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Over four decades strong and still counting: Howard Lamont's journey at Lanigan

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Howard Lamont, Mill Production General Foreman, has been an employee at our Lanigan, Saskatchewan potash mine for over forty years, but his family's connection to the mine started before he was even born.

The history of Nutrien's Lanigan mine is deeply rooted in community connections and strategic land acquisitions. Neil Lamont, Howard's grandfather, and owner of Lamont Agencies - involving real estate and insurance - played a crucial role in the mine's development in the late 50s and early 60s. Before the mine site was established, Neil engaged with local farmers, acquiring the necessary land and mineral rights needed for future development. He also fostered relationships by selling crop insurance to farmers in the area. This connection proved instrumental when Alwinal Potash of Canada Ltd. reached out to him when they sought to purchase land for its potash mine, which now many years later is owned and operated by Nutrien.

Fast forward to 1980 when Howard started working at the mine just a short three weeks after he finished high school. Starting as a laborer, he progressed through the various mill operator levels with increased responsibility. He also worked in the load-out department

learning track, storage bin operation of heavy equipment and then scale operation. He accepted the role of Mill Production Supervisor in 2007 and became the Mill Production General Foreman in May 2023.

"We are extremely fortunate to have several long-term employees, like Howard, who dedicate themselves to emergency response, perform high-quality work and provide mentorship to new employees," says Rob Jackson, General Manager, Lanigan. "These individuals are a huge asset to the mine and community."

Howard has witnessed many milestones and advancements to the mill and mine during his forty-plus years at Lanigan.

- The site workforce has doubled to 600+ employees since Howard started his career.

- In the 1980s the site changed from car and loader operation for underground production to utilizing an extensible conveyor system allowing for longer rooms and major productivity improvements. They also built the Phase 2 mill which the site is currently operating now.

- In mid-2000 the site gutted the Phase 1 mill and rebuilt it with new equipment and technology.

- In 2007, the site completed a test room in the A zone using the chevron mining technique that led to a multi-year program to transition mining from long room and pillar



Pictured above: Howard Lamont, Mill Production General Foreman at Nutrien Lanigan. Pictured below: Howard Lamont was a member of the Lanigan Fire Department and Lanigan's mine rescue team.

cue team. His son Carter who is a Mill Mechanical Supervisor at Nutrien is currently captain of the mine rescue team at Lanigan.

- photos courtesy Nutrien



mining to A zone chevron mining for the site.

- In 2017, the Lanigan underground team started work to install tele-remote equipment on a chevron production mine and has since led the Nutrien potash network in this area with many machines completed at Lanigan and at other sites.

- The site has also successfully restarted the Phase 1 mill in September 2022 and as of September 2023 over 200 million tonnes of raw ore have been mined.

- Safety culture evolved, from inadequate PPE and casual attitudes in the 1980s to stringent safety measures today.

"Our safety culture today has changed for the better, 100 percent. The PPE that we wear is top quality and readily available to the employees. Our lockouts and confined space procedures are exceptionally prepared and planned for safe work to be accomplished every time," says Howard. "During toolbox and safety meetings, workers are very much involved in safety concerns and decisions of

safe work practices of all kinds. Nutrien focuses on Key Daily Safety Actions and the last action - Care and Look out for Each Other - is what we do every single day."

Howard was a proud member of the Lanigan Fire Department for 20 years and Lanigan's mine rescue team for 15 years before retiring from both. The same strong desire for safety in both the community and at his workplace runs in his family too. His son, Carter, Mill Mechanical Supervisor, is currently captain of the mine rescue team at Lanigan.

"Carter joined the mine rescue team following in my footsteps and he is better in mine rescue than I ever was," says Howard. "Carter's team placed first at this year's Fire-fighter's Rodeo in Lanigan and became the 2023 Provincial champions of the Mine Rescue Competition held in Saskatoon. It makes me very proud to see him compete and help others in their time of need here at work and at home in his community."

(see back page: **NUTRIEN**)



Lending support

The Lanigan and District Food Bank recently received a helping hand as support for an annual food drive and viewing the CPCK Holiday Train brought in significant donations. Kathy Williams with the Lanigan and District Food Bank said in memory of Kathy McDonald, who was a long term, dedicated advocate of the local food bank and employee of the Credit Union, a second annual food drive was held in her honour (pictured left). As part of the food drive, non-perishable items were accepted during the month of November at the Lanigan Credit Union Branch. People were also encouraged to purchase Co-op Hunger Bags or provide cash donations. From those,

at the end of November, Williams said the food drive collected over 344 pounds of food and over \$1,600 in cash donations. Then on Tuesday, Dec. 5 the CPCK Holiday Train rolled through Lanigan (above). During the evening, the local Heritage Centre opened its doors for people to bring food donations or monetary funds as they watched the train pass by. From that, Williams indicated well over 65 pounds of food was received along with cash donations. Williams also said the Jansen Lutheran Church dropped off 37 pounds of food donations and the Lanigan Catholic Church provided the local food bank with 69 pounds of items.

- photos courtesy Kathy Williams

Open houses held as part of Aspen Supply Project

■ Daniel Bushman

Proposing construction of a new natural gas transmission line between Prud'homme and a proposed meter station facility near Lanigan, SaskEnergy Incorporated's natural gas trans-

mission subsidiary, TransGas Limited (TransGas), held three open houses where people were invited to share input and learn about the Aspen Supply Project and the Saskatoon East Expansion Project.

Aiming to enhance reli-

ability for its customers and increase spare capacity for anticipated residential, commercial and industrial growth in the surrounding areas - including a proposed SaskPower Aspen power station near Lanigan, open houses took place in Lanigan (Nov. 21),

Prud'homme (Nov. 22) and Clavet (Nov. 23).

Kim Elaschuk, Senior Communications Officer with SaskEnergy said the open houses were very well-attended by local residents, landowners, Town and RM representatives and Indigenous groups. In Lanigan, approximately 30 people took the opportunity to learn more about the Aspen Supply Project and provide input to the project team on local area and land uses. "Public and community engagement is an important part of project development. Open houses introduce the project to interested parties and groups, including local area residents, landowners, Town and RM representatives and Indigenous groups. Open houses also allow our representatives to gain valuable input through discussions with local landowners and organizations, provide informational material, and answer any questions about the project. SaskEnergy then utilizes the feedback received to help refine the project further."

As part of the event, SaskEnergy said discussions

were focused on project elements like potential routing options, project timing details on the gas line being installed, impact and mitigations, maintenance and monitoring activities, easement information as well as information on reclamation of the easement after construction should the project proceed.

Elaschuk said, "Project members were also on hand to answer any questions and meet people from the community. Landowners also provided specific feedback regarding their land and how it may affect construction of the new gas line."

With the project currently in the pre-planning stage, right now that includes looking at possible gas line routing locations, engaging interested parties, and gathering information regarding land usage while providing project information to interested parties.

"This multi-year project involves many disciplines and will provide ongoing work for a variety of trades and contractors until its completion."

Once completed,

Elaschuk indicated the Saskatoon East Expansion Project and the Aspen Supply Project will provide increased capacity for anticipated residential, commercial and industrial growth east of Saskatoon as well as power generation.

The Aspen Supply Project itself will include the installation of approximately 91 kilometres of 16-inch or 406.4 mm (NPS 16) high pressure natural gas line. The gas line will begin at the TransGas Prud'homme Compressor Station and end at the proposed SaskEnergy natural gas meter station near Lanigan. The SaskEnergy meter station will be installed at the east end of the gas line, to regulate, odorize and meter the gas.

The Saskatoon East Expansion Project will include the installation of approximately 42 kilometres of 20-inch or 508.0 mm (nominal pipe size [NPS] 20) high pressure natural gas line. The line will begin at Patience Lake, east of Saskatoon, and end at the existing TransGas compressor station near Prud'homme. This gas line (see page three: **ASPEN**)

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RCMP Report

Charges laid

At approximately 9 p.m. Nov. 26, Pierceland RCMP responded to a drug trafficking call on Big Island Lake Cree Territory.

Officers located and seized a backpack containing

(from page two: **ASPEN**)

will run adjacent to an existing TransGas gas line. The additional compression facility will be installed within the existing compressor station near Prud'homme.

If approved, SaskEnergy said the Saskatoon Supply Project from Patience Lake to the existing TransGas Prud'homme Compressor Station will be constructed parallel to an existing TransGas line in the summer of 2025. Should the project proceed, the Aspen Supply Project construction will commence in 2026.

Not the only substantial project being looked at for the local area, in addition to the Aspen Supply Project, SaskPower is hoping to create a new 370-megawatt natural gas Aspen Power Station near Lanigan.

In 2020, SaskPower noted it started to look at potential sites for a new natural gas power station, including the Lanigan area. Following technical studies and consultations with stakeholders, rightsholders and Indigenous groups, SaskPower indicated it began the regulatory approval process.

"The Impact Assessment

Agency of Canada (IAAC) has determined that our Detailed Project Description submitted on Aug. 31, 2023 aligns with all federal regulations and a further impact assessment is not required.

"We're in the process of selecting an engineer, procure, construct (EPC) partner to design and build the power station. We expect construction to begin in 2024 and for the power station to be fully constructed in 2027."

Outlining its 2023-'24 fiscal year capital spending in a May 11 release, the company indicated \$505 million has been set aside for growth projects like new natural gas plants such as the Aspen Power Station near Lanigan and the Great Plains Power Station.

With the new Aspen Power Station aimed at providing enough power for about 370,000 homes in Saskatchewan, the project is part of a staged approach to replace conventional coal generation that must be retired by 2030, and to transition the province's power system to net zero greenhouse gas emissions.

approximately 73 grams of methamphetamine, 31 grams of crack cocaine, and a wallet containing identification cards. Officers identified the male the wallet belonged to, and as a result of investigation, arrested him without incident.

Thirty-year-old Pierre George from Big Island Lake Cree Territory is charged with two counts, possession for the purpose of trafficking, Section 5(2), Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

He was also charged in relation to an assault previously

reported to Pierceland RCMP.

RCMP respond to robbery

At approximately 4 p.m. Dec. 1, Deschambault Lake RCMP received a report of a robbery that occurred in Deschambault Lake. Investigation determined an adult male approached a pedestrian and robbed them. Officers immediately responded and while investigating, received a report of a second robbery. Investigation determined two adult males assaulted an (see page six: **RCMP**)



- photos courtesy Kim Elashuk, Senior Communications Officer, SaskEnergy



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The Shepherds and the Lamb



Pass The Salt
A spiritual column
by Pastor
Greg Dermody

One of my favourites of the great Christmas scenes is that of the shepherds out watching the flocks in the fields and the angels appear to announce the birth. It is one of our traditional Advent themes, the third Sunday, the candle of joy -the shepherd's candle.

The shepherds are out on the night watch. For many people of that day shepherds were considered as a lower rung of society and career, yet to others an honourable occupation as it was the main meat source of the region. We don't know who these

shepherds were, but the passage hints towards the flock of sheep kept by the priests of the Temple, those raised to provide the sacrificial lambs as well as the usual needs.

I imagine the shepherds on the night watch around a small fire, one on duty, the rest dozing as he watches for predators or any issues. A light appears and an angel. Does the one on watch nudge the others... "Uh, guys?" At any rate they are quickly all awake, wide-eyed and even terrified at what is before them. I think because it is so unusual and they are steeped in the scriptures they know it is of God. The angel makes the birth announcement "Today a saviour has been born to you, you will find him..." The announcement is also an invitation to seek out the new born messiah.

Christmas is part of God's great invitation to us to seek out Jesus, to discover His redemption and thus enter into the relationship with Him for which we have been created. For the shepherds it is an invitation to go to Bethlehem and see the baby. They encounter Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus lying in a manger as stated. Filled with the joy the angel announced, they spread the word of a Messiah born that night.

This Advent you too are invited to spend time to check out the saviour born to you. Jesus who came as one of us, born tiny and frail in humble circumstances. Jesus who grew up to become the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Fitting the shepherds would be in the announcement. Fitting that God's love for you includes you in the announcement. As you seek out the messiah this advent season, may you know the joy of His presence in your life.

uncomplIcATed - The Big Thaw



by Arlene Martin

(A re-write from over ten Christmas's past!)

It was the morning of Christmas Eve. Guests were coming to our home for Christmas dinner and I decided to cook the turkey a day before so I could concentrate on, and prepare all the other trimmings Christmas day.

Earlier in the week Randy and I debated the right time to remove the big turkey

from the freezer so it would be thawed perfectly for roasting. I won the noisy argument which resulted in a very disgruntled SouthPaw. When the morning arrived, I had to admit hubby was right. That big bird was like a heavy frozen curling rock. I had the large roaster ready and two mammoth size cooking bags doubled together waiting to slide the big guy inside. I couldn't remove the inner contents from the bird's frozen cavity. I had no choice but to enlist the help of my farmer/mechanic's big strong hands. And that's how Christmas Eve morning found us wrestling with a very frozen Christmas dinner.

SouthPaw doesn't do anything unpleasant quietly. I know him well and he began his expected verbal charade; "I told you - and you should have listened to me. YOU didn't take it out soon enough!" Raising his voice an octave deeper, he commanded: "Hang on to it tighter and help me here, my hands are cold." I was trying my best clutching an icy turkey, my feet wedged inside fuzzy slippers, both of us leaning tight against the cupboard trying to get inside that big old slippery turkey. "OH BROTHER!" he exclaimed with a hand on each big ice-wedged turkey leg - he growled, "I'm going to have to go out to the shop and get the power saw! Maybe even the

drill!"

I had this image of him with the big power drill stuck to a frozen spinning attached turkey. But then suddenly one leg let go of its glacial grip and a strong hand reached in removing the giblets and neck tucked deep inside. As he stood up we noticed two cats perched in the kitchen window, ears alert intensely watching something on the other side of the glass. The eye-level window next to the front door overlooks our kitchen. We both stood in silence as a nicely dressed woman quickly closed the door on the passenger side of a van. Speechless we watched the taillights exit our drive. Southpaw broke the silence, "The Jehovah's Witnesses were here."

"Oh crap," I breathed, "They didn't knock," then added "You were grumbling so loud, why would they?"

An AWAKE and WATCHTOWER publication were rolled together and wedged inside the door. Looking at me, he commented, "It was you who chased them away. You'd scare anybody with those baggy clown pajamas. And can't you do anything with your hair?"

The look on his face was so scowling. I had an insult ready to hurl back about his blaring grumpy complaints. Instead, the scenario rewinding in my head struck me as incredibly funny and I started laughing. What a sight - rather, a scene we made for anybody glancing in that window! It's true, I had caught my hair in a band directly on the top of my head to not be bothered with it while preparing that big bird for the oven. I saw a smile lighting his face too and before we could help it, with that semi-frozen turkey balancing precariously on the counter and two gobsmacked cats as audience, we both were laughing hysterically.

It occurred to me rather odd they would come to our place on December 24th. I mentioned this and my SouthPaw's reply was quick, "Well it's quite obvious. Look at you. They've been trying to rescue you for years. I guess they figured no better time than Christmas."

Personally, I think if anything needed rescuing, it was the turkey.



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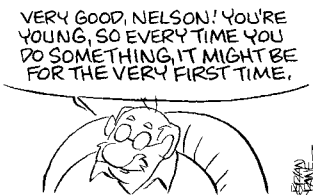
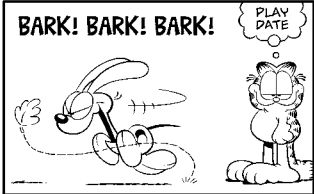
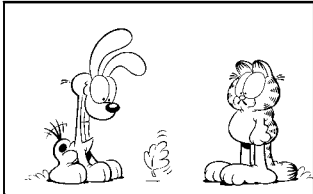
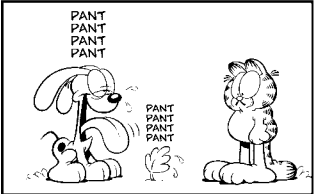
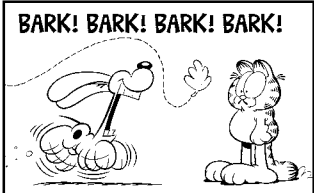
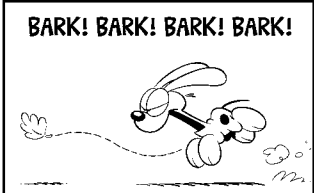
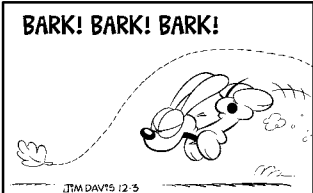
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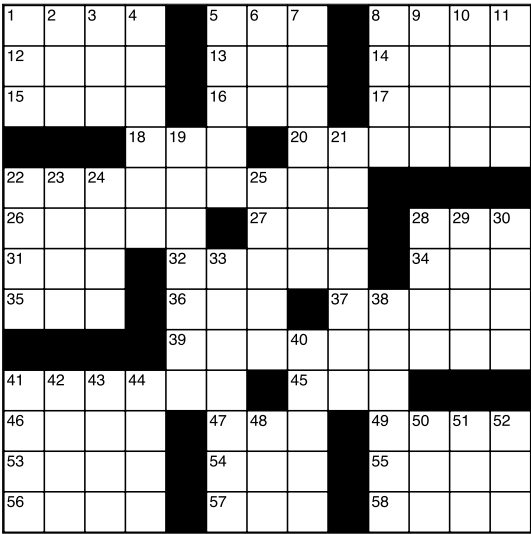
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30. Spelling contests

33. Nor's partner

38. Make beloved

40. Curbed

41. Smell

42. Muck's partner
43. Equal in quantity

44. Persist

48. Popeye's yes

50. Be

51. Espy

52. Tibetan wild ox

- ACROSS**

1. Chooses

5. Make clothes

8. Jam

12. Faucet problem

13. Floral wreath

14. ____ surgeon

15. Tinter

16. Lawn tree

17. Biblical travelers

18. Fleecy mama

20. Threw

22. Play host

26. Cultivate

27. Relay portion

28. Dwindle

31. Get free (of)

32. Saw logs

34. Bubbly beverage
35. Shady

36. Crossed letter

37. Variety show

39. Auditors

41. Breakfast fare

45. State further

46. Opera star

47. Breakfast meat

49. Not difficult

53. Raw minerals

54. Watch carefully

55. Range

56. Charter

57. Crimson or scarlet

58. Smell
- DOWN**

1. Different

2. Move with leverage

3. Knot

4. Binges

5. Icy rain

6. Snakelike swimmer

7. More timid

8. Female parents

9. Important times

10. Kitchen herb

11. Lost one's footing

19. Struggle

21. Provoked

22. Makes a boo-boo

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28. Overhang

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OBITUARY



and went to Saskatoon in the winter where he worked as a salesman and a drywall. It did not take John long to figure out city life was not for him, shortly after John purchased some cattle and began mixed farming. In 1960, John met the love of his life, Elaine Nickel. They married on August 15, 1964. John and Elaine lived on the original family farm and raised three children together, Darcy, Sharleen and Sandra. John and Elaine moved into the village of Jansen around 1992 and their son continued on farming at the family farm. John spent countless hours in his garage doing woodwork, John built many items for many friends and family and Elaine would paint them. John loved to surround himself with family and friends hosting wiener roasts in their backyard or playing cards at their kitchen table. John was always up for anything, his grandkids have many fond memories with him getting his hair done by Ashley, countless hunting and fishing trips with Taylor, and helping Jaylan try to build things out of scrap wood and shelling peas. No one could quite put a smile on John's face the way his great-grandkids could; Kyra, Paisley and Rylee held a special spot in his heart and they all had an impeccable bond. He will always be remembered as GG and was the most patient, loving, and caring man. The deep love John had for his community, friends, and family never went unnoticed.

John will be lovingly remembered by his two daughters, three grandchildren and three great-granddaughters: Sharleen Dunne and her children: Taylor (Lisa) Dunne and their daughter Rylee; Jaylan (Jeremy) Umpherville and their daughters Kyra and Paisley; Sandra Ecker (Rodger Backes) and her daughter: Ashley Ecker (Keenan Sheperd-Nokahoot). John is also survived by his sister Susie Kokos of Portage La Prairie, Man. and numerous nieces, nephews, and members of the Nickel family.

John was predeceased by his parents John and Zuzanna Kral, his wife Elaine Kral, his son Darcy Kral, his great-granddaughter Brynlee Dunne, his sister Mary (Emil) Brehm, and his brother-in-law Mike Kokos.

A Graveside Service was held at Jansen Community Cemetery Jansen, SK on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Kristin Soveran officiating.

A reception was held following the service at Zion Lutheran Church basement, Jansen, SK.

Memorial donations may be made in John's memory to Empty Arms.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Malinoski & Danyluik Funeral Home & Crematorium, Humboldt, 306-682-1622.

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■ Daniel Bushman

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(from page three: **RCMP**)

individual, then robbed them.

As a result of continued investigation, officers identified the suspects. One adult male was arrested in Deschambault Lake later that evening. Officers located and seized an illegally-modified firearm, a machete and other weapons at the residence, resulting in the arrest of another occupant of the house who was in breach of court-ordered conditions.

A male youth was also arrested at a residence in Deschambault Lake on Dec. 3, 2023. Twenty-four-year-old Keith McCallum from Deschambault Lake is charged with: one count, robbery, Section 344, Criminal Code; one count, robbery with a weapon, Section 344(1)(b), Criminal Code; four counts, fail to comply with probation order, Section 733.1(1), Criminal Code; two counts, fail to comply with release order condition, Section 145(5)(a), Criminal Code.

He was also arrested on a warrant from Prince Albert Police Service.

A male youth from Deschambault Lake, who can't be identified as per the Youth Criminal Justice Act, is charged with: one count, robbery, Section 344, Criminal Code; one count, robbery with a weapon, Section 344(1)(b), Criminal Code; one count, fail to comply with probation order, Section 733.1(1), Criminal Code; one count, fail to comply with release order condition, Section 145(5)(a), Criminal Code.



Hitting the ice

Following a 4-1 loss in Watrous to open the season (pictured), the Drake Canucks returned to the ice Nov. 29 to defeat Wynyard 6-3. From there, Drake hosted Foam Lake Dec. 5 and in that contest, had a pair of goals from Mason Edwards. However, Foam Lake tal-

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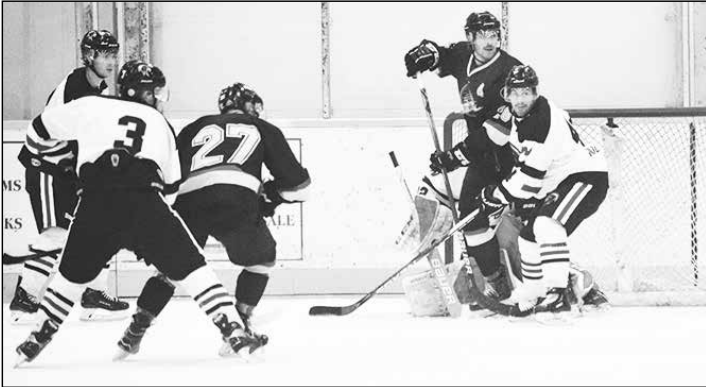
Charges laid

At approximately 12:30 a.m. Dec. 2, Pierceland RCMP officers conducted a proactive curfew check on an adult male on court-ordered conditions at a residence on Big Island Lake Cree Territory.

When officers were at the door they heard a female calling for help. Officers located an injured female inside the residence. She was taken to hospital with injuries described as serious.

Investigation determined she was held in the residence against her will and assaulted.

The adult male was arrested at the residence. Thirty-year-old Riley Kahpoonapit from Big Island Lake Cree Territory is charged with: one count, aggravated assault, Section 268(2), Criminal Code; one count, unlawful confinement, Section 279(2), Criminal Code; one count, utter threats, Section 264.1(1)(a), Criminal Code; one count, mischief under \$5,000, Section 430(4), Criminal Code; and one count, fail to comply with release order condition, Section 145(5)(a), Criminal Code.



lied twice in the first, once in the second and four times in the final frame to take a 7-2 victory. The Canucks were then scheduled to host Foam Lake Dec. 9.

- photos by Daniel Bushman

Jets take flight in Wheatland Hockey League

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middle frame for the home crew. The Jets continued to press and with 3:06 left, Ethan Evanovich connected to push the Jets up 6-0. Late in the period, Kinistino finally solved netminder Pierson Marquette as Bryce Fiske tallied with 36 seconds to play. Leading 6-1 after 40 minutes, Cam Braun added a seventh goal for Jansen followed

by Trey Daelick, who scored with just over 10 minutes left in the period. With eight different goal scorers for Jansen in the contest, the Jets skated away with a convincing 8-1 victory to improve its record to 3-1. Jansen remained at home Nov. 25 as the team welcomed St. Brieux/Lake Lenore. In that contest, the

Rivals tallied four times in the first 20 minutes and another in the second to lead 5-0 through two periods. In the third, Talipov got the Jets on the board from Cameron Braun and Trey Daelick. However, the visitors scored two more times to take a 7-1 win. Following the loss, Jansen visited Nipawin Dec. 3 where

they lost a close 6-4 contest. The team was scheduled to return to Nokomis Dec. 9 to face the Porcupine Plain Blues before travelling to Kinistino Dec. 10. The team will be back home Dec. 16 to meet Nipawin. Through six games, the Jets sit 3-3, two points back of first place St. Brieux/Lake Lenore.

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Today (Dec. 6) as I wrote the news, it was such a beautiful morning for a walk. In Viscount it was -2 and felt like -5, just a gorgeous morning. I thought it might be a little on the icy side but it was not.

Monday, Dec. 4, five of us lovely ladies met at the Viscount library for Blankets for Canada. We did have a couple of weeks off, but we managed to jump right back into our

work and visiting. We managed to sew squares together, put labels on and have a cup of tea and a snack. We are always looking for donations of yarn or squares, so if you have any we would be so grateful.

Viscount Central School really appreciated some very generous donations to their breakfast program that they received this month. VCS Christmas concert will be held

Wednesday, Dec. 20. Some of the pen pal great-grandparents will be meeting their reading/pen pal for the first time.

Morning coffee is being enjoyed at the Viscount Seniors each morning of the week, except Sundays.

We toured out to see the 2023 Canadian Pacific Holiday Train Dec. 5. It was so awesome to see. The train is so well lit up, beautiful!

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Have a great week!

Pirates take aim at Wildcats

■ Daniel Bushman

Facing the top team in the Long Lake Hockey League, the Lanigan Pirates headed to Wadena to face the Wildcats.

Carrying over momentum from its game in Watrous, Lanigan tried to snag the opening marker. With Sharrod Failler in net for the Pirates and Carter Peterson between the pipes for the Wildcats, teams were scoreless through 20 minutes.

In the second period, both clubs would find the score sheet with Wadena striking first. With 19:13 left in the middle stanza, Tyson Hobbins connected to make it 1-0. A few minutes later, the Pirates replied as Braden Lozinski made it 1-1 with Josh Bly and Austin Calladine collecting the helpers. All tied up at one, both clubs tried to get the advantage and it would not be until 7:32 left when Hobbins notched his second of the evening to push the Wildcats back up by one. Wadena then added its third of the period with 5:37 to go as Brett Leffler pushed the team ahead 3-1. Lanigan was able to respond, this time with 3:20 on the clock as Lozinski tallied his second of the game to make it 3-2.

With a total of five goals in period two, and a total of 13 penalties between the two clubs through 40 minutes, it set up for an intense

third.

In the final period, Leffler made it a 4-2 game as he scored with 18:22 to play from Hobbins and Travis Statchuk. Lanigan was able to get back to within one as Mitch Girolami connected from Colby Harmsworth and Lozinski to make it 4-3. While the Pirates looked for the equalizer, with 3:50 to play, Bradeyn Melrose gave the Wildcats a two goal advantage, scoring to make it 5-3. Then with 35 seconds left, Lanigan's Levi Kleiboer scored to get the Pirates to within one. However, time would run out and Lanigan would lose a close 5-4 game. The win by Wadena gave them a record of 5-0 on the season while the Pirates dropped to 2-4. The team was scheduled to meet the 1-4 LeRoy Braves Dec. 6 and then hosted Watrous Dec. 9.

Taking on the Braves, Austin Calladine opened the scoring for the Pirates in the first period as Levi Kleiboer and Josh Bly collected assists. Leading 1-0, Lanigan went up by a pair as Kleiboer connected from Mitch Girolami and Bly and the visitors led by two after two. LeRoy responded in period three as Matt McGrath and Kaden Kohle each tallied for the Braves to tie the contest and force overtime.

In the extra frame, LeRoy's Tate Olson notched the winner as the Braves collected a 3-2 victory over the Pirates.

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Jansen

Louise Shannon

The ladies Christmas party turned out well. The costumes were awesome.

Dec. 10, we will be celebrating an afternoon

in Bethlehem at the Jansen Community Centre.

Sounds like we have to get our snow shovels out. I have to finish my Christmas

shopping.

I hope no one has the flu.

Happy birthday to Devin L'Heureux, Karrie Jones and Amanda Jones.

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world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." (NKJV)

Sometimes, we can get a picture in our minds, that God is against us. Actually, there is nothing farther from the truth. This Christmas, when you think of the Christ child, when you think of the (see page 10: **MESSAGE**)



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(from page nine: **MESSAGE**)
manger, or when you think of the joy of the season, I want to encourage you to think of God's great sacrifice. If you

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(1982) Thomas Nelson

Ministerial Messages

Mark 13: 24 to 37
Watch & Be Prepared!
Many think that Advent is only getting ready for Christmas and all of the preparations that must be made over the next weeks, including the special gatherings, banquets, shopping, presents, Christmas trees, and pre-Christmas celebrations. It is a very busy time of year, of tremendous

spiritual importance. You have read Jesus' prophetic words about the things that are to come, and this was advice to us on His second coming, His triumphant return to earth. Advent is certainly preparation for Christmas and the celebration of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago, but also a further reminder that Jesus

is returning to earth. This is a certainty; but we do not know the time. Our Gospel says, "Then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. Then He will send out the angels and gather His elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth, to the ends of heaven. Heaven and (see page 11: **MESSAGE**)

Strike Up the Holiday Fun

We hope this festive season is right up your alley!

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Merry Christmas
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at Christmas and your
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Merry Christmas

As another year has passed, we'd like to say thank you for your continued loyalty and faith in us. Put your feet up and have a well-deserved rest this Christmas and let every day of the holiday season be filled with joy.

BRADEN, BOB, RON & STAFF

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Season's greetings.
Wishing you and
your family a safe
and festive
holiday season.

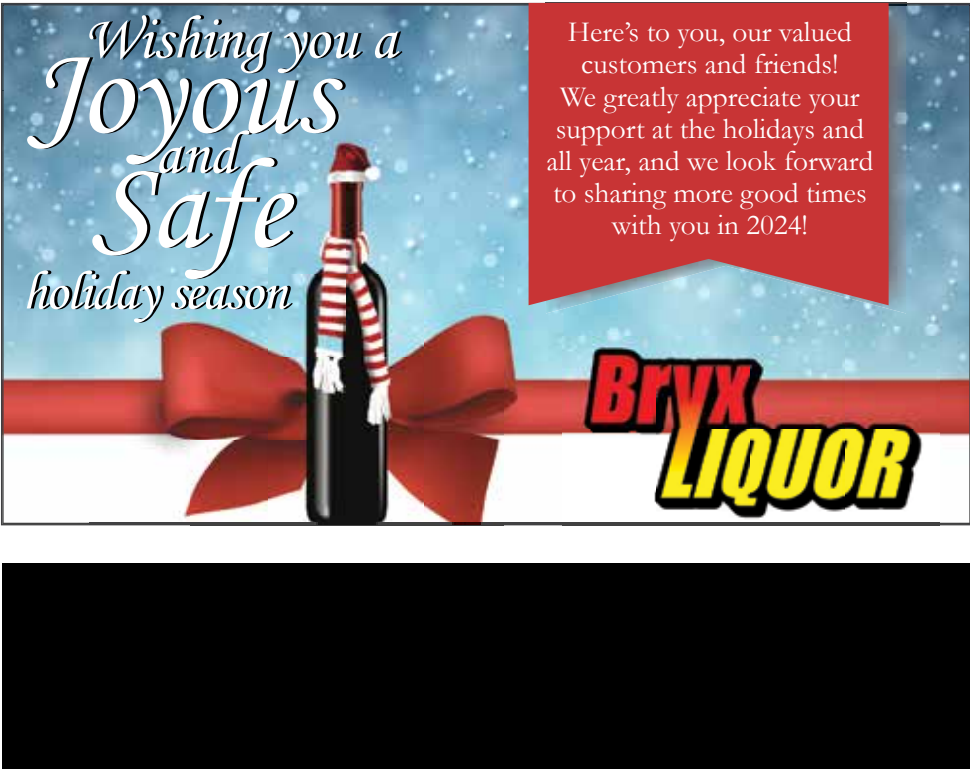
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(from page 10: **MESSAGE**)

earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But the day and hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” Be aware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. We celebrate Christmas in the Northern Hemisphere when the nights are long and the hours of sun are few. The light is fleeting. It is very fitting that we celebrate the birth of Christ, the Light of the world, in the dark days of winter. To us this is the dawn, the Light from on High has come. Just think of the dawn on the first Easter morning in Jerusalem when the angel proclaimed, “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarine, who was crucified. He is Risen!” Jesus’ birth and resurrection is the Everlasting Light to the dark, sinful World. Our watch for our Saviour will be rewarded. We see the significance of all times of the day or night in our watch for Jesus coming, whether it be this Christmas Season and Jesus’ birth or the second coming which could be anytime, even before this Christmas.

In Mark, we hear these words, “When it was evening, Jesus ate His last meal with His Disciples, and tells them, “One of you will betray me!” Could it be, during the Advent Season, during the fading light, if we become totally absorbed in the non-Christian aspect of the Christmas Season and forget the deeper meaning, the true meaning of Christmas, are we then unconsciously betraying our Saviour Jesus, turning our backs on Him as did the Disciples on the evening of His betrayal. This would definitely not be faithfully keeping watch for His return. We will not betray Jesus by forgetting the true meaning of Christmas, and put up “Holiday Trees” or wish our friends “Happy Holidays.” We stand on eternal watch for Jesus, each and every day, and we are ready when He calls us, whenever He calls us. Jesus is the true reason for the season!!

Deacon Jack Robson
Anglican Parish
of Last Mountain



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The CPCK Holiday Train was spotted within the local area Dec. 5 including rolling through Lanigan.
- photos courtesy Rodney Brown

MERRY CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM ALL OF US AT
PROCOR - LANIGAN DIVISION

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OUR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY



Thank You So Much



to each and every one involved in supporting the Lanigan & District Food Bank during the past year and especially during our Christmas Hamper Project.

May you all have a blessed Christmas and a joyous & peace-filled new year in 2024.

**THE LANIGAN & DISTRICT
FOOD BANK**



*Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas
and best wishes this Holiday Season!*

*Thank you for your support
over the years!*

From
Ron and the staff at Melron Services Ltd. in Watrous





The CPCK Holiday Train was in the local area this past week.
- photos courtesy Rodney Brown





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Happy Holidays

**FROM OUR FAMILY
TO YOURS**

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*Glory to the
Newborn King!*



As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, we give thanks for the many blessings and good fortune he has bestowed upon us.

May the spirit of the season fill your heart and home with love. We wish you a wonderful Christmas and a year filled with peace, prosperity, good health and good fortune.

Knox United Church - Lanigan

*Warmest wishes
this holiday season from*

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KING OF TRUCKS

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MAKE CHRISTMAS BRIGHT

To our patients and their families, we wish a season filled with good friends, bright smiles and many occasions for laughter.

Dr. Adam Stenerson, Dr. Eileen de Jager, Dr. Troy Muench

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Look What's Cooking by

Laura Novecosky

Holiday Edition



Cabbage Roll Casserole

Ingredients

2 pounds ground beef

3-4 pounds chopped cabbage (about 1 medium-large cabbage)

1 large can tomato sauce (about 3-4 cups)

1 cup chopped onion

1 cup uncooked white rice (washed and drained)

1 tsp. salt

4 cups beef broth

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a large skillet, cook and stir ground beef until browned and crumbly. Drain and discard any grease. Combine cabbage, tomato

sauce, onion, rice and salt in a large mixing bowl, then stir in the ground beef. Pour into a 9x13 greased baking dish and pour beef broth over top. Cover and bake for 1 hour. Stir, recover and bake until rice is done and cabbage is tender about another half hour.

AS THE SEASON IS UPON US I WOULD LIKE TO

THANK ALL MY CLIENTS FOR CHOOSING ME TO BE YOUR HAIR STYLIST.

I APPRECIATE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO

MAKING YOU LOOK AND FEEL YOUR BEST IN THE NEW YEAR.

Merry Christmas!

Much Health and Happiness in the New Year

HOWARD, SHANNON, CARTER, REBECCA, SLADE & ANDERS LAMONT

A Message Of Thanks At The Holidays

One of the great joys of this season is the opportunity to say thank you to the many people who have made our progress possible.

Wishing you every happiness this holiday season and throughout the coming year.

GREEN ACRES GREENHOUSE

Watrous, SK

Bob & Mel Penrose, family and staff

Community Futures Sagehill

May the spirit of Christmas bring you and your family hope, happiness and peace over the holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Sagehill Community Futures Board and Staff.

Merry Christmas

Wishing our friends & neighbours all the best this holiday season

RM of LeRoy No. 339 - Council & Administration

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Best Place To Be



Happy Holidays to our friends and neighbours!

REALTY EXECUTIVES WATROUS

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Avril & Charlene

Joy to the World

Folks like you make us so very happy to have a home here. Thanks for your kindness and friendship this past year.

We'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a bright and beautiful holiday season. May it be filled with reasons to celebrate!

Village of Jansen

WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY New Year!

As another year comes full circle, we're reminded of how fortunate we are to be surrounded by such a supportive community of friends. Thank you for making our year complete.

Merry Christmas & Best Wishes!

R.M. of Prairie Rose No. 309

Wishes Warm & Bright

Understanding that the holidays are not always joyous for everyone we extend our warmest wishes for a season filled with PEACE, JOY & LOVE

Gloria, Connie & staff



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Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Holiday Edition





Simply Sugar Cookies

Mix together and set aside.
2 ½ cups flour
1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking powder
¾ cup room temperature butter
1 cup white sugar
Cream these together using a mixer.

Add
2 eggs
1 tsp. vanilla
Add wet ingredients to dry using a spoon or spatula.
Chill the dough at least 1 hour.
Roll the dough on a lightly floured board to 1/8 inch thickness. Cut into shapes.
Bake at 400°F for 6-8 minutes until edges are just golden coloured.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



We'd like to extend our best wishes for a holiday as beautiful as you are and hope that all of your dreams come true during this magical time of year!

Shauna's Hair Centre


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May you be blessed with good fortune this holiday season and throughout the year. Your trust means everything to us, and we thank you for the privilege of serving you.

From all the staff at
WATROUS HOME HARDWARE BUILDING CENTRE


MERRY Christmas



MAY YOUR HEART BE LIFTED IN PRAISE THIS CHRISTMAS FOR THE WONDERFUL GIFT OF JESUS AND THE JOY HE BRINGS TO OUR LIVES.

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR.

Ryan & Angela Bushman



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Here's hoping your holiday delivers it all.

Merry Christmas

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ANSWER

3 DIY Christmas ornaments and decorations

Crafting your own Christmas ornaments and decorations adds a personal touch to your home decor and brings a sense of warmth and nostalgia to the festivities. Here are three easy DIY Christmas decorations you can make with your family.

1. Hand-painted wooden ornaments. Gather some wooden craft ornaments, acrylic paints and brushes



and let your creativity run wild. Paint festive designs like snowflakes, holly, reindeer or Santa Claus. Personalize them with your family members' names for an extra special touch.

2. Festive Mason jar lanterns. Coat the exterior of simple Mason jars with a layer of glue, then sprinkle glitter all over to create a magical snowy effect. Place a small LED candle or string lights inside each jar to emit a warm, twinkling glow from your mantle, dining table or any cozy nook in your home.

3. Felted snowflake garland. Cut snowflake shapes from white and light blue felt and stitch them together with a needle and thread. Add a touch of sparkle with silver beads or sequins. Hang the garland along banisters, walls or above doorways to add a festive vibe to your home.

Ready to start crafting your own Christmas ornaments and decorations? Visit your local craft stores today to pick up all the supplies you need to bring these festive creations to life.

WISHING YOU A
*Happy and Joyful
Holiday Season*

FROM ALL OF US AT
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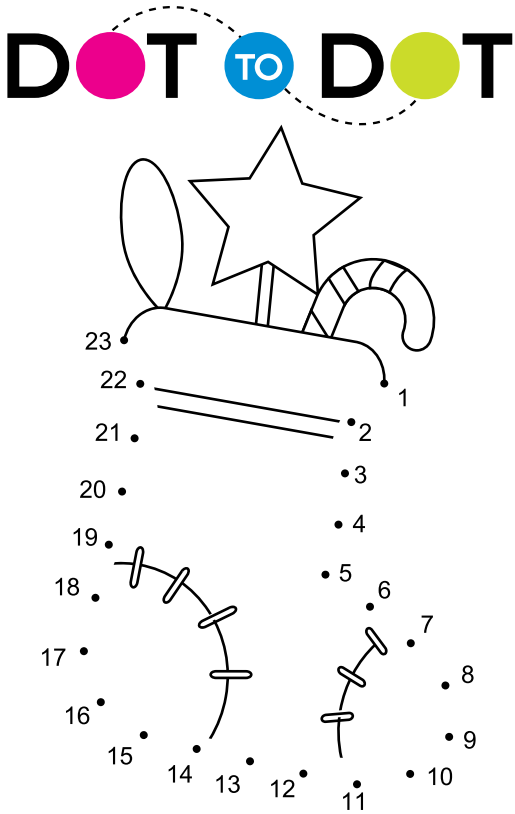
Merry Christmas

Thank you for
your business this
past year.

Wishing you all
the best in the
New Year.

Gerald, Dustin, Brett & Owen Bernauer

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Merry
Christmas

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Look What's Cooking by
Laura Novecosky
Holiday Edition

**Simple Pineapple Upside Down
Cake**

Ingredients
1 boxed angel food cake mix
1 can crushed pineapple
Directions
Mix together.
Bake in a greased 9x13 pan at 350°F for 30 minutes. Cool and top with Cool Whip topping. Grate some chocolate on top.

**Graham Cracker Butterscotch
Squares**

Ingredients
¾ cup butter
1 cup brown sugar
1 tsp. vanilla
graham wafers
sliced almonds
Directions
Bring first 3 ingredients to a boil until the sugar is well melted. Line a 9x13 pan with graham wafers, cutting to fit pan bottom completely. Layer chopped almonds evenly. Pour the cooked sugar mix evenly. Bake at 350°F for about 5 minutes.

Gingerbread People
This recipe is great for decorating gingerbread people or for making gingerbread houses.
Ingredients
½ cup shortening
½ cup brown sugar
1 egg
½ cup molasses
¼ cup water
2 ¾ cups flour
½ tsp. baking soda

½ tsp. salt
2-3 tsp. ginger
½ tsp. cinnamon
¼ tsp. allspice
Directions
Cream shortening and sugar (I like Crisco for this recipe). Beat in egg, then molasses and water. Blend the dry ingredients together then add to shortening mix. Chill about 1 hour. Roll on lightly floured surface 1/4 inch thick. Cut into your shapes, decorate as desired. Bake at 350°F for about 8-10 minutes on lightly greased baking sheets.

Holiday Greetings
*With warm wishes and thanks
from our flock to yours.*
Lanigan Daycare
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Wishing you a very
Merry Christmas
From:
The Lanigan Library Board -
Linda, Edie, Denise,
Kylie and Marilyn
The Library Staff -
Vivian, Jessica and Florence

**Merry
Christmas**
from all
of us
May the coming year bring peace,
joy and enlightenment to you and
those you cherish. For all the joy
you've brought us, we will always
be grateful.
**Lanigan Auto
Wrecking
& Auto Body**

**Merry
Christmas**
The Lanigan Pirates
Wish to thank their
fans, volunteers
and many businesses
for their continuous
support.

**Merry
Christmas!**
With best wishes
for a holiday
filled with love
and laughter!
**R.M. of Usborne
No. 310
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**Merry
Christmas**
From our
Drake Meats
family to yours
- The Edigers
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**Happy
Holidays**
June, Ken and Karen would like to
thank you for your patronage and wish
you all a very blessed Christmas Season
and all the best in 2024
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KMN Bombshell would like to thank
you for all your support throughout the year.
Wishing you a very blessed Christmas
season and all the best in 2024!
BOMBHELL
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Waiting For Santa
Wishing you all the creature comforts
for a purr-fect holiday season.
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From the Editor's desk at Christmas

When I started to reflect on 2023 and what I wanted to include in this space a few themes came to mind: change, community and compassion.

This past year our sister paper, The Watrous Manitou marked its 90th anniversary, something of a rarity in the changing landscape within the media industry. As I typed this, it came a day after CBC indicated it was cutting 10 percent of its workforce - 600 jobs in addition to not filling 200 vacancies over the next year. Others within print, radio and television also made moves in 2023 which equated to fewer and fewer jobs and the clo-

sure of publications. A sad indication to the changing times.

We have also felt that pressure and many others have as well as the economy tries to bounce back since the start of the pandemic. It is an unfortunate reality and change to the way the world has now become. Despite the ever-changing landscape, we remain committed to providing our readers and advertisers with a publication they can be proud of. We have sincerely appreciated the support and encouragement given by those who have believed in us over the years and continue to push ahead to give you local

stories, local content and that local flavour that we feel is integral to a community paper.

With our talented team, in addition to our weekly publication, we have also tried to provide our area with additional services to help serve you better. Things like creating menus, business cards, logos, envelopes, calendars and programs are all part of our lineup and we greatly value those who have trusted in us to provide you with quality products. Our team which includes Laurie Regier and Alexandra Dengler have been tremendous and integral in getting you what you need. Having

them and their talents has allowed for us to make that change in growing that aspect of our business and we are grateful for them. My wife Kim has also added Kim Made Co. to our newspaper which offers personalization and customization on virtually anything like cups, keychains, shirts, ornaments and more.

While there has been changes in 2023, there are also some constants. We remain committed to serving our communities. One story at a time. One ad at a time. One reader at a time. And one paper at a time.

It is that community in which we value immensely. Without

you, there is no paper. While we have not been immune to the pandemic, the support we do receive has allowed us to remain viable and has allowed us to produce a paper.

While the world has turned more and more sour with so much entitlement and dislike, my heart has also been warmed by people who take the time to spread kindness and cheer. People who go out of their way to open a door for someone, offer to shovel their walk or cut their grass, pay for a meal, volunteer their time to help others in a meaningful way or even provide a kind gesture without

(see page 19: **LETTER**)

Believe In The Magic!

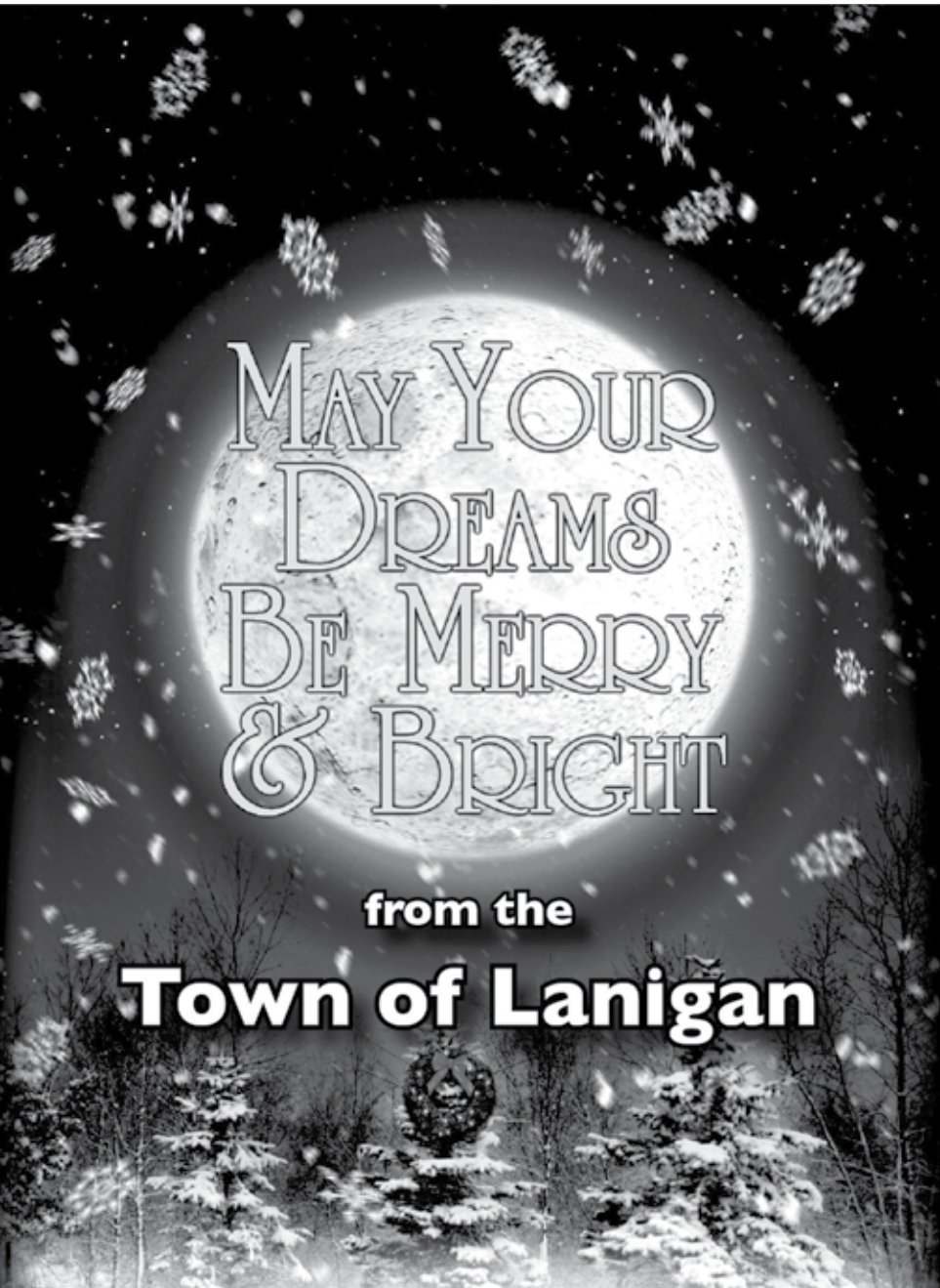


Merry Christmas to all our fans! We wish you a happy holidays and hope to see you all in the rink next season!

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Jansen Jets



MAY YOUR DREAMS BE MERRY & BRIGHT

from the

Town of Lanigan


Christmas Greetings from:

Mayor: Tony Mycock

Councillors: Shanon Bay, Marilyn Bodner, Kyle Boyko, Velda Daelick, Jason Leffler, James Stephan

Town Employees: Albert Headrick, Sherry Schickerowski, Mirelle Geyer, Brandon Uhryn, Avery Sereda, Chris Bell, Vivian Schmiedge, Jessica Campbell, Florence Johnson

Drake Canuck Senior Team



would like to wish their fans and supporters a Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

See you at the rink!

In This Holy Season

May the peace of Christ rule in heart and homes throughout this Christmas Season and in the New Year.

Your friends at the



Christian Fellowship Church

Knowing and serving Jesus Christ together

With Caring Thoughts at Christmas

Wishing you a safe and happy festive season!

- Lanigan & District Ambulance Association



(from page 18: **LETTER**)

anyone ever knowing. Amidst the ever-growing darkness in the world, there is light.

In my own journey, especially over these past few years, kindness has been evident. I am tremendously grateful for those who have walked alongside me with words of encouragement, have been there for me through the ups and downs and who support and continue to support me. Life can be tough sometimes and days are not always easy but having such a wonderful wife, caring family, terrific staff and friends who are there for me can make those days easier and those hard moments in life brighter.

I understand I am not alone in that. This year has been tough for many people on many levels. There can be days, weeks or even months where it may seem bleak. I understand that. Despite the obstacles, whether big or small, please know that through it all there is a hope that we

can put our faith in. I know that it can be or look different for everyone, but in my own journey, I find that hope and love in Jesus.

As we approach Christmas and have the opportunity to spend time celebrating His birth, it can also be a time of reflection, counting our blessings and serving others. The road is not always easy and there can be times where a person may feel that everything is caving in around them. But there is hope. Putting one foot in front of the other, making that choice to get out of bed each morning

and pushing ahead. It may take time to get there and you might feel as though you may never get there but if you can keep pushing ahead, even if it means one little step at a time, it will come. For me that has meant walking alongside my anxiety. Learning how to understand it and work with it and learning that I am not alone in that journey. I share this because when I began to understand that I was not alone and that others also have their mountains to climb, I could do it too. Whether we admit it or not, the reality is we have all been

through a lot, an awful lot. Whether you feel 100 percent, 50 percent or even 10 percent great, know that there are others right there with you.

I care about people and I sincerely try and care in the stories I write. You may not agree with everything I publish or even decide not to write but I take the utmost care in what I do. If I have failed in that, I am sorry. I have strived to use our paper to tell the facts and allow our readers to formulate their own opin-

ions about a story and I hope that has been conveyed.

Reaching our annual Christmas Edition, each year a lot of time and effort goes into it

with hopes that it will bring a smile to your face. A very special shout out to our staff who once again continue to go above and (see page 20: **LETTER**)

Season's Greetings
& Best Wishes!



Lanigan Auto Palace
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HOLIDAY HOURS
Closed starting Dec. 25th, 2023
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With Warm Wishes

And many thanks to our friends and neighbours at Christmas.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!


May the good will of the holiday season be with you and your family now and throughout the New Year.

Gabe Zerbin & Family

Lanigan Car Wash

Health & Prosperity
Throughout the New Year to you and your loved ones


To old friends and new we wish all the joy, warmth and wonder that Christmas has to offer. Thank you so very much!



LANIGAN LIONS CLUB

REJOICE...
for he is born!

At the birth of our Saviour we ask His blessings upon you and extend our heartfelt wishes for a Christmas that will resonate in your heart for a long time to come.




CHRISTMAS EVE
St. Mary's, Lanigan at 6 p.m.

JANUARY 1ST MASS:
St. Mary's, Lanigan at 11 a.m.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church


HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS



People may come and go, but memories of the good times shared make the trip worthwhile.

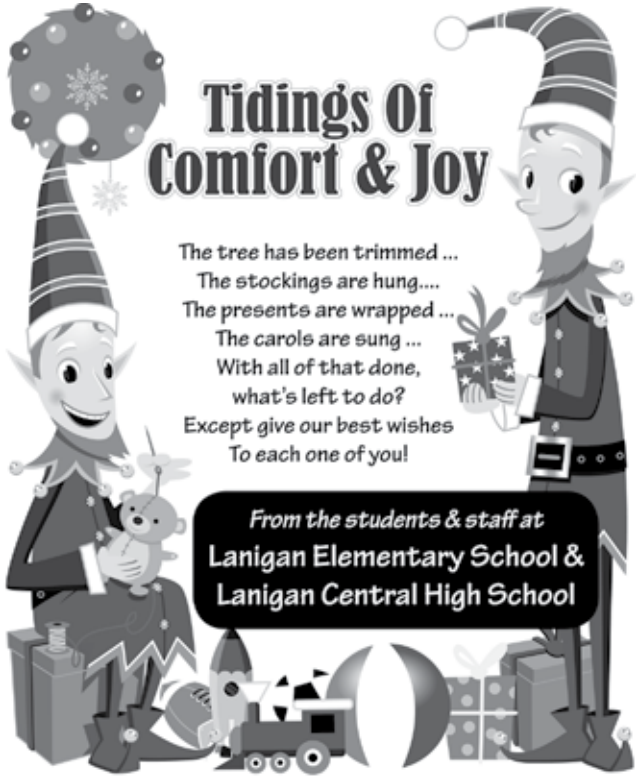
To all those who've come through here, we offer our thanks and warm wishes for the most memorable Christmas, ever!

Manitou Springs
Resort & Mineral Spa
and the Management and Staff at:



★ *Serenity Massage/Esthetics*
★ Gift Shop
★ Water Crest Cafe

From all of us to all of you, we extend our heartfelt thanks and sincere best wishes for a sparkling season!



Tidings Of Comfort & Joy

The tree has been trimmed ...
The stockings are hung...
The presents are wrapped ...
The carols are sung ...
With all of that done,
what's left to do?
Except give our best wishes
To each one of you!

From the students & staff at
**Lanigan Elementary School &
Lanigan Central High School**

(from page 19: **LETTER**)

beyond to help make our editions possible! We are so very grateful for you and thank you for your willingness to be a part of our team!

We also want to thank our advertisers and our customers for their support. We are so grateful. We also thank our readers for your support through renewing, subscribing and reading our paper. This year, like the previous few, has certainly seen more than its fair share of uncertainty but the faith our advertisers and subscribers have put in us has been a blessing to us and we thank you for that.

We also extend our sincerest gratitude to our local correspondents who provide us with news

*May Peace, Joy, and
Happiness be yours this Christmas
Season and throughout the Year!*



Lanigan Hospital Lodge Auxiliary



**With Warm Regards
at Christmas**

*All we want for Christmas is the chance to
thank all of you who have brought us so much
joy this past year. Your friendship and support
mean a lot to us. **Merry Christmas!***

**Jansen Service &
Mohawk Farm Fuels**

**Elmer & Linda,
Dale & Wanda & staff**





*Season's Greetings
From Our Home To Yours*

The warm spirit of Christmas past,
of days gone by, of joy shared by families on that
special day, all come together in harmony.
Thanks to all...
from Ken & Bettyanne Williams & staff

Lanigan Esso Service
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*Merry
Christmas!*

We are grateful for
the opportunity to thank
each and everyone of you for
the endless support given to
us over the past years.
May your Christmas
be filled with
Love, Joy & Peace.

*The Lanigan & District
Heritage Association*

throughout the year. You do a great job and we thank you for that! To Arlene Martin and your crew, your friendship, column and encouragement has meant a tremendous amount to me and Kim and you are family to us. Thank you to Laura Novecosky for her delicious recipes and willingness to provide them each week. They are amazing! We thank Pastor Greg Dermody for his column, it is a blessing as are the submissions we receive from others during the year including Jack Robson and Dave Hepburn who submitted messages for this year's Christmas edition. To Jaymie Peters and others who have taken the time to send in items, whether stories, photos, or reports, or who have helped us in any way this year, your continued willingness to share happenings within your communities is sincerely appreciated. Thank you!

Thank you as well to our friends at our local post offices who sort and deliver our papers each week. While I know it is your job to do so, you go above and beyond for us and we sincerely appreciate it! Thank you to those who have delivered our newspapers, like my parents and my cousin, who graciously lent a hand.

And to all those who advertised in this year's Christmas Edition, none of this would be made possible without that generous support. Having that support is vital for us to continue to operate and it is because of that we can keep publishing a paper. Should that support disappear, so to would the paper.

As we near Christmas and soon another year, Kim and I are thankful for the birth of Christ, for our kids, our families, our staff, advertisers, subscribers, our friends, and anyone who has played a role in our lives. I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas, happy holidays and richest blessings in 2024!

-Daniel Bushman



- photo by Derek Bushman

*Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace,
good will toward men. Luke 2:14*



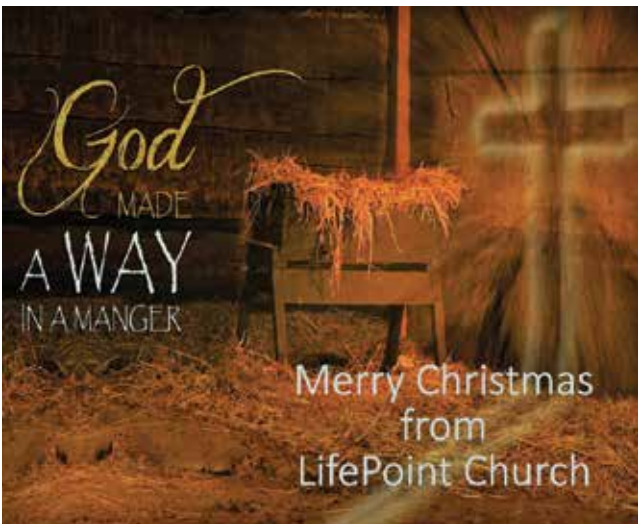
*Merry
Christmas!*

*Thanks for
your
support
this year!*

 **Community Gift & Thrift**
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- photo courtesy
Andrea Toman



God's richest blessings to you and yours during this Christmas season!

LUKE 2:10-11

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

LAST MOUNTAIN ANGLICAN PARISH
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Wishing you a warm and cozy holiday season filled with family, friends & all the comforts of home!

We appreciate your business & look forward to serving you in 2024!

JIM & LAURA NOVECOSKY
JIM'S PLUMBING & HEATING



MAY YOUR DREAMS BE MERRY AND BRIGHT

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our customers and friends. Thank you for all your business and support.

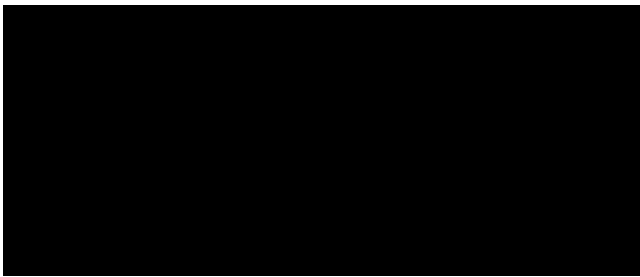
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Happy holidays and best wishes for health and happiness throughout the coming year.

From all of us at
Lanigan & District Medical Clinic
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Wishing You
HAPPY HOLIDAYS
& a New Year filled with joy and prosperity

We extend our warmest thanks and holiday cheer to you and your family.

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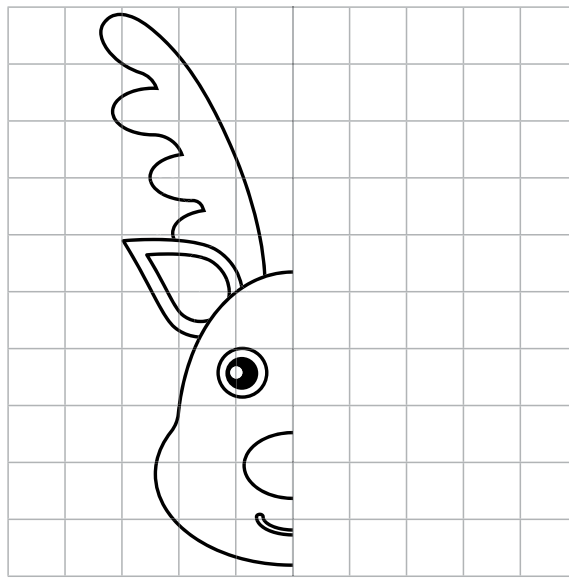
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DRAW THE MIRROR IMAGE OF THE PICTURE YOU SEE



Which two
are exactly alike?



ANSWER: 3 AND



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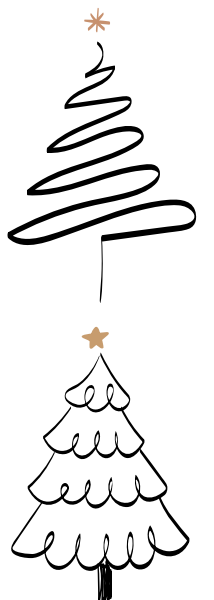
Q: What kind of button won't unbutton?

: A bellybutton.

Q: Did you hear they're changing the flooring in daycare centers?

A: They're calling it infant-tile.

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A circular logo for Hayter Drilling's 65th anniversary. The text "HAYTER DRILLING" is arched across the top. In the center is "65th". Below that, a banner reads "Anniversary". At the bottom is "1958-2023". The logo is set against a red background.

Thank you for your continued support and best wishes for 2024!



The management and staff at Lanigan Pharmacy would like to thank our customers for their continued support in 2023. It is our sincerest wish that 2024 will be "*Merry & Bright*," and that we will continue to see you all in the store. May good health be yours in the months to come!

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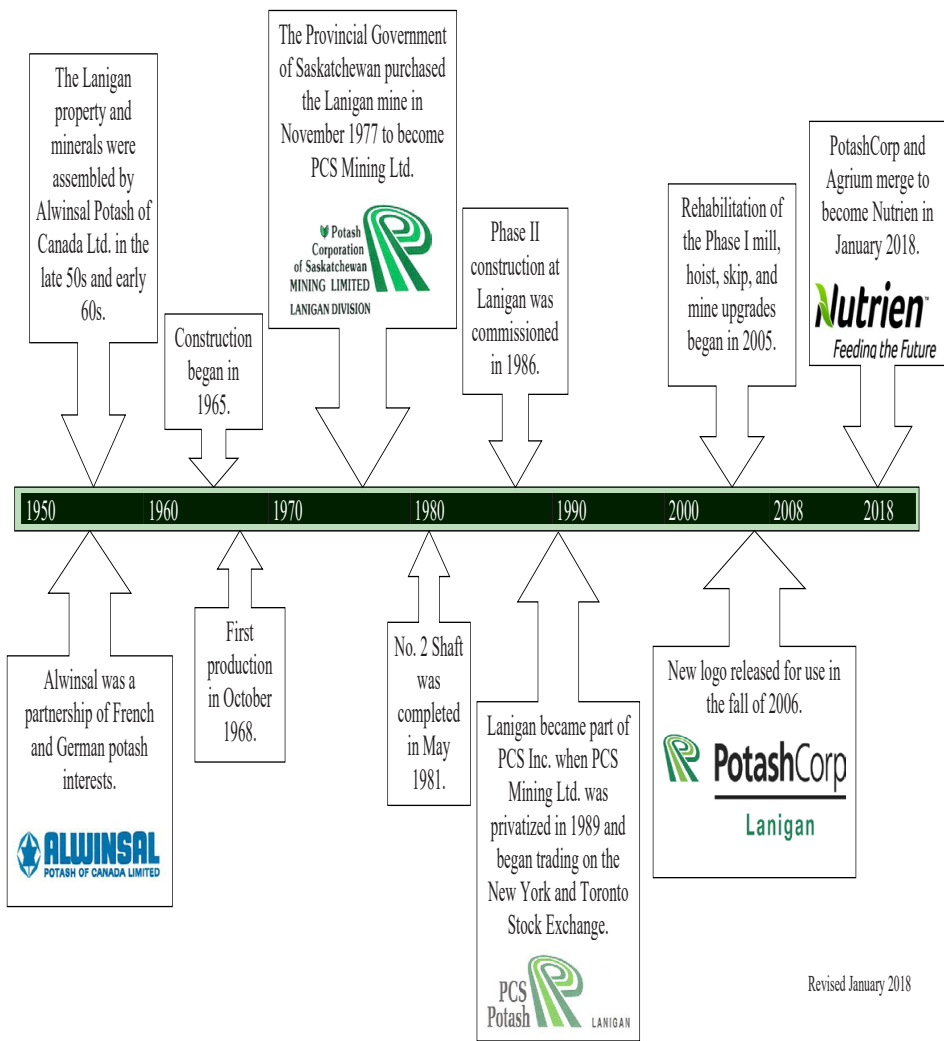
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Timeline of Historical Events at Lanigan



Pictured above: Carter Lamont along with the Nutrien Lanigan team who placed first at this year's Firefighter's Rodeo in Lanigan. The group became the 2023 Provincial champions of the Mine Rescue Competition held in Saskatoon.

- photo and image courtesy Nutrien

(from front page: **NUTRIEN**)

Howard's four-decade journey (and still counting) at Lanigan, alongside Lanigan's milestone of 55 years of production mining shows the deep roots that Nutrien has in Saskatchewan. With numerous projects underway, Lanigan stands as a testament to multi-generational dedication, providing careers and opportunities to support generations of

workers to come. "I am very proud of the team and all the great work they have done and continue to do around safety, integrity, inclusion and results," says Rob. "Our employees are our most important resource, and our success is due to their commitment to continuous improvement in all aspects of operational excellence."

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