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Medstead girls win silver at volleyball Provincials



Medstead's senior girls volleyball team earned silver medals at Provincials to cap off their season. Back row, left to right: Coach Kelly Schneider, Hazel Driedger, Jesse Dzialo-Findlay, Addison Pain, Taylor Sutton-Langille, and Coach Josh Hill. Front row: Jasmine Wood, Jasline Kohl, Brooke Allchurch, Grace Driedger, Abbie Halliwall, Sierra Schmidt, and Bethany Ross. Missing: Islie Stuart.

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

After winning silver medals at Regionals, Medstead's senior girls volleyball team wasn't necessarily an odds-on favourite heading into Provincials in Fillmore and Stoughton on Nov. 20 and 21.

Kicking off their tournament against defending champions Rouleau, the girls didn't get the start they'd hoped for, losing in two sets with scores of 25-20 and 25-13.

But Medstead didn't let this loss shape their tournament. Instead, the team learned from the loss and bounced back to beat Lampman in two sets with scores of 25-16 and 25-13, then beat Perdue in two sets with scores of 27-25 and 25-20 to close out day one.

The next morning, the girls really found their rhythm and won in dominant fashion over Fillmore in two sets with scores of 25-4 and 25-7. This was enough for the team to place second in its pool and advance to the crossover game in a Regionals rematch against Plenty.

Eager to redeem their defeat in the Regionals gold medal game, the Medstead girls didn't get off to the best start, losing the first set by a score of 25-23.

But something clicked for the team in the second set, allowing it to claim a 25-11 victory and force a third and deciding set.

The Medstead girls kept the momentum going in the final set, winning by a score of 15-13 to earn a spot in the semi-finals against Rose Valley.

In a game that closely mirrored their match against Plenty, the girls lost the first set 25-23, only to rally and take the second set by a score of 25-16.

The girls kept their foot on the gas from here, winning the deciding set 15-9 to claim their spot in the gold medal game against undefeated Rouleau.

In the end, the team ended Provincials the way it started it, as Rouleau won out in two hard-fought sets with scores of 25-22 and 25-20 to win gold for the second straight season.

Medstead coach Kelly Schneider says this year's senior girls team included seven Grade 12 players, whose goal was to make their final season of high school volleyball something special.

Going in to Provincials as the fifth-ranked team and perhaps an underdog, Schneider says his team created its own successes throughout the tournament by playing with intensity, and by adapting to their opponents and listening to their coaches' advice.

"We're short — very, very short — but physically strong and very aware of how the game is played," Schneider said. "We just kept pushing and pushing, and we wore teams down."

While Provincials ended with silver rather than gold, Schneider still calls it a sweet (rather than bittersweet) end to the season and his time as a high school volleyball coach.

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Ahtahkakoop woman wins world broomball gold

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

A woman from Ahtahkakoop has added world broomball champion to her resume, after competing at the International Federation of Broomball Associations' World Broomball Championships in Whitehorse.

Paige Masuskapoe, 26, says she grew up in a household where sports were a big thing, and so it was only natural for a love of sports to be instilled in her.

When she began playing broomball at age 12, the game clicked with her.

Over the years, she's competed at the Tony Cote Winter Games and played a few seasons with the always-competitive Debden Roadrunners.

Once she aged out of youth broomball, she kept playing in adult tournaments and made the move to co-ed broomball with the La Ronge Snipers.

And last broomball season, she jumped at the opportunity to join the Saskatoon Flyers, a brand-new women's team.

"They're such a great group of ladies," Masuskapoe said. "I'm glad I found this team and that I'm still able to play the sport."

As luck would have it, one of Masuskapoe's friends and La Ronge Snipers teammates, Eddie Sanderson, came to her with an opportunity to join the Redhead Renegades in their bid for the World Broomball Championships in Whitehorse.

As she read up on the tournament, and was amazed to find that she'd get the opportunity to play with teams from all over, Masuskapoe admits she was apprehensive and didn't know what to expect.

"Honestly, it sort of freaked me out," she said. "I was genuinely scared because I did not want to perform bad. But overall, it was the greatest experience and the talent was something else."

Along with Masuskapoe the Redhead Renegades consisted of players from La Ronge, Baltimore, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Minnesota.

Despite coming from different places, the team gelled together well, racking up a strong enough record throughout the tournament to earn a place in the gold medal match against the Minnesota Moose.

The gold medal match was a tough, low-scoring affair. But in the end, the Renegades pulled together to score a 1-0 overtime win and bring home the world championship.

"It took me awhile to process," Masuskapoe said. "It was incredible for a new team coming together."

Looking ahead to the rest of the broomball season, Masuskapoe plans to keep playing with the Saskatoon Flyers and has been invited to compete in an A-level women's tournament in Minnesota.

In the meantime, she encourages youth in her home community of Ahtahkakoop to seize any chances they get in life.

"If given an opportunity for sports, education, or work, please take it. Nothing is going to wait for you. Take action," she said.



Ahtahkakoop's Paige Masuskapoe is a broomball world champion.



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"It couldn't have been better. It was really storybook stuff."

Medstead boys off to Provincials

Back home in the Medstead Central School gym, the senior boys volleyball team played host to its own Regionals tournament after winning gold at Conferences.

Joining them for the tournament were Glaslyn, Fox Valley, Cabri, Dinsmore, and Hillmond.

At last year's Regionals, the boys advanced to Provincials by beating Glaslyn in a thrilling three-set gold medal game. With the teams grouped in the same pool for the round robin, their meeting came in Medstead's first game of the day.

Just like last year, both teams played their hearts out and Glaslyn took the first set by a score of 25-20. Medstead rallied to win a close second set, 27-25, before winning an equally close third set by a score of 16-14 to take the game.

Things didn't get any easier in Medstead's second game against Fox Valley. Though the boys won the first set 25-20, the Fox Valley squad found its rhythm in the second set to squeak out a 26-24 win. Medstead shook off the setback, winning the third set by a score of 15-10 to climb to 2-0.

Thanks to the first-place finish in their pool, Medstead was pitted against Dinsmore in the semi-finals.

Here again, victory didn't come easy.

Dinsmore pushed Medstead to the brink in the first set, but the boys secured a 26-24 win. The next set, however, was claimed by Dinsmore with a score of 25-20. In the third and season-deciding set, Medstead put together a solid string of plays to outlast Dinsmore, winning by a score of 15-9, and advancing to the gold medal game.

Facing off against Cabri in a battle of the tournament's undefeated teams, Medstead played a first set worthy of Provincials but ultimately lost 31-29. This tough loss took the wind out of the boys' sails, allowing Cabri to win the second set 25-18 and claim Regionals gold.

The Medstead boys' silver medal finish was enough to earn the team a place in Provincials, which will be played in Ogema and Bengough this weekend (Nov. 27 and 28).



Medstead's senior boys volleyball team won Regionals Silver and is headed off to Provincials.

Police locate abducted woman, seize hundreds of stolen items

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

The Saskatchewan RCMP says a woman who was believed to have been abducted during a car theft has been located safe.

The Prince Albert RCMP Detachment received a report about the possible abduction and a vehicle theft on the morning of Nov. 11 and responded immediately. Initial investigation determined the woman, identified as 29-year-old Shaylynn Ermine, was abducted in a red Dodge Caravan.

The detachment says its investigation into the abduction is ongoing, and that updates will be provided as they become available.

In the meantime, the red Dodge Caravan was later connected to a bust made by the Prince Albert RCMP on the Wahpeton First Nation on Thursday, Nov. 12.

According to police, the detachment received a report about a stolen vehicle at a residence in the community. Upon responding, officers located the red Dodge Caravan as well as a black Chrysler 300 at the residence.

Officers and the Saskatchewan RCMP's Police Dog Services contained the area and determined there was one adult female suspect and two adult male suspects at the residence.

Officers approached the female suspect outside the residence and arrested her without incident, but the two male suspects fled the scene in the red Dodge Caravan.

Officers pursued the Caravan, activated their emergency lights, and successfully deployed a tire deflation device. The Caravan came to a stop, and the two male suspects fled on foot into a wooded area.

With assistance from a remotely piloted aircraft system and Police Dog Services, both male suspects were located and arrested without incident. Officers also located and seized two firearms, one being loaded, in a ditch near the Caravan.

As a result of this investigation, 20-year-old Jerome Bighetty from Sandy Bay, 21-year-old Dilynn Dumont from Saskatoon, and 26-year-old Joshua Goodvoice from Prince Albert, were all charged with multiple offences and made their first court appearances on Monday, Nov. 16.

Through further investigation, officers located and seized hundreds of suspected stolen items at the residence on Wahpeton First Nation, including three vehicles, three motorcycles, four ATVS, four firearms, a large quantity of tools, welders, generators, and other miscellaneous items.

"This investigation resulted in the recovery of hundreds of suspected stolen items. While the recovery of stolen property is a significant achievement, the work is only beginning," says Staff Sergeant Stephen Hurst, Detachment Commander of Prince Albert RCMP.

"Due to the sheer volume of items, it will take time to catalogue, identify and return the property to its rightful owners. We appreciate the public's patience and cooperation as we undertake this work and remain committed to reuniting owners with their belongings. The process of linking these items to current and ongoing investigations has already begun. Last, I would like to encourage the public to continue reporting all suspicious and criminal activity. Reports from the public assisted with this investigation."

As investigators work to identify the suspected stolen items, the Prince Albert RCMP Detachment is asking the public to report any stolen items that have not been reported to police. Stolen items must be reported with proof of ownership, serial numbers and/or other identifying features to help officers return them to their rightful owners.

To ask questions about or provide descriptions of your stolen property, or to report new items that may be connected to the Nov. 12 police recovery of stolen property, email RCMP.FPARuralDetachment-FDetachementPArural.GRC@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

Include in this email: your name; your phone number(s); a complete description of the items you are reporting. Include the VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) or the serial number of these items if you have them; and the police file number of the theft if you have previously reported it.

Investigators have already confirmed that some of the items seized belong to people both in and beyond the Prince Albert RCMP Detachment area.

Police continue to investigate.





(Above) Police recovered hundreds of stolen items during an investigation on the Wahpeton First Nation and are hoping to reunite them with their owners.

Shellbrook Legion seeks soldiers' photos

By NANCY CARSWELL
Shellbrook Legion

The Royal Canadian Shellbrook Legion Branch #111 is looking for the photos of fallen soldiers on this list to add to its Honour Roll PowerPoint.

Adding photographs of Fallen soldiers connects a face to each name. This ensures they are remembered as real people who gave their lives in service to Canada.

Comrade Nancy Carswell explains, "Most of the photos in the PowerPoint were collected from local history books. We are hoping that a name on this list will inspire individuals to take a look through their photos or let us know of a relative who might have a photo."

The Legion is seeking photos for the following local soldiers:

First World War: Oscar Soberg (d. 1916); Walter Martin (d. 1916); Joseph Brown (d. 1916); Thomas Heap (d. 1916); James Milne (d. 1917); Percy Beck (d. 1917); Edward Nelson (d. 1917); Arthur Smith (d. 1917); Harold Pearce (d. 1917); William Denford (d. 1917); George Swift (d. 1917); William Hatch (d. 1917); John Krugal (d. 1918); Daniel Black (d. 1918); and E. Wabe (unknown).

Interwar Years: Roy Sothern (d. 1919).

Second World War: Ernest Lanes (d. 1943); Harry Anderson (d. 1944); Edwin Cheeseman (d. 1944); Seth Anderson (d. 1944); Norman Massey (d. 1944); Lloyd Graham (d. 1944); and T. Morton (unknown).

If you have any photos or information about relatives who might have photos, please contact Carswell by email carswell@sasktel.net or phone 306-747-3769.



The Shellbrook Legion is trying to put faces to the names of local soldiers who died.

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SOUNDS OF THE SEASON
A Christmas Carol Festival
Sunday, December 6
7pm – Shellbrook Theatre
Doors Open at 6pm
Admission by Donation

As Canada inks deals, Canadians await results



Jordan Twiss
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News Editor

For the average person, a long flight across multiple time zones is enough to induce a crippling bout of jet lag.

Global leaders, then, must be made of sterner stuff than most of us, given all the jet-setting they do around the world – sometimes at the drop of a hat, if an emergency arises. Or perhaps they simply build a natural tolerance to the hustle and bustle and wear and tear of being constantly on the go.

Few leaders, however, seem to be as well-travelled as Prime Minister Mark Carney, who has embarked on 29 trips to 32 countries since he replaced former Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in 2025. By comparison, Mr. Trudeau made just shy of 100 trips to 50 countries over his near-decade in office.

Some of Mr. Carney's trips have been to significant global events – like the inauguration of Pope Leo XIV – where it's important for Canada to have a presence and be seen, even if no formal business is done.

But the majority of Mr. Carney's travel (according to him) has been predicated upon diversifying Canada's economy away from the United States in response to President Donald Trump's terrible tariff tirade.

And as Canada-U.S. trade relations remain in a state of limbo – even though much of the trade between the two countries is still covered by CUSMA – Mr. Carney recently had a clear message for Canada's one-time closest ally.

"We'd like to do a deal," he said. "If the U.S. doesn't want to do a deal, we're busy."

The remark came while Mr. Carney was quite busy, indeed, rubbing shoulders and shaking hands with global leaders at the 2026 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Conference in Shenzhen, China.

The multi-day stop in China was actually the end of the latest leg of his global tour, which began with the European Political Community summit in Dublin, Ireland, where the ongoing conflict between Ukraine and Russia was on the docket.

From there, Mr. Carney travelled to the Philippines for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit in Manila, where he and Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. concluded talks for a Canada-Philippine free-trade agreement that will be formally signed sometime next year.

Mr. Carney also looked to broaden Canada's trade relationship with ASEAN, a trading bloc that consists of 11 countries with a market of nearly 700 million people.

Last year, trade between Canada and ASEAN countries amounted to $52.3 billion, making it central to Mr. Carney's plan to double Canada's non-U.S. exports by 2035.

Mr. Carney's next stop was Phnom Penh, Cambodia, for the 20th Organisation internationale de la Francophonie summit. There, he met newly-elected Québec Premier Paul St-Pierre Plamondon for the first time and pledged to protect the French language in an age led by American big tech and AI.

Then, finally, it was off to China for the APEC Conference.

The conference came shortly after Canada and China agreed to extend a trade deal made at the beginning of the year until the end of 2028.

Since that agreement took effect in March, canola seed exports to China have increased from $1.04 billion to $1.91 billion.

At the same, canola meal exports more than doubled — from $146 million to $390 million — pea exports grew from $107 million to $345 million, and lobster exports increased from $128 million to $200 million.

The deal also allowed Canadian beef to return to the Chinese market for the first time since 2021. Between January and August, Canada exported $363.2 million worth of beef to China, nearly double what it sold in all of 2021.

In return, Canada lowered its tariffs on Chinese aluminum and steel, and will allow up to 49,000 Chinese EVs into the Canadian market every year.

Last week's gathering in China resulted in further trade agreements that will open the Chinese market to $400 million worth of Canadian pork and seafood products.

Canadian fava beans, chickpeas, lentils, pet food, and wild aquatic products are expected to be added to the list by the end of the year.

Canada, meanwhile, will expand its lowered steel and aluminum tariffs to cover 32 additional items "for which the supply in Canada is either insufficient or unavailable."



This comes on the heels of the federal government's spat with steel manufacturer Cleveland Cliffs, which temporarily laid off employees at the Stelco plant in Hamilton, Ont., before bowing to government pressure to hire them back.

At the same time, Mr. Carney has been looking to attract Chinese investment in Canadian auto manufacturing, while his government is reviewing where Chinese EVs will be allowed to drive (for national security reasons).

Talks of expanding China's presence in Canadian auto manufacturing are also set against the backdrop of the government's dispute with American auto maker Stellantis over the sale of its Brampton, Ont., plant to Canadian armoured vehicle manufacturer Roshel.

Stellantis received $220 million in federal funding starting in 2022 so it could retool its Brampton facility for production of the Jeep Compass.

The automaker began the process in 2023 and laid off 2,200 workers, only to change course and relocate production of the Jeep Compass to Illinois.

While Stellantis has offered to repay about $24 million in federal subsidies, the federal government has called the move a betrayal and said the company owes it far more.

Last Friday, Nov. 20, federal Industry Minister Mélanie Joly and Ontario Premier Doug Ford tried to show Stellantis what they can offer to companies that invest in Canada, announcing $760 million in support for Ford's $5 billion project to expand and retool its Oakville, Ont., assembly complex.

Though change is truly the only constant when it comes to global trade relations, last week's whirlwind of activity is a lot to take in. And more – including a trade deal with Taiwan – is on the horizon, if Mr. Carney is to be believed.

But as record numbers of Canadians turn to food banks to feed themselves, one must wonder when the benefits of all these agreements will be realized at home (beyond the potential or hypothetical offshoots that come from all these trade deals).

As an exporting nation, Canada is reliant on its strong relationships with other countries; no one can deny that.

That said, there comes a time when the government needs to focus its attention inward and prioritize improving the lives of everyday Canadians.

Before we feed and fuel the world, let's make sure we can feed and fuel our own people.

It's time for Mr. Carney to deliver at home what he claims to be delivering abroad.

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Sask. RCMP updates most wanted list

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

The Saskatchewan RCMP has updated its list of the province's most wanted offenders, in hopes the public can assist it in tracking them down.

This list is not a complete list of all persons wanted by the Saskatchewan RCMP. Offenders appearing on this list are determined by a data-driven scoring system using the Crime Severity Index, a Statistics Canada measurement that looks at both the number and the relative severity of crimes. Factors such as age, gender, race, ethnicity, socio-economic status, religion, sexuality or disability are not considered in the scoring process.

The RCMP's updated list for December includes three wanted individuals with known connections to the area.

Stephan Littlepine (alias Brayden Sutherland), who has been on the list for the past few months, is wanted for failure to comply, sexual interference, invitation to sexual touching, sexual exploitation, and sexual assault.

Littlepine is 24, and although police have no photo of him, he is described as 5'7" and 134 pounds with brown hair, brown eyes, and a tattoo on the right side of his neck that reads "Nykera."

Police say Littlepine has known connections to Witchekan Lake First Nation, Beardy's and Okemasis' First Nation, One Arrow First Nation, and Wakaw.

New to the most wanted list is Tristan Scott (alias Tristin or Tristen), who is wanted for sexual assault, failure to attend court, sexual interference, driving while suspended, failure to comply with a release order, and failure to report an accident.



Tristan Scott.

Scott is 31 and described as 5'10" and 141 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. He has a number of tattoos, including TJBS on his left fingers, Thirteen on his left hand, and Jas and Star on his right hand.

Police say Scott has known connections to Big River First Nation, Spiritwood, Witchekan Lake First Nation, Pelican Lake First Nation, Green Lake, Saskatoon, and North Battleford.

Also new to the list is Debra Brittan (alias Debra Britton), who is wanted for uttering threats (three counts), assault causing bodily harm, assault with a weapon, robbery with a weapon, and failure to attend court (two counts).

Brittan is 40 and described as 5'6" and 201 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes. It's unknown if she has any distinct tattoos, scars, or other marks.

Police say Brittan has known connections to Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation, Wilkie, Saskatoon, and Unity.



Debra Brittan.

Town of Blaine Lake council minutes

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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the Town of Blaine Lake held at the Blaine Lake Town Office located at 301 Main St, Blaine Lake, SK S0J 0J0 on Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2026.

Council present: Mayor Tom Mayer, Councillor Jack Androsoff, Councillor Melissa Johnson, Councillor Barry Glencross, and Councillor Tonya Koal, and CAO Louanne Roschuk.

Absent: Councillor Melvy Sanchez, and Councillor Karleigh Warkentin.

Mayor Mayer called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

Delegation: Thunder Ridge Farms Ltd. — Charlene Toth.

Glencross: That the agenda be adopted as amended. Carried

Koal: That the following Minutes be accepted as circulated: Aug. 18, 2026, Regular Meeting. Carried

Androsoff: That Council authorize payment of $75,000 toward the outstanding invoice owed to Sands Industrial and further accept the company's commitment to return in the spring of 2027 to complete the required street work. Sands Industrial has also agreed to pay one-half of the oil costs necessary to ensure the streets are completed to the Town's satisfaction. Carried

Glencross: That Council approves the Cash Injection request from 16-43 Waste Management in the amount of $9,450 for 2026 Cash Injection. Carried

Johnson: That council approved EFT 2026-0073 in the amount of $100. Carried

Glencross: That Accounts for Ratification 2026-0072 to 2026-0082 with the exception of 2026-0073 be approved in the amount of $46,717.57, Cheque Numbers 3774 to 3792 in the amount of $54,382.21, Staff Payroll in the amount of $17,297.31, Council Payroll in the amount of $1,925, Utility payments in the amount of $9,149.53 and Master Card in the amount of $5,512.33. Carried

Johnson: That the July 2026 Financial Statement and August 2026 Financial Statement be as presented. Carried

Koal: That Council accepts the Quote from Twin Rivers Eavestrough for just the Eavestrough replacement. Carried

Mayer: That the Committee reports be accepted as presented. Carried

Koal: That Town Council accepts the Strategic Plan Update as presented. Carried

Glencross: That administration explore possible other places for the Fitness Center as the downstairs appears to not be a suitable location currently. Carried

Glencross: That Council authorizes administration to write a letter to Guy Cadrain that the mill rate factor for agricultural land will be adjusted to 1.60 just like all other commercial property in Blaine Lake. Carried

Glencross: That Council authorizes administration to write a letter to Brad and Charlene Toth that the mill rate factor for agricultural land will be adjusted to 1.60 just like all the other commercial property in Blaine Lake. Administration to also respond to other questions that were addressed by Mrs. Toth during the delegation. Carried

Johnson: That Council authorizes payments as follows from the SaskLottery Funding: Blaine Lake Seniors $4,915, Blaine Lake Community Association $1,200, Blaine Lake Library $682.50, and Town of Blaine Lake for $405.50 for Hometown Christmas. Carried

Androsoff: That Council approves the administration to look at switching the security service from Fluent to Secure tech. Calling Fluent and letting them know that they have not honoured the terms of the contract with the efficient service. Carried

Koal: That Council agrees to send a letter of support to the Provincial Government that we are in favour of replacement of the highway signs at the four existing locations with larger signs stating Use of Engine Retarder Brakes are Prohibited. Carried

Glencross: That Bylaw 06/2026 a Bylaw to Amend Waste and Recycling Collection Fees read a 1st time at this meeting. Carried *(Editor's Note: the bylaw was unanimously read three times and adopted.)*

Glencross: That Bylaw 06/2026 a Bylaw to Extend the Time Required for the completion of the 2025 Financial Statement be read a 1st time at this meeting. Carried *(Editor's Note: the bylaw was unanimously read three times and adopted.)*

Androsoff: That administration send a letter to Blaine Lake Tire about the lots requested and to let them know that we are not interested purchasing them. Carried

Glencross: That Council accepts the resignation letter from Councillor Sanchez and thanks her for the time she has spent on council. Carried

Mayer: That we move to in camera at 7 p.m., citing the Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, section 15(1)(b)(ii) and section 23(1)(b) "personal information." Carried

Mayer: That we move out of in-camera at 7:15 p.m. and note that all members of Council and Administration are present. Carried

Johnson: That the HR committee interview two of the applicants who applied for the Town Foreman position and recommend a hire to Council. Carried

Koal: That Council Adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

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Sask. expands access to ovarian cancer treatment

By MINISTRY OF HEALTH
Submitted

Saskatchewan is one of the leading provinces to provide access to life-extending treatments.

Saskatchewan women battling one of the most aggressive forms of cancer will soon have access to two new breakthrough treatment options.

Beginning Dec. 1, 2026, Saskatchewan will provide coverage for Elahere and Keytruda for eligible patients with ovarian cancer whose disease has stopped responding to standard treatment such as chemotherapy.

"Our government is committed to putting patients first by providing access to new, innovative treatment options for Saskatchewan women diagnosed with ovarian cancer," Health Minister Jeremy Cockrill said. "These two new treatments will provide hope for patients and families facing a difficult cancer diagnosis and ensure access to innovative, high-quality cancer care close to home."

Ovarian cancer is the deadliest cancer of the female reproductive system and is often diagnosed at an advanced stage because symptoms can be difficult to recognize. Although many patients initially respond to treatment, when standard chemotherapy stops working, treatment options can become limited.

Elahere and Keytruda offer new hope for eligible patients with ovarian cancer. Clinical studies showed that both therapies helped patients live longer and delay disease progression.

Approximately eight to 10 Saskatchewan patients each year are expected to benefit from access to both Elahere and Keytruda.

"Enhancing support and treatment options for those with ovarian cancer in our province ensures that women have access to the latest evidence-based therapies and the specialized care they need," Saskatchewan Cancer Agency Vice-President of Care Services Denise Budz said. "We are proud to work with our national partners to give those women with ovarian cancer the best possible outcomes."

Saskatchewan's coverage of Elahere and Keytruda follows national reviews of their safety, effectiveness and value, as well as pricing negotiations through the pan-Canadian Pharmaceutical Alliance.

"We are proud to see Saskatchewan lead the way by making Elahere and Keytruda accessible to eligible women living with ovarian cancer," Ovarian Cancer Canada, the only national health charity dedicated to transforming the lives of those impacted by ovarian cancer and other gynecologic cancers, CEO Tania Vrionis said. "After months of advocacy from thousands of Canadians, this is a meaningful milestone for patients and families who have been waiting for new treatment options. By publicly funding Elahere and Keytruda, Saskatchewan is helping remove financial barriers to treatments that offer women and their families more options, potentially more time and the chance to live more fully. We commend the Government of Saskatchewan for its leadership and look forward to seeing this progress continue across Canada."

The Government of Saskatchewan continues to invest in high-quality cancer care across the province. In 2026-27, the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency received a budget of $308.6 million to support cancer prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment, research and patient support services. This investment helps patients access the care, treatment and support they need while improving cancer outcomes across Saskatchewan.

Patients who believe they may be eligible for treatment with Elahere or Keytruda are encouraged to speak with their oncologist to learn more about their treatment options.

Community Calendar

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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 11 am - 4 pm

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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 - 5:30pm; Wednesday 11:30am - 4:30pm; Thursday 11:30am - 4:30pm. Phone # 306-469-2152
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BIG RIVER: Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting – Every Wednesday, 7:30 pm @ Train Station in Big River (Railway Avenue)

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SHELLBROOK: Kinette Club of Shellbrook – Cookie Walk – Saturday, November 28, Shellbrook Community Hall, 1pm to 5pm. Cookies: $12 per pound. Premium Baking: $15 per pound. Bring a container to fill with goodies! Purchases priced by weight.
SHELLBROOK: Kinette Club of Shellbrook presents Community Christmas Party – Friday, December 4, Shellbrook Community Hall. Cocktails: 5:30pm; Dinner: 6:30pm. Special Guest Entertainment: Comedic Hypnotist Corrie J. Tickets: $50 ea. or $350/table of 8. $10 entry fee for dance, entrance after 10pm. Limited tickets available. For tickets contact shellbrook_kinettes@hotmail.com. All proceeds to Shellbrook Community Hall improvements.
SHELLBROOK: Kinette Club of Shellbrook – Santa Day! Sunday, December 6 – 11am to 3pm, Shellbrook Community Hall. Pictures with Santa, Santa Letter Writing, Gingerbread Houses, Reindeer Food, Hot Chocolate Bar, Taco in a Bag & Drinks, and more fun! Entry: Please bring non-perishable food item.
SHELLBROOK: Kinette Club of Shellbrook – Twinkle Tour – Change of Plans! This year, the Kinette Club of Shellbrook won't be hosting a formal Twinkle Tour, but that doesn't mean we can't still enjoy the Christmas lights around town! We're encouraging everyone to get decorating, turn on those lights, and take a drive around Shellbrook to enjoy the festive displays. Grab a hot chocolate, load up the family, and make your own little Twinkle Tour!
LEASK: Leask Playground Committee – Christmas Craft Sale – Saturday, November 28, 10am to 3pm @ Leask Community Hall. No entrance fee for shoppers. Pasta Lunch 11am to 2pm: $15 (gluten-free option available)
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Your Two Cents

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Where love is, there is God also

Dear editor,

There is an od and beautiful truth that has guided humanity for generations: "Where love is, there is God also." It is a simple phrase, but its weight is profound.

Sometimes the grandest lessons about the divine do not come from a sermon or book, but from the quiet, wild places of our Saskatchewan prairies.

When I was a young lad many years ago, I went hunting for mallard ducks. I remember spotting a flock gathered in a field, feeding on the rich stubble. I took aim and opened fire.

The flock immediately scattered into the sky in a rush of wings. But as the air cleared, I noticed one female flying back down, getting closer to the ground.

There, on the dirt, lay a male. Instead of fleeing for her own safety, the female stayed right beside her fallen mate. She refused to go away, showing devotion over survival.

Watching these two ducks, I was awestruck. The deep bond between them showed a pure, instinctual love that echoed the sacred vow "till death do us part."

As I stood there in that quiet field, I realized that the capacity for God's creation is so vast and deep that no human language on Earth can describe it.

This universal love is woven into the very fabric of our lives. When we talk to God, he speaks back to us in our hearts, filling us with warmth and making us feel safe and entirely content.

The grand design of our existence — the miracle of life and the solemn miracle of death — is entirely governed by God's divine love.

It's often said that in the moment of our passing a profound transition occurs, and we see our whole journey flash before us. And in that ultimate moment of peace, Jesus is waiting for us and takes us into his arms as we pass from this world.

That same pure and innocent love is hardwired into us from the time we are children.

But of course, human emotions are complex, and love and hate often grow as close parallels in our relationships because we love deeply but imperfectly. Because our human hearts can be fragile and easily swayed, we must look to the ultimate standard of devotion.

As a lifelong officer of the Salvation Army, my journey has taught me about grace.

God does not discard anyone as rubbish.

God is always present.

Whether it's a bond between two ducks, or two humans, nothing can break the bonds of God's love.

Daniel Pawlivsky
Rabbit Lake, Sask.

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RM amalgamation worthy of discussion

Well, the RM of Corman Park has really kicked the old hornet's nest by wanting to talk about restructuring rural Saskatchewan in terms of municipal government.

Corman Park has submitted a resolution asking SARM to "review and evaluate possible RM restructuring options, including amalgamation."

The idea isn't new.

It was about a quarter of a century ago the then-NDP government proposed far fewer jurisdictions — meaning fewer RMs and their associated Councils.

The idea was not well-received, with a rather angry debate arising around the concept of municipal restructuring.

But the RM of Corman Park obviously feels the idea needs to be looked at again, citing the hope for more efficient and effective government.

The motion said the restructured government must maintain local representation and accountability — although what that may exactly mean is likely part of the debate.

Why now, more specifically, seems to be very much about economics. RM reeve Joe Hargrave has said in a statement that road, bridge, and other infrastructure costs are rising, as are responsibilities.



Calvin Daniels ~

When it comes to affording the rising costs, RMs may be land rich in terms of what they can levy taxes on, but they are also population thin.

In Saskatchewan, there are 296 RMs serving about 176,000 people, or an average population of 600 people per RM.

As a local example, recent RM elections were thinly attended in terms of votes cast. In the RM of Wallace in the three divisions where council seats were on the ballot, one was acclaimed. One saw 53 votes cast and the other 80.

So, the core question is: are there too many municipal governments?

The simple answer would seem to be yes.

The issue is how to go about reasonable amalgamations, which will lead to more cost-effective government?

Part of the solution is no doubt to look at a future where rural and urban are less distinct in terms of a municipality.

Would it make sense, for example, for the RMs of Orkney and Wallace, which neighbour Yorkton, to simply become seats on city Council, with each RM given a specific RM Councillor seat so they always have a voice?

It's not much of a stretch to think Administration in the city could absorb RM responsibilities, and that things like road work could be managed from a single office.

And as it stands many of the services RM residents use — arenas, swimming pools, libraries, art galleries, and others exist in the city already, so they would have a direct voice in the future of such services, and also input into their costs.

It's a model that would likely work around many cities and larger towns in the province as a starting point to change.

Twenty-five years ago, the province wasn't ready. But hopefully today discussions can be held, leading to fewer government entities and a more streamlined system.

Tillandsia: the no-soil plant

By PATRICIA HANBIDGE
Orchid Horticulture

Air plants or Tillandsia are a genus of over six hundred and fifty species of evergreen, perennial, flowering plants. They are members of the Bromeliad family, but not all Bromeliads are Tillandsias. What this means is not all Bromeliads are air plants and this is important as air plants grow without soil while most types of Bromeliads do best in soil.

Tillandsia are very easy to care for, with the important considerations being light, water, and air circulation. They are epiphytes and may also be called aerophytes. They need no soil because water and nutrients are absorbed through specialized leaf scales called trichomes rather than soil-bound roots. The roots of the plants do not function as they normally do, where they are responsible for the uptake of water and nutrients but instead the roots serve only as a means to anchor the plant where they are growing.

When caring for any plant it is important to give the plant as close to the natural cultural conditions it would have growing in its native environment.

For example, where you would find Tillandsias happily hanging out in the branches of trees in warmer climates like the southern United States and Latin America. They love direct sun in those climates in the winter months but do not like direct sun when it is intense during the summer months.



For us here in the prairies, hang them in a bright window or place them under full spectrum grow lights. Light should be bright but filtered during the summer. If you are putting them outside they are especially attractive hanging in the branches of your trees.

Water your Tillandsia two to three times a week, but more often if it lives in a hot, dry environment and of course less often if it lives in a moist, cool environment. Spray misting is insufficient as a sole means of watering but is beneficial between regular watering. Immerse them in water or run copious amounts of water over them. If your Tillandsia is mounted in a shell or other vessel, ensure that you empty any standing water out as if you do not, your plant will quickly die.

Air circulation is also important and to ensure good health, your plant should be given sufficient light and air circulation to dry in less than four hours. Tillandsia are air plants and do not need to be constantly wet or moist. If your Tillandsia is not healthy, it is most often that you are killing it with kindness.

As far as fertilization goes, a couple times a month it would be good to fertilize with a Bromeliad fertilizer (17-8-22). However, it is not necessary to go out and purchase a specialty fertilizer as you can dilute what you have on hand to about a quarter strength to emulate the formulation of a Bromeliad specific fertilizer. If you do fertilize that will help your plant to bloom and reproduce.

Sometimes you seed Tillandsia glued onto magnets or into shells. Although they look cute, the gluing process ensures that these amazing little plants are not long for this world. I prefer instead, to gently place them in shells or attach them with wire so the plant is not harmed.

I hope that this article has given you the urge to grow your own Tillandsia.

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FARM LAND FOR SALE

10 Quarters of farm land in the **RM of Round Hill**, some of the highest assessed land in the RM. This is an opportunity to increase your farming acres, purchase land that possibly works into your existing acres. Tenant currently farming the 2026 crop. This land is now looking for a new owner. Sellers will look at a complete package purchase or individual packages and quarters.

Section 13 must sell as one package due to access. NW-03 must sell with SE-10 for access.

9-2300 bus hopper bottom bins located on SW-14, power on site, 2 bins have some spoiled grain, 3 bins have air access but no fans. NW-03 has a 5000 bus bin with concrete floor.

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Presentation of offers in effect, all offers must be submitted to **Shawna Schira-Kroeker REMAX North Country** by ***November 6, 2026 at 12:00pm***.



Land location	Assessed value	Cult. acres	Native Grass	not cultivated	Total Acres	2026 taxes
NW 03-48-13 W3	$309,700.00	133		26.00	$159.81	$1,868.58
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NE 10-48-13 W3	$404,900.00	158		1.00	$159.29	$2,442.96
SE 10-48-13 W3	$391,600.00	156		4.00	$160.36	$2,362.72
SW 14-48-13 W3	$406,800.00	157		0.00	$157.73	$2,454.43
SW 16-48-13 W3	$338,700.00	132		27.00	$159.11	$2,043.54
NE 13-48-14 W3	$240,800.00	116		45.00	$160.78	$1,452.87
NW 13-48-14 W3	$187,400.00	94		67.00	$160.85	$1,130.67
SE 13-48-14 W3	$278,000.00	134		27.00	$160.75	$1,677.31
SW 13-48-14 W3	$143,400.00	23	20	128.00	$160.82	$707.90
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Spiritwood Library activity highlights



Chess Club is a new addition to the library's after-school programs. This is for kids to learn how to play and to have a variety of people to challenge in games. All levels and abilities came on Nov. 10 to have several games.



Spiritwood Public Library had a special Halloween themed storytime on Friday, Oct. 30. Tots were wearing their Halloween costumes and enjoyed Franklin's Halloween.

By HEATHER GATZKE, Branch Librarian



Mobile Early Learning from Meadow Lake with Jenny and Charlie was an action-packed morning on Friday, Nov. 6, at the library. A total of 5 adults and 13 children learned through stories, painting, and literacy activities. Everyone had a wonderful time!

Sask. Traveller: A ride to the west

By TRUDY & DALE BUXTON
Publishers, Biggar Independent

Another beautiful day for a ride on the bike.

Every now and then we listen to other people who have given their comments about a particular place or restaurant to try. On this day we have heard that there is a bar in Denzil that is worth the trip.

Our highway of choice is Highway 31 towards Kerrobert, normally we would go on Highway 51, but with construction this year we avoid going in that direction.

This part of the year the countryside is beautiful; everything is so green after some of the rains that have fallen.

I can tell you that Highway 31 is not the greatest highway to travel. You have to watch out for the potholes and the missing pavement, but at least it's not gravel.

Did you know that Herschel was named after a 19th century astronomer named Sir John Fredrick William Herschel?

Herschel was established as a village back in the year 1910 and at that time Herschel was a thriving community.

1911 was a busy year for Herschel when the first building, which was a general store and then a post office opened, following that the rail line from Macklin to Rosetown officially opened.

A new school was built in the 1920s and a large number of Mennonites from Russia arrived in the area to settle down and do some farming.

In the 1930s, coal mining began just south, which led to the name of the valley being called the Coal Mine Ravine. Today there is no more coal mining, but this led it to become the place for the Ancient Echoes Interpretative Centre, which is a community-based museum that educates, conserves, protects, and promotes the history, the peoples, and the assets of the Eagle Creek Valley.

Did you know that the territory around Herschel and other communities in the valley at one time was a hot bed for many archeological digs? Many fossils, dating back thousands of years, have been discovered and show the history of the First Nations people and the bison that roamed the area.

Just up the road is the community of Stranraer, which is still holding on with a population of nine. Established in 1913, Stranraer was named by the railroad after a community of the same name in Scotland. But before the railway, Stranraer was serviced by the Ferguson Brothers, who had the only store in the district.

At one time, Stranraer had four grain elevators with a capacity of 150,000 bushels of grain. Today, none remain. Stranraer was also the home to Twin Towers Ski Resort, which operated in the community for 30 years before closing in 2009. One other neat little place is the Mountain View Park, which offers walking paths, picnic tables, wooden animal carvings and some spectacular views overlooking the former ski hill area.

Despite the highway, this is a really nice area to stop and look at many of the features of days gone by.



The united church still stands in Stranraer, which boasts a population of nine.



Local students honoured for veterans crosswalk



Members of the Shellbrook Legion visited W.P. Sandin High School on Wednesday, Nov. 18, to present pins to a group of students who designed and painted a crosswalk to honour veterans. Pictured, left to right: Nancy Carswell, Bella Ledding, Embree Schmitz, Julia Shindle, Valerie Bondamme, Pam Boettcher, Kyra Parsons, and Alan Carswell. Missing: Kayla Klaassen, Myla Henry and Allie Swenson.



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Spiritwood RCMP:

Between January 1 and September 30, 2026, Spiritwood RCMP report **103** impaired driving related investigations within their detachment area. During this timeframe, **18** impaired driving related Criminal Code charges were laid in relation to investigations in the Spiritwood detachment area.

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Between January 1 and September 30, 2026, Ahtahkakoop/Shellbrook RCMP report **110** impaired driving related investigations within their detachment area. During this timeframe, **16** impaired driving related Criminal Code charges were laid in relation to investigations in the Ahtahkakoop/Shellbrook detachment area.

Big River RCMP:

Between January 1 and September 30, 2026, Big River RCMP report **110** impaired driving related investigations within their detachment area. During this timeframe, **24** impaired driving related Criminal Code charges were laid in relation to investigations in the Big River detachment area.

Blaine Lake RCMP:

Between January 1 and September 30, 2026, Blaine Lake RCMP report **30** impaired driving related investigations within their detachment area. During this timeframe, **5** impaired driving related Criminal Code charges were laid in relation to investigations in the Blaine Lake detachment area.

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- Don't let a friend drive impaired.

Answers to these sports questions … hmmm!



BRUCE PENTON
~

Sports questions that have no obvious correct answers. In other words, questions that make you go "hmmmm."

Do sports fans decide to watch a televised sporting event based on who is doing the announcing and colour commentary?

If not, is there justification for a play-by-play guy like Joe Buck of Monday Night Football signing a six-year deal for $108 million — $18 million per year?

Can we confidently say that the Philadelphia 76ers' LeBron James, who once made more than $52 million in one season with the Lakers, is playing in the NBA this year for (a minuscule) $4 million because he loves the game and knows he can still hold his own?

Will Connor McDavid break the bank when he moves into free agency following the completion of the 2027-28 season, considering that $20 million per year (Cale Makar) is the current salary ceiling in the NHL?

Why do football defence players run together into the end zone after a fumble recovery or interception and do a childlike dance? Is it solely because they don't otherwise get much attention from fans?

If you're PGA Tour rookie A.J. Ewart of Coquitlam and you've made more than $1.2 million in your first year in the top league in the world, can you legitimately call yourself a failure because you didn't crack the Top 100 and therefore get relegated to a secondary tour?

Is Shohei Ohtani a more valuable pitcher or hitter for the Los Angeles Dodgers and shouldn't the Japanese superstar concentrate on one or the other to maximize his talent?

(Column intermission: Can you name all 253 sports gambling sites, in alphabetical order?)

Will Canadian Football League fans be ready for the NFL-ization of its game in 2027, when the field will be reduced to 100 yards, the end zones lose five yards (20 down to 15) and the goalposts go to the back of the end zone?

Was DEI a factor in the dumping of Jennifer Botterill from the Sportsnet hockey analysts' panel, which now consists entirely of men?

Can we safely say that there is no clear-cut No. 1 quarterback in the NFL this year, but that at least half a dozen — Josh Allen, Joe Burrow, Matthew Stafford, Patrick Mahomes, Caleb Williams and Trevor Lawrence — are in the running?

When will the Blackhawks' Connor Bedard break out and start dominating offensively like he did for the Regina Pats in the Western Hockey League?

Now that the sport of tennis no longer has its Big Three (Federer, Nadal, Djokovic), can you name the top three in the professional game today?

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• Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: "The worst part about (Raptors' centre) Jakob Poeltl's contract: He's set to be paid $27 million next year and $29 million the year after that. That's a lot of money for a statue."

• Headline at theonion.com: "Fans Worry Achilles Tear May Not Be End Of Ben Simmons' Career"

• The Athletic, in an analysis of the rise and fall of LIV Golf: "The last physical location of LIV Golf is a mailbox in Claymont, Del., in a suburban office building between a Dollar Tree and Uncle John's BBQ Stand."

• Comedy guy Torben Rolfsen of Vancouver, with a score update: "Michigan is playing hoops right now. It was 11-11 with 11:11 left in the first half on 11/11."

• Super 70s Sports: "When I was a kid, I wouldn't have left my house if it caught fire while This Week in Baseball was on."

• Mike Bianchi of the Orlando Sentinel: "Former NFL quarterback Philip Rivers is expected to be named the new head football coach at his alma mater. Who cares if he has no college coaching credentials? After all, Rivers has nine children, so he's already got plenty of experience in managing a roster, dealing with distractions and calling timeouts."

• How about a non-sports quip from the late comedian George Burns: "Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city."

• From Fortune magazine: "Americans spent $166 billion on sports betting in 2025, which is more than the revenue generated by the American movie, music, book and museum industries combined, turning it into America's favourite pastime."

• Another one from Bianchi: "The NCAA reports that college football players who transfer more than once have a graduation rate 27 per cent lower than those who never transfer. In related news, those college football players are thinking, 'Hey, we may not have a diploma, but we've got three signing bonuses and a Lamborghini.'"

• Headline at fark.com: "Mike Tomlin has not 'one iota of thought' about returning to coaching now that' he's wildly overrated at broadcasting, too."

• Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

U18 Elks lose two on the road

By JORDAN TWISS
Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter

After having almost half of November off, the U18 AA Parkland Elks returned to action with a pair of road games against the Warman Wildcats and the Martensville Marauders over the weekend.

Kicking off the weekend in Warman, the Elks and the Wildcats both got off to a slow start in an evenly matched first period and ended the first 20 minutes of play with a 0-0 tie.

The Elks returned to the ice with renewed fire in the second period, jumping out to a 1-0 lead on an early goal from Gabe Wadham, assisted by Logan Fisher and Davin Hart.

Though the lead only lasted a few minutes before the Wildcats evened things up at 1-1, the Elks had the last word in the period on a goal from Canden Olsen, assisted by Danec Wilson, to take a 2-1 lead into the third.

The Elks continued to fight through the third period and held on to their lead for most of it. Unfortunately, a couple solid plays from the Wildcats were enough for them to claw their way to a late 3-2 lead and hold on for the win.

Elks (5) vs Marauders (6)

Taking the ice in Martensville the following night, the Elks came out fired up and took an early 1-0 lead on a goal from Owen Hansen, assisted by Arland Anderson and Brody Fraser.

Not content to rely on a one-goal lead, the Elks struck again just a few minutes later on a goal from Davin Hart, assisted by Canden Olsen. And shortly after this, the Elks made the Marauders pay for carelessness on a power play, going up 3-0 on an unassisted shorthanded goal from Hart.

The Marauders fired back late in the period to cut the Elks' lead to 3-1. And as the action moved over to the second period, the Marauders seized control of the game and rattled off four unanswered goals to take a 5-3 lead.

The Elks got back in the game in the dying minutes of the second period, closing the gap to 5-4 on a goal from Logan Fisher, assisted by Merek Tait and Hart. But an early third period power play allowed the Marauders to reclaim a two-goal lead, and a late hat trick goal from Hart, assisted by Fisher, left the Elks on the losing side of a 6-5 game.

With the pair of losses, the Elks sit at 2-8 on the season.

This weekend, the team plays back-to-back home games against the Prince Albert Timberwolves on Friday, Nov. 27, and the Saskatoon Crunch on Saturday, Nov. 28.

Senior Elks game postponed

This past weekend was also supposed see the Shellbrook Elks Senior Hockey Club play a home game against the Clavet Cougars, but a mishap with the ice between the first and second periods resulted in the game being postponed.

As of Monday afternoon, a new date for the game hadn't been announced.

This weekend, the team has just one game on its schedule: a Sunday tilt against the Dalmeny Sabres in Shellbrook. Puck drop for the game is set for 2 p.m.

Sask. introduces protections against deceptive AI

By MINISTRY OF JUSTICE
Submitted

Today the Government of Saskatchewan introduced legislation to address the deceptive and illegal use of AI.

The Prevention of Deceptive Artificial Intelligence Act defends Saskatchewan people and businesses against the use of deceptive artificial media, often referred to as "deepfakes," which are images, videos, or audio recordings created or altered using AI or similar technologies. The Act includes protections for individuals harmed by the deceptive use of AI and provides the court with appropriate legal responses, including the ability to order removal of content and compensation.

"When used responsibly, artificial intelligence can create great opportunity," Minister of Justice and Attorney General Tim McLeod, K.C. said. "When used for deceptive purposes, however, it can damage reputations, undermine public trust, and create economic hardship. With new developments in this field emerging almost daily, Saskatchewan must be prepared to both take advantage of its benefits and safeguard against its misuse."

The legislation also requires disclosure in certain circumstances where AI has been used, and makes amendments to election, consumer protection and privacy legislation to promote accountability and ensure existing safeguards remain effective as this technology evolves.

"Saskatchewan businesses depend on trust, and this legislation protects that trust by giving employers, entrepreneurs, and customers real tools to fight AI-enabled fraud and impersonation," Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce CEO Prabha Ramaswamy said. "The Saskatchewan Chamber welcomes the Act and looks forward to working with government to ensure it is practical and clear for businesses of every size."

"Older adults are already targeted by those who seek to deceive them for fraudulent purposes," Saskatchewan Senior's Mechanism Social Prescribing Coordinator Rod McKendrick said. "This legislation should provide a stop gap for older adults to make a more informed decision and provide the tools needed for authorities to hold those who generate and use deceptive AI accountable."

With the introduction of this Act, Saskatchewan becomes the first Canadian jurisdiction to establish a legislative framework to address the deceptive use of AI-generated and manipulated content.

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Paulette Yvette Chicoine



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Paulette is lovingly remembered by; her siblings: Donald Chicoine of Magog, QC, Pierrette Higgins of Prince Albert, SK, Therese (Gerard) Hannotte of Hoey, SK. As well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Paulette was predeceased by; her parents: Armand and Roseanne Chicoine, her brother: Andre Chicoine, her niece: Janel Tvait.

Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 10:30 am at Beau "Lac" Funeral Home in Spiritwood, Saskatchewan. Paulette's finial resting place will be in the Leoville Cemetery, Leoville, Saskatchewan.

Donations can be made in Paulette's memory to the Canadian Cancer Society.

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

Shari Lynn Moe



Shari Lynn Moe
January 23, 1970 – November 10, 2026

Shari Lynn Moe of Shellbrook, SK, passed away on November 10, 2026, at the age of 56. She was born on a bitterly cold January day, and her family remembers the warmth and sunshine she brought with her.

Shari's parents, Rae and Bruce, advocated for her to attend school in Shellbrook, where her sister Christie was her closest friend and fiercest protector. After high school, Shari worked at the Abilities Council in Saskatoon before returning home to work Monday mornings for Stu Walker at the veterinary clinic. She spent winters in Alberta with her sister Lori, calling those visits her vacation. She loved being part of the team at Boston Pizza, where she helped weigh and portion food. Her birthday parties always featured her favourite, chocolate cake with pink and purple icing.

Shari spent summers at the Shellbrook pool, helping the lifeguards clean up at closing time. When a knee injury kept her away for a summer, every lifeguard visited her in the hospital. In winter, she had a favourite seat at the rink for Elks games. One night, the team surprised her with a signed jersey and tapped their sticks as she stepped onto the ice to accept it. She wore it proudly to every game after that. She even appointed herself goal judge one night, though she only lit the lamp for the Elks.

Shari loved wrestling, '80s music and karaoke. A devoted Roughriders fan, she celebrated wins by dancing an Irish jig with Brent Miller. On game days, she and her beloved dog, Snoopy Andrew, wore matching Rider jerseys.

Shari remembered birthdays and anniversaries. Every year, she wrote birthday notes to her nieces, Jessica and Abby, and her nephew, Wyatt, often beginning with a memory of the day they were born and ending with how much she loved them. She spent summer days with them at the pool, diving for spoons and floating on pool noodles. Dancing with Wyatt at his wedding was a highlight for her. Once, trying to give Wyatt a time-out, she counted all the way to eleven.

In Shari's final year, family and friends helped make difficult days as good as they could. When Shari was born, her family thought they had so much to teach her. Looking back, they know how much she taught them about kindness, laughter and loving people wholeheartedly.

Shari is lovingly remembered by her parents, Rae and Bruce Moe of Shellbrook, SK, and her sisters, Lori Moe of Shellbrook, SK, and Christie (David) Radics of Leask, SK. Christie and David's children are Jessica Lozochuk (and her children, Faith and Emerson), Wyatt (Cabri) Radics, and Abby Radics (John Kalmakoff). Shari is also remembered by her aunts and uncles, Betty Ann Moe, Terry and Darlene Simpson, Donna Anderson and Ed Riegl, Isla Solanik, Bill and Dagmar Block, and Jerry and Dorothy Danielson, as well as numerous cousins, other relatives and many friends.

Shari was predeceased by her grandparents, Stanley and Evelyn Moe and Willard and Lena Block, her aunt Audrey Slabodian, and her uncles Bryan Moe and Ed Solanik.

A Celebration of Shari's life was held on November 18, 2026, at the Shellbrook Community Hall. Memorial donations may be made in memory of Shari to the Parkland Pool Project, Box 402, Shellbrook, SK S0J 2E0. Arrangements by Beau "Lac" Funeral Home & Crematorium, Tammy Smart, Funeral Director · Shellbrook, SK · 306-747-2828.

Frederick Anthony Cutler



Frederick Anthony Cutler, affectionately known as Tony, passed away peacefully at the Victoria Hospital on November 15, 2026, at the age of 77.

Tony was born in Leoville, Saskatchewan on July 16, 1949. He was raised along with his sister Verna at the Cutler family farm north of Bapaume until 1964, which then they moved to Spiritwood.

Tony went to work with the Department of Highways getting his truck drivers license with an air endorsement. One of his trips involved moving a camp from Beauval to Estevan. It was raining hard during his first trip south and he did a quick turn around to get back. He got to the Beaver River bridge where they stopped him from crossing. It was just then they witnessed the bridge collapsing. If he had gone across there was no other road to return. As they were watching the devastation they all broke into a laugh, as there floating by, was someone's still.

After several years, Tony decided to move Saskatoon where he found employment in health care first working as an orderly at Sherbrooke nursing home, then at St. Pauls's Hospital and retired from Saskatoon City Hospital in 2009. He really enjoyed his time working there with the great staff.

When he was in Saskatoon he was active with the Mount Royal United Church. Camping and travelling around with his trailer was a favorite pastime. Besides Chitek Lake and Waskesiu as being favorite camping spots, you could find him following the rodeo circuit and was really fond of the chuckwagon races. He literally got to know all the drivers and horses. He was gifted several rider jackets in his collection. He also enjoyed his trips to Spiritwood and Shellbrook to visit friends and family.

Tony resided in Shellbrook the last 15 years. Most recently he resided at the Mihilewicz Place where he and the residents and staff enjoyed each others company.

He will also be lovingly remembered by his sister Verna (Dale) Stene, nephew Ward (Donna) Stene and their children Brittany (Justin), Stephanie and Matthew (Aneleise), nephew Greg (Charlotte Stene) and their children Dwight (Dominique), Sam, Jordan and Mikayla. Special cousin Lois and the staff and residents at Mihilewicz Place.

Tony was predeceased by his parents Fred and Ruby Cutler, and an infant brother and infant sister.

Tony had a heart of gold, He wanted to leave us with this message: Please do not grieve my death but remember all the good times we had together. We will all meet together again later.

A grave side service was held November 22, 2026, at 2:00 pm, Idylwild Cemetery in the RM of Spiritwood.

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

Good News

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This is real love

By JORDAN CLARK
Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly

"Let love be without hypocrisy — by abhorring what is evil, clinging to what is good, being devoted to one another in brotherly love." — Romans 12:9-10

Hypocritical love, according to Scripture, is a love that doesn't tell the truth. It is a love that doesn't call evil for what it is. It is also a love that doesn't show mercy, that doesn't call to cling to what is good in this life — which, for the Christian, is clinging to the truth of God and His word.

A hypocritical love doesn't serve each other, the church, in brotherly love; it only cares about itself. Hypocritical love is both tolerant, deceitful and selfish. Love without hypocrisy. That is a different calling.

Jesus is the perfect example of REAL love. In John 4, Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at a well. Being a Jewish man, He isn't supposed to talk to the dirty, mix-raced Samaritans, let alone a women. What does Christ do? He calls out the sin in this woman's life.

He said to her, "Go, call your husband and come back here." The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have correctly said, 'I have no husband'; for you had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly." The woman said to Him, "Sir, I see that You are a prophet." — John 4:16-19

The calling out of her "hidden" sin is what brings faith within the woman's heart and life towards Christ. Just before this Jesus offers her "living water," He tells her what He has to offer has eternal consequences.

"Jesus answered and said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never thirst — ever; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.'" — John 4:13-14

Jesus is offering a True, Biblical, Godly love. A love that is real, that calls out the dirt, the sin, the hidden truths in our lives that we wish to hide from the world. This woman realizes who she is talking to, God incarnate, and she runs to him, she repents, she becomes a missionary, and shares the gospel of Christ in her town.

Jesus came into the world to save sinners. This is what Paul is talking about when he says, "Cling to what is Good." Cling to Christ. "So then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as God is pleading through us. We beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." — 2 Corinthians 5:20-21

Church! We are called to devote our lives to Christ and to each other. We are called to serve, to withstand persecution and affliction with weapons of mercy, prayer, and love, not with vengeance — the Lord will have His vengeance!

Let your love be true. Do not partake with the evil in the world; if you love God, then you must follow His commands.

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