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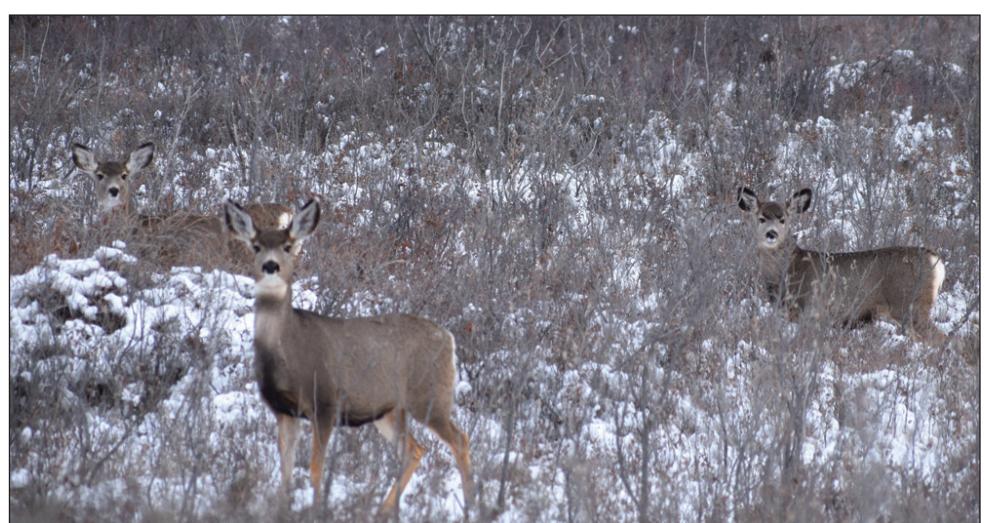
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After a blizzard earlier in November, the weather has been relatively nice for this time of year. While there has been instances of rain instead of what would normally be snow, as the month came to a close, the above normal values pushed into the final month of 2021 as Dec. 1 hit around 5°C for a daytime high where normally it would be about -5°C. Those nice values have also been enjoyable for those who spend their time outdoors including these deer (pictured).
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Province releases mid-year report

■ media releases

Aspects of Saskatchewan's economy are performing well, underscoring the province's economic resilience and strength according to the provincial government who released its mid-year report Nov. 29. However, the severe and widespread drought this spring and summer meant substantially increased support was needed for the agriculture sector.

"The drought was unforeseen and farmers were hit hard this spring and summer," Deputy Premier and Finance Minister Donna Harpauer said. "Our government is here to provide support to Saskatchewan people when they need it. Absent the drought, we would have seen a significant improvement from budget and a much lower deficit, based on stronger revenue across all major categories."

A deficit of \$2.7 billion is forecast, up \$97 million from the budget forecast but a \$29 million improvement from first quarter.

Revenue is forecast to increase from budget by \$2.4 billion (16.5 percent), with significant increases across all categories including \$668.8 million in non-renewable resource revenue due to higher potash and oil prices.

"We are seeing indications, in many aspects of our economy, of a return to pre-pandemic strength in Saskatchewan even as the pandemic persists," Harpauer said.

Tax revenue is up \$616.7 million from budget, reflecting higher Personal Income Tax and Corporate Income Tax due to higher 2020 assessments, as well as increased Provincial

Sales Tax.

Federal transfers are up \$542.6 million from budget, mainly for drought, pandemic, child care and municipal infrastructure funding.

Total expense is forecast to be up \$2.5 billion (14.6 percent) from budget, due to \$1.8 billion for Crop Insurance claims, bringing the total crop insurance indemnity forecast to \$2.4 billion for 2021-'22. There is also \$292.5 million in relief for livestock producers who faced high costs due to the drought.

Health expense is forecast to be up \$250 million from budget due to pandemic and drug plan pressures. An increase from budget of \$100.9 million in Protection of Persons and Property expense is due to wildfires which emerged during a dry spring and summer, as well as continued costs of the pandemic.

The province's real GDP is forecast to grow by 3.6 percent in 2021, an improvement from the budget forecast of 3.4 percent and a substantial turnaround from the 4.9 percent decline in 2020 which was caused by the economic impact of the pandemic and low oil prices.

"Saskatchewan has the highest growth in manufacturing sales and the second strongest growth in housing starts in the country so far this year," Harpauer said. "We are seeing many economic indicators trend up."

Employment year-to-date has increased by 13,730 jobs, or 2.5 percent compared to the same time period last year. And Saskatchewan's employment rate of 62.6 percent so far this

year is second highest among the provinces.

"Our net-to-GDP ratio at Mar. 31, 2022 is now estimated to be 19.4 percent, projected to be one of the lowest ratios among Canadian provinces this year," Harpauer said. "And we continue to have the second-highest credit rating in Canada, when ratings from all three major rating agencies are combined."

As the provincial government shared its mid-year financial report, NDP Opposition Finance Critic Trent Wotherspoon released a statement: The Mid-Year Financial Report released shows that the Sask. Party's failure to contain the fourth wave has not only hurt Saskatchewan's people and our health care system but has also hurt the province's public finances and our economy.

This government's fourth wave failures have cost our healthcare system dearly. It has cost people their surgeries, their organ transplants, and the procedures that were so desperately needed. It has cost people their lives. But what this report also confirms is that it comes at a very high cost to our public finances and to the economic recovery that Saskatchewan people deserve.

While we see encouraging revenue strength from our resource sector, this mid-year report confirms that we are last in the nation with respect to job creation. The government is missing this opportunity and is failing to put us in a position of strength because of their inexcusable mismanagement that has cost people their lives and that has hit our public finances and our economy hard.

APAS releases results of producer survey on grain contracts

■ media release

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) released preliminary results Nov. 30 from its producer survey on their experiences with grain contracts in 2021.

From those results, 75 percent of respondents were unable to fulfill their grain contracts because of the drought that covered significant areas of the province. The survey also found producers unable to fulfill

their contract this fall due to historically low yields are paying penalties and administrative fees between \$20,000 and \$300,000 to grain companies. Many of the respondents also said the interest on their unpaid contracts was as high as 19 percent.

A total of 25 percent of respondents also said they had trouble contacting the grain buyers resolving issues arising from production shortfalls, and many of the respondents said they will not be working with the same grain company in the future

or will not be signing a contract again. Some respondents included that they are facing bankruptcy due to drought and contract shortfalls.

After hearing repeated concerns from producers throughout the summer about the stress and financial burdens of not fulfilling their grain contracts, APAS released a survey for Saskatchewan producers to explain their experience dealing with grain companies.

"When Mother Nature has already given producers a tough year, contract provision made production problems even more serious," APAS President Todd Lewis said. "We developed this survey to get more

information about producers' individual experiences with the grain companies, so we can develop ideas around improving provisions in future contracts. It's in the mutual interest of both producers and grain companies to develop a more workable system."

The survey collected results from Aug. 26 to Dec. 1, and more than 200 Saskatchewan producers completed the survey.

APAS also wants to advise Saskatchewan producers to seek legal advice if needed and if anyone is experiencing significant stress to reach out to the Farm Stress Line at 1-800-667-4442 or help@farmstressline.ca.

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Local area hunter spots rare event

■ **Daniel Bushman**

Throughout his life Watrous resident Trent Ediger has seen his fair share of deer but during a Saturday morning drive northeast of Manitou Beach, Ediger observed an extremely rare occurrence.

A hunter for the past 35 years, Ediger was headed to his deer stand when he noticed something unusual in a nearby field. "I was driving along the road south of my property when I looked out the window and in the field were two bucks locked up. One was a mule deer and the other a whitetail."

On its Facebook page, the Saskatchewan Association of Conservation Officers said it is rare enough to see two locked deer, let alone different species. "The rut is on strong in the Watrous area and this mule deer and whitetail decided to tango, resulting in their antlers getting locked."



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While Ediger has watched deer fight before, he has never observed a mule deer and whitetail fighting, especially seeing them with their antlers tangled together.

"It looked to me like they were locked together for quite a while. They had been trying to get away from each other but were not having any luck."

Noticing a number of deer tracks in the field indicating the fight between the two bucks had appeared to have taken place for a while, Ediger quickly notified a conservation officer. As a few other people came along and noticed what was transpiring in the field, the officer arrived and once it was safe, approached the bucks and sawed off a portion of antler, freeing the two deer.

While the occasion of coming across deer with antlers locked together is rare, the Saskatchewan Association of Conservation Officers stated if people should witness such an instance to not attempt to free deer themselves but to call their local conservation officer or the Turn in Poachers and Polluters (TIPP) line. "Officers possess training and a greater understanding

of wildlife than most to help wildlife in these situations. The TIPP line can be reached toll-free at 1-800-667-7561 or #5555 from a SaskTel cell phone. Calls are taken 24 hours a day, seven days a week."



Heading to his deer stand during a Saturday morning in November, Trent Ediger came across a pair of bucks with their antlers locked. One a whitetail and the other a mule deer, Ediger contacted a conservation officer who responded to the call northeast of Manitou Beach. Safely approaching the pair, the conservation officer was

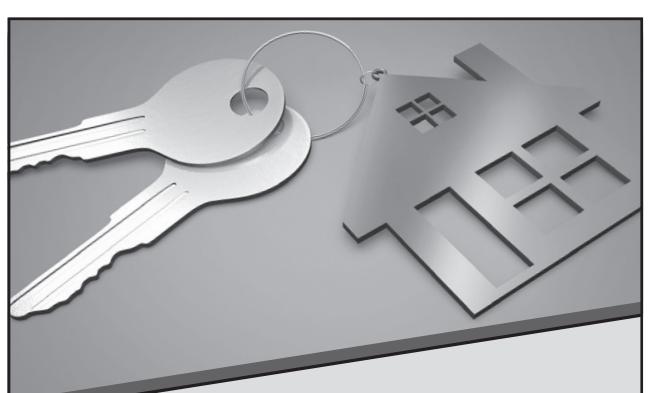
able to saw off a portion of antler, freeing the bucks (pictured above). While the mule deer immediately bounded off (below left), unfortunately the whitetail buck (top) later succumbed to the effects of the battle after being given time and space to recover.

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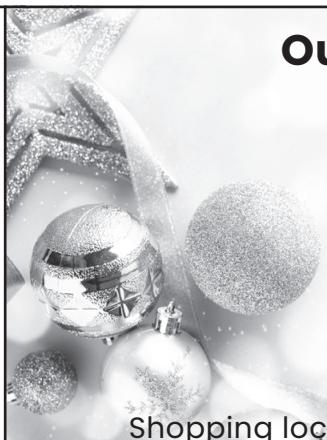
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Ministerial Message *The Colours of Christmas: Red and Silver, Green and Gold... and Blue.*

■ by Pastor Frances Kitson
Knox United Church Lanigan

I love Christmas. Love, love, love it. The music, the lights, the wonder and mystery, the marathon of church services, the years when inspiration strikes and I make or find a brilliant present for a loved one... I love it.

And yet.

And yet there is always that moment – usually in November – when I say to myself: “Oh yes – I forgot this part.”

“This part” is the stress. It’s the tense conversations with family members who aren’t feeling the holiday spirit; the awkward negotiating about where we’ll spend which day; the exhaustion of staggering through school deadlines and still facing an endless whirl of parties and concerts that are supposed to be fun but become gruelling; the horrible feeling of not quite being able to afford everything I’m buying.

I’m sure you could add to that list. We all have lists.

Christmas holds the potential for great highs, but also great lows. It’s a season of expectation, which can be delightful as children, but also become a heavy weight when the year is not leading to merriness and brightness.

A lost job, or multiple part-time jobs that barely pay the bills. Growing kids who constantly need new coats and boots. Toxic relatives. Substance abuse. Gambling. Domestic violence. Empty places at the dinner table – loved ones who have passed away, are on the streets, or in prison. Loneliness. The pressures to keeping up with neighbours and in-laws. These are all part of life for many of us, and Christmas, with all its cheerful songs about “the most wonderful time of the year,” can bring out the worst and ugliest in us. And that’s just a normal year, without a global pandemic in the mix.

Pain, grief, rage: these are all part of Christmas. And the good news is that the Christmas story has room to hold them.

The baby born in Bethlehem is not born to the strong, rich, or mighty. He is born to a young peasant couple, far from home, who bed down in a lean-to because there are no rooms. Angels may herald his birth, but they sing of it to shepherds: rough, dirty guys who spend their lonely nights in the fields looking after their sheep – not exactly the classiest or cleanest of folks, but still the people to whom the angels announce Christ’s birth.

Jesus isn’t born to a perfect world: Matthew’s gospel tells us that the mighty and powerful try to kill him and destroy countless innocent lives in the process. Mary and Joseph flee as refugees. Jesus doesn’t come to save those who are perfect enough or have their lives sufficiently together. Jesus sure as heck doesn’t come to those whose lives contain no suffering. When his mother sings her song of praise to God in Luke’s gospel, she has some pretty strong words for those of us who like power a little too much:

*He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty. (Luke 1:51-53, NRSV)*

God has a special care for those who are trampled on, those who are exploited, those who are hungry. This baby comes to lift up the lowly, fill the hungry with good things, and bring healing to those in need of healing.

And when God comes to us, God comes not as a mighty warrior or a powerful king. God comes as a baby: the most extraordinary of everyday miracles, vulnerable enough to crack open our hearts and let in a little hope, a little peace, a little joy, and a whole lot of love.

We call Jesus “Emmanuel,” which means “God with us.”

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■ by Arlene Martin

Though the approaching holiday season pulls on the heart strings remembering those who are no longer with us, I will always cherish its sights, smells and sounds! I think it takes everyone on a roller-coaster of Christmases past. When I was growing up mother always did everything she could to make it wonderful. I would fall asleep knowing the light was on in the kitchen. My heart sees

mother sitting at the table, her address book open, Christmas cards stacked neatly, her face deep in thought writing

across the worn, white plain stationary pad. As traditional as her seasonal fruitcake, Christmas pudding and cookies, Christmas cards were a priority.

The thrill of the overflowing postal mailbox, forlornly, is finished, but not forgotten.

The price of a postage stamp and the internet both play an important part in its decline. I age myself by reminiscing when postage was much more economical than a phone call. The ‘long distance phone call’ was reserved mostly for emergencies.

Times and tempos change and society restructures to embrace the transformation. Festive newsletters arrive in one’s inbox, not the postal mailbox. Social media bursts with recirculated generic wishes written and arrayed by someone totally unknown. But it doesn’t mean the handheld Christmas card doesn’t exist – it always will. Wheth-

er it’s a holiday card that I hold in my hand, a universal Merry Christmas wish on Facebook – an email on my laptop or Samsung phone – behind it all, there is still a loving individual. They are all cherished for it is simply the reaching out through distance and generations to say, “I love you, miss you and am thinking of you this holiday.”

I will always hold dear the image of mother baking and making delicious Christmas things in the oven of a wood stove. Wrapping gifts that were handsewn, knit or crocheted, cooking meals and taking care of five children. She stole moments from the night writing her Christmas letters to keep in touch with loved ones during an era when travel and distance was a huge barrier.

So as I count my many blessings and remember days gone by I am ready for the season of light and love. I close my eyes as timelines and traditions of Christmas fade. No matter how far the taillights of those old Christmases flicker I remember. I see the sagging string secured from one wall to another in our tiny living room, heavy with Christmas cards hung side by side by their folds. The scent of evergreen and baking is as beautiful as the lacy frost on the windows of our old farmhouse and the sparkle of glass ornaments and tinsel. My eyes become misty as I am once again, through memory, hear mother’s sweet soprano voice softly humming the chorus to an old Vaughn Horton carol:

“ . . I thrill with every word, every line
Guess I’m always sentimental ‘round this time
Pardon me if a tear falls among my Christmas cheer
It’s the memory of an Old Christmas Card.”

(*Title excerpt from THE MEMORY OF AN OLD CHRISTMAS CARD, written by Vaughn Horton, introduced by Jim Reeves 1963)

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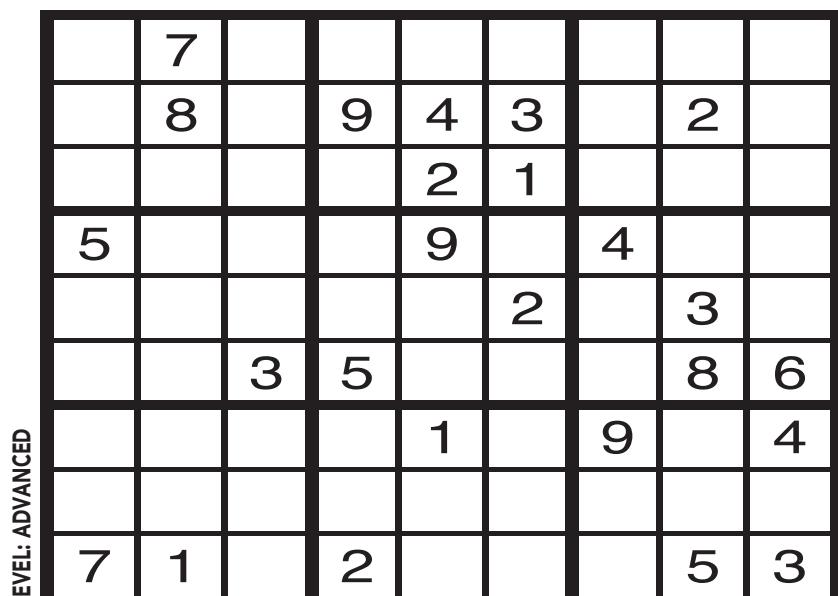
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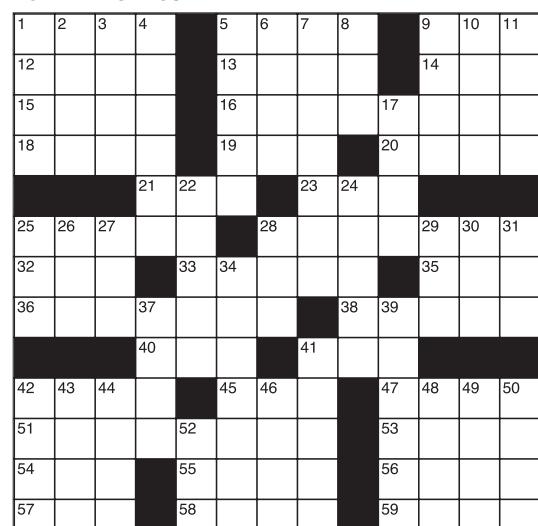


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Actor with local area roots part of Hallmark Christmas movie

■ Daniel Bushman

With hot chocolate poured in a favourite mug, buttery popcorn being eaten by the handful and warm fuzzy blankets to wrap up in, for many people during this time of year, it has become a tradition to watch Hallmark Christmas movies on television. What is perhaps even more special about this year's lineup of holiday flicks is that an actor with local ties was cast in one of the films.

An opportunity to continue her lifelong passion after navigating through the pandemic, Jonelle Gunderson, who grew up in Watrous received a role in the movie, A Royal Queens Christmas. With filming taking place in various locations in and around Toronto including near Jonelle's home, the production in which she plays a posh Duchess Adriana is scheduled to air on the Hallmark Channel Dec. 11.

After months of waiting for a chance to be back in front of a camera, Gunderson said getting the part could not have come at a better time. "I learned a lot being on set more consistently than projects in the past. And it felt like such a boost to be working on a sweet, good-feeling story that put me in the holiday spirit. Seeing how they transformed downtown streets in Toronto to look like a snowy lane in Queens, was

magical."

As for playing the role of a Duchess, Gunderson said it was one that she tried approaching with tremendous focus and dedication. "Playing higher-status roles is something that always feels new and a bit uncomfortable to me involving wealth and distinction and a carried confidence. I love working with accents though, and I think somehow it helps me walk into characters more fully."

While Gunderson was elated to have received the role in the movie, behind the scenes, getting to that point was a long journey. "The pandemic has hit artists hard and shows have been cancelled, venues closed permanently, and theatres dark. To be honest, the last two years have felt hugely existential. At times it's been hard to remember the why behind the work when it's been consistently undervalued."

In fact, like many other actors, Jonelle was forced to adapt how she auditioned for roles in productions when COVID-19 arrived in Canada. Prior to the world essentially shutting down, Gunderson would go to auditions in person but when the pandemic hit it meant having to do it solely by herself. Being responsible for shooting, cutting together and sending off her own auditions, Jonelle constructed a lighting set up, backdrop, and bought a phone/camera

in order to submit auditions. Employing the services of willing actors or her partner to zoom in as audition readers, Gunderson then hopped into character before going through the gruelling process of cutting and sending the finished product away. And that is not all. Since so many actors are now doing the same thing, casting directors are able to view more audition tapes for roles since scheduling is not an issue, making it even harder to land a spot in a production.

Hoping to be one of the select few to receive a part, Gunderson put together what she said were an endless amount of tapes in 2020 and 2021. "After sending them away, there was no way of knowing how the work was being received, or even if it was being viewed. Getting feedback is rare, and you don't find out either way if you booked the job, never mind made it to the stage where producers were viewing your work."

Feeling the weight of not being contacted after countless submissions, in September, Jonelle received an early Christmas gift with a call to be a part of the Hallmark Channel's, A Royal Queens Christmas. "This project felt like a win and a boost of confidence that came at a time when I really needed it."

The call also arrived as the daughter of John and Melanie finally had the opportunity to return to her roots in Watrous to see her family when the COVID-19 guidelines were eased. Needing to be rejuvenated and reignited, that spark was just the beginning.

"I got the audition for A Royal Queens Christmas the night before leaving back to Toronto, and I had to learn it on the plane. I taped first thing the next morning, they dyed my hair red and I was filming within three weeks."

Elegantly stepping into her role and feeling more comfortable with her red hair,

partway through production another call came. This time it was for a role as a princess in The Winter Palace which will air Jan. 8, 2022 on GAC and possibly Amazon Prime. "It was crazy timing and I went from one right to the other."

Trading in her role as a Duchess for one as a princess, Gunderson shared the time on the set of The Winter Palace was amazing. "I was able to work with some folks I've looked up to for a very long time in the theatre world, and the lead (Danica McKellar from The Wonder Years) taught me so much about how to be a lead, and producer. She conducted herself with incredible kindness, intelligence, and deep knowledge of the industry."

And as for if she has ever dreamt of being a princess in a production, Gunderson said it never really crossed her radar. "I've always thought princesses (at least in classical theatre) end up being more of a set piece that don't have a lot to say, and are a device to move someone else's story forward. But I think that's changing, and the story of a personal journey to break away from form and expectation and duty, is an interesting one to tell."

With the pair of productions providing her a nice way to wrap up 2021, Jonelle was also quick to point out how tremendous the support from back home has been for her over the years. "So many folks have come to my plays in Regina (and even Stratford!) and reached out over the years. Feeling that hometown support is such a unique thing, and I'm so grateful for it. The same community saw me in a play with Riverdancing rats penned by (Watrous resident and high school teacher) Lee Bells - one of my favourites - and how cool is that?!"

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After defeating the Winterhawks in Watrous Nov. 13, the Lanigan Pirates hosted the club Nov. 26 in Long Lake Hockey League action (pictured). Looking to get a victory in the team's first home game of the season, the Pirates found themselves tied with the Winterhawks at three through 20 minutes. In the second frame the home team broke things open as they netted four markers to lead 7-3 after two periods. In the third, Lanigan continued to apply pressure and at the buzzer, skated away with a 10-4 victory. Dexter Bricker recorded three goals (two shorthanded) in the win while Austin Calladine had two (one shorthanded). Other goal scorers for Lanigan included Elliott Peterson, Mitch Girolami, Trey Daelick, Dayden Dvernichuk, and Chris Dodd. The Pirates tallied three shorthanded markers, which all came during the second period. The win on home ice gave the Pirates its second win of the year as the team was scheduled to travel to Foam Lake Dec. 3 before returning home Dec. 4 to face Wynyard. The Pirates are in Wynyard Dec. 10 before hosting Foam Lake Dec. 15.

- photos courtesy Aron Renwick



There were 100 reasons to celebrate Nov. 21 as Guernsey area resident Hazel Karn celebrated a milestone. Marking her 100th birthday, Hazel enjoys good health and no grey hair. Happy and content living in the house she was born in, Hazel has a lifelong passion for farming, tending to her garden and growing flowers. Hazel enjoys visiting with all of her friends over the phone and watching TV.

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Louise Shannon

Congratulations to Jordan and Megan Schindel on the birth of a new baby, Rhett Wade on Nov. 26. Rhett has been enjoying cuddles from big sister, Raelyn. Grandparents are Roxanne and Dennis Schindel.

December is here. Everyone will be busy baking and putting up decorations.

Deer hunting season is here and I know several people who got one. People need to be careful and only hunt for what they will eat.

A ladies Christmas party was held Dec. 5 at the Zion Lutheran Church.

Happy birthday to Lorne Paetsch, Jack Robson, Blake Renz and Dale and Dean Schroeder.

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Good luck goes out to all who purchased tickets in the LeRoy draw.

The lunar eclipse was seen by many viewers.

Folks sure enjoyed watching the curling trials on TV that were held in Saskatoon.

It was nice hearing from Anna Mae Ryanne who now lives in a duplex in Cutknife where her son Ben Johnson now lives. She was from Viscount and moved to Vancouver Island and is back in Saskatchewan. We wish her well

in her new home.

Lorie Giddings is away holidaying with a friend for awhile in Mexico.

We sure feel sorry for the British Columbia folks who got swamped with terrible rain storms. They got another one last week. It sure made a mess of a lot of homes.

Get well wishes go out to anyone ill. We wish them well.

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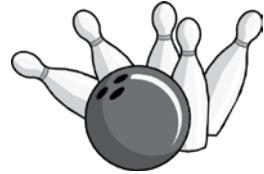
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A lovely afternoon was spent at the Viscount Library Wednesday, Nov. 24 joining squares for Blankets for Canada. Again, we really appreciate yet another gift of yarn and squares from one of our community members. This is always exciting for us as we see so much potential in the colours, squares and yarn we are given. Truly like children in a candy store given carte blanche! Give Evelina a call at 306-944-4820 if you would like to know more about what/why we do what we do.

Best wishes to anyone who is under the weather. I hope you feel better soon. Thank you to all who helped make this week's Viscount news possible. Have a great week, stay safe and enjoy the weather.

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Seniors

Mens

Monday, Nov. 29

MHS: Blake Renz, 212

MHT: Bruce Elke, 586

Mixed

Thursday, Nov. 25

LHS: Glenda Blyth, 135

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MHS: Greg Blyth, 165

MHT: Greg Blyth, 469

Ladies

Wednesday, Dec. 1

LHS: Sheila Renz, 187

LHT: Kathy Jones, 504

Officers pulls over speeding driver

On Tuesday, Nov. 23, around noon, a Broadview Combined Traffic Services Saskatchewan RCMP officer was conducting regular patrols on Hwy. 1 near Wolseley.

The officer observed a vehicle travelling westbound at a high rate of speed – the radar showing 202 kilometres per hour. The officer double checked the radar to ensure it was functioning properly – and again it showed the vehicle travelling at 202 kilometres per hour.

The officer activated their emergency equipment and the vehicle immediately slowed and stopped. They learned the driver had recently entered Canada and was confused by the speed captured by the radar – their cruise control had been set closer to what they thought was 110 km/h. A quick investigation on the officer's part determined the driver had set their cruise control for miles per hour.

The RCMP officer demonstrated a friendly attitude and focused primarily on education versus fining the driver the full \$2,055 speeding ticket.

"It is not always about enforcement," shared the officer involved. "Sometimes education is the appropriate response. In this instance, the driver and I had a discussion about the differences between miles and kilometres per hour when driving in Canada and what the equivalent miles per hour speeds would be for highway and city driving."

The driver commented to the officer he had needed to fill up with fuel twice since crossing the Canada/USA border – showing, beyond the safety risks associated to speeding, fuel consumption is not economical at 200 km/h!

Saskatchewan RCMP: First degree murder charge laid in death of Cst. Patton

On June 12, 2021, an Indian Head RCMP officer died in the line of duty while investigating two suspects who were driving a stolen pick-up truck from Manitoba. As a result of the initial investigation, two individuals, an adult male and an adult female, were arrested and charged.

"Since June 12, Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crime Unit (see page nine: **RCMP**)

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BRAITENBACH,
Margaret Edna
March 7, 1930 -
November 21, 2021

The death of Margaret Edna (nee Torwalt) Braitenbach of Saskatoon, SK, (and formerly of Jansen, SK), occurred at Royal University Hospital, Saskatoon, on Sunday, November 21, 2021. She was 91 years of age.

Margaret was born on March 7, 1930, to Rudolph and Amalia (nee Tepper) Torwalt at home on their farm north of Jansen. She was the youngest of three children, with two brothers, Herman and Werner. Margaret was baptized and confirmed at Zion Lutheran Church, and attained her education at Auderville and Jansen schools. As a young girl, she helped with chores and duties around the house and farm. On June 2, 1949, Margaret married Arthur "Art" Braitenbach. During the early years of their marriage, they lived on a farm near Esk, where they grain farmed and raised some cattle and poultry. Margaret and Art moved to a house which they had built in the late 1950s in the village of Jansen. In 1960, Rodney, their only child was born. Margaret was an active member of Zion Lutheran Church, Ladies Aide, and other committees of her church. She loved her family, and took great interest in the activities of her son and, later on, of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Margaret was a great cook and never missed making gourmet meals for holidays, and always invited her family. In 2000, Margaret and Art moved to Luther Heights in Saskatoon, where they also took part in the church at their new home. Margaret enjoyed the company of family, friends, and neighbors. Later on, Art's health began to fail and Margaret was his sole caregiver until his death on June 19, 2005. In the fall of 2020, due to her failing health and the need for more care, Margaret moved to Luther Intermediate Care Home.

Margaret is survived by and will always be missed by her son, Rodney (Myrna) Braitenbach and family, Tracy (Wilson) Johnston and children Charleigh, Jett and Cameron, Jared Braitenbach and children Ember and Weston; brother-in-law, Irvine (Ella) Braitenbach; and by many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

She was predeceased by her husband, Arthur Braitenbach; parents, Rudolph and Amalia (nee Tepper) Torwalt; brothers: Herman (Lydia) Torwalt and Werner (Ruth) Torwalt; Art's parents, William and Natalia (nee Elke) Braitenbach; brothers-in-law: Gustive (Margaret) Braitenbach, Daniel (Dorothy) Braitenbach, and Walter (Sylvia) Braitenbach; and by sister-in-law, Elsie (Harry) Jeary.

The Funeral Service was held at Zion Lutheran Church, Jansen, on Monday, November 29, 2021, at 2:00 p.m., officiated by Pastor Glenn Shore. Others taking part were: Angel Liebrecht, organist; Rodney Braitenbach, urnbearer; Myrna Braitenbach, eulogist; Rodney Liebrecht, usher; Tracy Johnston and Jared Braitenbach, memorial table attendants.

Interment followed at Jansen Public Cemetery. Memorial donations may be directed to either Jansen Public Cemetery or Zion Lutheran Church.

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(from page eight: **RCMP**)

North investigators have remained committed to the investigation into the death of Cst. Shelby Patton. This includes conducting further witness interviews and completing forensic examinations. As the result of continuous work and consultation with Crown Prosecution, the adult male is now charged with one count of first degree murder," said Assistant Commissioner Rhonda Blackmore, Commanding Officer of the Saskatchewan RCMP.

The initial manslaughter charges laid against both individuals in relation to Cst. Patton's death have been withdrawn and the following new charges laid: Alphonse Traverse from Winnipeg, Man. has been charged with one count, first Degree Murder, Section 235(1) of the Criminal Code (previous manslaughter charge withdrawn). Marlene Pagee from Winnipeg, Man. has been charged with one count, Accessory After the Fact to Murder, Section 240 of the Criminal Code (previous manslaughter charge withdrawn).

All other previously announced charges remain before the courts and both individuals have remained in custody since their respective arrests.

"The RCMP community and Indian Head rallied around our officers and local detachment and have announced wonderful tributes to an exceptional police officer. Time continues to pass, but we will not forget the ultimate sacrifice of our friend and colleague, Cst. Patton," shared Assistant Commissioner Blackmore.

Prince Albert RCMP: Increased police presence in the RM of Garden River

On Nov. 25 just before 9 p.m., Prince Albert RCMP received a report of a suspicious vehicle near Hwy. 355 between Albertville and Meath Park.

Officers located the vehicle, a silver 2019 Volkswagen Atlas SUV, which had two deceased adult males inside. Initial

investigation determined that their deaths are suspicious in nature.

They have been identified as 19-year-old Damien Penner and 34-year-old Terance Naytowhow, both of Montreal Lake Cree Nation.

Investigators are seeking any information on the whereabouts of the silver Volkswagen Atlas SUV and Damien Penner and Terance Naytowhow, on Nov. 25 or in the days immediately prior, and are releasing their names to assist with furthering the ongoing investigation.

Anyone with information should immediately call their local police service. Information can also be submitted to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or www.saskcrimestoppers.com

Second degree murder charge laid

Around 8:30 a.m. Nov. 26, Punnichy RCMP responded to a report of an injured person at a residence on the Kawacatoose First Nation.

One injured adult male was located at the residence and transported to hospital in Saskatoon. He passed away late Friday evening.

A second adult male at the scene was arrested in relation to this incident. The male was transported to hospital in Regina for treatment of injuries and was released. As a result of investigation, the second adult male, Eric Favel from Kawacatoose First Nation, is charged with one count, second degree murder, section 235(1) of the Criminal Code, in relation to the death of Thomas Dustyhorn.

The Saskatchewan RCMP Major Crime Unit continues to investigate with the assistance of Punnichy RCMP, Saskatoon and Yorkton General Investigative Section, Regina and Saskatoon Forensic Identification Services, and Saskatchewan RCMP's Division Criminal Analytical Section.



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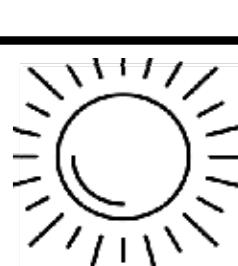


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SaskAbilities celebrates 67 years of Camp Easter Seal through Virtual Camp Day!

■ Daniel Bushman

While the past two years have looked a little different when it comes to SaskAbilities Camp Easter Seal Camp Day, staff have ensured that the day has remained a fun and positive one for campers, their families, and others. Held virtually during the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's Camp Day took place Sept. 24.

The 2021 Camp Day was aimed at celebrating campers, staff, donors and volunteers who make Camp Easter Seal what it is today. It was also an opportunity to learn more about the camp located at Manitou Beach as memories were shared and a virtual tour offered. Also this year, Camp Easter Seal revealed some new completed projects including The Treehouse and the grand reopening of the aquatic centre.

As part of this year's SaskAbilities Camp Easter Seal Camp Day, the virtual morning which can be viewed on SaskAbilities - Saskatoon Branch's Facebook page included virtual messages from dignitaries and special guests along with Camp Easter Seal staff, campers and their families.

Starting the event, Saskatchewan Premier Scott Moe brought greetings on behalf of the province noting that camp is an essential service providing an opportunity for campers to learn skills while having a memorable and meaningful experience. "And not just for the campers but also for the councillors, the cooks, the nurses, and all of the dedicated staff who made the camp possible. Interacting with

the campers, helping them do things that they have never done before, finding inspiration in their strength and courage, it is a special experience for everyone and in government we are grateful to all of those who make it happen."

Local MLA and current provincial finance minister Donna Harpauer appeared virtually and noted how important Camp Easter Seal was to her as a child. "I too attended camp at Manitou Beach, east of Camp Easter Seal. I remember climbing the hills and I remember the beauty. I really love and appreciate the scenery, the uniqueness of the water of Little Manitou Lake and the rich history of the area."

Harpauer also noted the countless changes and improvements to Camp Easter Seal over the years to ensure campers have an opportunity to have new experiences in a safe and secure setting. "It gives them an experience like no other," said Harpauer.

Town of Watrous Mayor John Gunderson extended greetings to campers, families, board members, and donors of Camp Easter Seal. Gunderson recalled having a warm feeling when he was involved with the local Kin as the group sponsored a camper. Gunderson also had the opportunity to attend the grand opening of the pool at camp. "Camp Easter Seal is very important to our community. It is common to see the campers out and about in town supporting local businesses like the Watrous Bakery, ice cream joints and others. We thank you all for this."

President of the Board of SaskAbilities

Michelle Hunter said on behalf of the board of directors, she appreciated all those involved with the camp and the Camp Easter Seal community, "A community that values inclusivity and thrives in the face of adversity."

With a rich history in Saskatchewan, she said Camp Easter Seal has served the community since 1954 when it first began and then at Manitou Beach since 1956. "The past two camp seasons have looked vastly different for Camp Easter Seal and the many campers who attend each year. With the restrictions and health concerns brought on by the global pandemic, the board of directors and the staff had to make decisions in the best interest of public safety, the health of campers, their families and the communities."

Thriving in the face of adversity, Hunter said camp adapted by reimagining programming to do it online. While knowing it is not quite the same, Hunter acknowledged the hard work done by staff to run an online 10 week Camp Connected experience for campers.

Joining others who appeared virtually, sitting at Camp Easter Seal, Manager Christine Epp shared that for over 65 years Camp Easter Seal has been providing a safe, barrier free summer camp experience for Saskatchewan individuals with disabilities. "It is a place like no other; one that encourages campers of all ages, children, youth and adults to make meaningful social connections, experience the traditions of a summer camp and have opportunities to increase confidence and independence."

Sharing some of the program activities that occur at camp like swimming, boating, arts and crafts, campfires, singing songs, community outings and others, Epp said the support Camp Easter Seal receives through generous gifts is truly remarkable and "it allows us as camp staff to focus on creating a safe, fun and dynamic experience for over 600 campers in a typical year."

While camp has been done virtually over the past two summers, as part of that Epp said staff met with a different group of campers each week online. "It has been a rich and moving experience this year. There have been an abundance of opportunities for relationship building, growth, laughter and summer camp fun."

Along with a virtual tour of the camp as part of Camp Day 2021 and looking forward to returning to in-person camp very soon, Epp also announced the completion of a major renovation and renewal of the Camp Easter Seal aquatic centre.

Through significant contributions made by the Draggins Rod and Custom Car Club of Saskatoon, Epp extended a big note of appreciation to them. "You understand the impact that this facility and this camp has on so many individuals, families and so many groups here in the province. As Saskatchewan's only fully accessible summer camp, your commitment year after year, decade after decade, has made a difference to this place. You know that this place is a place of belonging of friendship and your gifts are nothing short of generous."

Sharing how much campers love the pool, Epp said it has provided first swims, confidence and inclusion.

President of Draggins Rod and Custom Car Club Shane Arthurs was on hand at Camp Easter Seal to help unveil the renewal of the aquatic centre. He said the club has been involved with the camp for many years with contributions totalling over \$2 million. "We have helped construct a new aquatic centre, recreation centre, storage facility, five cedar cabins, purchased a 4x4 truck, a tractor,



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laundry equipment, pool heater and now the newly-constructed operational pool."

Arthurs said members of the club have also helped to build structures, fix vehicles and have a lot of fond memories and personal attachments to camp. "... when it comes to the vision of an inclusive community and environment, we are all here together."

Joining Epp, Arthurs cut the official ribbon to signify the new pool project. Following the celebration, another announcement was made which will benefit campers and their families. Through the generosity of the Betty Irwin Estate and the dream of Kaela Ann Piwarski, Camp Easter Seal stated it is deeply honoured to open its newest landmark, The Treehouse. The Treehouse is where campers and families can enjoy the beautiful view of Little Manitou Lake while experiencing a new perspective and creating lasting memories. With ample space to enjoy the scenery, The Treehouse also includes a shaded area, chairs and tables to use.

Following the virtual unveiling of both the aquatic centre and The Treehouse, councillors, campers both past and present and family members were able to virtually share camp memories and the importance of camp.

Gary Busch from Century 21 Fusion then talked about the importance of giving toward Camp Easter Seal and after Busch, on behalf of Snowarama, Lynn Schmidt and Tamara Kerluke Holowatuk explained how great it is to be able to raise funds for Camp Easter Seal.

With lots of smiles, excitement and appreciation, Camp Day 2021 concluded with SaskAbilities - Easter Seals Saskatchewan stating, "We appreciate everyone so much for coming together and sharing the heart of Camp Easter Seal. Camp would not be possible without the generous support of others."

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