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# Aardvarks punch ticket to Provincial semi-finals




**Aardvarks quarterback Dalen Thiel goes for a long touchdown run.**

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

After playing a perfect regular season, the W.P. Sandin High School Aardvarks prepared for the biggest test of their football season when they hosted the Rosetown Royals for the SHSAA Provincial quarterfinal game on Saturday, Oct. 31.

With luck on their side, the Aardvarks were first to receive the ball and the offence got to work immediately, scoring on its first play — a long touchdown run by Taiden Wrench — to take an 8-0 lead.

The Royals responded by rushing down the field on their first drive and scoring on a short run to tie the game up at 8-8.

But the Aardvarks were more than happy to trade off touchdowns with their opponent, as quarterback Dalen Thiel went on a long jaunt to the endzone to put the Aardvarks up 16-8.

With a big stop from the Aardvarks' defence, the ball was put right back in the hands of the offence. Courtesy of a pass from Thiel to Wrench, the Aardvarks' surged ahead 24-8.

The lead was short-lived, however, as the Royals fought back with a running touchdown, then came up with a defensive stop and scored again on a long pass to tie the game at 24-24.

After a bit of a rest, the Aardvarks' offence got back in gear, scoring on a screen pass from Thiel to Reagan Collins to go up 30-24. And the Aardvarks' defence also stepped up, pouncing on a fumble as the first quarter came to a close.

The Aardvarks truly found their rhythm on both sides of the ball in the second quarter, allowing the team to quickly jump out to a 46-24 lead on back-to-back rushing touchdowns by Thiel.

While the defence kept the Royals off the board, the offence made the most of every opportunity it was given, extending the Aardvarks' lead to 54-24 on another pass from Thiel to Wrench.

The Royals briefly closed the gap to 54-30 on a short touchdown pass, but the Aardvarks responded immediately with Thiel's third rushing touchdown of the quarter to push the score to 62-30. And following a big interception by the Aardvarks' defence, the Aardvarks ended the first half up 70-30 on a touchdown run from Collins.

Facing a 40-point deficit going into the second half, the Royals leaned heavily on their passing game to quickly cut the Aardvarks lead to 70-38.

Meanwhile, the Aardvarks looked to slow the game's pace throughout much of the second half, taking a long drive down the field before scoring on yet another run from Thiel to go up 76-38.

After the offence killed a good chunk of the clock in the third quarter, the Aardvarks' defence closed out the quarter by shutting down the Royals' offence to ensure Shellbrook maintained its lead.

As the action moved to the fourth quarter, Thiel had legs for one last rushing touchdown to put the Aardvarks up 84-38. And though the Royals fired back with a running touchdown of their own to close the gap to 84-44, it was already too little too late.

With the win over the Royals, the Aardvarks punched their ticket to the Provincial semi-final on Saturday, Nov. 7, where they'll face off against the Watrous Wildcats in Watrous. Kick off for the game is at 1 p.m.


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# Halloween brings tricks and treats to Spiritwood

**By BEVRA FEE**
*Spiritwood Herald Reporter*

Creatures of the night, Barbie dolls, faeries, and even U.S. President Donald Trump turned out for a spirited night of trick or treating in Spiritwood.

With Halloween landing on a Saturday, the 2026 celebration of Allhallowtide — the three days that include All Hallow's Eve (Halloween), All Hallow's Day (All Saints' Day on Nov. 1) and All Souls' Day (Nov. 2), were a spirited celebration.

Having evolved from the Western Christian custom of remembering saints and martyrs, the fun-filled day of dressing up and canvassing door-to-door for candy — or, alternatively, playing tricks — enjoys an extended party vibe when it falls on a weekend.

With parties kicking off on Friday evening, revellers are able to make the most of their creative personas by stretching it over two days.

One such party on Friday evening was hosted by the Love & Laughter Daycare committee, which staged a children's party at the Legion Hall. Music, spooky lighting, baking, treats and prize draws made for an exciting time for youngsters and parents.

The weather can also affect the mix of costumes, and this was one of those years that a sweater under the costume was preferable to the coat, toque, and mittens overtop the costume.

The mild conditions also inspired many parents to costume up and join their children in walking the town, rather than inching along beside in a warm vehicle to provide warm-up between houses.

As has become their custom, the Lakeland Church set up their hot chocolate station in the parking lot. Along with a roaring bonfire, the church community offered treat bags and a hot drink along the trek around the town.



**Friend groups show off their costumes.**




**Rachelle Swan hands out treats to "Donald Trump."**



**Hopeful party goers drop their names in raffle prize bags.**

Likewise, at the Nines Salon on Main Street, owners Rachelle and Kelly outfitted their front yard with eerie decor and provided a warm-up fire and treats for the mix of beasts and Dolly Parton imposters milling by.

At the Rec Centre, hot chocolate and treats were also offered to anyone wanting to stop by and take a break or visit.

With the kids back at home sorting candy, the adults made their way to the costume party and dance at the Rec Centre Mezzanine to unwind and compare costume inspiration.

With the DJ rocking tunes and prizes being awarded for best costumes, a packed house enjoyed the "wicked bites and spooky treats."

And with the first hockey tournament of the new ice season also scheduled for Halloween weekend, the Rec Centre was a hub of activity and revelry and the "spirit" was firmly proven in Spiritwood.



**Committee members from Love & Laughter Daycare welcome guests to their fundraiser at the Legion Hall.**






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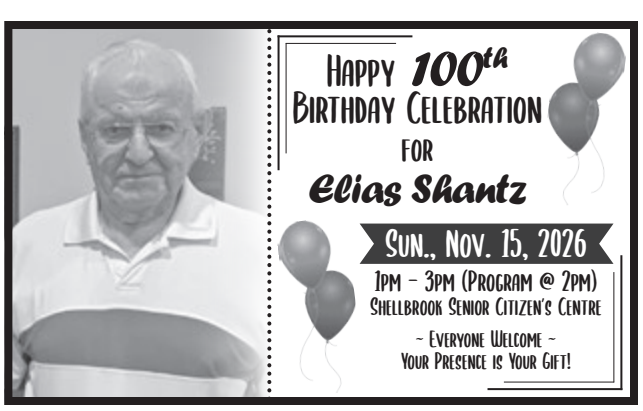
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# Senior Elks blast way to victory

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

The Shellbrook Elks Senior Hockey Club returned to action on Friday, Oct. 30 and Sunday, Nov. 1, by throwing it back to last season's Twin Rivers Hockey League (TRHL) final against the Rosthern Wheatkings.

That series saw the Elks win their first TRHL championship in a hard-fought five-game battle that ended with double overtime. And the Elks' home opener on Friday night showed that the rivalry is anything but dead.

**Elks (11) vs Kings (2)**

Cheered on by an excited crowd at the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre, the Elks and the Wheatkings got off to a gritty and messy start as they both fought to find their footing and take any advantage they could.

The Elks were first to fall into rhythm, taking a 1-0 lead on a shot through traffic from Chase Friedt-Mohr near the midway point of the period. Shayden Smith and Dallas Galloway assisted on the goal.

This ice breaker kicked off a steady stream of scoring for the Elks, led by last season's leading scorer Cole Duperreault, who racked up a first period hat trick to put the Elks ahead 4-0. Matthew Flodell earned assists on all three goals, with Brendon Beaulac and Ethan Beaulac both picking up single assists.

The Elks picked up where they left off in the second period, striking early on a doorstep tap in from Aaron Campbell, assisted by Flodell and Duperreault. And Just 40 seconds later, Peyton Kachur rifled an unassisted breakaway goal home to put the Elks up 6-0.

The Elks kept pouring it on, taking a 7-0 lead on Duperreault's fourth goal of the game, assisted by Flodell and Campbell. But the Wheatkings eventually showed signs of life as the period wore on, scoring a pair of goals to cut the Elks' lead to 7-2.



**Elks forwards Shayden Smith and Sam Miller celebrate the team's first goal of the season.**

This was all the Elks would give up, however, as the third period saw them kick the offence back into overdrive, starting with Duperreault's fifth goal of the game, assisted by Flodell and Campbell.

Just past the midway point of the period, Shayden Smith scored on assists from Kaleb Willoughby and Ashton Miller, and Jody Blais followed up with an unassisted goal less than a minute later.

With time winding down, Blais added his second goal of the game, assisted by Willoughby and Campbell, to give the Elks an 11-2 victory.

**Elks (12) vs Kings (5)**

When the Elks headed off to Rosthern for part two of the season opening series against the Wheatkings, they didn't get off to the same high-octane start they had in Shellbrook, falling behind 1-0 less then 30 seconds into the game.

After getting into some penalty trouble just past the halfway mark of the period, the Elks soon found themselves down 2-0. But the team rallied to cut the Wheatkings' lead in half with a goal from Aaron Campbell, assisted by Cole Duperreault.

The Wheatkings quickly restored their lead to two goals, but the Elks finally found their rhythm in the dying minutes of the period, cutting the lead to 3-2 on Campbell's second of the night, assisted by Levi Logan and Duperreault, then tying the score at 3-3 on a goal from Duperreault, assisted by Campbell.

The Elks carried the late period surge into the second period, rattling off two early goals just 13 seconds apart to jump out to a 5-3 lead. Campbell struck first, earning himself a hat trick with an assist from Kaiden Couture, and Chase Friedt-Mohr netted the follow-up on an assist from Matthew Flodell.

Just five minutes later, the Elks scored two more quickfire goals to stampede to a 7-3 lead, starting with an unassisted goal from Friedt-Mohr and followed by a goal from Flodell, assisted by Brendon Beaulac.

The Elks' Nathan Flodell tacked on one more goal, unassisted, just before the midway point of the period. But with the help of a late power play, the Wheatkings got back on the board to make the score 8-4 heading into the third period.

As action resumed, the Elks followed their winning formula from the second period by scoring three unanswered goals to take a commanding 11-4 lead. Tyler Rock struck first, with an assist from Rylan Moe, then Brendon Beaulac scored with a helper from Rock, and Kaleb Willoughby tacked on an unassisted goal.

One more goal from the Wheatkings momentarily cut into the Elks' lead. But the Elks would have the last word, claiming a 12-5 win with a goal from Dallas Galloway, assisted by Nathan Flodell and Moe.

After starting their season with a pair of big wins, the Elks will defend their perfect record on home ice this Friday, Nov. 6, when they host the Allan Flames.

On Saturday, Nov. 7, the team heads to Waldheim to meet the Waldheim Warriors.

# *SARCS holds AGM*

**By BEVRA FEE**
*Spiritwood Herald Reporter*

Gathering in the board room of the Spiritwood Town Office, the SARCS members opened the doors to the public for their AGM on the evening of Oct. 29.

Just shy of 20 interested community members — mostly consisting of user group leaders — recreation facility leaders, Town Councillors, and town administrators collected to discuss topics of importance at the beginning of the new governance year.

Also in attendance was Rob Boulding, a representative from the Saskatchewan Parks & Recreation Association.

The current members of SARCS, which is comprised of both elected and appointed officials from the Town of Spiritwood and Rural Municipality of Spiritwood, along with members at large, are primarily responsible for overseeing the direction and successful usage of the Town's recreation facilities.

Reports were presented by Minor Hockey, Minor Ball, Figure Skating, Northern Lakes Economic Development Corporation (NLEDC), and the Spiritwood Rec Centre's facility supervisor.

A thorough financial picture was presented by Brenda Beaulac, who is Assistant Administrator for the Town but also provides support in the financial department for SARCS and NLEDC. The informative slide presentation showed the financial position of SARCS with comparative numbers year over year.

As is often the case, some areas of revenue and expense moved back and forth and the audience was able to see highlighted trends explaining the back and forth.

Concerns for areas of lower participation — namely, the bowling alley — were explained in depth, and largely attributed to the equipment deficiencies experienced over the 2025/26 season.

One of the revenue highlights was a significant jump in arena kitchen income over the previous year, with another large win coming from the Commercial Energy Optimization Program (CEOP) offered by SaskPower and SaskEnergy. The reduction in utility expense was achieved by installing energy-efficient lighting through grant funding awarded as incentive for completing milestone upgrades within the CEOP.

Curling held strong with its dedicated programming and its youth development programs. Although curling representatives were not in attendance, their efforts were showcased within the financial presentation.

With a current mortgage of $1,593,279 remaining on the Rec Centre, for yearly payments of $204,028, the change to monthly payments will reduce the interest and save a significant $15,652 per year.

The annual events that fundraise directly to the mortgage expense include Bull Riding, Mega 50/50, Arena Crop, Community Auction and Lobster Fest.

In 2025, these events combined to bank just over $168,000 toward the mortgage. Rounding out the mortgage issue, the RM contributes an annual $75,000, along with $40,000 to economic development — both in accordance with their Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Spiritwood.

The election of board members for the coming season saw Tyson Turgeon and Daniela Varela joining the board. They will contribute their energy on a volunteer basis by attending the seven meetings of the SARCS board over the coming term.

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| BLK/PAR A-PLAN 102461576 EXT 0 | 159379093 | $989.55 | $500.00 | $1,489.55 |
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# B.C. tanker ban repeal would do far more harm than good




Jordan Twiss
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*News Editor*


Much like the ocean, politics is subject to tide changes.

Some changes are sudden, jarring, and unexpected, like when a party or government is rocked by a scandal that causes it to rapidly hemorrhage support.

Other changes merely follow the natural ebb and flow of things. Humans, after all, can only tolerate something for so long before they decide they need to give something new a try.

In Canada and abroad, it's safe to say the past few weeks have brought both kinds of tides.

Early last week, Israel's longest-serving Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, was narrowly denied a majority mandate in the country's election, while parties led by Israel's Arab minority made historic gains.

However, both Mr. Netanyahu and his chief rival, Gadi Eisenkot, have rejected the idea of working with the Arab-led parties, leaving Israel politically deadlocked as its conflict with Palestine continues unabated.

In Brazil, upheaval could be on the horizon in the wake of a presidential election that saw President Luiz Inácio Lula score a comeback victory against his far-right rival, Flávio Bolsonaro – the son of former president Jair Bolsonaro, who is currently in prison for attempting to stage a coup after losing to Lula four years ago.

Mr. Lula's victory stopped a tide of far-right governments rising to power across South and Central America.

Just like his father, Mr. Bolsonaro refused to accept the results of the election. Soon thereafter, he fled to the U.S. to evade a corruption investigation (and perhaps to whisper ideas to U.S. President Donald Trump).

Meanwhile, in B.C.'s snap election, now former Premier David Eby was punished for possessing hubris on the level of Icarus, allowing fledgling Conservative Party leader Lorne Doerkson to form the province's first Conservative government since the Social Credit Party was ousted in 1991.

Mr. Eby had two years left on his narrow majority mandate, and could have carried on with business as usual until the next general election in 2028.

But with the Conservative Party in turmoil after the short-lived leadership of Kerry-Lynne Findlay, Mr. Eby saw a chance to consolidate power and grossly overestimated his government's popularity and British Columbians' appetite for going to the polls.

Mr. Doerkson's victory gives western Canada a Conservative bloc from Saskatchewan to B.C., which could bring a tide change of its own to Canadian politics.

Within days of the election, Premiers Scott Moe and Danielle Smith renewed calls for the federal government's oil tanker moratorium on B.C.'s northern coast to be lifted.

At the same time, Conservative MP David McKenzie's Bill C-264, calling for the repeal of the moratorium, was put to a vote in the House of Commons, where it was defeated by all other parties.

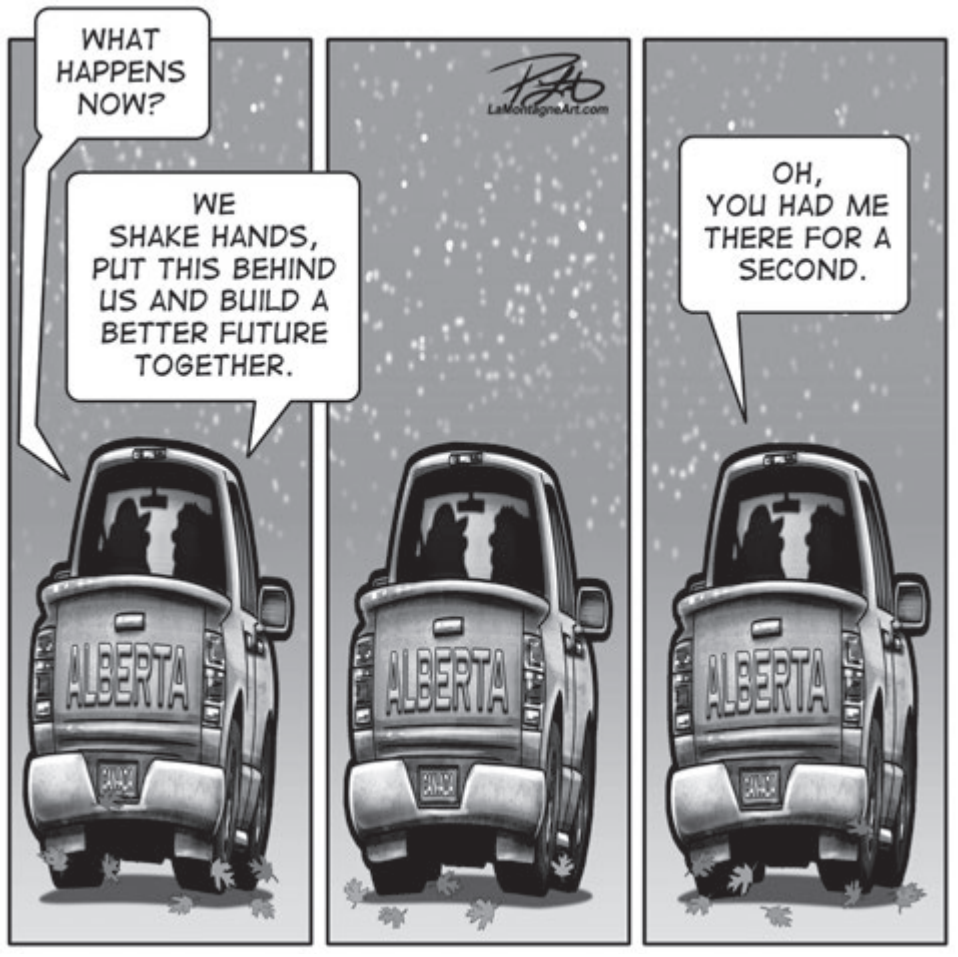
The Conservatives' push for the repeal of the moratorium was loosely tied to a plan put forward by Calgary-based Strathcona Resources to ship crude oil by rail to be exported out of Prince Rupert. The company suggests the project could be up and running in less than two years, if approved, and export as many as 250,000 barrels of oil per day to Asian markets.

As expected, the federal Conservatives seized on Prime Minister Mark Carney's refusal to back the repeal of the oil tanker moratorium as proof that he and his government aren't actually serious about diversifying Canada's oil exports.

But, as always, the reality of the situation is more nuanced and complex than a yes or no vote on a piece of legislation.

An oil tanker moratorium has been in place off the northern coast of B.C. since 1972, and a voluntary tanker exclusion zone – covering much of B.C.'s coast and stretching about 100 kilometres west of Haida Gwaii and roughly 40 kilometres off Vancouver Island – was established in the late 1980s.

The primary coastal area of concern, for both environmental and safety reasons, is the Hecate Strait, a shallow and treacherous channel that runs between the coast of B.C. and Haida Gwaii.




Despite being introduced in 1972, the oil tanker moratorium wasn't formalized as legislation until 2019, when the Oil Tanker Moratorium Act was passed by former Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government.

The Act prohibits oil tankers from stopping, loading, or unloading in any port in the designated area, and applies to vessels carrying cargo of more than 12,500 metric tons of crude oil or persistent oil products.

The prohibition doesn't apply to refined oil products, including gasoline, diesel and jet fuel, and liquefied natural gas.

While the federal Conservatives have always opposed the oil tanker moratorium, this position isn't necessarily shared by Premier Doerkson.

"I don't accept that we have to choose between protecting our coast and building our economy," Mr. Doerkson said last week. "British Columbia will do both."

Instead, Mr. Doerkson says his incoming government will focus its efforts on smoothing the way for the Pacific Link pipeline, which has been declared a project of national interest as part of the federal government's MOU with Alberta, and will ship more than 1 million barrels of oil per day to Asian markets through the Port of Vancouver.

Mr. Doerkson's balanced approach is the wisest one politically, economically, and environmentally.

The Pacific Link pipeline will run closely along the corridor of the existing Trans Mountain pipeline. And though there are always those who will oppose any pipeline as a matter of principle, running a new pipeline close to an existing one gives said opponents less of a precedent to stand on.

This will undoubtedly be important, as Pacific Link is certain to face legal challenges as it moves forward – indeed, a number of B.C. First Nations have already challenged its national interest designation.

Another key to ensuring that Pacific Link becomes a reality will be finding ways to get First Nations communities onside with the project, either through environmental assurances and ownership stakes, or by other means.

This will be the hardest part. And thoughtlessly scrapping the oil tanker moratorium without consulting First Nations communities would effectively torch any goodwill between those First Nations and the federal and provincial governments, leading to an endless legal battle that could doom Pacific Link.

Pacific Link will be a massive boon for Canada's economy and help lessen Canada's dependence on the U.S.

Instead of trying to change the tide or score political points, leaders should be doing everything they can to calm the waters and ensure it goes ahead.


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# Throne Speech maintains course for Saskatchewan

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

The fall sitting of Saskatchewan's Legislative Assembly began on Tuesday, Oct. 27, with Lieutenant Governor Bernadette McIntyre reading the Speech from the Throne, which outlines the Sask Party government's agenda for the current session.

That agenda, says Premier Scott Moe, will include a focus on keeping Saskatchewan strong and steady in the midst of global political and economic headwinds.

"The world is uncertain. Saskatchewan isn't," the Throne Speech read. "While global unrest, tariffs and market turmoil affect trade relationships, economies, nations and people all over the world, Saskatchewan remains strong and steady."

Premier Moe said the government is working hard to attract new investment and expand trade markets around the world, which in turn creates new jobs and opportunities here in Saskatchewan.

"Right now, in Saskatchewan, there are more than 60 major projects underway worth more than $100 billion," Moe said. "That is unlike anything that has happened in our province's history and unlike anything that is happening anywhere else in Canada."

In addition to opening the fall session in the Legislature, the Throne Speech also lays out the government's legislative agenda for the session. The Sask Party government's legislative plans include:

- Legislation to expand the scope of practice for several health care professions;
- *The Safer Homes for Seniors Act* to provide greater oversight, transparency and accountability in personal care homes;
- *The Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) Additional Safeguards Act* to prohibit the use of MAID for certain individuals, including persons under the age of 18 and persons whose sole underlying medical condition is a mental illness;
- Changes to *The Enforcement of Maintenance Orders Act* to make it easier to collect unpaid child or spousal support payments;
- *The Opioids Damages Act* to pursue the recovery of health care costs from manufacturers, wholesalers and consultants for opioid-related wrongdoing;
- *The Protection of Economic Infrastructure Act* to ensure critical infrastructure and transport routes cannot be disrupted by occupations or other illegal activities;
- *The Mandatory Testing and Disclosure Act* to protect first responders and victims of crime who may have come in contact with a person with Hepatitis or HIV;
- *The Protection from Human Trafficking Act* to require the hospitality industry and ridesharing platforms to report to the police if they become aware of a person who may be a victim of human trafficking;
- *The Prevention of Deceptive AI Act* to prohibit the misuse of AI-generated voices and images involving elections, consumer transactions and protection of privacy;
- Amendments to *The Traffic Safety Act* to enhance administrative penalties for impaired driving infractions and suspend, cancel or refuse to issue a driver's license to persons convicted of certain drug-related offences; and
- Amendments to *The Adoption Act* to help adopted individuals who wish to do so to seek out their birth parents and strengthen Indigenous rights and interests through expanded information sharing.

Through this legislation, and next spring's budget, Premier Moe said Saskatchewan will remain the most affordable place to live in Canada. Noting that a family of four currently pays no provincial income tax on the first $65,000 of income, Premier Moe said the budget will increase this threshold.

"In today's uncertain world, Saskatchewan faces many challenges that are beyond our control," the Throne Speech concludes.

"By focusing on what we can control — building our economy, protecting our sovereignty, expanding our export markets, keeping life affordable and providing high-quality services to Saskatchewan people — we will keep Saskatchewan strong and steady no matter what is happening beyond our borders."

While the Sask Party government touts its record of connecting 18,000 residents to primary healthcare providers, the Saskatchewan NDP says that nothing in the Throne Speech will improve access to a family doctor, lower child poverty rates, or support the province's education system.

It said the Throne Speech shows that the government is "tired and out of ideas."

"I see nothing in today's Throne Speech that will address those problems, or the countless other challenges people are facing," said Saskatchewan NDP Leader Carla Beck. "And at the same time this Premier is racking up debt unlike anything we've ever seen."

# *Social prescribing comes to Shellbrook*

**By LORRAINE THIBEAULT**
*Social Prescribing Committee*

A new community-driven initiative is now underway in Shellbrook and area. The Social Prescribing Program works by linking individuals, particularly those aged 55 and older, with local services, activities, and supports that can improve their overall quality of life.

The initiative recognizes that health is influenced by more than medical care alone. It addresses social determinants of health, such as loneliness, isolation, community involvement, and access to support networks all of which influence emergency room and hospital visits and stays.

Rather than focusing strictly on clinical care, the program aims to address those broader social factors that can impact both physical and mental health.

The program has welcomed Tasje Sharron as its community connector. She will facilitate the connection between health professionals, older adults, and community resources. Tasje will receive referrals from health professionals to help older adults identify their needs and connect them with appropriate supports.

Tasje will be approaching community services and organizations to identify available resources. Ultimately, she will prepare a directory of services available in Shellbrook and nearby communities.

There are multiple ways for residents to access the program. Initially, referrals will come from healthcare providers. Shortly into the program, referrals will be accepted from community members and from self-referrals.

Once a referral is made, the community connector works directly with each individual to develop a plan tailored to their needs. Those supports could include community programs, social events, or services already available in Shellbrook and area. Presently, Tasje will work with Shellbrook, Parkside, Holbein, Canwood, and Debden residents.

The initiative is a project of Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism (SSM), which received a sizable grant to assist 12 communities to hire community connectors to administer the Social Prescribing initiative.

Tasje will initially be connecting with healthcare professionals, organizations, and businesses to build her list of local resources. Shortly, information on how to self-refer or refer a friend or family member will be made available.



**Shellbrook Social Prescribing Steering Committee chair Lorraine Thibeault (left) and community connector Tasje Sharron (middle) take in a training session with Saskatchewan Social Prescribing lead Rod McKendrick.**

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# Highlights of a Shellbrook Town Council meeting

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

*(The following council highlights are not the approved minutes of council for Oct. 26.)*

Shellbrook's Town Council held its regular meeting in person and via teleconference on Monday, Oct. 26.

In attendance were newly-minted mayor Jason Good, Councillors Rod Atkinson, Pam Boettcher, Cheryl Ledding, Brent Miller, Kathleen Nording, and Arlette Segberg, the town's Deputy CAO Jarett Taylor, and consultant Jim Puffalt.

Mayor good called council's regular meeting to order around 5 p.m., beginning with the customary Treaty 6 land acknowledgement in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation, the approval of the evening's agenda, and the adoption of the minutes from council's Oct. 13 regular meeting.

Council then dove immediately into the reports of administration and committees, beginning with the report from CAO Sigourney O'Halligan, who began by noting that administration has begun internal budget preparations. The first budget meeting for council is slated for Nov. 16.

Elsewhere, O'Halligan noted that work to reline the storm sewer on 1st Street East was expected to begin during the week and wrap up by Oct. 29. She also reported that administration is coordinating with the Parkland Pool Committee to obtain quotes for liner replacements for the existing pool, and still awaiting a structural engineer's report on the Shellbrook Theatre.

In the Prairie Rising Municipal Consulting report, consultant Jim Puffalt said the town still needs to set up a meeting with recreation user groups.

With excitement swirling about the grant for the water treatment plant, Puffalt said the engineering firm leading the project will be expected to provide monthly reports to council and bi-weekly reports to the project manager and CAO to ensure there are no surprises and any significant information is brought forward immediately.

Puffalt also noted that the water treatment plant project is now expected to be completed in spring 2029, due to ongoing renovations of the existing facility.

The conversation prompted questions from Councillor Miller about the project management, as he expressed concerns about ensuring contractors are being held accountable and that the project can be stopped and reviewed, if needed, to avoid unnecessary cost overruns.

Councillor Miller suggested that Public Works be tasked with establishing terms of reference for Prairie Rising in its capacity as project manager.

Looking at economic development, Puffalt reported that meetings had been held with developers about creating "country residential" properties near the golf course.

Puffalt also noted that the town's tourism strategy was presented to the Shellbrook Chamber of Commerce, which expressed enthusiasm about working with the town.

With the goal being to draw more people into town, Puffalt said one hope is to attract another hotel to the community, as there currently aren't enough accommodations. He added that council should be looking at establishing a snowmobile route through town to the south end of Main Street, so snowmobilers can easily access the downtown area.

Closing out his report, Puffalt asked council to extend the sale price on town-owned lots ($15,000 and no tax for three years) until Dec. 31, to allow time to follow up on the inquiries received and get the lots moving.

Council carried a motion to grant the request.

As council pored over the financials, accounts for approval, and municipal payroll, Councillor Miller noted that he'd like to see more forecast and projections in the documents, so that council has a better idea of where the town's finances are at and what changes need to be made.

Councillor Segberg noted that she had spoken with CAO O'Halligan about this and that the CAO seemed on board with providing more information.

Closing out the reports, Councillor Boettcher informed council that the new physician/healthcare professional housing unit is officially complete.

In the Mayor and Council Forum, Councillors Boettcher and Ledding brought up the Field of Dreams and concerns they've heard about the struggle to find volunteers. Suggestions moving forward include giving volunteers more say in where the proceeds go and establishing a steering committee to coordinate things.

Up next, Councillor Boettcher brought forward concerns from residents about the lack of public skating and shinny, and said it's important for the town to offer this to the community.

Closing out the forum, Councillor Miller once again brought up the need to beautify the south end of Main Street. Council has discussed this multiple times since the former CN Station was moved, but progress has yet to be made.

Councillor Boettcher noted that she had some rough sketches for murals, while Segberg said that discussions are ongoing for a multi-phase plan. Councillor Miller said it would be nice to see more of a plan so that council can put some budget dollars behind it.

In a sparse new business agenda, council began by appointing Councillors Ledding and Segberg to the Theatre Committee.

Council also gave third and final reading to Bylaw 2026-010, the Fee Bylaw, with the caveat that it will look into the town's custom work rates to ensure they're high enough that the town would recover its costs if it had to hire a contractor to do the work.

## 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
**CANWOOD:** Canwood Branch of Wapiti Regional Library Hours: Tuesday 9:30am - 4pm; Wednesday 10:30am - 5pm; Phone: 306-468-2501
**DEBDEN:** Wapiti Library hours: Tuesday 10am - 4pm; Wednesday 12pm - 6pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon
**LEASK:** Wapiti Library & Legacy Gallery Hours - Tuesday 9am - 2pm; Wednesday 2pm - 8pm; Friday 10am - 1pm
**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.

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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:** Shellbrook Royal Canadian Legion – Remembrance Day Service – Wednesday, November 11 @ Shellbrook Theatre. Doors Open 10am, Service Starts 10:30am.
**SHELLBROOK:** Remembrance Day Wreath Sale – November 5 & 6, Shellbrook Legion Hall, 10:30am to 1:30pm. Large Wreath: $60; Cross Wreath: $55; Small Wreath: $45. Soup available by donation.
**SHELLBROOK:** Shellbrook Arts Council presents Burnstick – November 25, Shellbrook Theatre, 7:30 pm. Tickets: Adults $40; Seniors $35; Students $25. Built on emotion-stirring storytelling and unmistakable vocal harmonies, Burnstick, a Juno nominated folk duo, is intent on creating music that inspires listeners to feel. www.burnstick.com

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# *Innovation Sask. launches new agtech program*

**By INNOVATION SASK.**
*Submitted*

Innovation Saskatchewan has launched the Agtech Commercialization Readiness (ACRE) program, a new funding program that helps Saskatchewan agtech companies bring innovative technologies to market faster.

ACRE provides up to $30,000 in funding for on-farm pilot projects that connect Saskatchewan agtech companies with producers and industry partners. Through these partnerships, companies can test and refine technologies in real-world agricultural environments, gather valuable industry feedback and build relationships with potential customers.

Participating producers and industry partners gain early access to emerging technologies, helping them evaluate new solutions, address operational challenges, and improve productivity before products enter broader commercial markets.

"Saskatchewan is home to some of the world's most innovative agtech companies developing solutions for the future of agriculture," Minister Responsible for Innovation Saskatchewan Warren Kaeding said. "By helping more Saskatchewan-made technologies reach the market, ACRE will create new economic opportunities and strengthen Saskatchewan's leadership in agricultural innovation."

ACRE builds on the Made In Saskatchewan Technology (MIST) program, adapting its proven pilot-project model to address the unique needs of Saskatchewan's agtech sector. MIST has helped Saskatchewan startups such as Luxsonic Technologies, SolusGuard and Offstreet advance innovative technologies through pilot projects.

"For many agtech companies, access to real-world testing can make the difference between a promising idea and a commercial success," Innovation Saskatchewan CEO Kari Harvey said. "ACRE will help more Saskatchewan companies take that next step, while creating opportunities for producers and industry partners to evaluate and adopt innovative solutions. We are excited to see the new partnerships and technologies that emerge through the program."

By adapting this proven model to the agtech sector, ACRE will help more Saskatchewan companies move innovations from development to commercialization and adoption and strengthens Saskatchewan's tech and agriculture sectors.

"Cattle producers are the original innovators, and producers are increasingly interested in using innovative tools with practical, on-farm applications that can address concerns such as animal identification, environmental sustainability, water quality, animal health, and forage productivity," Saskatchewan Cattle Association Research, Chair Christine Strube said. "The SCA is extremely pleased to see this type of investment in innovation that can be adopted on-farm to improve production efficiency."

Applications for ACRE are now open. Learn more and apply at *innovationsask.ca/programs/acre*.

# CWD testing decision a case of money trumping sense



Calvin Daniels
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It was something of a surprise when a recent announcement came down that Saskatchewan was about to abandon its chronic wasting disease testing program.

Like most decisions from government, this one appears to have simply been about money. Environment minister Darlene Rowden came out earlier this month saying a request for more money for mandatory testing in some wildlife management zones had resulted in the entire program being cancelled.

Now, one can certainly appreciate budget dollars are finite and decisions must be made — ask most working families dealing with rising fuel prices, food prices, water utility costs etc. But in the case of CWD testing, it is also very much about the health of Saskatchewan wildlife.

And this is about wildlife in particular as there appears no documented evidence humans are infected by eating infected meat, although Health Canada recommends against consumption, which would seem a rather common-sense recommendation.

Not surprisingly, the opposition NDP quickly voiced concerns over the program cut.

"Cutting the program takes away the sense of security many hunters look for to ensure that they aren't putting themselves or their families at risk," said Shadow Environment Minister Jared Clarke via a party release.

For those not familiar, chronic wasting disease affects white-tail deer, mule deer, elk, and moose. It is a prion disease, similar to bovine spongiform encephalopathy, and is fatal in animals.

A disease that threatens a group of wildlife which, are actually rather important economically in terms of dollars invested by hunters each year, would seem to be one that demands close monitoring.

Executive Director Darrell Crabbe with the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation was among those who said the termination of the program without consultation undermined decades of hunter-led sample collection, while also reducing disease-tracking data.

The SWF also thanks its members, branches and hunters throughout Saskatchewan who contacted their MLAs and voiced their concerns about the program's cancellation, noted the organization in a release.

The SWF also noted "hunters have supported CWD surveillance for decades by submitting samples from harvested animals. Their participation helps researchers and wildlife managers better understand the disease's distribution and prevalence across the province."

And, again the NDP were also among those rallying to the cause for wildlife.

"This is the kind of thoughtless decision, without any engagement or respect for those that will be impacted," said Associate Shadow Minister of Agriculture Trent Wotherspoon via a release. "This is a backwards move without consultation with hunters that hurts hunting in our province by the Sask. Party government that's grown entitled and out of touch."

"Ever since this senseless decision was made, I have been inundated with messages from rightfully upset fellow hunters who feel that Scott Moe and the Sask. Party have pulled the rug out from under them in the middle of the season and without respect for the impacts and risk."

Now the good news — well at least in the short term.

The Saskatchewan government has since announced it will keep its chronic wasting disease testing program for at least this year.

In the reversal, the government will offer the same program as last year, while it consults on how best to move forward.

That is good news, and the Saskatchewan Party earns a half pat-on-the-back for the short-term program reprieve.

To get a full pat-on-the-back, they need a long-term plan that keeps the health of our wildlife at the forefront, not the cost of the programming.

# *Op-ed: Food hubs could be antidote to Canada's grocery oligarchy*

**By NATIONAL FARMERS' UNION**
*Submitted*

Funded properly, food hubs could be socially just and sustainable alternatives to large grocery stores. This past summer, the government announced the launch of a new $1 billion Food-Link Fund, through the National Food Security Strategy (NFSS), up to $432 million of which will be used to support food hubs across the country over the next 10 years.

The National Farmers Union (NFU) believes the government's commitment to regional food hubs falls short, given that $432 million is less than seven percent of total net profits of the Canadian retail grocery sector in 2025. The Food-Link Fund should be used to cultivate a stable marketplace for farmers who do direct-to-consumer sales, and strengthen alternatives to large corporate grocery retailers.

Food hubs can be the centrepiece of regional food systems by increasing access to local food, expanding choice for public institutions and grocers, and decentralizing food distribution.

To be successful, the NFU believes that food hubs should incorporate processing infrastructure, provide farmers with a guaranteed market and the opportunity to capture added value, and deliver regional processing enterprises a stable supply of fresh, local food.

The Food-Link Fund is an opportunity to rebuild missing food infrastructure that suits the needs of regional farms and food processors.

Well-funded food hubs can build farmer autonomy and power, while revitalizing rural communities. For example, food hubs can supplement direct market sales, reduce food waste, and simplify and expand fresh food procurement for local restaurants and government institutions.

Food hubs can also provide an environmentally and socially sustainable option to Canada's highly concentrated food processing sector. Processing infrastructure at or surrounding hubs can support new, small-scale processors of local and regional food.

Processing at food hubs could include egg grading, milling, baking, butchering, packaging, canning, and cold storage. Regional food hubs are also a natural home for essential skills training for liveable wage jobs, including food safety, butchering, and processing.

"In Nova Scotia, we see the opportunity to connect more local producers with wholesale buyers and institutions. But making those connections work takes staff, storage, transportation, and time. Food hubs need sustained support beyond start-up infrastructure funding so they can build a dependable service for producers and buyers," says Eli Milton, NFU member and Executive Director of the Halifax Regional Food Hub Co-operative.

Up to $432 of the $1 billion Food-Link Fund will be allocated to 20-40 food hubs across the country. The NFU is concerned that the Food-Link Fund will only generate a series of pilot food hub projects in Canada that will be left without public support once the Fund has dried up.

"Start up funding alone will not suffice to establish a network of financially self-sustaining food hubs. Rather, food hubs will need secure and sustained funding to help cover operational costs while they develop capacity, adapt to region-specific conditions, and increase in scale and complexity," says Katie Sardinha, NFU Member and Vice President of the LocalMotive Farmers Network Cooperative.

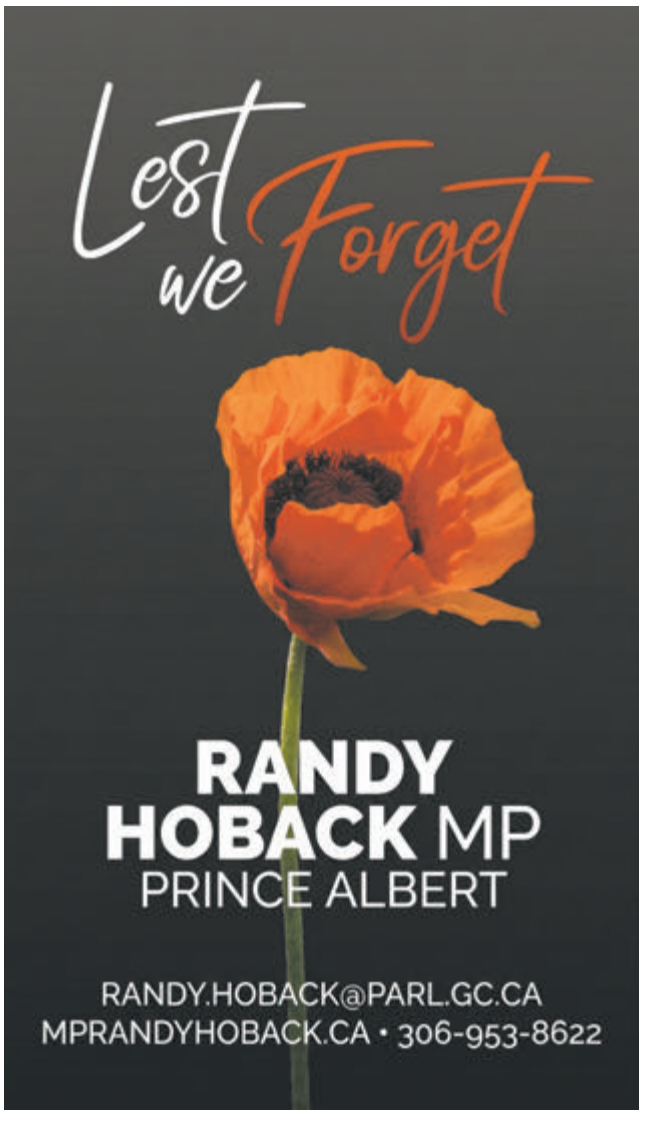
Food hubs could be part of the solution to rampant food inflation by providing local food at market, or below-market costs. Food hubs can also provide the missing link between regional farms and institutions—such as prisons, schools, hospitals and universities. Mandating that publicly-funded programs—like the National School Food Program—purchase a fixed proportion of their food from local hubs would create a stable demand for farmer goods.

The NFU maintains that new food hubs should be publicly owned, co-operatively owned, or farmer owned-and-operated. For example, in British Columbia, the Summerland Food Hub will operate as a partnership between a non-profit producer cooperative (the LocalMotive Farmers Network Cooperative) and a non-profit processing organization (the Okanagan Food and Innovation Centre).

The government needs to be clear about who will receive money from the Food-Link Fund. We cannot rely on private food distributors and wholesalers that have an established market share to run food hubs in the public interest. Established companies, broadline distributors like Sysco and Gordon Food Services, or tech start ups that have delivery divisions, like Uber and DoorDash, will not deliver on food security.

As it stands, the Food-Link Fund is a gesture rather than a commitment to reinvestment in domestic food production and distribution. The Food-Link Fund must dedicate more resources to create successful and sustainable food hubs, defined by their ability to stimulate and maintain reliable support for a growing regional food economy.

Sustained investment in food hubs is an opportunity to create community-based, fair food distribution systems in Canada, that will support the establishment and growth of the next generation of farmers in this country.



# Marcelin hide camp connects community

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

Deeper connections with the land, cultural traditions, and ancestral knowledge were forged, when the Marcelin Métis Local #113 welcomed 18 participants for its annual hide camp.

Jade Bowering, who stepped in as the organization's president to fill the void left by the passing of her grandfather, Aurele Lalonde, says the Local has experienced a resurgence in recent years.

Through the efforts of the Local's members, partnerships with other groups, and grant funding from the Métis Nation of Saskatchewan, the group is working to provide its citizens with cultural experiences like a yearly Kitchen Party, complete with a traditional Métis supper and entertainment, and the hide camp.

"Hosting the hide camp is about preserving our Métis culture and learning traditional knowledge and passing it on to future generations," Bowering said. "It brings our community together, strengthens our cultural identity, and gives participants the opportunity to experience the skills and teachings and enjoy the land of our ancestors."

Hosted in conjunction with Alberta-based Métis cultural educator Natalie Pepin and Jeff Baker of the kâmwâtanahk Land-based Learning Lab, the hide camp is a weekend-long workshop that brings participants out into nature to learn the process of preparing hides in the traditional ways.

In the spirit of reconciliation, the camp is open to everyone, Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike, and is offered free of charge to remove any barriers to the sharing of knowledge and to bring the community together.

Because the proper preparation of a hide is such a lengthy, labour-intensive process, there are always multiple hides on the go during the weekend to highlight the different stages of the practice, from fleshing, to scraping, to the tying of the hide on the frame, to the gathering of the right kind of wood to use for tanning.



**Participants work on scraping a hide.**



**Tied to a frame, the hide is stretched so it can be softened.**

While Pepin shares her extensive knowledge of history and Indigenous teachings, the bulk of the hide camp is centered around giving participants hands-on experience with every stage of the process. And depending on the way they're processed, hides can eventually be used for anything from drums and rattles, to moccasins, clothing, and bags.

"Once it's tanned, as well, it provides some water resistance, so the fabric or hide won't rot as easily when it gets wet," Baker said.

"And it's all done using materials that are available in the forest. We're not creating any waste."

Baker, who has spent the past two decades hosting land-based camps and doing land-based work, says he's always had an affinity for the land. In recent years, he says, there's been a resurgence of interest in reconnecting with the land and traditional cultural practices.

Through opportunities like the hide camp, Baker hopes people will realize that connecting with nature is beneficial for their overall wellbeing and remain interested in learning more about and participating in traditional cultural practices.

"Personally, I think connecting with the land brings us away from the more destructive behaviours and patterns that our societies have been engaged in for some time," he said.

"Developing that relationship with the land by spending time with it and learning about it will hopefully lead to more respectful ways of thinking and acting toward the land, which we need to give us water, food, and all the materials we use day to day."

Noting that she's always amazed by her ancestors' scientific knowledge of hide tanning, Bowering hopes participants in the hide camp will share her appreciation for this wisdom.

"I hope they left feeling connected to our culture, proud of our heritage, and inspired to keep these traditions going for future generations," she said.

# *Spooktacular time at Debden Library*

**By ALINE HANNON**
*Branch Librarian*

The Debden Library was filled with Halloween excitement on Wednesday, Oct. 28, as preschoolers gathered for a fun-filled Halloween party.

The morning was packed with games, crafts, laughter, and plenty of Halloween Spirit. The Children tried their luck at Bowling Ghosts and Match the Pumpkins, and showed off their moves during a musical dance-on-the-spot game. They also got creative with Halloween crafts, such as beading spiders and taping up a Mummy.

One of the highlights of the morning was a costume parade around the Debden Community Center. The children proudly showed off their Halloween costumes, transforming into adorable bees, magical unicorn princesses, beautiful princesses, a little piggy and colorful Care Bears. Everyone looked wonderful as they paraded around for all to see!

Along with all the fun and games, the children listened to a Halloween story about preparing for Halloween. They got a chance to practice their Trick or Treat yells and, of course, were reminded to say thank you after they received their treat.

It was a spooktacular morning filled with smiles, creativity and community fun at the Debden Library. What a wonderful way to celebrate Halloween with our youngest library friends!



**Kids take part in Halloween-themed crafting activities.**



**Children participated in a Halloween costume parade at the Debden Community Centre.**

# Quarter Carnival offers frightfully good time

By JORDAN TWISS
*Shellbrook Chronicle Reporter*

Ghouls and goblins, tricks and treats, and fun and games. All the hallmarks of some spooky Halloween fun were present in abundance, when the students of Shellbrook's W.P. Sandin High School invited the community in for their annual Quarter Carnival on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 29.

Organized by members of the high school's Student Leadership Council (SLC), the Quarter Carnival was initially conceived as a fundraiser for Happy Hearts Childcare Centre when the first edition was held back in 2014. Since then, it's become a must-attend Halloween attraction in town and an integral part of the high school's efforts to deepen its ties with broader community.



A little ghoul takes a shot at pumpkin bowling.

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

With the event spanning supper hours, there were also hot dogs and baked goods on offer for a low price, making the event a low-cost way for the school to invite the community in for an evening of fun.

Rhonda Berezowski, W.P. Sandin's inclusive education coach, says the Quarter Carnival is one of the first events that junior SLC members play a role in organizing.

To ensure the night goes off without a hitch, planning meetings begin at the start of October and are held weekly up until the Quarter Carnival, with junior SLC members being responsible for planning and running the games, and senior SLC members tasked with brainstorming ideas for the haunted house — the night's main attraction.

Following last Thursday's Quarter Carnival, Berezowski says it's clear that all the planning paid off, as the event brought about 220 trick-or-treaters to the school. With strong attendance, and plenty of hungry guests taking advantage of the canteen and bake sale, the evening scared up close to $2,000 (before expenses).

All proceeds from the Quarter Carnival remain in the school and are used by the SLC to put on student events throughout the school year.




Despite his short arms, this T-rex played like a pro on the mini-putt course.

# *Shell Lake seniors celebrate birthdays, anniversaries*

By DAVID JENSEN
*Shell Lake 50+ Club*

On Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. 19 members of the Shell Lake 50+ Club gathered to celebrate recent birthdays and anniversaries for members. Rather than the wonderful entertainment, which is usual when gathering for birthday parties prior to enjoying the delicious cakes, members met for a short meeting to discuss plans for the Christmas supper and party.

After the meeting was adjourned, those celebrating birthdays were served cake and tea or coffee. Once again, Anita Weiers did her most excellent baking providing two delicious cakes. One was a maple walnut chiffon cake made from scratch with chocolate icing. The other was homemade carrot cake with white vanilla icing. Both were truly scrumptious.

There was only one slight glitch, which came about due to the absence of entertainers, who usually lead the gathering in singing "Happy Birthday." This time the birthday and anniversary songs were almost forgotten. It just doesn't work trying to do things differently than usual.

Most notable about the evening was that the club's oldest active member, Fay Brewer, was celebrating her birthday with this group. She marked her 92nd trip around the sun a few weeks back in mid-October.

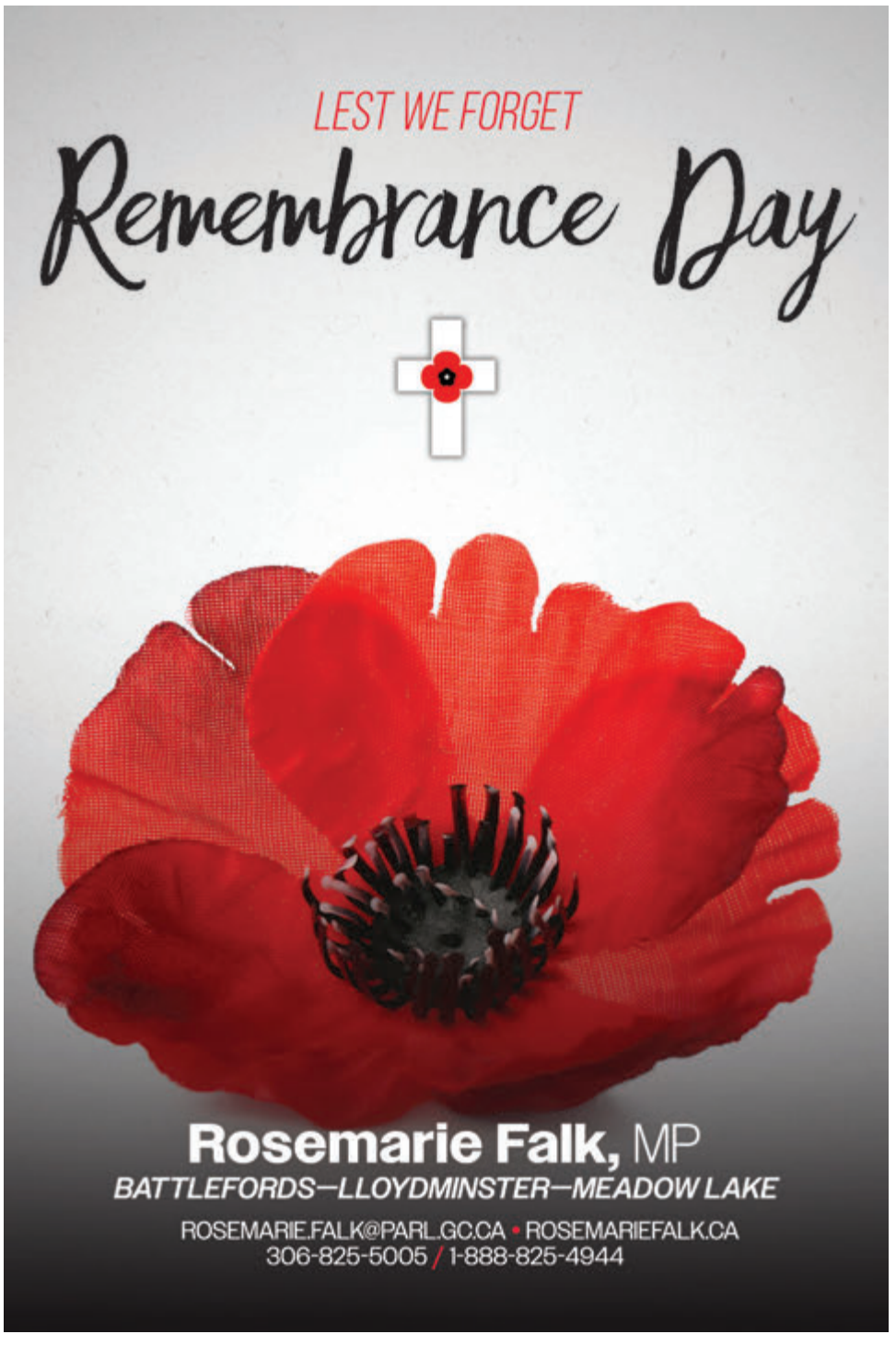
To say that Fay is active would be an understatement. Until last month she lived in her own home, complete with a big well cared for yard and garden. She still bakes bread and buns, pies and cookies, and hosts tea parties and home cooked meals for friends.

She is an accomplished quilter and knitter. She is an avid sports fan and never misses a Blue Jays game or a curling match. Needing to be productive while watching sports, Fay pulls out wool and needles, and by the end of the game a pair of mitts or slippers are ready to warm the hands and feet of many people — family, friends, even homeless.

She continues to live independently.



Birthday and anniversary celebrants. Pictured, left to right: Pat Lutz, Mike Seibel, Barb Lutz, Fay Brewer, Ken Grandberg, and Peggy Grandberg.



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# NHL's name game not so easy today



BRUCE PENTON
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Foster Hewitt and Danny Gallivan had it easy.

For younger readers who may not have heard of Hewitt or Gallivan, they were the radio/TV voices a number of decades ago of the Toronto Maple Leafs and Montreal Canadiens respectively. In 1960, the National Hockey League consisted of six teams — the Chicago Blackhawks, Boston Bruins, Detroit Red Wings, and New York Rangers joining the aforementioned Habs and Leafs in a compact league located in a tiny geographical section of North America.

Since almost all of the players in 1960 were Canadian (the odd American was sprinkled into some of the teams' rosters), doing play-by-play wasn't too difficult. Hull, Richard, Howe, Kelly, Duff, Beliveau, Bathgate, Moore . . . easy on the tongues of the broadcasters.

Today, of course, the NHL consists of 32 teams, seven in Canada and 25 in all corners of the United States. Canadian players make up the largest percentage (42 per cent), with Americans next at 28 per cent. If a country has ice, it's likely it has a player or two in the NHL and today, Sweden, Russia, Finland, Czech Republic, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, Belarus, Latvia, Norway, Austria, Slovenia, France, and Australia (yes, Australia — Jordan Spence of Ottawa and Nathan Walker of St. Louis) are represented on NHL rosters.

Which brings us back to Hewitt and Gallivan, who rarely had to deal with tongue-twisting names as they described the play. Alex Delvecchio, Jerry Toppazzini and Eric Nesterenko may have been three of the more difficult names to pronounce 66 years ago, but today — whoa!

A broadcaster doing a game between Edmonton and Washington, for instance, might describe a scrum featuring Ivan Miroshnichenko of the Capitals and Shakir Mukhamadullin of the Oilers; the Xhekaj brothers, Arber and Florian of Montreal, might be battling for the puck in the corner against Michael Brandsegg-Nygard of Detroit and by the time the announcer told his audience the names of the combatants, the puck would likely be at the other end of the ice.

Not all the tongue-twisting names of NHLers are from across the ocean. Shayne Gostisbehere of Carolina was born in Florida; Zeev Buium of the Canucks grew up in San Diego; and Luca Del Bel Belluz is a good ol' Canadian boy, from Woodbridge, Ont.

Hewitt and Gallivan were true professionals, but even they might occasionally stumble over players' names such as Marat Khusnutdinov of Boston, Mikael Pyyhtia of Columbus, Alex Nedeljkovic of San Jose and Bokondji Imama of Florida.

Scanning the rosters of NHL teams is an enjoyable exercise. You'll find Daniil But of Utah ... but what? You'll find Jaroslav Chmelar of the Rangers, convinced that the vowels in his name are in the wrong places. And you'll find that Oliver Okuliar of Pittsburgh is the only player in the league whose initials are O.O.

There are wonderful name of players in the leagues but my favourite is Amadeus Lombardi of Nashville. With a name like that, it makes perfect sense that he plays in Music City, U.S.A.

• Andrew Marchand of The Athletic, on Tony Romo's early talent as a football analyst:m "It was like watching the game with your best friend, if your best friend happened to be the former Dallas Cowboys star quarterback with a tinge of 'Oz the Mentalist.'"

• Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: From the Did-You-Know department: "Florida Panthers general manager Bill Zito was the bat boy for the Milwaukee Brewers when they went to the World Series in 1982."

• Greg Cote of Miami on his substack: "I love that this World Series is not all about money as most are now including the past two straight wins by the Lo$ Angele$ Dodgers$."

• Jayson Stark of The Athletic, on the Brewers' starting rotation: "Has any team won a World Series with a starting rotation that was mostly just the nightly warm-up act for its bat-smothering relief crew?"

• Super 70s Sports: "Nothing craps on the 'we must have a salary cap' narrative like Milwaukee and Tampa Bay in the World Series."

• Another onion.com headline: "LeBron James Squeezes Eyes Shut To Avoid Catching Glimpse Of Philadelphia During Commute"

• Headline at fark.com, about the LIV golf tour: "Bankrupt Bonesaw Tour apparently isn't too bankrupt to give its CEO a $6 million golden parachute"

• Another fark.com headline: "NFL commissioner Roger Goodell identifies Tokyo as the next target. Weren't Nagasaki and Hiroshima enough?"

• New York Post, on Shohei Ohtani's desire to do double duty next year as a 33-year-old: "But no athlete has ever defeated the calendar, and this season provided the tangible evidence that Ohtani won't be an exception to the rule."

• Steve Simmons again: "The part of baseball I don't like ... likely Cy Young Award winner Jacob Misiorowski goes five innings in Game 1 against Tampa Bay and people want to give him a purple heart for his bravery. And I wonder what Jack Morris thinks of all of that."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

# *U18 AA Elks lose two over weekend*

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

The U18 AA Parkland Elks made a mid-week road trip to Saskatoon on Thursday, Oct. 29, to face off against the Saskatoon Screaming Eagles and attempted to get back in the win column.

A win certainly wasn't out of the question for the Elks in the early going of the game, as they played the Eagles to a draw through the first 13 minutes of play. This soon changed, however, when the Eagles struck twice within 40 seconds to suddenly soar ahead 2-0. Evan Thompson scored the first goal, unassisted, while Jack Prosofsky scored the second, assisted by Bransten Leibel and Vance Kucherhan.

The Elks recovered and rallied after this two-goal strike and kept the Eagles off the board for the remainder of the period. Then, with the benefit of a power play in the first few minutes of the second period, Danec Wilson got the Elks within one on an unassisted goal.

Wilson struck again just over a minute later, with an assist from Gabe Wadham, to tie the score up at 2-2.

The tie held for much of the middle of the second period, until the Eagles reclaimed the lead with a goal from Kucherhan, assisted by Prosofsky. But another Elks power play worked out in their favour, allowing Carson Nordin to tie the score at 3-3, with assists from Canden Olsen and Wilson.

The teams stayed even for the remainder of the second period and much of the third, until Brandon Renas scored, with an assist from Ethan Korchinski, to put the Eagles up 4-3.

The Elks pulled their goalie in the final few minutes in hopes of tying things back up. But it was the Eagles who got the last word, scoring on an empty netter by Jake August, assisted by Logan Fraser and Korchinski, to claim a 5-3 win.

**Elks (1) vs Stars (5)**

On Sunday afternoon, the Elks hit the road for Spiritwood to face off against the North West Stars.

As many of the Elks hail from Spiritwood, the game was effectively a home game for the team, meaning they had plenty of support from the crowd.

The Elks were sluggish out of the gate, as the Stars rifled 20 shots on goal in the first period, compared to the Elks' 9.

Solid goaltending from Liam Bergen kept the Stars off the board in the early going, until a late power play gave them the boost they needed to draw first blood on a goal from Cash Van Nortwick, assisted by Calder Reiter and Owen Kitson.

The Elks had the last word in the period, however, tying the game at 1-1 on a goal from Logan Fisher, assisted by Canden Olsen and Owen Hansen.

This goal would be the only offensive highlight for the Elks, who fired just 10 shots on goal for the remainder of the game. Meanwhile, the Stars added three more goals in the second, and one more in the third, to claim a 5-1 victory.

With the pair of losses, the Elks sit at 2-6 on the season.

The team now has a couple weeks off to regroup before its next two road games in Warman and Martensville on Nov. 21 and 22.

# Spiritwood Library news highlights



**Spiritwood Public Library Dessert of the Month Winner for October is Shirley Kajner. She received a luscious cherry cheesecake dessert made by Board member Stacey Gaboury.**

***By HEATHER GATZKE, Branch Librarian***



**The October Early dismissal activity was creating fun, but a little creepy, bats, spiders, and cats. Jackson (pictured) chose to make some bats, while Heather chose to make some paper & pipe cleaner spiders.**

# Obituaries

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## Norma Dahl



Norma Anne Mathilda Dahl, late of Prince Albert/ Shellbrook, SK, passed away peacefully on Monday, October 26, 2026, at Rose Garden Hospice in Prince Albert, SK. Norma was born on September 10, 1939 in Shellbrook, SK.

Norma will be lovingly remembered by her children, Bradley (Glenda) Dahl, Beverly Jessop; grandchildren, Delaney Dahl, Jacy Jessop, Awndrea Belanger, Justin Dahl, and Jillian Dahl; siblings, Brenda (Earl) Larson, Gordon Goudal; sister-in-law, Betty Goudal; brother-in-law, Ed Lachner.

Norma was predeceased by her husband, Dennis Dahl; parents, Elenora and Rene (Ernie) Goudal; son, Les Dahl; siblings, Rene Goudal, Carol (Bill) Reutlinger, Marie Lackner, and Elaine Kerr.

In keeping with Norma's wishes no service will be held. In lieu of other tributes, donations in memory of Norma may be directed to Rose Garden Hospice 500 – 38th St. West, Prince Albert, SK S6W 0A3 www.rosegardenhospice.ca.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, Marianne Turcotte Funeral Director, Prince Albert, SK 306-763-3322.

## Gloria Ferster



Gloria Elizabeth Annie Ferster passed away peacefully on October 1, 2026, at the age of 83. Gloria was born on April 23, 1943, in Saskatoon, SK, to Michael and Annie (née: Markowski) Trischuk. She was the younger sister to Ivor Trischuk who was one of her greatest inspirations in life. She grew up in Colonsay and later her parents bought a motel/service station in Gull Lake, SK where she graduated from high school. The family then moved to Saskatoon where Gloria attended teaching college.

She married Lloyd Ferster in 1967 and in 1970 they took over the family farm east of Leask. Lloyd passed away in 1977, at this time the farm was rented out, and Gloria went on to continue teaching until retirement in 1993, after 31 years. She taught in Glenbain, Leask, Cut Knife and Debden. Gloria taught various grades and subjects and was for a time a teacher/librarian. She was the yearbook staff advisor and coached curling. In her free time Gloria enjoyed gardening and doing pottery and she was an amateur photographer. She was a dedicated member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Canwood and was a member of the church council. Gloria was a member of STS and STF and was awarded the STS Honorary Life Membership. Gloria also enjoyed spending time with her constant companion, her cat "Monroe". Some of Gloria's favourite things to do was spend time with her two grandsons, Layton and Layne, going to plays or a trip to the casino.

Gloria will be lovingly remembered by her son Lorne (Lorraine) and their sons Layton and Layne (Jazlyn).

Memorial Service was held at 11:00AM on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at Zion Lutheran Church, Canwood, SK. Interment followed in the Brightholme Cemetery.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Gloria to the Canwood and District Bus Association (Box 130 Canwood, SK S0J 0K0).

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home and Crematorium, Lynn Anderson, Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK 306-747-2828.

## Julie Gustafson



GUSTAFSON, Julie
December 3,1942 – October 18, 2026

Mum grew up in the Brightholme district of Leask, attending Mount Teviot rural school during her primary years, often reminding us lightheartedly that it was an uphill walk, both ways, in the rain and snow. She finished her schooling in Leask graduating from high school there. Julie first moved to Shellbrook to work as a bookkeeper; boarding at Mrs. Wilson's where she cultivated lifelong friendships. She first met Dad when he was delivering groceries to the house. Later she worked in Prince Albert, and Calgary for a short time as well. It was in Calgary that she and Dad connected again and started their courtship. They were married January 9, 1975, and spent several years traveling the western provinces for Dad's work – Prince Rupert, BC, The Pas, MB, & Prince Albert, SK before finally settling in the Brightholme District in 1977, purchasing the farm from Alphonse Ferster.

Michelle came along November 1, 1978, and Carmen 18 months later April 29, 1980. Dad started working up North at the mines while mum stayed home and raised us girls. She had the duty of running the farm while dad was away. In between the times she was running to PA to drop dad off and pick him up at the airport she was raising cattle, growing a garden & dealing with equipment breakdowns; the job was never ending. Living so close to her parents, many siblings, dozens of cousins, and close neighbours, her life on the farm was a close-knit community of everyone helping everyone else. Her journals chronicled a never-ending log of coffee visits, running over to the neighbours to grab milk, shared suppers, berry picking in the summer, fishing in the winter, and lots of card games. Of course, family gatherings wouldn't be the same without all the food. Food meant love and that was her language. Many pets graced the farm with their presence. Most of them appeared without the prior approval of Mum, much to her chagrin. It didn't take long for them all to work their way into her heart though. Mum and Dad sold the farm and moved to the Adams family acreage just outside of Shellbrook in the summer of 2024. Mum was adamant that she wasn't moving into town. It was the perfect spot for them. They were surrounded by wildlife and Mum continued to feed the birds she thoroughly enjoyed watching. After Dad passed, she still had Smokey, the cat, for companionship and arguments up until her passing. She was stubbornly independent up until her last days which is just the way she wanted it. Her sense of humour was unrivalled; her love was never ending and purely unconditional. Alas her absence leaves a huge hole in our hearts, yet her soul will live on in nature and in us forever.

Julie is survived by her children Michelle (Greg) Folmer of Prince Albert, SK, and Carmen (David Ivanco) Gustafson of Martensville, SK; her grandchildren Chandler (Bailey Spears) Folmer of Red Deer, AB, Reid Folmer of Prince Albert, SK, and Andy Campbell of Martensville, SK; her siblings Ruth Prosser, Bruce (Mary) Stieb, Muriel (Gerald) Lanes, and Barbara Klingspohn; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband Bert Gustafson; her parents Arthur and Annie Stieb (née Macdowell); her mother-in-law Dora Gustafson; her brother Mervin Stieb.

Come and go tea to celebrate Julie's life was held on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026, from 2pm to 4pm at the Shellbrook Seniors Center, Shellbrook, SK.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Julie to the Prince Albert SPCA (Box 1832 Prince Albert, SK, S6V 6J9) or charity of choice.

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# Good News

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## Feed your enemy

**By JORDAN CLARK**
*Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly*

The Apostle Paul ends his twelfth chapter of his letter to the Romans in a startling way:

"Never paying back evil for evil to anyone, respecting what is good in the sight of all men, if possible, so far as it depends on you, being at peace with all men, never taking your own revenge, beloved—instead leave room for the wrath of God. For it is written, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord. 'But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.'" (Romans 12:17-20, LSB)

Paul is quoting Proverbs 25:21-22, which says, "If your enemy is hungry, give him food to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; For you will heap burning coals on his head, And Yahweh will repay you."

As I write this, there are major cities in France facing complete unrest from University Student protests and riots. These cities include Paris, Marseille, and Lyon. These cities have imposed curfews, riot patrols, and the government has banned protests in these cities.

Churches and buildings are being burned down, looted and stores are being robbed, it is complete chaos. I have seen some Christians online who have been justifying this behaviour saying, "the government deserves this because of injustice."

We live in a society/ culture that truly believes in protest—we almost relish in it. There is a burning desire within our sinful nature to get revenge when we have been wronged. We love stories of revenge. A popular movie, Gladiator, is based around a Roman General losing his family and fighting his way back to the emperor by becoming a gladiator in the Roman arena. We love revenge.

Paul reminds the Roman Church to have a posture of love and mercy for their enemies. He quotes a famous proverb about feeding our enemies, showing them hospitality instead of killing them. This will bring a greater conviction upon them for acting the way have acted, the kindness of the Christian will be like heaping coals for our enemies.

This posture gives God control over justice—God will have His vengeance; God will pour out his wrath for the wicked.

"For You are not a God who delights in wickedness; Evil does not sojourn with You. The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes; You hate all workers of iniquity. You destroy those who speak falsehood; Yahweh abhors the man of bloodshed and deceit." (Psalms 5:4-6, LSB)

Will we be wronged in this life? Yes. We are all born into sin, we are all imperfect and we live in a sinful world. We live in an unjust world.

Pray for our enemies, feed our enemies, show them the kindness and hospitality of Christ as Christ gave His life so sinners can be saved from the forever torment of hell; we too must give our lives to Christ and to each other.

Instead of rioting, burning down cities and getting revenge for the injustice in this world, God, commands to love those who hate you, pray for those who hate you and your Christ-like kindness will convict them, and it may even bring them to the hope of Christ.

Feed your enemy—The Lord will have His justice and vengeance.

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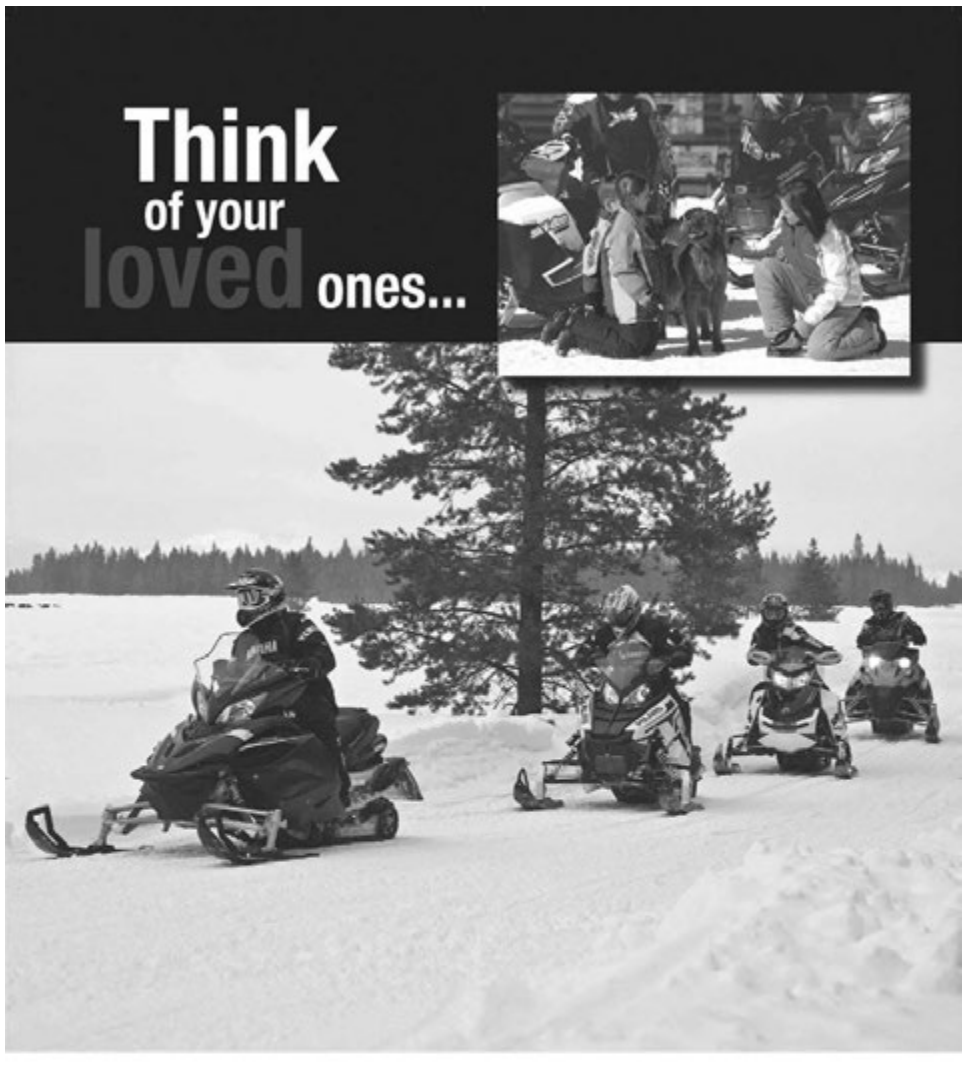
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# Locally developed video game hopes to inspire kindness

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

Leoville's Kay-Lynne Fehr has been playing video games for as long as she can remember.

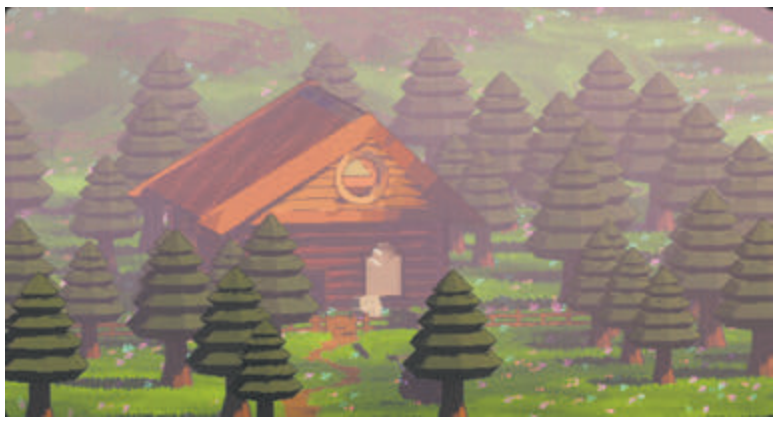
But while there's no shortage of video games franchises that are driven by frenetic action and epic battles, Fehr says she's always been drawn to cozy games — low-stakes games that allow the player to slow down, relax, and forget the stresses of everyday life.

Recent years have seen the cozy genre take off in literature and in video games. And for the video game industry, in particular, the emergence of this trend has brought more women into gaming.

Yet, for as much as she's always wanted to see more people like her developing video games for people like her, Fehr always believed the idea of getting into game development was out of reach.

That all changed seven years ago, when Fehr joined Saskatoon-based game studio Noodlecake.

"Before this, I worked in social work. That work was really important to me, but it was also very draining," Fehr said. "I really wanted to do something more creative."





**Screenshots from *Kitch Witch*, a video game being developed in Leoville.**

At the beginning of 2026, Fehr decided to channel her game industry experience and creative drive into something of her own. Working alongside her husband and a couple friends, she founded her own independent game studio, Mistik Studios, and began development of its first game, *Kitch Witch*.

Billed as a "cozy cooking role-playing game," *Kitch Witch* sees players take on the role of a young witch who inherits her grandmother's culinary clinic.

Throughout the game, adventurers and villagers will come to the clinic with a host of mystical maladies, and it's up to the player to cure what ails them.

"Normally, in other games or in real life, you'd treat them with medicine or magic. But in this game, you treat people with the magical food you make instead," Fehr said.

"You go out and gather your own ingredients, and each ingredient has its own magical properties that can fix certain aspects of fantasy illnesses. It's very fantastical."

Fehr says the idea for *Kitch Witch* has been in the back of her mind for a few years, and she calls it a good outlet for herself because it blends her interests with her skills.

Fehr is also a driving force behind Mistik Collective, a local non-profit organization that delivers fresh, homegrown produce to people in Leoville and the R.M. of Spiritwood through its Harvest to Home program.

Recently, the organization partnered with the Village of Leoville to bring a community garden to the village, giving people an opportunity to experience the joy that comes with growing their own food.

"Living in rural Saskatchewan, growing my own produce, and seeing it used in my kitchen all the time was a really big inspiration for me," she said.

"When I make soup for a friend who's sick, it does really feel as though it's making them better — even if it's just their spirits. I've always wanted to make a game that has that relaxing and therapeutic vibe to it."

Because of her passion for healing with food, Fehr says it was important to get the cooking part of Kitch Witch right. For her, that meant creating mini games that make the player feel like they're actually cooking, and hours spent in the kitchen recording sound effects while preparing different foods.

"We were really inspired by the cooking-based *Mario Party* mini games," she said.

Fehr says *Kitch Witch* is still in early development, but aiming for a late 2027 early access release. This will allow the team to get important feedback from players before releasing the final product on Steam and Nintendo Switch.

In the meantime, a demo is currently available to play on Steam.

Fehr hopes those who play the game feel at home in its environment, and come away from it with a sense that they can help others in real life, too.

And for those who may have an interest in game development, she wants them to realize it's possible to pursue it.

"It's not as big a barrier as you think it is in terms of difficulty. There are a lot of softwares you can learn and different ways that you can learn how to do game development," she said.

"If you have a real passion for it, it's totally within your reach. More people should know it's a possibility."

# *RCMP arrests man on firearms charge*

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

The Prince Albert RCMP arrested a wanted man on firearms charges during an investigation on the Sturgeon Lake First Nation.

According to police, officers were investigating a report of a stolen vehicle at a residence in the community on Wednesday, Oct. 21, when they determined that a wanted individual and firearm were inside the residence.

Officers subsequently contained the area and called out for the individual to exit the residence, which they did not. Following further investigation, the individual was arrested inside the residence by RCMP Police Dog Services.

The individual, identified by police as 35-year-old Jared Naytowhow, was transported to hospital by EMS for injuries described as non-life-threatening in nature and was released into custody later that day.

Naytowhow is charged with one count of resisting/obstructing a peace officer. He is also charged with firearms offences relating to an October 2026 investigation.

Naytowhow attended Prince Albert Provincial Court on Oct. 23.

**RCMP seeks wanted individual**

The Onion Lake RCMP is asking the public to report sightings and information on the whereabouts of 39-year-old Brennan Sakebow.

Sakebow is wanted on warrant by the Onion Lake RCMP for failing to comply with court-ordered conditions in relation to investigations in July and August 2026.

Prior to this, Sakebow spent much of 2025 and early 2026 on the Saskatchewan RCMP's most wanted list for a lengthy list of charges, including: assault (two counts), mischief under $5000, public mischief, failure to comply with undertaking (two counts), aggravated assault, breaking and entering, possession of prohibited weapon, pointing a firearm (two counts), careless use of firearm, disguise with intent, discharging firearm with intent, forcible confinement, and possession of prohibited firearm.

Sakebow is described as 5'10" and 195 lbs., with short black hair and brown eyes. He is known to travel to Spiritwood, Meadow Lake, and Pelican Lake First Nation.



**Brennan Sakebow.**

Anyone who sees Sakebow is urged not approach him, and should instead call police at 306-310-RCMP (7267). Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or *www.saskcrimestoppers.com*.

**RCMP Wanted List**

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.

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The RCMP's updated list for November includes just one wanted individual with known connections to the area.

Stephan Littlepine (alias Brayden Sutherland) 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.

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