



## Shell Lake Lions donate \$20,000 to Shellbrook Hospital

The Shell Lake Lions Club has once again opened up their wallet and donated a sizable sum to a local cause.

The club, which consists of about 20 members has donated \$20,000 to the Shellbrook and Districts Health Complex.

The Health Complex will house a 20 bed acute care centre combined with 34 long term care beds and other community health services. Construction is expected to begin on that project later this year.

Shell Lake Lions treasurer Corrie Rush-Battersby said that the club's priority turned to health due to the necessity of the facility and the absence of a school in their community.

"There is a need. We depend on Shellbrook (for health care)," said Rush Battersby.

"We don't have any recreational programs because we don't have the kids, so we are turning to health."

The provincial government approved the \$25 million project in 2008 alongside 12 other long term care projects. At that time the municipal share was set at 35 per cent. That has since been reduced to 20 per cent of the project cost.

The Lions Club raised the money for the donation through a number of fund raisers over the years including their annual Spring Fling event.

This year's Spring Fling, set for April 30, is expected to bring in upwards of \$10,000 based on past performances.

She added that the service club gave \$15,000 to the Spiritwood Health Complex 15 years ago when the community of Spiritwood was fund raising for its construction and plans to donate another \$5,000 to the new Children's Hospital in Saskatoon later this year.

The club draws a lot of its membership and fund raising dollars from the neighboring resort villages.

Annually, the club's Cabin Calendar project brings in a sizable sum of money. Each year the club sells advertising for the calendar which is distributed from Meeting Lake to Chitek, to Sturgeon to Emerald and all points in between. In all 1,600 calendars are delivered.

Because of the boom in cottage country, there are presently more resort village Lion's members than there are village members.

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Shell Lake Lion's Club co-presidents Gary Taylor and Walter Walbart and treasurer Corrie Rush-Battersby, right, present a cheque for \$20,000 to Shellbrook Hospital Director of Care Patti Couture.

## Triple S Transport wins Samuel McLeod Award

Triple S Transport won the Samuel McLeod Business Excellence Award for Customer Service at an awards ceremony in Prince Albert Tuesday night.

The company was nominated by another member of the business community in the Customer Service category which includes businesses in the wholesale and retail trade, purchasing and distribution, transportation, brokering, professional services, communications, financial industries.

The company was up against stiff

competition in Conexus Credit Union, Advantage Credit Union and Era Maternity.

"It was very much a surprise," said co-owner Darin Stene.

Darin and Tina Stene started the company 15 years ago after being involved in the industry off and on since graduating high school.

The couple decided at that time that if they were going to be in the industry it would be as owners and not employees. They started with one truck and have

since grown to a fleet of 13 trucks, 25 trailers employing 27 people.

The guiding principal that has led them to their success is to simply surround yourself with good people, do the right thing and follow your heart.

"Without good people you don't have anything," said Darin.

As the company grows, it relies heavily upon the people that work in it.

The office itself is a very unassuming place located in the former Shellbrook Library on Main Street.

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