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Bee & Thistle Winery has family heritage at heart



Peter and Collin MacInnis with a batch of rhubarb wine. Photo courtesy Margaret MacInnis

A new cottage winery, just licensed in April of this year, is sure creating a lot of buzz in the Debden area.

However, the story of Bee & Thistle Winery actually starts in 2013, when Peter MacInnis and his Wife, Margaret, planted the first crop of Haskap berries in what has since grown into a family-run operation including Peter's brother and sister, Collin MacInnis and Anne (MacInnis) Greeno.

With the decision to start an orchard, came the question of what to do with all the fruit grown each year. After researching fruit markets, farmer's mar-

kets and other ways of making products to put on the shelf, Peter and Margaret fell back onto something they've long loved doing.

"One thing we've always liked doing since we first met way back in the early 80s was making wine," Peter said.

With their course settled upon, Margaret enrolled in UC Davis' online winemaking certificate program and received certification as a winemaker in 2019, while Peter earned certification as a master distiller in 2018.

This training, which gave the couple a deep understanding of, and respect

for, the science and chemistry behind winemaking, was just the beginning of the road when it came to realizing the dream of the Bee & Thistle Winery.

"My brother and I put a lot of sweat and tears into the building of the building and putting everything all together, and we got our license in April," Peter said. "It's just been go time since then."

Like any journey, there were bumps along the road to getting the winery up and running. For Peter and Anne, the biggest challenge was working with the Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority to getting licensed.

Conceding that improvements have been made since they began going through the licensing process, Peter and Anne agree it wasn't always clear how the process worked.

"When we were going for our license, we did find it a big challenge, in that we didn't have a lot of direction from the SLGA on the various steps we needed to get through before we could proceed to the next point," Anne said, adding that this prompted them to provide the SLGA with recommendations to make the process go more smoothly.

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New priest assigned to Sacred Heart Parish in Spiritwood

Father Ramel Macapala grew up with his four brothers and sisters in Bohol, Philippines, a small province in the heart of the Bisayans Islands. He had been active in the church from an early age, serving mass during his youth.

Upon completing his high school studies, he was unsure of what he wanted to become when a group visited his school to encourage youth to become a priest or a nun. He, along with some other classmates, decided to give it a try. He passed the preliminary exam and decided to enter the seminary.

He was sent to school where he obtained a Bachelor of Philosophy. While he didn't initially know that he would want to become a priest, Fr. Ramel said that he felt his calling growing during his seminary days. From the original group he started out with, only two of the 23 have stayed and been ordained as priests.



Father Ramel Macapal arrived in Spiritwood this September for his new assignment at Sacred Heart Parish.

After he had completed his seminary, Fr. Ramel said he wanted to become a missionary who was working in a parish, so he applied to different loca-

tions around the world. He sent applications to Canada, Australia, and Africa and was entertained by Bishop Blaze in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

He arrived in Canada May 18, 2003. The bishop sent him to Ottawa to study theology for four years. After returning to Prince Albert, he was sent to Melfort for a one-year internship where he was ordained as a deacon (2006). In 2007, he was ordained as a priest at the cathedral in Prince Albert and has been on assignment since.

His first assignment was in Hafford, Blaine Lake, Mayfair, and Muskeg where he stayed for seven years. After that, he went to St. Louis, Birch Hills, and Domremy for six years. His assignment to the Spiritwood area began this September.

In the future, Fr. Ramel says that he would like to be able to do some missionary work in some African countries and visit Rome or the Holy Land. He said

he tries to return to Philippines each year to visit his family but was prevented from going this year due to the ongoing pandemic.

The following is a message from Fr. Ramel:

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Sacred Heart Parish, Spiritwood, Saskatchewan.

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Upon those who dwell in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed..." (Isaiah 9:1-3)

This word from Prophet Isaiah was written hundreds of years before the birth of Christ and yet the church today still harkens back to these words because we still live perhaps in the land

of gloom. During this advent season of 2020 we have much cause to be downtrodden, to be depressed. We see not so many good things happening in our world and yet we still come together as God's people to say that we are a people of Hope. That the same light that broke the darkness at the birth of Christ is a light that is present and real in our world. It takes Faith. It takes a reminder that even in the midst of darkness new babies have been born, people have gotten married, people have celebrated anniversaries and birthdays and there is great joy in the world. We cannot let that light be diminished by real darkness; for Christ has broken the chains of sin and death. Christ is our hope and that is my prayer for you during this Advent and Christmas season, that you will see Christ as your hope.

Be assured that you are in our prayers. May God bless you and your family always!

In Christ, Fr. Ramel Macapala

Province issues exposure notices for Shellbrook Rink

Shellbrook's Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre has been shut-down until at least Dec. 5, as it awaits a green light from the Saskatchewan Health Authority to resume activities allowed under the province's latest COVID-19 restrictions.

The closure was announced on Facebook by the Shellbrook Minor Sports Association, which also took a moment to advise coaches about how activities may be carried out going forward.

"This would be a chance to spend time with our players at all levels in drills which include, skating (both

forwards and especially backwards), tight turns, edge work and individual puck control," the organization's post said.

"This would be an opportune time to work on passing drills as this is many times overlooked and would be drills where the players can keep safely distanced," it added, while cautioning that scrimmages shouldn't be part of practice routines.

In the same Facebook post, Shellbrook Minor Sports said refunds for the season are being put on hold until it has a clear idea of how the second half of the season may go after the Christmas holidays. It also advised that any activities, such as practices, are optional, and anyone who doesn't feel comfortable can stay home.

"We will get through this but it will take a con-

centrated effort from all and we are working together to try and keep the kids skating, and being active while we wait for better times," the post said.

Under the province's new COVID-19 measures, all team/group sports, activities, games, competitions, recitals, and practices have been suspended for amateur and recreational leagues in all age groups.

Athletes and dancers 18 years of age and under may continue practicing, conditioning and skills training in groups of eight or fewer, but must abide by the required mask use and maintain at least three metres of physical distancing between participants at all times.

Individual groups of eight may not share a training or rehearsal surface or space at the same time. Coaches and trainers are not included in the training group numbers, as long as they are masked and maintain a minimum physical distance of three me-

tres.

The new public health measures came into effect on Nov. 27 and will be in place until Dec. 17.

Nearly the same day they were announced, the Saskatchewan Health Authority issued a potential exposure warning for those who may have attended the Shellbrook Curling Club between Nov. 9 and 26.

Those who were there between those dates must isolate for 14 days, and are strongly encouraged to get a COVID-19 test.

Days after this exposure warning, the SHA sent out a similar notice to skaters, coaches, and families of the Shellbrook Skating Club's STARSkate program.

The warning applies to anyone who attended the program on Nov. 13, 15, and 18. As with all other warnings, attendees are required to isolate for 14 days and are encouraged to get a COVID test.

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Dated this 26th day of November, 2020.

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“We look forward to working with them to make it easier for other companies that come along behind us and want to start a business in Saskatchewan, to be able to grow the industry there and help out with the economy and the tax base.”

While the licensing pro-

cess didn't always flow smoothly, one challenge the Bee & Thistle Winery hasn't been too adversely affected by is the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Having only just produced its first two products, a Haskap wine (Chiad Fion) and a rhubarb wine (Loch Aline), and being a small, family-run opera-

tion, the coronavirus has yet to become a problem.

The big question for Peter going forward, though, is how long the pandemic will last. Should it carry on well into 2021, Peter says it could make it hard to get the winery's products to market.

“We'll be going to RSPs with different liquor stores, private and government run,” he said. “The restaurants, we'll be hit there, because not as many of them are open. Those that are, are more limited in the number of customers, so they may not be as willing to try [our product].”

If the worst case scenario comes to pass, it could put a damper on Peter's plans for the future, which include starting a distillery and producing Haskap brandy and gin, crafting meads and melomels (fruit based wines) using honey sourced from Shellbrook's own Hannigan Honey, and expanding flavour profiles to include black currants, Saskatoon berries, and cherries.

“We still want to expand... and add to Peter's distillery, and give him different flavours to work with,” Collin said.

Though the vision for



Peter MacInnis puts on rhubarb wine. Photo courtesy Margaret MacInnis

the Bee & Thistle Winery may be grand, the driving force behind it is simple and rooted deeply in the MacInnis family's Scottish heritage.

The MacInnis family crest motto, “From work comes pleasure,” is a guiding mantra for the winery,

and the rhubarb wine, Loch Aline, is named after the body of water that leads to Kinlochaline, the family's castle in Scotland.

Anne says this Scottish theme will be present in all of the winery's products, and that the winery is a means to honour the fam-

ily's heritage.

“It is the MacInnis name that has brought this all about, both in honour of our father and our mother,” she said.

For more on the Bee & Thistle Winery's story, visit: <http://www.beeandthistlewinery.wine/>



The Bee and Thistle Winery is located northeast of Debden. Photo courtesy Margaret MacInnis



Peter and Collin MacInnis worked together to harvest rhubarb over the summer. Photo courtesy Margaret MacInnis

TOWN OF SHELLBROOK PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the Town of Shellbrook intends to adopt a bylaw under the *Planning and Development Act, 2007* to amend Bylaw 2018-01, known as the Zoning Bylaw and Bylaw 2012-06 known as the Official Community Plan.

INTENT

1. The proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment will:

- Rezone Blk B, Plan 102279450 from C2 – Highway Commercial District to M – Industrial District as shown on Schedule “A” below.

2. The proposed Official Community Plan amendment will:

- Redesignate Blk B, Plan 102279450 from Future Commercial to Existing Industrial as shown on Schedule “A” below.

REASON

The reason for the amendments are:

- To accommodate industrial development within the Town of Shellbrook.

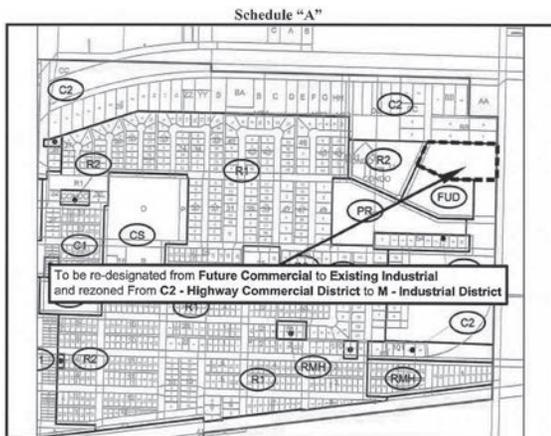
PUBLIC INSPECTION

Any person may inspect the bylaw at the Town Office, located at 71 Main Street, in the Town of Shellbrook, between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM on Monday to Friday excluding statutory holidays. Copies of the proposed bylaw are available at the Town Office at a cost of \$1.00.

PUBLIC HEARING

Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 21st, 2020 @ 6:00pm at the Town Office to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaw. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, written submissions to Council pertaining to this bylaw are strongly encouraged. Written submissions must be received by 4:00pm on Thursday, December 17th, 2020 either by emailing myself at cao@townofshellbrook.ca or by depositing into the mail slot at the Town Office. Anyone wishing to make a verbal submission to Council must do so by phone. Please contact the Town Office before 12:00pm on December 17th, 2020, to schedule a time slot in which Council will phone you directly to hear your concerns or suggestions.

Issued at the Town of Shellbrook this 26th day of November, 2020.
Kelly Hoare, Chief Administrative Officer



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Sask. lockdown seems inevitable

One can never say the Saskatchewan Party government doesn't stick to its guns.

Since bringing the province out of lockdown over the course of the summer, Premier Scott Moe and his colleagues have had one chief goal in mind: keep the people of Saskatchewan as safe from COVID-19 as possible, while avoiding an economically disastrous second lockdown.

This, of course, has been the goal of every province. But one by one, we've seen government after government abandon this approach in the face of skyrocketing case numbers, and impose some form of social or economic lockdown.

The Sask. Party government, however, is staying the course for now, despite calls from the opposition NDP and doctors across the province for a circuit breaker lockdown (or at least tighter restrictions).

Rather than going from



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zero to lockdown, it's taking a piecemeal approach to combating rising COVID-19 case numbers, throwing every possible weapon in its arsenal at the virus to flatten the curve.

The latest salvo — the third in as many weeks — came into effect on Friday and will be in place until at least Dec. 17. It limits restaurants, bars, and night clubs to seat four people per table, and requires they keep records of guests for contact tracing purposes.

The new measures also restrict large retailers, with stores larger than 20,000 square feet, to 50 per cent capacity, and reduce attendance caps at performance and gaming venues, indoor public events, and worship services to 30 people.

Additionally, all amateur and recreational team sports, activities, games, competitions, recitals, and practices have been suspended, but athletes and dancers aged 18 and under can continue to practice in groups of eight or fewer.

Finally, the measures expand masking requirements to include all school and day-care staff and students (children aged 0-2 remain exempt, and those aged 3-12 should wear a mask if able), all employees in businesses, even in areas the public can't access, and all residents, employees, and visitors to correctional facilities.

While the new restrictions

are a step in the right direction, the most important question is, "Will they work?"

Only time will tell, but the trouble with taking a piecemeal, wait-and-see approach to battling a pandemic, is that the pandemic doesn't wait and see. While politicians are busy consulting and strategizing, COVID-19 is out in the world infecting people (sometimes without them even being aware of it).

Assuming the average COVID-19 carrier infects two people, the 243 new daily cases the province is reporting on average will become 486 new cases at some point down the line. Later on, those 486 cases will become 972.

Bear in mind, too, that these are just the reported cases. With Saskatchewan's COVID-19 testing lagging far behind the national average, there's no telling how many cases government and health officials don't know about.

This reality means govern-



ments will always be playing catch up, and any restrictions they introduce will be at least a few days behind the pandemic's trends.

It's not an enviable position to be in, but it can be managed with sound policy.

The Sask. Party government remains committed to keeping the province open for business, and continues to emphasize the importance of

personal responsibility (a key message, as government policy means nothing if people don't adhere to it).

However, one must wonder if this approach to fighting COVID-19 is delaying short-term pain for long-term agony.

Indeed, barring a drastic change in COVID numbers, a second lockdown may be inevitable.

Op-ed: SUMA promotes out-of-town shopping

By Chris Ashfield
Grasslands News Group

Turn on your computer, your phone, your television or your radio and all we are reading or hearing these days is "Show Local - Support Your Local Businesses." So at a recent council meeting of one of our local municipal governments, I was discouraged and more than dismayed to hear the chief administrative officer report she had taken part in a seminar from the Saskatchewan Urban Municipal Association entitled GTO Kinetics - Central Stores (Municipalities of Saskatchewan).

In plain language, a seminar regarding shopping out of town from cooperating larger businesses that SUMA has made deals with. Thank you for your support SUMA!

Look at the website suma.org and you will

see a quote "The Voice of Saskatchewan's Hometowns."

We are a small business in a Saskatchewan municipality. Go to SUMA Central Stores and you will see they are encouraging your municipal office to buy from the large box stores and not your local businesses. To me, the 'Voice of Saskatchewan Hometowns' is saying — shop elsewhere and leave the small businesses to pay the taxes in your municipality.

In Saskatchewan, there are 774 municipalities; 454 of them are urban municipalities (16 cities, 147 towns, 250 villages and 41 resort villages), 296 are rural municipalities and 24 are northern municipalities (2 northern towns, 11 northern villages and 11 northern hamlets). Now if each one of these municipal offices purchase their supplies out of town,

there is a lot of money going to businesses elsewhere.

CentralSource, formerly SUMAdvantage, was created to harness the purchasing power of Saskatchewan's hometowns, SUMA's website says. Your municipal governing office and staff can now purchase grounds maintenance, mowers, tires, workwear, office machines and stationary, printed products, automotive supplies, engineering services and financial benefits, to name a few, through CentralSource. That pretty well covers every business in our community being a victim to your municipal government's outsourcing for supplies.

How many of these businesses supported by the Association of Municipalities, as they are now called, pay taxes in your community, donate their time to your community, donate

financially to community events — or to put it bluntly — could care one bit whether you lose your businesses or not. They couldn't care less whether the people paying the taxes have a job to go to when the retail sector fails as a result of your tax dollars buying out of town.

The municipality may see it as saving themselves money but I could bet that if pricing was compared to that same business in your small community, there is not a lot of saving or your local business would be willing to match a price for continual support.

You need to keep your dollars at home. Every dollar spent will touch six more hands in the community and every dollar spent outside the community is gone for good. A reduced level of economic activity will weaken and eventually kill your entire community.

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Report from the Legislature

Earlier this fall our government received a strong, new mandate from Saskatchewan people. Our immediate focus has been managing the ongoing pandemic. While we continue to respond to the evolving situation, we are working to find the right balance between keeping people safe and ensuring our economy does not stall. This has been a challenge as our COVID-19 transmission rates have risen, placing provincial health care resources under increasing strain.

We understand the virus better than we did in the spring and will continue to find ways for businesses and activities to operate safely. By now, those who can are working from home. Employers across our province are introducing new measures to ensure the safety of both their staff and patrons and our long-term care and personal care facilities have moved to compassionate visits only.

Our best defense against COVID-19 is to come together as a province and continue to wear our masks, physically distance, and stay home if feeling sick. We acknowl-



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edge and appreciate the sacrifices so many are making to ensure the safety of others and ask that everyone continue to do their part.

Additional public health measures have been introduced based on the transmission patterns to help reduce COVID-19 case numbers over the coming weeks. The new measures support our plan to slow down rather than shut down.

Mandatory Masking Expanded

Mandatory, non-medical mask use is now required in all indoor and public spaces across the province. Masking continues to be required in indoor public areas that

have installed barriers. This includes all indoor fitness activities with aquatic activities being the only exception.

All students, employees and visitors in all schools are required to wear a mask. While children between the ages of 0-2 are not required to wear a mask, those between the ages of 3-12 are if they are able.

All employees and visitors are required to wear masks in common areas in businesses and workplaces, including those areas the public does not have access to. This now applies to provincial and municipal correctional facilities.

For more information on masking requirements, please visit www.saskatchewan.ca/masks

Restaurants and Licensed Establishments

All restaurants and licensed establishments including bars, taverns and nightclubs are now limited to tables of no more than four people. Tables must have three metres between them or have an impermeable barrier between tables and maintain two metres distance



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between all tables.

Alcohol sales must end at 10 p.m. Restaurants and licensed establishments must also maintain guest and reservation information for all patrons to allow for contact tracing if required.

Gatherings

The maximum allowable size for private gatherings in the home remains at five. This includes all private dwellings including out buildings such as a garage or shed. It is still strongly encouraged that you do not gather with anyone outside of your immediate household.

Public venues supporting capacity of 150 people are now restricted to 30 people. This includes bingo halls, arenas, live theatres, and performing arts venues. For performance and gaming venues that offer food or beverage services, they must keep activities separate (i.e. cordoned off) from the food and beverage service. For all other indoor public

gatherings such as banquets, conferences, weddings or funeral receptions, food and beverage service is prohibited.

All places of worship are also reduced to 30 people for all ceremonies including as weddings, funerals, or baptisms.

Sports, Fitness and Dance

All team/group competitions, recitals and games are suspended including amateur and recreational leagues.

Athletes and dancers under the age of 18 may continue training or conditioning in groups of eight or fewer while maintaining three metres of separation. Non-medical face masks must be worn. Only one group of eight or less can be on a training surface at a time.

Fitness activities and group fitness classes may train in groups of eight or fewer, for all ages. Mask use and three metres of physical distancing between participants must be maintained.

Malls and Retail

Retailers across Saskatchewan are providing important resources to the public during this pandemic. To support their work new measures are required. Retail businesses must enhance the expectation of mask use, provide hand sanitizer, and provide direction of foot traffic within stores. Signage and staff training should be provided to help inform the public of these



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new measures.

Large retail locations are required to limit their capacity to 50 per cent – or four square metres – of space per person, whichever is less. Large retail locations are defined as retailers with more than 20,000 square feet, and 50 per cent capacity is determined by half of the specified fire-code capacity.

The mandatory mask signage is found at www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19-posters.

These additional health measures, along with existing measures, will remain in effect until December 17, 2020. At that time, they will be reviewed by the provincial Chief Medical Health Officer. For further information on public health measures, contact tracing or general information, please visit www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19.

General public inquiries may be directed to COVID19@health.gov.sk.ca.

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Small businesses are the backbone of our economy. I am not in favour of our governments, and especially our local community governments, supporting out-of-town businesses.

If we continue to sit back and say it's fine for our taxpayer's money to be spent elsewhere, just like some people think it's fine to shop elsewhere, it isn't long before you will have to move elsewhere because you have lost all of your services, and your people, to areas where the services are located that have been supported - better known as the cities. SUMA should be representing us all, not just the large suppliers.

Too much goes on behind closed doors in our governments and this is trickling down into our smaller communities and municipal areas. Governments are removing the tender process or are increasing their

secrecy towards what they are doing by cancelling policies regarding notifications. Now they want to join together to spend our budgets with a big supplier.

I want my money circulating in my community to help keep our services, our service clubs and our communities healthy, productive and good places to live.

I want my government to know that I do not want them purchasing their needs elsewhere when they can acquire the same thing right in their own center.

If people agree with the association for our municipalities to develop policies and provide alternate methods to purchase outside our community, then you are the people who should be packing, as your job, your home and your business won't be around for long.

Speak up people – it's your money, your community.

RCMP investigating suspicious death in RM of Medstead

Glaslyn/Turtleford RCMP, the RCMP Major Crime Unit and the RCMP Forensic Identification Section are investigating a suspicious death in the RM of Medstead.

On Friday, Nov. 27, 2020, around 12:30 p.m., Glaslyn/Turtleford RCMP responded to a complaint of a deceased male located near a grid road approximately 30 kilometers southeast of Glaslyn.

The deceased has been identified as

54-year-old Bradley John Ham, last known to be from the Prince Albert/North Battleford/Saskatoon areas.

An autopsy was scheduled to take place on Dec. 1, 2020. The circumstances surrounding his death continue to be investigated.

Anyone with information about this investigation is asked to contact Glaslyn/Turtleford RCMP at 306-845-4520 or 306-342-2005 or call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477.

Indigenous pioneer Fred Sasakamoose dead at 86

Saskatchewan has lost another true trailblazer.

Fred Sasakamoose, who made history as one of the first Indigenous NHL players, has died at 86 after a brief bout with COVID-19.

Fred's son, Neil Sasakamoose, shared news of his father's passing via Facebook on Nov. 24, just five days after he was admitted to hospital with the novel coronavirus.

"The COVID virus did so much damage into his lungs, he just couldn't keep responding," Neil said. "He just couldn't keep up."

Neil also said his father appreciated all the people who sent him encouraging cards and videos since his hospitalization, and shared the last conversation they had.

"I talked to him about one o'clock in the afternoon ... and I asked how he was feeling, if he was scared," Neil said. "He said 'I'm not scared.' He said, 'I'm ready to go. If I've got to go, I'm going to go.'"

"And I said 'you know what, dad? If you're tired, you go. You go and don't

worry about us over here.'"

Through his NHL career, Fred played 11 games with the Chicago Blackhawks during the 1953-54 season, splitting time with the Moose Jaw Canucks of the Western Canadian Junior Hockey League.

Following his time in Chicago, Sasakamoose returned home to the Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation in Saskatchewan to help give others the same opportunities he received. With no athletic equipment, events or facilities in the area, he worked extensively to build and develop minor hockey and other sports in the community.

"(He) couldn't fit in with the big wigs, couldn't fit in with all the big owners of things and big companies. Big corporations. That's not who he was," Neil said.

"He was a grassroots guy ... He wasn't a suit and tie. He didn't belong there. He knew where you belonged. He belonged with his people on the reserve. He belonged with local people in



small towns."

In 1962, Sasakamoose focused his efforts on hockey as one of the founding members of the Northern Indian Hock-

ey League. His promotion of the game helped spur the construction of arenas in communities in northern Saskatchewan.

More recently, he assisted with the All Nations Hockey School in Saskatoon before establishing the Fred Sasakamoose All Star Hockey Week; a hockey camp that focuses on diversity and integration in addition to hockey skills.

"He said he never believed in racism. He never believed in hate. He believed in listening to what professionals have to say. He had some good, good strengths about that old guy. He believed in his culture, his language, his people, he believed in us getting along with non-native people, races around the world," Neil said.

Outside of the sports world, he served as band councillor and chief of Ahtahkakoop Cree Nation.

He was inducted into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame in 2007, and became a member of the Order of Canada in 2018.

Saskatchewan enacts more COVID restrictions

Following another week of high daily COVID-19 cases, the Saskatchewan government has further tightened restrictions across the province in a bid to flatten the burgeoning curve.

Introduced last Wednesday afternoon, the additional public health measures went into effect at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 27. They will be in place until at least Thursday, Dec. 17, at which time they'll be reviewed by the province's chief medical health officer, Dr. Saqib Shahab.

Under the new measures, restaurants and licensed establishments, such as bars, taverns, and nightclubs, are limited to four people per table. Additionally, tables must be placed two or three metres apart, depending on whether or not there are impermeable barriers between them, and guest and reservation information on all patrons must

be maintained.

The liquor sales curfew of 10 p.m. is still in effect, and consumption of liquor still has to end by 11 p.m.

For performance and gaming venues, such as casinos, bingo halls, arenas, live theatres, movie theatres, and other venues, the max capacity has been reduced to 30 people, and food or beverage service must be kept separate from activities.

The same 30-person limit applies to indoor public gatherings, including banquets, conferences, and wedding and funeral receptions in public venues. At these events, food or beverages may not be present or served.

The capacity limit also applies to worship services. And, again, no food or drink may be served.

Meanwhile, in-home gatherings remain limited to five people, and the province is discouraging

gatherings beyond the immediate household. If the number of people in a family is five or greater, no additional visitors are permitted, with the exception of recurring caregivers, support personal, and tradespersons, who are advised to maintain physical distancing and must wear a mask.

On the subject of masks, the province has expanded masking requirements to include:

All students, employees and visitors in all schools and day cares (except while consuming food or beverage or engaging in aquatic fitness activities). Children ages 0-2 years are exempt from wearing masks. Children ages 3-12 should wear a mask if they are able to;

All employees and visitors in all common areas in businesses and workplaces, even in those areas which the public does not have access to (e.g. construction sites,

manufacturing facilities); and

All residents, employees and visitors in all common areas in provincial and municipal correctional facilities.

Additionally, mask use will be required during all indoor fitness activities, with aquatic activities being the only exception.

As for sports and recreation, all team/group sports, activities, games, competitions, recitals, and practices have been suspended for amateur and recreational leagues in all age groups.

Athletes and dancers 18 years of age and under may continue practicing, conditioning and skills training in groups of eight or fewer, but must abide by the required mask use and maintain at least three metres of physical distancing between participants at all times.

Individual groups of eight may not share a training or rehearsal

surface or space at the same time.

Coaches and trainers are not included in the training group numbers as long as they are masked and maintain a minimum physical distance of three metres.

Fitness activities and group fitness classes in groups of eight or fewer continue to be permitted, for all ages. Again, mask use and at least three metres of physical distancing between participants must be maintained.

Finally, for the retail sector, the province is limiting customer capacity to 50 per cent (or four square metres per person, whichever is less) at large retail locations, which are classified as businesses with square footage larger than 20,000 square feet.

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Feds' internet boost good for rural folk

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau may not be very popular on the Prairies but he and his party do seem to at least understand the importance of timely and speedy access to information these days.

To better ensure rural Canadians have access to high speed Internet service on par with those in large urban centres the federal government announced recently a new injection of money focused on better connectivity.

On Nov. 9, the feds added \$750 million to its Universal Broadband Fund to speed up Canadians' access to high-speed internet.

The 2019 federal budget had previously allocated \$1 billion to the fund.

"Our government is launching the \$1.75 billion universal broadband fund to connect all Canadians to high speed internet," said Trudeau at a



CALVIN DANIELS

press conference in Ottawa to announce the new money.

"This fund will be used to build infrastructure across the country, almost entirely in rural and remote communities. And for places that are just too far to reach, including in remote areas in the north, we've reached a \$600 million agreement with Telesat for satellite capacity to improve broadband, along with the \$2 billion we've already put down for broadband through the Canada infrastructure bank's growth plan. We're making real in-

vestments in Canadians, their success, and in their future."

Trudeau continued, "Today's investment puts us on track to get 98 per cent of Canadians connected to high speed internet in the next few years, and everyone connected, a few years after that. These are ambitious targets, and we're ready to meet them. In fact, to accelerate our progress, right now, these need to succeed."

You can argue politics if you want too, but it is rather difficult to see this as anything but positive for rural Canada.

Certainly the COVID-19 pandemic has focused added attention on Internet access as many workers have been sent home to work in a place of greater isolation and safety, and school classes have gone online for the same reason, but the need to be connected with quick access had been growing long before we had heard of COVID.

To be competitive today business needs to have at least one eye on global trends and that requires information,

whether it's a small town hairdresser looking for the latest styles and hair products, a mechanic researching an engine light issue, or a farmer looking for signs to suggest the best time to sell their

canola, you need information, you need it fast, and that means access to high speed Internet.

As any federal government program, this one will not solve access issues for all, the country is

simply too large and diverse for that, but the injection of funds to build a better rural high speed base is at least an investment that bodes well for a rural future in an information dominated world.

Lise Stevens wins August Dessert of the Month



The Spiritwood Public Library made the last 'catch-up' draw for their Dessert of the Month Fundraiser. August's dessert was provided by Erin Wingerter and taken home by Lise Stevens. There is only one more draw left for the December Christmas baking for this year.

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Sask. sees silver lining in mid-year finances

The Saskatchewan Party government has released its 2020-2021 mid-year report, which highlights a less dire than projected economic outlook for the province despite the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Tabled by Finance Minister Donna Harpauer on Friday, the fiscal outlook forecasts a deficit of \$2 billion, an improvement of \$381.5 million from the government's projections of a \$2.4 billion deficit back in June.

"As reflected in these latest forecasts, our government is managing the province's finances carefully through the pandemic," Harpauer said. "The mid-year update also includes \$260 million of contingencies to cushion against potential pandemic-related revenue and spending shocks over the remainder of the fiscal year."

Revenue is projected at \$14.2 billion, a \$503.5 million (3.7 per cent) increase from budget. The increase from budget is due to higher federal transfers, higher Government Business Enterprise net income and higher non-renewable resource revenue. Tax and other own-source revenue forecasts are unchanged from budget, but the mid-year update includes a \$41.2 million decrease in tax revenue as a result of the reduction in the small business tax rate.

Expense is forecast to be \$16.2 billion, an increase of \$122.0 million (0.8 per cent) from budget. This includes increases for the health, education, munic-

ipal and tourism sectors, partly offset by lower-than-budgeted pension expense and crop insurance claims expense. The mid-year forecast includes the impact of government's election commitments totalling \$91.7 million. A \$160 million expense contingency remains in place at mid-year.

Public debt and net debt are both down compared to the budget forecast. Saskatchewan's net debt-to-GDP ratio at March 31, 2021, is now estimated at 19.6 per cent and is expected to be one of the lowest among Canadian provinces this year. Saskatchewan also has the second-highest credit rating in Canada, when ratings from the three major rating agencies are combined.

"Saskatchewan's economy has performed better than originally anticipated in the June 2020 budget," Harpauer said. "Real GDP is forecast to decline 5.0 per cent, compared to a decline of 6.3 per cent forecast at budget. Saskatchewan's unemployment rate was the lowest in Canada in October and total employment, on an unadjusted basis, is nearing pre-pandemic levels. As a result, our planned path to balance in 2024-25 is unchanged."

The mid-year report was panned by the opposition NDP, which accused the Sask. Party government of continuing to fail businesses and families impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The NDP was also critical of the government for failing to introduce new

measures to help Saskatchewan residents through the pandemic.

"This is a missed opportunity, one with deadly consequences. The government has refused to consider a circuit breaker, but what we have now is the worst of both worlds. Businesses are being told to stay open while their customers are being urged to stay home - it's a recipe for

economic disaster," said Aleana Young, the opposition's critic for the economy and jobs. "Instead of sitting on federal dollars and forcing people and small businesses to struggle through this crisis on their own, the Sask. Party needs to increase supports now to ensure that we don't see any more businesses closed or working people get left behind."

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Spiritwood Library board meeting minutes

The Spiritwood Public Library board members met on Wed., Nov. 25 @ 5 p.m. Four members and the Librarian were present. Appreciation goes to Dana for chairing the meeting.

Since we last met in early 2020, we have received a grant from the Lions' Club. The money was used to purchase a new colourful activity rug for the children to enjoy. The Community Grant was applied for and re-

ceived. That money was used to purchase DVDs for the library.

The Librarian received money from Prairie Centre Credit Union. That money was used to purchase more children's books.

The entrance flooring in the library needed replacing. This has been finished and looks amazing.

The Summer Reading program was done online. Ethan Gaboury was a winner from our library. He won a

prize for a weekly challenge he completed.

During the Sask. Library week in October, the Librarian had a book display of Sask. authors. The theme was "Resilient in Changing Times."

Gratitude to Kay for attending the online Regional Annual Meeting. She sent the board members the minutes from that meeting.

A round of appreciation goes to the board members that put together the book bundles, took pictures, and then added them to the library's Facebook page. This was done for our online book auction. We are grateful to our patrons that purchased some of these book bundles.

Our annual fundraiser, the Dessert of the Month, was on hold till the library reopened. We are now caught up. The last draw for the Christmas

baking will be on Dec. 11. All board members will bring treats for this. We will decide at the next meeting if we will do the Dessert of the Month for 2021.

For February 2021, The Aboriginal Storytelling event will be virtual. Joyce has informed the schools of this change.

We made a motion to replace the circulation computer with a new one. Headquarters decides when this computer should be replaced.

Joyce gave the Financial Report and a Proposed Budget for 2021. Also new board members were discussed. Rhonda and Phil have resigned as board members and we wish to thank them for their time and help over the years.

The next meeting has been set for Jan. 27, 2021 @ 5 p.m.

GOOD NEWS

AS WE WAIT, GOD IS WITH US

By Jonathan Worrall
Student Minister,
Knox United Church

We have entered the season of Advent; a time of waiting and eager anticipation.

The dichotomy between the attitudes of waiting in Advent as opposed to how we deal with waiting in our daily lives in the secular world are intriguing. For the most part, as a society, we want to avoid waiting. It is an interruption, an inconvenience and an annoyance. People can be quite testy when their patience is tried (any of us who have had to work in customer service through the holidays can attest to this).

We wait in log-jammed traffic. We wait in line at the store. We wait in the appropriately named waiting rooms at the doctor's office. We wait for the work day to be over. We wait for the freedom of the weekend. We wait for payday. We are constantly waiting. COVID-19 has plummeted the entire world into uncertainty, anxiety, anger and fear. We have been

waiting for change or progression, all the while wrestling with ambiguity since March.

We wait for a vaccine. We wait for life to change, yearning for a return to the way things were. We wait, unable to visit our family and loved ones comfortably. Parents wait for a time when their children can go to school without fear of infection. We wait for restrictions to ease so we can visit those in long-term care. We wait for deliverance from the wilderness.

The wilderness, in the biblical world, was not always viewed positively. It was a place of fear, danger and temptation. It was, for the most part, inhospitable. The Israelites wandered the desert for forty years before they could enter the promised land. Jesus was tortured with temptation for forty days in the desert.

When we are introduced to John the Baptist, this understanding of the wilderness or desert is transformed. Rather than preach from the comfort of cities or villages, John

preaches and baptizes the members of creation in the wild; preaching from the boundary that separates civilization from the wild. John carries out the duties of his ministry so that he can prepare the way for Jesus. For new life. For God to further reveal Godself to creation. John did all this, knowing that he was waiting for the arrival of the one who "will baptize you with the Holy Spirit" (Mark 1:8).

Although this season of Advent is different from what we are accustomed to, I feel we can still find hope and joy in spite of our current context. Jesus, the baby in the manger, lived knowing that he was making his way to the cross. If we want to understand how God deals with the pain and suffering of God's people, we need only to look at the crucifixion. As Tex Sample said in an interview, "when we see Christ on the cross, we see God, how God deals with evil, suffering and death. God takes on Godself, the hurt, the pain and death. God suffers for us and with us." However, death did not have the final word. Through the resurrection, God was at work within creation, making new life.

God suffers as we suffer. Just as God was with the Israelites in the desert, God is with us now, as we navigate the desert that is life with COVID-19. God is still active in creation, working through members of creation, and with God's help, we will get through this. God is still with us. We are not alone. Rejoice!

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CANWOOD: Canwood Branch of Wapiti Regional Library. Appointment only. Tuesday 10 am - 3 pm; Thursday 10 am - 4 pm; Friday 1 pm - 5 pm

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 - 5 pm

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Dorothy Johnson



JOHNSON – Dorothy

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of our Mother, Dorothy Estella Johnson (nee McIlroy) on November 24, 2020 at the age of 83 years. Dorothy was born in Shellbrook, SK on August 30, 1937.

She spent her childhood on the family farm in the Shellbrook District. Dorothy went to Teacher's College after high school. Her first teaching job was in a one room school at Nestledown in the District of Canwood, SK. This is where she met Clarence Andrew Johnson. They were married for 52 years starting in 1957. Shortly after she married, she left her teaching career to raise their children as well as helping with the farm on the homestead in Nestledown. Mom always had a large and successful garden and we will always remember her fantastic cooking. Dorothy was also an avid seamstress.

During the years on the farm, she was very active volunteering in community activities such as 4-H, Wheat Pool, Co-Operative associations, Women's Guild, Community Clinic, New Democratic Party and many other community events. Dorothy enjoyed watching community sports and was an avid curler and bowler. Clarence and Dorothy loved to dance and listen to music. They were a part of the community choir where Clarence sang and Dorothy would do readings for their Cantata.

They resided on the family farm until 2001, and then moved into their retirement home in

Canwood, SK, until Clarence's passing in 2010. During this time the family realized that Dorothy was experiencing the onset of dementia. In 2011 she moved into the Whispering Pines home in Canwood where she resided until 2014. After moving out of the Whispering Pines Home, she moved to Mont St. Joseph Home in Prince Albert until her passing.

Dorothy is survived by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Laurie Johnson (Deanna) and family, Graham Johnson, Keith Johnson, Robin Johnson, Chantel Stewart (Pearce), Shania Johnson and Jaron Johnson; Greg Johnson (Michelle) and family, Jeremy Johnson (Cimarron), Chelsey Blais (Da-

ryl), and Cole Johnson; Bev Schock (Darren) and family, Nastashia Sheehan (Cory) and Janel Bose (Kevin); her 14 great-grandchildren; her sister, Pat Marsh; her special nephew, Danny Johnson; her sister-in-law, Doris McIlroy-Hunter, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Dorothy was predeceased by her husband, Clarence Johnson; her parents, Clarence and Helen McIlroy; her in-laws, Yngve and Hulda Johnson; her brother, Gordon McIlroy; her sister, Alice Pont; her brother-in-law, Lyle Marsh; as well as Clarence's 4 sisters and brothers-in-law.

A Visitation for Dorothy was held at 7:00 p.m., on Friday, November 27, 2020 at Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, 300B –

300 Marquis Road West, Prince Albert, SK. Please note that COVID-19 guidelines will be observed. Interment will be held at Canwood North Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of other tributes, donations in memory of Dorothy may be made to Mont St. Joseph Foundation, 777 28th Street East, Prince Albert, SK, S6V 8C2 or the Alzheimer Society Of Saskatchewan, 2550 12 Ave, Regina, SK, S4P 3X1. 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, Tracy-Lynn Lenchuk, Funeral Director, Prince Albert, SK 306-763-3322.

Frances Kasun



KASUN, Frances

August 11, 1922 – November 19, 2020

It is with great sadness the family of Frances Kasun announces her passing on November 19, 2020. Frances will be forever missed, but will be joining her husband, Charles; her parents, Anna and Henry Bartels; her sisters, Alice, Hilda, Hannah; her brother, Henry.

Frances leaves behind her children: Charlene (Ronald) Brad, Wendy Kasun (Mike Flamminio), Dennis (Muriel) Kasun; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Todd (Charlene) - Danica & Sabrina; Darren (Tammy) - Victoria Brad - Logan & Liam Nelson - Danielle Klics; Gwendolyn (Scott) Batchelor - Zachary & Randy Seresinhe, Isabel,

Sophia & Olivia Batchelor - Dustin (Crystal) - Crosby & Lewis; Ché-lise (Furey) Higgins - Mylène; Darryl (Jill) - Davis, Maëlle, & Griffin; Daniel (Ashley); Celynn (Brady) Manz - Leo, Sam, & Annalise.

We were privileged to have mom for 98 years. Frances was born to Henry & Anna Bartels on August 11, 1922 in the Wandsworth district, the fourth of five children. She enjoyed many singsongs with her sisters and brother as they did chores on the farm. Mom went to Chellwood School for grades one to eight and took nine and ten by correspondence. Mom took grades eleven and twelve at Laird High School. The following year she entered Teachers' College, or Normal School as it was then called. Mom first taught near St. Walburg, then near Outlook, then at Skipton School near Leask. Mom also taught at Chirnside School, the Leask Hutterite Colony, then in Leask until 1976.

Mom met dad while teaching at Skipton School, and they were married in 1946. They had three children, Charlene, Wendy, and Dennis. Family was ev-

erything to mom, she gave her time, patience, kindness, and love to her children and later her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She certainly had a special bond with each of her grandchildren and treasured them as they treasured her. All the family loved going to Grandma's. Mom's table was filled with laughter, great meals, card games, and discussion. It defined the purest essence of family.

She loved to bake and share her canning, but

she got the most joy tending to her flowers and her garden. It was a peace-filled place for her to be. When you walked through the flower beds and garden with her, you sensed the oneness she shared with her piece of nature.

Mom loved music. She loved to sing with her sisters and play the keyboard. She loved listening to music, and especially liked listening to her grandchildren play her keyboard. In her younger days, she was an avid bowler, and amassed many trophies. She loved fishing, playing cards, doing crafts,

and reading.

Mom led by example. She took time to listen, encourage, and look positively on every situation. In her quiet way, she built up the confidence of others, and cheered the successes and joys of her family and friends. She was admired for her strength, patience, and kindness. Mom was our rock.

The family wishes to thank the amazing staff at the Parkland Integrated Health Center in Shellbrook for the great care, kindness, compassion, and love they showed towards mom during the nearly two

years she resided there.

There was a private family memorial mass held at St. Henry's RC Church in Leask with Father Phong Tran officiating. Frances was laid to rest in the Leask Cemetery.

If family and friends so desire, memorial donations in memory of Frances may be made to the Shellbrook and Districts Health Services Foundation Long Term Care, or to a charity of their choice. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Shellbrook SK. 306-747-2828.

Harley Lundgren



LUNDGREN – Harley 1951-2020

With heavy hearts, the family of Harley Wallace Lundgren, late of Can-

wood, SK, passed away on November 12, 2020 at the age of 69 years. Harley was born on March 13, 1951 in Shellbrook, SK. to John and Agnus Lundgren of Stump Lake. Harley attended school in Canwood. As a kid Harley enjoyed hunting, fishing and trapping with his dad and camping with his buddies.

In 1967 Harley left school and worked various jobs as a heavy equipment operator. In 1975 Harley purchased land in the Rabbit Bluff area and started farming.

Harley met Darlene Berg in 1976 and together they spent their lives in Canwood. Darlene passed in August of 2018.

Harley is lovingly remembered by his step-daughter Darcy (Michael) Turner of Watrous, SK and children Jennifer, Spencer and Samantha Duvall; step-son Kevin Berg of Campbell River, B.C.; his siblings Christle Carey of Canwood, SK; Ivy (Jim) Lofstrum of Quesnel, B.C.; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Harley is predeceased by his parents, John & Agnus Lundgren; his brother-in-

law, Wallace Carey and several other relatives.

A Celebration of Life for Harley will be announced at a later date once COVID restrictions are lifted. In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Harley to Whispering Pine Place (Box 418 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, Tammy Smart Director, Canwood, SK. 306-468-2244.

OBITUARY

Ilene & Ed Roy



ROY – Ilene & Ed

Ilene Frances Roy passed away peacefully on 18 October, 2020 and Edwin David Roy passed away 11 November, 2020 at the Pasqua

Hospital in Regina. Ilene was born 29 April, 1936 in Canwood, Saskatchewan. She was the second of five children born to Wilfred and Hilda (Lofstrom) Coates. Ed was born 22 May, 1937 in Moosomin, Saskatchewan. He was the last of five sons born to David and Mary (Bruce) Roy.

Ilene spent her early years in the Silent Call area, living on the family farm, attending school at Silent Call and Canwood. She completed a business course in Saskatoon, before beginning her more than 50 year career in the Saskatchewan co-

operative system. While working full-time, she completed accounting classes at the University of Regina.

Ilene joined Federated Co-operatives Limited (FCL) in 1954 in Saskatoon and moved to the new regional office in Regina in 1955. She worked in a variety of accounting positions, attaining the position of Retail Accounting Supervisor. She left FCL to become the comptroller at Sherwood Co-operative Association from 1981 to 1996. After retiring from Sherwood, Ilene performed contract work for FCL, was a delegate at FCL annual general meetings, and served on the Co-op Securities Board, the Sherwood Co-op board, and the Sherwood Credit Union credit committee.

For her years of service, she was awarded the Saskatchewan Lifetime Co-operative Achievement Award in 2013.

Ed spent his early years in the Moosomin area, living on the family farm, attending school at Moosomin. He moved to Regina to begin his career with Federated Co-operatives Ltd (FCL). He received recognition for 35 years of service in 1991.

Through their work at FCL, they met many lifelong friends and each other. Ilene and Ed Roy were married in Canwood on August 25, 1962. They were great travelers attending family celebrations, reunions, Grey Cup games, southern holidays, boating at Kenosee Lake and camping in western Canada.

Ed and Ilene were loyal Roughrider season-ticket holders and she was a volunteer director. She chaired the committee that created two Roughrider cookbooks as fund raisers for her beloved Riders. Ilene and Ed rarely missed a game or the social activities

surrounding them.

When FCL closed the Regina location, Ed took an early retirement. However, he was far from idle. He was always quick to lend a hand for any renovation, home repair or building project that a neighbour, friend or relative might have. He also enjoyed wood working and his annual trips to his nephew's farm to help with harvest.

In retirement, Ilene made new friends at the Field House and with the Singing Grannies. She truly enjoyed bringing entertainment to seniors in various locations in Regina. Her love of music included singing with her siblings at family events. She organized the Coates family's reunion in 1980 and the reunions continue to this day. She also volunteered for various local charities.

Ilene and Ed were predeceased by her parents, Wilfred and Hilda Coates of Canwood and his parents, Dave and Mary Roy of Moosomin; her brother, Leroy Coates; sister-in-law,

Lorette Coates; brothers-in-law, Einar Hamborg and Ken Odegaard; and Ed's brothers: Art Roy, Bruce (Jean) Roy, John Roy, and Leslie (Miriam, Vera) Roy.

Ilene and Ed are survived and will be dearly missed by her sister, Doris Odegaard (Loring Nordquist) of Canwood, her brothers Rod Coates of Westlock and Deryl (Laura) Coates of Regina, sister-in-law, Marlene Coates of Watrous; Ed's sisters-in-law, Betty Roy and Florence Roy; and by numerous nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, great great nieces and nephews, and many cousins and dear friends.

The family wishes to thank friends and neighbours for all their help and support over the past few months.

A private family service will be held next spring.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Ed and Ilene may be made to the Allan Blair Cancer Centre or the Saskatchewan Roughrider Foundation.

Gifts for the gardener

By Erl Svendsen

This year, I'm coming up with my list of potential gifts for my gardening friends a bit early in hopes that I'm not panicking at the last moment. Unless someone has specifically told me they want a specific garden ornament, I usually stay away from that category as it involves personal taste which may not be the same as mine. But that leaves three other broad categories to choose from: tools/personal protective equipment, books and plants.

When I'm making my list, I start with what has worked well for me or my friends in the past. In the tool category, the tool must meet my 'tool-for-life' standard: solidly made, functional, comfortable to use and long-lasting. My top choice this year are gloves. I used to pooh-pooh cloth gloves in favour of leather. You know the ones I mean: ill-fitting cotton gloves with poor grip. But I've discovered a new category that mechanics, plumbers, electricians and construction workers have probably known about for years: snug-fitting cotton/polyester (with a bit of lycra for stretch) gloves with foam latex (or rubber) coated palms and fingers for a great grip. The back of the gloves are uncoated to allow for breathing. They are also cut-resistant to protect from errant pruners and sharp thorns. Not only that, they are washable, available in several manly and womanly colours, usually less than \$10/pair and available at most hardware stores and perhaps garden centres. My pair is now two years old and they may last a third. This spring, my hands emerged unscathed and unblemished after pruning the candles on my mugos pines.

Books are a great resource, even in the Internet Age, where seemingly everything is available online. But, can you always trust the information? Especially, if you can't be sure which part of the world the information is coming from?

Or, not knowing how much experience the author has? Better to get information from someone that gardens virtually in your own backyard. One option is the perennial favourite, The Prairie Gardener (Western Canada's only gardening annual). This year's edition features 'Flowering shrubs with a special feature on Roses.' It is filled with several short articles by local, experienced gardeners from across the Prairie region.

I also asked my friend Sara Williams (herself a noted Prairie garden author) for book suggestions. If you enjoy learning about the history of plants and the people that discovered them, she recommends The John Tradescants, by Prudence Leith Ross, a biography of John Tradescant the elder and his son John the younger. The two Tradescants were instrumental in introducing many New World plants to England during the 1600s, among them spiderwort (*Tradescantia virginiana*) named to honour them. Sara also recommends two absorbing novels of historical fiction about the same father and son by Philippa Gregory: *Earthly Joys* and *Virgin Earth*. Great winter reading!

Plants are another tricky category to buy for someone else. And plant-wise, nurseries and garden centres are only selling tropical and seasonal plants (poinsettia, amaryllis, etc) at this time of year. But I have found that a generous gift card, along with your personal promise to help the recipient pick out plants in the spring, is always appreciated. As well, you're supporting local businesses.

Wrap it up early!

Erl gardens in Saskatoon and occasionally tweets about @ErlSv

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TV cameras never stray far from Tiger Woods

Since TV golf broadcasts usually begin with film and audio about Tiger Woods, no matter if the greatest golfer of all time is in the lead, middle of the pack or back home resting his back — “... Even though he’s not competing this week, let’s look at some Tiger highlights from last year’s event” — let’s join the party and start our 2020 Masters report with Tiger.

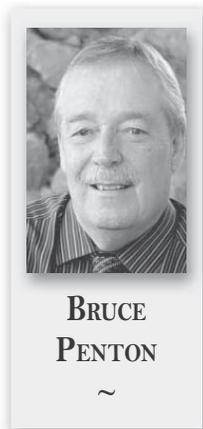
Why? Well, he didn’t win — Dustin Johnson did, but you already know that — but two things Woods did were among the most newsworthy happenings at Augusta.

First, he made a final-round 10 on the par-3 12th hole, the pivotal in 2019 when Woods took control of the tournament with a par while four of his closest rivals were putting their balls into Rae’s Creek and making either bogey or double bogey. Karma caught up to Woods this

year with a seven-over-par 10. He dunked his first two shots into the creek, hit his third into a bunker over the green, nailed the next one back into the creek and ... well, by this time, hands of the Tiger haters — yes, sadly, Tiger haters really exist — were starting to bleed from all the high-fiving they were doing in their living rooms or dens.

Second, however, illustrates why Tiger Woods is who he is: Following his embarrassing 10, which sent him from three under par for the tournament to four over — he proceeded to make birdies on 13, 15, 16, 17 and 18 to get back to one under par for the tournament.

It might have been the most amazing accomplishment of the week at Augusta and if you think I’m saying that just to irritate some of the Tiger haters among my circle of friends, you might be right. But it’s also true,



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and that’s just another reason why the TV networks never allow their cameras to stray too far from Woods. The most famous golfer in the world attracts viewers no matter where he sits on the leaderboard.

The next iteration of the Masters is scheduled to take place in just five months. If the coronavirus allows somewhat of a return to normalcy in our world, the 85th Masters will tee off in mid-April, a tradition unlike any other. And — sorry, haters — Tiger will continue to garner

good chunk of the media attention.

- Patti Dawn Swanson, aka the River City Renegade, on the laid-back Dustin Johnson: “Johnson strikes me as the kind of guy who’ll take one look at The Masters champion’s green jacket and ask, ‘Does it come in different colours?’”

- PGA player Rory McIlroy, on the casual approach Masters champ Dustin Johnson brings to the game: “See ball, hit ball, see putt, hole putt, go to the next.”

- Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: “Another sure sign it’s 2020: Illinois punted on fourth-and-goal against Minnesota. But then again, it was fourth-and-48.”

- Headline at @NotSportsCenter: “Report: Trevor Lawrence says his doctors have told him he’ll be cleared from COVID to play football again as soon as the Jets draft another QB.”

- Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va), on Drew Brees’ injuries: “Broken ribs on each side of his body

and a collapsed lung. Was Brees sacked or was his car T-boned?”

- Molinaro again: “Grandma’s sweet potato casserole and collard greens haven’t given Thanksgiving Day revellers as much gas over the years as the Detroit Lions.”

- Steve Simmons of the Toronto Sun: “History and irony: The mayor of Montreal is calling for all the citizens to wear masks. Her name is Plante.”

- Simmons again, on the White Sox hiring manager Tony LaRussa, one day after he was charged with drunk driving: “The original LaRussa hiring was described as LaRussa 2.0 in Chicago. Now it’s being called LaRussa 0.8, as in his blood alcohol numbers “

- RJ Currie of sportsdeke.com: “Vasek Pospisil’s three-set loss in the Sofia Open final made Canadians 0-6 in ATP finals in 2020. You might call it Mission Im-Pospisil.”

- Headline at theonline.com: “N.Y. Jets Sued For Millions After Us-

ing Unlicensed Cheering Sounds From Other Teams”

- From fark.com: “Century Link Field renamed to Lumen Field because ‘Our Defence Blows Field’ was too long of a name”

- Janice Hough of leftcoastsportsbabe.com, on college football trying to flail its way through a pandemic: “Maybe it’s not just the players but NCAA powers-that-be we should be checking for concussions.”

- Saints coach Sean Payton, reluctant to answer a question about injured quarterback Drew Brees: “No update, I’m eating a bagel. I was hoping to be chewing it when you asked.”

- Patti Dawn Swanson again: “New Kim, a two-year-old female Belgian racing pigeon, recently sold for \$1.9 million at auction. No bird has ever landed that large a windfall. At least not since Elin Nordegren flew the coop on Tiger.”

Care to comment?
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Gov’t of Sask. welcomes trade decision on softwood lumber

The Government of Saskatchewan welcomes the decision by the United States Department of Commerce on its first administrative review of duties imposed on Canadian softwood lumber exports to the United States (US). The review was initially launched in 2017.

The decision, announced Tuesday, retroactively reduces the duties to the US that have been imposed on softwood lumber exports from 20 per cent to nine per cent. Since 2017, Saskatchewan forestry companies have paid over \$50 million in duties to the US government. The reduction is expected to result in several millions of dollars in relief back to Saskatchewan softwood lumber producers. Currently, Canada supplies approximately 30 per cent of the US’s softwood lumber demand.

“The American duties on Canadian softwood lumber exports continue to be unfair and unjustified,” Trade and Export Development Minister Jeremy Harrison said. “This reduction in duties, however, is a step in the right di-

rection for advancing free trade for our softwood exports.”

Saskatchewan’s forestry sector continues to play an important role in the province’s economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. The forestry sector employs thousands of northerners and Indigenous people and is northern Saskatchewan’s largest industry. The forestry sector also supports dozens of First Nations-owned businesses, including in timber harvesting, road construction, trucking, and reforestation.

“Since July, prices for lumber have soared to all-time highs due to record repair and renovation retail sales,” Energy and Resources Minister Bronwyn Eyre said. “We welcome Tuesday’s news. However, imposed duties continue to harm the competitiveness of our vital forestry sector, and we will continue to defend it from unfair duties.”

In 2019, Saskatchewan forest product sales were \$946 million, and the sector directly and indirectly employed 7,800 people.

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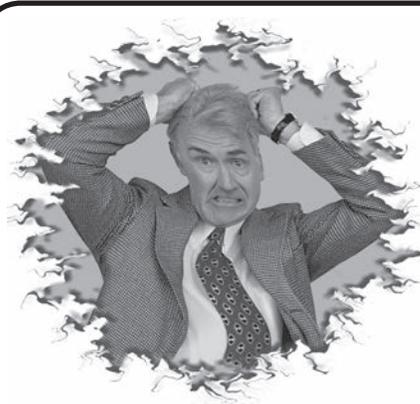
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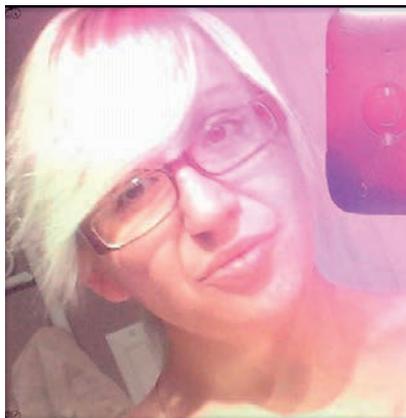
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