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Rivier Elementary raises \$3,268 in online auction



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The ongoing pandemic certainly has not put a damper on spirit at Rivier Elementary School in Spiritwood.

"Although things have looked very different over this past year, we feel that our students, staff, and families have adapted very well and have demonstrated positivity and resilience," said school principal Ginelle Olson.

COVID-19 restrictions have created numerous challenges for the entire education system and have forced many schools to rethink and reformat many popular events and activities. One such activity, hosted annually at Rivier Elementary, is Rivier Day.

The event has been a part of the school's history since the mid-1980s, when Sister Pauline Dionne suggested it as a way to

commemorate the passing of the school's namesake, Marie Rivier. Rivier was the foundress of the Presentation of Mary and died on Feb. 3, 1838.

The day usually begins with a mass at the Sacred Heart Church followed by a lunch for students, staff, families, and community members. Classes would then have prepared a variety of carnival-type games to be played by students who purchased tickets. Game winnings could be cashed in at the "prize room," which was full of donated recycled toys and games. For more than a decade, the event has also been accompanied by a silent auction full of donations from staff members, School Community Council members, and other members of the community.

This year, however, large gatherings

are prohibited and the school had to get creative in order to host Rivier Day. The day's events went virtual via Google Meet. Mass was held by Father Ramel who delivered his message from the school library while each classroom tuned in. Games were played over Google meet and consisted of Guessing Jars, which were shown over the screen, Bingo, which was called by Mrs. Chalifour, Cake Walk run by Ms. Doell, and Pictionary. All the students had a blast.

The silent auction was run online through a Facebook event page where parents and community members could view items and place a bid. The auction was run for 2 weeks and the school had plenty of great donations. Olson described the new format as "very smooth." Photos

were taken as items were brought in and could be uploaded to Facebook immediately for viewing. "We feel we reached more people than we normally would, as some would not have come into the school for Rivier Day and would not have known about our silent auction," Olson said.

The total amount raised from this year's silent auction was \$3,268.50. Funds raised from Rivier Day are equally divided three ways each year, with a third being donated to a global charity or initiative, a third going towards a local charity or cause, and a third being used for school resources and equipment. Staff discuss where they would like funds to end up. Currently, the staff meeting to decide on fund allocation has not happened.

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Apart from Rivier Day, the school has been very busy this year, constantly finding ways to host events while abiding by COVID-19 restrictions.

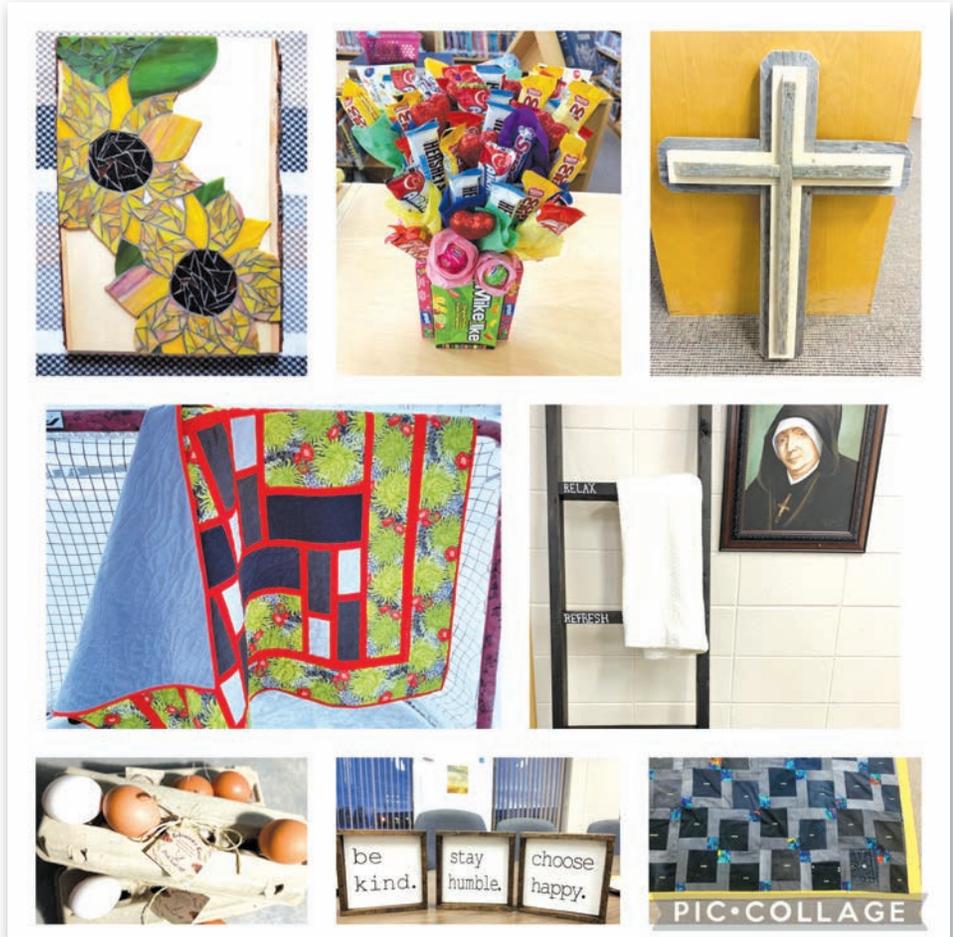
There were some activities that needed to be switched to a virtual format, including the Remembrance Day service, student led conferences between teachers, parents, and students, the annual Christmas Concert, mass with Father Ramel, and Family Faith Nights with Bingo.

Other activities simply adjusted their format to reduce gathering sizes and allow for appropriate social distancing. The Terry Fox Run was held in cohorts, school pictures were taken individu-

ally by LifeTouch and arranged in a composite by Mrs. Rhonda Turgeon, and Valentine's exchanges which were submitted a week prior to Valentine's Day so they could sit before being sent home.

There were also some activities that had no need to change their format. These included Halloween Spirit Week, Mom's Pantry fundraiser for the new playground equipment, and Literacy Week Activity Books, Draws, and DEAR (Drop Everything and Read).

The School plans to hold at least two more Family Faith Nights this year and is planning for the upcoming Pink Shirt Day for anti-bullying, and Hat Day for Telemiracle.



Rivier Elementary had fantastic support for its Rivier Day Silent Auction. These are a few of the donated items that were available for bidding.

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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.

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Winter Festival brings fun despite frigid temperatures

When it comes to Saskatchewan winters, it seems like people make plans and mother nature just laughs.

That was the case this weekend, as the Town of Shellbrook attempted to get the inaugural Shellbrook Winter Festival off the ground, only to be greeted by temperatures near -50 C (with the wind chill) almost every day.

Before the event even started, the decision was made to cancel Saturday and Sunday's cross-country skiing and snowshoeing sessions at the Hidden Hills of Shellbrook Golf Course, while leaving crokicurl at W.P. Sandin High School and homemade toboggan racing at Centennial Park open for families to participate in at their leisure.

Also unaffected, were the many at home activities that were rolled into the event to accommodate those who don't feel comfortable with gathering in public in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on people's physical and mental health. We plan to give Shellbrook and the surrounding area opportunities to participate in positive programming," Town of Shellbrook recreation director Jessica Kernohan said prior to the Winter Festival.

"We hope to achieve complete inclusivity with programming by offering outdoor activities, physical activities, at home activities and family centered activities within our community that accommodate comfort levels and follow all COVID regulations."

Though the first Winter Festival may not have gone exactly as planned, all early indications are that Kernohan, and the many volunteers who helped devel-

op and organize the event, succeeded in their aim.

The Winter Festival kicked off in style on Friday evening, with a drive-in movie showing of *Ice Age*. The screening was held in the community garden space just east of the Shellbrook Senior Citizen's Centre, and cars were lined up to watch the show projected on the grain elevator.

A second movie, *Abominable*, was screened the following night, and saw between 20 and 30 vehicles come out to enjoy the show.

Despite the cancellation of cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, kids were still able to spend the weekend taking part in archery at the Lake Country Wildlife Federation clubhouse, the aforementioned crokicurl and toboggan racing, winter and Valentine's Day-themed scavenger hunts, and the Shellbrook Public Library's second-ever Story Stroll.

For the stay-at-homeers, meanwhile, there were 158 take-home activity kits put together for those who requested them, two online cooking lessons (sponsored by the Shellbrook Kinettes), and an online Bingo.

Elsewhere, Sunday's activities were capped off with a dazzling fireworks show (sponsored by Woodland Pharmacy) that lit up the sky to the east of Happy Hearts Childcare Centre.

Rounding out the Winter Festival, Monday was all about KINDness, as the Shellbrook Kinsmen and Kinettes hosted their fourth annual Day of KINDness on Family Day.

While past iterations of the event have been hosted at the outdoor rink, usually on days when the mercury has dipped below -30 C, this year's celebration was wisely relocated to the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre. There, families were able to take part in skating sessions, while enjoying free hot dogs and hot cocoa.



The Shellbrook town office was the first to get a snow sculpture, a cozy campfire with snow benches.



Where there's ice, kids will play hockey. That was certainly the case during the Day of KINDness festivities on Monday.



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W.P. Sandin High School got in on the snow sculpting, and students seem to have had a whale of a time.



The Kinsmen and Kinettes' Day of KINDness offered free public skating for families, and, as always, kids found creative ways to get around.



About 30 vehicles came out to watch *Abominable* on the big screen.



The Kinsmen and Kinettes served up free hot cocoa and hot dogs as part of Day of KINDness.

Federal travel restrictions are about as clear as mud

It's said there's an exception to every rule.

However for governments, which have a tendency to muddy perfectly clear waters as if it's their primary job, it might be more accurate to say there are more exceptions than there are rules.

Case in point, the federal government's new requirement that international travellers coming into Canada undergo a COVID-19 test and isolate in government-designated hotels for at least three days.

The new restriction, aimed at curbing the cases of COVID-19 variants popping up in cities across the country, also included the suspension of flights to Mexico and the Caribbean.

This move resulted in mass layoffs at Canadian airlines at a time when too many Canadians are already out of work.

As problematic as that is, the real problem lies in the sheer number of exemptions on the isolation order for international travellers.

Including truckers, who make millions of trips between Canada and the United States each year, there are no fewer than 20 categories that exempt international travellers from having to isolate.

Truckers should absolutely be exempt. As should healthcare workers, and anyone else who plays a vital role in keeping our economy functioning in these most desperate and



JORDAN TWISS

~
News Editor

difficult of times.

But the exemptions should end there. And, quite naturally, because the government is involved, they don't.

According to Canada's Public Health Agency, there were 8.6 million international arrivals in Canada between March of 2020, when international travel restrictions were first imposed, and Jan. 31.

Of those travellers, some 74 per cent (or 6.2 million people) were exempt from isolation orders.

When rules put in place only apply to 26 per cent of people, it's hard not to scratch your head and wonder, "What's the point?"

The point, of course, is to limit the spread of COVID-19 – though it's unclear how many cases are actually related to international travel at this point in the pandemic.

But surely, there must be a less byzantine way to prevent the coronavirus from entering Canada.

As Dr. Jeff Kwong, a University of Toronto public health professor, suggests, the federal government could make use of the 38 million rapid COVID-19 tests it's procured to date. This would give those returning to Canada peace of mind about returning to their families without isolating, and also save the government (and travellers) some money.

It would also bring about the end of the harrowing stories coming out of these gov-



ernment-designated hotels, such as those in Calgary.

There, travellers say they're escorted from the airport by police and security officers and ushered into vans with blacked out windows. Upon arriving at their lodgings, they're greeted by hallways lined with plastic and people wearing "hazmat" suits, gloves, and face masks, like a scene out of a Hollywood sci-fi blockbuster.

Finally, once they've settled into their rooms, they're stuck there for all but 15 min-

utes of each day. Some report going as long as 15 hours without food (which is delivered to their doors in small take-out boxes), while others have reported having to "beg" for medical attention.

Stories like these are inhumane and wholly un-Canadian.

The federal government should focus on protecting Canadians. No one disagrees with that. But people, even those who travelled for questionable reasons, deserve to be treated with at least a modicum of dignity.

Governments need to face economic realities

Dear editor,

In times like these when the markets for fossil fuels are down, and have been for 5-6 years now, both Jason Kenney and Scott Moe have got to utilize this time to create jobs where needed and while the cost of borrowing is at its lowest.

Yes, we will be dealing with COVID-19 for probably most of this year in one way or another, however there is a lot of work that 'needs' to be done and as soon as is possible.

Most provinces in Canada, including Alberta and Sas-

katchewan, have crumbling infrastructure that needs to be addressed, so why aren't they investing in what has needed to be done, which would also put people to work?

We have a global climate change crisis that both premiers seem to be denying as they indicated by their continual fight to scrap the carbon tax. Instead of fighting it they could have introduced it themselves and with some of that revenue, put people to work on environmental initiatives, that needs to be done I might add.

If Kenney and Moe expect the economy to recover on a

return of another oil and gas boom, I think they are setting themselves up for a huge disappointment. If they choose austerity, over long term careful planning, everybody loses. That has been proven time and time again.

Truth be told, unless we take back control from the powerful in this world we are destined for an increasingly dismal future for humanity. One study I read by the Rand Corp. indicated that \$47 Trillion has been displaced upward over the last 40 years. That's not chump change.

Erik Hansen, Unity, Sask.

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YOUR TWO CENTS AC Forestry signs deal with Carrier

Winter Festival highlights power of volunteers

Dear editor,
Shellbrook was the perfect place to be last week.

In typical small town fashion people united with their talents and resources to stage a Winter Festival with something for everyone. Battling the extreme cold temperatures and adhering to the COVID rules it was challenging.

As always, a very special acknowledgement goes out to all our volunteers. We say it all the time but we'll say it again and again: without volunteers and donations, these events just don't happen. Good Job.

Don and June Moe
Shellbrook, Sask.

Cannabis facility not a good idea for Shellbrook

Dear editor,
I appreciate getting the free Shellbrook Chronicle and Spiritwood Herald. It seems a lot of good things are happening in Shellbrook. However, when I read in this paper that there are plans to convert the old hospital into a marijuana grow-up, I found that very disturbing.

First of all, it seems wrong to change a place of healing into a place that will cause ill health, addiction, and sometimes even death.

We all know that smoking causes lung damage, and alcohol harms the liver. It is now known that marijuana use affects the brain, especially in young people. The Prince Albert "Echo" recently told the story of a young boy, 14 years old, who became addicted and ended up committing suicide by jumping out of a sixth story window.

There seems to be no stopping the COVID-19 pandemic just now, but it would be so simple to prevent all kinds of problems with marijuana: don't grow it, don't smoke, eat, or drink it.

A belated happy new year to all!
Cornie Martens,
Rabbit Lake, Sask.

A new partnership will soon see three northern Saskatchewan First Nations cutting timber for the Big River Sawmill.

AC Forestry, owned by the Big River, Pelican Lake, and Witcheekan Lake First Nations, has inked a deal with B.C.-based Carrier Forest Products, which has operated the sawmill since re-opening it in 2014.

The deal will see AC Forestry supply Carrier with wood, which will be turned into lumber. In addition, wood debris from harvesting operations will be used to produce clean energy and sold to the province's energy grid.

With work on the partnership expected to start April 1 and continue for the next five years, and more partnerships reportedly in the works already, the deal is expected to create jobs and opportunities for Indigenous people and the regional economy.

"The price of lumber has skyrocketed because of COVID-19,"

said Ken Thomas, CEO of Agency Chiefs Tribal Council. "Everybody's staying home and doing renovations to their homes, so as a result of that, there's been a big jump in price."

Thomas explained that 200,000 cubic meters per year of softwood will be delivered to Carrier over a five year span. He noted the deal also includes an increase in royalty payments from \$3 per cubic metre to \$8 per cubic metre.

All told, Thomas says that works out to an additional \$1 million per year.

"It gives us a home for all the softwood we've been allocated, and then we get an extra \$1 million per year in royalties. That will be split between the three shareholder bands," he said.

The Big River Sawmill originally closed its doors in 2006 due, in part, to the housing market overseas and in the United States at the time. The closure, and the resulting layoffs, were very tough on

the community.

The sawmill sat idle until 2011, when Carrier purchased it from its then-owners and announced plans to establish a new sawmill and planer mill development. It officially re-opened its doors in May of 2014, with 90 employees.

At the time of its re-opening, it was estimated it would have the capacity to produce 250 million board feet worth of lumber annually, and that it would account for 40 per cent of the province's total lumber production capacity.

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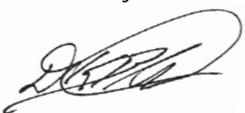
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Sask. outlines Phase 2 of vaccine plan

Though it's still a long way from completing the first phase of its COVID-19 vaccination rollout, the Saskatchewan government has released details of its plans for phase two and the mass immunization of the general public.

According to the plan, released last Tuesday, age is still considered the primary risk factor when it comes to COVID-19. To this end, Phase 2 will see the vaccine administered to Saskatchewan residents in 10-year increments, starting with those aged 60 to 69.

Also included in the beginning stages of Phase 2 will be targeted vaccinations for those living and working in emergency shelters, group homes, and homes for the intellectually disabled, as well as individuals who are "clinically extremely vulnerable" to COVID-19, including people undergoing cancer treatments or with severe respiratory conditions.

"Saskatchewan is working to vaccinate as many people as quickly as possible," Health Minister Paul Merriman said in a statement. "The commencement of mass vaccinations will depend on the number and consistency of vaccine deliveries from the federal government. We are hopeful that mass vaccinations can start as soon as April, based on the current vaccine delivery schedule from the federal government."

To help speed up the vaccination process, Merriman says the province will be taking an "all hands on deck" approach, making the vaccine available at immunization clinics, walk-in and drive-thru clinics, doctor's offices and pharmacies.

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Coming age of machines has huge implications for ag

The prospect of an era where we herald in the age of the machine has lots of rather scary connotations, thanks largely to Hollywood and blockbuster hits such as the Terminator series.

Of course the age of the machine is not something that can be marked by a singular day, year or even decade, in terms of when humanity turned to machines. It is instead something that has evolved with mankind always rather eager to turn to a machine to lessen the burden of jobs from the manufacture of cars, to the

mining of ore, to the harvesting of farm crops and almost every job in between.

Let's face it, the computer that this column is written on is largely a machine that is a massive upgrade from the Underwood typewriter I began my journalism career on. And that typewriter was a big upgrade from the days of pen and paper and hot lead typesetting in the newspaper business.

So turning to machines is not new.

What is new is turning to machines which have a level of artificial intelligence, al-



CALVIN DANIELS

though even that is now a decades old evolution.

Assembly line production has relied on computer-controlled machines for years, and those can be consid-

ered early A.I. machines of a fashion.

And now we are taking the next step, creating autonomous machines.

It's one thing to have an assembly line robot attached to its spot on the line.

It is quite another when the robot can wander around on its own.

Farming however, a sector always eager to look to new technology that has benefits they can monetize, is looking rather closely at autonomous machines.

Think about a tractor or combine in the field run-

ning 24-hours a day, maybe powered by the sun, with no wages for a driver required. It sounds futuristic, but in this case the future may be now.

A recent story at www.producer.com revealed just how close it may be.

The article detailed, "more than 350 autonomous combines harvested 400,000 acres of Russian crop in 2020, bringing in 720,000 tonnes of grain. Equipping so many New Holland, Deere, Claas and Russian combines with the Cognitive Agro Pilot proved that big-

acre autonomous field machinery has finally moved beyond the prototype stage. Cognitive Agro Pilot is a joint project developed by Moscow-based Sberbank and Cognitive Technologies group."

If this sort of news doesn't create interest among grain farmers, especially those with big acres to cover and issues finding qualified operators to hire.

It seems only a matter of time, measured in scant years, before the next age of the machine takes over farm fields.

Sask. outlines Phase 2 of vaccine plan

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According to the government, there will be more than 226 COVID-19 vaccine clinics in 181 communities across the province. There will be 141 mass immunization clinics, 24 drive-thru clinics and 61 mobile clinics.

All told, the province says it will be tapping up to 2,200 people to deliver the vaccine in Phase 2.

"We're going to draw on resources across the province. We may be tapping on local businesses or security services or other organizations that we know are willing to help us," said Scott Livingstone, CEO of the Saskatchewan Health Authority. "We've had a number of organizations from across this province reach out and say, 'We're willing to help.'"

Of course, beginning Phase 2 of the plan requires the province to complete Phase 1. And with only about 50,000 out of an estimated 380,000 doses of vaccine administered thus far, and the province's vaccine supply in a constant state of flux, an April start date for the second phase of the plan is looking unlikely.

As of Feb. 9, the province had fully vaccinated 9,075 people out of the approximately 190,000 identified for Phase 1.

This phase includes high risk populations, such as people of advanced age, residents and staff in long-term and personal care homes, health care workers in emergency departments, COVID-19 units, testing and assessment centres, intensive care units and other high-risk settings. It also includes residents

over 50 living in northern remote communities, and those over 70 living in the community, as vaccine is available.

Due to a manufacturing slowdown, the federal government was forced to delay Pfizer shipments to the provinces in January, and the province anticipates it will be short more than 13,000 Pfizer and Moderna doses in the first quarter of 2021.

Health Canada has also not confirmed vaccine allocations for provinces past the end of March. But, in a bid to make its supply go a little further, the agency approved a label change for the Pfizer vaccine, instructing immunizers to draw six doses out of the vial rather than five.

While the province says Saskatchewan

practitioners have already been doing this, it's only possible about 10 to 20 per cent of the time until it procures the special syringe required to draw out the sixth dose.

As the vaccine continues to roll out, the province says it will share information to let residents know when it's their turn to be vaccinated, how to make an appointment, the types of clinics available, and the nearest clinics to them.

Appointments will be able to be booked online at www.saskatchewan.ca or through HealthLine 811 when phase two begins.

Details and regular updates to the Saskatchewan Immunization Delivery Plan will be available at www.Saskatchewan.ca/covid-19-vaccine.

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COVID-19 cases reported at two Spiritwood schools

Positive cases of COVID-19 have been identified at two schools in Spiritwood.

According to a release issued by the Living Sky School Division the afternoon of Feb. 9, one case of COVID-19 was identified at Spiritwood High School on Tuesday, Feb. 2. Another case, this one at Hartley Clark Elementary School, was reported to the school division on Feb. 7.

News of the cases came just days after a case of COVID-19 was identified at Spiritwood's Rivier Elementary School, which

is under the jurisdiction of the Light of Christ Catholic School Division.

In response to the two positive cases at the Spiritwood schools, the Living Sky School Division said it is working closely with Public Health staff to ensure necessary measures are in place to protect all students and staff.

The school division said any individuals who were in close contact have been notified by Public Health with directions. And, following the division's health and safety protocols, the schools have received a deep cleaning/sanitizing and remain open at this time.

"Our school plans contain many important measures to decrease the risk of COVID-19 entering schools including promoting proper

hygiene, implementing mask wearing, maintaining cohorts, and asking students and staff to stay home when experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms," the division said in a statement.

"We remind everyone entering schools to monitor for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. If you/your child has any symptoms of COVID-19, please call HealthLine at 811 and remain at home. For further information regarding COVID-19, please call Health Line at 811, and/or visit the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health website at www.saskatchewan.ca/covid19."

The school division said it wishes the affected members of its family a speedy recovery.

To protect the privacy of the individuals, no further details will be shared.

Sask. exports grow in spite of tough 2020

Despite much of the world being shut down by COVID-19 for the bulk of 2020, Saskatchewan still exported \$30.4 billion worth of goods, a 2.5 per cent increase over 2019.

This comes from Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership's (STEP) annual State of Trade report, which also found that Saskatchewan was the only province to see exports grow, while Canada's total exports dropped by 11.8 per cent.

According to STEP's report, the growth in exports was due to substantial volumes of agriculture commodities shipped to international markets, despite the world-wide downturn in economies during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Saskatchewan agri-food exports reached \$17 billion in 2020, growing 31.4 percent from 2019.

Jeremy Harrison, Minister of Trade and Export Development, said these numbers demonstrate that "Saskatchewan has what the world needs."

"Our key markets are aware that Saskatchewan's robust agriculture industry produces high-quality products at incredible volumes," Harrison said. "The need to feed the world does not pause for pandemic."

Export highlights included a 15 per cent increase in wheat, a 32 per cent increase in durum, a 47 per cent increase in canola seed, 63 per cent increase in peas, and a 96 per cent increase in lentils. Saskatchewan's forest products

also fared well with dimensional lumber exports increasing by 29 per cent while oriented strand board (OSB) exports increased by 97 per cent.

Saskatchewan's increase in exports comes at a time when overall exports to the United States dropped by 18.2 per cent, to \$13.1 billion, due mostly to the price of oil. While the U.S. remains the top market for Saskatchewan products, exports to China jumped dramatically, growing by 33 per cent, or \$4.14 billion, in 2020.

Japan, India, and Brazil rounded out the top five international market destinations.

On the downside, exports of oil dropped by 32.3 per cent and potash by 7.7 per cent 2020 due to ongoing soft prices for those commodities.

President and CEO of STEP, Chris Dekker, noted that STEP predicts the positive export growth to carry into the new year.

"While there continues to be ongoing uncertainties in world markets, we are forecasting Saskatchewan exports to grow between three and five percent in 2021," Dekker said. "Given a level playing field, Saskatchewan exporters can compete with anyone on the international stage."

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 Rev. Sarah Urano

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 Glaslyn
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 Rev. Kun Kim
 Rev. Don Skinner

CATHOLIC SUNDAY

Spiritwood - 11:15 a.m.
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 SATURDAY
 Shell Lake - 2:00 p.m.
 Medstead - 6 p.m.
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 Worship 10:50 am

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 Worship
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 Spiritwood
 Sun., 11 am - Worship
 Service & Sunday School

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11 am Worship Service
 1st Sun., 7:30 pm
 - Hymn Sing
 Pastor Floyd Berg

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Spiritwood
 Every Wednesday Night
 7 pm
 Spiritwood Legion Hall
 Pastor Rick Martin

SaskEnergy extends carbon monoxide safety rebate

In support of carbon monoxide (CO) safety awareness, and after a successful launch of the program, SaskEnergy is extending its CO alarm point-of-purchase rebate offer until March 31, 2021. SaskEnergy initially partnered with

retailers across Saskatchewan to offer a \$10 rebate on the purchase of CO alarms from Nov. 2, 2020 to Jan. 31, 2021. During the first month, more than 5,000 alarms were purchased as part of the point-of-sale rebate offer.

"It is critical that Saskatchewan residents take carbon monoxide safety seriously. Recent events in the province serve as crucial reminders of the risks associated with this potentially deadly gas," said Don Morgan, Minister Responsible for SaskEnergy. "While carbon monoxide poisoning can be life-threatening, it can also be prevented. The rebate extension provides customers with an extended opportunity to save money while safeguarding their loved ones, homes and businesses."

Low exposure to the colourless, tasteless and odourless gas can cause flu-like symptoms, while continued exposure to high levels can lead to unconsciousness, convulsions, brain damage, and death. A carbon monoxide alarm detects and alerts you to danger before the physical symptoms of poisoning have a chance to appear. Anyone experiencing symptoms of CO poisoning should leave the premises immediately, call 911 and seek medical attention if needed.

"Carbon monoxide awareness and safety is essential year-round, but especially during the winter months

when heating equipment is running more frequently," explained Kevin Adair, Executive Vice President, SaskEnergy Customer Service Operations. "Working with local fire departments, SaskEnergy responds to around 1,300 carbon monoxide calls a year. This underscores the importance of awareness and making sure working carbon monoxide alarms are installed in homes and businesses."

In addition to a CO alarm, important steps in the defence against CO poisoning include having all fuel-burning appliances inspected by a licensed contractor every year, and conducting regular inspections of your chimneys and vents to ensure they are clear of debris or ice/snow buildup.

Keep an eye out for signs of CO buildup in your home and visit www.saskenergy.com/safety/CarbonMonoxide.asp for important safety information.

Spiritwood German Club donates \$300 to Legion



In light of the financial difficulties faced by many area halls and community centres, the Spiritwood German Club made a decision last fall to donate \$300 to the Spiritwood Legion to help with their operational costs.

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

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

BLAINE LAKE: Wapiti Library - Appointment only. Wednesday 11 am - 6 pm; Friday 11 am - 5 pm; Saturday 10 am - 4 pm. Contact us for more info 306-497-3130, www.wapitilibrary.ca.

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

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

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

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

MARCELIN: Wapiti Library - Appointment only. Tuesday 2 pm - 7 pm; Thursday 2 pm - 8 pm; Saturday 9 am - 2 pm. For information on all your library needs, please contact 306-226-2110.

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Minutes of an RM of Spiritwood meeting

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

The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Rural Municipality of Spiritwood No. 496 was held on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2020 via ZOOM web conferencing.

In attendance were Reeve Shirley Dauvin, Division 1 Larry Vaagen, Division 2 Al Steinhilber, Division 3 Terry Wingerter, Division 4 Dennis Laventure, Division 6 Bevra Fee, Administrator Colette Bussiere, and Foreman Darcy Laventure. Absent was Division 5 Jerome Tetreault.

A quorum being present the meeting was called to order at 9:41 a.m. by Reeve, Shirley Dauvin.

Bevra Fee: That the agenda be adopted with the following addition: Exchange of Services between RM of Spiritwood & RM of Meeting Lake. Carried.

Conflicts of interest: Reeve, Shirley Dauvin acknowledged a conflict of interest in the Payment Agreement for Roll 1245 000. Councillor, Larry Vaagen acknowledged a conflict of interest in the Request to Waive Bylaw Enforcement Fees.

Dennis Laventure: That the minutes of the Nov. 17, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council be approved as presented. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That we approve of the placement of a self-supporting stairs on the inside slope of the

berm under the following conditions: the property owner shall make application to the municipality and receive a permit; the self-supporting stairs are an engineered design; all costs associated with the construction & installation of the stairs shall be the responsibility of the property owner; maintenance & repairs of the stairs shall be the responsibility of the property owner; the property owner shall indemnify & hold harmless the municipality of & from any & all claims that may arise out of the use of the stairs. Carried.

Bevra Fee: That Laventure Backhoe & Trucking be contracted to mulch the following locations to improve line of site: Intersection of Twp Rd 530 & Rge Rd 3112(NW 35-52-11-W3), Intersection of Twp Rd 534 & Rge Rd 3122(SE 27-53-12-W3), Rge Rd 3111—around curve (NE 23-50-11-W3). Carried.

Town of Spiritwood Mayor, Gary von Holwede, joined the web conference at 11 a.m. to discuss Spiritwood Public Library request for funding. Mayor von Holwede left the web conference at 11:34 a.m.

Councillor, Larry Vaagen, declared a conflict of interest & was removed from the web conference.

Bevra Fee: That the request to waive the bylaw enforcement fees be approved and that we refund the bylaw enforcement fees that were paid. Carried.

Councillor, Larry Vaagen was re-admitted to the

web conference meeting.

Al Steinhilber: That we notify SAMA that all land within a residential subdivision within the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 be classified as residential land. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: Whereas, the Fire Pumper Truck Inspection Report acknowledged that the required repairs may range from \$20,000 to \$25,000, that we do not repair the fire pumper truck and that we investigate options to replace the fire pumper truck. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That the municipal office be closed on Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020. Carried.

Bevra Fee: That the bank reconciliation for the month ending Nov. 30, 2020 be accepted as presented. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That the following stale dated cheques be voided: Cheque No. 12143 \$120.00, Cheque No. 12303 \$60, Cheque No. 12426 \$75., Cheque No. 12475 \$60.. Carried.

Bevra Fee: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month ending Nov. 30th, 2020 be approved as presented. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the "List of Accounts" forming part of these minutes be approved: Cheque No. 12756 - Payroll File No. 307 & 309 EFT – Grader Lease Payment. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: That the unused funds allocated for bridge repairs in 2020 be transferred to reserve for the 2021 budget year.

Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That we enter into a road maintenance agreement with WM Logging to haul 4,000 tonne of timber from the RM of Medstead via Grid No. 696 & Grid No. 946. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: That we renew the annual road maintenance agreement with Fast Genetics. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That we approve the discretionary use application for a three (3) site campground to be located on NE 23-50-11-W3. The proposed seasonal campground development conforms to the regulations set out in Section 5.6 of the RM of Spiritwood Zoning Bylaw. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the request for a tax abatement for 2019 & 2020 be declined. Carried.

Reeve Shirley Dauvin declared a pecuniary interest, turned the meeting over to Deputy Reeve Al Steinhilber & was removed from the web conference.

Bevra Fee: That we enter into an agreement with the property owner for the payment of property tax arrears on Roll No. 1245 000. Carried.

Reeve, Shirley Dauvin rejoined the web conference.

Larry Vaagen: That we waive the custom work charge for ditch mowing

in the Town of Spiritwood. Carried.

Bevra Fee: That we approve the request to fund the extra hour for the Spiritwood Library. Carried.

Bevra Fee: That Resolution No. 341/2020 be rescinded and that the request to fund the extra hours for the Spiritwood Library be tabled until the Town of Spiritwood Council has the opportunity to discuss the request & provide their comments. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: That the request for additional funding be tabled until the Town of Spiritwood Council has the opportunity to discuss the request & provide their comments. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That we approve the request to remove dead, dying & fallen within the Environmental Reserve (ER) in front of Lot 8/Blk 1 in The Cove. In addition, that the request to clear an access path on ER be approved. The access path shall be no wider than 2 metres. The applicant is solely responsible for all design, safety, and workmanship aspects associated with this approval and all work must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the Water Security Agency's Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit. Carried.

Larry Vaagen: The RM of Spiritwood No. 496 has no knowledge of any water lines in the area and has no future plans to widen the existing road allowance adjacent to the construction location in regards to SaskPower Order No. 20305966. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: The RM of Spiritwood No. 496 has no knowledge of any water lines or has no future plans to widen the existing road allowance adjacent to the construction location in regards to SaskPower Order No. 20312900. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 provide snow removal for 4 miles on Rge Rd 3092 (also known as the Panchuk Rd) located in the RM of Meeting Lake, in exchange for the grading, gravelling, mowing & snow removal services provided by the RM of Meeting Lake for ¾ of a mile of road adjacent to SW 04-49-11-W3 (also known as the Wheale Rd) and located in the RM of Spiritwood. Carried.

(Council spent the remainder of its meeting making its appointments for 2021. Those appointments can be viewed in the minutes published on the R.M. of Spiritwood website.)

Dennis Laventure: That the web conference meeting be adjourned and that the next meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021. Carried.



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Curling addicts finally getting their fix

After almost a full year without their drug of choice, thousands of Canadians will finally be able to get their fix, starting this weekend.

Live curling is back! Like a heroin addict having his or her supply suddenly cut off, Canadian curling fans who might spend up to 12 hours a day in front of their television sets watching the world's best curlers in action were forced to go without when COVID-19 swept the globe last spring. The competitive season was nicely under way, with Kerri Einarson of Gimli, Man., winning the Scotties, and Brad Gushue of St. John's, NL taking the Brier. Next stop for both: The Worlds!

Einarson and her rink, in fact, had already travelled to Prince George, B.C., for the 2020 world championships when the event was cancelled. Gushue and his mates got the word about their competition's Glasgow, Scotland cancellation before they had to leave the east coast.

Since then, in the world of curling, almost nothing. No Grand Slam events, a handful of modified provincial play-downs, nothing on TV except reruns for former curling championships. It's hard to get excited about Kevin Koe trying a double-angle raise take-

out when it happened two years ago and you have already seen the shot, and memorized the rock splatter, four or five times.

But starting this Friday, 16 of the best women's rinks in Canada will gather in a 'bubble' at the Markin McPhail Centre in Calgary and play for more than a week to determine a 2021 Scotties' champ. TSN and veteran broadcaster Vic Rauter will be on hand to call all the shots, and for thousands of Canadian curling fans, it will be like a salve on a sore wound, a warm drink to ease a sore throat. It will be like a starving man given a big steak with fried mushrooms or a crying baby sucking on a bottle of warm milk.

Two weeks later, starting on March 5, the men will go at it at the 2021 Brier. Same site, same rules.

The addicts — primarily elderly Canadians, according to viewership data — will get their fix, as long as the 'bubble' works the way it's intended. No infections, no interactions with people on the outside — a clean setting to allow the sport, and its fans, return to some sort of normalcy.

As for the Scotties and Brier winners? The women's worlds, originally scheduled for Switzerland in late March, have



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been cancelled, while the Brier champ returns to the Markin McPhail Centre in April for the world championships.

Curling addicts everywhere are hoping for great ice, tight competition, good TV reception — and no infections.

• Patti Dawn Swanson, aka the River City Renegade, on the person who took a post-fight swing at Mike Tyson while the former champ was signing autographs following his recent fight with Roy Jones Jr. : "No arrests have been made, but police are searching for a man who's lost his mind."

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "Some words of advice to any San Antonio Spur contemplating divorce. Remember the alimony."

• Joel Beall of golfdigest.com, on course conditions at the 2020 Memorial tournament: "Its greens (were) playing like trampolines with rough

so tall and thick that search parties are still looking for Danny Willett after a missed fairway."

• Toronto media guy Gord Stellick, on Twitter: "There is no truth to rumour that next COVID-protocol step has NHL players to be dropped off by parents 30 minutes before game time with skates tied up and skate guards on."

• Steve Simmons of Sunmedia: "The McGill hockey team turns 144 years old on Sunday. And no, Jaromir Jagr hasn't been there since the beginning."

• RJ Currie again: "COVID shutdowns forced Cirque de Soleil to declare bankruptcy. There haven't been so many clowns not working this side of the Jacksonville Jaguars."

• Headline at dark.com: "The drop kick remains in the NFL's official rule book. Not sure about the PGA."

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "Sure sign you're in a hard-core Steeler fan's bathroom: Terrible Towels, Steel Shower Curtain and a toilet upgrade affectionately known as Super Bowl II."

• Bengals rookie QB Joe Burrow, via Twitter, on EA Sports College Football being resurrected after seven years: "All I ever wanted was to be on the cover of this game,

and as soon as I graduate they bring it back."

• Bob Molinaroo pilot online.com (Hampton, Va.) on the bright side of ex-Mariners ace Felix Hernandez — who just signed with the Orioles — opting out of the 2020 season: "With 500 days between starts, he should be well-rested."

• Dwight Perry again: "This 135th edition of

Groundhog Day at Gobbler's Knob in Pennsylvania broke with tradition last week when:a) it was done virtually because of COVID-19; b) Punxsutawney Phil emerged with an N95 mask on; c) they changed the prediction to six more years of bad Jets football."

Care to comment? Email brucepenton2003@yahoo.ca

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Zion - Canwood
Sunday School,
Worship Sunday, 11 a.m.
St. John's - Shellbrook
Sunday School,
Live-stream worship
service on Facebook,
Worship Sunday, 9 a.m.
Rev. Emmanuel Aristide

PENTECOSTAL CHURCH
Parkside
10:30 a.m. Worship
Pastor Daniel Mooseely
306-747-3572
Shellbrook
Adult Study
9:30 a.m.
Sun., 11 a.m. - Worship
Pastor David Bodvarson
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Leask - All Saint's
Sunday, 9 a.m. - Service
St. Andrew's - Shellbrook
Sunday, 11 a.m. Service
Canwood - Christ Church
Sunday, 11 a.m. - Service
2 p.m. Service 2nd Sunday
of the month
306-980-5916

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Shellbrook - Knox United
Sun., 10 am - Worship
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Big River
Sundays
10 a.m. - Worship
at Anglican Church
Rev. Dave Whalley
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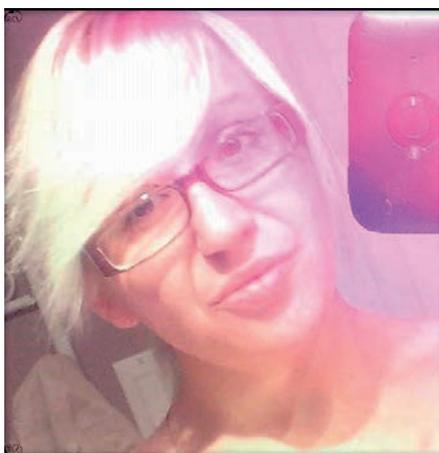
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Sun. Mass - 9:30 a.m.
Fr. Dong Doan
Big River - Sacred Heart
Sun., 11:30 a.m. - Mass
Whitefish
Sun., 2:30 p.m. - Mass.
Victoire
Sat., 7:30 p.m. - Mass.
Fr. Dong Doan
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With heavy hearts the family of Blanche Ranger, late of Marcelin, SK, announce her peaceful passing on the early morning of February 8, 2021 in Wheatland Lodge in Leask, SK, at the age of 99 years. Blanche was born on September 23, 1921 in the Moonhill District of

Marcelin, SK.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions in place, the family will have a private Memorial Mass held for Blanche on Monday, February 15, 2021 at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church in Marcelin, SK, with Father Frederick Akah officiating. Blanche will be laid to rest in the Marcelin Cemetery.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Blanche to the Marcelin Cemetery. 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).



TEER, Rosella Johanna (née Bittman), 91, of Big River, SK, passed away peacefully on February 6, 2021. Rosella, born on March 17, 1929, to Christopher and Kathryn Bittman in Fulda, SK, was a well known and respected figure in her long-time home of Big River, SK.

Out of necessity, she developed a feisty and determined personality which served her well as a leader in vari-

ous groups and charities she presided over. Her faith was always a central tenet of her life but her joy was never greater than being surrounded by family.

Rosella grew up on a farm where she developed her love for gardening, a hobby that supported her family through good times and bad. With the loss of her husband James in 1967, Rosella became the head of a large family and rose to the challenge. Returning to school later in life, she took a dietician course which allowed her to move into a successful career with the Big River Hospital for 28 years. Following her retirement, she continued to be an active member of the community, well known for her Rosette cookies she would make for the weekly farmers market and her knitting and crochet works.

Predeceased by her

husband James Teer in 1967; her mother and father Christopher and Kathryn Bittman, twin daughters Lucy and Louise at birth, her siblings Eleanor (Herb) Lueken; Lorraine (Mike) Klitch and Edwin Bittman. She was also predeceased by granddaughter Kelsey Teer and sister in-law Marguerite Teer her sidekick and best friend. She was also predeceased by her numerous Teer in-laws.

She leaves to cherish her memory her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren: Samuel (Jean) Teer and their son James; Kathleen (Vic) Nording and their children David and Kimberly; John Teer and his family Nathan, Ryan (Shawna) and Jordan; Daniel (Donna) Teer and their children Landon, Rachele and Krista (Colyn) along with their children

Jesse and Peyton; Douglas Teer and his son Mitchell (Venus); Ron Teer; Evelyn (Baron) Smith and their children Courtney and Michael, her sister-in-law Margaret Bittman. She will also be greatly missed by countless nieces, nephews and friends.

In lieu of other tributes donations may be made to Lakewood Lodge Auxiliary Box 846 Big River, Sk. SOJ OEO or the Saskatchewan Heart and Stroke Foundation 1738 Quebec Ave. #26 Saskatoon, Sk. S7K 1V9.

Family and friends wishing to send condolences are welcome to visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com

Cremation and funeral service to be held at a later date.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau "Lac" Funeral Home, Tammy Smart - Director Shellbrook, SK. 306-747-2828.

Norma Wall

Norma Wall (née Martin)
May 22, 1933 - February 8, 2021

It is with profound sorrow that the family of Norma Wall (nee Martin) announces her passing at the age of 87 with her family by her side, after a fierce battle with cancer.

Mom was born in the Yankee Valley District to Albert and Mary (McDowall) Martin. She

grew up on the family farm with her two sisters and two brothers, taking her schooling in the little country school.

She loved to help around the farm especially picking wild fruit that grew in the area as well as berries in the pines with her family. Her loving mom would use these berries to make preserves for all to enjoy in the winter.

Mom told us of many special Sunday afternoons making homemade ice cream with the old hand-turned ice cream maker. She enjoyed how good it tasted especially licking the paddles clean. She also loved turning the handle on the old butter churn, then eating the butter with her mom's fresh-baked bread. She thought that the greatest thing most of all.

As she grew older, she at-

tended Business College in Prince Albert, later working at the Imperial Bank in Prince Albert, and then moved to the Bank of Nova Scotia in Shellbrook.

In 1955, she married Rineald and they built the family farm side by side in the Sturgeon River area. After 46 years they retired to Shellbrook which was hard on mom because it was hard to leave the farm she loved.

She will be remembered over the years for her hard work, love of her flowers and large garden, and jar after jar of preserves. She made the best bread, cinnamon buns, and baked goods and they will be missed.

Mom loved collecting poetry, pictures and always enjoyed little road trips, taking in the beautiful prairie scenes.

She so loved her children and treasured her grandchildren and her great-grandchild, always being there for us. She always enjoyed preparing family meals, especially the one at Christmas, New Years', and Thanksgiving which were extra special. Mom always made our birthday cakes special by always adding just a little extra icing.

In the later years, mom's favorite programs on TV. were the news and curling, and many reruns of Little House on the Prairie. Sundays she would also enjoy the different gospel programs, taking in the messages and enjoying the music.

Mom was selfless, generous, giving of her time, and never lost her zest for life.

Mom has begun her new journey, one that will start by meeting her heavenly fa-

ther within the embrace of her beloved Rineald.

"Across the miles, we have walked with you, In the deep green forest, on the shores of sand, and when our time on earth is through, In heaven we will hold your hand..."

Norma is lovingly remembered by her children:

Roxanne Martell of Shellbrook, SK. And her children Chelise (Austin Fluney) and their daughter Maison; Cheverin (Jason Chen); Myron (Cynthia) Wall of Shellbrook, SK. And their children Tiffany (Chris Watt); Evan; Natalie (Matthew Lanovaz); Adrienne; Her siblings: Edna Galambos of Saskatoon, SK., Ruth Bold of Shellbrook, SK., Gordon Martin of Lloydminster, SK; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other

relatives, and friends.

Norma is predeceased by: Her husband Rineald Wall; Her parents Albert and Mary Martin; her brothers in law Alex Galambos and John Bold; Her niece Laurie Gail Martin.

In lieu of tributes, memorial donations may be made in memory of Norma to the Canadian Cancer Society and Diabetes Canada.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the family will have a private family Graveside Service for Norma in the Shellbrook Cemetery with Lorne Valuck officiating.

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Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears of taxes and costs appearing opposite the land described in the following list are fully paid before the 20th day of April, 2021, the treasurer will proceed to register an interest based on a tax lien in the Land Titles Registry in accordance with Section 10 of *The Tax Enforcement Act*. Note: A sum for cost in the amount of \$12.00 is included in the amount shown against each parcel (Section 4(3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act*).

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PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

Notice is hereby given under *The Tax Enforcement Act* that unless the arrears and costs appearing opposite the land and title number described in the following list are fully paid before the 15th day of April, 2021, an interest based tax lien will be registered against the land. A sum for costs in the amount required by subsection 4(3) of *The Tax Enforcement Act* is included in the amount shown against each parcel.

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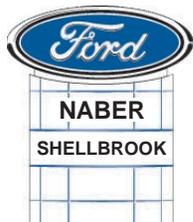
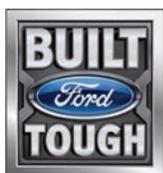
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