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Lanigan Lion receives prestigious honour

■ Daniel Bushman

Serving Lanigan with the Lions Club for the past 50 years while selflessly helping others, it should come as no surprise that when the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award was presented to the Lanigan Lions Club, it went to a very worthy recipient. One of the highest honours bestowed to a Lion, Ozzie Lutz was the unanimous choice by his fellow Lions for the honour and was humbled by the gesture.

Presented with the award during a club meeting Dec. 7, Ozzie, who was a secretary for the Lions for 26 years and also the president and zone chairman at one time said, "You just try and do what you can and I was very shocked and humbled since it came out of the clear blue. I didn't know about it at all."

Aron Renwick, who has been the Lanigan Lions Club President for the past 11 years said everyone was really happy for Lutz when he was presented with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. "When we found out we were able to select one of our members for the award, everyone from the club chose Ozzie. He definitely deserves the award and has been very dedicated to the Lions and the community for many years."

According to Lions Clubs International

Foundation (LCIF), the Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) is the backbone of its foundation and was established as one of the highest forms of recognition to acknowledge an individual's dedication to humanitarian service. Presented to clubs who donate \$1,000 (US) to LCIF or to people for whom a donation was made by others, Renwick noted it is a tremendous contribution to humanity and to the legacy of Lions founder Melvin Jones.

Initiating a four year campaign where Lions Clubs around the globe could contribute funds to LCIF, allowing the foundation to continue to provide humanitarian aid, disaster relief and other ventures, when a club donated \$1,000 (US), they could then present a member with the prestigious award.

Immediate Past District Governor for District 5SKN Lion Beryl Bauer who was also the Saskatchewan Coordinator for the MJF campaign over the past four years notified the Lanigan Lions Club when it reached that mark and asked if they had a worthy Lion. "Lion Ozzie's name immediately came up and that is why the award was presented to him. Having someone like Ozzie is what makes Lions Clubs and their service in communities as great as it is. You need Lions like Ozzie to be active and to participate and to step up and live the Lions motto of: 'We Serve.' Ozzie has certainly done that."

In addition to serving his community and those around him, Bauer indicated Ozzie also includes activities in the Lion's Pride newsletter, which goes out to all Lions Clubs across the province and beyond. "Lion Ozzie makes sure Lanigan Lions Club activities are in there. That is a very important thing to keep a club going and growing. He keeps the Lions name out there in Lanigan and area and then people are happy to support the club."

Renwick added Lutz has not only been an important part of the community but is always willing to lend a hand



Worthy recipient

One of the highest honours bestowed to a Lion, Lanigan's Ozzie Lutz (above middle) received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award during a Dec. 7 Lanigan Lions Club meeting. Presenting the award to Lutz, who marked 50 years with the local Lions, was Immediate Past Governor for District 5SKN

Lion Beryl Bauer (above right) and President of the Lanigan Lions Club Aron Renwick (above left). The award was established as the highest form of recognition to acknowledge an individual's dedication to humanitarian service.

- top photo courtesy Jason Wolfe, below Advisor file photo

and serve. "Along with helping whenever we need, he also submits a Lion's Roar report to the Lanigan Advisor to keep our community informed of our activities and initiatives. He is also a big part of the Meals on Wheels program, making sure the Lanigan Lions Club is involved."

With 55 clubs represented within the 5SKN District, Bauer estimated one of less than a dozen MJF awards have been handed out in the last year in the district. While Lutz was quick to point out it is an honour to be a recipient, he noted it has been a collective effort. With about 50 members as part of the Lanigan Lions Club years ago and now down to 10, Lutz said, "We are just trying to do what we can with what we have."

Despite a drop in club members, looking

back, Lion Ozzie noted there have been a number of positives the group has been able to accomplish. "We did some good things for the Merry Mixers in Lanigan like buying them a pool table and we helped when they needed a hand. We also made large monetary gifts to the new Lanigan and District Waterpark and the new Lanigan Medical Clinic. Some of our help was monetary because we are not big enough to do a lot of service anymore. One of our big fundraisers in years past was going around town selling chocolate bunnies. It was a good fundraiser for us but the town got bigger and the club got smaller and it was something we had to quit."

More recently, Lion Ozzie, who is now in (see back page: **LIONS**)



LLHL / WHL Stats

2023/24 JETS LEADING SCORERS

Player	Team	G	A	PTS
1. Colton Blair	Jansen	7	9	16
2. Caleb Dolman	Jansen	7	9	16
3. Dallas Dufault	Jansen	7	7	14
4. Zachary Anderson	Jansen	5	7	12
5. Connor Vermeulen	Jansen	5	6	11

2023/24 WHL LEADING SCORERS

Player	Team	G	A	PTS
1. Mario Fortier	Tisdale	17	25	42
2. Maury Ruether	Tisdale	14	21	35
3. Rylan Freed	St. Brieux/LL	8	23	31

2023/24 WHL LEADING GOALTENDERS

Player	Team	GA	SO	AVG
1. Ryker Fiegg	Porcupine Plain	0	1	0.00
2. Cauy Richardson	Hudson Bay	3	0	2.00
3. Kolton Holmen	Kinistino	6	0	3.00
4. Pierson Marquette	Jansen	12	0	3.01
5. Tanner Martin	St. Brieux/LL	19	0	3.80

2023/24 WHL NORTH DIVISION SEASON STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	PTS	L10
1. Tisdale Ramblers	8	6	1	1	0	73	37	13	6-1-1
2. St. Brieux/Lake Lenore	8	5	3	0	0	57	34	10	5-3-0
3. Jansen Jets	8	5	3	0	0	48	29	10	5-3-0
4. Kinistino Tigers	8	4	4	0	0	42	37	8	4-4-0
5. Porcupine Plain Blues	7	3	3	1	0	27	31	7	3-3-1
6. Hudson Bay Hunters	6	2	4	0	0	20	51	4	2-4-0
7. Nipawin Knights	7	1	6	0	0	28	76	2	1-6-0

*Stats courtesy of www.wheatlandhockey.com. Updated as of Dec. 18/23

2023/24 CANUCKS LEADING SCORERS

Player	Team	G	A	PTS
1. Maguire Blair	Drake	1	7	8
2. John Lawrence	Drake	4	4	8
3. Drake Bodie	Drake	2	2	4

2023/24 PIRATES LEADING SCORERS

Player	Team	G	A	PTS
1. Josh Bly	Lanigan	7	13	20
2. Austin Calladine	Lanigan	9	10	19
3. Colby Harmsworth	Lanigan	2	8	10

2023/24 LLHL LEADING SCORERS

Player	Team	G	A	PTS
1. Travis Mayan	Foam Lake	17	12	29
2. Tyson Hobbins	Wadena	10	13	23
3. Zach Zadorozniak	Foam Lake	7	13	20
4. Josh Bly	Lanigan	7	13	20
5. Austin Calladine	Lanigan	9	10	19

2023/24 LLHL LEADING GOALTENDERS

Player	Team	GA	SO	AVG
1. Calder Jones	Lanigan	0	0	0.00
2. Cale Elder	Wadena	4	0	1.33
3. Rylan Toth	Foam Lake	19	1	2.33

2023/24 LLHL SEASON STANDINGS

Team	GP	W	L	OTL	SOL	GF	GA	PTS	PIM
1. Wadena Wildcats	10	10	0	0	0	62	28	20	193
2. Foam Lake Flyers	9	7	1	1	0	45	23	15	136
3. Wynyard Monarchs	11	4	4	3	0	42	48	11	280
4. Watrous Winterhawks	7	4	2	1	0	30	26	9	85
5. Lanigan Pirates	10	3	6	1	0	36	48	7	152
6. LeRoy Braves	9	2	7	0	0	25	51	4	188
7. Drake Canucks	6	1	5	0	0	19	35	2	71

*Stats courtesy of www.longlakehockey.com. Updated as of Dec. 18/23



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Lanigan Town Council moving forward together

■ media release

After the final Code of Ethics investigation meeting, the Town of Lanigan's Council is reflecting on the experience and are confident they can move forward united.

Council took the unique approach of accepting mediation/educational, advice while the investigations were being conducted by Bloom CME.

"This has been a tough time for all of Council," admits Mayor Tony Mycock. "But through this challenge, I can already see that this experience is making us a stronger team."

Following the investigation, Council feels they have an opportunity for a fresh start. They are optimistic about the future and determined to work together with a mind on the lessons they've learned over the last three months.

Ultimately, Council agrees that the core focus moving forward is about leadership, not just individual councillors. While each councillor can have different beliefs, values, or perspectives on a particular issue, they now understand better how good governance requires them to work together to overcome differences. Strong leaders can have different opinions, but they know how to have hard conversations and make decisions together that benefit the public interest.

Council members admit the findings were hard to hear. But based on each investigation, they found the findings reasonable, and the consequences fair and constructive with the

aim of improving councillor relationships and knowledge.

Council is committed to following through on the recommendations individually and as a Council. This includes taking governance training to expand the lessons learned about conduct, confidentiality, conflict of interest, and the democratic process.

"Council has shown they're ready to move forward from these investigations through their positive reactions to the recommendations," says Tim Duhamel, founder and president of Bloom Centre for Municipal Education (CME). "Such training will only further councillor's relationships with one another and with the community."

The Code of Ethics is an important tool in municipal government and must not be taken lightly. Town bylaws have set up a democratic process for good governance. The Code of Ethics needs to be followed regardless of personal beliefs and values in any particular political issue. Good governance requires that councillors do the best for the public interest and the Code of Ethics can hold them accountable.

"We've learned a lot," says Mayor Tony Mycock. "Our goal is to set a good if not great example of governance and leadership to our residents and to other municipalities. Even if that means we have to make a hard decision that is not popular and difficult for an individual councillor. It is about doing what is right and in the best interest of the community on the whole."

Ministerial Message

Psalm 84 Where will you abide?

■ by Dennis Kresier, Layperson
Last Mountain Anglican Parish

Several months ago, I was doing some repairs on a soffit of our church. Apparently, the eaves became blocked by leaves and other debris. This backed up the water and created a hole the size of two hands, in the soffit. During repairs I noticed several bird nests in the hole and cleared them. They were made by sparrows and swallows. While proceeding with the repairs, I was reminded of Psalm 84 where it states, "How lovely are Thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longs, yes, even faints for the Courts of the Lord, my heart and soul cry out to the Living God. Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young—even your altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in Your house." Our great God has given the birds of the air the common sense to build and abide where and when the

opportunity avails itself.

As we approach the Christmas Season, may I ask, "Where will you abide?" Over 2,000 years ago, God sent His Son to be born in a manger, and some 33 years later, to die on a Roman cross to bring us salvation, and to take us to that abode in glory when we depart this life. Jesus told us that He has gone to prepare a place for us and that in His Father's House, there are many rooms—room enough for all of us—free of charge and that includes, "You." Have you made your reservation? Christmas was God's idea, not ours! He gave us His Son as a gift of His love. The gift we can give in return, is ourselves. That is all the thanks that He requires. Just accept His Divine forgiveness and be sure to know where you will be abiding. Thank you Lord, for your incredible Gift! A Blessed Christmas to All.

Look What's Cooking by Laura Novecosky

Pasta Pizza Bake

Ingredients:

8 oz. uncooked macaroni (about 250 to 270 grams)
1 pound ground beef
1/2 tsp. salt
dash pepper
1 can pizza sauce (about 2 cups)
1 can mushrooms stems and pieces (or about 1 cup sauteed mushrooms) - drained
2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

Directions:

Cook macaroni according to package directions. While this is cooking, cook the ground beef (or ground venison works well too) salt and pepper in a pan until no pink colour remains. If there is a lot of liquid, drain and set meat aside. Drain the macaroni and put half of this in a greased baking dish. Top with half the meat, pizza sauce, mushrooms and cheese. Repeat these layers. Cover and bake at 350°F, then uncover and bake 10 more minutes until the top layer of cheese

RCMP Report

Lanigan CTSS: driving after using cannabis is a concern

From Dec. 1, 2023 at 4 p.m. to Dec. 2 at 4 a.m., Lanigan Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan (CTSS) ran an impaired driving blitz, taking part in the National Impaired Driving Enforcement Day Initiative.

The project focused on impaired driving enforcement in the detachment areas of Humboldt, Lanigan, Wynyard, Wadena, Rose Valley, and Punnichy. Saskatchewan RCMP officers from Lanigan, Saskatoon, and North Battleford detachments participated in the driving blitz.

Officers stopped approximately 445 vehicles. Here are the results from the impaired driving blitz: 22 license suspensions for testing Positive for THC (on an approved screening device); three Criminal Code impaired charges; three license suspensions for testing between .04 and .08 BAC; 97 ticket issues; and 228 warning issues.

Officers also executed a search warrant and seized approximately 120 grams of cannabis, edibles and other drug paraphernalia from a vehicle.

Lanigan CTSS report that driving after using cannabis is a continuing concern.

Officers remind the public that in Saskatchewan, your license can be suspended for three days if an officer determines you have recently used cannabis before driving. You can also be charged under the Criminal Code if driving while impaired by cannabis.

If you – or guests – will be consuming products which result in impairment, such as alcohol or cannabis, have a designated driver assigned or plan to take a cab or transit. If no safe ride is available, stay the night and drive only when sober. Don't take a chance. If you question whether you're "too impaired to drive or not," you likely are.

Break and enter and ATM theft in Burstall

On Dec. 17, 2023 at approximately 4:16 a.m., Leader RCMP responded to a complaint of a break and enter at a business in Burstall, Sask. The business had been hit multiple times by a front loader style vehicle, destroying the business's front office and lobby, and the ATM and a sum of cash within it was stolen.

Investigation has determined the front loader was stolen from Burstall early on Dec. 17, and the truck used to haul the ATM was stolen from Leader late on Dec. 16.

Officers located the dismantled ATM and front loader at the scene. Parts of the ATM and the truck were recovered later on Dec. 17, approximately 10 kilometres west of Liebenthal. None of the cash has been recovered.

Leader RCMP continue to investigate. Anyone with information should contact Leader RCMP at 306-628-4600. Information can also be submitted anonymously by contacting Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com.

Jansen

Louise Shannon

I am glad our Christmas concert is on today (Dec. 21). Credit goes to all who participated in the Christmas concert.

We appreciate Angel Leibrecht and her music studio for the lovely Christmas songs.

Congratulations to Charlie Elke for getting her new job at BHP Jansen project.

Happy birthday to Gina Krause and to Al Shumaker on Christmas Day.

I hope everyone has a happy and healthy Christmas.

RCMP take part in initiatives

This December, the Saskatchewan RCMP has been participating in a number of initiatives to give back to our communities. Here are just a few of them:

Hudson Bay Fill the Cruiser Campaign: At the end of November, Hudson Bay RCMP joined the Hudson Bay Family & Support Centre and the Red Apple as they collectively took part in an annual 'Fill the Cruiser' campaign. Officers helped gather toys and monetary donations for the Hudson Bay Family & Support Centre. The Hudson Bay Family & Support Centre took to Facebook and expressed their gratitude for the support from the Hudson Bay RCMP and community partners this holiday season.

Kindersley Cram the Cruiser Event: On Dec. 12, Kindersley RCMP partnered with the Kindersley Co-op and hosted their Third Annual Cram the Cruiser event. Officers stood outside the Kindersley Co-op and assisted community members as they bought bags of food to donate, filling the box of an RCMP truck. Kindersley RCMP, with the assistance of Kindersley Co-op and the generosity of the community, helped generate \$376 in cash donations and 318 bags of food to be donated to the Kindersley Food Bank.

Yorkton Toy Drive: On Dec. 2, Yorkton RCMP held their Third Annual Toy Drive for Kids. Officers were located at a Yorkton Walmart and were collecting toy and cash donations for the Yorkton Salvation Army. Yorkton

RCMP, with the help of the generous citizens of Yorkton, were able to fill the backseat of a police truck to the roof with toys, and \$1378.52 in cash donations was collected.

Assiniboia Community Decorate the Detachment: On Dec. 10, Assiniboia RCMP held a Decorate the Detachment event, welcoming Assiniboia residents to join them in preparing for the holiday season. Assiniboia residents of all ages attended the event, and even a few fur friends came to help. The officers provided the community members with hot chocolate, apple cider, and cookies while they worked together to spread holiday fun throughout the community.

Battlefords Food Drive: On Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m., Battleford RCMP worked alongside local partners Walmart, Co-op, and Sobeys to raise money for the Battleford District Food & Resource Centre. Officers were stationed outside each partnering business collecting food, toys, and cash donations. Local business, Four-K Auto, joined the festivities, charitably donating snacks and drinks to the officers collecting the food items. Battlefords RCMP estimate over 15,000 pounds of food was collected, as well as over \$1,300 in cash.

Eston Christmas Parade: During the evening of Dec. 13, Eston Detachment participated in the Eston Christmas parade. Officers decorated a police cruiser with lights and holiday inflatables and led the parade through town. Eston RCMP have participated in this event for several years, helping spread some cheer during the holiday season.

Viscount

Sandra Reid • 306-227-1193

Wishing everyone a safe and happy New Year and all the best in 2024!

Blankets for Canada had its last 2023 gathering at the Viscount library Monday, Dec. 18. We anticipate starting Jan. 8, 2024. We aim to make three different sizes of blankets with knitted and crocheted 8" x 8" squares. An adult blanket uses six squares by eight, a youth blanket uses 5 x 7, and a baby blanket will use 5 x 5 squares. We finish each blanket with a crocheted edging and add our label to it. The blankets are distributed to several dif-

ferent shelters in Saskatoon and surrounding areas. We are grateful for the donations of yarn and 8 x 8 knitted or crocheted squares. If you would like more information, please call or text Evelina at 306-281-8196.

We were over at Viscount Central School Monday night for pickleball and saw all the beautiful doors that the high school students decorated. They looked so awesome.

The Gr. 5 and 6 class at Viscount Central School is learning about electricity in science. They had the opportunity to explore

snap circuits.

The Viscount Christmas light display contest was held Dec. 17. Judging was done and the winner was Dave and Sheri Eades. Great job on decorations! There are a lot of beautifully decorated homes in town. It is so nice to drive around or walk around and look at them all.

Viscount Family Fun Day was also held Dec. 17. We enjoyed visiting and a great supper. Then the Vis-

count Archery Club held an archery ham shoot, and I was not a winner. So sad that I now have to go buy a ham. Oh well, it was a fun day.

Well here we are Christmas. It has come so fast and as we all know it will be over just as quickly. Enjoy your families and friends and safe travels! Best wishes to anyone under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Have a great holiday season!

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

3pm-7pm

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

11am-4pm

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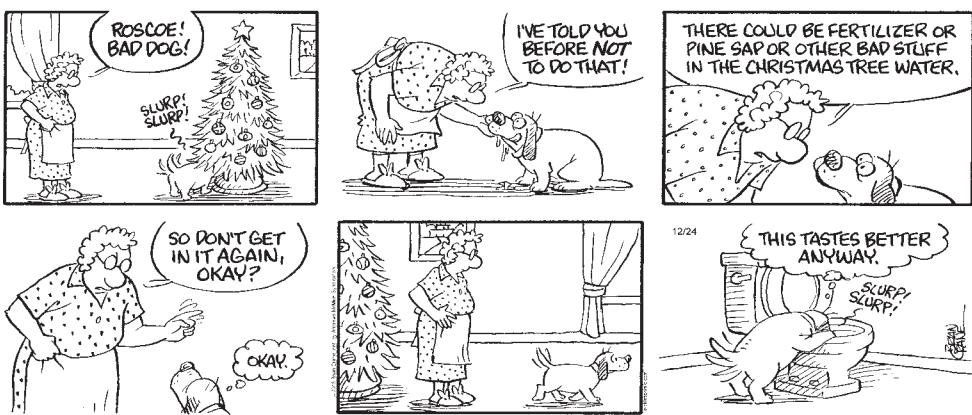
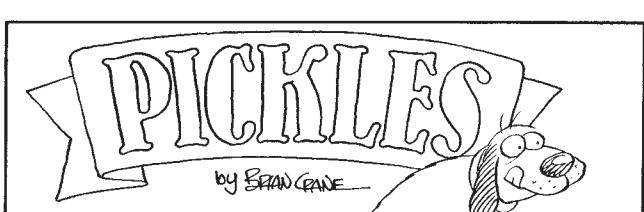
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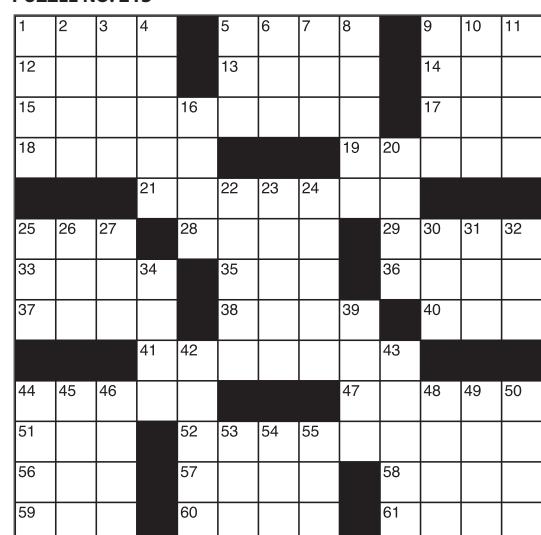
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- Defeat
- Health spot
- Harbinger
- Large sandwich
- Every single one
- July 4th events
- Mushy stuff
- Express
- Hockey shoe
- Exercise program
- What bit Cleopatra
- Granny
- Significant periods
- Harness strap
- Glide over snow

DOWN

- Toward the risingsun
- London goodbye: 2 wds.
- Await judgment
- kingdom come..."
- Offense
- Thing of value
- Bent
- Bumped into
- Unceasingly
- Climbing veggie
- BLT dressing
- Ponder
- Undercover man
- Erupt
- Still asleep
- Bean curd
- Exclude
- Sassy
- Scoff
- " ____ Done It?"
- Personal pronoun
- Irritate
- Sheriff's gang
- Long narrative
- Conspire
- Sunburn soother
- Brown songbird
- Leg joint
- Pants
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- Bangor's state

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■ by Arlene Martin

All wreaths to me are beautiful and I have always loved them.

But a Christmas wreath is especially significant.

A quick glance is like a happy wink in return.

The wreath is created in a circle.

It has no sharp edges.

It is timeless;

An intersection of origin, now and conclusion.

Every one who has loved and who is loved;
Who has held and was held remains woven and bond tightly
Throughout the infinite spilling of moments.

The wreath is created in a circle.

The wreath is a legacy of love that gyrates
From generation to generation to generation,
A comforting reminder that we are never nor ever will be alone.

**The Everlasting Embrace of the Christmas Wreath ~
The Welcome on Your Front Door
(From Christmas 2006)**

A wreath bears the image of encompassing, embracing arms,

And sparkles with the spilling of infinite tears.

It proudly reverberates the glowing warmth of golden moments

In the company of those who were and are our corner stone

For the wreath is created in a circle.

Whatever your journey and wherever you are in your passage

Continues embodied in strength and shape;

The epitome of hope because the wreath is created in a circle.

Without you the wreath would have a distinctive stark space

Because your shadow endures in lives you don't even know you

have buoyed.

Each new day you show your uniqueness and courage - YOU get
up and do the same thing over and over and over.

The Christmas wreath is created in a circle because love can never
be extinguished.

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COMING EVENTS

COME AND GO TEA FOR Ellen Weber's 90th birthday. Christian Fellowship Church basement, Lanigan, Sask. Jan. 6/24, 2 to 4 p.m. No gifts./2-2c

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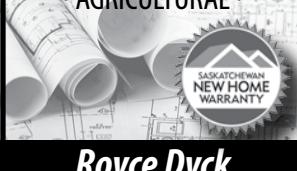
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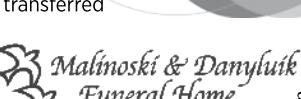
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his 80s, said the club made a donation to the breakfast program at the elementary school in Lanigan, a school he once taught at. But it has not been just about lending a helping hand for the longtime Lion. Ozzie shared he has made a lot of close friendships too. "We are like-minded people willing to take a little bit of time to try and help other people. Meals on Wheels for example, a lot of those people couldn't get out so we brought them a meal and visited with them a little bit. They felt good about

it and you felt good about it. I guess that is what Lionism is, just like any other clubs, you just try and do a little good in your community. There is lots of good friendships that evolved. The guys are a lot younger than I am but we are still good friends."

That kindness, dedication and selflessness over the decades is what made the December presentation to Lutz so special. With fellow Lions in attendance to see Ozzie get the award, Bauer said, "When you realize how much it is appreciated

by the recipient, that makes it all the much more worthwhile. Ozzie obviously was very touched. We picked the right guy. Congratulations to Ozzie for his many years of service, his many years of living out the Lions motto of: 'We Serve.' He is truly a great Lion that has served his community. Lanigan is the better for it."

Renwick agreed and said, "Ozzie is just a great guy to talk with and is always willing to help out and lend a hand. We really appreciate all of his years of service

with the club and his dedication to the community. We are fortunate to have him part of the Lanigan Lions Club and also as a resident of Lanigan."

As for the extra attention, Ozzie said, "Yeah you have a good feeling inside and that is why recognition, while it has its merits, it is not what we are looking for. I felt the same way when I was named Citizen of the Year quite a while back, it was something I did not look for but I guess someone else notices what you are trying to do."



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Drake Winterfest a tremendous success

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Drake Winterfest

The Village of Drake celebrated its third annual Winterfest Dec. 1 to 3. This year the village was brightly lit with many houses taking advantage of the nice weather and putting up Christmas decorations. Participants of the weekend were able to view the amazing light displays courtesy of a hayride throughout the village.

On Friday, many people enjoyed the complimentary hot chocolate and marshmallow roast. Citizens of all ages enjoyed the glow skate at the Sportsplex followed by the second annual Local Celebrity Shootout with a new champion being crowned. Anyone present throughout the night had the opportunity to bid on some delicious pies and holiday baking with funds going to support the weekend's events. The evening was capped off with an amazing holiday-themed fireworks display and socializing in the Drake Sportsplex.

On Saturday, the local village council and employees served a delicious silver collection breakfast prior to the day of hockey at the Sportsplex. Drake Minor Hockey teams from U7 to U13 played hockey to entertain the crowd while the Last Mountain Bowbenders



had demonstrations and learn-to-shoot activities in the archery range. The evening concluded in the Drake Community Centre with Drake Minor Hockey serving a Chili Bar Supper and a community bingo. The following morning, patrons and guests of the North Star Church had a holiday-themed service with Christmas carols. It was a great weekend. Everyone is looking forward to the return of the event in 2024.