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Twinkle Tour brings Christmas spirit to Shellbrook



Some children rode in style during the Twinkle Tour, like these kids who had spots in this decked out trailer.

When the Shellbrook Kinettes began planning Saturday evening's Twinkle Tour and Hamper Haul as a way to lift the community's spirits in trying times, their expectations were modest.

In a typical year, December would see the community group holding its annual Christmas Cookie Walk and pictures with Santa fundraiser. But with the COVID-19 pandemic surging across the province, nothing has been typical, and they were forced to find a different way to bring the community together and spread Christmas cheer.

By all measures, the Twinkle Tour and Hamper Haul proved to be the perfect substitute, thanks in no small part

to the support of the Chamber of Commerce and BID, which offered \$600 in "Shellbrook gift cards" for the top three entries, and other financial support.

"We expected 10 entries and 25 cars to follow the tour," said Knette Kim Lamotte. "We definitely were floored." Lamotte and the Kinettes had good reason to be.

Rather than the 10 entries they'd hoped for, 35 homes in the community signed up to participate in the decorating contest (to say nothing of the many houses that were decorated but not entered).

And rather than a humble convoy of 25 vehicles, the Twinkle Tour easily

saw in the neighbourhood of 100 vehicles, some decked out in their own lights and decorations, join the parade as it toured the town, making a stop at Parkland Integrated Health Centre to honour local healthcare workers and visit long-term care residents.

"The whole night was amazing," said Knette Tasha Cyr. "It was this overwhelming feeling of Christmas Spirit."

Apart from exceeding the Kinettes' expectations in terms of participation and attendance, the Twinkle Tour also scored a rather impressive haul for the Shellbrook Area Ministerial Food Bank.

Cyr says cash donations alone almost

totalled \$580, and the food donations quickly piled up at the Shellbrook Pentecostal Assembly.

"When we started this idea, we were trying to get at least as many donations as we normally collect from Santa pictures during our past Cookie Walks," she said. "We far surpassed that and probably got 10 times what we normally collect."

The Twinkle Tour and Hamper Haul began at the parking lot of the Richardson Pioneer Recreation Centre, where a large screen was set up for attendees to watch a new promotional video for the Town of Shellbrook drive-in style.

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Once all the vehicles, including a pontoon boat, some ATVs, and even a few horses and a pony-drawn carriage, had gathered, the mapped-out tour began, snaking its way through the town with Christmas songs playing (thanks to Dave Hjertaas and his accordion, and a few carollers) and many horns honking.

It was slow going at first, but with some patience on behalf of the community, the tour proceeded smoothly, wrapping up with the final entry at Arnie's Grill.

"We could not have pulled this off without our town," Cyr said. "It truly shows how wonderful this community is."

With 151 votes pouring in over the

weekend, the top three winners were crowned on Monday afternoon.

Winning first place, and \$300 in "Shellbrook gift cards" was Christmas 1951 (entry #19 on the tour map, created by Kim and Braden Hart), which featured a decked out 1951 truck as the centrepiece of its light display.

In second place, winning \$200, was Santa's Skating Rink (entry #6, by Carmela and A.J. Ahenakew), which included a lit up side-yard ice rink.

Rounding out the top three, and bringing home \$100, was Victorian Christmas (entry #15, by Brenda Piper), which boasted an elaborate mix of lights and decorations.

With the winners announced, the only question remaining is whether the

Twinkle Tour will become an annual holiday tradition.

Cyr said the word annual was thrown out a lot after Saturday evening's resounding success, and that decisions on the event's future will be made at up-

coming Kinettes' meetings.

She also said the Kinettes are hard at work devising new fundraising methods for the upcoming Telemiracle, just in case they aren't able to do their usual town canvas.



Santa's Skating Rink scored with tour goers, earning a second place finish for Carmela and A.J. Ahenakew.



Christmas 1951 was the first place winner in the Twinkle Tour, netting \$300 for Kim & Braden Hart.



Brenda Piper's Victorian Christmas proved old school still has appeal, finishing in third place.

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Lights installed along Highway 3 through Shellbrook

Workers put in the hours over the weekend, installing new light poles along Highway 3 passing through Shellbrook.

SaskPower Crews had previously been in town in November, trenching to set up the electrical work for the 60 lights that will illuminate the corridor from 2nd Street West to 5th Street East. At that time, Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure spokesperson,

Steve Shaheen, said the project was expected to be completed by the end of March 2021.

According to Shaheen, the Highway 3 project is part of the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure's Safety Initiative. However, while the project design was completed in October and the contract awarded in November, allowing work to begin, Shaheen says the need for lighting along the stretch of highway was

identified six years ago.

In 2014, the ministry conducted a safety review of Highway 3 going through Shellbrook. Out of this review, the lighting improvements for the corridor were recommended as an immediate or short-term safety improvement.

"The Ministry's Northern Region Traffic Engineering and Development group has worked closely with SaskPower and also had a number of discussions and meetings with the Town, and Transport Canada," Shaheen said.

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With Christmas around the corner, normal seems far away

We're now nine months removed from the pre-pandemic world. Nine months removed from a world in which COVID-19 was only a distant fear, and we didn't have to wear masks and bathe in sanitizer whenever we left the house.

It takes a person time to adjust to such monumental shifts in the way they live. And, understandably, it takes even longer for a whole province or country to do the same.

While COVID-19 naysayers and anti-maskers are still holding out, and likely won't ever be persuaded to take the pandemic (or the wellbeing of others) seriously, the rest of us ought to have acclimated by now.

Yet, somehow, the people responsible for guiding us through the pandemic still don't seem to get it.

Since Oct. 1, Saskatchewan has seen a nearly 400 per cent increase in COVID-19 cases (10,412 Monday



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from 1,927), an 1,800 per cent spike in hospitalizations (143 as of Monday compared with 7) and a 125 per cent increase in deaths (60 Monday, compared to 24).

The numbers are a frightening confirmation that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was premature, not wrong, to declare a second wave of COVID-19 was coming.

We are, without a doubt, deep in the throes of COVID-19's second wave. And with the Saskatchewan Health Authority shifting its strategy to meet the demand created by the surge in cases and hospitalizations, we can safely assume it will be some time before the tide recedes.

However, one might think differently if one were to listen to recent musings about loosening COVID-19 restrictions "just a little bit" to allow for Christmas gatherings.

Saskatchewan's leaders aren't the

first to do so. The United Kingdom, in a fit of sheer madness, already made the decision to loosen restrictions and allow up to three households to gather for Christmas.

Compared to that, Premier Scott Moe's cautious declaration, which he admitted was dependent upon COVID-19 case trends, seems downright reasonable.

It was a means of spreading hope and optimism at a time when Saskatchewanians sorely need it.

But there's a fine line between providing hope and encouraging wishful thinking. And the idea that this Christmas will see families gather together as usual definitely leans toward the latter.

The province's latest COVID-19 measures went into effect on Nov. 27, and won't be reviewed until Dec. 17.

Given that the first week under these restrictions has looked similar to the weeks preceding it, it would be borderline irresponsible for the government to seriously consider loosening them.

This isn't what anyone wants to



hear. But it has to be said so people can prepare to make the most out of Christmas, even if they aren't able to gather with all of their loved ones.

This Christmas may not be normal. But we will get back to normal one day. We just have to endure and continue doing our part.

In the meantime, there's much hope to be found within our community.

Just look at Saturday evening's

Twinkle Tour in Shellbrook, which was organized by the Shellbrook Kinettes and supported by the Chamber of Commerce and BID.

The Christmas spirit was truly palpable as the convoy of vehicles, some decked out with decorations, wound its way around town to spread joy for a good cause.

It was a needed reminder of the good in our world in these dark and uncertain times.

Op-ed: It's time to level the playing field for Canadian news

By Jamie Irving

When monopolies get caught with their hands in the cookie jar, you can usually expect two reactions in quick succession.

The first is to point out how much of a public good they provide. That's immediately followed by blaming others for letting them get so big and out of control in the first place – often claiming that others just aren't "keeping up with the times."

That's essentially been the reaction of Google and Facebook since News Media Canada released its report, Levelling the Digital Playing Field, last week.

The report outlines the impact of the web giants' monopoly practices on news media in Canada and around the world – and how

other democracies are responding to the challenge.

That challenge is as simple as it is daunting.

Covering real news costs real money. But Google and Facebook free-ride on the backs of journalists and publishers in democracies around the world who produce news content, by grabbing and distributing that content without fair compensation.

And they scoop up the lion's share of online advertising revenues – in Canada, as much as 80%. They control the digital advertising pipeline and the algorithms and skim revenue through the process. Not only do they divert advertising from news media publishers, but they also pocket mil-

lions in advertising revenue that they place on news media sites. Even when advertisers pay specifically to advertise on news media sites, Google and Facebook keep most of that revenue, while gathering and using data on news media site readers and advertisers for their own purposes.

In short, they use their monopoly control to both set the rules and game the system. That might be the way things work in a casino – not the marketplace. They may have started off as upstart disrupters, but now they are two of the most powerful and wealthy corporations in human history. And they want to use that power and wealth to consolidate their grip.

The arguments they use are that pay-

ing for content isn't "how search engines work, or should work," as if Google were non-profit utility instead of one of the largest and most profitable companies in the world.

And, of course, they imply that news media haven't worked hard enough to replace the loss of traditional advertising and other revenues. Presumably, this argument is made with a straight face, as the web giants Hoover up every available ad dollar because – as the gatekeepers and rule setters – they can. That's why their practices have been as lethal to digital-only new media, such as BuzzFeed and Slate, as they have to the so-called "legacy" media.

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Report from the Legislature

Recently our government delivered the Throne Speech, which will serve as a guide for our province as we continue to navigate through this global pandemic. We are fulfilling our promises to Saskatchewan people and acting on our commitment to make life more affordable, to support active children, and help our businesses thrive.

Making Life Affordable

Our government committed to implementing a 10 per cent rebate for all SaskPower customers beginning Dec. 1. During these unprecedented times, we understand how valuable this can be for families and businesses.

Our government is focused on helping those living with diabetes, who face challenges in managing this disease every day. As promised, our government will cover the cost of insulin pumps for those under the age of 25. We will also cover the cost of a new technology, continuous glucose monitoring, that will allow families some normalcy as an aid in monitoring their child's well-being. We have heard from the many parents and caregivers who stay up all hours of the night to ensure their child's glucose numbers are manageable.

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government. By eliminating the charge for inter-facility transfers and reducing the maximum cost of other calls by over 50 per cent, we are investing in the long-term well-being of our seniors. We are adding more staff to long-term care homes and increasing the Seniors Income Plan benefit. Our seniors deserve a life of dignity and respect and we want to support them in these uncertain times.

Our government has made major strides toward supporting those diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). In fact, funding support is 24 times higher today than it was in 2007. Beginning in 2021, children under the age of 12 who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder will receive \$6,000 a year

to cover the cost of individualized therapeutic supports. We have engaged and listened to families and organizations from the ASD community and are grateful on their direction, which has led us to this investment. We will continue to consult with these communities to ensure the best services are being delivered.

Our government is investing in active families by reinstating the Active Family Benefit. This funding will help cover the cost of sport, art and cultural activities. In addition to this, over the next four years, we will be adding 750 new childcare spaces. Every child in this province deserves the opportunity to play and learn, so ensuring they have access to an array of teams and activities is essential.

We are re-investing in our commitment to Veteran Service Clubs across Saskatchewan. Traditionally, these clubs are a hub of activity, supporting their communities and hosting their Veteran members. We are pleased to better support our Veterans with an investment of \$1.5 million a year to assist clubs in staying open for generations to come.

New Ministerial Roles and Legislation for Saskatchewan

To continue our focus on the well-being of our province, we



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now have a dedicated Minister responsible for Mental Health and Addictions. This appointment speaks to our commitment to support those who may be struggling with mental health and addictions challenges.

Our government will introduce initiatives that support our Pillars of Life Suicide Prevention Plan. One example of this support is a program to train a mental health first responder for every one of the province's 744 schools. To be a strong province, our communities and families must be strong too. We must lift each other through the hard

times and lend a hand when in need. We are committed to strengthening mental health and addictions services in Saskatchewan.

Our government has also recently created the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement. The economic recovery from this pandemic cannot happen unless our Saskatchewan workers are working, and building. To manage infrastructure and assets more effectively, this Ministry will oversee and develop an implementation of standardized government procurement processes and informational technology infrastructure.

This fall, our Premier named MLA Lyle Stewart as his legislative secretary to examine ways Saskatchewan can exercise and strengthen its autonomy within the federation. We have already named a Chief of Firearms Officer to manage programs within Saskatchewan and serve as Saskatchewan's voice instead of an appointment from Ottawa. This is another step toward ensuring Saskatchewan's voice is heard at every level of government. We will continue to fight what we believe to be an un-



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constitutional carbon tax that negatively impacts Saskatchewan industries and families.

Addressing the challenges of COVID-19 is the top priority of this government. We will continue to listen to the direction of our Chief Medical Health Officer, Dr. Shahab, and urge everyone to wear your masks, reduce your social circles, and abide by public health orders. Though our Throne Speech included many investments, commitments and initiatives that will help our economy recover from the impact of COVID-19, we will not reach our desired destination unless we all continue to do our part.

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But no amount of distractions or excuses can hide the fact that countries around are taking action against monopolistic practices that have grown dangerous for both democracy and the free market.

Of particular relevance to Canada is how Australia is standing up to the web giants and empowering local news. With all-party support in their national parliament, the Australians are taking a comprehensive approach that allows their new publishers to negotiate for compensation as a group with Google and Facebook, mitigating the huge power imbalance. They're also putting in place codes of conduct and enforcement with real teeth.

And they're doing all this without the need for additional government funding, or new taxes or consumer fees. The massive margins of both Google and Facebook are such that they can afford to start paying fairly for what

they've been getting for free.

Australia and Canada have a lot in common. Our economies are similar. So are our parliamentary and legal systems. We're both federal states. And we both have strong regions.

In short, there's no reason why the approach being adopted in Australia can't also work here in Canada. That's why we're urging the government – and all parties in the House of Commons – to adopt the Australian model in Canada.

It's not the role of democratic governments to pick winners and losers in the marketplace of ideas. But it is their role to step in when monopolistic practices are preventing that marketplace from functioning. That's happening around the world. Now it's time for Canada to step up.

– Jamie Irving is Vice President of Brunswick News Inc. and Chair of News Media Canada's working group.

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Minutes of a Town of Spiritwood meeting

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

The regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Spiritwood was held via Sasktel Teleconference from the Spiritwood Town Office located at 212 Main Street on Oct. 27,

2020 at 7:00 PM.

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

A quorum being present, Mayor Von Holwede called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

George Pretli: That the agenda be adopted as presented. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That the Accounts for Ratification, CAFT

Payments #164 - 172, in the amount of \$9,200 be approved as presented. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

George Pretli: That the Accounts for Approval, Cheque No. 31097 to 31119 in the amount of \$27,999.82 be approved as presented. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That the Bank Reconciliation for the month of August 2020 be approved as presented. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

George Pretli: That the Financial Statement for the month of August 2020 be approved as presented. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we transfer the 2020 Municipal Economic Enhancement Program funds in the amount of \$131,224 from the General Chequing operating account to the Reserves Chequing Account. Seconded by George Pretli. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we transfer the 2020 Safe Restart Program funds in the amount of \$54,464 from the General Chequing operating account to the Reserves Chequing Account. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That a line of credit for \$225,000.00 is requested from Prairie Centre Credit Union for a term of 3 years less 1 day with the tax levy being used as security each fiscal year

and that the signing authority for the Town of Spiritwood are the following: Mayor Gary von Holwede or Deputy Mayor James Bedi along with Chief Administrative Officer Rhonda Saam or Assistant Administrator Brenda Beaulac as per Section 115 of the Municipalities Act, and are authorized to sign Financial Agreements on behalf of the Town. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we support applying for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure - COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream grant to assist with upgrades to the Skating Arena Mezzanine. Council agrees to fund the municipal/public body share of the eligible and ineligible costs and overages related to the project by use of the Safe Restart Program funds, reserves, and by securing any additional funds required. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

Shannon Beaulac: That in regards to the Municipalities of Saskatchewan Group Benefits Coverage, the coverage for all Regular Full-Time Employees be amended to include: Short-term disability benefit with a Taxable seven day waiting period. The change is effective Jan. 1, 2021. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

George Pretli: That we approve the request from the RM of Spiritwood No. 496 for participation in the Twine

Collection Pilot Project at the Spiritwood Transfer Site, with the condition of approval from Saskatchewan Environment of our amended Transfer Site Operation Plan to include Twine Collection at the site. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

George Pretli: That we approve Building Permit #14-2020SW to construct a new home with attached garage on Lot 14 Block 5 Plan AP518, with the condition of approval from the building inspector. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we approve Building Permit #15-2020SW to perform interior alterations in the crematorium building on Lot 2 Block 36 Plan 81B05767, with the condition of approval from the building inspector. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

Bryan Wingerter: That we approve the request to parcel tie Lot 20 to Lot 19 Block 5 Plan AP518, and provide a letter of consent for ISC. Seconded by Shannon Beaulac. Carried.

George Pretli: That the council meeting for November 2020 be changed to Monday, Nov. 23, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. at the Spiritwood Civic Centre. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

Shannon Beaulac: That this meeting be adjourned at 7:33 p.m. Seconded by Bryan Wingerter. Carried.

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Winter a good time to mull alternative energy

On a recent visit to www.producer.com I was interested to read a story on an Ethelton-area grain farm where a rather extensive array of solar panels had been installed.

"The family say two lines of solar panels have reduced their quarterly electricity bill to \$40 from \$1,200," begins the story.

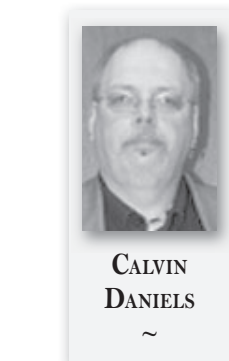
That is a rather significant drop in ongoing costs to be sure.

And yes, for the immediate naysayers reading this, there are the initial installation costs to factor in, and main-

tenance, and probably some insurance since hail and high winds are a summer threat in Saskatchewan, but the lower regular costs still make the project something to think about.

There are costs to farming, and most costs the farmer has zero ability to do anything about. You might haggle on the value of a trade-in when buying a new tractor, and you can buy fertilizer early to get a deal, but the 'deal' is still determined by the seller.

That is not to suggest farming is unique in having limited ways to



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affect their costs, but of course they have a corresponding limitation on determining the price of what they sell too. It can be a squeeze for sure.

But, moving forward, perhaps even today, farmers can take some

control of their energy costs.

There are now several technologies available that can generate on-farm energy and help disconnect at least somewhat from the grid.

It might be as simple as a grain burner to heat the shop in the winter, consuming that low grade or damaged grain as an energy resource. There may even be value in growing a high yield, low valued grain just for the burner if the numbers are crunched the right way.

Then there are the bigger projects, solar

panels, wind mills and geothermal that all hold possibilities.

On the Ethelton farm the solar panels obviously have had benefit.

At the same time there have been smaller windmills installed that sit unused too, testament to them not being particularly successful.

Yet, in terms of technologies, the landscape changes literally overnight.

There is no doubt a windmill or a solar panel is more efficient and more likely to do what it is supposed to today, than even a half dozen

years ago, and the tech will continue to evolve.

Certainly through the current pandemic energy prices have been held more or less in check, and so there is perhaps less focus on options.

But, one might imagine when the pandemic ends and the world economy fully ramps up again, energy prices might well jump with the renewed demand.

So keeping an eye on alternatives, pencilling out the returns versus the costs, might be a good use of time this winter for at least some producers.

COVID cases identified at Spiritwood High

The Living Sky School Division is reporting positive COVID-19 cases in two individuals at Spiritwood High School.

The school division made the announcement Sunday afternoon, and said it is working closely with Public Health staff to ensure the necessary measures are in place to protect all students and staff.

"We are taking our direction from Public Health and any individuals who were in close

contact are being notified. Following the division's health and safety protocols, the schools received a deep cleaning/sanitizing and remain open at this time," the school division said in a release.

"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 school division is reminding 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

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To protect the privacy of the individuals, no further details are being shared at this time.

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Province makes moves on election promises

It was a busy week for Premier Scott Moe and the Saskatchewan Party government, which opened the first session of the 29th Legislative Assembly with the Throne Speech last Monday.

The speech focused on two key themes, making good on promises from the recent provincial election and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. And while none of the policies outlined in the 17-page document were specifically earmarked as COVID-19 spending, they were all aimed at speeding the province's recovery in the aftermath of the pandemic.

Starting the day after the speech, the province fulfilled its pledge to provide relief on SaskPower bills with the implementation of a 10 per cent rebate on electricity charges. The rebate applies to residential customers, farms, industry and businesses, and institutions such as schools, hospitals and universities, and is expected to save Saskatchewan residents \$260 million.

The next day, the government moved on its commitment to slash ambulance fees for seniors, cutting them to \$135 from the current rate of \$275 starting on Dec. 14. The province is also eliminating the cost to transfer between healthcare facilities by covering it under the Senior Citizens' Ambulance Assistance Program (SCAAP) at a cost of \$6.6

million per year.

To be eligible for SCAAP coverage, patients must be age 65 or over, hold a valid Saskatchewan health card and not have insured coverage by any other government service such as Health Canada, Workers Compensation (WCB) or Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI).

That same day, the province announced spending of \$400,000 to train a mental health first responder in every school in the province.

The day after, the province introduced its promised Saskatchewan Home Renovation Tax Credit, which will offer a 10.5 per cent credit, or up to \$2,100, on home renovation expenses incurred between Oct. 1, 2020 and Dec. 31, 2022.

To qualify, renovations must be to a Saskatchewan taxpayer's principal residence, which must be located in Saskatchewan. Eligible expenses include permanent additions to the home but not items such as furniture, appliances, hot tubs, tools or maintenance services such as carpet or furnace cleaning.

It also renewed the Saskatchewan Small Business Emergency Payment (SSBEP) program for the period of Dec. 1 to Dec. 31, to help small businesses that have been closed or curtailed their hours due to the pandemic.

Eligible SSBEP applicants will receive a

payment of 15 per cent of their monthly sales revenue, to a maximum of \$5,000, based on the greater of November 2019, December 2019, or February 2020 sales revenue. For seasonal businesses, the funding support will be 15 per cent of the average monthly sales revenue for full months that the business operated in 2019.

Eligible applicants must be a small or medium business (0-499 employees); maintain a permanent establishment in Saskatchewan and allocate a portion of their income to Saskatchewan; have been operating Oct. 31, 2020, or eligible to operate, in the case of seasonal business; be subject to a public health order that requires them to temporarily suspend or substantially curtail their operations during the eligibility period Dec. 1 to Dec. 31, 2020; have experienced a loss of sales revenue; and plan to reopen when the public health restrictions are lifted.

At the same time, the province also axed income taxes on small businesses, reducing the rate to zero from the current 2 per cent. The change will be retroactive to Oct. 1, 2020, and the tax rate will climb to 1 per cent in July 1, 2022 before returning to 2 per cent July 1, 2023.

The small business tax rate applies to businesses earning up to \$600,000. The tax cut carries a price tag of \$189 million.

Other promises still to come from last week's Throne Speech include an increase to the maximum benefit under the Seniors Income Plan. The max will now be \$360 per month, up from \$270.

This month will also see the province restart the Community Rink Affordability Program, which provides \$2,500 per year to cover the operating costs of rinks in villages, towns, and cities, and increase the budget for the Saskatchewan Veterans Service Club Support Program to \$1.5 million from \$100,000.

The government has also pledged to add 750 new childcare spaces over the next four years, and reinstate the Active Families Benefit, which provides \$150 per year to help families earning under \$60,000 cover the costs of participating in sports, arts, or cultural activities.

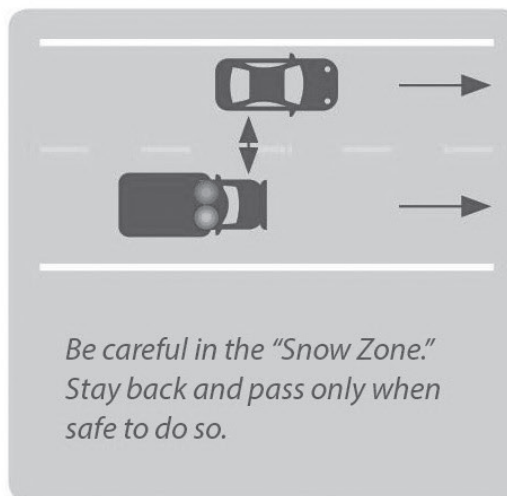
On the legislative side, meanwhile, the province will amend the Residential Tenancies Act to allow victims of sexual assault in their rental accommodations to unilaterally break long-term leases.

It will also introduce the Protection from Human Trafficking Act, which enables victims to obtain expedited protection orders, allows for the tough enforcement of those orders, and provides civil remedies including the seizure of property and bank accounts and the suspension of driver's licenses.

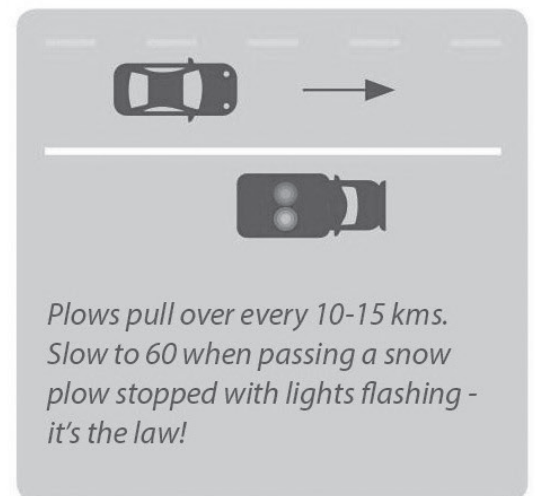
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Shellbrook Legion awards Remembrance Day entries

Members of the Shellbrook Legion concluded some unfinished business by handing out the remaining Remembrance Day Poster and Literary Contest awards to the winning students from W.P. Sandin High School on Friday.

Legion members Helen and Henri Dagenais made the rounds, passing out 25 prizes in total across the junior, intermediate, and senior categories.

Starting with the junior black and white posters, Emmy Ledding received the top honour. As previously reported, Arwyn Kindt (Wild Rose School) finished second, and Adyson Wallin (Shellbrook Elementary School) came in third.

In the colour poster contest, it was W.P. Sandin's Paige Herndier who was awarded first place. She just beat out Wallin and Baya Beaven, who finished second and third, respectively.

On the literary side, Emmy Ledding also earned the top prize for her poem. She won over entries from Belle Wetmore (Wild Rose), and fellow W.P. Sandin student Kallie Smith.

Moving to the intermediate contests, it was another successful year for Reese Galloway, who took home top prizes for both her black

and white and colour posters. In the black and white contest, she beat out fellow W.P. Sandin student Emersyn Nahorniak and Naviah Johnson from Wild Rose.

The colour poster contest saw her win over second place finisher Kyleigh Schmalz, and third-place finalist Abby Klein, both from W.P. Sandin.

Not to be outdone by Galloway's achievements, Marcaill Philp earned a clean sweep in the poem and essay categories. Her poem topped entries by W.P. Sandin students Wyatt Henderson and Adison Kyliuk. Her essay, meanwhile, was chosen over entries from Storm Rudolph and Madisson Nelson.

Moving to the senior age group, which last year saw no entries, members of the Shellbrook Legion had plenty of options to choose from.

In the black and white poster contest, Alexis Wood emerged victorious, while Amy Larsen and Rielle Puddicombe earned second and third place finishes, respectively. On the color poster side, Emmalynn Lamotte was the winner, topping Tegan Naumann and Mason Falcon.

Rounding out the winners, Noah Verbonac claimed the first and only prize for senior poem. As for senior essays, Hunter Tremblay scored a first place finish, followed by Mason Mamchur in second and Brianne Cadrain in third.

Awards for these Remembrance Day submissions are given out across four age groups: primary for students from Kindergarten to Grade 3, junior for students from Grade 4 to Grade 6, and intermediate for students from Grade 7 to Grade 9, and senior for students from Grade 10 to Grade 12.

The entries are also part of a broader Canada-wide competition. Winners at the branch level move on to a larger zone contest, and, if successful, have the opportunity to go all the way to the national level.

In last year's competition, entries from Reese Galloway and Marcaill Philp made it all the way to nationals (until they got lost in the mail).



Madisson Nelson accepts her award from Shellbrook Legion Members Henri and Helen Dagenais.



Mason Falcon, Noah Verbonac, and Mason Mamchur accept their awards from the Shellbrook Legion's Helen and Henri Dagenais.



Rielle Puddicombe, Tegan Naumann, and Amy Larsen accept their awards from the Shellbrook Legion's Helen and Henri Dagenais.



Front: Reese Galloway, Adison Kyliuk, and Wyatt Henderson. Middle: Emersyn Nahorniak, Kyleigh Schmalz, and Marcaill Philp. Back: Shellbrook Legion members Henri and Helen Dagenais.



Emmalynn Lamotte, Brianne Cadrain, and Hunter Tremblay accept their awards from the Shellbrook Legion's Helen and Henri Dagenais.

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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, Oct. 7, 2020 in the Legion Hall located at 129 -1st Street West in Spiritwood, SK.

In attendance were Reeve Shirley Dauvin, Division 1 Doug Johnson (Deputy Reeve), 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 8:07 a.m. by Reeve, Shirley Dauvin.

Doug Johnson: That the agenda be adopted as presented and the following items be accepted and added: Fire Pumper Truck Request to Trench Through Road PCCU Building Tender. Carried.

Councillor Al Steinhilber acknowledged a conflict of interest in Refund of Overpayment of Taxes.

ConX Wireless presented an audio presentation on Asset Management for

Government GPS software from 9:04 a.m.–9:29 a.m.

Delegate, Glenn Diaz joined the council meeting at 9:40 a.m. to discuss his application to purchase lease lands. Glenn Diaz left the council meeting 9:57 a.m.

Al Steinhilber: That the RM of Spiritwood No.496 hereby agrees to the sale of NW 12-51-11-W3 & SW 11-51-11-W3 and that we wish to have the SE 18-50-11-W3 & SW 18-50-11-W3 reserved from sale until gravel and resource exploration can be completed. Carried.

Doug Johnson: That Foreman, Darcy Laventure and Councillors Terry Wingerter and Al Steinhilber be appointed to the shop building committee and bring back recommendations for the construction of a new shop. Carried.

Doug Johnson: That the bank reconciliation for the months ending Aug. 31, 2020 & Sept. 30, 2020 be accepted as presented. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the Statement of Financial Activities for the month ending Sept. 30,2020 be approved as presented. Carried.

Bevra Fee: That we transfer \$248,737.00 (MEEP -\$172,780.00 & SRP -\$72,957.00) from the general op-

erating account to the CTF. Carried.

Bevra Fee: That the "List of Accounts" forming part of these minutes be approved: Cheque No. 12625 -12678, Payroll File No. 301 & 303, EFT –Grader Lease Payment. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: That the Gravel Crush Tender be awarded to Westar Ventures. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the request by the Ministry of Highways to enter into a road maintenance agreement be tabled until we can determine if the Ministry will be responsible for the maintenance and restoration of the haul road. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That we enter into a road maintenance agreement with Tolko Industries –Meadow Lake Branch to haul 9,000 tonnes of timber from Section 26-54-10-W3 & Section 35-54-10-W3. The hauler will be responsible for the maintenance and restoration of the undeveloped road. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: That we enter into a road maintenance agreement with Tolko Industries –Meadow Lake Branch to haul 11,000 tonnes of timber from NE 22, NW 23, SW 28, N ½ 28 & NW 29 of 54-11-W3. The hauler will be responsible for the maintenance and restoration of the undeveloped road. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: That the request from Tolko Industries to enter into a road maintenance agreement to haul from Section 06 & Section 07 of 54-13-W3 be tabled until we can confirm land locations are correct. Carried.

Bevra Fee: That we enter into a road maintenance agreement with Tolko Industries –Meadow Lake Branch to haul 2,250 tonne of timber from the RM of Leask No. 464 via Grid No. 946 north of Leoville. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the of request by the property owner to clear brush & trees from the road allowance west of SW 02-49-12-W3 be approved. Any trees, brush, rocks & debris cleared from the right of way shall be stockpiled on the aforementioned lands for future disposal by the property owner. That no compensation be paid to the property owner for the brush clearing. Carried.

Doug Johnson: That we hereby agree to the sale of NE 14-52-11-W3 & SE 14-52-11-W3 and that we wish to reserve NE 36-51-11-W3 for a clay borrow for road construction. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the request for compensation for the alleged loss of revenue because of deteriorated road conditions, caused by excessive amounts of snowmelt & rainfall be declined. The municipality cannot control mother nature and the volume of snowmelt or rainfall that occurs at any given time and the property owner was provided with options for the delivery of cattle to pasture. Carried.

Bevra Fee: That the Request for Proposal for the Environmental Carrying Capacity Study on Meeting Lake be awarded to Urban Systems. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: The RM of Spirit-

wood No. 496 has no knowledge of any water lines or has no future plans to widen the road allowance in regards to SaskPower Order No. 20281884 to service NE 24-50-11-W3. Carried.

Dennis Laventure: The RM of Spiritwood No. 496 has no knowledge of any water lines or has no future plans to widen the road allowance in regards to SaskPower Order No. 20278935 to service SW 29-52-12-W3. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the proposed vehicle detailing business located on PT SE 32-50-10-W3 be approved. The vehicle detailing business shall be conducted entirely in the existing building (shop) located on the property. The use shall not generate substantially more traffic than is normal for the District in which the use is located. The property owners/operators shall be responsible for the disposal of solid waste (household garbage) and shall dispose of liquid domestic waste in accordance with provincial regulations. This permit shall be valid only for the period of time the property is occupied by the present owners. Carried.

Councillor, Al Steinhilber declared a pecuniary interest and left the council meeting at 12:14 p.m.

Bevra Fee: That we refund the overpayment of taxes in the amount of \$3,051.36 payment as the incorrect vendor was selected in error during the payment process. Carried.

Councillor, Al Steinhilber returned to the council meeting at 12:16 p.m.

Doug Johnson: That we agree to the Final Proof of Loss payment in the amount of \$17,199.91 for damages submitted to the SARM Property Self Insurance Program in the matter of the Shell Lake Shop Break-in. Carried.

Doug Johnson: That we participate in the Twine Collection Pilot Project under the condition we have consent to use the Town of Spiritwood landfill site. Carried.

Bevra Fee: That we investigate our options regarding replacing or repairing the 1979 GMC Fire (Pumper) Truck. Carried.

Terry Wingerter: That we approve the request to trench through Rge. Rd. 3115, ½ mile south of Hwy No. 24, for the installation of a waterline for livestock watering. Council would like to recommend that the applicant consider directional boring under the road as the first option of choice for the installation of the waterline. Should directional boring not be pursued, the municipality will require a deposit of \$1,000 to be paid to the RM office prior to proceeding with trenching and installation of the waterline. A one-year warranty period will be in effect before the deposit will be refunded. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That we enter into discussion with the Town of Spiritwood in regard to purchasing the PCCU lending building or renovating the RM Office for future office space. Carried.

Al Steinhilber: That the meeting be adjourned and that the next meeting of Council is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020. Carried.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 - 6:30 pm; Tuesday 12 pm - 8 pm; Wednesday 2 pm - 8 pm; Thursday 12 pm - 6:30 pm; Friday 9 am - 4 pm.

SPIRITWOOD: Witchekan Wildlife Federation – There will be no horn scoring this year. However, we will accept big game, angling & bird entries that have been scored or weighed in 2020! Entries will be accepted until December 31, 2020. Any questions, contact: Lyla 306-841-8284 or Eric 306-883-2835 / 306-619-9214

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CFL eyes post-pandemic return

It's not really a surprise that the Canadian Football League, which operates on a virtual shoestring, was one of the few professional sports leagues in North America to not operate in 2020 due to COVID-19.

But while some fans worried the one-year hiatus may have marked the beginning of a spiral downward to non-existence, CFL commissioner Randy Ambrosie has confirmed the league plans full operation in 2021. In fact, a schedule has been released.

In most of the nine Canadian cities, the CFL is an important aspect of the sports fabric. It's a huge deal in Regina, a close second to NHL teams in Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg and Ottawa, a distant second to the Canucks in Vancouver, a pretty big deal in Hamilton, gaining fans in Montreal and not very important at all in Toronto, where the Leafs, the Blue Jays, the Raptors and FC Toronto rank ahead of the Argonauts in terms of fan affection.

So the blackest mark of all — no season — will be in the past and the CFL is scheduled to

carry on as normal in 2021. Training camps will hopefully be held in May, the Bombers and Ti-Cats will meet June 10 in the season opener (a replay of the most recent Grey Cup game) and TSN can have a weekly basket of games to provide to fans across the country instead of a steady diet of 'classics' from the past that fans were fed during the past year.

The league may look different when it resumes, though. Some players, some of the better ones, may have moved on, since reports of bare-bones salaries seems to carry weight. The league's current collective bargaining agreement runs until the spring of 2022, and it includes a team salary cap of \$5.35 million. League officials have indicated, however, that the salary cap 'floor' — \$4.75 million per team — will be the goal of most teams. The nine CFL teams, of course, operated for a full season with barely a trickle of revenue, and still paid salaries to a handful of personnel, but no players. Many teams operate in red figures as it is. It's been reported



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that collectively, the nine CFL teams lose between \$10 million and \$20 million per season.

One big change fans will notice when the league resumes in 2021 is the name of the Edmonton franchise. 'Es-kimos' has been tossed into the garbage bin, and team officials have been asking the public for suggestions on a new moniker. It has to start with 'E', they say, to allow the continued use of the team's 'EE' logo. 'Excited' doesn't work for a team name, but it certainly describes the feeling CFL fans have about the planned resumption of play.

• Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times: "What an apt surname for an NFL defender: Jets linebacker Tarell Basham."

• Patriots QB Cam

Newton, to reporters, on his dietary habits: "Just because I'm vegan doesn't mean I just go outside and pick up grass and, you know, put ranch on it. ... I still love good food."

• Charles Barkley, on trying hypnotism to help correct his funky, hitchy golf swing: "All I got was a good nap. I woke up with the same crappy swing."

• Bob Molinaro of pilotonline.com (Hampton, Va.): "When people said at the beginning of the season that the Ravens would lead the AFC North, who could have imagined it would be in positive COVID tests."

• Comedy writer Alex Kaseberg, re: the Roy Jones (age 51) vs. Mike Tyson (54) exhibition bout: "This fight is tricky. Whoever wins

could face charges of elder abuse."

• RJ Currie of sports-deke.com: "Don Cherry once told the Toronto Sun the material he buys for his suits is probably curtain fabric. Instead of Grapes, should we be calling him Drapes?"

• fark.com: "With Joe Burrow out for the season and no other viable quarterback available, if Colin Kaepernick's phone doesn't ring now, it never will. Spoiler alert: It never will."

• fark.com again: "Toronto Star investigates why Jeopardy contestants fumbled easy sports questions so often, with exasperated hockey fan Alex Trebek looking on, unable to say what he really thought."

• Dwight Perry again: "Veteran NBA forward Trevor Ariza got traded from Portland to Hous-

ton to Detroit to Oklahoma City in three separate deals in barely two days after this year's draft. The Thunder is listing Ariza as day-to-day with severe jet lag."

• Vancouver's Torben Rolfsen, on Twitter, musing about Tom Brady's occasional struggles in Tampa Bay: "Who holds the CFL rights to Tom Brady?"

• Actor George Takei, on Twitter: "Breaking: Professional sports fall into disarray as concerns mount over whether losing teams will concede to winning ones despite what the scoreboard says."

• Sign in front of a church in Winnipeg: "Wear a mask. It's not like we're asking you to wear a Riders' jersey."

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COVID outbreak ended on Sturgeon Lake FN

A COVID-19 outbreak on the Sturgeon Lake First Nation has been declared over.

The Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority (NITHA) made the declaration in a press release, signalling the end of an outbreak that was first announced on Oct. 21.

According to NITHA Medical Health Officer Dr. Nnamdi Ndubuka, the outbreak was ruled to have ended because the 28-day period after the last case that could have been involved in transmission on the Sturgeon Lake First Nation has passed.

"The public is reminded that during the COVID-19 pandemic it is important to continue to take precautions

to protect yourself, your families and everyone who lives in the community," the release said. "COVID-19 is present in Saskatchewan and we all have a responsibility to minimize the spread of the disease. Masking in all indoor public spaces and physical distancing should be done all the time, to reduce the spread of COVID-19."

NITHA also stated it's important to remember to follow the public health guidelines for physical distancing, self-isolating, self-monitoring and washing your hands to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

"Together we can make a positive difference in our community by reducing the spread."

OBITUARIES

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Robert Francoeur

FRANCOEUR – Robert
“Musicians want to be the loud voice for so many quiet hearts” ~ Billy Joel
“Time you enjoy wasting, was not wasted” ~ John Lennon

Robert Julien Francoeur was born November 12, 1951 in Prince Albert, SK. He grew up in Victoire, SK. After high school he obtained his Auto Body Repair Certificate from the Saskatchewan Technical Institute in Moose Jaw. He also obtained an Explosive Actuat-

ed Tools Certificate from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in Edmonton. Additionally, he acquired his Level 1 in Fire School from the Saskatchewan Fire College. These experiences impressed vivid memories for Bob; he re-lived those times by sharing stories with friends and family.

After working as a Tradesman in Car Mechanics, Autobody, and Carpentry, he used his journeyman carpentry experience to start his own business, “Bob’s Interior” in Canwood, SK. He worked in Canwood and surrounding communities for 30 years.

Bob was deeply connected to nature. His love for animals and his respect for the land and its offerings was his guiding force. He passed this love and connection to his three children. He taught them everything he knew about hunting, fishing, and survival from the land. There was a stillness

that nature brought to Bob. He was a passionate wildlife conservationist and incredibly knowledgeable about the wildlife species in North America.

“Great stories happen to those that can tell them.” These words from Ira Glass encompass Bob’s life. He told stories to everyone about everything. He shared stories from his life, joyous and painful, and he told his stories in such a passionate way that you felt the experience with him. Once Bob became a “papa” he had even more stories to share. His heart grew bigger and bigger with each grandchild. Because of his storytelling and loveable personality, Bob was a loyal friend. His friends were family to him. He loved cooking and baking using family recipes. Everything he cooked was prepared with love for others. His kitchen was always open and if you went to visit Bob, you wouldn’t leave empty handed or with an empty stomach.

Bob loved music and

movies. His blockbuster collection of movies kept him busy when he was not hunting or fishing. Bob danced always and loved to hear the beat of a good tune. You could hear him singing before you knocked on his door for a visit. He grew up in a family of musicians and drumming was his passion. His love and appreciation for the art of music was instilled in his children and grandchildren.

The image of the heart is everywhere. Bob wore his heart on his sleeve. His passion, emotion, and love for life was present every day. His life lessons and his dedication to being the best Dad and Papa he could be was felt by everyone who knew him. He vocalized his love and pride to everyone. He would want you to do the same. Rest in Peace Papa Francoeur.

Robert will be lovingly remembered by his children: Danny Francoeur (Debbie) of St. Walburg and children Hadyn and Holden; Marie Aline Tupper of Saskatoon and children Ostyn, Annika, Emry, and Cohen; Teresa Farrell (Jason) of Creelman and children Lindon, Isabelle, and Dawson.

His siblings Gilles (Yvette) Francoeur of Victoire, SK.; Sylvie Francoeur (Cliff Shockey) of Saskatoon, SK; Larry (Anita) Francoeur

of Salmon Arm, BC; Ronald Francoeur of North Battleford, SK.; Albert (Carol) Francoeur of Shell Lake, SK.; Suzanne Francoeur of St. Albert, AB. Predeceased by his parents; Gerard and Evelyn (Savard) Francoeur

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may be directed to Lake Country Wildlife Federation, Box 1056, Shellbrook, SK. S0J 2E0.

Family and friends wishing to send online condolences may visit www.beaulacfuneralhome.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Beau “Lac” Funeral Home, Shellbrook, SK. 306-747-2828.

Marilyn Elizabeth Muller

MULLER – Marilyn Elizabeth

It is with deep sadness that the family of Marilyn Elizabeth Muller announces her passing on November 29, 2020 at the age of 54 years.

Marilyn is survived by her loving spouse, Les;

his children, Dean, Nicole (Brendan); grandchildren, Cody, Emily, April, Paulina; parents: Albert and Anne Muller; sister, Michelle (Bruce); brothers, Kevin (Trina), and James; sister-in-laws, Lucille and Adele; nieces and nephews, Abbey, Ashley, Nolan, Carter and Catherine.

The family would like to thank the Fort Saskatchewan Hospital and First Responders for their care and compassion.

A private service was held in Edmonton at Park Memorial Funeral Home, December 4th. The video of the service can be viewed at: parkmemorial.com obituary for Marilyn Elizabeth Muller, Web-casting.

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MICHAUD, J.R. Dr.

June 10, 1927 – December 2, 2020

Ray (Doc) Michaud, beloved husband of Mrs. Olive Michaud of Saskatoon, passed away at St Paul’s hospital in his sleep at the age of 93. He was the loving father of Marc (Marianne), Paul (Linda), Elaine (Jerry), Janice (Bruce) and Lise (Irv).

He will be dearly missed by his 7 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by Adelard and Angeline Michaud (Parents); Roland & Maurice Michaud (Brothers); Jackie Romfo (Sister); and his first wife Helen Cichon.

Growing up on the farm near Battleford, Ray learned the importance of education and hard work which enabled him to build a successful medical practice in Spiritwood for 35 years. His medical vocation and his community were important to him as demonstrated by his service on the school board, arena board, Knights of Columbus, and the Lions and Curling Clubs.

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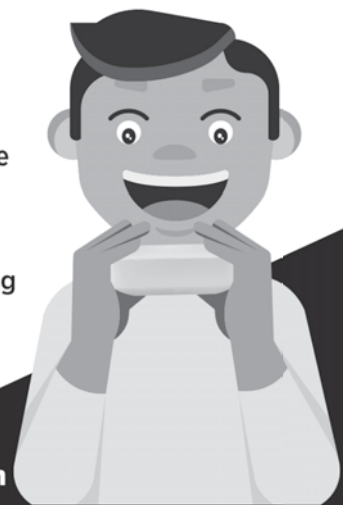
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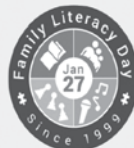


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Choosing a Christmas Tree

By Patricia Hanbidge

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There is a whole industry that revolves around the production of trees for Christmas. All prairie Christmas trees are grown on family farms and are an important part of their business. This is a great option for not only do you purchase the freshest tree possible but there are still some locations where you can venture out to the farm to choose and cut a tree provides an outing that will make great memories.

Did you know that it takes seven to fourteen year for a tree to reach marketable size? Ray Gaudet shared with me that here, a tree needs to grow to four or five feet before they really get growing and put on a foot of growth per year. It takes about ten years to grow a tree from seed to about chest height! During that time, there is a lot of labour that goes into the growth of each and every tree. Ray says that in order to grow a quality Christmas tree you need to touch each and every

tree every year. Along with the regular care that goes into growing any plant, it is also necessary to do pruning and shaping to ensure you will get the perfect tree to grace your home over the holidays. Furthermore, choosing to have a real Christmas tree is not a negative thing. It is an opportunity for you to be involved in a truly sustainable industry. While the tree is growing, it will cycle carbon dioxide to oxygen as do all green plants. The trees are biodegradable and once the holiday season is over, your tree can be recycled and become essential organic matter.

For those of you who have never experienced a freshly cut Christmas tree, make this year the year to treat yourself and your housemates or family. Freshly harvested trees do not shed needles. They emit a lovely scent that permeates the entire house. When purchasing a tree, try to find a lot that uses local trees as they are generally fresher. When selecting your tree, simply give a fresh 2cm (3/4 inch) cut off the base of the tree and ensure while in the stand it is constantly covered with fresh water. Please note that no other additives other than water are required to keep your tree nice and fresh. For the first fill of water, ensure it is nice and hot to ensure the sap is warmed sufficiently to allow that water to flow up and throughout the tree. Also, as long as the tree is kept in water it is not a fire hazard and can last an extremely long time before becoming dry. When it does become time to move the tree out, I like to use it as a lovely bird feeder/house for our fine-feathered friends. In spring, it is chipped and becomes garden mulch.

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\$1,599.00

28" Power Max® 928 OAE



- 265cc Toro Premium 4-cycle OHV engine
- 28-inch-wide clearing width
- LED headlight
- 3-year limited warranty

\$2,099.00

Battery Power Shovel



- 12" Clearing Width
- Up to 25' Throw Distance
- 60V battery
- 45 min run time
- 2 speed
- Push button start

\$499.00