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Local woman becomes part of Google history

Megan Allard grew up in Spiritwood and is a well known, smiling face around the community. She is an active volunteer, usually working alongside her mother Shelley Allard, lending her helping hands at Nu2U, the Lodge, and with the Spiritwood and District Lions Club.

In November 2019, Megan pursued an opportunity with Google and the Canadian Down Syndrome Society (CDSS) and became a part of their joint effort, Project Understood (Google's Euphonia). The purpose of the project is to collect thousands of voice recordings from people with Down Syndrome to help train and improve voice technology.

Megan had heard about the opportunity during Canadian Down Syndrome Awareness Week (the first week of November each year) shortly after having an Alexa speaker at her cousin's place fail to understand her request to turn on the lights. She applied to work on the project and was accepted by Google, who began to send her phrases to record.

After the first set of phrases had been recorded, continuing with additional sets was voluntary.

"I did [continue] as I wanted to make a difference," said Megan, who recorded a total of 4,250 phrases for the project.

"Megan's being a part of Google is history," added her mother, Shelley.

Megan had applied for the opportunity believing it to be strictly voluntary and was surprised when Google ended up paying her. She decided that she would use the money to start a new project as a way of "paying it forward."

She purchased a Cricket machine (a machine used for cutting designs in paper) to make hand-made cards. Her new project is called Megan's Cards for a Cause, which she started as a participant of the AIM (Ability in Me) program that runs out of Saskatoon.

AIM functions as a provincial non-profit, charitable organization whose goal is to offer support in speech and language therapy, literacy programming, occupational therapy, and music therapy for individuals living with Down Syndrome between the ages of 0 and 22. Megan, who turned 23 this year,



Megan Allard has been busy making handmade cards with her Cricket machine for Megan's Cards for a Cause. The machine was purchased using money she received from Google for her help with Project Understood.

was their first graduate of the program.

AIM was one of the organizations where she chose to donate money from card sales. Megan had also donated birthday and Christmas cards to the residents of the long-term care home in Spiritwood, and to the Prairie Community Endeavors (PCE) silent auction.

The project, which Shelley says came from everything being shut down due to the ongoing pandemic, has provided

Megan with a way to continue to make personal connections with people while staying safe. A handwritten personal note is put in each of the cards, with sets of four cards selling for \$10.

Initially, she aimed to raise \$1,000 to donate to charitable organizations. But to date she has already raised over \$1,200.

"It really is because of family, friends, and the community that has supported

Megan," said Shelley. A contact from Calgary even recently brought in a large order of cards from a business. At this time, Megan is making cards on demand.

Other projects she has been involved in recently are Inspiration At My Door and Down 2 Cookie, which she helped bring to the Spiritwood Artisan Boutique, the baker being a friend of hers from the AIM program.



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Santa makes early stop in Blaine Lake

It may have been a Christmas unlike any other in recent history, but thanks to the Blaine Lake Community Association (BLCA) there was still plenty of holiday spirit and cheer to be found in the community of about 500 people.

With the COVID-19 pandemic pre-

venting Santa Claus from making his yearly pre-Christmas stops at Blaine Lake Composite School's Christmas party and the Blaine Lake Liquor and Hardware store, the BLCA came up with a novel way for him to visit the town: a drive-through parade.

"The Blaine Lake Community Association is always looking for ways to build the sense of community within Blaine Lake," said Deedra Coutu, the BLCA's recreation coordinator. "With the lack of normalcy this year, we thought it would be nice for everyone to have the opportunity to see Santa."

The BLCA's plans all came to fruition on Friday, Dec. 18, as Santa let his reindeer get a well-deserved rest and made the rounds through Blaine Lake in the back of a pickup truck, led by members of the Blaine Lake RCMP, Blaine Lake Ambulance Care, and the Blaine Lake Fire Department.

Including the big man in red, there were eight parade vehicles in total. Meanwhile, Blaine Lake



Santa waves to onlookers from the back of his pickup truck, during Blaine Lake's drive-thru Christmas parade.

Liquor and Hardware got in on the parade by handing out treat bags from Santa to the kids, many of whom were lined up outside of the school to wish Santa a Merry Christmas.

"Community Support is huge! Knowing that so many organizations came together to help make the parade happen is exactly what the Blaine Lake Community Association is all about," Coutu said. "We want to bring our community together, and increase community participation as much as possible."

While the parade was well received by the community, Coutu says the BLCA hasn't yet solidified any plans to turn it into an annual holiday season attraction. However, she adds that the community organization would love to see

more local organizations and businesses participate, if a parade is held next Christmas.

And though Santa's drive through parade may have been one of the main Christmas attractions this past holiday season, it wasn't the only event hosted by the BLCA.

The organization also held its second annual Christmas Lights Concert, with prizes of local gift cards going to the top four entrants.

Though names of the winners weren't published out of concerns for privacy, the winning address was 317 1st Avenue East. Second place went to 402 Railway Avenue West, while 201 2nd Avenue East and 214 1st Street East finished third and fourth, respectively.



Kids came out to Blaine Lake's drive-thru parade to wish Santa a Merry Christmas.

TOWN OF BIG RIVER PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 3.8.2 of the Town of Big River Zoning Bylaw No. 2015-02, that the Council of the Town of Big River has received application for a Discretionary Use under the Municipality's Zoning Bylaw:

Application has been made for the operation of an Undertaking Establishment in the R1 - Low Density Residential District at Lot 18, Block 33, Plan BR1935 - 100 6th Avenue South.

An Undertaking Establishment is listed in section 4.1.16 of Zoning Bylaw No. 2015-02 Discretionary Use in any zoning district and may be considered by Council by a resolution and only in locations specified in such resolution of Council and such resolution shall specify the regulations governing the site.

This application will be considered by Council at the Regular Meeting on January 18, 2021, in the Small Hall of the Big River Community Centre, 606 First Street, Big River, SK, at which time Council shall consider any written submissions.

Dated at Big River, SK this 7th day of January, 2021.

Noreen Olsen
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Highlights of a Shellbrook town council meeting

Shellbrook's town council met for its regular meeting via teleconference on Monday, Dec. 21.

In attendance were Mayor Amund Otterson, councillors Bruce Clements, John Hughes, David Knight, Cheryl Ledding, Brent Miller, and Kathleen Nording, and the town's CAO, Kelly Hoare.

Mayor Otterson called the meeting to order at 4 p.m., and council began by approving the agenda for the meeting and adopting the minutes of its Nov. 19 regular meeting. After this, the first items on the agenda were a pair of public hearings regarding proposed zoning bylaw amendments.

The first public hearing pertained to a local company's request to change its zoning to industrial from its current designation as highway commercial. The change is being requested to allow the company to store certain products, such as calcium chloride and magnesium hydroxide brine.

In response to concerns from ratepayers, as well as questions from councillors, council agreed to seek more information regarding the company's plan. Council also asked that the company provide a certified document to say the facility is built to proper standards and codes, and has been inspected as built.

During the second portion of the public hearing, council listened to ratepayers' questions and concerns regarding Lake Country Co-op's plans to build a fertilizer plant on the east side of town. While the town already passed the bylaw to change the property's zoning designation, nothing else has happened as Co-op has yet to submit its plans.

Hoare said she hoped to have more concrete details from Co-op in the next month.

On a separate, yet related, matter, ratepayers also shared worries regarding the gradual industrialization of town, and the town's decision to complete 5th Avenue East past Happy Hearts Childcare Centre (at one time, the town had said this wouldn't be done).

Councillor Knight echoed the ratepayers' concerns, calling the construction of the road "dead wrong from just about every perspective."

Having heard from ratepayers, council concluded the public hearings, and moved on to approve its regular accounts and financials. From there, it was onto reports.

In recreation-related reports, Mayor Otterson informed council that the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre's solar panels have been credited with 2,000 kilowatt hours since they got up

and running in September.

Elsewhere, councillor Miller confirmed that Hockey Day in Shellbrook won't be taking place in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He said at least one more will be needed to help cover some of the costs of the rink renovation.

Once this is done, the hope is to have the Recreation Project Steering Committee refocus on other municipal recreation infrastructure, such as the swimming pool.

Rounding out the reports, council once again discussed the value it's receiving from bylaw enforcement services, with councillor Knight questioning whether the town could split costs with other municipalities.

This discussion gave way to concerns about the lack of RCMP presence within the community. Mayor Otterson said council would be meeting with the new staff sergeant for the Ahtakakoop-Shellbrook RCMP Detachment on Jan. 7, allowing it an opportunity to voice its concerns about the costs to the town.

Shifting gears to new business, council began by tabling a number of motions pertaining to the zoning bylaw changes addressed in its public hearings, as well as a motion regarding benefits for councillors. Council did, however, agree to extend employee benefits to town employees who are laid off due to the COVID-19 pandemic (previously its policy was to do so on a case-by-case basis).

Hoare said the cost for one employee would be about \$160 per month.

Carrying on, council carried a motion to maintain the current early payment discount rates for property taxes of 7 per cent for the first month after taxes are levied, 5 per cent the following month, and 3 per cent the third month. Council also carried a motion

to keep its tax-free for three years policy in place.

Up next, council agreed to ask for more information regarding an interested party's plan to establish an indoor storage business in the former Prairie North Surplus building, and carried motions to waive curling fees for December, and to allow the Kinettes and Curling Club to build a shed on the rink property for the Lucky 7 fundraiser.

In one of its final items of business,

council discussed an idea to establish a second outdoor rink in the community.

While council was favourable to the idea, council agreed that it was too late to create the rink this winter. It also had questions regarding the rink's location, and how water would be transported for flooding.

Having no further business to discuss, council set Jan. 4 and 18 as its next meeting dates, and adjourned for the last time in 2020.

Missing Big River FN youth found dead

RCMP say a teen reported missing in Big River, Sask., has been found dead.

Jayden Crookedneck, 17, left a family group on Main Street at around 2 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 2, and went walking in the direction of the Big River boat launch, according to police.

It was reported to police that Crookedneck

was later seen walking north on Mill Avenue around 2:30 a.m.

He was later reported missing by his family, who were concerned for his well-being as he wasn't dressed to spend a long period of time outside.

Crookedneck was found deceased the afternoon of Jan. 3. A cause of death has not been released.



Jayden Crookedneck, 17, was found dead the afternoon of Jan. 3, after being reported missing by family.

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In 2021, all governments must resolve to do better

It's official. A new year is finally – and quite suddenly – upon us.

After a normal year, the ticking of the clock over to midnight on Jan. 1 would bring with it a sense of renewal, of magic and hope.

There's a reason, after all, that people make new year's resolutions; the beginning of a new year is supposed to be a sort of cosmic reset,

a chance to start fresh and make good on long-forgotten promises.

But this time around, it's hard to feel as if anything has changed.

There was no great reset at midnight on Jan. 1, and no new year's magic.

Instead, we are beginning 2021 where we ended 2020: in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. The only difference is the world



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News Editor

now believes it has a golden ray of hope in the form of a vaccine.

(Though, assuming the vaccine is effective, it will be some time before enough doses are delivered in Saskatchewan to provide herd immunity, and, even then, our lives may not return to the normal we knew before March of 2020.)

We can all be forgiven if, in 2020, we abandoned our new year's resolutions to ourselves and sought out any comfort we could find to ease the pandemic's terrible burden.

But as the first week of 2021 comes to a close, we have plenty of time to make this year, and ourselves, better than 2020.

For governments of all levels, who earned mixed grades when it comes to their handling of CO-

VID-19, doing better needs to be the chief priority.

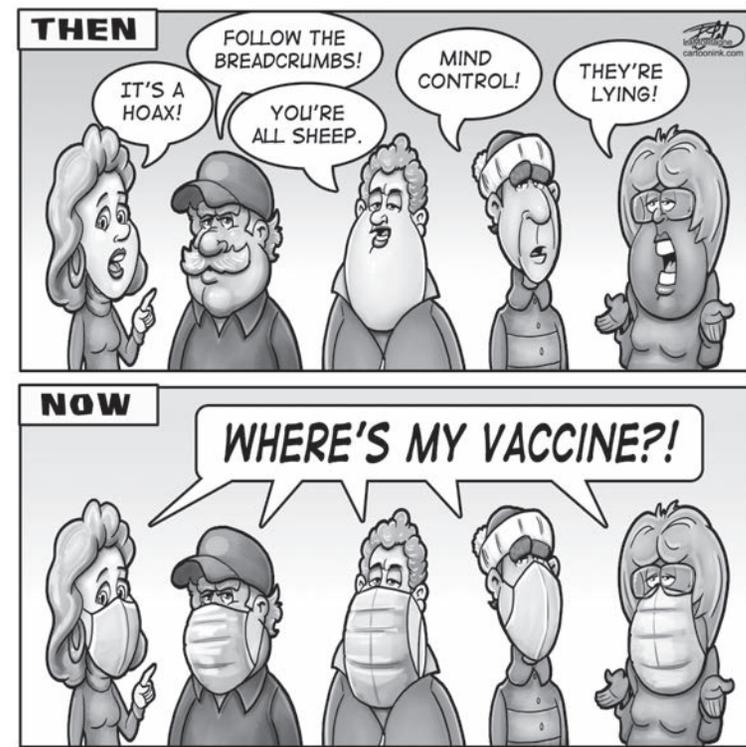
For local governments, the resolution should be to improve communication with ratepayers, whether it be about something as mundane as snow clearing policies, or a multi-million dollar plan to replace vital municipal infrastructure.

For Premier Scott Moe and his provincial government, the focus needs to be on clarity in communication.

Mr. Moe deserves a great deal of credit for spending 2020 trying to be the most reasonable man in the room.

However, his efforts to not alienate those who criticized his government's lockdown and masking policies, and his balancing of healthcare and the economy, left many in Saskatchewan confused about his government's actual positions.

As the vaccine rolls out, and



people inevitably become more lax about following public health orders, Mr. Moe will have to send a decisive and clear message to the people of Saskatchewan.

Finally, for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the federal government, 2021 needs to be about unifying the country.

Over five years in office, Mr. Trudeau has done irreparable damage to Canada's national identity.

This year, he must stop ruling as if by divine mandate, and bring those he's alienated back into the fold by giving them a voice in his government's policies.

New year demands new approach to taxation

Dear editor,

In times of crises in the past such as the world wars and the Great Depression of the 1930's, governments raised taxes on the rich and on corporations to ensure that those who had the most contributed to the recovery and to societal well-being. It doesn't require much research to discover that the world's ultra rich haven't been paying their fair share for decades.

The Broadbent Institute states, "Over the past three decades the tax burden in most advanced economies has shifted from taxation of capital and the affluent to taxes on labour and ordinary working people. The cuts to effective tax rates on capital (large corporations) since the 1980's have failed to boost real business investment which currently languishes at quite depressed levels in most advanced economies. Investment (was) much higher in the 1960's and 1970's when capital was much more heavily taxed."

Researcher, Ben Tippet of The Guardian argues for pro-

gressive taxation and new taxes on the companies and wealthy individuals who have benefited during the pandemic. "If implemented across the globe, an excess profit tax could raise \$104 billion annually and a new wealth tax \$4.4 trillion annually – theoretically, enough to pay for all the COVID-19 spending in just a couple of years. Global coordination can also help ensure that corporations and the wealthy do not hide their wealth in tax havens."

Mitchell Anderson of the Tye states, "As the pandemic drags on, perhaps there has never been a better opportunity to finally address the long festering issue of international tax avoidance, which is estimated to cost governments around the world some \$800 billion each year. With governments struggling to shoulder enormous emergency costs, perhaps there is finally the political will to take on those who have enjoyed avoiding contributing to the cost of civilization. The Canada Revenue Agency estimates some \$240 billion in private wealth is stashed offshore."

In a recent commentary, Ian Madsen also questions how Canadians will deal with ever-rising debt. He admits that corporate taxation has dropped substantially but argues that large corporations shouldn't be asked to pay up. As a policy analyst for the right wing Frontier Centre for Public Policy, funded largely by like-minded foundations and large corporate donors, it is his job to protect the interests of those who fund the foundation.

Huge fortunes give the ultra rich far too much power, which undermines democracy. The wealth of the top 87 Canadian family fortunes totalled \$259 billion in 2016, (up 37% since 2012). The same amount of wealth is shared among 12 million Canadians at the lower end of the ladder.

The wealth of the world's richest 100 people could end world poverty four times over. We need progressive tax reform to ensure that the burden of the pandemic is fairly shared.

Evelyn Johnson,
Spiritwood, Sask.

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Minutes of a Town of Spiritwood meeting

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

The regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Spiritwood was held via Sasktel Teleconference on Nov. 23, 2020 at 6 p.m.

In attendance were Mayor Gary von Holwede, Councillor Bryan Wingerter, Councillor Shannon Beaulac, Councillor George Pretli, Councillor Kiera Andres, Councillor Brad Nemish, and CAO Rhonda Saam. Absent was Councillor James Bedi.

All Council Members signed and filed Oath of Office and Public Disclosure Statements Nov. 23, 2020.

A quorum being present, Mayor Von Holwede called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

George Pretli: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That the Accounts for Ratification, Cheque No. 31120 to 31141, and CAFT payments #173 - 201 in the amount of \$65,073.56 be approved as presented. Seconded by Brad Nemish. Carried.

Shannon Beaulac: That the Accounts for Approval, Cheque No. 31142 to 31166 in the amount of \$20,313.06 be approved as presented. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Shannon Beaulac: That Rhonda Saam and James Bedi attend the virtual Northwest Regional Meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2020. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter.

Bryan Wingerter: That we ratify the decision to enter into a renewed lease contract with P.A. Photocopier for the RICOH IM C2500 Photocopier for a term of 60 months. Seconded by Brad Nemish.

Bryan Wingerter: That Bylaw No. 532/20, a Bylaw to Amend the Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 487/13 be read a first time. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

Kiera Andres: That Bylaw No. 532/20, a Bylaw to Amend the Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 487/13 be read a second time. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

George Pretli: That Bylaw No. 532/20, a Bylaw to Amend the Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 487/13 be given three readings at this meeting. Second-

ed by Bryan Wingerter. Carried unanimously.

Shannon Beaulac: That Bylaw No. 532/20, a Bylaw to Amend the Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 487/13 be read a third time and finally adopted. Seconded by Brad Nemish. Carried.

Kiera Andres: That Bylaw No. 533/20, A Bylaw to Amend the Zoning Bylaw No. 486/13, be read a first time. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

Brad Nemish: That Bylaw No. 533/20, A Bylaw to Amend the Zoning Bylaw No. 486/13, be read a second time. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That Bylaw No. 533/20, A Bylaw to Amend the Zoning Bylaw No. 486/13, be given three readings at this meeting. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried unanimously.

Shannon Beaulac: That Bylaw No. 533/20, A Bylaw to Amend the Zoning Bylaw No. 486/13, be read a third time and finally adopted. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That consideration will be given to 3rd Ave East from Main Street to First Street East for snow removal after the priority areas have been cleared and administration will talk to the public works staff in regards to addressing this area once they clear Main Street, the School Bus routes and the Emergency vehicle route. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

Brad Nemish: The Council of the Town of Spiritwood confirms the municipality meets the following eligibility requirements to receive the Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant:

Submission of the 2019 Audited Financial Statement to the Ministry of Government Relations; Submission of the 2019 Public Reporting on Municipal Waterworks to the Ministry of Government Relations; In Good Standing with

respect to the reporting and remittance of Education Property Taxes; Adoption of a Council Procedures Bylaw; Adoption of an Employee Code of Conduct; and All members of council have filed and annually updated their Public Disclosure Statements, as required; and that we understand if any requirements are not met, our Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant may be withheld until all requirements are met; and that we authorize the Administrator to sign the Declaration of Eligibility and submit it to the Ministry of Government Relations. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we proceed with acquiring title in accordance to the Tax Enforcement Act, and serve the "Six Month" notice to the following assessed properties: 1) Lot 2, Block 19, Plan No. 60B07120; 2) Lot 6, Block 25, Plan No. 68B07394; 3) Lot 2, Block 14, Plan No. BK4385; 4) Lot 7, Block 5, Plan No. AP518; 5) Lot 15, Block 14, Plan No. BK4385; 6) Lot 15, Block 15, Plan No. BK4385; 7) Lot 4, Block 20, Plan No. 60B07120; 8) Lot 14, Block 11, Plan No. CA507. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

Shannon Beaulac: That this meeting be adjourned at 7:05 p.m. Carried.

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Saskatchewan launches new battery recycling program

Saskatchewan's has introduced a new recycling program for consumer batteries, which will provide an option for people in various parts of the province to dispose of their household batteries in an environmentally responsible manner.

The program is operated by Call2Recycle Canada Inc., a non-profit environmental stewardship organization that has been voluntarily collecting batteries in Saskatchewan for recycling since 1997.

"This recycling program is a positive step for the environment and for the people of Saskatchewan," Environment

Minister Warren Kaeding said in a statement. "Having a convenient and important program in place to keep batteries and other hazardous materials out of our landfills helps support provincial goals laid out in our Solid Waste Management Strategy."

"I would like to extend my thanks to the Government of Saskatchewan for its commitment to battery recycling in the province," Call2Recycle Canada, Inc. President Joe Zenobio said in a statement. "Under the new regulation, Call2Recycle's program will connect residents with many easily accessible and convenient battery drop-

off locations across the province. We encourage all residents to safely drop off their batteries at their nearest collection location to help create a more sustainable environment for generations to come."

The program accepts used single-use and rechargeable consumer batteries (weighing less than five kilograms each), excluding lead acid batteries. In partnership with municipalities and retailers, Call2Recycle has established convenient drop-off locations across the province for Saskatchewan residents, including in all SARCAN depots.

For the Shellbrook area, the

closest retail locations are all in PA, including Best Buy, Rona, Staples, Canadian Tire, and more. As for the Spiritwood area, the most convenient drop-off point is the Village of Leoville office located at 22 Main Street in Leoville.

"We are excited for SARCAN's 73 collection depots to be a part of Call2Recycle's national network of battery collection sites," SARC and SARCAN Recycling Executive Director Amy McNeil said. "Our team of over 800 SARCAN recyclers is ready to help the people of Saskatchewan divert even more hazardous materials from our land and

waterways, which means protecting our environment for generations to come."

As part of the new program, an environmental handling fee will be paid at the point of purchase. The fee rates range, depending on the size of battery and the chemistry type. For example, fees for AAA and AA batteries are \$0.02 and \$0.04, respectively.

The fees will be paid to Call2Recycle for the collection, transportation and recycling of the batteries at their end-of-life.

For more information, visit <https://www.call2recycle.ca/saskatchewan/>.

Leask Library holds gingerbread house contest

Leask Library is grateful to everyone who participated in the gingerbread house decorating, and the Affinity credit Union for sponsoring the kits for us.

Appreciation also goes to Connie, who set it up before retiring. Kits were taken home and decorated photos sent in and people voted by a letter on each photo. Votes were in person as well as on Facebook. We had a lot of votes and the count was close. The winner was Mason R. He and his grandmother had a great time putting it together. Now watch for a new project coming in January: Build A Bear.

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A silver lining to a very tough year

Typically at this time in a new year journalists look back at the year that just passed into history.

This year of course there is only one story whether you are talking news, or sports, or entertainment, or as in this space agriculture, and that is obviously the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact.

Certainly not since the Second World War has anything so permeated the lives of people all around the world.

In fact, given that there were areas where the war did not directly hit, the pandemic may

actually be more dramatic.

Of course the death toll is nowhere near those of the great war, but as we near two million dead worldwide they are significant.

In some ways the pandemic has shown the best of our world. We have generally come together with a fairly co-ordinated approach to combating the pandemic, and while results have been varied the general effect of wearing masks, focusing on hand hygiene and limiting gatherings seems to help keep numbers lower.



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Of course there are those who ignore the threat, protest masks, and continue to threaten others in their community by their actions, but there are always dissenting voices in our world on everything from the world being

round to arguing the moon landing was a hoax.

But, back on the positive side we see what can happen with a concentrated world effort to do something positive, in this case the emergence of vaccines in mere months from the start of the pandemic. It shows what we can accomplish with everyone focused on a singular goal and the money to make it happen.

The creation of vaccines leaves one wondering what might be accomplished to deal with ocean plastics,

the effects of climate change, the issue of homelessness and hunger, if we just focused on those issues as a united world?

And, now moving forward, COVID-19 remains the biggest issue. Even if the vaccines roll out without glitches, it will be months before most of the population has been inoculated, and then there are the anti-vaxxers who are against vaccinations and what their decision may mean in terms of COVID.

And, there is also the impact CO-

VID-19 may have on the health of those who were infected and survived. There are at least some indications the impact on health moving forward may be greater than in many diseases, and that is a cloud over the future too.

While all of this may largely be a health issue, the impact for agriculture, for food security and distribution, cannot be discounted either, and will be something to watch as we move through 2021.

Leoville Healthcare Auxiliary news

As we begin this New Year we thought it would be a good time to voice our appreciation to all the people from the town of Leoville and surrounding area.

The year 2020 has been a very unusual year and, because of all its restrictions, has put a stop to our fundraising. We wanted to continue with our donations to the Evergreen Centre and still give three bursaries to Leoville graduating students going into post-secondary education in the medical field.

Since we were not able to have our Pie Sale fundraiser in October, we asked that anyone who wished to give monetary donations could do so by depositing into our account. We're happy to say that the amount of donations was a generous \$865.

Once again we see and appreciate the generosity of the people of Leoville and surrounding area. It gives us the opportunity to continue donating to the Evergreen Centre for whatever is needed to help the residents and staff.

Students will also be able to apply for the bursaries.

March is coming when we usually have our Bake and Ticket Sale/Raffle Fundraiser. We're not sure what will happen by then. If there's a possibility of meeting and hosting our fundraiser we will be there! Meanwhile we want you to know how much we appreciate all of you.

We wish you a very Happy New Year 2021! May you remain healthy and happy. Stay safe everyone.



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Minutes of a Town of Blaine Lake meeting

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

Minutes of the regular meeting of the council of the Town of Blaine Lake held at the Blaine Lake Seniors Centre Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 at 3 p.m.

Mayor Matthew Hutchings called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

Attending Mayor Matthew Hutchings, Councillors Bev Breland, Darlene Harder, Melissa Johnson, Rodger Pederson and Jason Weber and Administrator Brenda Lockhart. Councillor Jennifer Gutknecht was absent

Delegates: Maintenance Foreman Russell Krysak

Breland: That the following items be added to the Agenda, New Business: School Partnership Project Appointment, and that the Agenda be approved as amended. Carried

Pederson: That the minutes of the Oct. 19, 2020 Regular Council meeting be approved as amended. Carried

Weber: That the Minutes of the Nov. 3, 2020 Special Council meeting be approved as presented. Carried

Harder: That the Financial Statement for October 2020 and October Affinity & CIBC Bank Recs be approved as presented. Carried

Delegates Russell Krysak, Maintenance Foreman attended - 3:50 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

• Snow clearing and hauling continues after the extreme snow fall of Nov. 6-8

• Concerns with people clearing their lots onto the road ways and covering culverts so that when they come with loader, they cannot see them and cause damage

• 3 or 4 more days of clearing snow and will be done

• Will haul away large pile by railway and curling rink – hazard for kids and traffic

• Quote for snow bucket which has twice the capacity and will help with clearing

• WTP working well. Will be meeting with Jeremy from Hipperson Construction to conduct cell pressure test

• Windrows will be made to help keep snow from blowing onto streets along Railway Avenue

• Asked that more signage be put up to help with people clearing snow into roads

• Appreciated that Jamie Verbonac helped out by shovelling at the Medical Clinic when they were too busy with all snow removal

Johnson: That Affinity Credit Union cheques numbered 1308 to 1374 and "Other (EFT)" payments totalling \$75,946.53 be approved for payment. Carried

Breland: That the reports be accepted

and filed: 1. Water Treatment Plant Reports – October 2020; 2. Administrator's Report; 3. Employee Time Sheets – Pay Period 22 & 23; 4. Bylaw Enforcement Reports; 5. Council Reports; a. 16 to 43 Waste Management Meeting – Meeting Minutes; b. Blaine Lake Medical Clinic Committee; c. Blaine Lake Library Board. Carried

Weber: That we agree to allow Council members to attend Council meetings via teleconference or other electronic means. Motion defeated

Breland: That Administrator Brenda Lockhart, Mayor Matthew Hutchings and Councillors Rodger Pederson and Melissa Johnson be appointed as signing authorities on the Town's Bank Accounts at the CIBC and Affinity Credit Union. Carried

Johnson: That we agree to appoint Bev Breland as Deputy Mayor. Carried

That the committee and civic appointments be as follows (list omitted due to space restrictions). Carried

Weber: That we agree to appoint members to the Hafford & District Health Board. Motion Defeated

Weber: That we agree to table the motion to appoint members to the 16 to 43 Waste Management Board. Carried

Harder: That we agree to send Councillors Jason Weber and Bev Breland to represent the Town's interests at the 16 to 43 Waste Management meeting to be held on Thursday, Nov. 26, 2020. Carried

Weber: That we agree to provide funding of \$500.00 to 16 to 43 Waste Management to be used to obtain a legal review of the incorporation structure and legal opinion as to financial obligations with respect to the corporation. Carried

Weber: That we agree to obtain a legal opinion with respect to the potential liability of Council members or Town representatives appointed to the

Board of 16 to 43 Waste Management. Carried

Breland: That we agree to hold the next Regular Meeting of Council on Dec. 21, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. at the Blaine Lake Seniors Centre. Carried

That we agree that council indemnity rates the same as the prior year as stated below:

- Mayor \$175 per regular meeting
- Councillor \$125 per regular meeting
- All members: \$75 per special meetings, \$75 per In-Town committee meeting – over 1 hour \$25 per In-Town committee meeting – less than 1 hour, \$100 per Out-of-Town committee meetings, plus \$.50 per km travel. Carried

Breland: That we agree to order plaques to be given to out-going elected officials to commemorate their years of service on Council. Carried

Weber: That we agree to provide Kyle Onishenko with a \$100.00 pre-paid Visa Card in appreciation of his 20 years on Council. Carried

Breland: That we agree to the request from the Blaine Lake Seniors to have the Town do weed spraying at the back lot of the Senior Centre in 2021 and bill them accordingly. Carried

Johnson: That we agree to purchase a snow bucket from Orion Industrial Services as per their quote of \$10,245.00 plus taxes. Carried

Weber: That we agree to provide Gordon Lobe authority to use or copy sections of the Blaine Lake & District history book – Bridging the Years, for the writing of his book. Carried

Pederson: That the following items of Correspondence be accepted as presented and filed: Email – Gordon Lobe, Letter – Saskatchewan Housing Corporation, Letter – Employee and Family Assistance Program, Letter – Blaine Lake Seniors Group. Carried

Breland: That this meeting adjourns. Carried

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SPIRITWOOD: Wapiti Regional Library - Limited Capacity. Tuesday 9 am - 5 pm; Wednesday 9 am - 5 pm; Friday 9 am - 5 pm

LEOVILLE: Wapiti Regional Library - Appointment only. Wednesday 10 am - 4 pm; Thursday 10 am - 2 pm

SHELL LAKE: Wapiti Regional Library - Curb Side Pickup. Tuesday 12 pm - 4 pm; Wednesday 12 pm - 4 pm

BLAINE LAKE: Wapiti Library - Appointment only. Wednesday 12 pm - 6 pm; Friday 1 pm - 5 pm; Saturday 12 pm - 4 pm. Contact us for more info 306-497-3130, www.wapitilibrary.ca.

BIG RIVER: Wapiti Library - Curb Side Pickup. Monday 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm; Wednesday 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm; Friday 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm

CANWOOD: Canwood Branch of Wapiti Regional Library. Appointment only. Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm; Thursday 10 am - 4 pm; Friday 12 pm - 4 pm. Call 306-468-2501 to book a slot.

DEBDEN: Wapiti Library hours: Appointment only. Monday 2 pm - 7 pm; Tuesday 10 am - 4 pm. Librarian: Aline Hannon

LEASK: Wapiti Library & Legacy Gallery Hours - Limited Capacity. Tuesday 10:30 am - 5 pm; Friday 10:30 am - 5 pm; Saturday 1 pm - 4 pm

MARCELIN: Wapiti Library - Appointment only. Tuesday 2 pm - 7 pm; Thursday 2 pm - 8 pm; Saturday 9 am - 2 pm. 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: Limited capacity - Monday 2 pm - 6 pm; Tuesday 12 pm - 8 pm; Wednesday 2 pm - 8 pm; Thursday 12 pm - 6 pm; Friday 9 am - 4 pm.

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CTF: Trudeau gifts taxpayers broken promises, higher taxes

**By Aaron Wudrick,
CTF Federal Director**

Merry Christmas taxpayers: we get the gift of higher home heating bills and gas prices, courtesy of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

The Trudeau government recently rolled out new plans to massively increase the carbon tax while layering on top a second carbon tax. This new costly present from our federal government comes shortly after Ottawa promised it wouldn't be increasing taxes.

In the lead up to the 2019 federal election, then-environment minister Catherine McKenna told Canadians that the Trudeau government had "no intention" of increasing the carbon tax beyond the \$50 per tonne tax that was scheduled for 2022.

Trudeau also blatantly lied to us. Only a few months ago, Trudeau dismissed the notion of increasing taxes.

"The last thing Canadians need is to see a rise in taxes right now ... we are not going to be saddling Canadians

with extra costs," said Trudeau this past August.

It's hard to square Trudeau's promise of no tax hikes with his recent announcement of increasing the carbon tax to \$170 per tonne by 2030, which represents a 467 per cent hike from today's carbon tax.

By 2030, every time you go to the pumps, you'll have to fork over nearly 40 cents more per litre in carbon taxes. Then, there's the sales taxes you'll have to pay on top of the carbon tax, which could cost taxpayers about \$5 billion in 2030.

Clean Energy Canada heralded Trudeau's climate plan as "brave" and "honest," but nothing could be further from the truth. Trudeau's party misled millions of Canadians about its true intentions: to impose a massive tax hike that will soak families for about \$30 every time they fill up their minivans.

Federal Environment Minister Jonathan Wilkinson is trying to sell the carbon tax hike as having "almost zero" impact on our economy and in-

sists that rebates of collected revenues will actually leave Canadians better off. He should forgive taxpayers for being highly skeptical of both claims after Trudeau and McKenna already lied to us about the carbon tax.

The numbers the Alberta government crunched show that Trudeau's carbon tax hike could cost the province up to 100,000 jobs. What address should those who lose their jobs send their carbon tax rebate thank you letters to?

Brian Allison, a farmer in Alberta, knows Trudeau's carbon tax hike will have much more than "almost zero" impact.

"It is death by a thousand cuts," said Allison. "I don't like being put out of business by government regulation and taxation."

It's bad enough that the feds are increasing the carbon tax during the middle of a severe economic downturn, but Trudeau is adding insult to injury by introducing a second carbon tax.

Trudeau's second carbon tax was released on a Friday one week before Christmas and buried in so-called clean fuel regulations. The regulations will require producers to reduce the carbon content of their fossil fuels. But here's the kicker: if companies can't meet Trudeau's requirements, they'll have to pay his second carbon tax.

Economists have already warned that these costs won't just hurt the big guys. The costs will be passed down to families and consumers.

Trudeau's second carbon tax will "hit lower-income Canadians" and "means many poor Canadians will face rising food prices," according to University of Calgary economist Jack Mintz.

The think tank Canadians for Affordable Energy estimates that Trudeau's second carbon tax will increase the cost of gasoline by 10 to 19 per cent, all on top of the costs of Trudeau's current carbon tax.

Trudeau told us he wouldn't be increasing taxes or costs. He lied, and Canadians will pay the price.

Gardening ideas to start off the New Year

By Erl Svendsen

The term 'New Year resolution' comes with a lot of baggage. Mostly, it's because the typical resolution is too big and may require a change in behaviour (e.g. diet and exercise, write a novel). So, let's just call them good ideas to aspire to so they seem less daunting and more achievable. Along that vein, my first 'good idea' for 2021 is to get my articles in on time.

Last year flew by but I managed to take the time to smell (and deadhead) the flowers and harvest my ridiculously large, many-coloured carrot patch – I still have many pounds to go, even after sharing about a third with friends, family and neighbours. I've never had such a crop of carrots, but that's probably thanks to sticking to one of my good ideas from last year: spend more time taking care of my veggie garden, especially with regards to watering.

Another good idea I had last year was to plant something new. Last February, I fell in love with a picture of 'Amazing Grey' Shirley poppies with their delicate, single and semi-double ruffled flowers in storm-cloud colours: slate-blue, purple, lavender, and light grey. I had to have them. I sprinkled the dust-like seed directly on the ground and covered with

a very thin layer of soil in May. After a few weeks, lime green seedlings emerged (I almost weeded them out) that by July were in full flower. In addition to attracting pollinators, quite a number of my fellow community gardeners remarked on them and asked if they could take a few seed pods to grow in their own garden. My new plant for 2021 is going to be another poppy, this time 'Giant Rattle' breadseed poppy sporting large

golf ball-sized pods.

Another common gardener's good idea is to visit other people's gardens for inspiration (and to maybe convince the owner to share a cutting or division of something that catches your eye). Last year that was a challenge to do in person, but there are other ways to visit a garden. For example, The Gardener for Canadian Climates (formerly The Saskatchewan Gardener) often features beau-

tiful gardens and their caretakers. And virtual garden tours of backyards to Botanic Gardens abound on the interweb (just ask Mr. Google for suggestions).

Maybe this is the year you start a compost pile to take care of your yard and kitchen scraps. The Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council (www.saskwastereduction.ca/recycle/resources/composting/) is an incredible resource with information and videos to help you get started, choosing the right style, and finding a 'compost coach' for a bit of one-on-one advice. If composting is not your thing but still want to divert your green waste from the landfill, consider dropping it off a municipal composting depot or signing up for the green bin program in your community.

As a final good idea for 2021, inspect your tools. Sharpen your spades, hoes and pruning equipment. Replace splintering

handles and dull, impossible to sharpen blades. If a tool is completely useless, replace it with a 'tool-for-life' model. This is not a brand but rather a tool that is made from durable materials (e.g. one-piece cast metal trowel), is well designed (ergonomic) and comes highly recommended by your gardening friends. A lifetime guarantee is often a sign of quality. Even though a tool-for-life may seem expensive at first, you save money in the medium term as you're not replacing it (unless your neighbour 'borrows' it).

Erl gardens in Saskatoon and tweets about on occasion @ErlSv

This column is provided courtesy of the Saskatchewan Perennial Society (SPS; saskperennial@hotmail.com). Check our website saskperennial.ca or Facebook page (facebook.com/saskperennial).



'Amazing Grey' Shirley poppy was Erl's 'new' plant for 2020. Photo credit: Erl Svendsen.

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OBITUARIES

Carl Ronnie Daniels

Carl Ronnie Daniels
1962 – 2020

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Carl Ronnie Daniels of Leoville, SK, passed away on December 25, 2020 at the age of 58. Carl was born January 19, 1962 in Birch Hills. He entered the foster care system at an early age and was placed at the farm of Oscar and Albina Larrivee north of Spiritwood. He had a good childhood with many friends and foster broth-

ers to play with, and the farm to grow up on. He left school and ended up taking various jobs in carpentry. He then moved to Calgary to work for his foster sister Yvonne and her husband Gerry of Cameron Construction as a heavy equipment operator. Then back to Leoville where he got a job with Prairie North Construction doing what he loved best, building and remodeling houses.

Carl will be sadly remembered by his very close brother Dale and his wife Doris of Chitek Lake and their children: Chelsea Daniels of Chitek Lake and Jolene and her husband Stan Blocka of Leoville and their children Harper, Kasen and Quinley. Also his remaining foster sisters Yvonne (Gerry) Cameron, Marie (Walter) Friedli, brother Omer Larrivee, sister-in-law Sharon Larrivee and

their children. Carl will also be missed by special friend Sylvia Worden and her family of Little Pine first nation.

Carl was predeceased by foster parents Oscar and Albina Larrivee, foster brothers Louis and Robert Larrivee, sister-in-law Susan Larrivee and niece Lori-Ann Cameron.

A Private Graveside Service will be held at a later date. Friends so wishing can make donations to the Battleford's Union Hospital Foundation, North Battleford, SK in memory of Carl Daniels. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beulacfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Mark Muir, Funeral Director, Spiritwood, SK 306-883-3500.

Marie Rose Lajeunesse

LAJEUNESSE – Marie Rose

It is with great sadness that the family of Marie Rose Lajeunesse announce her passing on December 25, 2020, at the age of 103 years, at Whispering Pine Place in Canwood, SK.

Mom was born at Shell River, Saskatchewan, on May 19, 1917. She was the 10th child of a family of 13. She married Raymond on October 7, 1935, and they were able to celebrate 72 wonderful years of marriage until Raymond passed away on December 6th, 2007.

In their early years, they farmed near Deb-

den and raised 9 children. After 30 years of farming, they decided to sell the farm and move to Prince Albert where they resided for 4 years before moving back to Debden in their newly built home. In their retirement, they enjoyed day trips snowmobiling with friends, curling and spending much of their summers at Morin Lake.

Marie Rose belonged to the Debden Ladies Club and the Golden Age Club. She was a very social person and made many good friends.

Mom and Dad were able to do some travelling to destinations such as Alaska, United States and throughout Canada. A trip to Rome to see the Pope was a lifetime highlight for Mom. Faith in God was an important part of Marie Rose's life. She was a member of Les Dames de St. Anne, Les Associés de Debden and was also involved in other Parish activities.

Mom was a wonderful resourceful homemaker, wife and mother. In ad-

dition to her love of gardening and flowers, Mom excelled at sewing and knitting those warm and cozy afghans which were greatly valued gifts. Her tourtières were especially enjoyed at Christmas time.

She will be missed by her children, Gilles (Eugenie) Lajeunesse, Jacqueline (Marc) Bonneau, Sr. Diane Lajeunesse, Lucille (Bob) Bonin, Claude (Marlene) Lajeunesse, Paul (Laurel) Lajeunesse, Lynn Guard, and Lois (Lyle) Wallin; her 22 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren, 6 great great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Mom really enjoyed the visits from all her grand/great children as her eyes lit up when she saw them coming.

She was predeceased by her husband, Raymond, her son Marcel, her grandson Denis Bonneau, her son-in-law Rod Guard, her parents and 12 siblings.

Mom was also a resident of Abbeyfield House in Prince Albert and the



JONES – DELBERT
1928 – 2020

It is with heavy hearts that the family of Delbert Jones announce his peaceful passing on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 in Tisdale, SK. at the age of 92.

Delbert was born in Shellbrook, SK. on September 23, 1928. In his younger years he worked part time on the dray & in the general store. In the winter he worked part time hauling grain, gravel & sawing wood (for 5 to 10 cents a load). Over the course of his 46-year long career as a Parts man, he worked for several different employers who ran the local Ford dealership in Shellbrook beginning with Agnew Motors & concluding with Naber Ford. Delbert married Al-

ice Elizabeth (Betty) Barkway on November 2, 1951. They had two daughters, Linda, and Marilyn. Delbert was very involved in the Shellbrook Community. He was a lifetime member of the Shellbrook Elks Lodge and spent many hours volunteering at bingo nights and sports days. He was employed as a projectionist at the Shellbrook Elks Theatre. He was also a proud past master of the Masonic Lodge. Delbert enjoyed fishing, golfing, and curling. In his later years, he loved to listen to old time music. Delbert and Betty enjoyed traveling. They went on several trips including Maritimes, Branson, California, and Alaska. Together they enjoyed camping, including many trips to BC picking fruit and sightseeing. After Betty passed away, Delbert moved to Caleb Village in Tisdale to be near his family. He spent his last seven years living in Caleb Village & Newmarket Manor. Delbert will be lovingly remembered by his daughters Linda (Bill) Woolley of Tisdale, SK; Marilyn (Gordon) Wun-

derlich of Saskatoon, SK., his grandchildren: David Woolley (pre-deceased) his children, Wynter & Dylan of Edmonton, AB; Michael (Stacy) Woolley & their children Shaye & Bryn of Tisdale, SK; Nicole (John) Kearns & their children Alice & Lucy of Saskatoon, SK; Lorielle (Christopher) Antonopoulos & their children Evelyn & Maisie of Saskatoon, SK. Delbert is predeceased by his wife Betty, his mother Hester, three half-sisters Rita, Beryl & Iris & his grandson David. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the family will have a small private service held at St. John's Lutheran Church in Shellbrook, SK. with Rev. Emmanuel Aristide officiating. In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Delbert to the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beulacfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Tammy Smart, Director, Shellbrook, SK. 306-747-2828.

Delbert Jones

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OBITUARIES

Cooper Westley James Rothwell

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July 31/2016 - December 21/2020

Cooper Rothwell was born at the Victoria Hospital in Prince Albert, SK. July 31/2016 to parents Carlie and Chance Rothwell. Cooper resided with his parents at their farm near Parkside, SK until his sudden passing December 21/2020. Cooper welcomed his younger sister Caitlyn with the utmost joy June 1/2020 and quite quickly claimed her as "his" baby!

Cooper loved to learn and was an information sponge, constantly surprising all who knew him with his depth of knowledge on a wide range of subjects. He spent much time reading, learning to print and making projects with his Mom. Cooper started pre-school in Shellbrook, SK this past September and could not wait to catch the school bus each morning that he attended school. He came home tired but full of stories about what he had learned and who he had played with that day.

Cooper couldn't get enough time in with his Dad, helping him with whatever he was working on in the yard or shop and checking out the cattle and equipment. One of the favourite pastimes he had with his Dad was constructing anything he could out of LEGO or setting up his large play farming operation which took up most of the base-

ment in the winter and an unlimited sandbox in the summer!

He loved sleep overs with his Grandpa Jim and Uncle Kale and learned about fishing and loved playing and singing Rock and Roll with Grandpa Jim. Cooper took every opportunity he was granted to spend time at Grandpa's and often talked non stop about all the things they had done and he had learned!

Cooper spent whatever time he could with Grandpa Jeff and Grandma Wendy, quite often this involved rides on the Gator, walks in the pasture, helping with projects in the yard or garden or just simply playing at whatever there was to play! On the really great days, trips to Grandpa and Grandma's coincided with visits from his cousins Lainey and Brantley. Cooper and Lainey shared a special bond and whenever they saw each other

they met with a huge hug followed by running off together holding hands and searching out whatever trouble they could get into!

Cooper also loved to spend time at Auntie Shyla's and Uncle BJ's playing with Lainey and Brantley and helping Auntie and Uncle with whatever projects were taking place!

Cooper was a monster truck fan, loved all things "truck" and "Super Hero". He loved to be dressed up with "Spiderman", "Batman" and "Superman" clothes on and would grab a towel or blanket to use as a cape and tear around hollering Superman! Batman! Or sometimes SuperBatman!

Cooper was a calm and contemplative person with a very engaging personality and a smile that melted your heart! It did not matter whether he met someone 7 months old or 70 years old, when you met him you were

friends!

Cooper and his Uncle Kale passed away in a tragic automobile accident December 21/2020 near Prince Albert, SK at the age of 4 years. He is survived and dearly missed by his loving parents Carlie and Chance Rothwell; his little sister Caitlyn Rothwell; his grandparents, Jeff (Wendy) Rothwell and James Smith; his great grandmother June Rothwell; his great grandparents Leonard and Margaret Abraham; his aunt Shyla (BJ) Verbonac and their children Lainey and Brantley.

Cooper is predeceased by his grandmother Denise Smith; his great grandparents William and Sophie Tenaschuck; James and Ella Smith; Byrnnne Rothwell; his uncle Kale Smith.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the family will hold a private service on Monday, December 28,

2020 commencing at 1pm at St. John's Lutheran Church in Shellbrook. Please watch for a video link that will be available here for those who are not able to attend Cooper's Memorial Service in person. A Celebration of Life and Interment will take place at a later date.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Cooper to either: STARS Air Ambulance, Nutrien Hangar, 2475 Airport Road, Saskatoon, SK S7L 1M4 or to the Shellbrook Fire and Rescue Department, (Make cheques payable to Town of Shellbrook, Box 40, Shellbrook, SK S0J 2E0). Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beulacfuneralhome.com Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Tammy Smart, Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK (306-747-2828).

Kale Morgan Smith

Kale Morgan Smith

Our Beloved Kale Morgan Smith was tragically and suddenly taken on the evening of Monday, December 21st, 2020. Kale was welcomed to this world by his loving parents James and Denise (Tenaschuk.) Smith, and his big sister Carlie Anne on the 2nd of March 1990 in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. In his childhood he attended St. Johns community School and Graduated into adulthood from St. Mary High School in the summer of 2009.

Kale is predeceased

by his grandparents, William and Sophie Tenaschuk of Meath Park, Jim and Ella Smith of Endeavour and sadly his mother Denise (Tenaschuk) Smith who has reunited with her son with loving arms.

Kale was blessed with a very active childhood in the forests and lakes around his hometown of Prince Albert. Camping and fishing were a favorite family pastime, and Kale became a skilled outdoorsman. He loved building campfires, going fishing, or tenting or just plain finding enjoyment in Gods little creatures. Many which of course found their way into the Smith home and were very well cared for in special aquariums and habitats designed carefully for the critters to also feel at home. Kale was doted on by his parents, and his sister Carlie was his greatest champion and defender. Kale was very much loved by the numerous aunties,

uncles, cousins, and other relatives. All of whom could clearly see Kales warmth, his compassion and who loved his smiles and cuddles. Kale made everyone around him feel blessed with his easy-going attitude and deeply kind and caring personality. So much so that he accumulated a community of very good friends and upstanding young people who actively sought each other out at every possibility. Kale and his friends often enjoyed gaming either on a board with a game of Settlers of Catan, or on a screen with role playing epic heroes in World of Warcraft. Jim's Garage became the most popular spot for late night card games and camaraderie because of Kales welcoming nature.

Kale worked hard to earn his degree in Computer Network Engineering and was looking forward to a rewarding career in front of him. Computers were Kales

passion only second to his devotion and love for his family. Kale recently moved home to live with his father, James, and to begin looking for steady work and continue his training while close to home. While being home, Kale and his dad, spent as much time camping and fishing as they could. Kale also adored and spent as much time as he could with the light of their lives, Cooper. Kale played endlessly and patiently with his nephew, they were best friends, and they remain together forever in eternity.

Kale is survived by his grieving father James Boyd Smith, and his most loving sister Carlie Anne (Smith) Rothwell, his brother in law Chance Rothwell, and his niece Caitlyn Rae Anne Rothwell, as well as his aunts, Melva Chestolowski, Ida (Ed) Chubak, and Theresa (Keith) Chubak, Roberta (Lorne) Luchinski, Cindy Smith (Leonard Puchala), and

his Uncles Gary (Cindy) Tenaschuk and Melvin (Brenda) Tenaschuk, as well as numerous cousins and friends.

A small private Celebration of Kale's life will be held at 3:00 PM on Monday, December 28th, 2020 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Shellbrook, SK. An Internment and Memorial Service will be held at a later date to be announced. In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Kale to either the STARS Air Ambu-

lance (2475 Airport Rd, Saskatoon, SK S7L 1M4) or to the Shellbrook Fire & Rescue Dept. (Please make cheques payable to Town of Shellbrook, SK Box 40 Shellbrook, SK S0J 2E0). Family and friends wishing to send online condolences are welcome to visit www.beulacfuneralhome.com Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Tammy Smart - Funeral Director, Shellbrook, SK. (306-747-2828).

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Pondering sports developments in 2021

Twenty-one questions to ponder as we enter 2021, the year after most of us experienced the worst year of our lives.

— Will fans entering sports stadiums this year have to produce a valid ticket as well as proof of vaccination?

— Will the Canadian Football League rebound from its stint in the ICU and return to its former glory?

— And if the CFL bounces back, will the happiest people north of the 49th parallel be football fans or the bean counters in the accounting offices at TSN?

— Will outdoor games in the National Hockey League go from an occasional showcase to a near necessity?

— Will the Milwaukee Bucks win a National Basketball Association title before or after the average American fan can both spell and pronounce the surname of Giannis Antetokounmpo?

— Is there any doubt Connor McDavid is the best player in the National Hockey League?

— Is it possible the Kansas City Chiefs might run off ... say... five or six Super Bowl titles in a row?

— If Winnipeg Jets added a stud or two to their blue line, would they be an instant Stanley Cup contender, considering they have the best goalie in the league, and better than average offence up front?

— Is it possible that a Canadian (Milos Raonic, Denis Shapovalov or Félix Auger-Aliassime) could shock the world by preventing one of the big three — Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic or Roger Federer — from winning a Grand Slam pro tennis event in 2021?

— Can the Western Hockey League somehow find a path through the coronavirus to play some sort of a season?

— Will the new Seattle Kraken NHL team really have 'Krak House' as its arena nickname?

— Is it appropriate to say 'poor Mike Trout' in reference to the Angels never winning a playoff series considering he has a contract guaranteeing



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him \$426 million over 12 years?

— Does a TV network exist to carry games from the National Women's Hockey League, or is streaming games via Twitch their only hope for broadcast exposure?

— Can Canada's Brooke Henderson overcome the Asian dominance on the LPGA Tour to get to No. 1 on the Rolex world rankings list?

— Can NHL fans handle another late summer playoff run?

— Best American NHLer — Patrick Kane, Auston Matthews or Jack Eichel?

— Considering last year's reduced schedule and this year's tentative

56-game slate, how close will 35-year-old Alex Ovechkin — currently 166 in arrears — come to Wayne Gretzky's all-time record of 894 goals?

— Will the Tokyo Olympics really happen in July?

— How many years will it take for the stink over Houston Astros' cheating scandal to fade away?

— Will Steve Bartman be among those pardoned by President Trump?

— Will we hear health officials in 2021 declare 'COVID-19 is over'?

• The late Peter Allis, who died in early December, on Tiger Woods shooting 81 in an Open Championship round in 2002: "It's like turning up to hear Pavarotti sing and finding out he has laryngitis."

• English pro golfer Eddie Pepperell, on Twitter, prior to a December tournament in Dubai: "I'm trialing a 48-inch driver this week so if you're the owner of any property at Jumeirah, board it up."

• RJ Currie of Sportsdeke.com, on a Mariners chrome wine stopper

included among 2020's holiday-gift offerings: "Which is odd, because people who watch the Mariners are usually driven to finish the bottle."

• Fox commentator Troy Aikman, after the Raiders' A.J. Cole shanked a 19-yard punt out of bounds against the Chargers: "I gave up golf for that reason."

• RJ Currie again: "Clemson coach Dabo Swinney called receiver Ajou Ajou from Brooks, Alberta, an uber talent. Make that uber uber talent talent."

• fark.com., on Jaromir Jagr continuing to play pro hockey: "Ageless wonder returns for 33rd pro season. Let that sink in, Ripkin, you lazy slacker."

• Comedy writer Brad Dickson of Omaha: "Nebraska deciding not to play in a bowl game is a little bit like the New York Jets announcing they've decided to pass on playing in the Super Bowl."

• At @NOTSportsCenter: "BREAKING: The Jets have fired Adam

Gase for violating team rules by actually winning a game."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: Houston's NBA opener had to be postponed because James Harden paid a maskless visit to a strip club and got himself DQ'd for violating COVID protocols, dropping the Rockets' roster below the minimum eight players. It's believed to be the first time a game was called on account of make-it-rain."

• Gary Bachman, via Facebook, after Anthony Davis spent part of the Lakers' final preseason game trimming his toenails on the bench: "Perhaps he should be traded to the Clippers."

• Kent Somers of the Arizona Republic, via Twitter, on critics who say the Cardinals' DeAndre Hopkins sits out too many practices: "A WR who gets 1,300 yards and 10 TDs a year could show up to my practice with a lounge chair and a pitcher of pina colodas."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

OBITUARY

Mona Person



Mona Person

October 7, 1935 – December 31, 2020

It is with great sadness, that we announce the passing of Mona Person, mom, grandma, sister, sister-in-law, auntie, and friend. Mona passed

away peacefully at the age of 85, with Pamela, Grant and Barry by her side at Whispering Pine Place, Canwood SK.

Mona was born October 7, 1935 to Melvin and Elinor Meyers at Sturgeon River, SK. Mona was the first of 4 children in the Meyers family. She grew up in Ladder Valley and Big River. During her younger years she worked in Big River (Waite Fisheries) and in Spiritwood.

Mona married Erland Person on July 5, 1961. They had 2 children, Pamela (Rob) Oleynick and Grant Person (Shari Edwards). She was blessed with one grandchild, Ryan Oleynick. Mona

was a special Auntie for all her nieces and nephews.

Mona worked hard on the farm and loved life to its fullest. She loved to cook and always made sure no one left her house hungry. To this day, Grant and Pamela still try to duplicate her homemade soup and roast beef. She took those skills and worked with Neighbourhood Caterers for several years. Mona was involved with many community organizations that included the Marchant Grove Ladies Aid and the Canwood 4H Club. She was a very devoted member of the Canwood Royal Purple where

she held many local and district positions. She loved to watch sports, especially ball, curling and hockey and spend time with family and friends.

Mona spent several years on the farm after her husband Erland passed away. She tried town living by house sitting in the winter of 2011, then moved to Golden Acres in Canwood in 2012. She moved to Whispering Pine Place in 2013.

Mona is lovingly remembered by: Her Children - Pamela (Rob) Oleynick, Grant Person (Shari Edwards), Grandson Ryan Oleynick; Special Nephew - Barry Person; Brother - Henry (Doreen) Meyers; Brother-in-laws - Donald Person and John Danberg; Nieces and Nephews: Dean

Person (Risha Rushton), Sonja (Coby) Wilson, Bev (Dana) Dziurzynski, Holly Meyers (Norm Knot), Michelle Meyers, Lori (Chris) Hammel, Keith Danberg, Terry (Jill) Danberg, Glen (Brenda) Person, Karen (Lloyd) Fell, Monique Kapell, Shirley (Kurt) Klein, Harold Hanson, Myrna (Lloyd) Blackburn, Barbara (Brian) Kimberley, Carol (Kerry) Blatchford, Howard Person, Sonja (Gordon) Burton, Betty Person and numerous great nieces and nephews. Mona is predeceased by her: Husband - Erland Person; Parents - Melvin and Elinor Meyers; Sisters - Colleen Danberg and Carol Person; Parents-in-law - Petrus & Karin Person; Brothers-in-laws and spouses - Svante (Anna)

Person, Pete (Shirley) Person, Clarence (Alice) Person, Walter (Agnes) Person

Sisters-in-laws and spouses- Anna (Ole) Hanson, Linnea (Art) Bloom; Nephew - Les Person

Special thanks to all staff and volunteers at Whispering Pine Place.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Canwood and District Bus Association Box 130 Canwood, SK. SoJ oKo or Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan 301-2550 12th Avenue, Regina SK. S4P 3X1 A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Donna Loveberg, Funeral Director, Canwood, 306-468-2244.

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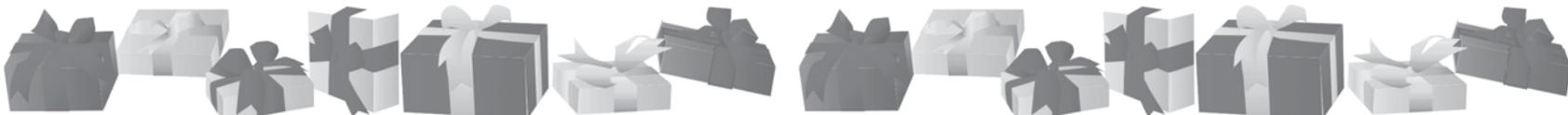
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A total of 70 road safety improvement projects were approved, with grants ranging from \$547 to \$72,300.

Projects include speed display signs and other speed reduction initiatives, as well as funding for intersection and crosswalk improvements.

Locally, the Town of Big River received \$17,805 for the purchase and installation of solar-powered speed display signs and crosswalk beacons at high-risk traffic areas. The Town of Spiritwood, meanwhile, got \$8,803 for the purchase and installation of speed display signs, and stop and yield signs.

"Everyone in Saskatchewan benefits from safer roads in our communities," Minister Responsible for SGI Don Morgan said in a statement. "The communities who applied know their roads better than anyone, and the provincial government is pleased to assist their efforts to improve traffic safety. The next intake for applications begins in January, and I encourage other municipalities and Indigenous lands or territories to consider applying."

This is the fourth round of Provincial Traffic Safety Fund grants, which are derived from the proceeds of photo

speed enforcement (PSE). Since the program began in 2019, there have now been a total of 197 projects awarded, totalling more than \$2.25 million.

Applications are assessed by the PSE Committee, which includes representatives from the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, the Prince Albert Tribal Council, the Saskatchewan Association of Chiefs of Police, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Highways, and SGI.

In order to be eligible for a Provincial Traffic Safety Fund grant, a proposed initiative must target specific concerns, including statistics to support how the project would address concerns regarding injuries, deaths, and collision. Applicants must also include a well-defined action plan with specific, measurable objectives and must demonstrate that previous measures to address those safety concerns have been unsuccessful.

Provincial Traffic Safety Fund grants are awarded twice each year, and applications for new PSE locations are evaluated once annually. The PSE Committee will begin accepting applications for the next round of Traffic Safety Fund grants, as well as applications for new PSE camera locations, Jan. 1, 2021. The deadline for both applications is March 31, 2021.

Indigenous peoples' skills and knowledge support strong national census

(NC) With the COVID-19 pandemic changing so many aspects of our lives, it's more important than ever to get an accurate portrait of current needs and priorities. One way to do this is by participating in the next census coming in spring 2021. The information that comes from the census can be used to support communities across the country in key areas such as education, labour and infrastructure.

An essential part of gathering representative data is making sure Indigenous voices are heard and amplified. That's why Statistics Canada is looking to employ people living in First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities who can lend their invaluable skills and lo-

cal knowledge to support census data collection.

People living in Indigenous communities are encouraged to apply for a census job in their area when they become available in January 2021. The information collected can directly benefit the community you live in, helping to make informed decisions on opening businesses, skills and trade development and planning services like schools, health-care and transfer payments.

Applying for a census job is easy and allows you to gain new skills or expand existing ones in highly transferrable areas such as interviewing, data entry, data collection, filing, time management and scheduling. It's a great way to earn money

on a flexible schedule.

With the pandemic top of mind for everyone, the safety of community residents and of census enumerators is a top priority. That's why the census has been re-designed to ensure communities and enumerators are safe by limiting the amount of contact needed to participate in this important exercise.

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