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## Shellbrook raises \$14,361 for Telemiracle 50



Shellbrook was once again well represented at Telemiracle by the Shellbrook Kinettes. From left to right: Lynne Farthing, Amber Larson, Anita Cruz, Emmalynn Lamotte, Kim Lamotte, Tara Lenz, Angela Barden, Tasje Sharron, and Kelly Herndier.

By **JORDAN TWISS**  
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

Though many in Saskatchewan are facing the cost of living crunch, that didn't stop them from reaching deep into their wallets and hearts to support the 50th annual Kinsmen/Kinette Telemiracle in a big way this year.

In a show of generosity benefitting Telemiracle's half-century milestone, the people of Saskatchewan came together to pledge a record-setting total of \$10,521,072 to the cause. The total was bolstered by several bequests, major gifts, and memorial gifts, including a \$2.35 million bequest from Alice Tindall.

"Without your support, we could not have had the record-breaking year we did," said Telemiracle 50 Chair, Tammy Blackwell, in a statement. "Telemiracle creates a legacy of Saskatchewan's gen-

erosity and volunteerism, and we would love to see it live on for years to come."

"Your support will directly improve the quality of life for so many Saskatchewan residents," added Executive Director of the Kinsmen Foundation, Danika Dinko.

Just as it was a strong year for Telemiracle as a whole, it was also a good year of Telemiracle fundraising for the Shellbrook Kinsmen and Shellbrook Kinettes, who received strong support from the community and surrounding area.

In a typical year, Shellbrook's fundraising total ranges anywhere from \$10,000 to \$14,000. This year, saw the fundraising total wind up just above the high end of this range.

Once again, the Kinsmen and Kinettes chose to do the bulk of their fundraising through an online auction. Thanks to donations from businesses, community organizations, and individuals, the items up for grabs in this year's auction raked

in \$9,090. Along with other fundraising efforts, including dirty soda sales and a puck toss at a Senior Elks hockey game, the fundraising total for the Kinettes and Kinsmen reached \$11,592.50

Elsewhere, the Parkside Community Club donated \$1,000, Helping Hands sold by businesses in the community brought in \$330.55, W.P. Sandin High School had a bake sale and sold Helping Hands to raise \$1,191.23, and Shellbrook Elementary School raised \$118.20 through Helping Hands sales.

Altogether, this meant the Shellbrook Kinettes had a cheque worth \$14,361.48 to present at the live Telemiracle telethon.

With this year's total, Telemiracle has raised more than \$181 million. The money raised throughout the year and during the Telemiracle telethon benefits the Kinsmen Foundation, which provides funding for Saskatchewan residents

requiring special needs equipment to maintain or improve their quality of life, as well as travel assistance to those needing to leave their community to access life-saving medical treatment.

Funding is also provided to institutions and health foundations to purchase specialized, new, or innovative equipment to improve healthcare. And in the past, funds raised through Telemiracle have even benefitted local families and causes.

In Shellbrook, the family of Landen Willoughby received a tandem bike for him in 2022, and the Woodland Bus Association received \$19,578 in 2014 to assist with the purchase of a wheelchair accessible van.

Meanwhile, the Canwood Bus Association was also a beneficiary of the fundraiser, receiving \$20,000 in 2019 to assist with the purchase and retrofit of its own wheelchair accessible van.

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# Spiritwood Hosts SHSAA Regional Curling

By **BEVRA FEE**  
Spiritwood Herald Reporter

High school curling teams from Spiritwood, North Battleford, Maidstone, Lloydminster, Saskatoon, Outlook, Dinsmore, Medstead, Loon Lake, and Meadow Lake converged on the Spiritwood curling rink for a two-day competition to determine the high school Provincials contenders. Hosting both the boys and girls championships for the region, the rink saw full galleries, with families and local fans treated to excellent competitive curling.

Spiritwood High School was represented on the boys' side of the action, while a foursome from Medstead took to the sheets for the girls' competition.

Spiritwood coaches Shannon Caffet and Tom Jesney were on hand as hosts, along with members from the Spiritwood Curling Club. Caffet, who coaches youth and is a key factor in the growth of curling among young teams coming up through all three Spiritwood schools, credited her colleague, "Tom is our calming force in the chaos! He is an integral part of the team."

Along with the coaches, volunteers add strength to the local youth curling movement.

"The juniors have definitely grown in curling, thanks to the Lions Cordwood Bonspiel and the two elementary schools hosting junior bonspiels," commented Caffet.

Adding to that, Spiritwood Curling Club member Colleen Reddekopp noted, "In addition to the school's events, our curling club has hosted a series of Learn to Curl clinics in a focussed effort over the past couple of years. Also, the Derryk Franson Bonspiel raises funds for youth to attend curling clinics held by professional curlers, and that has been a huge addition."

With plenty of avid young adult curlers who have moved up through the Spiritwood High School curling program and the local curling club (Spiritwood High School won this very Regional competition to advance to Provincials in 2022), the current youth have real-time experience with youth members who now volunteer on a regular basis.

"The kids really look up to the curlers whose names are on provincial banners here — Bohdan Booth, Karstin Booth and others have been coming out to volunteer. Also, Danica Laventure curls competitively and is a regular volunteer with the youth, along with Emma Beaulac and Emma Syrotuk," Coach Caffet said.

"It is so important to have them mentor the youth — let's face it, young curlers today never saw Sandra Schmirler like we did, so this is who they look up to."

On the boys' side of this year's Regionals tournaments, the Spiritwood team started strong with a 9-7 win over Outlook. However, tough losses to Saskatoon Holy Cross and Lloydminster prematurely ended their run.

In girls' action, the Medstead team's tournament ended following losses to Dinsmore and Meadow Lake.

When the two-day Regional com-

petition wound up, the senior boys teams from St. Joseph's (Saskatoon) and Lloydminster Comp advanced to the provincial level, while the senior girls finalists were Holy Cross and Dinsmore.

On a positive note, the Spiritwood High School junior teams were at the Battle West Athletics curling competition during the week. Both the SHS junior boys and junior girls teams won gold medals, meaning that the field of curlers coming up through SHS holds much promise well into the future.

## Parkside Community Club supports Leask playground project

By **KELSEY SEGBERG**  
Parkside Community Club

The Parkside Community Club has donated \$5,000 to the Leask Playground Committee.

The committee has been working hard to revitalize the Leask

playground, which serves families in Leask and surrounding communities. Phase 1 is complete, Phase 2 is well underway, and an exciting new play structure purchased from Blaine Lake Composite School will be installed in Spring 2026!

They're very close to reaching their fund-

raising goal to ensure the structure is properly certified and safely installed. We're proud that the dollars raised through our derby continue to support meaningful projects in our neighbouring communities.

Here's to new playground memories in 2026!



(Above) Spiritwood's senior boys team glides a rock into the house during Regionals action.



Leask Playground Committee members Britany Autet (left), Teneille Rempel (middle left), and Danielle Robin (right) accept the \$5,000 cheque from Parkside Community Club Secretary Jamie Skarpinsky.

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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL**

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll of the Town of Big River for the year 2026 has been prepared and is open to inspection at the office of the assessor from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the following days: Monday to Friday, March 6, 2026 to April 6, 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 wishing to discuss the notice of assessment or potential appeal may contact the assessor at the Town of Big River, Box 220, Big River, SK S0J 0E0. A notice of appeal, accompanied by a \$100 appeal fee which will be returned if the appeal is successful, must be filed with the Secretary of the Board of Revision, Nicolle Hoskins, Western Municipal Consulting Ltd., Box 149, Meota, SK S0M 1X0, by the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

Dated at Big River, Saskatchewan this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.  
Noreen Olsen, Assessor

# 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 Feb. 23.)

Shellbrook's Town Council held its governance and priorities meeting and regular meeting in person and via teleconference on Monday, Feb. 23.

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, the proceedings began with councillor Settee announcing his resignation from council for personal reasons.

Following this news, council spent much of the remainder of the session discussing user fees for the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre. More specifically, council was weighing the idea of eliminating the \$25 user fee, which is charged per person, per activity (i.e.: hockey, figure skating, lacrosse), to make rates more fair.

To recoup some of the lost revenue, estimated at about \$11,000 last year, according to CAO O'Halligan, the town would then increase rates by 3.5 per cent, rather than the standard 2 per cent annual increase.

Council made no decision on the matter, and will continue to consider it at future meetings.

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 Feb. 9 regular meeting, and moved on to address a letter from a ratepayer regarding snow removal.

In the letter, the ratepayer says he was called a liar when he called the town shop about a large ridge of snow left behind by the grader. The ratepayer attached photos of the ridge that had been left behind, and suggested that if the snow removal crew was given more time to clear snow after a storm, it could slow down and do a better job of clearing away ridges.

While council was quick to commend the quick work of snow removal crew, O'Halligan said that the ratepayer had provided a constructive idea that could be discussed by Public Works.

Moving on to the reports of administration and committees, the first item up for discussion was the Public Works Committee report. After receiving few resident responses to its survey about what to do with the road surface on 1st Avenue East — either a return to its original condition, or curb, gutter, and full pavement with an 80-20 cost share between the neighbourhood's residents in the town — plans are being made to go door to door to discuss options and concerns with residents.

In the meantime, Town Foreman Mike Tanchuk has been tasked with obtaining quotes for a sand seal option as well as curb, gutter and full pavement.

Similarly, on the water treatment plant project,

CAO O'Halligan and Tanchuk have met with an engineer to determine what the town's options will be if it doesn't receive grant funding for the project.

Up next council reviewed minutes from the latest Parkland Pool Steering Committee meeting. As of Dec. 31, \$420,297.04 has been raised for the project, excluding funds held by the town and pledged donations. To help with fundraising, the committee plans to explore grants provided by businesses, such as the Northern Lights Casino and Lake Country Co-op.

The committee is also working on a contingency plan for the existing pool's boiler, in case there are issues at season start up.

Moving on, council reviewed the sustainability report for the municipal CSO program. Following budget deliberations and long-term planning review, Council approved a three percent (3 per cent) annual increase to the CSO Agreement for each of the next three years.

This increase is intended to address inflationary pressures and rising operational costs; support lifecycle replacement of program equipment; establish financial capacity for future vehicle replacement; reduce the likelihood of significant one-time increases in future years; and provide predictable budgeting for participating municipalities.

The report also notes that the town is receiving positive feedback from the municipalities it's con-

tracting services to. Though it may be able to accommodate a couple more municipalities, any further demand for services would require a review to determine if further staffing is required.

Closing out the reports portion of the meeting with a look at the minutes from the Parkland Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee's AGM, the main issues came from the Village of Leask, which expressed concerns about the allocation of doctors. In particular, the village says it's struggling to maintain doctor service two days per month, and is given little notice about when a doctor will be there.

Shifting to new business, council began by approving the transfer of \$86,164.11 to reserves for the year ending Dec. 31, 2025.

Next, council discussed plans for the 2026 Field of Dreams crop, and expressed gratitude to R.M. of Shellbrook Councillor Jay Ferster and the other volunteers who have agreed to step up and take on the project once again.

Council agreed that it needs to come up with ideas to show appreciation to the volunteers to keep morale high.

Closing out the meeting, council gave first and second readings to Bylaw 2026-001, the Assessment Exemption Bylaw, an annual bylaw update that applied to tax-free for three participants, crown properties, and other properties the town has agreements with.

## RCMP news highlights

By **JORDAN TWISS**  
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

A man involved in a stabbing at a business in Canwood has had his charges upgraded following further police investigation.

The stabbing occurred outside the bar in Canwood the night of Monday, Feb. 9, and resulted in two people being taken to hospital. According to police one victim's injuries were serious in nature, and the other person's injuries were non-life-threatening.

The male suspect, identified as 33-year-old Roger Herman from

La Loche, was arrested nearby and initially charged with aggravated assault, and assault causing bodily harm. Herman made his first appearance in Prince Albert Provincial Court on Thursday, Feb. 12.

However, after further investigation, police upgraded Herman's charges on Thursday, Feb. 19. Now, he faces one count each of attempted murder, aggravated assault, and mischief under \$5,000.

### Wanted offender arrested

One of the province's most wanted offenders has been apprehended by police.

According to police,

32-year-old Destanie Chanalquay, who was wanted for kidnapping, robbery, assault causing bodily harm, and uttering threats, and was known to have connections in the Big River area, was arrested by the Saskatoon RCMP Warrant Enforcement and Suppression Teams (WEST) on Monday, Feb. 23.

Chanalquay has been

remanded into custody, and her next scheduled appearance was in La Loche Provincial Court on March 2.

As of publication, other most wanted offenders with known connections to the Shellbrook and Spiritwood areas, including Brennan Harold Sakebow, Darnell Lafond, and Chance Smith, remained at large.

### R.M. OF SPIRITWOOD NO. 496

#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The R.M. of Spiritwood No. 496 is accepting applications for **Seasonal Full-Time Heavy Equipment Operator** positions to begin approximately mid-late April and ending on or about October 31<sup>st</sup>, depending on weather, and or as mutually agreed. The duties and responsibilities of the positions include, but are not limited to the following:

- the safe operation of municipal equipment such as a grader, tractor, mower, excavator &/or scraper for the maintenance of municipal roads;
- general service, maintenance and minor repairs of equipment as scheduled and/or required;
- daily safety & maintenance checks
- manual labour as required for sign installation, culvert maintenance, general shop and yard maintenance;
- perform other duties as directed by the Foreman from time to time.

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- have a strong work ethic;
- have good interpersonal skills;
- have strong communication, organization & documentation skills;
- must keep work area clean and safe.

#### Applicants must:

- have a Powered Mobile Equipment (PME) certificate or willing to achieve;
- have WHMIS or be willing to achieve;
- possess a valid Class 5, Class 3 or Class 1A drivers license;

Salary will be negotiated based on experience and qualifications. The RM offers a health and dental plan as well as a pension plan.

Interested individuals should submit their resume, including qualification, work experience, drivers abstract & three work related references by **4:00 p.m., Thursday, March 20, 2026** to the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 at Box 340, Spiritwood, SK. S0J 2M0 or via email to [admin@rmofspiritwood.ca](mailto:admin@rmofspiritwood.ca).

Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

### NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

#### R.M. OF BIG RIVER NO. 555

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll of the Rural Municipality of Big River No. 555 for the year 2026 has been prepared and is open to inspection at the office of the Assessor from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the following days: Monday to Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, to April 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 wishing to discuss the notice of assessment or potential appeal may contact the Assessor at the RM of Big River No. 555, Box 219, Big River, SK S0J 0E0 or call 306-469-2323.

Any person wishing to appeal an assessment is required to file a "Notice of Appeal to the Board of Revision", by April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, with Mike Ligtermoet PO Box 459, Aberdeen, SK S0K 0A0 along with the applicable fee(s) made payable to the RM of Big River No. 555 which will be returned if the appeal is successful.

Dated at Big River, Saskatchewan this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

Dana Kennedy  
Assessor

### R.M. OF CANWOOD NO. 494

#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

#### MOWER OPERATOR

The successful applicant must be able to carry out assigned duties without supervision and shall answer to the Public Works Supervisor.

Interested candidates are invited to submit their resumes by **March 12, 2026**, including driver abstract, qualifications, experience, and work-related references to:

R.M. of Canwood No. 494  
Box 10, 641 Main Street  
Canwood, Sask. S0J 0K0  
Email: [admin@rmofcanwood.ca](mailto:admin@rmofcanwood.ca)

## Sask. re-opens door to private care homes

They say the definition of insanity is trying the same thing over and over again and expecting a different outcome.

In Saskatchewan, we can glimpse the truth of this adage in the Sask. Party government's handling of long-term care facilities.

In a well-managed health-care system, nursing homes should allow our elderly to live out their final years in comfort and dignity. But for far too many seniors in this province, this hasn't been the reality, due, in no small part, to the failures of multiple governments to implement and actively enforce long-term care standards and keep private interests out of the healthcare system.

We saw the consequences of this failure clearly in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, when an outbreak claimed the lives of 42 residents at the privately operated Extendicare Parkside long-term care facility.

The Extendicare Parkside outbreak didn't happen because the COVID-19 pandemic caught the long-term care home unawares.

COVID-19 was a known problem well before the outbreak in December 2020. Both the SHA and Extendicare knew there would be dire consequences if an outbreak occurred, and then chose not to prepare accordingly.

In her report on the outbreak, then-Ombudsman Mary McFadyen found that Extendicare Parkside's staff weren't properly screened for symptoms or made to physical distance or wear masks during breaks.

Indeed, for some time, neither Extendicare nor the SHA believed staff needed to comply with masking mandates. When the requirement was enforced, staff were given just one mask per shift, rather than the recommended four.

In addition to failing to equip the facility's staff, Extendicare failed to establish contingency plans to replace staff who had to self-isolate. This created a staffing crisis during the outbreak, forcing the SHA to take over the



**JORDAN TWISS**  
~  
News Editor

facility.

Ms. McFadyen also found that Extendicare failed to develop and follow anything resembling a plan for residents who contracted COVID-19 and needed to be isolated.

While Extendicare's failed response to COVID-19 is bad enough, the known problems with its facilities predate the pandemic by nearly five decades.

It was, after all, consultants from Extendicare who led the push to loosen the province's long-term care home standards in the 1970s, advising the province to remove standards for nursing hours, and allow facilities with narrower hallways, fewer air changes, and rooms with up to four beds.

Years later, CEO tour reports of the company's facilities from 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 all highlighted concerns about staffing levels, air quality, rooms with as many as four residents, and aging infrastructure.

In short, Extendicare had eight years to make critical changes – eight years to decide to put the care of its residents ahead of its profits. At nearly every turn, it chose to do nothing.

In the aftermath of the deadly and entirely avoidable Extendicare Parkside outbreak, the government eliminated the practice of having three or four beds in a room and the SHA stepped in and took over Extendicare's five long-term care facilities, effectively ending the era of private for-profit long-term care in Saskatchewan (aside from privately run personal care homes and assisted living facilities).

It should, in theory, have been a step in the right direction. Instead, seniors have needlessly continued to die, prompting the government to receive yet another warning about the state of long-term care in the province.

The latest warning came in 2025 from provincial auditor Tara Clemett, who raised serious questions about the government's handling of inspections of long-term care facilities (and whether or not they were even being



performed).

According to Ms. Clemett's analysis, the government began inspecting special care homes in December 2021, with a plan to reach each home in the province in three years. As of last July, four years later, 30 of the province's 161 homes hadn't been inspected.

What's more, Ms. Clemett found the government was giving homes far too much notice prior to inspections, allowing them to update their care plans to at least appear to be in compliance.

The government also failed to expedite inspections of five homes that experienced "critical incidents" between April 2023 and June 2024, waiting until 2025 to inspect them.

In response to the auditor's report, the Ministry of Health said it plans to change policies by increasing unannounced inspections and follow-up inspections, publicly reporting inspection results and developing a risk-based inspection model.

This, once again, is a positive step forward. But it's also emblematic of the government's incremental, reactionary approach to solving problems in long-term care – an approach that has cost lives and failed to significantly improve quality of care.

Now, instead of doing the hard work of fixing long-term care, the government is defaulting to its usual response, which is to open it back up

to private interests (even as the SHA announced last week that it's taking over operations of a privately operated assisted living facility in Regina, offering further proof of the private model's failure in Saskatchewan).

On Sasktenders, the government's procurement site, there's currently a request for proposals (RFP) for companies to build and operate long-term care facilities in Watson and Estevan.

The tender says the successful proponent "will deliver modern long-term care services that provide safe, high quality resident care, meet all provincial standards, and address both current and future long-term care needs in Estevan and/or Watson."

However, it was private companies, like Extendicare in the 1970s, that were responsible for the lowering of care standards in long-term care facilities, and this government isn't afraid to lower standards if they get in the way – like in 2011, when it repealed a standard requiring residents to receive 4.1 hours of direct care per day, to give operators "more flexibility."

Time and again, the Sask. Party government's efforts to privatize health-care have failed to deliver improvements to the quality and availability of services in Saskatchewan.

Trying the same thing again and expecting a different result is no way to fix a problem. It's just insanity.

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# Senior Elks extinguish Flames

By **JORDAN TWISS**  
Shellbrook Chronicle  
Reporter

The Shellbrook Elks Senior Hockey Club took the ice at the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre on Saturday, Feb. 28, hoping to gain an advantage in its best-of-five playoff semi-finals series against the Allan Flames.

With the series knotted at 1-1, the winning team would be just one more win away from advancing to the league finals. And so, both teams came out like everything was on the line.

It was the flames who burned brightest in the opening minutes of the period, allowing Dalyn Hoiness to draw first blood on assists from Carter Sommerfeld and Evan Peters. However, the Elks fired right back, tying the score at 1-1 on a goal from Kaiden Couture, assisted by

Cole Duperreault.

The heated back and forth continued through the opening period, with neither team finding the back of the net for nearly 10 minutes, until Hoiness scored his second of the game, assisted by John Usselman.

And Hoiness kept his hot streak going as the period wound down, netting his hat trick goal, assisted by Brodie Senger and Ethan Hill, to put the Flames up 3-1 after the opening 20 minutes.

Thanks to a resurgence by the Elks, the Flames' lead only lasted until just over a minute into the second period, when Brendon Beaulac scored on assists from Cole Duperreault and Rylan Moe, and Levi Logan followed up on assists from Kaiden Couture and Payton Kachur to tie the score at 3-3.

But the Flames soon returned fire, taking a

4-3 lead on a goal from Cam Brossart, assisted by Brodie Senger and Dalyn Hoiness, and then going up 5-3 on an unassisted short-handed goal from Ethan Hill.

Almost immediately Duperreault scored for the Elks to make it 5-4, thanks to assists from Matthew Flodell and Ethan Beaulac. And the Elks followed this up with four more unanswered goals throughout the remainder of the period.

Dallas Galloway was the next to strike, on assists from Levi Logan and Duperreault, and Flodell followed up on the power play with assists from Payton Kachur and Logan. Then, late in the frame, Shayden Smith found the back of the net with assists from Brendon Beaulac and Jody Blais, and Galloway scored his second of the night on the power play, unassisted.

With the Elks up 8-5

as the action moved to the third period, Boston Maxwell gave the Flames a fighting chance by scoring an early goal on assists from Evan Pasternak and Cam Brossart.

But the Elks were able to shut down the Flames for the remainder of the period, and, with an unassisted empty net goal from Cole Duperreault, held on for a 9-6 win.

Heading off to Allan for game four of the series the following day, the Elks were looking to close out the series. Though the score sheet for the game hadn't been uploaded as of Monday morning, the Elks were able to pull out a 6-3 win to punch their ticket to the Twin Rivers Hockey League finals against the Rosthern Wheatkings.

### Provincials Update

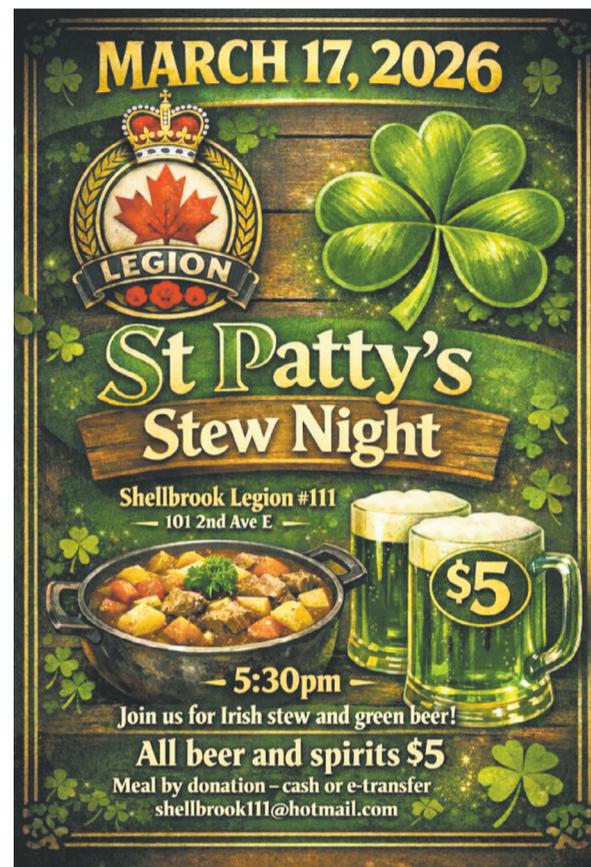
The U13 B Shellbrook Elks kicked off their modified best-of-three Provincial semi-finals against the Humboldt Broncos in Shellbrook on Saturday, Feb. 28.

Fresh off a Provin-

cial quarterfinals series against the La Ronge Ice Wolves, in which they scored 37 goals over the course of two games, the Elks were hoping to keep the offence firing on all cylinders in game one against the Broncos. Instead, they ended up in a hard-fought,

low-scoring affair, and fell 5-4.

The action is set to move to Humboldt on Saturday, March 7. To keep their Provincials run alive and advance to the finals, the Elks will need to win game two, as well as a third and deciding mini game.



## YOUR TWO CENTS

### In defence of Donald Trump

Dear editor,

It seems like there is a small minority of people in Canada who have an extremely large voice in the affairs of political dissention and even corruption, intent on persuading law-abiding citizens with big words to fuel their foolish craving of showing off their unique brevity to the public.

For example: criticizing a man who had a bullet graze his brain from an assassin's weapon, and yet got back on his feet and continued to do good deeds for the whole human race.

This man, Donald Trump, as president of a large industrial country, is the only man, next to Vladimir Putin, who in this era has ever physically done and tried to do what has to be done in the world to make it a safe, comfortable place to live in (i.e: reinstating the death penalty, getting rid of those who hurt others, using Spartan discipline and harsh ways, because to attain something good, there has to be something forfeited — like the World Wars that we lost human lives in to preserve our freedom).

Would you rather feed huge corporations your money in a capitalistic atmosphere to make them richer, or give Trump that money so he can help humanity with it?

Is he a dictator? Not quite! And so what if he is using their tactics — history tends to repeat itself, from Genghis Khan to the present day powerful leaders.

In high school, we studied a book called Canadian Problems, which praised the U.S.A. as our big brother. We are family. So what if we become America (the 51st State) and have a better lifestyle than living in this democratic regime.

The great Russian thinker, Vladimir Lenin would turn over in his grave if he knew Canada was still a democracy.

Trump has done a whole lot more excellent ventures than the opposite end of the scale, where a small minority believe he wants to destroy us.

Forgive this man for his imperfections — only Jesus Christ is and was perfect. If he is arrogant, aggressive, boastful, verbally abusive, and says things like, “Assassinate the president of Venezuela” — then okay, we all say tainted things when we are talking a lot.

Talking about China, what do you think Chinese President Xi Jinping wants from Canada? It's a bigger threat to us than Trump. I won't live to see it, but if China migrates to Canada (it's already in our oil industry), the population here will be so great that women would be using the ditches of our highways to grow vegetables.

In closing, my final argument: Carney is hopeless; he trembles when he talks with Trump. he's protecting himself, not standing up for us Canadians.

Daniel Pawlivsky,  
Rabbit Lake, Sask.

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# Minutes of an RM of Blaine Lake meeting

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

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Blaine Lake #434 which was held in the RM Municipal Office, on Wednesday, Jan. 21.

Present at the meeting were the following Council Members and Administration: Reeve Glenn Lamontagne, Division 2 — Lee Dolezal, Division 3 — Courtney Swystun, Division 4 — Alan Lavoie, Division 5 — John Priestley, Administrator Linda Klimm, and Assistant Administrator — Alan Tan-chak.

Absent were Division 1 — Michael Chudskov and Division 6 — Lionel Casavant.

The meeting was called to order by Reeve Glenn Lamontagne at 8:58 a.m.

Priestley: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 approves the Dec. 16, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Carried

Lamontagne: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 rescind resolution #488/25 (payment of an invoice, totaling \$2,404.50). Carried

Lavoie: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 approves payment of invoice #43 received from CasBar Farms for fence removal from the Ducks Unlimited field and ditches at SE 31-44-07 W3, fence construction and grass harrowing in the amount of \$2,404.50. Carried

Swystun: That the Coun-

cil of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 accept the December 2025 Statement of Financial Activities, Income Statement, Budgetary Control, Chequing Account Statement and Bank Reconciliation as presented. Carried

Dolezal: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 approves the List of Accounts for Approval for January 2026, including cheques #7705 to #7755 with the total payable amount being \$184,488.54. Carried

Dolezal: That Bylaw 01-2026 being A Bylaw to License the Excavation of Gravel from Gravel Pits, be read a first time. Carried (Editor's note: the bylaw was given second reading at the meeting.)

Mark Curry presented his lead hand report to Council from 9:08 to 9:34 a.m.

Swystun: That Bylaw 02-2026 being A Bylaw to Enter Into a Road Maintenance Agreement, be read a first time. Carried (Editor's note: the bylaw was given second reading at the meeting.)

Councillor Lee Dolezal declared a Conflict of Interest and left Council Chambers at 9:49 a.m.

Swystun: That Bylaw 03-2026 being A Repeal Bylaw, be read a first time. (Editor's note: the bylaw was given second reading at the meeting.)

Councillor Lee Dolezal returned to Council Chambers at 9:53 a.m.

Swystun: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 award the gravel crushing tender #1 at SW 11-42-07 W3 to

Venture Construction Inc. for 10,000 cubic yards at \$7.80 per cubic yard for a total bid of \$78,000 and a cost for stripping of \$225 per hour for their dozer. Carried

Lavoie: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 award the gravel crushing tender #2 at SW 26-45-07 W3 to Venture Construction Inc. for 10,000 cubic yards at \$6.15 per cubic yard for a total bid of \$61,500 and stripping to be done by the pit owner. Carried

Lamontagne: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 set Council remuneration for mileage at \$0.72 per km. Carried

Swystun: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 set Council remuneration for Regular Meetings at a flat rate of \$200. Carried

Dolezal: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 set Council remuneration for Special Meetings at \$200. Carried

Lavoie: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 set Council remuneration for Committee Meetings as follows: less than 4 hours at a rate of \$50 per hour, and for 4 hours or more at a flat rate of \$175 per meeting. Carried

Priestley: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 set Council remuner-

ation for Supervision at \$60 per hour. Carried

Lamontagne: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 set Council remuneration for Conventions as follows: at a flat rate of \$200 per day, that meals at the Convention will be payable to SARM on the delegate(s) behalf, and any meals paid directly by the delegate will be reimbursed at maximum: \$20 for breakfast, \$20 for lunch, and \$30 for dinner. Carried

Dolezal: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 authorize a retainer of \$250 be paid to Mike Ligtermoet, Board of Revision Secretary for Nor-Sask Board Services, as per Jan. 2, 2026 invoice. Carried

Dolezal: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 allows RM ratepayers and residents twelve (12) half-ton loads of garbage for 2026, free of charge, at the Blaine Lake Transfer Station, that the 12 loads can be delivered monthly or all at once, and that ratepayers must provide their land location on delivery. Carried

Dolezal: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 supports the Saskatchewan Lotteries Community Grant Program 2027 application with designating a total

of \$2,393 to the following populations:

- Blaine Lake Community Association (BLCA) — 205 x \$7.95, total of \$1,629.75, and
- Village of Marcelin — 96 x \$7.95, total of \$763.25. Carried

Priestley: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 tentatively set the Ratepayers Meeting for the end of March 2026. Carried

Dolezal: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 grant permission to Brenda Cheveldayoff for the Doukhobor Caves for the serving of alcohol on all Saturdays in July and August 2026. Carried

Priestley: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 direct Administration to issue a tax refund for an over payment of taxes for roll #1497 in the amount of \$205.37. Carried

Lamontagne: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 direct Administration to pay the Town of Blaine Lake for the December 2025 invoice of \$3,251.64. Carried

Lamontagne: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 acknowledge the funds received from Inside Outside Studios Inc. for 2025 map sales of \$1,032.94. Carried

Lamontagne: That the

Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 direct Administration to apply tax liens to the 2024 tax arrears that remain unpaid. Carried

Lamontagne: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 approve a road maintenance agreement for Empire Aggregates for the period Jan. 21, 2026, to March 15, 2026. Carried

Lamontagne: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 approve a road maintenance agreement for the RM of Leask with the following additional general provisions:

1. gravel is to be applied by the RM of Leask at 150 yards per mile to the haul route of 2.5 miles,
2. dust control is to be applied by the RM of Leask for 600 feet at yard site located at NW 25-45-07 W3,
3. a tentative May 15, 2026 start date dependent on weather, and
4. our RM office is to be contacted once haul is complete. Carried

Lamontagne: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 approve a road maintenance agreement for the Town of Blaine Lake for 2026. Carried

Lamontagne: That the Council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 adjourn, the time being 11:48 a.m.

## Cameco to supply nearly \$3 billion in uranium to India

By MINISTRY OF TRADE & EXPORT DEVELOPMENT  
Submitted

On Monday, Premier Scott Moe joined Prime Minister Mark Carney and Prime Minister Modi to witness the signing of an agreement for Saskatchewan uranium to be sold to India. The agreement between Cameco and India's Department of Atomic Energy commits the nuclear energy giant to supply fuel for use in the country's growing nuclear fleet.

"We understand Saskatchewan's potential to supply the world with the fuel it needs to power the economies of tomorrow and it's great to see India value the energy security we can provide," Moe said. "This agreement is thanks in no small part to Cameco for their dedication to our uranium industry, and the governments of Saskatchewan, Canada and India for their priority on a productive and mutually beneficial relationship. Today marks a great day for this long-standing partnership and holds a lot of promise for a bright future together."

With this agreement, Cameco expects to ship \$2.6 billion worth of uranium to India over a nine-year term. Today's agreement replaces a five-year agreement from 2015 and is nearly 10 times the value at the time of announcement in 2015.

Cameco has over 35 years of experience in Saskatchewan's uranium industry and continues to be a reliable supplier of the critical mineral to countries all over the globe.

"The global demand for secure, carbon-free nuclear power is rising rapidly, and India is at the forefront with ambitious expansion plans for its civil nuclear energy program," CEO of Cameco Tim Gitzel said. "Cameco will play a pivotal role by providing Saskatchewan-mined uranium to help fuel the energy needs of India's growing population and industries, as well as further solidify the vital trade relationship between our two countries. We are thankful for the continued advocacy of the Saskatchewan and Canadian governments to foster international trade opportunities that allow us to meet the needs of global customers and

bring the benefits home."

In Saskatchewan, in 2024, the uranium mining sector employed more than 2,300 people and contributed more than \$2.5 billion to the provincial GDP. With the ongoing global shift to nuclear power, jurisdictions around the world are continuing to source more uranium from responsible, reliable and geopolitically stable regions like Saskatchewan.

As an export-based economy, trading relationships are crucial to Saskatchewan's economic prosperity, which is why the province continues to focus its efforts on market diversification. Prioritization of international engagement has proven invaluable, enabling buyers and investors to connect from across the world.

Saskatchewan has had a trade and investment office in New Delhi since 2021. The province has built a network of nine international trade and investment offices to prioritize strengthening existing trade relationships while exploring new markets.

The trade mission to India will run until March 6.

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10	03	Y3516	159052653	\$ 486.61	\$ 30.00	\$ 516.61
1	05	Y3516	159079663	\$ 2,810.93	\$ 30.00	\$ 2,840.93
11	07	CJ1418	155182743	\$ 1,140.98	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,170.98
8	09	CQ1619	149531609	\$ 1,726.82	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,756.82
12	09	CQ1619	157354410	\$ 1,934.59	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,964.59
2	11	CW2416	141036577	\$ 1,210.09	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,240.09
1	D	75PA17438	134624426	\$ 4,623.87	\$ 30.00	\$ 4,653.87
1-2,4	F	69PA15189	117307997	\$ 1,315.60	\$ 30.00	\$ 1,345.60
	A	83PA04502	127812629	\$ 2,323.78	\$ 30.00	\$ 2,353.78
	A	61PA14965	155464308	\$ 2,215.45	\$ 30.00	\$ 2,245.45

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.  
Heather Sten, Treasurer

## Nature, humans struggle to find balance

After spending some time sitting in on presentations at the recent 97th annual convention of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation in Yorkton, it again came into sharp focus that landowners, hunters, and wildlife have a very unusual relationship.

Generally, the public — including hunters and farm landowners — are conservationists, at least on the surface.

Having deer and badgers and moose and squirrels is seen as a good thing — unless of course they are creating direct problems and then their viewpoint can change rather

quickly.

Take elk for example. It's great to see elk out in fields munching alfalfa, unless of course that alfalfa is yours and was supposed to be winter feed for cattle. Then, if TB is even rumoured in elk or other wildlife, they become a threat to domestic stock and talk of larger hunt culls soon follow from some.

In some respects, one understands the situation from the farmer's viewpoint, although ultimately it is humans encroaching on wildlife habitat and continually shrinking what is left to wild critters that



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has forced wildlife into populated areas where they are adapting to survive.

Animals are generally happiest in trees, and that might mean a field shelterbelt. But venturing out to feed on crops is pretty natural, too, and that can put them at odds with farmers.

But at the same conference, delegates were voicing concerns with what they suggested was a spike in cougar numbers in southwest Saskatchewan, and whether that should lead to a hunt — maybe even with dogs — to reduce numbers. They cited that a cougar likely takes a deer a week, and the big cats thus impact deer populations.

In nature, the cougar and the deer have that relationship, but man's presence changes the dynamic. Hunters want healthy deer populations to hunt and cougars reduce those numbers.

While nature manages to find balances when left alone, for the farming area of the Canadian Prairies that is no longer possible.

Our collective impact through the years has rendered the natural balances essentially obsolete in terms of being effective in maintaining natural balances.

Too much habitat has been lost.

Too many species lost completely, or reduced so greatly in numbers they struggle to survive.

It's a situation where we as humans have had to increasingly take control to try and

maintain wildlife populations in balance with the demands of growing crops, urban spread, and our desire to head into the 'wilds' to relax.

In some situations — the reintroduction of the swift fox to Saskatchewan talked of at the SWF conference — we have done rather well.

Ditto efforts to keep invasive aquatic species at bay.

But it's obvious we still have much to learn and many voices want a say, meaning the road to a healthy wildlife population will not be easily traversed.

## Report highlights gaps in wheat research

By SASK WHEAT  
Submitted

The Canadian Wheat Research Coalition (CWRC) has completed its review of the Canadian wheat breeding innovation system.

The review, which was conducted by Synthesis Agri-Food Network, featured comprehensive analysis of related reports and studies, as well as interviews with 29 key stakeholders. This process confirmed three crucial facts about the current wheat breeding landscape in Western Canada:

1. The Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) wheat breeding program is an integral part of western Canadian wheat variety development.

2. The current wheat breeding system is at risk from recent and his-

toric budget cuts, especially at the variety development and pre-market evaluation stages.

3. Wheat breeding is a long-term process and decisions made today will impact agriculture decades into the future.

"It's clear that the status quo is not a viable path forward," says CWRC chair Jocelyn Velestuk, CWRC chair and a farmer near Broadview, SK. "Our system has been incredibly productive for farmers and for the sector but it's no longer working. Securing the future of wheat in Canada requires a reimagining of our wheat breeding innovation system."

The CWRC is currently exploring options to transform Canada's wheat breeding innovation system. Discussions are underway with AAFC and the CWRC is committed to engaging all stakeholders throughout the pro-

cess.

Historically, farmer investment in wheat breeding has paid major dividends. Farmers received \$33 in benefits for every dollar they invested in wheat breeding from 1995 to 2020, according to a recent study from the University of Saskatchewan. Since 2020, the CWRC has committed

\$70.5 million to western Canadian wheat breeding programs

"Western Canadian farmers are invested in the future of wheat breeding in Canada," Velestuk says. "We must create a path forward that addresses research gaps, delivers field-ready varieties and protects our long-term investments."

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# Spirited Players deliver entertainment and fun

By BEVRA FEE  
Spiritwood Herald Reporter

With a cast of 13 actors delivering 17 different roles, the Spiritwood Spirited Players brought their annual dinner theatre to the Civic Centre over three evenings of Feb. 26 to 28. The Pat Cook play, *Altar Egos*, showcased the typical lead-up to a young couple's wedding, complete with one major misunderstanding upon which many comedic situations were based.

New to the stage this year was one of the leading characters, Rian Caffet, who played the confused groom. Handling the main role with apparent ease, Caffet credits his experience in the high school drama club. In fact, many of the recent additions to the Spirited Players are locals who are backed by their experience in the Spiritwood High School drama club, and their interactions sparkle with experience of knowing one another's styles.

Another new cast member for the 2026 presentation was Kelly Swan, who had the smallest role of the play but delivered to possibly the greatest laughs (because, as the old saying goes, there are no small roles in theatre).

Key to the requisite "misunderstanding" of a comedy script, Swan played the groom's former love interest who caused a rift between the happy couple, and threatened to derail the nuptials. Swan's chain-smoking minx character entered the scene as "Maria," the overlooked florist for the wedding, but the bride's jealousy stood in the way of Maria being recognized as a florist.

With a perceived class gap between the parents of the bride (Ryan Steinhilber and Haley Nicoll) and groom (Adam Gatzke as the mustachioed mother and Tanner Gaboury as the practical father), the urban parents of the groom were seen as snobs by the suburban parents of the bride, who in turn were seen as hicks by the former. However, the relationship evolved to a comfort level thanks to the caterer (Koltyn Gaboury).

Koltyn Gaboury — another SHS drama club veteran — nailed the role with style, and satisfied both mothers' menu tastes to seal their bond. With random drop-ins from best man "Uncle Josh", Brett

Goller added to the former drama club squad with his dazed and confused character.

With long-time cast member Grant Lavoie sitting this year out, there was no shortage of great character deliveries by the participating cast of 2026's highly entertaining performance.

Directed by Cari Cross, the play saw support from crew members Kaleb White, Rebecca Caffet and Michelle Baton. The supper for Friday and Saturday presentations was catered and available by advanced tickets only, while the Thursday performance was general seating.



The full cast of *Altar Egos* (plus one special guest) brought many laughs to audiences over three evenings.



The proposal: Rian Caffet and Taylor Kuffert portray the happy couple in Pat Cook's *Altar Egos*.



Both mothers (Adam Gatzke and Haley Nicoll) are on the same page with wedding plans.



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# W.P. Sandin curlers win P4A banner

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

As practices for the 2025-2026 junior high school curling season got underway in November, W.P. Sandin High School staff coach Pam Boettcher says she and her fellow coaches, Marliese Kasner and Carla Keyowski, were prioritizing player development.

“Our focus for improvement builds each week, with targets including delivery sequence and line, weight, communication, sweeping, and strategy,” Boettcher said.

The approach, it seems, paid off, as Boettcher says the school’s two teams displayed evident growth from week to week. When games began in January, with the action alternating between Shellbrook, Debden, and Big River, the

teams were regularly coming out on the winning side.

With a strong foundation to start the season, the teams set their aims high for last week’s Prince Albert and Area Athletics Association (P4A) Extravaganza and were hoping to bring home the championship banner.

But the young curlers exceeded even these expectations. Both teams competed and won their way to the A final to face off against each other, netting both gold and silver medals and the championship banner they’d hoped for.

W.P. Sandin’s junior curlers are Cody Keyowski, Jacey Keyowski, Marie-Annette Aghedo, Annika Horricks, Emma Lauder, and Jonah Sumners.

Elsewhere, in senior high school curling, W.P. Sandin’s

mixed team took part in the Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association’s North

Central Regionals tournament over the weekend. In the face of stiff competition, the

team bowed out of the tournament after losses to Wadena and Nipawin.



W.P. Sandin High School’s junior curling teams are P4A champions. Pictured, left to right: Coach Marliese Kasner, Cody Keyowski, Jacey Keyowski, Marie-Annette Aghedo, Annika Horricks, Emma Lauder, Jonah Sumners, and Coach Carla Keyowski.

## The ginkgo: The fossil you can grow

By **PATRICIA HANBIDGE**  
*Orchid Horticulture*

It is interesting to think of growing something that has been around for 150 million years. I can’t even begin to imagine what a time frame of that nature actually means. The fossil tree better known as the ginkgo (Ginkgo biloba) or maidenhair tree is a survivor from ancient times. In fact, 150 million years ago, huge forests of ginkgo covered a good part of North America and Asia. Ginkgo was native to SE China but became extinct centuries ago. The only ginkgos to survive were those enclosed in gardens within the temple walls where they were grown for their edible seeds. Now, the ginkgo is a prized addition to the landscape in many parts of the world growing upwards of 30 m and spreading. In our local landscapes the ginkgo will survive but will not likely ever become a towering tree.

The leaves on a ginkgo are perhaps one of the

most interesting characteristics. Growing a tree with such a unique leaf shape is for sure a draw to cultivate this tree. They have a distinctive lovely fan shape and grow to about 3 inches in size. The name biloba obviously is a descriptive word that describes the leaf itself as the centre of the fan-shaped leaf is notched dividing the leaf into two lobes. The veins in the leaf radiate out from the petiole or leaf stem. What a perfectly lovely leaf!

The ginkgo is a dioecious tree meaning that male and female parts are contained on different trees. The male trees have drooping catkins while the female trees have drooping flowers. Both trees will flower in March/April depending upon the climate in which they are growing. It is preferable to grow the male trees as the female fruit which appears in autumn is very smelly! The fruit ferments creating quantities of butyric acid which is reminiscent of smelly old Billy goats! In spite of the

terrible smell, the fruit is consumed in Asia and commonly referred to as Japanese Silver Apricots.

If you are growing a ginkgo tree and have no idea the gender, then it is advisable to plant it far away from other ginkgos in order to avoid the very smelly fruit. They do take a long time to grow from seed but they really are a lovely landscape specimen. They flutter beautifully in a breeze bringing a lovely sound to your garden you will be sure to enjoy.

The ginkgo is also very tolerant to a host of rather adverse conditions. They grow beautifully in soils with salt, pH and even in highly polluted areas. They are deep-rooted and are fabulous when used not on the beach but definitely close to it as salt spray does not affect them. They are not tolerant to soggy soil conditions. They are what you might call - the ideal tree as they are considered hardy from Zone 3 to 8, require very little maintenance, and are not susceptible to many pest or disease problems.

To grow an attractive tree, prune it early to encourage one central leader. This will ensure a beautiful landscape specimen in the future. Seeds are available for purchase in shops specializing in Asian food. They are actually quite tasty. Extracts are made from the seeds that are utilized to help with a

host of medical conditions including senility, poor circulation and to enhance mental performance.

So, perhaps you gardeners who strive to

grow something different might like to try growing the fossil tree in your garden and trip back to the time of the dinosaurs!

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# Sask. NDP highlights child poverty

By SASK NDP  
Submitted

The moment the Spring Sitting begins, Carla Beck's team will be fighting child poverty and proposing major solutions to immediately lower costs for struggling Saskatchewan Families.

Deputy House Leader Kim Breckner said during a news conference Friday that the Official Opposition intends to bring an emergency motion forward on measures desperately needed to lower child poverty. The motion comes as a report this week found 78,000 Saskatchewan children

live in poverty, a higher percentage rate than in any other Canadian province.

"If Scott Moe truly cares, he will support our motion and we can have a debate right here in the Legislature," Breckner told reporters. "No using your majority to block it. No amending the motion to fit your Sask. Party propaganda machine.

"These are kids, they're living in heartbreaking poverty. What could be more important?"

Breckner recently gave birth to a son, Ian.

"I have a good-paying job but, as a new mom, I can't imagine what

it's like to not be able to provide for your child," Breckner said. "To not know where your next meal will come from or whether you'll be able to keep a roof over your head and pay your bills."

The report on child poverty from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives made numerous recommendations, including support for rent control, affordable childcare and school nutrition programs.

Carla Beck's team has a bill before the legislature from the Fall Sitting that would impose rent control immediately to crack down on predatory corporate

landlords buying up units and jacking up prices on unsuspecting renters.

"Let's pass The Rent Control Act the mo-

ment we resume sitting," Breckner said. "Saskatchewan families are looking for hope. They're looking for a government that's got

their backs, that will take immediate, substantial action to lower their costs and make life more affordable. "It's time for change."

## Sask. expands primary care access

By MINISTRY OF HEALTH  
Submitted

The Government of Saskatchewan's primary care Nurse Practitioner (NP) contract initiative is opening another round of intakes as a result of the overwhelming support received from both patients and providers in 2025.

NPs who want to deliver publicly funded primary care services are invited to apply.

Successful applicants will enter a contract with the Ministry of Health to provide primary health care to patients.

"Nurse Practitioners will play a vital role in ensuring every Saskatchewan family has access to a primary care provider by the end of 2028," Minister of Health Jeremy Cockrill said. "We look forward to seeing more Nurse Practitioners providing primary care in Saskatchewan communities as we work together to put patients first."

This initiative allows NPs to work to their full scope of training, promotes collective, team-based care, and creates more opportunities for Saskatchewan families to access

publicly funded primary care delivered by NPs and is an alternative to private-pay NP services.

Through the first intake, the Government of Saskatchewan has signed contracts with 23 NPs as of February 2026 who will deliver primary care services to a minimum of 18,000 patients across the province.

"We are excited by the continued investment in Nurse Practitioners in Primary Care in our province and the expansion of the Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Contract Program," Saskatchewan Association of Nurse Practitioners (SANP) President Toni Giraudier said. "I look forward to seeing more Nurse Practitioners providing consistent, high quality primary care to Saskatchewan residents."

The Ministry of Health will continue to work with the SANP to implement this initiative. There is no limit to the number of contracts the ministry may enter through the March 2026 intake, which will close on March 30. Information on future intakes will be shared in the coming months to ensure that upcoming NP graduates have opportunities to apply.

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**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

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**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.

**CANWOOD:** Canwood Regional Park Supper & Auction, Canwood Elks Community Hall - Saturday, March 7, 2026. Refreshments 5pm, Supper 6pm ~ Auction to follow (menu for supper is: roast beef, chicken breast, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, salads, dessert & all the fixin's). Adults \$25 / 6-12 yrs \$15 / 5 & Under Free. 50/50 Draw & Raffle Tables. Proceeds to Canwood Regional Park and Community Projects.

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## Spotlight on Gushue at his final Brier

In what will undoubtedly be a week-long celebration of the curling career of Brad Gushue, the 2026 Montana's Brier will almost certainly crown a rink skipped by somebody else.

This year's event is being staged this week in St. John's, NL, where Gushue carries a saint-like aura after an outstanding career as our country's best-ever curler. But his best days are behind him and if he happened to find some magic and lead his team to victory, it would be one of the biggest upsets in Brier history.

The overwhelming favourite to win the Brier is Brad Jacobs, representing Team Canada. Defending Brier champs and recently returned from the Milan-Cortina Olympics where he won the second gold medal of his career, Jacobs is the favourite in Pool A, the weaker of the two. He has Gushue in his pool, along with rinks from Ontario, Saskatchewan's Kelly Knapp, and Quebec. That competition will feel like your

local curling club's Thursday night men's league schedule for Jacobs after the world-class field he faced in Italy.

It's Pool B where the most likely Jacobs rival for the title will come from. Pool B features the two best rinks from Manitoba (Matt Dunstone and first-year Brier competitor Braden Calvert), along with Saskatchewan's Mike McEwen, a regular Brier hopeful, and four-time champion Kevin Koe from Alberta.

The excitement in St. John's surrounding Gushue's final Brier appearance is unprecedented. The ticket allocation has been nearly sold out and there's even a waiting list for people who want to volunteer.

"I don't think we've seen a Brier like this before, in terms of (someone) retiring at home," said Eugene Trickett, vice-chair of the organizing committee.

Gushue, meanwhile, hopes to duplicate the feat he and his rink accomplished in 2017, the last time the Brier was held at the Mary Brown



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Centre in St. John's. That year, he skipped his rink to his first Brier title, defeating Team Canada, represented by Koe, 7-6 in the final.

Gushue has won an unprecedented six Brier titles, three while representing Team Canada. A rarity among top-level rinks, the Gushue rink has undergone only one lineup change since that first Brier title. Gushue, Mark Nicholls at third and Geoff Walker at lead have been the constants. Second Brett Gallant left the team after the fourth Brier title, replaced by E.J. Harnden in 2023. That second position is now handled by former Brier championship skip Brendan Bottcher. Gal-

lant, meanwhile, joined Bottcher's team in 2023 and is now is a stalwart on the Jabobs' squad.

Gushue's schedule is evidence that he is winding down his career. He has played in about half of the Grand Slam events, and his team's won-loss record is a mediocre 3-3. There have been no Grand Slam wins this year for Gushue, who has 15 in his illustrious career.

A Gushue Brier victory is unlikely, but what a great Cinderella story it would be if he and his rink stunned the curling world in front of thousands of adoring fans in St. John's.

• Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "Anthony Santander, who will miss most of the 2026 season after undergoing shoulder surgery, may not be the worst free-agent signing in Jays' history, but he's on the short list."

• Another one from Simmons: "A conversation you never have with a friend: 'Who do you like in mixed team luge?'"

• Cathal Kelly of the Globe and Mail: "Sweden accused Canada of

cheating in the stupidest possible way, gently tapping a just released curling rock while it's still more than a hundred feet from its destination. A rock weighs about 40 pounds. It's like blowing on a curvball as it heads to the plate."

• Eamon Lynch of Golfweek.com, on golfer Gary Player complaining about Augusta National rules requiring non-members to play the course only with a member: "He grumbled that finding a host was 'not easy,' suggesting there isn't a long line of green jackets eager to endure four hours of uninterrupted bragging about everything from majors won to miles flown to pristine bowel movements had."

• Matthew Tkachuk of Florida Panthers and the U.S. Olympic team, to Leon Draisaitl of the Edmonton Oilers and Germany's national team, during their game in Milan: "Always the bridesmaid, eh, Leon? Always the bridesmaid, never the bride."

• Rick Ruohonen, the

fifth on the U.S. men's curling team, on what it would mean to get into a game at the Olympics: "It would be the greatest moment in my life. My kids know it, and my wife knows it, so they're not going to be mad at me for saying it wasn't my wedding day."

• Columnist Norman Chad: "A woman stopped me in Rio hallway and told me I reminded her of Seth Rogen. I sent Rogen an apology and gave her name of good ophthalmologist."

• Comedy guy Torben Rolfesen of Vancouver: "Stay away from the Olympic medals selling on eBay. They're apparently falling apart quicker than Lindsey Vonn."

• Rolfesen again: "After the Olympics, do the short-track speedsters turn pro in roller derby?"

• Headline at theonline.com: "Finnish Ski Jumping Team Caught Tampering With Earth's Gravitational Field"

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

## SARM encouraged by Port of Churchill investment

By SARM  
Submitted

SARM and rural Saskatchewan are encouraged by the major infrastructure investment as the Governments of Canada and Saskatchewan partner to inject a combined \$262.5 million into Arctic Gateway Group's (AGG) Port of Churchill and Hudson Bay Railway network. The federal government will contribute \$180 million, with the provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba providing the remaining funding.

This investment supports the modernization of a trade corridor that connects Prairie producers to global markets, expanding opportunities for Saskatchewan's grain, potash, minerals, and energy exports. Originally built to ship wheat in 1931, the Port of Churchill is now positioned to move a wide variety of goods, including lumber, petroleum prod-

ucts, sulphur, grains, and containerized freight, to and from global destinations. The Port of Churchill corridor creates additional routes for Prairie products to reach international markets more efficiently, reducing shipping times and costs for Saskatchewan producers and processors.

"This investment in the Port of Churchill and the Hudson Bay Railway is welcome news for rural Saskatchewan. It strengthens vital trade links that will help our producers move Prairie commodities faster and more efficiently to global markets," says Bill Huber, SARM President. "Rural communities stand to benefit from the new jobs, infrastructure improvements, and business opportunities that come with a modern, reliable northern corridor. SARM is pleased to see all levels of government working together to support rural

economic growth and position Saskatchewan as a key player in Canada's future trade network."

Partnerships with Saskatchewan communities and industry are also taking shape. The Town and RM of Tisdale, under Invest Tisdale, announced a collaboration with AGG in September 2024 to promote "two-way rail traffic" that will boost local economic activity. In addition, Genesis Fertilizers has signed a letter of intent to import 300,000 tonnes of phosphate annually through Churchill for blending at its Belle Plaine facility and distribution across the Prairies.

AGG, which owns and manages the Port of Churchill and Hudson Bay Railway, has already made substantial progress:

• A second weekly freight train now operates along the Hudson Bay Railway following new conductor training and hiring programs.

• A new critical mineral storage facility will triple Churchill's capacity for strategic resource shipments.

• New monitoring technology including LiDAR, ground-penetrating radar, aerial drones, and AI-powered analytics is enhancing reliability and safety.

With growing trade volumes, cutting-edge technology, and strong government collaboration, the Port of Churchill is set to become a key northern hub in Canada's national supply chain, linking rural producers in Saskatchewan and across the Prairies to global markets.

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## OBITUARIES

## Sharon May Stadnyk



Sharon May Stadnyk (née Aug) was born on May 9, 1946 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan and passed away peace-

fully on February 6, 2026 at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon.

Shari is survived by her Son Jason (Rene Cote) Tanner, Tyler, Colton (Cochrane, AB), Son Mark (Pam Squire) Emma, Avery (Saskatoon, SK), Daughter Sara (Aaron Lorenz), McKenzie, Kyler, Gabriella (Wilkie, SK), Son David (Laurie Kingwell) Vancouver, BC, Sister Reni (Ed Ness) Saskatoon, SK, Sister Cathy (Terry Topping) Saskatoon, SK, Sister Wendy (Wes

Leeding) Parkside, SK, Sister-in-Law Nadine Newman (Kelowna, BC), Sonia (Bruce Gordichuk) Penticton, BC, Gillian Stadnyk (Edmonton, AB), and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by husband Edward Stadnyk, parents Harland and Rhoda Aug, Brother-in-Law Morris Stadnyk and Don Newman.

Shari grew up on a farm outside Parkside where she attended Yankee Valley elemen-

tary school before completing her schooling in Shellbrook in 1962. After high school she attended STI for Food Services Technology in Saskatoon. In 1966 she married Edward Stadnyk from Shellbrook. In 1968 they moved to Saskatoon where she worked as a dietician in the hospital. In 1971 they moved to Prince Albert and opened a kitchenware store called 'Pots & Pantry' which Shari ran. In 1979 they moved to North Battleford where she worked

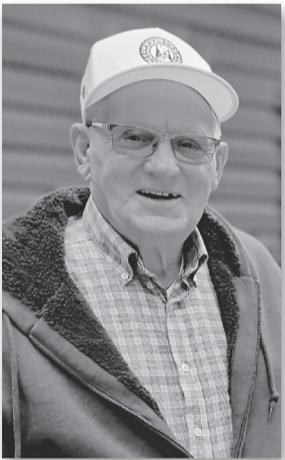
as an interior designer and raised their 4 kids. In 1990 they moved to an acreage and then into the town of Wilkie in 1995 where Shari drove ambulance, worked as a care aid and joined the WILS board.

Shari's love of gardens started early on as she was part of the 4H Garden Club and worked at Waskesiu in the summers as a teenager. She loved to travel and go for long drives with the love of her life Ed. She enjoyed trying new foods, cooking for loved

ones, growing beautiful gardens, going for coffee with her girlfriends, and meeting for bible study rain or shine. She was the matriarch which the family revolved around, and her world revolved around her grandkids which she cherished. Her values were pure and she lived a life filled with family, friends, love and faith.

Funeral service was held February 10, 2026 at Living Faith Chapel with Pastor Casey Sitter as the officiant.

## Leonard Parkin Young



Leonard Parkin Young was born October 22, 1929, in Dodsland, SK, to Wilfred and Mary Young. In 1930 the family moved to the homestead in Ladder Valley. In 1943 they moved to East Coulee, Alta. In 1951 they returned to Ladder Valley, where he lived until September 2020, when he moved into the Debden Manor. In July 2024 Leonard fell and broke

his hip, from the hospital he moved to the Big River Health Centre, where he lived until his passing on February 17, 2026.

Leonard attended school in Ladder Valley and later in East Coulee, Alta. As a young man he worked various jobs in Alta., including the coal mines and at a dairy farm. He worked at a die cast factory in Dundas, Ont. for a short time and spent 4 winters fishing on Great Slave Lake from '52 - '55.

He married Kate Vaadeland in 1958. They had six children - Wilfred, Karen, Rita, Dulcie, Myrna, and Trent. The family lived and farmed on the homestead. From 1975 to 1990 Leonard also worked at the mill.

He was a proud member of the Ladder Valley Community and over the

years participated in and helped out with many events, dances, curling, ball, horseshoes, LV picnics, etc.

He enjoyed countless rounds of golf with family and friends. Other activities Leonard enjoyed were playing cards, scrabble, matches, watching the Leafs and the Jays or just going for a drive to 'Scout things out'.

Leonard will be remembered for his big smile, great sense of humor, quick wit and his love of people. He was always up for a visit, whether with a great friend or a complete stranger. He looked forward to family gatherings, especially those Christmas Eve's when somehow over 60 people would gather in his home. We sure will miss that dad, was above all else, a proud family

man and loved everyone of us as much as we loved him.

Special thanks to the staff at the Debden Manor and Lakewood Lodge for their compassion, care, and respect shown to dad over the last 5 1/2 years.

Leonard is survived by his children Wilfred (Jo Ann) Young, Karen (Roy) Gilbert, Rita (Gilles) Lepage, Dulcie (Mike) Hoffarth, and Trent (Trudy) Young; Son-in-law Ron (Amanda) Crashley; Grandchildren Krystal (Danny) Breker, Janine (Justin) Young, Brendan (Emma) Young, Tamara (Dean) Christiansen, Shawn (Amanda) Smith, Michelle Lamotte, Janelle Lepage, Lindsay (Josh) Belair, Tyson (Graham) Lepage, Jordan (Jenessa) Hoffarth, Mitchell

(Nikki) Hoffarth, Chelsey (Justin) Crashley, Dylan Crashley, Britney (Tanner) Crashley, Brianna Bear, Katrina (Allison) Bear, and Zach (Kristal) Gilbert; 30 great grandchildren; 5 great-great grandchildren; Brother-in-law Ruben (Darlene) Vaadeland.

He was predeceased by his parents Wilfred and Mary young; Kate's parents Severin and Karen Vaadeland; Wife Kate Young (2008); Daughter Myrna Crashley (1989); Son-in-law Wayne Smith (2009); Kate's siblings Peter (Anne) Vaadeland, Arne (Margaret) Vaadeland, Freda (Joseph) Amundson, and Clara (Eric) Olson; Nephews Stan Olson and Eldon Amundson.

A service to celebrate Leonard's life was held

on February 24, 2026, in Big River, SK. Interment at the Big River Cemetery.

A thank you to Pastor Jake McCrea, the Royal Purple for the lunch, and Jeanette Wicinski for recording.

In lieu of tributes, donations may be made in memory of Leonard to the Lakewood Lodge Auxiliary (Box 846 Big River, SK S0J 0E0) or Friends of the Manor (Box 608 Debden, SK S0J 0S0).

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit [www.beaulac-funeralhome.com](http://www.beaulac-funeralhome.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, Lynn Anderson, Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK 306-747-2828.

## Sask. launches energy careers course

By SASK DLC  
Submitted

Saskatchewan students will have a new opportunity to explore careers in one of the province's most important and evolving sectors.

Energy and Mines - Energy Production 20 is a new high school credit course available to grade 10-12 students across the province. Student registration for Energy and Mines - Energy Production

20, and all other high school courses offered by Saskatchewan Distance Learning Centre (Sask DLC), opens today.

"Sask DLC is uniquely positioned to be able to deliver specialized courses - like Energy Production 20 - that support the Kindergarten-to-Career education experience," Minister Responsible for Sask DLC Everett Hindley said. "The development of this course will help

prepare students to make informed decisions about the post-secondary education, training and employment they may need to pursue a career in the energy production sector."

Energy Production 20 is designed for students interested in learning how energy is generated, distributed and managed in today's economy. The course provides a broad overview of current energy production in Saskatchewan, including coal-fired electricity, oil and gas exploration and renewable energy production. Students will also learn about emerging energy production sources, including nuclear power.

Students will learn about the science, technology, safety and environmental considerations associated with each energy source, while exploring the range of career pathways. The new course is a result of the government's Saskatchewan First Energy Security Strategy and Supply Plan released in Fall 2025.

"Saskatchewan's energy future is bright," Crown Investments Corporation Minister Jeremy Harrison said. "This new course offers students a pathway into good paying jobs in rural and urban communities right across our province that help support the reliability and integrity of our power grid."

Energy Production 20 is available to all Saskatchewan high school students beginning in September of the 2026-27 school year. This new course builds upon the success of a number of Sask DLC's other unique course offerings including 4th and 5th Class Power Engineering and Energy and Mines Oil & Gas 20 and 30 that provides students the opportunity to explore real career opportunities in Saskatchewan.

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The Cameo Community Club would like to thank everyone who donated and all the businesses who supported our snowmobile rally. Also, a thank you to all the volunteers and everyone who came out to make our rally such a success!

Special memories keep you near, As time unfolds another year. No longer in our lives to share, In our hearts you're always there.  
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**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Zion - Canwood  
Sunday School,  
Worship Sunday, 9 a.m. (in-person only)  
St. John's - Shellbrook  
Sunday School,  
Worship Sunday, 11 a.m. (in-person and online via Facebook live)  
Rev. Emmanuel Aristide

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

**PRESBYTERIAN**  
Mistawasis  
Sunday worship  
11:00 a.m.  
Rev. Stewart Folster

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

**ANGELICAN CHURCH**  
Leask - All Saint's  
Sunday Service - 9 am MP  
St. Andrew's - Shellbrook  
Sunday Service - 11 am MP  
H.C. Service Nov. 30 with  
Archdeacon Brody Albers  
9 a.m. in Leask,  
11 a.m. in Shellbrook  
Minister's Warden:  
306-922-5159

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

**PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
Parkside  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
Pastor Lorne Valuck  
306-747-3572  
Shellbrook  
Adult Study  
9:30 a.m.  
Sun., 10:30 a.m. - Worship  
Rev. Jordan Clark  
306-850-0429  
Canwood  
10 a.m. - Sunday School  
11 a.m. - Worship  
Pastor Lyndon Petten  
587-973-2223  
Leask Gospel Tabernacle  
Sunday 11 a.m.  
Pastor Josh  
1-780-690-2100

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

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

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**PARTNERS IN FAITH**  
Lutheran/United/  
Christchurch Anglican,  
137-2nd St. W.  
Spiritwood  
Worship 9:00 a.m.  
Rev. Sarah Urano

**COWBOY CHURCH**  
Spiritwood  
Every 1st & 3rd Wed. 7 pm  
Spiritwood Legion Hall  
Pastor Rick Martin

**Gideons International of Canada**  
Battlefords Camp  
Phone Art Martynes  
(306) 389-4633

**FIELDS OF HOPE (HOFFNUNGSFELDER)**  
**MENNONITE CHURCH**  
Glenbush  
11:00 am Worship

**BETHEL**  
Medstead  
2nd Sunday, 10 am - Worship  
Pastor David Jensen  
4th Sunday, 10 am - Worship  
Pastor David Jensen

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

**CATHOLIC SATURDAY**  
Medstead - 6:00 p.m.  
**SUNDAY**  
Leoville - 9:30 a.m.  
Spiritwood - 11:15 a.m.  
Shell Lake - 2:00 p.m.  
Everyone Welcome  
Fr. Phinh Do

**MENNONITE BRETHERN**  
Glenbush  
10:00 am - Sunday School  
Worship 10:50 am

**PARTNERS IN WORSHIP**  
Shell Lake  
Worship Services  
Sunday 11:00 a.m.  
Pastor Sarah Urano  
306-841-7333

**LAKELAND COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
(Corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. and 4<sup>th</sup> St., Spiritwood)  
Sun., 11 am - Worship  
Service & Sunday School  
Pastor Michael Kluthe  
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