not realize the essential need to grow these little plants under grow lights. Generally, my grow lights sit just above the canopy and I raise the lights as the plants grow. This ensures strong, sturdy plants that are not long, slender and droopy when grown with not enough light.

As far as broad planning of planting dates, Plant celery, eggplant, leeks, peppers and tomatoes in mid March and in April, broccoli, cantaloupe, cauliflower, lettuce, pumpkins, squash and watermelon. This timing will give you sturdy plants for planting out around the long weekend in May. This will of course vary with the temperature, light and other environmental conditions where you are growing.

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Scam using Kevin O'Leary's image making rounds

By FCAA
Submitted

The Financial and Consumer Affairs Authority of Saskatchewan (FCAA) is warning Saskatchewan people of an impersonation scam on social media using fake videos claiming that celebrity entrepreneur Kevin O'Leary is endorsing an online investment platform called Enterprise2u.

"Do not make investment decisions based on a notable figure endorse-

ment," FCAA Securities Division Executive Director Dean Murrison said. "Scammers can create fraudulent news articles that imitate real media sources. Before you consider investing with an entity, always check the registration status at aretheyregistered.ca and do not deal with any unregistered entities."

Enterprise2u claims to offer Saskatchewan residents trading or investment opportunities, including stock market

trading.

Enterprise2u is not registered with the FCAA to trade or sell securities or derivatives in Saskatchewan. The FCAA cautions investors and consumers not to send money to companies that are not registered in Saskatchewan, as they may not be legitimate businesses.

If you have invested with Enterprise2u, or anyone claiming to be acting on their behalf, contact the FCAA's Securities Division at 306-787-5936.

In Saskatchewan, individuals or companies need to be registered with the FCAA to trade or sell securities or derivatives. The registration provisions of The Securities Act, 1988, and accompanying regulations are intended to ensure that only honest and knowledgeable people are registered to sell securities and derivatives and that their businesses are financially stable.

This alert applies only to the online entity using the

website "enterprise2u net" (this URL has been manually altered so as not to be interactive).

Tips to protect yourself:

- Always verify that the person or company is registered in Saskatchewan to sell or advise about securities or derivatives. To check registration, visit the Canadian Securities Administrators' National Registration Search at aretheyregistered.ca.

- Know exactly what you are investing in. Make sure you understand how

the investment, product, or service works.

- Get a second opinion and seek professional advice about the investment.

- Do not allow unknown or unverified individuals to remotely access your devices.

- Never make an investment decision based on a notable figure endorsement. Scammers often create fake social media posts or news articles claiming an investment is endorsed by a notable figure.

Sask. introduces new firearms rights protections

By MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
Submitted

The Government of Saskatchewan has introduced additional amendments to The Saskatchewan Firearms Act to help provincial firearms owners and businesses receive fair compensation for their property that has been targeted by federal legislation.

Once this legislation is passed, Saskatchewan firearms owners and businesses can apply for a certificate of exemption, allowing them to retain the right to continue to possess and store their lawfully-owned, but now prohibited firearms on behalf of the province of Saskatchewan. These certificates will remain in place until firearms owners are fairly compensated by the federal government.

Certificates of exemption will be issued under section 117.08 of the Criminal Code of Canada. Section 117.08 exempts individuals from facing criminal charges under special circumstances "if the individual does so on behalf of, and under the authority of, a police force or a department of the Government of Canada or of a province."

All applications will be closely reviewed by the Saskatchewan Firearms Office (SFO) for eligibility. Certificates of exemption will only be available to individuals with a valid Possession and Acquisition Licence (PAL) or Restricted Possession and Acquisition Licence (RPAL), who are in good standing, pursuing compensation from the federal government, and following all firearms storage laws that pertain to their reclassified firearms. Failure to follow any of these requirements will result in the certificates of exemption being inoperative.

Certificates of exemption do not exempt individuals from facing criminal charges if they commit an offence, use a prohibited firearm, or carelessly store prohibited

firearms, and they will only be valid within Saskatchewan's borders. These amendments will help ensure all Saskatchewan firearms owners and businesses are compensated for their lost property; not just those chosen by the federal government.

"Lawful firearms owners in Canada are already heavily vetted and regulated during the PAL and RPAL licensing and renewal process," Justice Minister and Attorney General Tim McLeod, K.C. said. "Under federal legislation and the national buyback program, farmers, hunters, and sport-shooting enthusiasts are being forced to either accept little or no compensation, or they must deactivate or destroy their legally-purchased property at a loss to avoid facing criminal charges."

In the coming weeks, the Government of Saskatchewan will open an online portal to provide appraisals for all firearms, ammunition and accessories impacted by federal legislation. Through the portal, Saskatchewan firearms owners and businesses will also be able to request certificates of exemption for their prohibited firearms.

"You do not have to use this online portal to participate in the federal buyback program or comply with federal legislation," SFO Commissioner Robert Freberg said. "Firearms are federal jurisdiction but we remain committed to protecting the property rights of law-abiding firearms owners in Saskatchewan. Our goal is to help ensure Saskatchewan residents are protected and properly compensated before their property is surrendered by expropriation to the federal government."

These amendments are in addition to those announced earlier this year, proposing that anyone who seizes a firearm under federal firearms laws must pay the owner fair market value as determined by the Saskatchewan Firearms Commissioner. Firearms will be considered "seized" in the province if they are impacted by federal firearm legislation or bans and the owner

does not receive fair compensation within 12 months of the ban or legislation coming into effect.

For citizen inquiries, visit Saskatchewan.ca/firearms or contact the Saskatchewan Firearms Office at 1-833-792-2706 or email sfpinfo@gov.sk.ca.

Ice conditions shifting quickly as shelter removal date nears

By MINISTRY OF
COMMUNITY
SAFETY
Submitted

Warming temperatures are creating unpredictable and potentially dangerous ice conditions across Saskatchewan. Anglers are urged to remove their ice fishing shelters before the ice becomes unsafe to travel upon. Late season ice can weaken from below, and hide cracks under the snow cover, making even familiar routes potentially hazardous as the weather warms up.

Shelters must be removed by March 31 in northern Saskatchewan.

Waiting until the last days increases the risk of equipment breaking through the ice or becoming impossible to retrieve safely. Early removal is the best way to avoid dangerous situations as conditions deteriorate.

Anyone heading onto the ice should watch for slush, discoloured patches of ice, standing water, or pressure ridges. These are clear signs that the ice may no longer support your weight. Travel should be limited, and anglers are encouraged to check conditions frequently, as stability can

change within hours.

Failure to remove shelters by the deadlines can result in fines and the confiscation of structures and their contents. When dismantling shelters, all materials, garbage, and debris must be taken off the ice. Items left behind can sink or drift once the ice melts, creating hazards for boaters and swimmers and posing risks to wildlife in the spring. Shelters cannot be left on shore, and each structure must display the owner's full name, address, and phone number in letters at least 2.5 cm high.

This year's ice fishing season closes on March 31 in southern and central Saskatchewan and on April 15 in northern Saskatchewan. For more information, check the Anglers Guide online at saskatchewan.ca/fishing.

If you suspect wildlife, fisheries, forestry or environmental violations, call Saskatchewan's toll-free Turn In Poachers and Polluters (TIPP) line at 1-800-667-7561 or report online at saskatchewan.ca/tipp. You do not have to give your name, and you may be eligible for a cash reward from the SaskTIP Reward Program.

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