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Indigenous storyteller hopes to inspire healing

Growing up on the Big River First Nation, Randy Morin was telling stories from the moment he could talk.

Through this love of storytelling, instilled in him by his upbringing, he says he played the role of “the class entertainer” from Kindergarten all the way through high school.

“Stories were a way of entertaining each other. It was a really positive pastime,” he said. “On the reserve, there’d be these huge gatherings, from funerals, to weddings, to hockey games, to round dances. Everyone’s telling stories and laughing. I just grew up in that environment telling stories.”

In Morin’s youth, these stories were told and shared in the highly descriptive Cree language — a language in which he says they still sound best. But he soon began sharing the stories in English as well, and even went on to tell his own stories, becoming the author of two children’s books, with two more, and an autobiographical selection of short stories, on the way.

As a published author, an assistant professor of Indigenous studies at the University of Saskatchewan, and a father, Morin’s love of storytelling is now something he shares with younger generations.

“I had children, and I would just devour the library. Every children’s book I could get, I would read to all my children at night,” he said. “Sometimes, when I would read to them at night, I wouldn’t read the actual story. I’d make up my own story based on the images I saw.”

With February serving as a month to honour and celebrate Indigenous stories, and many elders having passed and taken their stories with them, Morin feels it’s as important as ever for the stories he grew up with to be protected, captured, and recorded for Indigenous youth.

Indigenous stories, he says, can help bridge the disconnect between Indigenous youth and their culture, because they contain the essence of his people’s identity — who they are, where they come from, and their values and sacred laws.

Not only this, the stories impart vital



Randy Morin, a storyteller from the Big River First Nation, will be sharing his stories online throughout Aboriginal Storytelling Month.

lessons about kindness and compassion, resilience and courage, and his people’s connection to the spirit world and duty to protect Mother Earth.

These stories, filled with humour and healing, are what Morin says is needed to help his people, and Indig-

enous men in particular, address their past and present traumas.

“Indigenous men need to heal. Far too many of our Indigenous men are incarcerated, or in the depths of addiction and violence. It’s because of residential schools and what was

shown to us — not to show emotion, to grin and bear the pain, and not cry,” he said.

“In order to heal the pain... you have to lay bare the issue and talk about it.”

Morin adds that it’s important for this healing, and this reconnection to Indigenous culture and storytelling traditions, to begin as early as possible.

That, in part, is why he’s so adamant about sharing stories with children and writing children’s books.

In sharing these stories with Indigenous youth, Morin hopes to instil in them a love of listening and storytelling. But it doesn’t end with Indigenous people. Morin says non-Indigenous people need to hear these stories as well.

For the past few years, Morin has made this happen as one of many Indigenous storytellers to partner with the Wapiti Regional Library for Aboriginal Storytelling Month.

Through this partnership, Morin has travelled to small communities in every corner of the province, where he’s met with the locals, shared stories, and seized opportunities to breakdown stereotypes about Indigenous people.

“It’s important for Indigenous people to feel like our stories matter. But for non-Indigenous people, they get to learn from Indigenous people and actually understand them a lot more just by hearing the stories,” he said of the importance of Aboriginal Storytelling Month.

“We’ve been asking for years to be heard, for a platform. Listen to us; we have answers too. This month is important for that. It’s time for our stories to be heard.”

As a final piece of advice, Morin encourages Indigenous people to go to their elders, with an offering of tobacco and a gift, and record their “priceless” stories.

In the meantime, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, he’ll be sharing his own stories online throughout the month of February.

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SARCS finding ways to offer recreational activities amidst pandemic restrictions

Last year was a tough year for recreation centers across the country as pandemic restrictions have prevented many activities from running. As we move forward into 2021, little seems to have changed. Spiritwood and Area Recreation, Culture, and Sports (SARCS) has been working to find ways to continue operating the facilities amid current restrictions.

When restrictions started to ease up in the fall of 2020, activities such as bowling, curling, skating, hockey, dance, yoga, and step class could resume with some adjustments. Mandatory sign in and sign out sheets, masking, and hand sanitizer accompanied re-



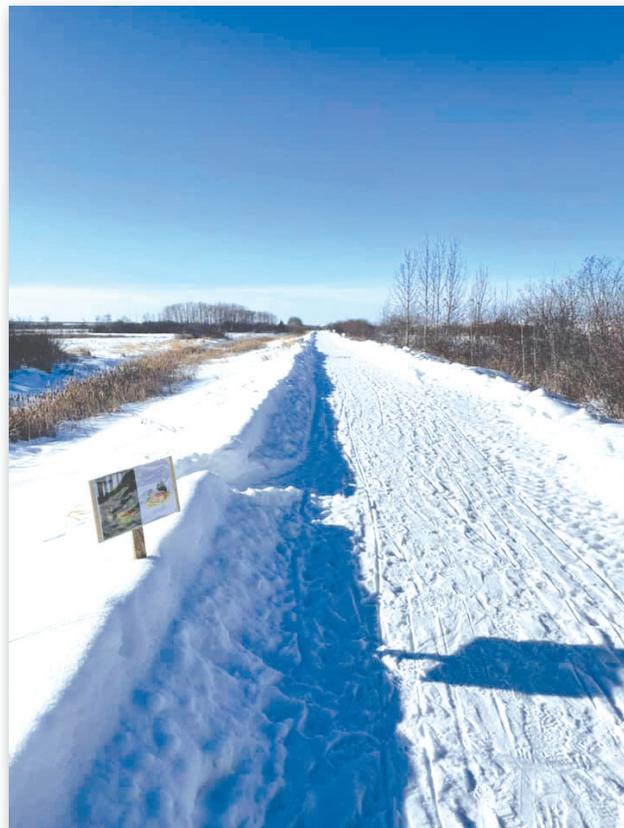
Anyone up for a winter walk can head down to the Spiritwood Dike to take in SARCS' Story Walk currently featuring 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson.

stricted group sizes and physical distancing measures. SARCS and the Town of Spiritwood worked together to ensure that the facilities could be opened while everyone remained safe.

On Nov. 27, the Government of Saskatchewan came out with new guidelines putting a stop to all sports and recreation for people over 18 years of age. Sports for youth and children under the age of 18 could continue provided the activity could be done in groups of 8 people or less.

The hockey rink has remained operational for Skate Club and Minor Hockey practice in groups of 8. Yoga, dance, step class, curling, bowling, and adult hockey were all cancelled in November. SARCS made the decision to remove the curling ice on the last week of January.

Despite the cancellation of many of the usual winter activities, SARCS has been getting creative and trying to offer no-cost outdoor recreation for area residents. In December, they hosted a Reindeer hunt which brought a lot of positive feedback from the community. Currently, there is a Story Walk set up around the Dike. This is the first of what Events and Recreation Coordinator Kaeli Cross says is hopefully many Story Walks



this winter. The story begins at the East entrance of the Dike (5th Ave E back alley) and is approximately 500m long. The current walk features 'The Gruffalo' by Julia Donaldson. SARCS has many more fun winter activities planned and urges residents to keep an eye on the Spiritwood Recreation Facebook page for updates.

The Biennial Community Auction will be running again this year but in a different format. Restrictions prevent SARCS from having the auction in person so it will be held online through Facebook. Items in the auction can be viewed on the SARCS webpage www.spiritwoodrecreation.com under the 'Online Auction' tab.

"Our community has shown terrific support for this event in the past and this year has been no different," said Cross.

The Auction start March 1 on Facebook, with all proceeds going towards the Recreation Facility mortgage.

Unfortunately, pandemic restrictions have prevented the operation of many of the recreation centre's revenue sources such as food and liquor sales this year. This difficulty was one felt by many recreation centers across the province.

The Government of Saskatchewan partnered with the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association to create the Community Rink Affordability Grant, which offered over 500 skating and curling rinks across the province a maximum of \$2,500 to help offset the expenses for indoor ice surfaces. SARCS was fortunate to receive a total of \$5000 to help with operational costs for this season.

"There is nothing more that I would like to see than having these rooms filled again," said Cross. "This past year has been hard on everyone; we all know that. Like any community, we ache to be within the walls of our recreation facilities again, watching our loved ones doing what they enjoy."



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For more information contact
Jessica Kernohan
 at 306-747-4949
 or recdirector@townofshellbrook.ca

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MAYOR: TOWN OF BLAINE LAKE

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Nomination forms may be obtained at the following location(s):

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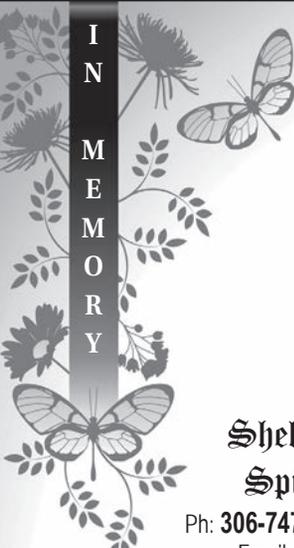
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Shellbrook joins calls for Highway 3 improvements

Council for the town of Shellbrook is lending its voice to calls for the province to re-examine its plans for Highway 3.

The stretch of road connecting Shellbrook to Prince Albert became the subject of renewed safety concerns in the lead-up to Christmas, after three people were killed in two separate accidents.

The accidents prompted Don Fyrk, Reeve for the Rural Municipality of Buckland, to write a letter to the Minister of Highways and Infrastructure requesting it expand on its existing plans for adding passing lanes to add six sets of passing lanes along the highway.

"Passing lanes do not address the safety concerns of this section of highway. Deterioration of the highway surface and narrow shoulders contribute to our concern," Fyrk wrote, adding a call for the highway to be twinned, with a focus on the section between Prince Albert and McLeod Road

According to statistics provided by Fyrk, there have been 414 collisions on Highway 3 between Prince Albert and Shellbrook in the last decade. From those, 67 have resulted in some form of personal injury and there have been five fatalities, including the three before Christmas.

While Shellbrook's town council shares Fyrk's concerns about safety on Highway 3, its primary impetus for joining calls for improvements stems from expected increases in traffic volumes caused by a proposed forestry manufacturing facility northeast of Prince Albert.

Councillor Dave Knight, who is part of the team involved with the proposed facility, says there's still work to be done on the financing and lumber supply fronts before the facility can move forward. However, he says it's about 75 per cent of the way there.

"The goal is to have something happening by early to mid-2021," he said.

Should the facility move forward as hoped, much of the softwood and hardwood lumber would come from north of Prince Albert, including the areas of Big River, Meadow Lake, and La Ronge.



The intersection of Highway 3 and Highway 55 could soon see greatly increased traffic, if a proposed forestry manufacturing centre in Prince Albert gets the go-ahead. This possibility prompted the Town of Shellbrook to voice its concerns to the Ministry of Highways and join calls for improvements.

Once harvested, that material will need to be trucked to the facility, with the intersection of Highway 3 and Highway 55 serving as a critical route.

"It amounts to something as high as 100 loads a day return," Knight said. "Half of that volume will be through the Highway 55-Highway 3 intersec-

tion. The amount of traffic on that road is going to increase significantly."

In addition to the concerns stemming from the Prince Albert facility,

Knight says a subcommittee of council is currently investigating ways to increase the town's commercial and industrial tax base. Given the town's proximity to readily available lumber and farming areas, some sort of forestry facility might fit the bill.

"We have a safety interest and an efficiency interest in the traffic on Highway 3 and Highway 55," he said. "We just wanted to ensure the government was aware that there's going to be an increase in truck traffic."

Responding to questions via email, the Ministry of Highways reiterated its plans to build six passing lanes, and make bridge and intersection improvements this year on Highway 3 between Prince Albert and Shellbrook.

Tenders for that project closed on Jan. 28.

Additionally, the minis-

try says it will be conducting a safety assessment of Highway 3 between Prince Albert and the Shell River Bridge this year.

"Any work identified through this safety assessment is expected to be tendered this fall, with construction anticipated the following year," the ministry said.

"The assessment will look at all options for safety improvements in the area, including twinning. It will ensure we implement the most appropriate solution to provide safe travel to people who use this highway."

Apart from these upgrades, the ministry recently completed a safety improvement project in the Town of Shellbrook, which included the installation of 60 street lights along the corridor of Highway 3 passing through town.

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SHELLBROOK NO. 493

PUBLIC NOTICE CLUBROOT BYLAW

Please be advised that the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook 493 will be adopting Bylaw No. 01/2021 being a bylaw to Prevent and Control Clubroot Disease within the municipality.

This Bylaw received first and second reading at the Regular Meeting of Council on February 3rd, 2021.

If you have any question or concerns please contact Administrator Duane Storey.

Bylaw No. 01/2021 will be given third reading March 3rd, 2021 at the regular meeting of Council.

Dated this 4th day of February, 2021.

Duane Storey
Administrator

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Canada's vaccine failure offers lessons for future pandemics

Regardless of how you feel about vaccines, there's one thing we can all agree on: a vaccine can't work if you don't have any doses of it at your disposal.

Now, it's obviously a stretch to say that Canada has no doses of the COVID-19 vaccine; in the nearly two months since the first doses were administered, just over 1 million Canadians have received at least their first jab.

Meanwhile, though only 44,521 vaccine doses have been administered in Saskatchewan, the province is the only jurisdiction in Canada to have used 100 per cent of its available supply and ranks high in per capita vaccinations.

Say what you will about the way Premier Scott Moe's government has been handling COVID-19 restrictions and the outbreaks in long-term care facilities, but the province isn't being a laggard when it comes to vaccination.

The same, however, cannot be



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said of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, whose performance on procuring vaccines, and strategy for doing so, has mostly been an abject failure.

COVID-19 caught the world off-guard when the first cases emerged in Wuhan, China in late 2019. But Canada's first presumptive case wasn't recorded until Jan. 25, 2020.

In other words, Mr. Trudeau and his government had advanced warning. It had opportunity to gather as much data as possible (or as much as the Chinese government would offer, at any rate) and formulate a strategy for contending with COVID-19.

It had time to evaluate Canada's capacity for producing and delivering vaccines, and to formulate a strategy for bolstering these supply chains, as well as the companies capable of developing and manufacturing vaccines.

Mr. Trudeau seems to have done little of this, opting instead to

balloon the federal deficit to the neighbourhood of \$400 billion with policies aimed at indiscriminately putting public dollars in people's hands.

A full year later, all this spending hasn't made COVID-19 magically disappear. If anything, the pandemic is raging on as strong as ever, and yet we are still months away from having an approved made-in-Canada vaccine and a domestic supply chain.

This is no surprise. Mr. Trudeau's first major move on a vaccine didn't come until May 2020, a good four months after Canada's first presumptive case and long after the country had gone into varying stages of shutdowns.

Mr. Trudeau's grand stratagem, a deal with the same China that has kept two Canadians unjustly imprisoned for more than two years, and been a fickle trading partner at the best of times, fell apart seemingly in the blink of an eye.

And rather than learn from this experience, Mr. Trudeau has continued to tie Canada's vaccine hopes to the generosity of other countries – countries that have



their own populations to vaccinate first.

The result has been a constant yo-yoing of expectations.

We're getting the vaccine, sure. But we seldom know when, or how much, and these projections can change from minute to minute.

To be charitable, Mr. Trudeau has at least opted to make use of its vaccine allotments through COVAX, a global vaccine sharing agreement aimed at providing vaccine to lower income coun-

tries. Snarky headlines seem to imply that this is something to be ashamed of, but Canada spent \$440 million to secure up to 15 million vaccines, and it would be more shameful if it didn't choose to get its money's worth and protect vulnerable Canadians.

Still, perhaps we wouldn't be in this position, if Mr. Trudeau's government had been proactive. And perhaps it wouldn't look so bad, if Mr. Trudeau wasn't being so secretive about it.

Staying the course won't stop COVID

Dear editor,

Saskatchewan is facing a crisis at the worst possible time in its history. A world-wide pandemic is sweeping through and killing its residents at the rate of the Humboldt bus tragedy on a weekly basis. This is coupled with a second disaster: A government which is totally lacking in leadership and action.

Our premier seems to feel the way to attack a crisis is to pretend it doesn't exist. Run things as normal. "Stay the course." Such a strategy would work if you were going in the right direction or having the desired effect. It reminds us of Premier Devine's attitude when he and his crew were mirroring us in his bad decisions. If all Saskatchewan people followed our leader on this issue and all did only the ab-

solute minimum to control the spread of COVID, where would we be? If all of our healthcare workers took the same "who cares" attitude our premier seems to have, could you imagine the death toll? Fortunately, they are working long and hard in spite of our lack of leadership.

As the more contagious variant strains of COVID-19 become more prevalent, continuing with a set of regulations that are already not working will be a disastrous strategy. Further restrictions such as curbside pickup only from businesses, take-out only from restaurants, and closure of bars will be needed. Even church gatherings will have to be put on hold. Financial aid for better monitoring and assistance at senior care facilities should be a priority. And since some residents and business owners do not mind

causing suffering and death by refusing to comply, stricter enforcement and significant deterrents must be handed down.

When scared or confused, ostriches bury their heads in the sand. However, this is not a good strategy for political leaders. Listening to the doctors and scientists would make far more sense in a health crisis than listening to bar patrons or boards of trade and other "for profit" minded people. In good times when everything is running smoothly, a leader can be good or mediocre and it doesn't make a lot of difference. In times of crisis when leadership is missing, it becomes obvious to all very quickly.

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Report from the Legislature

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented unique challenges in all areas of our lives; just consider the new ways we are doing business, educating our children, socializing, and staying active. There is no question that the pandemic has taken a significant toll on all of us in terms of both our physical and mental health and well-being. Now more than ever, it is important that we talk openly about challenges we may be facing— something our province recently acknowledged and promoted as part of Bell Let's Talk Day.

To support this goal, the Government of Saskatchewan is investing \$435 million in mental health and addictions services and supports, an increase of 97 per cent since 2007. Through this funding we have increased the number of beds in mental health facilities while funding more staff throughout the province.

While these are meaningful actions that are making a difference, we recognize that all of this on its own is not enough. We need to continue to reach out, talk to each other, and reduce the stigma as-



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sociated with mental health challenges. If you or someone you know is struggling, consider calling HealthLine 811. You will be connected to a licenced healthcare professional to share your concerns in a free, safe, and confidential way. Residents also have access to online advice and resources for stress and anxiety, as well as the COVID-19 Harm Reduction Advice service. For more information, please visit www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19.

Whether dealing with the loneliness of isolation, or concern for your loved ones, there are

support services readily available.

Our government in partnership with post-secondary education providers across the province, recently launched an initiative that focuses on supporting student mental health. Healthy Campus Saskatchewan will lay out the groundwork that will help us better support our students throughout their education. This initiative will focus on important supports such as mental health, suicide awareness and prevention, and pandemic response.

Every day, Saskatchewan farmers and ranchers make meaningful contributions to the health and wellbeing of our province and the world. On March 5, 2020, Innovation Saskatchewan and the Ministry of Agriculture launched a challenge, asking "what technological solutions can assist Saskatchewan farmers in actively monitoring their mental health?"

A virtual pitch competition was held and a panel of government and



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agriculture producers selected Bridges Health – a Saskatoon-based mental health services company in operation for over 20 years – to design and develop the Avail app. Avail offers producers a confidential system to actively record and analyze their mental health, access online resources and videos, and the ability to connect with care providers in their communities. The app encourages regular check-ins and can help address the unique challenges our farmers and ranchers face. This made-in-Saskatchewan app is available in the App Store.

With the extension of public health orders, our government has renewed its commitment to small business by extend-

ing the Small Business Emergency Payment program. This is designed to help business owners follow public health orders while navigating the economic challenges of COVID-19. The Small Business Emergency Payment program provided \$5.9 million in assistance to 1,521 applicants for the December period. This new phase will accept applications for December and/or January payment until March 2, 2021. Please contact our MLA office for assistance with this program.

The COVID-19 pandemic affects us all and while we can take comfort in the fact that vaccines are being produced and administered, Saskatchewan needs more need clarity and cer-



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tainty from the federal government. To that end, we will continue to advocate for both a consistent supply of vaccines and a consistent supply of information. In the meantime, we must continue to take precautions and focus on the support and services Saskatchewan people need.

Administrator, Village of Leask

The Village of Leask is currently accepting applications for the position of Administrator. The ideal candidate will possess an Urban Standard Certificate or a willingness to learn and obtain a Standard Certificate from the Urban Board of Examiners is necessary.

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The RM of Big River, No. 555 is accepting applications for a Permanent Seasonal Office Assistant. This position has full time seasonal hours, Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and requires a highly motivated, detail oriented individual with high standards in ethical conduct in the performance of their duties. The successful applicant can expect the employment to begin after March 8th, 2021, and run until the end of October in any calendar year.

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Op-ed: What if Canada Post was part of the post-COVID recovery?

On Jan. 18, Canada Post Corporation (CPC) announced that 2020 was a record year for parcel delivery. Obviously, public health measures had something to do with it. But parcel delivery at CPC has been growing exponentially for the past five years, and it shows no sign of slowing down.

With this kind of growth, a corporation like Canada Post must roll up its sleeves and re-view its values, its commitment, and the service portfolio it offers to the population, including businesses. Canada Post already has the infrastructure and the network it needs to be an integral part of the post-

COVID recovery and to become a leader in sustainable development. In doing so, it would create jobs across the country and be part of the government's environmental plan, while also respecting its mandate to be financially self-sustaining.

To achieve this, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) has launched a bold campaign called "Delivering Community Power."

Whether in the city or in the country, in remote areas or in the suburbs, post offices are everywhere throughout Canada. CPC has more than 6,400 outlets, the largest retail network in the country.

CUPW proposes to accelerate the electrification of Canada Post's vehicle fleet. CPC operates more than 20,000 vehicles, generating 65 kilotons of CO2 every year. The acquisition of electric vehicles would benefit the environment, stimulate the automotive sector and create decent jobs.

Now, imagine if Canada Post installed charging stations at its facilities and made them available to all, creating the largest network of charging stations in Canada. Imagine you are driving on the highway or an isolated road, but the battery of your electric car is running low. No more wor-

ries, because you know you will find a charging station at the post office in the next village.

COVID has brought to light the problem of high-speed Internet access in hundreds of communities. With its extensive presence in those communities, Canada Post could play a central role perfectly in line with the government's commitment to bring high-speed Internet access to all communities. This also fits with Canada Post's mission, because it supports online shopping, and online shopping fuels parcel delivery.

In 62 countries, the post office also provides banking services. Cana-

da's extensive postal network could also provide crucial banking services, especially in remote, rural and Indigenous communities, which have been abandoned by major banks. Did you know that there are only 66 bank branches in all 700 First Nation communities? A postal bank would have the power to reinvest in communities through infrastructure or social housing, for instance. In addition, a more inclusive postal bank would reduce the dependence of thousands of workers on payday lenders and their usurious interest rates.

Finally, imagine letter carriers knocking at

the door of someone who lives alone. They could offer this check-in service at the request of a family member who could receive a notification saying that everything is fine, or that help has been called in the case of an emergency. The postal service in France and Japan already offers this service.

My 56,000 brothers and sister from CUPW will not accept that Canada Post is sitting idly, refusing to change its old values and habits. I urge you to contact your Member of Parliament to demand a strong postal service for the future. It's up to you!

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Thank you for keeping your family, friends and community safe!



Ag fairs hold many great memories

There are assignments that when you have been at the job of journalist for more than 30-years become rather reflective events.

Such was the case last week attending a press conference in Yorkton to announce work was about to begin to demolish the Yorkton Exhibition Grandstand, replacing the core seating with new.

Now you might won-

der how a grandstand demolition would cause reflection, but like many in the city I have spent a lot of time watching events on the old wooden plank seating.

In fact, in my personal case the memories go back years before I ever moved here to take up a position as a reporter at the then Enterprise newspaper.

My first memories of this city come from the



CALVIN DANIELS

days my dad showed livestock at the summer fair, and I tagged along,

eventually taking to the show-ring myself.

If you attend summer fairs, and for communities across the Canadian Prairies they have long been part of the local culture, grandstands are a central fixture of the events.

People gather at the grandstand for various fair events; over the years in Yorkton that has included quarter horse racing, rodeos, concerts,

motorcycle trick riding, standardbred racing, chuckwagon racing and the list goes on.

Attending the fair for years with livestock when that was still a big part of the event, dad and I watched a lot of events on the grandstand in Yorkton; in Melfort, Prince Albert, Connaught, Golburn, Saskatoon and Nipawin. Those performances part of my summer holidays, as it would be for many readers too.

There were memories made at Invermay Fair and Kelliher and others too, the fairs always seeming central to our lives.

In my case though, I met a gal at Yorkton fair one summer, and grandstand performances were courting events, and after marriage, something we did together.

We eventually parted ways, but two great kids

suggest we did all right when together, and that old grandstand that is being torn down is part of those memories.

As it has been for myself and Mrs. number two as well. So many Friday evenings spent watching the standardbreds pace before adjourning to the backstretch to mingle with friends made on the fairgrounds.

Funny thing, my second wife and I had our first outing at the fairgrounds too, taking in a concert at the Agripavilion, and since we have attended too many events at the fairgrounds to even remember.

A new grandstand is needed, and it will serve the city well, just as they do in communities across the country, with fairs being a huge part of that heritage, but I doubt the new one will quite have the magic of the old one for me.

Municipal Revenue Sharing provides \$275 million to communities

Premier Scott Moe has announced that Saskatchewan municipalities will benefit from more than \$275 million in 2021-22 under the Municipal Revenue Sharing Program – the second-highest overall amount ever.

“This unconditional provincial funding for municipalities provides local leaders the flexibility and adaptability to invest in their community’s current key priorities,” Moe said. “This stable and predictable source of revenue is more important than ever for communities as they meet the

challenges of COVID-19.”

The annual provincial funding amount for this Government of Saskatchewan program is based on three quarters of one point of the provincial sales tax (PST) revenue collected from two years prior. Overall funding under the Municipal Revenue Sharing Program for 2021-22 represents an approximately 117 per cent increase from the 2007-08 provincial fiscal year.

From the total Municipal Revenue Sharing Program, \$1.5 million will be invested in the Targeted

Sector Support Initiative. The initiative supports municipal projects that advance priority areas, such as good governance, regional planning, and inter-community collaboration. The initiative is co-managed by the provincial government and municipal partners.

With this announcement, more than \$3.4 billion in provincial funding has been allocated to support municipalities across Saskatchewan through this program from 2007-08 to 2021-22. More details will be available when the provincial budget is released.

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Minutes of a Town of Blaine Lake special meeting

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

Minutes of the special meeting of the council of the town of Blaine Lake held at the Blaine Lake Curling Rink Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2021 at 5 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m.

Attending: Deputy Mayor Bev Breland, Jennifer Gutknecht, Rodger Pederson and Jason Weber and Administrator Brenda Lockhart. Councillors Darlene Harder and Melissa Johnson were absent.

Weber: That we adopt the Agenda as presented. Carried

Weber: That the resignation of Mayor

Matthew Hutchings dated Jan. 6, 2021 be accepted as presented. Carried

Pederson: That we agree to set the Regular Poll for the By-election for Wednesday, March 24, 2021 to be held at the Blaine Lake Seniors Centre from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and that the Advance Poll be held Saturday, March 20, 2021 at the Blaine Lake Seniors Centre from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Carried

Breland: That we agree to set Nomination Day as Feb. 17, 2021. Carried

Weber: That we agree to table the appointments to the Thickwood Hills Watershed Authority, Joint RM & Town Committee and Water Treatment Plant Project at this time. Carried

Gutknecht: That we remove Matthew Hutchings as having signing authority with the Affinity Credit Union and the CIBC, and on any other Town of Blaine Lake documents or certificates. Carried

Pederson: That we agree to hire Christy Niessen of CJ Signs & Designs to design decals (2) for the new town truck, incorporating the Town logo in color. Carried

Gutknecht: That we agree to appoint Councillor Rodger Pederson as sub chair for this meeting. Carried

Deputy Mayor Bev Breland declared Conflict of Interest with respect to the following resolution and left the chair and chambers.

Weber: That we agree to have the springs inspected on the 2015 GMC Sierra truck and if broken or need of replacing, that we agree to purchase a set of truck springs from Gerald Breland to be installed at a cost of \$325. Carried

Deputy Mayor Bev Breland returned to Chambers and resumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

Weber: That we agree to put the 2005 Chev Silverado for sale by Public Tender. Carried

Gutknecht: That we obtain quotes on a sand spreader to be used with the Town truck. Carried

Weber: That we agree to adopt the Town of Blaine Lake Snow Removal Policy as amended and to come into effect immediately. Carried

Gutknecht: That we accept the 16 to 43 Waste Management report from Councillor Pederson as presented.

Breland: That we agree to Councillor Pederson attending an information workshop on Friday Jan. 22, 2021 at 1 p.m. hosted by GFL (Green for Life) in conjunction with 16 to 43 Waste Management regarding disposal of household hazardous waste.

Weber: That we agree to cover all elected officials under our WCB coverage for the 2021 year. Carried

Pederson: That we appoint the following from Gord Krismer & Associates as members of the Board of Revision: Clint Krismer, Gord Krismer, Cam Duncan, Feff Hutton, Kirby Bodard, Brenda Lauf, Dave Lang, Pam Malach, Christina Krismer and Aileen Swenson as Secretary. And furthermore, that we pay an annual retainer fee in the amount of \$210 plus tax to Gord Krismer & Associates. Carried

Breland: That the Council of the Town of Blaine Lake confirms that the municipi-

ality meets the eligibility requirements to receive the Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant. And that we authorize the CAO to sign the Declaration of Eligibility and submit to the Ministry of Government Relations. Carried

Gutknecht: That we accept Confirmation of Fidelity Bond in place for the 2021 year. Carried

Breland: That we instruct the Administrator to present a draft LAFOIP Policy for the February Meeting. Carried

Gutknecht: That the Council of the Town of Blaine Lake directs Administration to provide Council copies of the 2021 Property, Liability, Excess Liability and any other municipal insurance to Council with the February regular meeting package. Carried

Gutknecht: That the Council of the Town of Blaine Lake directs Administration to prepare an amendment to the Administrative Bylaw 2012-005, which shall incorporate all current and/or recent authority delegated to the Administration by previous Council by resolution, as well as any updated, applicable legislation since the Bylaw was passed in 2012, to be presented to Council for consideration at the meeting following the release of the Advisory template. Carried

Gutknecht: That the Council of the Town of Blaine Lake directs Administration to prepare a draft, amended Council Procedures Bylaw which incorporates Bill 194 and any other updated, applicable legislation, with the intention being to better meet the needs of Council and Ratepayers and Residents of the Town of Blaine Lake: said bylaw to be presented to Council for consideration at the Council meeting following the release of Advisory template. Carried

Gutknecht: That the Council of the Town of Blaine Lake directs Administration to provide the required Public Notice regarding Council's intent to update the Council Procedures Bylaw. Carried

Pederson: That we agree to put the owner of the property at 202-2nd Street East on formal notice that the utility service connection to that property was intentionally damaged and under authority of Section 30 of the Municipalities Act, the cost of repairs will be the owner's expense. Carried

Weber: That we agree to install internet service at the Blaine Lake Curling Rink. Carried

Weber: That this meeting adjourns at 7:15 p.m. Carried

Spiritwood Artisan Boutique receives 2020 SEDA Award



The Saskatchewan Economic Development Awards (SEDA) seek to recognize organizations or individuals creating positive change in their community through economic development. Northern Lakes Economic Development Committee was an honoured recipient of one of SEDA's 2020 Awards of Excellence, for the Spiritwood Artisan Boutique.

Fish For Free During Family Day Weekend, February 13-15

During free fishing weekend, all other regulations apply, including possession limits and reduced limits on some lakes and rivers. Please remember to observe all physical distancing restrictions, and to put safety first when going out on the ice. Use caution and be aware of ice thickness before travelling on it. Water does not freeze uniformly and is unpredictable. For walking, you need at least 10 cm of good ice, and at least 30 cm for light vehicle travel. For more information about fishing in Saskatchewan, visit www.saskatchewan.ca/fishing.



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Hoback's home security bill heads to debate

A private member's bill brought forward by Prince Albert MP Randy Hoback is set to be debated in the House of Commons in the coming weeks.

The legislation, Bill C-234, was first proposed by Hoback in 2020 and would help make home security systems more affordable for Canadians by establishing a Home Security Tax Credit.

The non-refundable tax credit would be applicable to the installation, maintenance, and monitoring of a security system installed in an individual's home. This would include any structure that is separate from an individual's home, such as a garage or barn.

The maximum dollar amount eligible for tax credit application is \$5,000 per year.

"I am proud to mark the first hour of debate on this important piece of legislation that would make a real difference in the lives of Canadians, especially those in rural areas," Hoback said. "Like many parts of rural Canada, my riding of Prince Albert continues to suffer from increasing crime rates. My

constituents have made it very clear that they expect action on this file."

Hoback's Home Security Tax Credit bill was reinstated at second reading from the previous parliamentary session. It was expected to be debated on Thursday, Feb. 11, before votes on other matters cause the discussion to be delayed.

In spite of the delay, also caused, in part, by changes to the parliamentary format brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, Hoback is confident his legislation won't face any serious objections in the House.

"They may want to add or take away definitions of items that would be available for the tax credit, but the committee can do that," he said.

Hoback's bill was inspired by rural crime town halls held in Prince Albert. Hoback says the turnout illustrated the seriousness of crime in the region, and further conversations with his colleagues in Alberta and Saskatchewan made it clear it was a more widespread issue.

Hoping to come up with an answer to the problem of rural crime, Alberta MPs and the Saskatchewan Conservative Caucus formed separate rural crime task forces and came up with suggestions, one of those being a home security tax credit.

"In this case, it's not just rural crime. If you live in the town of Shellbrook, or Prince Albert, you still qualify for the tax credit," he said. "It's one piece in the puzzle to get things started."

Other pieces of the puzzle, according to Hoback, include getting tougher on repeat offenders and dealing with addictions, mental illness, and other factors that lead people to commit crime.

"When we did our first meeting, I was talking to one of the RCMP constables about how we ended up in this scenario after the oil boom crashed," Hoback said.

"You had a lot of people who were working, making good money, who have addictions. All of a sudden they're not working, but still have addictions, and are now stealing to feed those addictions."

Acknowledging that there are still other factors to be addressed at the provincial and federal levels, Hoback says his bill will at least help people feel more secure in their homes, while also giving police more evidence to go on when crimes occur and possibly deterring some criminals.

He is clear, however, that the Home Security Tax Credit is just one of many necessary steps.

Though debate is only set to begin next week, Hoback is hopeful the bill will reach the senate in time for the summer break, and possibly be enacted by January 2022.



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Rev. Sarah Urano

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Pastor Floyd Berg

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Spiritwood Legion Hall
Pastor Rick Martin

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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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

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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.

SPIRITWOOD: Spiritwood Area Recreation, Culture & Sport Inc. Biennial Community Auction will be ONLINE for the 2021 year! Starting the first week of March, running multiple weeks. Join the group on Facebook @ SARCS Online Auction. Any questions or if you'd like to make a donation, please call Kaeli 306-883-2176.

SHELLBROOK: Telemiracle 45 - Shellbrook Telemiracle Fundraiser will be an ONLINE auction this year - no town canvas! Auction is February 8 - 14, Bidding starts on the 8th and ends at 1pm on February 14th. Auction site: 32auctions.com/KinTelemiracleauction. People can also make personal donations, cheques made out to Kinsmen Telemiracle, mailed to: Shellbrook Kinettes, Box 147, Shellbrook, SK S0J 2E0

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Money Matters

How to prioritize your bills during the pandemic

As recently as February, few people might have expected 2020 to unfold the way it has. A thriving economy and low unemployment numbers helped 2020 start off on a prosperous foot. But by mid-March, uncertainty set in.

The World Health Organization declared a COVID-19 pandemic in March, and the ripple effects of that were profound. Since the novel coronavirus began spreading across the globe, millions of people have lost their lives, millions more have survived the virus after lengthy hospital stays and hundreds of millions more lost their jobs. Estimates from the International Labour Organization in June 2020 suggested as many

as 400 million full-time jobs were lost due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Such widescale job loss left millions of people wondering how they were going to pay their bills while out of work. Though there's no magical formula to help people make it through a recession unscathed, learning to prioritize bills can help people stay on the right financial track even after losing their jobs.

- Make sure the necessities come first. The credit reporting agency Experian notes that health and safety should always be a person's top priority in a tough financial situation. Food and shelter should take precedence, so always pay for

food and housing costs first. Change your eating habits to dine out less and make grocery lists before visiting the store so you're less likely to make potentially costly impulse buys while shopping. A 2018 survey from Slickdeals.net found that 70 percent of consumers' impulse buys are spent on food, so creating a grocery list can help people save substantial amounts of money. In regard to housing, if you're accustomed to paying additional principle on your mortgage each month, continue to do so only if you can still afford it.

- Don't cut costs in regard to medical care. Make sure you keep your medications up-to-date and continue to visit your

health care provider. Medical debt is a substantial problem in the United States. A 2019 study published in the American Journal of Public Health found that roughly two-thirds of all bankruptcies in the United States were tied to medical issues. Unemployed professionals should keep in mind that medical issues may prevent them from reentering the workforce when the economy recovers from COVID-19, so it's imperative that medical care and maintenance continue to remain a priority even in difficult financial times.

- Eliminate high-interest debt if possible. High-interest debt such as credit cards can snowball if consumers miss

payments or are only capable of making minimum monthly payments. If you have been laid off or are working on reduced wages but have a sizable amount of money in savings, consider eliminating your high-interest debt. Doing so can reduce the stress stemming from the pandemic-related financial uncertainty and it also greatly reduces the amount of interest you'll pay on bills you can afford to pay off.

Many people have been forced to prioritize their bills as they confront the economic fallout of COVID-19. Prioritizing necessities and personal health can help people overcome the financial challenges of the pandemic.

Saving strategies as retirement draws near

Professionals on the cusp of retirement are often excited about what lies ahead. Some prospective retirees may look forward to traveling once they no longer have to go to work each day, while others may plan to return to school. Regardless of how adults envision spending their retirement, they're going to need money when they're no longer being paid by their employers.

As retirement nears, some professionals may be concerned that they haven't saved enough. There's no one-size-fits-all answer in regard to how much money people will need in retirement. People who are worried they haven't saved enough can try various strategies to build up their account balances before they officially call it a career.

- Take advantage of catch-up contributions. Adults who are 50 or older are eligible to take advantage of catch-up contributions. These are designed to help

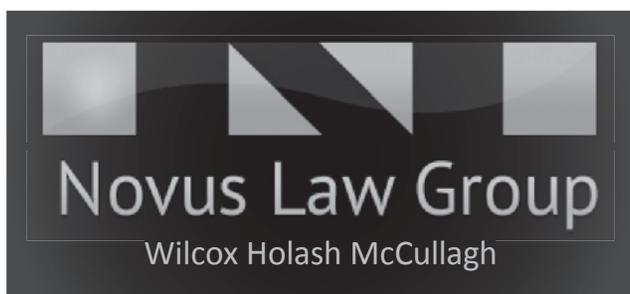
people over 50 contribute more to certain retirement accounts, such as a 401(k) or TFSA, than statutory limits would otherwise allow. There are limits that govern the amount of money people can designate as catch-up contributions, but taking advantage of this perk can help people save more as retirement draws closer.

- Consider relocating. A recent study from the Employee Benefit Research Institute found that housing costs accounted for 49 percent of seniors' spending. Professionals nearing retirement who live in areas traditionally associated with a high cost of living can begin to rethink their long-term housing strategy. Relocating to an area with a lower cost of living is one option, while those who prefer to remain in their current town or city can consider downsizing to a smaller home to reduce their property taxes and monthly util-

ity bills.

- Continue investing. Conventional wisdom suggests moving away from investing in stocks the closer you get to retirement. Though that's a sound strategy, professionals who are trying to build their retirement savings in the final years before retiring could be missing out on significant growth by abandoning stocks entirely. Speak with a financial advisor about stock-based investments and your risk tolerance. Maintaining a diversified portfolio with a little risk can be a great way to grow your savings as retirement draws near.

Professionals approaching retirement may be dealing with a mix of excitement and anxiety, particularly if they're concerned about their retirement savings. Various strategies can help quell such anxiety and make it easier for professionals over 50 to build their savings as retirement nears.



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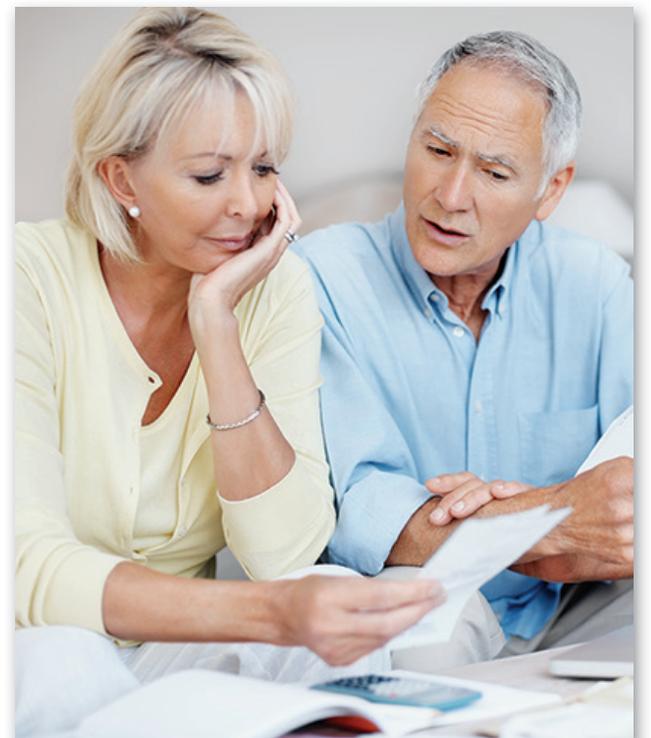
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Money Matters

3 things parents should teach their kids about money

(NC) Parents have a key role to play in teaching their kids about money and helping them develop good money habits early. Knowledge, skills and confidence when managing money will help young people throughout their life and will contribute to stronger financial well-being as adults.

When your kids reach their teen years, focusing on money matters becomes even more important. Here are a few things you can teach them:

1. Sending and accepting money transfers

Treat e-transfers like cash, because they cannot be cancelled once they have been deposited. When sending an e-transfer, your teen should make sure to:

- send money only to someone they know and trust, because some scammers may try to get money by e-transfer in exchange for goods, services, or a prize;
- choose a security answer that someone cannot easily guess;
- safely share the answer with the recipient. This means do not share it in the email notification message.

2. The importance of protecting personal financial information

It may be tempting for your teen to download and use a third-party fintech app to help manage their finances like their student budget, get rewards or check their credit score. Here are some general principles you can share with them.

It's their responsibility to keep their personal financial information confidential. Sharing personal financial information could mean that no matter what security features the app has in place, the financial institution may hold them responsible for any losses resulting from unauthorized transactions.

3. The importance of reading bank account agreements

Bank account agreements contain important information, such as fees for certain types of transactions and the steps that your teen must take to protect themselves from authorized use of their account. For example, it's important that

your teen read their bank account agreement to know what fees are associated with each type of transaction, such as e-transfers.

As young people enter new life stages, the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada provides unbiased and fact-based information you can count on at canada.ca/money.

Get in the habit of saving more each month

Saving is a vital component of financial planning. However, more than half of Canadians are saving too little and do not have an accurate grasp of their spending habits.

A recent survey from Intuit Mint Life found that, in 2019, 59 percent of Americans were living paycheck to paycheck and 65 percent didn't know how much they were spending on a monthly basis. The situation is similar in Canada, where the annual BDO Canada Affordability Index indicates 53 percent of Canadians are living paycheck to paycheck and 25 percent say their debt load is overwhelming.

While there's no magic formula to save money, and the amount of money one should save each month depends on how he or she wants to live now and in the future, a handful of strategies can help people save more money each year.

Follow the 50/30/20 rule. The popular 50/30/20 rule advocates for allocating 50 percent of your budget to essentials like rent, food and housing, 30 percent for discretionary spending and 20 percent for savings. Many people cannot save 20 percent of their income. In such instances, people can make a concerted effort to save 10 percent of their

take-home pay.

Build an emergency fund. The credit reporting agency Experian recommends consumers keep between three and six months' worth of expenses in an emergency fund. The fund should cover expenses on the absolute necessities paid each month, like utilities rent/mortgage and groceries.

Set goals. Savings goals can help a person stay on track and provide motivation to put money away. Establish separate savings accounts for each goal to reduce the temptation to spend. For example, if the goal is to save more for vacations, then a person can open an account where funds are used exclusively for vacations.

Automate with your employers' help. Certain employers allow workers to direct deposit a paycheck into more than one bank account. It's easy to request the payroll manager put 10 percent or 20 percent of a paycheck into a savings account while the remainder is deposited into a checking account. Automated deposits can help individuals get accustomed to living on less.

Saving money isn't always easy, but with goals and certain strategies in mind, it's possible for individuals to grow their savings and secure their financial futures.



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The Elections Committee of **Diamond North Credit Union** will receive written nominations for the position of Director of Diamond North Credit Union.

In 2021, four director terms are open for nomination. Three positions are three-year terms and one position is a two-year term.

Interested persons must attest to director qualification requirements in writing by the nomination deadline. Nomination forms are available online at diamondnorthcu.com/nominations or at any branch of Diamond North Credit Union.

Nominations must be received by the Credit Union no later than the close of business on Friday, March 5, 2021.

If required, an election will be held from **Monday, March 22 to Friday, April 2, 2021**. Members have one vote which they can cast on-line by accessing the credit unions website at: www.diamondnorthcu.com or by paper ballot at any branch of Diamond North Credit Union during normal work hours.

Should you require further information, please contact Executive Assistant, Wilma Brick at: wilma.brick@diamondnorthcu.com.

How to grow butterfly gardens

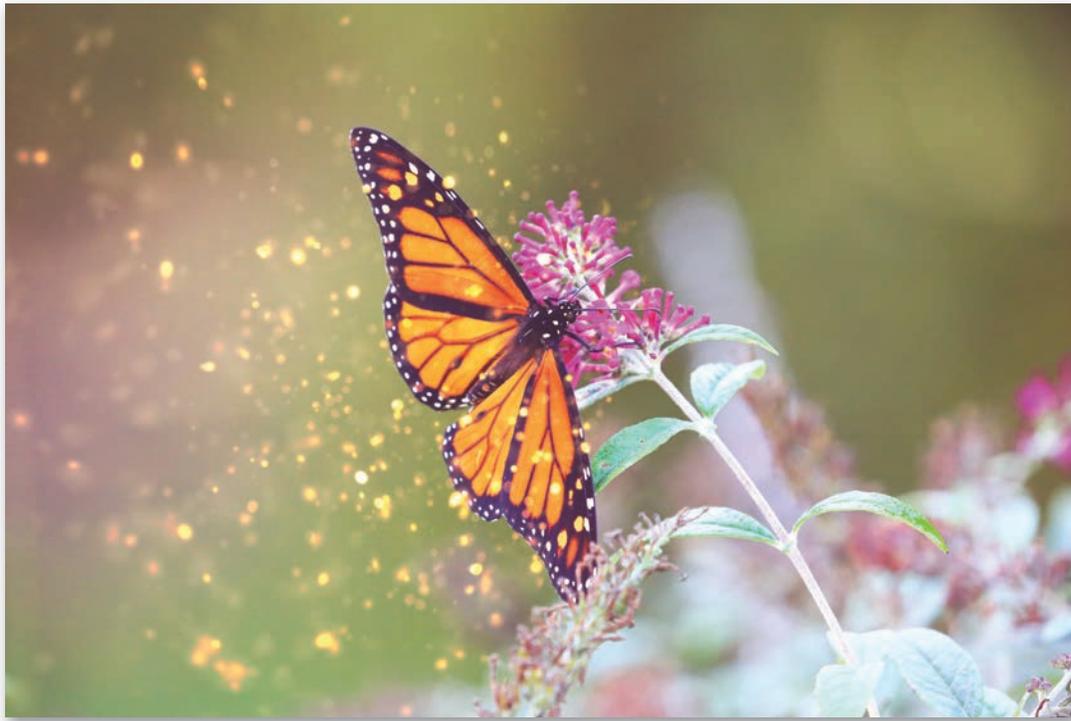
By Patricia Hanbidge

Are you happy that it is again time to consider purchasing seeds for growing your garden this year? Have you thought about growing something that will lure some interesting critters into your space so you can enjoy yet another aspect of your garden? Thinking about how to entice other critters into your garden can be challenging but also very rewarding. Who doesn't enjoy the beauty and grace of watching butterflies? Who can resist the wonder of a not so attractive worm-like critter transforming itself into a beautiful winged wonder?

Creating a space that is attractive to butterflies is an invitation for these critters to stop for a visit, or even to stay for the season. Ideally, the site should be in a full-sun area that also has some wind protection. It should be located close to outdoor patios and in view of windows you might frequently gaze out of in order to maximize your viewing pleasure.

Spend a bit of time researching those butterflies that frequent your climatic area. Learn a bit about their life cycles and any special characteristics that they may prefer. For instance, adding a few rocks will help to create areas that hold the heat and will create spaces for your butterflies to bask.

The plant selection is key to attracting butterflies. One needs to pay attention to



both the plants that provide nectar sources as well as plants that are suitable for feeding the larvae. A diverse garden will attract a larger number of different butterfly species.

Of the four life stages of butterflies there are two which require food. The larvae or caterpillar form may have specific food needs like the monarch which feeds on milkweed. Black swallowtail caterpillars eat the leaves of dill, carrot, parsley and fennel. Other plants that are good for feeding the larvae of butterflies include: hollyhock, mallows, cole crops, sunflow-

ers, lilac, viburnum, birch and oak.

Butterflies need to drink and will get some of their necessary minerals from drinking from puddles in the soil. Adding a patch of damp soil or sand will help keep your winged visitors healthy. It is a good idea to place these wet areas close to a windbreak of trees or shrubs to help give a safe space for these fragile and very lightweight creatures. Nectar is an essential food for the adult butterfly as it provides sugar, water and other essential

nutrients like amino acids, proteins, enzymes and vitamins. They need a constant source of food in order to entice them to stay in your landscape.

Spring flowering shrubs like lilac or viburnum will provide both shelter and a nectar source in early spring. Be sure to include some summer flowering shrubs for a nectar source in the summer. Later in the season, ripe fruit from viburnum, apples and raspberry are also good to include. Annual and perennial flowers that are attractive to butterflies are a must. Plant selected flowers in mass plantings to give the best attraction from the perspective of the butterfly that are rather near-sighted and rely heavily on their sense of smell.

Remember, that butterflies need to be in a pesticide-free environment as they would be susceptible to any form of insecticide. Resign yourself to putting up with some chewing in order to get the beauty of the butterfly. The immature form of the butterfly is a caterpillar that of course needs to eat... and remember that before the butterfly is the worm!

Hanbidge is the Lead Horticulturist with Orchid Horticulture. Find us at www.orchidhort.com; by email at info@orchidhort.com; on facebook @orchidhort and on instagram at #orchidhort.

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Rose Garden Hospice moves closer to reality

The year ended March 2020 was a very fruitful one for the Rose Garden Hospice Association (RGHA). With the Provincial Government announcement of operating funding in early 2019, our fundraising efforts received a much-needed boost.

The Rose Garden Hospice has secured up to \$2 million per year for operational funds. It was clear this announcement provided an important signal to our community that the Hospice was going to move forward soon. To date we have raised \$2.5 million of a goal of \$4 million. It has been a chal-

lenge to find ways for us, and all other non-profits, during these times.

The RGHA committees have been hard at work doing much needed research while continuing to raise awareness of what a Hospice could provide to the community.

The Building committee made a great deal of progress this year, given we now have some tentative timelines for construction. They have been busy tendering and providing recommendations to the board, to hire many service providers that have helped us prepare for construction to start.



A rendering of the exterior of the Rose Garden Hospice.

COVID-19 case identified at Rivier School

A case of COVID-19 has been reported at Rivier Elementary School in Spiritwood.

The positive case was announced by the Light of Christ Catholic School Division, after being reported to the division on Feb. 5. The school division says it's working with Public Health to inform parents and caregivers, and that the SHA is conducting contact tracing.

To protect the privacy of this individual, the school division won't share or discuss any further details.

"This case reminds us that we all have a shared responsibility to decrease the risk of COVID-19 entering schools," the school division said in a statement.

"Plans for a safe return to school contain many important measures,

processes and protocols. Students and families are reminded to be diligent in performing the daily health screening, stay home if you are ill, call HealthLine 811 if you are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, practice proper hand hygiene, maintain physical distancing as much as possible, wear a mask when appropriate, and do all we can to keep each other safe."

GOOD NEWS

THINGS MY DAD TAUGHT ME

My dad loved to read and taught me the value of reading. I notice that Paul had a love for books. He tells young Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:13, "Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas when you come- and the books, especially the parchments." Books to a preacher are what a hammer and a saw

are to a carpenter. Paul emphasizes his love for the parchments or Scriptures that bring life.

My dad would genuinely show compassion as he mentioned a family or individual going through a 'tough time.' It is one thing to show sympathy but dad knew how to show empathy. He understood the

saying "Before you judge a man, walk a mile in his shoes."

Dad taught me the lesson of contentment. One of my dad's favourite saying was, "I complained when I had no shoes until I met a man who had no feet."

When I was about 19 years old I was heading to Hay River N.W.T. for



A revised rendering of the Great Room in the Rose Garden Hospice.

Christmas. I wasn't married yet and travelling with Brian Davis, a friend from Calgary. We reached Whitecourt, Alberta and were heading north to Fox Creek. I remember it was fairly early in the morning and we hit black ice.

Though it was difficult to make out I noticed up ahead two large moose standing on the highway. As I continued down the

road I caught a glimpse of lights coming towards us. To this day I have no idea what happened to those moose. They must have taken the ditch.

What was coming towards us from the south was a semi truck with a trailer. I said a quick prayer in my mind. I said to God "You can take me home if You want but don't let me suffer." I didn't want to come out of that accident mangled up.

The trucker came over on my side and hit my brand new 1979 Ford Fiesta that I had bought a few months before at King Land Ford in Hay River. That little Ford was pushed into the ditch upon impact. The trucker ended up in the ditch as well, his cab landed right up but his trailer was tipped. He came over and knocked on my window. I rolled down the window and the first thing he said was "I thought I killed you."

"No," I said. "We are

okay." The R.C.M.P showed up and we gave the accident report. I still needed to travel some 365 miles or if you are converted to kilometres, some 588 KMs. I explained to the police officer I would like to go home for Christmas. I loved his response. He said no problem, put a damage sticker on it, and let me drive it.

I drove that Ford Fiesta into Hay River and back to Calgary where I got it repaired. I didn't feel very good about driving my new car in my home town damaged like it was. But I never forgot what my dad would tell me. He would say you can always replace things but you can't replace a life.

My dad was Sigfus Bodvarson, fondly known as Slim. He has been gone now for some 33 years yet I still recall things my dad taught me.

Blessings, Pastor David Bodvarson

Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly

Spiritwood Library meeting highlights

The Spiritwood Library board met on Jan. 27 at 5 p.m. following all the COVID-19 rules for safety. Seven members were present and the librarian.

We have decided to go ahead with the Dessert of the Month. Everyone chose a month to supply the dessert.

Our Facebook book sale raised \$150. There was some discussion on doing another one maybe in March.

We have to buy the librarian a new computer so those funds were sent in to headquarters. Our fundraising money helps replace our existing

computers.

February is Aboriginal Storytelling Month. Chad Solomon will be sharing his Rabbit and Bears Paws stories virtually to the schools in the area.

We have one new board member. She has agreed to plan some Take and Make craft bags for special occasions. Watch for details on the library's Facebook page.

Some ideas were discussed on how to promote the library. It was suggested that a picture could be taken of new groups of books that arrive. Those pictures could then be added

to our library page.

We also discussed the availability of grants. If received we would like to purchase more books geared towards junior and teen books and DVDs.

Library cards are available through the library. They are free. Just ask the librarian. The library has books for all ages, magazines, puzzles and computers for public use.

Come in and see what the library has for you.

Our next meeting will be March 24 at 5 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Mary Lillian Tremain



Mary Lillian Tremain
January 30, 1937 –
January 31, 2021

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that the family of Mary Lillian Tremain announce her passing on January 31, 2021 in Shellbrook, Sask at age of eighty-four.

Mary was born January 30, 1937 in Shellbrook, Saskatchewan. She was the daughter of Hugh and Phyllis Smith. Mom lived her early years in the Hazel Ridge area, later moving into the Brighthome District on her family farm into the hand-hewn log home built by her parents. Mom was raised in hard times. She had a strong work ethic instilled in her at a young age. That made her into the strong independent woman she was throughout her life. She was hardworking and resourceful. Mom loved the outdoors and her animals. She loved her horse Skipper, her dog Jack and her lamb. She had a great bond with her sister, Zella.

Mom attended high school in Shellbrook, graduating in the class of 1954 with honours. She worked at the bank of Nova Scotia later becoming a book-keeper during her career days. She did the books for Moan's Hardware Store, Shellbrook Creamery, Federal Government Office in Shellbrook, Potts Construction and E & B Bus Lines. She fulfilled her lifetime goal of higher education. She obtained her Business Administration Certificate from the University of Saskatchewan on May 2, 1987 with her family cheering her on.

On October 10, 1958 in a quiet wedding ceremony, she married the love of her life, Harold William "Bill" Tremain. They were blessed with two children, Eunice Mary and Robert William "Bob." Thus, began our family life together. Her children were her pride and joy. We were not rich with money or material possessions but we were rich beyond anything money could buy. We had the honour of being raised by Mom and Dad. We lived in the home they built by hand. Mom took so much pride in her home. Many memories were made together. We took family trips, mainly camping with good family friends. Many of our fondest memories were made around the campfire.

Mom and Dad had a wealth of friends. Mom loved to entertain. Our par-

ents spent many enjoyable hours at the Shellbrook Hall Dances. They could foxtrot like no other and she always danced the first waltz of the evening with Dad. She loved to curl and attended Bonspiels. She was also a member of the Seniors women's curling team.

Family was always at the forefront of Mom's life. Nothing brought her greater joy than when her children married. She welcomed Gerald (son in law) and Patty (daughter in law) into her life. Her greatest accomplishment was being Grandma. Her Grandchildren were the center of her life and she of theirs. She welcomed Jonathan, Crystal, Jeff and Janelle with open arms. Mom cherished spending time with her grandchildren. She was their biggest cheerleaders in life. She never missed any special momentous occasions in their lives. Time spent with Grandma was filled with love. She hosted countless sleepovers and summer stays, even sleeping on the floor so the children could have the beds. The Grandchildren knew they were always welcome and they never had to ask to visit. Simply show up and you were welcomed with a big smile and open arms. She instilled in them the sense of family and they will always remember the joy and pride she had for them. She baked buns, cookies and made

pancakes for all. She was the best Grandma. She loved spending time at Memorial Lake. Her lakeside trailer was filled with love, fun, card games and special food she prepared – she even had a special fork, the Grandchildren each vying for their turn to use it at every meal.

Her saddest day was when she lost her Husband and best friend on November 2, 2007. She missed him dearly.

She had a very special place in her heart for all of her great-grandchildren. She was known as GG. She held the title of GG to Zachary, Abigail, Phoenix, Rylan, Jordyn, Beau, Aleks, Aaro and Gage. She so loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was always present for every birthday and milestones in their lives. When GG knocked on the door the pitter patter of little feet could be heard as they rushed to the door to greet their GG. They were always met at the door with a big hug, the biggest smile, but even bigger than that was the cooler full of fresh baking and treats that she would bring to them. GG made a lasting relationship with these children, one that even the youngest will remember for a lifetime.

Mom had a wealth of friends both old and new. She simply loved people. She was a strong remarkable woman. Her work ethics, her no-nonsense approach

and her sharp mind made her unique. She was active, walking miles per day. She taught herself to text and email. She grew gardens and shared the bounty. She loved berry picking and having a cup of tea. Her yard and home were kept to perfection. It wasn't clean until it was "GG" clean. Mom baked sixty pounds of flour this December into buns, bread, biscuits, cookies and cakes, giving them to all of her family and friends. Mom had a heart of gold. Family and her special and dear friends were the center of her world. Nothing warmed her heart more than when the ladies were able to socialize together.

Mom loved life and lived with pride, honour and dignity with a great strength of character. The day we said goodbye to her broke our hearts. We will always love you forever Mom and we will always keep you dear in our hearts. We are the family you were so proud of. Rest in Peace Mom – we love you so.

Mary is lovingly remembered by her loving children: Eunice (Gerald) Cutting of Prince Albert, SK; Robert (Patricia) Tremain of Shellbrook, SK; Her Grandchildren: Jon (Erin) Tremain of Martensville, SK, and their children Jordyn Tremain and Beau Tremain; Crystal Tremain (Brooks Kendel) of Shellbrook, SK, and children Zachary

Tremain, Abigail Piprell, Phoenix Tremain and Rylan Kendel; Jeff (Kristen) Cutting of Saskatoon, SK, and their son Gage Cutting; Janelle (Aki) Seitsonen of Prince Albert, SK, and their sons Aleks Seitsonen and Aaro Seitsonen; her sister: Zella Hewison of Nanaimo, BC; as well as cousins, numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and countless friends.

A Private Family Celebration of Life will be held February 6, 2021 at the Knox United Church in Shellbrook with Jonathan Worrall officiating. For those so wishing the link to view the service at 2:00pm is: <https://aspensfilms.ca/beau/>. Please note that live streaming is subject to internet availability.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Mary to the Shellbrook and Districts Health Services Foundation (Palliative Care) Box 33 Shellbrook, Saskatchewan, SOJ 2E0.

A Graveside Service and interment for Mary will be held on May 15, 2021 at 2pm at the Shellbrook Cemetery with family and close friends invited to pay their respects.

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, Shellbrook, SK. (306-747-2828).

Roman Becker



BECKER – Roman
1938 – 2021

Roman was born on July 24, 1938 in the Sugar Hill District and sadly we announce he passed away on February 4, 2021 at the

Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon at the age of 82 years. He went to school in Sugar Hill and Foxdale. When he was fifteen, he and his father worked in the bush camp cutting poles at Candle Lake for three winters and worked for various farmers in Foxdale in the summer. The family then moved to Montreal Lake to the bush camp there. He met Lavern Schuetz at her parents place in Mayview in 1957, and on October 3, 1959 they married. In September of 1961, son John was born and in June of 1966, daughter Lorna was born. In

1973 we moved to Birch Hills and lived there for thirty years and worked for farmers and later got on as maintenance for the Town of Birch Hills and worked there for twenty years. In 2001 Roman retired and in 2004 moved to Shellbrook. He loved to garden and harvest it and give away extras. His pride and joy was his Kubota tractor and his Kubota lawn mower. His hobbies were woodworking, watching curling, doing word search puzzles, and helping Lavern cut and sew quilts and rugs. He liked old time country music and old-time

dance music. Roman enjoyed going to garage sales, bike riding, going for walks, sitting on the swing in the gazebo, having coffee, listening to the radio, watching the birds, and of course having the occasional nap. While sitting on the swing he also enjoyed shelling peas and nipping the beans. On his bike rides or when walking he would meet people along the way and stopped to chat. He will always be remembered for his joyful laugh and joking around. Even when you could not see him in a crowd, you could find him by the sound of

his laugh. He was predeceased by his parents, Ambrose & Josephine; his sister Mary; and his son John.

Roman is lovingly survived and remembered by his wife Lavern of 61 years; his daughter Lorna (Kelvin) Henry; his daughter-in-law Teresa; his grandchildren, Travis Henry, Sophie, Tanner and Shane Becker; his special niece Margaret Hughston as well as numerous other nieces and nephews; his brothers and sisters-in-law; and the many special friends and neighbors he made along the way.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, a private family Graveside Service will be held for Roman at the Shellbrook Cemetery now and a Memorial Service will be announced at a later date. In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Roman to the Heart & Stroke Foundation. 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, Shellbrook, SK (306-747-2828).

Laine, Dubois both get their wish

Big trades involving star players are rare occurrences in the National Hockey League these days, so the deal sending Winnipeg's Patrik Laine to Columbus for centre Pierre-Luc Dubois received bigger headlines than normal.

Daily, fans hear of yawner transactions involving bench-sitters or minor leaguers going from one team to another in exchange for a fifth-round draft pick two years from now, or some such blah, blah, blah, but the Jets-Columbus deal had some flair and razzmatazz to it.

On one side you have Laine, the blond-haired Finnish speedster with the big shot who came to the Jets with the No. 2 overall pick in 2016, and proceeded to live up to his billing — scoring 36, 44, 30 and 28 goals in his first four seasons. On the other side you have Dubois, a 6-foot-2, 215-pound centre who was selected No. 3 overall in the same year as Laine, and, after one more season in junior hockey, validated his credentials with seasons of 48, 61, and 49 points with the Blue Jackets.

Other than their offensive skills, Laine and Dubois both had one other similarity: For different reasons, they both wanted a change of scenery.

Reasons given for their unhappiness were never fully exposed. Laine, it's believed, felt he deserved more time on the Jets' No.



BRUCE
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1 line with centre Mark Scheifele. Dubois reportedly had personality conflicts with coach John Tortorella (no surprise) and let the team know early he wanted a new mailing address.

When the inevitable trade was announced Jan. 24, both players expressed relief, and happiness. Laine would certainly be given top-line minutes in Columbus, one of the lowest-scoring teams in the NHL, and he would be playing under a familiar general manager, Jarmo Kekalainen, from his home country. Dubois, on the other hand, gives the Jets a strong one-two punch at centre (with Scheifele) and is one of those rare players who welcomed a move to 'Winterpeg' because his folks live in the Manitoba capital. His father, Eric, is an assistant coach with the Manitoba Moose.

Due to quarantine regulations, Dubois was expected to be on the sidelines for two full weeks before being allowed to join his new team-mates;

Laine, however, had only a few days' restrictions before joining the Blue Jackets.

To settle the 'who won the trade' discussions, fans will be watching the two players' stats with great scrutiny. But the winner in a trade like this can't be measured in one season. Let's look at it again five years from now and see who's ahead.

• Patti Dawn Swansson, aka the River City Renegade: "The Pebble Beach Pro-Am golf tournament will have no pro-am component this year. Which makes it what? The Pebble Beach Bill Murray Has To Go Somewhere Else To Act Like A Complete Jackass This Year Open?"

• @Mahoganyguy, on Twitter, after Tampa Bay beat Green Bay to advance to the Super Bowl: "You just saw 'The Brady Bunch' beat the Packers in 'Mr Rodgers' Neighbourhood.'"

• Columnist Phil Mushnick, in the New York Post, quoting a former Yankee: "But remember the wisdom of former Yankees pitcher Joba Chamberlain, who said, 'At the end of the day, the sun comes up.'"

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg: "O.J. Simpson just posted a video of him getting the COVID-19 vaccination. Apparently priority is given to double-murderers over the age of 72."

• Another one from Kaseberg: "The Super

Bowl features the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Kansas City Chiefs. Both teams will have to change their offensive nicknames soon. Tampa Bay will be the Nautical Entrepreneurs and Kansas City will be the Native American Bureaucrats."

• Headline at @NOTSportsCenter: "BREAKING: Deshaun Watson rushed to a Houston hospital for extensive concussion testing and brain exams after saying his No. 1 preference was to play for the New York Jets."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Among

the worst reported Valentine's Day gifts, according to Dating.com, are wilted flowers, a pet hamster and an online workout subscription. Somehow not making the list: Jets season tickets."

• Headline at TheO-nion.com: "Home gym equipment is still sold out everywhere, man hopes."

• At Fark.com, on Amanda Gorman slated to recite an original poem at this year's Super Bowl: "Inaugural poet astounds / Her work's just as good as it sounds / She's won a new role, at her first Super Bowl / And that puts her one up on the Browns."

• Chiefs coach Andy Reid, to reporters, on his 18 NFL seasons working alongside new Texans coach David Culley: "We had a few cheeseburgers together."

• Another one from Kaseberg, via Twitter, on a potential Packers-Chiefs matchup being a rematch of the first Super Bowl, in 1967: "So much has changed since then. The Rolling Stones were on tour, McDonalds was the most popular fast food and the country was bitterly divided politically."

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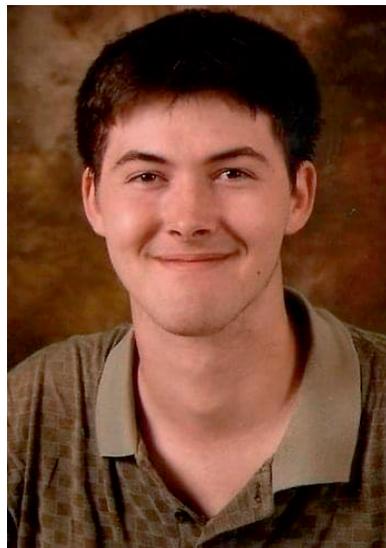
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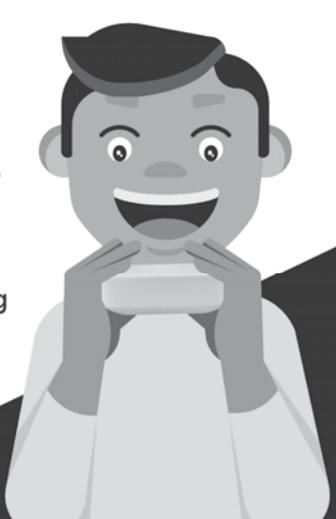
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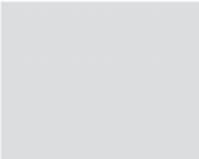
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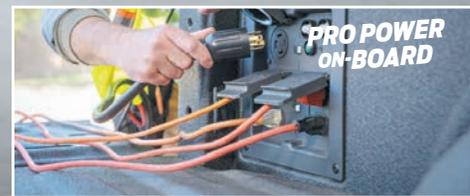
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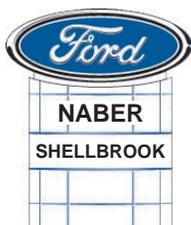
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